



# THE HEARTLAND



## Sindh Govt will transform Ketri Bandar into a major port: Ali Hassan Zardari

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: In a significant stride for Sindh's development, Provincial Minister for Works Services and Jails, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, has revealed the Sindh government's ambitious plan to transform Ketri Bandar into a major port, in collaboration with the federal government. This initiative seeks to bring to life the long-held vision of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.



As part of this transformative project construction of the Coastal Highway currently underway from Bhambhore to Ketri Bandar is projected to be completed within two years. Furthermore, the District Jail in Thatta is in its final stages of construction and is expected to welcome its first prisoners by January, following final preparations in December. The minister made these announcements while addressing the Thatta Bar Association during the inauguration of a newly constructed hall and library, both funded by the Sindh government on his recommendation.

Zardari emphasized the government's focus on developing Thatta's coastal and hilly regions through several large-scale projects nearing completion.

In a separate event, Minister Zardari attended a luncheon hosted by Rasool Bux Jakhro, a former PML-N candidate in NA-237 who recently rejoined the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) after competing against a PPP candidate in the previous general election. The event saw the participation of several prominent figures, including PPP District President Sadiq Ali Memon, Vice President Abdul Hameed Panhwar, Information Secretary Syed Mehmoed Alam Shah, and PPP leader Ashiq Hussain Zardari.

## SSP Aziz Ahmad pays a surprise visit to MT Section Umerkot



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: SSP Umerkot, Aziz Ahmad, conducted a surprise visit to the Motor Transport (MT) section of the Umerkot Police. During his visit, he inspected the police mobile vehicles, prisoner vans, and crime scene units, which had been provided with official government vehicles. He also reviewed the maintenance and condition of these vehicles. SSP Aziz Ahmad issued instructions to the MT Officer (MTO) to ensure that all vehicles undergo timely tuning and oil changes. He emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness and order in the MT section. Furthermore, SSP Aziz Ahmad announced that additional critical investigative equipment would be installed in the government vehicle assigned to the Crime Scene Unit. This upgrade would assist in the swift resolution of serious cases, including terrorism, murder, rape, abduction, sexual assault, vehicle accidents, and other major criminal investigations.

## DC Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan chairs meeting for distribution of Benazir Hari Cards



By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas, Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan, at the Darbar Hall in Mirpurkhas to discuss the distribution of the Benazir Hari Card for small landowners. During the meeting, Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan emphasized that the distribution of the Benazir Hari Card to small landowners is an important step towards agricultural development. He mentioned that efforts are being made to ensure that small landowners benefit as much as possible from this program. Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan instructed all Assistant Commissioners and Mukhtarkars to prepare a list of landowners holding between 1 and 25 acres of land. In the first phase, he directed that landowners whose land has been affected by rainfall should be prioritized. He further instructed that meetings be held at the tehsil level to verify and check the necessary details of these landowners, with the inclusion of UC Chairmen. The finalized list should be submitted to the DC office within 15 days so that it can be forwarded to the relevant authorities. Additionally, Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan directed representatives from the Agricultural Bank and commercial banks to fully cooperate with the government's agricultural schemes by facilitating the provision of agricultural loans to farmers and landowners. He also requested that details regarding the recovery of agricultural loans be provided. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner I. Mohammad Ali Baloch, Additional Director Agriculture Extension Zulfikar Ali Jagirani, Agriculture Officer Bhart Kumar, all Assistant Commissioners of the tehsils, Mukhtarkars, Haji Muhammad Umar Bughio of the Sindh Abadgar Board, Khadim Hussain Bhanran of the Chamber of Agriculture, and representatives from agricultural and commercial banks.

## Sindhiani Tehreek protests against River Indus dams and exploitation of resources

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Sindhiani Tehreek staged a hunger strike outside the press club in Hyderabad to protest against the construction of six new canals from the Indus River, corruption, and the exploitation of Sindh's land and resources. The protest was led by Central President Zainat Samo, General Secretary Nusrat Khakheli, Rafia Palijo and other activists, including Shazia Ahmedani, Reshma Gopang, Ameer Zadi Birhamani, and Azra Rind. Zainat Samo, speaking to the media, condemned the plan to extract water from the Indus River, calling it an attack on Sindh's lifeblood. Rafia Palijo stressed that diverting water from the Indus River by building new canals is a direct threat to Sindh's agricultural sector and will cause widespread destruction. She warned that if the project is not stopped, it will lead to the environmental collapse of the province. Nusrat Khakheli added that the PPP government is selling Sindh's resources for political gains, leaving the population deprived of basic needs like water and jobs.



