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## Tragic Kohistan Bus Crash: 2 Dead, 36 Injured, Rescue Operations Ongoing

KOHISTAN: Two people were killed and 36 others were injured when a Rawalpindi-bound passenger bus fell into a ravine in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Upper Kohistan area on Sunday evening, according to a rescue official.



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Rescue 1122 spokesperson Abdur Rehman told media that a private company's passenger bus carrying 38 passengers bound for Rawalpindi from Skardu fell into a ravine near the Shetial area in Upper Kohistan's Harban tehsil.

Rehman told media that most of the injured hailed from Skardu, four from the Bisham Dandai area of Shangla, and two from parts of Punjab province.

Some patients in critical condition are undergoing surgeries while the rest are stable. Women and children were among the injured passengers, the spokesperson added.

The spokesperson identified the deceased passenger as Mohammad Nadeem, a resident of Vehari in Punjab and bus driver Sadaqat Hussain, a resident of Gilgit's

Accidents are frequent in KP and northern areas due to rugged terrain, poor roads, overloaded vehicles, and minimal traffic regulation. Narrow, winding routes, harsh weather, and driver fatigue further increase the risk, making these areas particularly accident-prone. In September, three people, including two army personnel, died and one was injured after a landslide struck a bus on the Karakoram Highway (KKH) in the Dasu area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Upper Kohistan district, officials said.—RT/Agency

## Bilawal And Shehbaz Hail Landmark 26th Amendment Passage

ISLAMABAD: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has described the passage of the 26th Constitutional Amendment as historic during a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was accompanied by former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider while Prime Minister's advisor Rana Sanaullah and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq were also reported to have attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Bilawal emphasised the need to work together for the strengthening of democracy and parliament, stating that the 26th Constitutional Amendment will be effective in curbing undemocratic forces.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif credited the approval of the 26th Amendment to all coalition parties, reaffirming their commitment to public service. He noted that



positive economic indicators are leading to a noticeable decrease in inflation.

It is important to note that just a few days ago, the government secured the passage of the 26th Constitutional Amendment in both the National Assembly and Senate, although opposition parties, including Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), expressed reservations regarding the amendment.

Earlier this week, President Asif Ali Zardari, has officially approved the 26th

constitutional amendment, with the gazette notification issued shortly after.

The notification, released by the National Assembly, confirms that the 26th Amendment is now an Act of Parliament and has officially become law.

The amendment, passed by both the Senate and the National Assembly with a two-thirds majority, Shehbaz said it marks a "great day" in the country's history.

He noted that the amendment fulfills the incomplete vision of the Charter of Democracy, which was initiated by former leaders Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif.

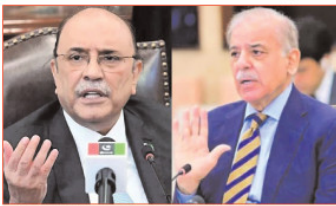
The prime minister expressed that the era of dismissing elected prime ministers is now over, and Parliament has demonstrated its strength and unity.

Shehbaz Sharif commended Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for his sincere efforts in making the amendment a reality and thanked Maulana Fazlur Rehman for his contributions to advancing Pakistan's best interests.

He added that the approval of the amendment sends a strong message that all political parties prioritised the nation's future over personal interests. The prime minister concluded by stating that these constitutional amendments will pave the way for easier access to justice and secure Pakistan's future.—RT/Agency

## President Zardari And Shehbaz Reaffirm Unwavering Support For Kashmiris On Black Day

ISLAMABAD: As Kashmir marks the 'Black Day' in condemnation of India's illegal occupation of the region, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in separate messages, expressed solidarity with the Kashmiris, pledging unwavering support until the achievement of their inalienable right to self-determination.



President Zardari said that Pakistan would stand shoulder-to-shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until the final resolution of the Kashmir dispute and freedom of Kashmir.

In his message on the occasion, PM Shehbaz Sharif, said that the people of IIOJK have suffered countless hardships during the last 77 years of occupation.

He said India has been taking successive steps to tighten its grip over IIOJK since August 5, 2019, when New Delhi abolished the special status of the disputed region.

The president urged the international community to pressurise India to halt its human rights abuses in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), alleviate the suffering of Kashmiris and implement UN Security Council (UNSC) resolutions.

"India's nefarious designs are aimed at undermining the disputed status of IIOJK and denying the Kashmiri people their democratic right to decide their own future," he said.

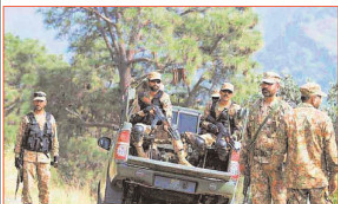
In his message on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day, he said India was committing worst human rights violations in IIOJK and trying to stop the struggle of Kashmiris through military atrocities.

He also condemned India's ongoing atrocities in the illegally occupied territory and reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering moral, diplomatic and political support for the Kashmiri people's just cause.

The PM promised that Pakistan will continue to extend full moral, diplomatic and political support for Kashmiris.

Meanwhile, Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAKFON Engineer Amir Muqam also reaffirmed Pakistan's resolve to continue extending political, diplomatic and moral support to Kashmiris.

## Security Forces Crush Terrorist Threat In KP Operations



RAWALPINDI: In two separate Intelligence-Based Operations (IBOs) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday, security forces eliminated four terrorists, said the ISPR.

In this regard, a statement issued by the military media wing, an intelligence-based operation was conducted in North Waziristan district where, "after an intense exchange of fire, two khawarij including Kharij Insaf Ullah, were sent to hell."

The ISPR added that in another operation in the Khyber District, "own troops effectively engaged the khawarij location and resultantly two khawarij were

killed, while three got injured."

In the operations, weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed khawarij, who were "actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against the law enforcement agencies as well as the innocent civilians."

The ISPR said that sanitisation operations were in the process to "eliminate any other kharij found in the area."

"[The] security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country," the ISPR stated.—RT/Agency

## Dar: Kashmir Solution Crucial For Lasting Peace In South Asia

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said that Pakistan remained committed to promoting peace in South Asia and sought constructive relations with all neighbors.



He added lasting peace in the region could not be realised without a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in line with the UNSC resolutions and the aspirations of Kashmiri people.

"Pakistan stands in unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle and will continue to provide its full political, moral and diplomatic support to the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination," Ishaq Dar said on the observance of Kashmir Black Day.

He said October 27th marked a somber turning point in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. On this day, seventy-seven years ago, the Indian forces landed in Srinagar, marking the beginning of a prolonged and painful chapter for the region.

Despite these measures, the resolve of the Kashmiri people remains undeterred," a press release quoted the deputy prime minister as saying.

Over the past seven decades, India has employed various strategies to strengthen its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir

Dar stated that today, the region was witnessing an intensification of repression with thousands of political leaders and activists remained behind bars, with 14

political parties effectively banned.

Draconian emergency and counterterrorism laws granted Indian forces sweeping powers, enabling them to arrest or eliminate any individual and destroy property at will, he added.

The foreign minister further said that nonetheless, the spirit and determination of the Kashmiri people endured, as they continued their peaceful struggle for justice and self-determination.

"While elections for the Legislative Assembly of IIOJK have recently been conducted, any such exercise, carried out under the framework of the Indian Constitution and amidst an overwhelming military presence, cannot be considered a substitute for the legitimate right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people," he stressed.—RT/Agency

## UN Security Council Set To Meet Monday Over Israel-Iran Tensions

NEW YORK: The United Nations Security Council will meet on Monday to discuss Israel's attack on Iran, council president Switzerland said on Sunday. The Swiss UN mission said the meeting had been requested by Iran with the support of Algeria, China and Russia.



"Israeli regime's actions constitute a grave threat to international peace and security and further destabilise an already fragile region," Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said in a letter to the 15-member council on Saturday.

It was retaliation for Iran's October 1 attack on Israel with about 200 ballistic missiles, and Israel warned its heavily armed arch-foe not to hit back after the latest strike.

Iran's UN Ambassador Danny Danon rejected Iran's complaint at the United Nations, saying in a statement on Sunday that Iran was "trying to act against us in the diplomatic arena with the ridiculous claim that Israel has violated international law."

"As we have stated time and time again, we have the right and duty to defend ourselves and will use all the means at our disposal to protect the citizens of Israel," Danon said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed "to all parties to cease all military actions, including in Gaza and Lebanon, exerting maximum efforts to prevent an all-out regional war and return to the path of diplomacy," his spokesperson said in a statement on Saturday.—RT/Agency

Other sites near Tehran and in western Iran, Israel's military said.

Two weeks long exercise commenced on 15th of this month. The combat teams from Special Services Group, Pakistan Army and Republic of South Africa Special Forces participated in the exercise.

## Pakistan-South Africa Conclude Successful 'Iqbal-I' Joint Military Exercise In Cherat



ISLAMABAD: The closing ceremony of Pakistan-South Africa joint exercise 'Iqbal-I' in counter terrorism domain was conducted between the armies of Pakistan and Republic of South Africa at Cherat.

Chief of Staff Republic of South Africa Special Forces, Colonel SS Lechoenyo also witnessed the Closing Ceremony. The troop displayed highest standards of professional excellence in the closing ceremony.

The exercise was aimed at refining the drills, procedures and techniques involved in the counter terrorism operations through joint training, besides harnessing the historic military to military relations among the friendly countries.—RT/Agency

## Supreme Court Releases Anticipated Cause List For Upcoming Week

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has released a cause list for the judicial week for the next week.



In total, the top court would hear 968 cases from October 28 to November 1. The eight permanent benches of the top court would hear the cases from the next week.

The first bench would be comprised Justice Yahya Afridi and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan. In this bench, 140 cases are set to be heard.

The second bench would be consisted of Justice Mumb Akhtar and Justice Athar Minallah and it would also hear 140 cases.

Meanwhile the third bench, which would consist of Justice Aminuddin Khan and Justice Irfan Saadat Khan, would hear 140 cases.

The fourth bench — consisting of Justice Musarrat Hissari and Justice Shehbaz Ahmed Khan presided over by Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail — would hear 58 cases the upcoming week.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Hasan Azhar Rizvi would make the fifth bench. It would hear 140 cases.

The seventh bench would comprise Justice Naeem Afghan and Justice Shahid Waheed and it would also hear 140 cases.

The eighth bench would hear 70 cases and comprised of Justice Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Mazhar Alam Mian.

It merits mention that almost 57,000 cases are pending before the Supreme Court.—RT/Agency



# THE HEARTLAND



HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, Zain-ul-Abidin Memon administers polio drops to a child during the launching ceremony of the Polio Eradication Campaign, at a local Government Dispensary.-RT



HYDERABAD: Members and leaders of the Hari Committee are holding a protest demonstration against the building of new canals to draw additional water from the Indus River, anti-people policies decisions and amending the Irsa Act, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT



HYDERABAD: Activists and leaders of the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) holding a rally at Station Road to express solidarity with the oppressed people of Occupied Kashmir.-RT

## PPP has Failed To Address Key Issues Despite 15 Years In Power: Miftah

HYDERABAD: Miftah Ismail, Secretary General of the Awam Pakistan Party (APP), criticized the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) for failing to resolve the fundamental issues facing the people of Sindh, despite its lengthy tenure in power. During a press conference in Hyderabad, Ismail stated that the PPP's primary concern seems to be securing votes rather than improving the lives of citizens. He noted that since taking control of the province in 2008, conditions for the public have not seen any significant improvement. He highlighted ongoing



problems with electricity, across the province, emphasizing that no area should lack access to this vital resource. He also urged citizens to educate themselves about the implications of the 20th amendment-RT

## MRDO Organizes Free Medical Camp In Sanghar



By Naz Solangi Executive Officer of MRDO, emphasized that the primary goal of these free medical camps is to prevent unnecessary loss of life among those who lack access to medical assistance. "These camps also serve to educate communities about healthy lifestyles, helping locals understand diseases, their symptoms, and preventive measures," she said.