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## DEO Muhammad Ismail Buriro visits schools in Thul



By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: DEO Secondary Muhammad Ismail Buriro recently visited several schools in Thul, including the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Thul, where he participated in a special program dedicated to martyrs and Pakistan. The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address from the school's Principal, Niaz Ahmed Sarki, who also extended warm hospitality to the distinguished guests. During the program, many students delivered speeches on the sacrifices of Pakistan's martyrs, particularly those from the Pakistan Army. DEO Muhammad Ismail Buriro, alongside teachers and students, spoke at length about the significant contributions of the martyrs in securing the nation's sovereignty and freedom.

## Govt Degree College Dadu organizes a STEAM Exhibition

By Javed Laghari



DADU: In line with the directives of Sindh Minister for Education, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, and Secretary Education Colleges, Asif Ikrum, a Science Fair was organized under the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) umbrella scheme to assess the developmental skills, individual, and collective efforts of students from colleges across Sindh. The event, which took place at the Government Degree College Dadu, was attended by a large number of teachers, students, journalists, and members of civil society. The event, hosted by Dadu College, saw participation from ten colleges in the district. Students presented various individual and group models, developed with the help of their peers, covering a wide range of scientific concepts and practical applications. The event also aimed to foster creativity and bring students closer to practical science. In the science category, the winners included Bukhari Degree College Dadu, which secured the first position, followed by Government Girls College Dadu in second, and Government Girls College Khairpur in third. In the arts category, Government Girls College Dadu took the first position, while Professor Raftiq Ahmed Bhattacharya, Professor Masood Memon, Sardar Rajab Khan Shahani, Deputy Commissioner Dadu Mukhtiar Joyo, SSP Dadu Ameer Saud Maggi, and District Session Judge Dadu Muhammad Yaseen Qadri.

## Electricity theft causes widespread power outages in several villages

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULI STATION: The administration of SEPCO at the Rehmani Nanger Grid Station has been accused of causing severe and prolonged load shedding on the Pyaro Feeder, resulting in an increase in electricity theft. As a consequence, unknown thieves easily removed 17,000-volt wires from six transmission towers along the main line of the Pyaro Feeder near the village of Rahjoja. This theft caused widespread power outages in several areas, including Pyaro Station, Rahjoja, Pat Sharif, and surrounding villages. The power failure not only disrupted electricity supply but also led to a water crisis, affecting residents' access to drinking water. Despite the severe impact, the local police have reportedly failed to take any action, and the SEPCO management remains silent and inactive. Several affected individuals, including Munir Ahmad Samo, Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Guddu Manganhar, Mir Mukhtiar Birhamani, Amanullah Memon, Mohsin Abbasi, Nanger Chandio, and others, expressed their frustration to the media. They

blamed corrupt WAPDA officials for creating the situation through deliberate and prolonged load shedding, which ultimately led to the theft of the wires. The victims criticized SEPCO's inefficient administration, claiming that the theft occurred without any fear of law enforcement. The residents urged SEPCO's higher authorities and elected representatives to intervene, ensure that an independent investigation is conducted, and hold those responsible accountable for their negligence and criminal activities.

## Crackdown on gutka and drug suppliers continues in TMK



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A series of raids have been conducted across Tando Muhammad Khan district as part of an ongoing campaign against gutka and drug suppliers, following orders from SSP Abid Ali Gadani. Several key arrests have been made in recent operations. According to the details, SHO Bulri Shah Karim arrested Inayat Hussain Shah with 20 bags of gutka material and Dost Ali with 510 packets of gutka. SHO Tando Muhammad Khan City arrested Abdul Sattar Noonari with 700 packets, and Ramiz Raja Rand and Vishnu Thakur with 1,430 packets of gutka. SHO B Section Tando Muhammad Khan arrested Sakina, a female supplier, with 510 packets. SHO Gulam Haider apprehended Rajab Awam with 1,400 packets. SHO Women Police Station arrested Amad and Sana Rajput with 1,000 packets of gutka. SHO Shaikh Barkhio arrested Aftab Khoso and Dadan Wassan with 1,330 packets. SHO Moya arrested Dharmon Bheel with 400 packets. SHO Taluqa Tando Muhammad Khan arrested Ayaz Zaur with 550 packets. All suspects were charged under the Mainpuri Gutka Act. These actions are part of ongoing efforts to curb the illegal gutka trade in the region.