SANGHAR: The Marvi Rural Development Organization (MRDO), with support from the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) under the project "Restoring Social Services and Climate Resilience," held a free medical camp in Taluka Khipro, District Sanghar. Qualified doctors and medical professionals volunteered their time and expertise to provide free examinations, diagnoses, treatments, and medical advice to local patients. The camp aimed to assist those unable to afford medical care, offering complimentary check-ups, treatments, and medications. It also focused on raising awareness about health and hygiene within underdeveloped communities, educating residents on child health and disease prevention. Sughra Solangi, Chief

## GLOBAL WATCH

### UN chief 'shocked' at 'harrowing' death and destruction in besieged north Gaza

UNITED NATIONS: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has expressed shock at the "harrowing levels of death, injury and destruction" in north Gaza amid an ongoing intense Israeli military attack, his spokesperson said on Sunday. Since the offensive began earlier this month, hundreds of people have been killed, according to Gaza's Ministry of Health, with more than 60,000 others displaced again, many fearing they may never return. Civilians are reportedly trapped under rubble, while the sick and wounded lack access to life-saving care. They also face severe shortages of food and shelter, amid reports of family separations and mass detentions. "The plight of Palestinian civilians trapped in North Gaza is unbearable," read a statement from the UN chief's Spokesperson. The UN chief warned that the "widespread devastation and deprivation" caused by Israel's military operations—particularly around Jabalya, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun—have made life "untenable" for the Palestinian population there. Despite repeated efforts to deliver essential humanitarian supplies, including food, medicine, and shelter,



access continues to be denied by Israeli authorities, with few exceptions, putting countless lives in jeopardy. Adding to the crisis, the postponement of the final phase of the polio vaccination campaign in northern Gaza has endangered thousands of children. "This conflict continues to be waged with little regard for the requirements of international humanitarian law," the statement noted. Guterres emphasized that the parties to the conflict must respect and protect civilians, including humanitarian workers and first responders, whose essential work must be facilitated and protected, not impeded or jeopardized. "In the name of humanity, the Secretary-General reiterates his calls for an immediate ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, and accountability for crimes under international law," the statement added. On Saturday, other top UN officials echoed the urgent calls for a halt to Israel's military actions in northern Gaza. Joyce Msuya, acting Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, warned that the entire population of northern Gaza is "at risk of dying", calling for an immediate stop to "blatant disregard for basic humanity" by Israeli forces. Meanwhile, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus described the situation as "catastrophic", highlighting the collapse of Gaza's healthcare system amid ongoing attacks on hospitals and healthcare workers, calling for an immediate ceasefire to save lives.—Agency

## Glowing Tributes Paid To Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) And His Companions

TANDO ADAM: In a heartfelt tribute to Hazrat Imam Hussain (A.S), his family, and loyal companions, Allama Muhammad Baqir Chandio, Khateeb at Masjid Jafferia Aza Khana-e-Zehra (A.S), emphasized the enduring lessons from their sacrifices during the Battle of Karbala. He stated that Imam Hussain (A.S) demonstrated how to confront oppression and uphold the truth, teaching us the importance of standing firm in the face of tyranny. In a statement from the Aza Khana Zehra Trust, Allama Chandio remarked, "Hazrat Imam Hussain (A.S), along with Hazrat Abbas Alandar (A.S) and their loyal companions, sacrificed their lives without bowing to the oppressors. This pivotal event serves as a reminder that, as Muslims, we must submit only to the will of Almighty Allah and take a



resolute stand against injustice, even at the cost of our lives." He highlighted Hazrat Abbas (A.S) as a symbol of truth and righteousness, noting his refusal to compromise his principles or pledge allegiance to an oppressor, even

## Black Day Observed In Badin In Support Of Oppressed Kashmiris



By Raja Zafar Iqbal support to our Kashmiri brothers," he affirmed during the rally.

BADIN: In solidarity with their Kashmiri brothers, residents of Badin commemorated "Black Day" on October 27, a day marked to protest against India's illegal military entry into Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in 1947. Assistant Commissioner Badin, Shehryar Habib, stated that this date represents a dark chapter in the region's history and reiterated the commitment of Pakistanis to support Kashmiris in their quest for self-determination. "Every year, we observe this day as a reminder of India's unlawful actions. We will continue to offer political, diplomatic, and moral

## Chinese Woman Suffers Psychological Breakdown After Boss Scolds Her, Stops Eating, Drinking And Moving

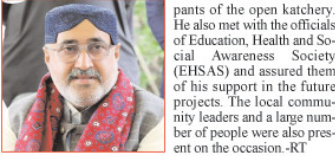
A young Chinese woman, Li, from Henan province, suffered a severe psychological breakdown after being scolded by her supervisor at work. According to South China Morning Post, Li became catatonic and stopped eating, drinking, moving, or engaging in conversation. This disturbing incident began a month prior when her team leader reprimanded her, leaving her unhappy and ultimately leading to a complete emotional and physical shutdown. As Li's condition continued to deteriorate, her physical abilities also severely declined. Her family reported that if they removed the pillow from beneath her head, it would hang limply in mid-air, unable to support itself. Furthermore, she lost control over basic bodily functions, requiring constant assistance from her loved ones to remind her to use the toilet. Dr. Jia Dehuan, Li's physician at Zhengzhou Eighth People's Hospital, described her condition as resembling a "wooden" figure, devoid of movement or responsiveness. According to Dr. Jia, Li was suffering from a catatonic stupor, a severe symptom of depression characterized by im-



Another commented, "She had been torturing herself due to her boss's actions." A recent survey by the Chinese Psychological Society shed light on the alarming state of workplace mental health in China. The findings revealed that 4.8% of employees experienced workplace depression, while 80% reported feelings of agitation at work. Additionally, 60% of respondents cited anxiety, and nearly 40% exhibited symptoms of depression, according to Shangguan News (2023). The survey's results highlight the pressing issue of workplace mental health in China, where high work demands, limited job security, poor work-life balance, and inadequate communication contribute to the problem.—Agency

## District Council Chairman Larkana Aijaz Ahmed Laghari holds an open katchery

LARKANA: The Chairman of the District Council Larkana, Advocate Aijaz Ahmed Laghari held an open katchery at his residence in Garhi Khuda Bud on Sunday. He listened to the problems of the people and issued orders to address the issues pointed out by the partici-



pants of the open katchery. He also met with the officials of Education, Health and Social Awareness Society (EHSAS) and assured them of his support in the future projects. The local community leaders and a large number of people were also present on the occasion.-RT



HYDERABAD: PST Test Passed candidates are holding protest demonstration for their appointment letters, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT



HYDERABAD: Awam Pakistan Party's (APP) Secretary General, Miftah Ismail is addressing a press conference, at the Hyderabad press club.-RT



# METRO KARACHI

## 14th Lifeline Shipment From Karachi Departs For Gaza And Lebanon Amid Crisis

KARACHI: Following the Prime Minister's directives, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) dispatched the 14th aid shipment to Gaza and Lebanon from Karachi on Sunday, in collaboration with the Al-Khidmat Foundation.

The relief consignment, weighing 17 tons, includes essential supplies such as tents, food tins, dry milk, clothing, and hygiene kits.

A send-off ceremony took place at Jinnah International Airport, attended by Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaisar Shah, along with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NDMA, and



Al-Khidmat Foundation. The aid was transported by plane from Karachi to Beirut, Lebanon. With this latest shipment, Pakistan has now delivered a total of 1,398 tons of aid across 14 shipments to the affected regions, following the 13th shipment sent from Islamabad just a day earlier.—RT

## Fourth Karachi Biennale Unveiled At Iconic Bandstand

KARACHI: The Fourth Karachi Biennale (KB24) was inaugurated at the iconic Bandstand in Bagh Iqbal, featuring a presentation on the structure's rich history since its 1920 construction.

Mayor Murtaza Wahab, the Chief Guest, announced plans to enhance heritage sites with music performances for the community. Nilofur Farrukh, Managing Trustee of the Karachi Biennale Trust, emphasized the event's commitment to showcasing contemporary art in public spaces to foster collective memories.

The KB24 Juried Art Prize was awarded to Nadeem Al Karimi and Maham Nadeem from Hunza for their poignant work, "The



Last Act" and installation "Dismantling Life," which addresses habitat loss due to tourism and development.

Dr. Zeelaf Munir from EBM presented the KB24 EBM Emerging Artist Prize to Anusha Khawaja for her exploration of women's roles in food cultivation. Opening to the public on October 27 for two weeks, KB24 features works from 40 artists across 10 countries, focusing on the theme of Rizq/Risk in response to recent environmental crises in Pakistan. The Biennale includes interactive installations, performances, and a tribute to Gaza's artists, alongside public programming like talks and workshops at Bagh Iqbal. —RT

## Sindh Government Promotes Cultural Engagement at Consumer Choice Awards



KARACHI: Provincial Minister of Culture Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah emphasized the Sindh government's commitment to promoting cultural activities, stating that events celebrating the contributions of various sectors foster respect and dignity. He made these remarks while addressing the 18th Consumer Choice Awards, organized by the Consumers Association of Pakistan at a local hotel.

Congratulating Kaukab Iqbal for orchestrating such a grand event, the minister highlighted the importance of recognizing the efforts of diplomats, politicians, journalists, and professionals from diverse fields.

Provincial Minister of Industry Jam Ikrumulh Dharjo, PPP Member of National Assembly Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Provincial Advisor Syed Waqar Mehdi, and Director General of Foreign Affairs Irfan Soomro were among the speakers at the ceremony.

The event also saw participation from dignitaries and representatives of various companies from Türkiye, Bahrain, Oman, and other countries.

Over 105 participants were honored with trophies and shields, and the event featured a cake-cutting ceremony. The ASF band performed, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. A new model hybrid car from South Korea also drew the attention of attendees.

During his address, Minister Zulfikar Ali Shah stated that the Sindh government is dedicated to supporting initiatives that honor and uplift individuals. He emphasized that culture and tourism are crucial sectors that drive progress and national unity. The establishment of consumer associations, he noted, plays a key role in protecting consumer rights.

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KARACHI: PTI Leader, Alangir Khan is being arrested by the police during a protest demonstration against Israeli atrocities against the people of Palestine and Lebanon.—RT

# REGIONAL TIMES NATIONAL

## President Comments Security Forces For Triumph In Anti-Terror Operations



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday paid tribute to security forces for launching two successful operations against terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The president, in a statement, commended the bravery of security forces for conducting successful operations against Khawarij terrorists.

He expressed resolve to continue operations against terrorists until the complete elimination of Fitna al-Khawarij.

"The entire nation stands with its security forces in the fight against terrorism," the president said.—RT/Agency

## Governor Punjab Emphasizes Youth's Pivotal Role In IT And Entrepreneurship Growth

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Sardar Salim Haider Khan was all praise for the "young talent who are shaping the future of Pakistan's tech and entrepreneurial landscape."

The governor was speaking at the "Pakistan Leadership Forum 2024" held the other day at the Governor's House here.

He said he was proud of the youth who "are taking the country to new heights at the global level" in the field of IT and entrepreneurship.

Governor said he was motivated by them. "I'm dedicated to empower IT sector. They [the youth] are the backbone of our economy. Since I joined, you can see, I am always welcoming tech entrepreneurs and never let anyone down who liked to meet me for help."

It may be recalled that the Pakistan Leadership Forum 2024 "brought together visionary leaders, innovative entrepreneurs, and key policymakers under one roof to shape the future of Pakistan's tech and entrepreneurial landscape. From engaging in discussions on digital transformation and economic growth to recognising the industry leaders in driving change, the forum celebrated progress and collaboration."

Later, Governor Khan awarded shields to Anns Gilani, CEO, Gutech International LLC; Shahzad Jameel, Founder & CEO of VirtueNetz Limited; Tahir Siddique Qureshi, Director, Mon Adoptive Technology LLC; Mian Muhammad Qasim, Founder & CEO, Empowerers; Muhammad Azhar Iqbal, CEO, RankSol-Web & Mobile Apps Design And Development Services; M. Fasih Mehta, Global Partnerships Director, Epic Games; Umar Muhammad, CEO, Relymer Group; Yasir Shaikat, CEO, TechLead; Mehroz Azam, COO, Ejad Labs; Tahir Bhatti, CEO, Cononut Studio pk; M. Faisal Ahad Rao, Managing Partner, GCS Pvt. Limited; Amjad Abdul Karim Randhawa, Father Of Arfa Karim, Mufeez R., Founder & CEO of Ops Ninja; Zaib Imran, Founder & CEO, The Avocation; Muhammad Ahsan Khan, Co-Founder & COO,



The Avocation, as an Agent/Champion of Change for their outstanding performance.

One of the outstanding youth, Anns Gilani, has devoted his career to driving change in education and women's empowerment in Pakistan. As the head of Partner Success at Classera Pakistan, he transformed educational projects and introduced international standards to public sector education. Simultaneously, he founded ventures under Gutech International LLC that focused on empowering women and bridging gaps in mental health services globally. His leadership, vision, and dedication have helped thousands gain access to quality education and employment opportunities in underprivileged areas of the country.—RT/Agency

## CM Maryam Vows Unwavering Support For Oppressed Kashmiris



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has reiterated Pakistan's unwavering support for the people of Kashmir on the 77th Black Day against India's occupation of the region.

In a message, she emphasized that Kashmir held a special place in her heart, just as it did for every Pakistani.

She condemned the brutal action of India in Kashmir and paid tributes to the sacrifice of Kashmiri people.

Maryam highlighted the resilience of the Kashmiri people in their fight for the right to self-determination, stressing that a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue was essential for regional stability. She assured that Pakistan would continue to support the Kashmiri cause and appealed to the international community to play its role in upholding the rights of Kashmiris.

Former Punjab CM and PML-N Vice President Hamza Shahbaz also marked the day, condemning ongoing atrocities in Kashmir and urging India to respect the Kashmiri people's right to determine their future.—RT/Agency

## Nationwide Polio Vaccination Drive Set To Launch On Monday



ISLAMABAD: The government will launch a week-long nationwide polio vaccination campaign from Monday, tomorrow to protect over 45 million children.

Reinforcing Pakistan's dedication to eradicating polio, the Pakistan Polio Programme is launching this vaccination campaign to address the resurgence of wild poliovirus and safeguard millions of children from the debilitating effects of polio.

This campaign aims to reach more than 45 million children across the country.

With unwavering commitment to eradicate polio, the Health officials called upon all parents and caregivers nationwide to play an active role in this campaign and ensure every child receives the polio vaccine.

The campaign will run from October 28 to November 3, aiming to vaccinate more than 45 million children under five years of age.

Additionally, Vitamin A supplements will be provided to enhance immunity.

This is Pakistan's third nationwide campaign this year, launched in response to the alarming increase in polio cases, with 41 cases reported so far in 2024 and across 71 districts.

Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio Eradication, Ayesha Raza Farooq, reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment, saying, "under the Prime Minister's guidance, we are re-energized in our efforts to combat polio."

"Starting October 28, our polio workers will reach every corner of Pakistan, delivering the vaccine and securing a healthier future for our children."

Encouraging parents to prioritize vaccinations, she said, "with the virus now present in 71 districts, the risk to every child is real. The Government of Pakistan is bringing this vaccine directly to your doorsteps."

She said, "Please welcome and support our dedicated health workers by ensuring your children are vaccinated."

In a message, Muhammad Anwar-ul-Haq, Coordinator of the National Emergency Operations Centre for Polio Eradication, urged parents to fully cooperate with polio workers.

He stated, "polio has no cure, but it can be prevented with this readily available vaccine. With the threat at an all-time high, we must act as one nation to keep our children safe through vaccination."

Throughout the campaign, the Sehat Tahhafuz Helpline 1166 and the 24/7 WhatsApp Helpline at 0346-7776546 will be available to assist parents with information and to report any children missed during the vaccination drive.—RT/Agency

## Chaudhry Shujaat Urges Revitalization Of PML-Q To Restore Political Stability



LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PM-Q) President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has decided to revive the party again across the country.

Hussain has appointed Dr Muhammad Amjad as party chief organizer and notification has also been issued for this regard.

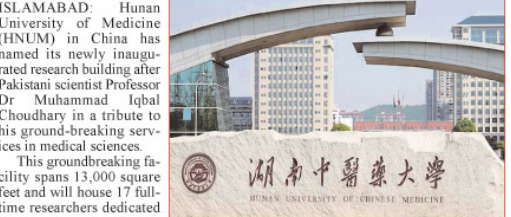
PML-Q president directed Amjad to reconstitute the party by persuading disgruntled allies, activating the wings and restructuring the party abroad.

Chaudhry Shujaat instructed that communication would be made with political parties for political stability, stressing the need for strong connection among political parties.

He emphasized that political dialogue was the path towards the resolution of national issues.

He urged political parties to play their pivotal role for political stability that would lead to sustainable economic progress and development.—RT/Agency

## Chinese University Honors Legacy Of Pakistani Scientist, Names Research Department In His Honor



ISLAMABAD: Hunan University of Medicine (HNUM) in China has named its newly inaugurated research building after Pakistani scientist Professor Dr Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary in a tribute to his ground-breaking services in medical sciences.

This groundbreaking facility spans 13,000 square feet and will house 17 full-time researchers dedicated to advancing scientific collaboration between Pakistan and China, according to a press release.

Founded in 1912 by renowned medical educator Mr Yan Fuqing, HNUM has established itself as one of the leading national public medical universities in China.

It operates under the auspices of the Hunan Provincial Department of Education and has grown to encompass two campuses. Jmxi and Jinhai, covering a total area of 945,300 square meters.

A distinguished figure in the scientific community, he is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Mustafa (Peace Be Upon Him) Prize, Civil Awards (Hilal-i-Intiaz, and Sitara-i-Intiaz), and Tamgha-i-Intiaz), the Friendship Award from China (2022), and the Golden Silkball Friendship Award.

He serves as Vice President of TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences) for Central & South Asia and is a Fellow of several esteemed scientific organizations, including the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) and the Royal Society of Chemistry (London).

The establishment of this facility represents a significant step in strengthening collaboration between China and Pakistan in scientific research.—RT/Agency

## Fugitive Captured In Punjab After Bold Escape From Karachi's Malir Jail



KARACHI: A fugitive who recently broke out of Malir Jail has been apprehended in Punjab, where he was found injured during an operation by Shah Latif Investigation Police. The suspect, who sustained a leg fracture while scaling the prison wall, was captured in Dera Ghazi Khan on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from the Shah Latif Town Police Station, including four officers and the station's Investigation Officer, collaborated with Punjab Police to execute the raid and successfully detain the escaped inmate.

Inspector Zakirullah, the investigation head at Shah Latif Town, confirmed the arrest and indicated that further details would be disclosed upon the suspect's return to Karachi. The prisoner had been arrested two years prior by SITE Superhighway Police on charges of kidnapping and assault. On October 20, he escaped from Malir Jail after cutting through a bathroom window in Barrack No. 5 and climbing over the prison wall. In response to the escape, senior officials have ordered the registration of a case (FIR No. 24/1350) against eight prison staff members, including the assistant superintendent and the duty officer, for negligence.—RT/Agency



# EDITORIAL

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## Kamala Harris' Loyalty to Biden's Israel Policy Will Cost Her the Election

As the 2024 U.S. Presidential race heats up, Vice President Kamala Harris finds herself in a precarious position. Her unwavering alignment with President Biden's staunch support for Israel amid the escalating Gaza conflict has alienated a crucial segment of voters, especially Muslim Americans in key swing states like Michigan. This disillusionment is not just a ripple but a wave, with many Arab and Palestinian Americans now gravitating towards former President Donald Trump—a shift few could have predicted, given his controversial past rhetoric towards the Muslim community.

The frustration stems from a perceived indifference

by the Biden administration to the Palestinian humanitarian crisis. Despite appeals for a more balanced approach, Harris has

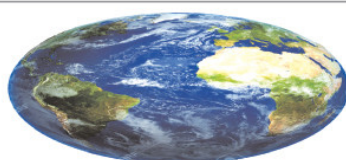
painting him as a potential peacemaker to those weary of continuous conflict.

Coupled with a sputtering American economy and growing discontent over progressive social policies, Harris' inability to distance herself from the administration's foreign policy decisions could be a deciding factor in the election. For many voters, Trump's promises of economic revival and a more pragmatic foreign policy offer a compelling alternative. As it stands, unless Harris pivots strategically, she risks losing the support of communities that were once key to Democratic victories, leaving the door wide open for Trump's resurgence.



remained steadfast in her support of Biden's Middle East policies, echoing a tone that many feel ignores the complex and devastating realities on the ground. In contrast, Trump has branded himself as the "peace candidate," leveraging his diplomatic dealings in the Middle East to promise an end to U.S. involvement in "endless wars." This rhetoric has resonated,

# GLOBAL WATCH



## Trump unbound as US presidential race nears its end

With his third straight US presidential campaign coming down to the wire, Donald Trump mused at a rally about hydrogen-powered cars exploding, lamented how difficult it is to get spray paint off limestone and marvelled at how billionaire backer Elon Musk's rocket had returned to Earth in one piece.

He complained Democratic rival Kamala Harris wasn't working as hard as he was, praised Chinese President Xi Jinping as "fierce" and called former President Barack Obama "a real jerk."

His aides had billed the event in battleground North Carolina as economy focused, but that issue was just the warm-up.

To witness Trump as the November 5 election approaches and his race against Vice President Harris nears its end is to watch a candidate almost fully unbound.

At a time when most politicians would be honing their closing arguments to voters, Trump often acts more like an entertainer on a farewell tour than someone who aims to lead the world's most powerful nation.

His unfocused behaviour and dark rhetoric alienating some voters in a race that, despite all he says, remains so tight that any swing of a few thousand votes in several competitive states could determine the next president.

He is giving Harris' campaign ample ammunition to argue that he is more "unstable" and "unhinged" than ever. The Democratic candidate is increasingly embracing those terms and pointing to Trump's ramblings as evidence of a tired, old man who



isn't fit for the presidency. "In many, many ways Donald Trump is an unserious man, but the consequences of him being president of the United States are brutally serious," Harris said last week.

Trump, 78, defends his scattershot approach by saying he does something he calls "the weave" in which he claims he always returns to his initial point, and supporters say his unscripted style is part of his appeal.