## DEO Gulbahar Maggi distributes honorary certificates amongst students at Saint Joseph High School



By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: During a visit to Government Saint Joseph High School, Larkana, DEO Gulbahar Maggi attended the school assembly and honored students for their outstanding performance in the annual exams conducted by the Larkana Education Board. Students who achieved notable positions included Muhammad Hassan Jatoti, Dua Batool, Abdul Rashid Memon, Adam Chandio, Rafiq Hussain Khokhar, Imtiaz Hussain Jaffari, Muhammad Bux Brohi, Hussain Ali Khokhar, Ali Soomro, and Ali Raza Soomro. These students were awarded honorary certificates and cups by the DEO. In addition, Hadiya Batool Jaffari, an eighth-grade student, was recognized with an honorary cup for her contribution to the STEAM program by creating a guitar. Similarly, Majid Hussain Syed, a ninth-grade student, was also honored with an honorary cup for his contributions. Other prominent attendees included Masooq Ali Brohi, Assistant at the DEO office, Ayesha Hullo, Deputy DEO, Saecola Abbasi, TEO, Farzanda Bibi, AEO, Bibi Hamida Mirani, Deputy DEO Larkana, and Headmaster Abdul Karim Chandio. The esteemed guests were presented with Sindh Ajrak gifts, including Zawar Sajjad Muhammad Panah Otho.

## Badin Police continue their operations against drug dealers with multiple arrests and recoveries

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: On the instructions of SSP Badin, Sheeraz Nazir, operations are actively underway targeting drug dealers in the region. Several key arrests have been made, and significant recoveries of illegal substances have been reported. Abdul Razaqq Mandhro, Asghar Ali Soomro, and Ali Ahmed Bughio were arrested during a series of operations, and gutka (a form of chewable tobacco) was recovered from their possession. Munawar Mallah, another gutka seller, was apprehended along with 500 packets of indigenous gutka. Additionally, bicycles used by the accused were also seized. SHO Police Station Shaheed Fazl Rahu carried out further operations, arresting Ehsan Ali Chandio and Imran Shah, who were found in possession of 1,800

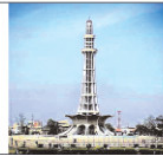
rested Sunil Meghwar, a hashish seller, and recovered 220 grams of hashish from his possession. In further operations, Javed Jatoi, another gutka seller, was arrested in Tando Gulam Ali with 220 Safina sachets of gutka. Chang, another accused, was arrested with 300 indigenous gutkas from his possession. Fazil Rahu, a wanted criminal in the gutka case, was also apprehended during these operations. SHO Talhar Police Station successfully recovered a stolen motorcycle and returned it to its rightful owner during ongoing investigations. These operations reflect a significant push by the Badin police to curb the sale and distribution of illegal substances in the region, with continued efforts to apprehend remaining suspects and dismantle drug-related networks.

## Larkana Court sentences man to 12 years in a drug case

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: In a hearing at the District and Sessions Court in Larkana, presided over by Judge Samkan Hussain Mughal, a verdict was announced in a drug-related case that had been filed 7 months ago at Wafid Police Station. The court found the accused, Sajjad son of Nadir Ali Makol, guilty of drug trafficking and sentenced him to 12 years in prison and a fine of 2 lakh rupees. The case dates back to April 28, when the police, during their routine patrol near Anjia Road, arrested Sajjad Makol and allegedly seized 2 kilograms of hashish from his possession. The police subsequently filed the drug case, leading to today's conviction.

# NATIONAL



## Azma Bukhari Sparks Debate, Accuses Apolitical Bushra Bibi Of Leading PTI's Protest

LAHORE: Punjab government spokesperson Azma Bukhari on Tuesday took a jibe at Bushra Bibi, wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, for calling the shots in the "do-or-die protest" slated for November 24.