"His patented weave is a brilliant method to convey important stories and explain policies that will help everyday Americans turn the page from the last four years of Kamala Harris' failures," said Steven Cheung, a spokesperson for Trump's campaign.

Trump's rallies have always featured their share of diversions and odd tangents. But with the clock ticking, the former president seems content to burn precious minutes telling stories about his White House days, musing about long-dead athletes or simply going where his mind takes him.

"They gave Obama the Nobel Prize," he said on Thursday in Las Vegas. "He didn't even know why the hell he got it. He still doesn't. He got elected and they an-

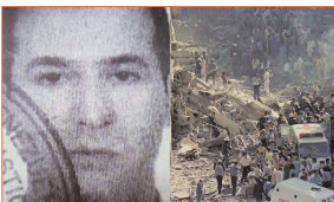
nounced he's getting the Nobel Prize. I got elected in a much bigger, better, crazier election but they gave him the Nobel Prize."

Though no rally is ever exactly alike, a consistent theme is Trump's false assertion that in four short years, Democrats have transformed the nation into a dystopian state.

He denounces his political opponents as the "enemy from within" and peppers his remarks with graphic accounts of murders and rapes of young women, false tales of violent gangs taking over small towns, and debunked claims about immigrants eating stolen pets.

"We're like a rubbish bin for the world," he boomed in Arizona. Trump aides say he sets the pace and talks as long as he wants. They don't try to contain him, and they have put him in forums such as podcasts where his rambling ways can find a home and he won't be subjected to a battery of questions. During a lengthy interview with podcaster Joe Rogan on Friday, Trump asserted that there may be life on Mars even though, as Rogan noted, probes have found no evidence of it. He also claimed windmills have a negative effect on whales.—Agency

## Hezbollah Operative Behind 1992, 1994 Bombings In Argentina Identified



In 1992, the Israeli embassy in Argentina's capital Buenos Aires was bombed, killing 29 and injuring over 240. Two years later, a Jewish community centre in the capital was bombed, killing 86 and injuring over 300. Now over three decades later, the alleged mastermind behind the attacks has been identified as Hussein Ahmad Karaki, a notorious Hezbollah operative.

Long known to law enforcement as a shadowy figure operating under numerous aliases, Karaki has evaded capture for decades, thanks in part to an extensive network and forged documentation allegedly supplied by Venezuela.

On Saturday, Argentina's Defence Minister Patricia Bullrich shared new details about Karaki's alleged role as the head of Hezbollah operations in Latin America. According to Ms Bullrich, Karaki was not only responsible for the planning and execution of the two infamous Argentine bombings but also remains active in the region, with evidence linking him to

a series of thwarted terrorist attempts across Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil.

Karaki was responsible for overseeing the logistics behind the 1992 and 1994 attacks in Argentina, Ms Bullrich said, adding that he was operating under the alias "David Assi." "We want the Argentine people to know the identity of the person responsible for these heinous acts," she stated. Bullrich further described Karaki as a "ghost," one who has effectively evaded detection for years, thanks to sophisticated tactics.

Ms Bullrich alleged Hezbollah's growing relationship with Brazilian cartels, notably Primeiro Comando da Capital (PCC) and Comando Vermelho, both known for controlling vast swathes of Brazil's drug trade. According to Ms Bullrich, Hezbollah has transformed these cartels into hybrid narco-terrorist entities, with PCC's illicit earnings reportedly funnelled to fund Hezbollah's arsenal and attacks against Israel.—Agency

## Death toll in Philippines storm rises to 100

MANILA: Rescuers in the Philippines were diving into a lake and scouring isolated villages on Sunday to locate dozens of missing people as the death toll from Tropical Storm Trami hit 100.

Trami, which raged into the Philippines on October 24, was among the deadliest storms to hit the Southeast Asian country this year.

According to the national disaster agency, it forced more than half a million people to flee their homes and at least 36 people remain missing.

Police in the hardest-hit Bicol region have recorded 38 deaths, most due to drowning.

"We are still receiving many calls and we are trying to save as many people as we can," Bicol regional police director Andre Dizon told AFP.

"Hopefully, there will be no more deaths."

Dizon added that "many residents" in the region's Camarines Sur province are still trapped on roofs and the upper floors of their homes.

The death toll in Batangas, south of Manila, has risen to 55, provincial police chief Jacinto Malinao told AFP.

Two were reported dead in separate incidents of electrocution and drowning in



Cavite province, police said. Five more bodies were recovered in other provinces, bringing the total to 100, according to an AFP tally based on official police and disaster agency sources.

"A higher death toll is possible in the coming days since rescuers can now reach previously isolated places," Edgar Posadas of the Civil Defence Office told AFP.

The police, coast guards and a Marines diving team were searching on Sunday for a family of seven at Taal Lake in Batangas.

"The waters from the mountains hit their home in Balete town, causing it to be swept away with them possibly inside," Malinao, the provincial police chief, said.

Most of the deaths in Batangas have been attributed to rain-induced landslides.

More than 20 bodies were

pulled from heaps of mud, boulders and fallen trees, while police said at least another 20 people in the province are still missing.

"We will continue searching until all bodies are retrieved," Malinao said.

The national disaster agency said Sunday that about 560,000 people had been displaced by floods, which submerged hundreds of villages in swaths of the northern Philippines.

About 20 big storms and typhoons hit the archipelago nation or its surrounding waters each year, damaging homes and infrastructure and killing dozens of people.

A recent study showed that storms in the Asia-Pacific region are increasingly forming closer to coastlines, intensifying more rapidly and lasting longer over land due to climate change.—Agency

## American Muslim leaders publicly endorse Trump at Michigan rally

Former United States president Donald Trump invited several Muslim leaders onstage during a campaign rally in Detroit, Michigan, in an effort to engage Arab American and Muslim voters angry over Washington's policy in the Middle East situation.

In the critical battleground state, the 77-year-old Republican presidential candidate emphasised the potential impact of this demographic, stating: "They could turn the election one way or the other."

At the rally in Detroit, Trump invited several prominent leaders of Michigan's Muslim community on stage, including Imam Belal Alzuhairi who labelled Trump as the "peace" candidate, CNN reported.

"We, as Muslims, stand with President Trump because he promises peace — not war," Alzuhairi said. "We are supporting."

Donald Trump because he promised to end war in the Middle East and Ukraine."

Earlier, Trump held a meeting with these lead-



ers to discuss their concerns.

In 2017, during his first month as president, Trump issued an executive order that temporarily banned entry for 90 days from seven Muslim-majority countries, including Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

The order indefinitely banned Syrian refugees and blocked all refugees from entering the US for four months.

Despite this, the Arab voters in Michigan and across the country want a stop to the endless wars and a return to peace in the Middle East. That's all they want," Trump added.—Agency

## US fighter jets were on standby to aid Israeli pilots if Iran strike failed

The US positioned a fleet of fighter jets on standby to rescue Israeli pilots if Tel Aviv's Saturday attack on Iran had gone badly, Israeli media reported.

"Israel and the US coordinated a plan to ensure the safe extraction of pilots should the operation have not succeeded," said Israeli Army Radio on Sunday.

The report stressed that while the US did not take part in the attack itself, a fleet from US Central Command (AFCENT) was prepared to intervene if necessary.

"The Americans' advanced capabilities in the region would allow them to carry out a rescue operation," the report stated.

Despite this readiness for potential US intervention, the Israeli Air Force had already devised an "in-



dependent plan for pilot rescue without relying on American support," it added.

Israeli on Saturday said it had carried out a four-pronged assault on Iran, with Tehran stating that it had successfully repelled "attempts by the Zionist entity to attack some points in Tehran and across the country."

According to the Iranian military, the Israeli strikes killed four soldiers. This attack followed Iran's launch of over 180 missiles at Israel on Oct. 1, which Tehran described as "retaliation" for the assassinations of top leaders of Palestinian group Hamas and Lebanese Hezbollah. Iran had previously warned that any Israeli attack would be met with a "harsher response."—Agency

## Israeli Army Says 5 Soldiers Killed In "Combat" In South Lebanon



Jerusalem: The Israeli military on Sunday said five soldiers were killed in southern Lebanon, bringing to 37 the death count for soldiers fighting there since the start of ground operations on September 30.

The soldiers "fell during combat in southern Lebanon," the army said in a statement, adding that they were killed on Saturday.

Hezbollah began launching rockets at Israel on October 8, 2023, in

support of Hamas after the Palestinian group launched its unprecedented attack on Israel the previous day. Israel dramatically escalated its air strikes on Lebanon late last month before launching ground operations in southern Lebanon. The war has left at least 1,615 people dead in Lebanon since September 23, according to an AFP tally based on official figures, though the real number is likely to be higher due to gaps in the data.—Agency



# SPORTS



## PCB Supremo Naqvi Drops Bombshell On Fakhar Zaman's Ouster From Central Contract And Squad



LAHORE: The chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Mohsin Naqvi has explained the reason behind the exclusion of opening batter Fakhar Zaman from the central contracts as well as white-ball squads for the tour of Australia and Zimbabwe.

Earlier today, the cricket board announced the central contracts for the 2024-25 international season, along with the squads for the tour to Australia and Zimbabwe.

The Australia tour will run from 4-18 November, while the matches in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, will be played from 24 November to 5 December.

However, Fakhar Zaman's name was missing from the central contract list and squads for the upcoming tours.

During a press conference in Lahore, a journalist asked the PCB chairman, Mohsin Naqvi, if Fakhar was left out due to his social media post defending Babar Azam.

In response, Naqvi acknowledged the controversy surrounding Fakhar's social

media post, which has been deemed a violation of the central contract.

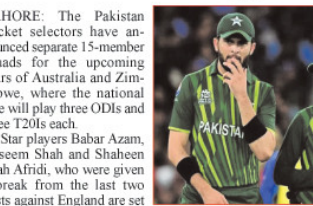
However, he emphasized that the primary factor leading to Fakhar's exclusion was due to concerns over the batter's fitness.

"There is the twist issue definitely. But that doesn't matter as much as his fitness tests. He had two issues: the fitness test and the show-and-tell notice, which is still pending. That is why he hasn't been included (in the central contracts list)," Naqvi said.

"If a player is dropped by the selection committee, another player starts tweeting against it. This isn't allowed and will not be permitted. However, the bigger issue is his fitness test."

For the unversed, earlier this month Fakhar Zaman expressed his disappointment through a social media post over the selection committee's decision to drop star batter Babar Azam after the first Test against England.—Agency

## Cricket Shock: Babar, Shaheen, Naseem In For Australia, Snubbed For Zimbabwe



December 5, said the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in a press release.

The approach to rest players follows the selectors' rotation policy, which provides opportunities to domestic performers, aligning with the team's strategy for the ICC Champions Trophy and beyond, the PCB said.

The Australia tour will run from November 4 to 18, while the matches in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, will be played from November 24 to

for Haris Sohail against New Zealand in an ODI in January 2023, while Omaid and Sufyan debuted in the T20I format against Hong Kong during the Asian Games men's cricket competition.

Fast bowler Mohammad Hasnain, player of the Champions One-Day Cup in Faisalabad last month with 17 wickets, also returns to the ODI side. He last represented Pakistan in an ODI against New Zealand in January 2023.

Apart from Babar, Naseem, Rizwan, Salman, and Shaheen, four other players have been selected in both the ODI and T20I squads for Australia tour. They are Arafat Minhas, Haris Rauf, Haseebullah, and Muhammad Irfan Khan.—Agency

## Mohammad Rizwan Takes Charge Of Pakistan's White-Ball Squad



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday announced the appointment of wicket-keeper Mohammad Rizwan as the white-ball captain of the national cricket team.

Meanwhile, Salman Ali Agha has been appointed as the vice-captain of Pakistan's white-ball team.

Naqvi made the announcement during a press conference in Lahore, accompanied by newly appointed captain and vice-captain Mohammad Rizwan and Salman Ali Agha respectively. They were joined by the members of the selection committee Aqib Javed and Azhar Ali. It's worth noting that Rizwan replaced fellow batter Babar Azam, who stepped down as Pakistan's white-ball captain earlier this month.

Babar's resignation came in the wake of the national team's disastrous campaign at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 where they suffered their first-ever group-stage exit, mainly pertaining to their shock loss against the United States of America (USA) and gut-wrenching defeat at the hands of arch-rivals India.

Mohammad Rizwan will kick off his stint as Pakistan captain from the upcoming tour of Australia, where Pakistan will play a three-match ODI series followed by three T20Is, scheduled to run from November 4 until November 18.

Earlier today, the PCB announced squads for the upcoming white-ball series against Australia and Zimbabwe.

The 32-year-old wicket-keeper will lead the team during the Australia matches and Zimbabwe ODIs but will be rested from the Zimbabwe T20Is. In his absence, Salman Ali Agha will lead Pakistan in the T20I series against Zimbabwe.—Agency

## Epic Journey: Die-Hard Ronaldo Fan Bikes 13,000km To Meet His Hero



reach Riyadh, where Ronaldo is currently based, according to WION.

The superstar's superfan came up with the idea of cycling all the way to Riyadh after CR7 cancelled his trip to China in February due to an in-

jury. In his journey, Gong carried with him two power banks, a tent, cooking utensils, clothing and other essentials.

Gong's seven-month trip was not without hurdles as he faced language barriers in countries he travelled to, eating in countries where prices were high to suit his pocket was a challenge and lastly, the exhaustion that comes with cycling for such a long time.

But he still made it out and tackled these obstacles by eating just bread in places where the prices were high and communicating with people using translation software.

Gong says that while he was in Armenia in August, he caught a high fever and collapsed on the road but he received free treatment for his illness at the hospital.—Agency

## Dodgers' Disaster: Shohei Ohtani's Season In Jeopardy With Shoulder Injury



Los Angeles Dodgers designated hitter Shohei Ohtani suffered what manager Dave Roberts called a partial dislocation of his left shoulder during game two of the 2024 Major League Baseball World Series, leaving his status for future games unknown.

Speaking with reporters after his team's 4-2 victory over the visiting New York Yankees to take a 2-0 series lead, Roberts said that the 30-year-old baseball star awaits tests to decide his status for future games.

Roberts said: "He had a little left shoulder subluxation so we're going to get some tests tonight or tomorrow and then we'll know more in the next couple days. But the strength was great. Beyond the range of motion good, so we're encouraged."

"Once we get the scans, we'll know more."

Ohtani left Dodger Stadium before speaking with reporters and did not appear to be in any discomfort when leaving the locker room.

The best-of-seven series shifts to New York for game three on Monday and game four on Tuesday, with game five also in New York on Wednesday, if necessary.

The National League MVP favourite left the field with a member of the medical staff holding his left arm after he was thrown out on a stolen-base attempt to end the seventh inning.

Ohtani walked against Clay Holmes and was thrown out on his steal attempt by Yankees catcher Austin Wells. Ohtani remained on the ground, favouring his left arm, as Yankees players left the field.

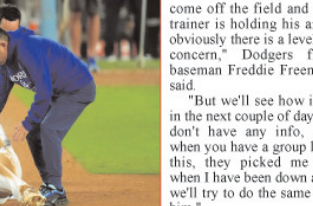
"When you see him come off the field and the trainer is holding his arm, obviously there is a level of concern," Dodgers first baseman Freddie Freeman said.

"But we'll see how it is in the next couple of days. I don't have any info, but when you have a group like this, they picked me up when I have been down and we'll try to do the same for him."

Ohtani's first World Series has been a quiet one so far. He was 0-for-3 with a walk in game two after he went 1-for-5 with a run scored in game one.

In his first season with the Dodgers after signing a 10-year, heavily deferred \$700 million contract, Ohtani notched the first 50-50 season in major league history. He finished with 54 home runs and 59 steals.—Agency

## PCB Shake-Up: Shaheen Demoted As Fakhar And Big Names Miss Out On Contracts



LAHORE: Pakistan's left-arm pacer and former skipper Shaheen Shah Afridi has been demoted while batter Fakhar Zaman and others have missed out on the 12-month central contracts, according to an official announcement made by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday.

In its list of central contracts for 25 players, the board has placed Shaheen - who was previously in Category A along with Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan - in Category B.

With Babar and Rizwan being the only players in Category A, several players are not even part of the central contracts. These players include Fakhar, former skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Ifthikhar Ahmed, Imad Wasim, Mohammad Nawaz, Moham-

mad Haris, Ihsanullah, Shah Nawaz Dahi and others.

Fakhar was previously placed in Category B of the central contract by the board.

The development comes as the PCB, back in July, announced going back to its old model of granting a one-year central contract to the national side's players - conditional to their performance. The board had also decided that players' fitness would be checked every three months and that it would be mandatory for the athletes to participate in domestic cricket. The move came following the team's dismal performance in the T20 World Cup 2024 wherein the national side crashed out of the tournament before even entering the Super 8 stage.—Agency

## El Clasico Chaos: Real Madrid Blasts Racist Abuse Targeting Barcelona Stars



BARCELONA: Real Madrid condemned racism from some of their supporters aimed at Barcelona players including teenager Lamine Yamal and Alejandro Balde during the club's 4-0 El Clasico defeat.

"Real Madrid strongly condemns any kind of behaviour involving racism, xenophobia or violence in football and sport, and deeply regrets the insults that a few fans uttered last night in one of the corners of the stadium," said Los Blancos in a statement Sunday.

Videos emerged on social media after the game of racial abuse aimed at Barcelona players.

The Spanish champions said they had "opened an investigation in order to locate and identify the perpetrators of these deplorable and despicable insults".

Spanish football is struggling to combat racism in stadiums across the country.

Real Madrid striker Vinicius Junior has become a figurehead in the fight against racism and has been targeted on numerous occasions since arriving in Spain in 2018.

The Brazilian winger earned worldwide support in May 2023 when he squared off with Valencia supporters after suffering abuse at their Mestalla stadium.

In January 2023, an effigy in a Vinicius shirt was found hanging from a bridge near the club's training ground alongside a banner saying: "Madrid hates Real". In December, four Atletico Madrid fans were charged over the incident, with prosecutors pushing for jail terms of four years.

This week Spanish police arrested four men suspected of inciting an online hate campaign against Vinicius.—Agency

## Kids' Corner



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Shakira's Split Saga: New Explosive Revelations On Her 'Untruthful' Breakup With Piqué



Shakira's ex-partner Gerard Piqué is making a bold confession about their relationship's tragic end.

Professional soccer player, who was committed to the Waka Waka singer for 11 years, suggested that there was more to their story and the media narrative hasn't specified details of the former couple's dynamics.

During an exclusive interview with CNN, just two years after their marriage fell apart, the Spanish player explained that other details are still under wraps.

He told the outlet, "In the end, the truth or what happens or occurs is not told in the way it was."

## Nicole Kidman Stuns In First Outing With Keith Urban After Jaw-Dropping Confession



Nicole Kidman made her first public appearance with husband Keith Urban, one day after making a bold confession about her body.

According to the MailOnline, the 57-year-old actress was spotted with her country-singer husband at the star-studded concert in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday evening.

The Family Affair star posed for photos along with her 57-year-old husband from the backstage of the concert.

For the star-studded event, Kidman opted for a cropped denim jacket over a tight-fitting top and dark gray jeans.

Urban, on other hand, donned a matching black outfit with the Aquaman actress, with whom he has been married since 2006.

The couple's outing comes shortly after Kidman, who was last seen in Netflix's The Perfect Couple series, recently made some admissions about her intimate life.

She offers some insights, and revealed that she was even forced to stop filming her erotic drama Babygirl because she started to become 'appealing' to her.

On the work front, the actress, who is the ex-wife of Tom Cruise, will star in the upcoming erotic movie opposite Harris Dickinson.



# NATIONAL



# CENTRAL PUNJAB

## Toba Tek Singh Marks Black Day, Remembering Kashmir's Long-Standing Struggle



By Abid Mahmood Chaudhry

**TOBA TEK SINGH:** Toba Tek Singh observed Black Day across the district, marking the anniversary of India's occupation and oppression in Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. Protest rallies took place in towns, tehsils, and various locations, with participants displaying black flags and banners on major roads and in public spaces to emphasize the significance of the day.

Organized by the district administration, events included a seminar and a solidarity walk at the District Council Hall, attended by dignitaries such as Member of Provincial Assembly Amjad Ali Javed and Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Syed Jamil Haider Shah. Other officials, including DSP Shahid Malik and representatives from various government departments, civil society, and the media, also participated.

In his address, MPA Amjad Ali Javed condemned the brutal acts committed against the Kashmiri people since October 27, 1947, highlighting the ongoing violence against civilians, including the elderly, youth, women, and children. He expressed unwavering solidarity with Kashmiris and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to supporting their right to self-determination through moral, political, and diplomatic means. Javed criticized the Indian government's human rights violations and noted that the reality of the world's largest democracy is now laid bare before the global community. He emphasized that the Pakistani nation stands united with their Kashmiri brothers, aiming to raise awareness worldwide about the injustices faced by the people of occupied Kashmir.

The seminar concluded with prayers for peace and security in the country, followed by a solidarity walk where participants raised slogans against India and in support of the oppressed Kashmiris.

## Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rolls Out Life Insurance Scheme To Secure Residents' Future

**PESHAWAR:** Barrister Saif, information adviser to the KP government, has announced the life insurance scheme for the people of the province, media reported on Sunday.

In a statement KP adviser said that the provincial government has approved a plan of the life insurance scheme to extend financial security to the province's people after the universal health coverage scheme.



family into financial crisis," he said.

Barrister Saif said that the welfare scheme has been approved to extend financial support to poor and down-trodden class of the province. Adviser said that around 49 percent people in KP have been living below the poverty line. "The death of a breadwinner pushes whole

"The government will extend Rs. five lac financial support to a family on the death of a family member over 60 years of age," Barrister Saif said.

"In case of the demise of a family member below 60 years, the family will be provided financial assistance of Rs. one million," he further said.

He said the loss of life has been irreparable but extending financial help is major step for sustenance of an affected family.

KP government also considering over proposal of establishing an insurance company on the provincial level, he said.—RT/Agency

## Rubina Khalid: UN-Supervised Referendum Is The Sole Solution To Lingering Kashmir Issue



ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid on Sunday said Pakistan Peoples Party will continue to provide moral, political, and diplomatic support for resolution to the Kashmir issue.

In a message on Kashmir Black Day, Senator Rubina Khalid said that the only acceptable solution to the Kashmir issue was a referendum under United Nations supervision.

She said, "The hearts of the Pakistani people beat with the Kashmiri people." Senator Rubina Khalid termed October 27, 1947 as the darkest day in Kashmir's history when India occupied Jammu and Kashmir militarily.

"This day marks the beginning of Indian forces' oppression," she said. "Senator Rubina Khalid said, India disregarded United Nations resolutions and stripped Kashmir of its right to self-determination."

"On August 5, 2019, India revoked Articles 370 and 35A which granted special status to Kashmir," she said.

She also termed elections in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and the Kashmir (IIOJK) in 2024 as illegal actions taken by the Indian government.—RT/Agency

## Two Caught Red-Handed Attempting To Smuggle Drugs Abroad

**ISLAMABAD:** The Airport Security Force (ASF) conducted operations at Islamabad and Peshawar airports and recovered a total of 2.376 kg of ICE [Crystal methamphetamine] from the possession of the passengers traveling abroad, media reported on Sunday.



at Peshawar Airport, a passenger named Iqbal Hussain bound to board a flight to Jeddah was arrested for possessing 1.210 kg of ICE drugs in his luggage.

Officials revealed that the drug was skillfully concealed by the passenger in the inner layers of the bags, and sweets, respectively.

In the second operation

However, the ASF personnel, after searching the luggage of both passengers, foiled the smuggling attempt by recovering a total of 2.376 kg of ICE [Crystal methamphetamine]. The arrested individuals after the initial investigation were handed over to ANF officials along with the recovered drugs as evidence for further legal action.—RT/Agency

## Security Forces Take Down Key Terrorist In High-Stakes Mastung Operation

**MASTUNG:** The Security Forces on Sunday conducted a successful operation and arrested an alleged terrorist from Mastung, a town in the Balochistan province, media reported.

The operation was launched following intelligence reports of the presence of 10 to 15 terrorists in the region. A Punjab Police spokesperson confirmed the success of the operation, emphasizing the determination to crush the terrorists' nefarious intentions and eradicate the scourge of terrorism. The spokesperson added that the police will continue their fight against all elements threatening the peace in the region, following the successful operation in Malakht.—RT/Agency

binoculars from the possession of the arrested terrorist. Security sources further revealed that the arrested individual had been involved in the murder of two individuals in the Splanji Bazaar area between the 25th and 26th of October, after the incident, security forces started a search operation in the area. Earlier this week, Punjab Police conducted a major operation in the hilly area of Makadwala and reportedly killed 10 terrorists during an intense exchange of fire.

## Hina Butt: Pakistan United In Solidarity With Kashmiris' Fight For Justice

**LAHORE:** Chairperson Punjab Women Protection Authority Hina Pervaiz Butt said on Sunday that Kashmiris worldwide were observing October 27 as Black Day in protest against India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir.

She said that the people of Pakistan stand with the Kashmiris in their struggle

and raise their voices for their right to self-determination. Hina Butt said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir had never accepted any form of oppressive rule, whether it was under Dogra rule or Indian occupation. She expressed Pakistan's commitment to continue providing diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiris and urged the international community to grant them their right to self-determination, as per UN resolutions. She expressed hope, saying, "The dawn of freedom will surely rise for Kashmir, and their sacrifices will not go in vain."—RT/Agency

## Mushaal Mullick Condemns India's Brazen Human Rights Abuses In IIOJK



ISLAMABAD: Addressing a rally held in Islamabad on the occasion of Black Day, Mushaal Mullick stated that Pakistan commemorated this day alongside the Kashmiri people around the world.

She emphasized that Kashmiri children cannot go to school right now, their parents were imprisoned and yet Kashmiris remained steadfast struggling for seven decades.

She noted that voices were being raised around the world for the oppressed Palestinians as well and stressed the need for a strong and powerful voice for Kashmiris.

"When the people stand together, freedom can be achieved, with the people's voice, even the mightiest of tyrants can be defeated," Mushaal asserted. She highlighted that people in occupied Jammu and Kashmir were not even safe inside

their own homes. Mushaal mentioned that the bodies of their leaders and loved ones were not returned to them.

She highlighted the ordeal faced by Kashmiri leaders, saying Yasin Malik was detained near the execution grounds and Asiya Andrabi held in Tihar Jail. She stated that Indian forces were involved in severe human rights violations in occupied Kashmir.

She asserted that India passed a resolution to settle five million Indians and aimed to turn occupied Kashmir into a mini-India.

Expressing solidarity with Kashmiris was not limited to just today, it was an ongoing struggle, Mushaal added. She thanked the large number of children and women participating in the rally, asserting that the cause of Kashmir was alive and its people were resilient.—RT/Agency

## Toba Tek Singh Teachers Humiliated Amid Government's Apathy

By Abid Mahmood Chaudhry

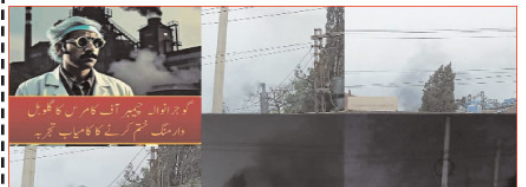


**TOBA TEK SINGH:** In Toba Tek Singh, concerns are rising about the treatment of teachers, who are often seen as the backbone of education yet are facing increasing humiliation and neglect. Despite being a respected profession, teachers are frequently diverted from their core responsibilities to participate in various government initiatives, including dengue awareness campaigns, admission drives, election duties, polio efforts, and census activities.

Many teachers, who hold advanced degrees like M.Phil. and Ph.D. and have successfully passed PPSC and NTS tests, feel exploited

questions about their qualifications. Critics argue that if these assessments are meant to evaluate teachers' abilities, it is unjust to hold them accountable while overlooking the systemic issues within educational management. The message is clear: teachers deserve respect and recognition for their vital role in shaping successful individuals. As the community reflects on these challenges, there is a call for the government to honor educators rather than demean them, acknowledging that every achievement in society is rooted in the guidance of a teacher.

## Gujranwala Chamber Champions Innovative Strategies To Tackle Global Warming



By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

**GUJRANWALA:** Members of the Gujranwala and Lahore Chambers of Commerce recently shared insights on an unconventional method to address global warming. According to their research, the primary driver of global warming is solar radiation, which continuously heats the Earth. The discussion highlighted the idea that if major factories in Gujranwala and Lahore were permitted to release black toxic smoke consistently, it could create a layer of smoke that might block sunlight, theoretically reducing the Earth's temperature. This controversial approach stems from research conducted by a local scientist who began his studies after taking over his father's factory following a failed attempt in the ninth grade.

The chamber emphasized the importance of exploring innovative solutions to combat climate change while also considering the potential environmental impacts of such methods.

# MONEY

## FBR Unveils Proposed Overhaul Of Vehicle Import Regulations

**ISLAMABAD:** The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) issued a draft amendment to Pakistan's Customs Rules 2001, introducing significant changes to the temporary import rules for vehicles brought into the country by tourists.



The amendment allows tourists to keep their vehicles in Pakistan duty-free for up to three months, provided specific conditions are met, said an FBR notification issued here.

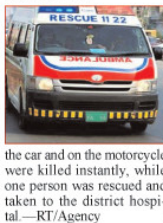
According to the FBR's notification, tourists wishing to bring their vehicles into Pakistan must submit a declaration affirming

that they will not transfer ownership of the vehicle while in the country. In cases where the vehicle is not re-exported after the three-month period, the vehicle's owner must provide an advance bank guarantee to customs authorities. The customs collector will be able to extend the stay of the ve-

## Kasur: Container Crushes Bike And Car, Resulting In Four Fatalities

**KASUR:** Four people were killed when a container fell from a loader onto a passing car and motorcycle on Kot Radha Kishan Road in Kasur.

The accident occurred outside a paper mill where a lifter was being used to unload a container. During the unloading process, the container slipped and fell, crushing both a motorcycle and a nearby car. All four people in



## FIA Cracks Down On Human Traffickers And White-Collar Crime Syndicates

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar



**GUJRANWALA:** The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Gujranwala zone registered 27 cases last week against human traffickers, advertisers, and individuals involved in white-collar crimes. Director FIA Abdul Qadir Qamar provided details to senior journalist Dr. Mirza MB Qamar.

Ceylon proceedings. A dedicated Anti-Money Laundering Circle has been established to target money laundering activities, with inquiries initiated against 27 individuals last week.

To enhance the capabilities of FIA officers, regular training sessions have been organized with the support of international organizations. In total, 22 individuals were arrested during the past week, including five for electricity theft, leading to the recovery of over 5.5 million rupees.

In total, 17 human traffickers were apprehended, including five notorious advertising suspects. The FIA Immigration team in Sialkot offloaded 38 suspicious passengers, among them five individuals attempting to travel to Gulf states and Iraq for illegal activities. Legal action is being taken against those tarnishing Pakistan's reputation abroad through such offenses.

Additionally, the

Sialkot Immigration office seized fake and suspicious travel documents from passengers traveling from Senegal, South Africa, Greece, and Italy. Strict legal measures have been initiated against those attempting to use forged documents, as well as the human traffickers involved.

The FIA Gujranwala zone has completed 78 inquiries related to human trafficking and is actively conducting within the agency.



# METRO KARACHI



KARACHI: Senior Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon reviews the progress of the Yellow Line BRT Project, in Karachi.—RT

## Sharjeel Showcases Ambitious Yellow Line BRT Vision For Karachi

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon emphasized the importance of the Yellow Line BRT project for Karachi, which has been launched with the support of the World Bank at a cost of 100 billion rupees. The project will operate under a Public-Private Partnership.

Speaking to the media after inspecting the development work, Memon noted, "We are considering discussions with the World Bank about potentially operating electric vehicles (EV) on this route." He mentioned that the Yellow Line will span 21 kilometers, with a new bridge



being built alongside the Jam Sadiq Bridge. The contractor has pledged to complete the project within 18 months,

though the government aims for an earlier finish. Memon also announced plans to introduce double-decker and environmentally friendly buses in Pakistan under the leadership of the People's Party.

In response to questions about Imran Khan, Memon claimed that "the Israeli lobby supports him worldwide," and accused Khan of being favored due to connections with his ex-wife and brother-in-law, the Goldsmiths. He reiterated controversial remarks about Khan being an agent of foreign interests and expressed concerns over funding linked to India and Israel.

Memon praised Maulana Fazlur Rehman for his dialogue-oriented approach in politics and highlighted allegations made by Shaheed Arshad Sharif regarding secret funding to PTI from abroad. He distanced himself from condemning all PTI workers, suggesting the problem lies with Imran Khan's alleged connections to Israel.

He concluded by thanking the media for their presence at the project site.—RT

## Karachi Union Of Journalists Announces Election Results

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: The Chairman of the Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ) Election Committee, Sattar Javed, along with member Kafeel Ahmed and others, has announced the results of the 2024 elections. According to the results, the Green Panel achieved a clean sweep for the fifth consecutive time. Lambi Jarar has made history by becoming the first woman General Secretary in the KUJ's history.



Treasurer. The Executive Council includes Raheel Salman, Rashid Siddique Qarar, Zohaib Zardari, Ayesha Khan, Taban Zafar, Shireen Jami, Iqtidar Anwar, Mahmood Riaz, and Sultan Chaki Somro. Among the delegates elected are GM, Jamali, Ghulam Akbar Jafari, Shahid Ghazali, Shehrbano, Ajaz Jamali, Raafiq Hussain, Kamran Lashari, Waqas Babar, Asghar Azeem, Munir Saqi, Moinullah Shah, Rashid Latif, Mousa Raza, Nasir Iqbal, Ihtesham Anwar, Shamaila Nawaz, Amir Khan, Ghazala Fazeeh, Muhammad Akhtar Ibn As, and Naeem Baig.

A large number of KUJ members were present at the event. The ceremony featured speeches from Green Panel head Hassan Abbas, PFUI President GM, Jamali, newly elected President Ijaz Ahmed, and General Secretary Lambi Jarar. Hassan Abbas congratulated the Green Panel, stating that their continued success reflects the trust of their peers. He emphasized that a new challenge begins today for the elected officials to work harder and with dedication to maintain the momentum of their success.

## Dr. Amjad Leads Aam Loeg Itehad Rally, Urging Party Unity Amid Political Challenges



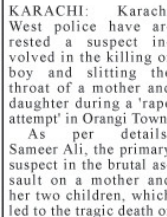
KARACHI: Aam Loeg Itehad convened at its central office under Vice Chairman Dr. Amjad, joined by Vice President Dr. Syed Salman Ali Salman and Chief Organizer Sadeed Malik.

The meeting highlighted the importance of legislation and constitutional amendments in Pakistan's emerging democratic system, stressing that public welfare must be prioritized despite expected struggles. Sadeed Malik emphasized that effective public representatives are crucial for meaningful change and committed to promoting qualified professionals for leadership roles.

Dr. Amjad addressed concerns about past constitutional amendments, asserting that while they may not have directly benefited the public, the real issue lies with those who misused them. He expressed optimism that the 26th Amendment will contribute positively to democracy and encouraged members to fully support the Aam Loeg Itehad mission for a better future.

With member approval, Sadeed Malik appointed Hafeez-ur-Rehman as the organizer for Orangi Town and Nadeem Ahmed for Surjani Town to enhance grassroots efforts.—RT

## Karachi Police Nab Prime Suspect Behind Fatal Attack On Boy And His Family



KARACHI: Karachi West police have arrested a suspect involved in the killing of a boy and slitting the throat of a mother and daughter during a 'rape attempt' in Orangi Town. As per details, Sameer Ali, the primary suspect in the brutal assault on a mother and her two children, which led to the tragic death of one child, has been taken into custody.

According to police, the suspect entered the house when Ramsha was alone with her children. Aliza and Subhan, suspect is currently being transferred to the police station for further investigation when Ramsha was which Sameer attempted a sexual assault.

When she resisted and her children intervened, he allegedly attacked them with an iron, severely injuring their faces and necks. Subhan, one of the children, later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Police were able to locate and apprehend Sameer Ali through technical surveillance. The suspect is currently being transferred to the police station for further investigation.—RT/Agency

## Karachi TEXPO Secures \$1.875 Million In Orders, Boosting Pakistan's Global Export Reach

KARACHI: The 5th International Textile & Leather Exhibition (TEXPO) at the Karachi Expo Centre concluded with impressive orders totaling \$1.875 million for Pakistani textile products, marking a significant boost for the country's export industry. Organized by the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), the three-day event drew both local and international delegates, further enhancing trade and promoting Pakistani textiles on a global scale.



The Pakistan Southern Africa Trade Federation (PSATF), led by Chairman Muhammad Rafiq Memon, represented Southern Africa's interests at the exhibition. Alongside him, PSATF representatives Mr. Chaudhry Nasim and Chaudhry Karanullah engaged with Pakistani exporters. The delegation met with TDAP CEO Mr. Zubair Motiwala, who highlighted TEXPO's objectives and showcased the participation of both local and foreign companies, including key importers and trade delegates.

With initial orders reaching \$1.875 million, the PSATF delegation anticipates total orders to exceed \$2 million following their upcoming visit to Faisalabad, Pakistan's textile manufacturing hub. Mr. Memon expressed optimism about the event's impact, noting that scheduled shipments are expected to be completed by January-February 2025.

"These orders demonstrate the quality and global appeal of Pakistani textiles," Mr. Memon stated. "They will significantly enhance Pakistan's export footprint, particularly in Southern Africa, where demand for our textiles is on the rise." TEXPO 2024 represents a crucial milestone for Pakistan's textile industry, strengthening its export capabilities and deepening trade relations with Southern Africa and beyond.—RT

## DeConcepts Kicks Off Chapter 3 Of Thrilling DCL T-10 League In Multan And Faisalabad



KARACHI: Following the success of the DeConcepts Celebrity League Chapter 2 in Dubai, DeConcepts is excited to announce the third edition of the DeConcepts Cricket League (DCL) T-10, set to take place in the stadiums of Multan and Faisalabad.

This celebrity cricket league will feature renowned TV actors, singers, film stars, and news anchors showcasing their cricket skills in an entertaining format. The tournament will unite Pakistan's leading figures from the entertainment, news, film, and drama industries in a thrilling competition.

The league will consist of six teams representing major regions of Pakistan: Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar, Quetta, and Rawalpindi. Each team will play three matches, followed by two semi-finals based on points and run rate, culminating in a final match. Scheduled for January 22 to 26, the event will kick off with three matches on the first day, followed by two matches on the next two days, including the semi-finals. The final will take place on the last day. Matches will be held from 12 PM to 10 PM, with the opening ceremony featuring a concert and an inaugural match between celebrity teams and anchors at 4 PM.

Notable participants include Adnan Siddiqui, Aijaz Aslam, Faisal Quraishi, Saleem Sheikh, Javed Sheikh, and many more from the entertainment industry.—RT



KARACHI: Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah presents a shield to the 14th Consignment of food and aid for the People of Lebanon during the World Cultural Festival award distribution ceremony at the Arts Council of Pakistan.—RT

## Tragic LPG Shop Blast In Karachi's Federal B Area Leaves Two Dead

KARACHI: A gas cylinder explosion at an LPG shop in Karachi's Federal B Area resulted in the tragic deaths of two individuals, according to police reports on Sunday.

The incident occurred on Saturday night, igniting a fierce fire that consumed the victims. Their bodies have since been transferred to a nearby hospital.

Local residents claim the shop had previously been sealed but was allowed to reopen, attributing blame to police for permitting its operation. Investigations are currently underway to determine the cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori has expressed his concern over the explosion and has requested a report from Karachi's Commissioner.—RT/Agency

## Sindh Government Stalls Constitutional Benches Until Crucial Judicial Commission Meeting

KARACHI: The Sindh government has opted to delay the formation of constitutional benches until after the Judicial Commission convenes.

Sources indicate that a resolution must first be approved by the provincial assembly to establish these benches. This resolution will be introduced in the Sindh Assembly following the Judicial Commission's meeting.

Experts warn that passing the resolution beforehand could lead to complications regarding the acceptance of constitutional petitions.



In light of the situation, the Pakistan People's Party has directed its assembly members to remain in Karachi. The Sindh Assembly is set to meet on Monday afternoon, with a requirement of 51 percent support needed for the resolution to pass.—RT/Agency

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS RIVERINE & INLAND FORESTS SINDH AT HYDERABAD

### SITUATION VACANT

In compliance of the order dated 10/09/2024 passed by the Honorable High Court of Sindh Bench at Sukkur in G.E.No.D-1766 of 2010, applications are invited from candidates holding domicile of Sindh Province and having age from 18 to 28 years for the following posts of BPS-01 to BPS-04 lying vacant in Sindh Forest Department. The details of vacant posts are as under:

Sl	Name of Post with BPS	Total No. of Posts	Academic Qualification & Experience
1	Jeep Driver (BPS-04)	09	Matriculation from recognized Board of Education, having valid LTV/HTV driving License with two years' experience in the relevant field.
2	Tractor Driver (BPS-04)	07	Matriculation from recognized Board of Education, having valid HTV driving License with two years' experience in the relevant field.
3	Pump Operator (BPS-01)	02	Middle Pass.
4	Malhi (BPS-01)	05	Primary Pass with two years' experience in Nursery or Gardening as Malhi.
5	Naib Qasid (BPS-01)	05	Middle Pass.
6	Chowkidar (BPS-01)	02	Middle Pass.

APPLICATION FORM

(i) There shall be general relaxation in upper age limit of (15) years as per Government policy / rules in vogue, as circulated vide Notification No.SOII (SGA&CD)5-64/2011 dated 23.01.2023.

(ii) 5% quota for Women / Minorities / Disabled persons is reserved as per policy / rules notified by the Government.

(iii) The applicants already in Government service shall apply through their respective departments / proper channel.

(iv) The applications on the following format along with attested photocopies of the educational / Technical Qualification / Domicile / PRC Certificates & CNIC along with two recent passport size photographs may be sent to the office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Riverine & Inland Forests, Sindh Shabbaz Building Block No.A, Thandi Sarak Hyderabad latest by 05.11.2024.

(v) Convincing in any manner or form will disqualify the candidate.

(vi) Number of vacancies may increase or decrease.

(vii) Only short listed candidates shall be called for test / interview.

(viii) No TA / DA shall be applicable.

Name of Post  
Name of Applicant  
Father's Name  
CNIC No.  
Date of Birth  
Educational Qualification  
Technical Qualification  
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District of Domicile  
Postal Address  
Cell No.

Affixed Recent Photograph

Signature of the Applicant  
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KARACHI: On the instructions of the Prime Minister, Pak NDMA dispatched the 14th Consignment of food and aid for the People of Lebanon from Jinnah International Airport to Beirut.—RT



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## Former CJP Isa Braces For PTI Protest At London's Middle Temple

LONDON: Former chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, the first Pakistani judge to be invited to a dinner by The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple on Tuesday, is likely to face protest by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) UK chapter.



Jahanzeb Khan, former senior vice president of PTI UK, and Sahibzada Jahangir, party founder Imran Khan's friend and former adviser confirmed to Geo News that a demonstration will be held at the Middle Temple in Central London to protest ex-CJP Isa's participation and condemn the society for inviting him and elevating him in the Temple.

Jahanzeb said that former minister ministers and advisers Zulfi Bukhari, Maleeka Bokhari and Shehryar Afridi will also attend the demonstration.

Meanwhile, the Middle Temple confirmed that it has invited former CJP Isa for the bench call where the ceremony is being held for the benchers and members of the Inn to call elected members

to the Bench. The Calles include Isa, Professor Adrian Briggs, Isabel Hitching KC and Nikki Singla KC. They will be called to the bench before dinner and asked to take their place at the high table.

Isa will give a short speech to the benchers and members, the Middle Temple confirmed.

The former chief justice became the first Pakistani judge to get elected as a benchers at the Middle Temple, a prestigious legal institution in the United Kingdom (UK).

Isa, who retired as the top judge of Pakistan on October 25, arrived in London to attend the ceremony in his honour.

He studied law at the Middle Temple and his father, Qazi Isa, was also a graduate of the Middle Temple.

He had written to the administration of the Middle Temple stating that he could only attend the event after his retirement on October 25, prompting the ceremony to be rescheduled for October 29.

The Middle Temple is one of four historic and esteemed legal institutions known as the Inns of Court in London. These institutions provide training to law students and grant licences for entry into

the legal profession. The other three Inns of Court are Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn and Inner Temple. Founded in the 14th century, the Middle Temple has held a significant position at the heart of the British legal system for centuries.

The distinguished people, who later rose as global statesmen, premiers, presidents, chief justices, monarchs, chief ministers, governors and mayors and studied at the prestigious Middle Temple during the last few centuries are former British

premiers John Major, Boris Johnson and David Cameron, Hong Kong's first chief justice of the Court of Final Appeal Andrew Li; Princess of Wales Lady Diana; Hong Kong's Judge of Final Appeal Kemal Bokhary; Singapore's founding father Lee Kuan Yew and his wife Kwa Choo; British Supreme Court judges Simon Brown, Anthony Clarke and Mark Saville; Irish High Court judge Sir Donnell Deeny; Thailand's former premiers, Sanya Dharmasakti, Pote Sarasin, and Phraya

Manopakorn; ex-chief justice Allahabad High Court, John Edge, King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, Indian Viceroy; and Rufus Daniel Isaacs among others.

Apart from the Middle Temple, the other three Inns of Court (Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn and Inner Temple) have also churned out some magnificent personalities like Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Iqbal, former president Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Indian premier Jawaharlal Nehru, former Pakistani premier Wasim Sajjad, former British prime ministers Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair, former Indian president Shankar Dayal Sharma, former Pakistani Supreme Court Justice Dorab Patel, Ex-chief justice Lahore High Court and Allama Iqbal's son Justice (retd) Javed Iqbal, former

Indian Union Minister of Defence Krishna Menon and Bhimrao Ambedkar, the former Indian law minister and the man who headed the committee drafting the constitution of India.—RT/Agency

## Finance Minister Aurangzeb Sees US Stakeholder Meetings As Key Breakthrough

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Sunday said that his meetings with stakeholders in the United States remained positive, adding that the stakeholders appreciated the scaling down of inflation in Pakistan.



He made these remarks after concluding his visit to Washington to participate in the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meetings from October 21 to 26.

The finance minister held a series of meetings with the leaders from several international finance institutions and authorities including rating agencies, multinational banks, WB, IMF and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Aurangzeb said that the US business communities were willing to invest in Pakistan as all rating agencies stated the economy was moving in the right direction.

He also apprised media that the WB would give Pakistan a grant instead of loan. Whereas, he said, the government would try not to take a loan from the IMF anymore.

"We have had constructive discussions with the IMF. We will try to make this IMF programme our last programme," he said, adding due to the government's initiative, the country was advancing towards macroeconomic stability.

The finance czar also warned that the government might have to make arduous decisions for enhancing the economy. "We are abolishing the term of non-filer. The non-filers will not be able to buy cars and properties and we will need a legal cover for that purpose," he said.

The finance minister said they had been working continuously for six months for economic improvement and bringing reforms in the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) was a step in the same direction. He said the tax-to-GDP ratio would be brought from 9% to 13%.

He also said the country's foreign exchange reserves had risen above \$11 billion. Aurangzeb said the IT and agriculture sectors held the status of game changer for the country's development, therefore, we would have to boost its export.

On privatisation, he said three electricity distribution companies would be privatised in the first phase. Meanwhile, State Bank of Pakistan Governor Jameel Ahmed said country's debt was \$100 billion in June 2022, which had fallen to 98.3 billion dollars. Dependence on foreign loans had been cut, he added.

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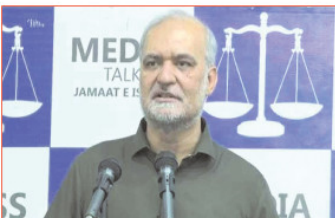
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## Hafiz Naem Asserts: Only Jihad Can Lead Kashmir To Freedom

LAHORE: Hafiz Naem-ur-Rehman, Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, has stated that Kashmir will not be freed through slogans and advertisements but through jihad.



Addressing a gathering at Mansoorah, Lahore, Hafiz Naem urged the audience to dedicate their wealth and lives in the path of Allah, aiming to bring about revolution through every possible effort.

He highlighted that many have sacrificed their lives for the Palestinian and Kashmiri causes.

Referring to Syed Ali Gilani, he noted that half of Gilani's life was spent in prison, and his sacrifices were aimed at fulfilling Pakistan's independence.

He also mentioned the assassination of Yahya Siyar, stating that Israel and America fear such sacrifices. Despite turning Gaza into rubble, Israel could not break the spirit and strength of Gaza and Hamas, with Palestinians standing firm. While Palestine has yet to gain freedom, Hafiz Naem expressed hope for a new dawn with the bloodshed endured by Ismail Haniyeh's family.

Hafiz Naem, asserted that a mere advertisement on October 27 cannot absolve the government of its responsibility towards Kashmir.

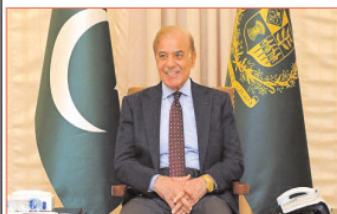
"Rights cannot be granted to Kashmiris through phone messages; Kashmir will only be freed through jihad. If dialogue were the solution, the issue would have been resolved long ago," he stated.

He called on both the government and military to clarify their stance on Kashmir, urging for action rather than slogans.

He further criticised powerful nations, noting that they support occupying forces, and accused American and Indian authorities of deceiving the global community. "Those who fight for freedom are labelled as terrorists," he said, highlighting the double standards of international powers.

Hafiz Naem, voiced strong opposition to those advocating friendship with Indian Prime Minister Modi, calling on the nation to hold such figures accountable. Referring to Nawaz Sharif, he questioned, "Why speak of strengthening ties with India without Kashmiri freedom? Why not focus on fostering relations with Afghanistan instead?" The Jamaat-e-Islami leader further alleged that during former PTI chief's tenure, General Bajwa compromised on Kashmir's status. He urged the Pakistan Army to reveal the facts behind the removal of Kashmir's special status, asserting it is their responsibility to inform the public.—RT/Agency

## Shehbaz Vows Unyielding Fight Against Terrorism



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has commended the officers and soldiers of armed forces for successful operation against Fina al-Khawarij in the districts of Waziristan and Khyber.

In a statement, the prime minister said the security forces, with professionalism and bravery, sent four Khawarij including a Kharij leader involved in the terrorist activities, to the hell.

He said the entire nation stands united with the Pakistan's armed forces and we will continue the war against terrorism until its complete elimination from the country.

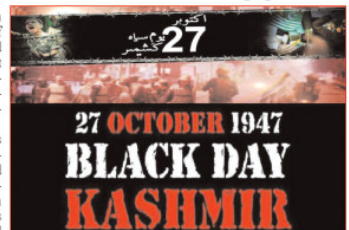
The security forces on Sunday claimed to eliminate four terrorists in two separate intelligence-based operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

A statement issued by the ISPR said that an intelligence-based operation was conducted in North Waziristan district where, "after an intense exchange of fire, two khawarij including Kharij Insaaf Ullah, were sent to hell."

In the operations, weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed khawarij, who were "actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against the law enforcement agencies as well as the innocent civilians."—RT/Agency

## Pakistan Reaffirms Strong Solidarity With Jammu And Kashmir's Struggle

ISLAMABAD: On the 77th anniversary of the arrival of Indian troops in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government and people of Pakistan reiterate their unwavering solidarity with the people of Kashmir.



In their messages on this solemn occasion, the President, Prime Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Pakistan have reaffirmed the nation's steadfast moral, political, and diplomatic support for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

The Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister has addressed letters to the leadership of the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), highlighting the ongoing situation in illegally Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), a press release issued by the foreign office on Sunday said.

He has called for the full implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions and urged international

actions to address human rights concerns, including the release of Kashmiri political prisoners and dissenters.

Additionally, the Foreign Secretary has briefed Islamabad-based diplomatic missions on the multifaceted issues of legal, security, and human rights dimensions of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, underscoring Pakistan's commitment to seeking a just resolution. In a display of solidarity, a 'Solidarity Walk' took place in Islamabad this morning along Constitution Avenue to D-Chowk, led by the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Engineer Amir Muqam, and Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal. Across Pakistan, a series of events, including public rallies, seminars, and photo exhibitions, are being organized to honor the Kashmiri struggle. Pakistani and Kashmiri diaspora communities are actively participating, and Pakistan's diplomatic missions worldwide are hosting special events to raise global awareness about the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.—RT/Agency

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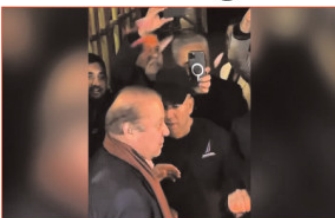
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## Teflon Nawaz Touches Down In London To Play The Health Card Again

LONDON: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif reached London, United Kingdom, on Saturday night — exactly a year after he returned to his home country ending nearly three years of self-imposed exile.



Nawaz, the three-time former prime minister, is visiting the UK for medical treatments.

The seasoned politician received a warm welcome in London from a huge number of PML-N supporters, including the newly appointed president of the party's UK chapter, Ahsan Dar, and others.

A group of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers were also gathered opposite the Avenfield flats and raised slogans against the ruling party's leaders.

As the PML-N chief arrived at his Avenfield flats, workers of both the PML-N and PTI exchanged harsh words against each other.

According to the PML-N, Sharif will stay in London for around three days and will then depart for

the United States where he will spend around a week for private meetings.

The party supremo reached Dubai on Friday and spent a night at the home of Hasnain Dar, the younger son of Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar.

The 74-year-old former premier will spend time with his sons in London and undergo medical treatment, a PML-N source told media.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, will also likely travel to London in the first or second week of November and will visit Geneva with her father for a follow-up on her throat surgery at a local clinic.

Nawaz returned to the country in October 2023 after a three-year self-imposed exile in the UK. He briefly landed in Islamabad, where he signed and filed appeals against the convictions for which he was jailed before he left the country in 2019.

After a few hours' stay in the federal capital, the PML-N supremo flew to Lahore to kick-start his party's campaign for the February 8 elections in a rally of thousands of his supporters.

He later went on to run for a seat in the National Assembly during the general elections during which he won polls held on the NA-130 constituency in Lahore against PTI's Yasmin Rashid.—RT/Agency

## Iran's Supreme Leader Urges Unity Amid Rising Tensions After Israeli Strikes



TEHRAN: Iranian officials should determine how best to demonstrate Iran's power to Israel after the Israeli attack on Iran two nights ago, Iran's official IRNA news agency cited the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying on Sunday.

"The evil committed by the Zionist regime (Israel) two nights ago should neither be downplayed nor exaggerated," IRNA cited Khamenei as saying.

Iran on Saturday said Israel's overnight air attack on military targets caused limited damage as

US President Joe Biden called for a halt to escalation that has raised fears of an all-out conflagration in the Middle East.

Scores of Israeli jets completed three waves of strikes before dawn against missile factories and other sites near Tehran and in western Iran, Israel's military said. Khamenei said Iran's power should be demonstrated to Israel, adding that the way to do so should be "determined by the officials and that which is in the best interest of the people and the country should take place"—RT/Agency

## Munir Akram: Pakistan Stands Steadfast With Kashmir In Its Fight For Justice

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations has a duty to uphold its own resolutions on the decades-old Kashmir dispute and promote a just and peaceful resolution in line with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people, Pakistan's UN Ambassador Munir Akram said in a message on the occasion of the Kashmir Black Day on Sunday.



On this solemn day, he said, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to standing by the Kashmiri people, advocating for their human rights, and striving for a future of peace, freedom, and dignity for them.

Today, Ambassador Akram said, as we observe Kashmir Black Day, we remember the grave injustices faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The events of October 27, 1947, marked the beginning of an occupation that has denied Kashmiris their fundamental right to self-determination, a right enshrined in the UN Charter and affirmed through Security Council resolutions, he added.

"Tragically, this denial of rights has only intensified, especially following the unilateral and unlawful actions of August 5, 2019."

Since that fateful day, he said that the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir had been subjected to an unprecedented lockdown, systematic human rights violations and severe restrictions on their freedom and dignity.

"Countless reports by international human rights organizations and independent observers have documented instances of excessive use of force, extra-judicial killing en masse, forced disappearances, arbitrary detentions and col-

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