She was referring to a leaked audio recording purportedly featuring the former first lady addressing party members in Peshawar. The Punjab information minister said: "The apolitical woman delivers political speeches and clearly gives target [to her party's] leaders and lawmakers."

According to reports, the former premier's wife, Bushra, instructed each PTI MNA and MPA to bring at least 10,000 and 5,000 workers respectively to Islamabad for the protest. "The apolitical woman was not apolitical even when she was being called apolitical."

Responding to a question, the Punjab minister said that

the PTI's march on Islamabad aimed at creating anarchy in the country. Referring to expected clashes between the law enforcers and the PTI's supporters, she said that it seems the former ruling party wanted to do politics on "dead bodies". The Islamabad administration has already imposed Section 144 for two months ahead of the potential PTI's protest in the federal capital. In addition to this, the Islamabad Police have sought the services of 9,000 personnel of Rangers and FC with full anti-riot kits since November 22.

## DPO Confirms Dramatic Rescue Of Kidnapped Policemen In Bannu



BANNU: Seven policemen who were kidnapped from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district a day ago were safely recovered on Tuesday, according to the district police officer (DPO). Unknown armed men had kidnapped the police officials from the Rocha Check Post earlier on Monday night, in the Wazir subdivision of Bannu district.

Bannu DPO Ziauddin Ahmad told media today that all seven personnel were received by the police. DPO Ahmad added that building pressure through local elders and police search operations helped in the safe and sound recovery of the policemen from the same area they were kidnapped from. An official had earlier told media that armed militants forcibly entered the checkpoint after surrounding it and took the cops deployed there as hostage at gunpoint during the attack.

They also snatched official rifles from the policemen," the official had said.

Following the incident, a large police contingent had reached the area and launched a search operation for the recovery of the kidnapped officials in the remote and mountainous terrain. The Rocha Check Post is located on the border with North Waziristan, in the limits of Otmanzi police station, in Bannu district.—RT/Agency

# CENTRAL PUNJAB

## Gujranwala Police Crushes Cattle Theft Network

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Under the leadership of SP Sadar Shahid Nawaz Waraich, the Nowshera Warkan Police successfully dismantled a major cattle theft ring led by Ifthikhar and Ghazanfar alias Ghani. The operation, which was carried out with high efficiency by DSP Nowshera Warkan Shabriz Hussain and SHO Nowshera Warkan Police, resulted in the arrest of five members of the gang and the recovery of 32 stolen cattle along with a sum of 12

lac 60 thousand rupees in cash. The cattle theft gang had been active across multiple police jurisdictions in cows, 1 calf, 1 horse, 3 sheep, 2 young goats, and a substantial sum of 12 lac 60 thousand rupees found to have been stealing cattle by operating in the dead of night. The police were able to trace the activities of the gang, leading to the arrest of key suspects Ifthikhar and Ghazanfar alias Ghani. Upon their disclosure, three more individuals—Saifullah, Muhammad Aslam alias Kodi, and Muhammad Tariq—were apprehended. The police seized 23 buffaloes, 3 cows, 1 calf, 1 horse, 3 sheep, 2 young goats, and a substantial sum of 12 lac 60 thousand rupees found to have been stealing cattle by operating in the dead of night. The police are continuing their search for additional members of the gang. In response to the successful operation, social and political figures, as well as citizens, have praised the efforts of SP Shahid Nawaz Waraich and his team.

## SHO Ikram-ul-Haq Vows Unwavering Dedication To Narowal Residents

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Starting his police career in 2011 as an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) at Chak Amru Police Station, Ikram-ul-Haq, the current SHO of Sadar Police Station Narowal, has emerged as a symbol of hope and security for the people of Narowal district. Over the years, he has built a reputation for tackling crime head-on and ensuring justice for the law-abiding citizens in the area. Since his recent appointment as SHO, Ikram-ul-



Haq has made remarkable strides in reducing

crime rates in Narowal. His leadership and decisive operations against criminal elements have restored a sense of security in the area. Under his guidance, the police force has dealt with criminal activity effectively, leading to a sharp decline in lawlessness. SHO Ikram-ul-Haq has made it clear that his office is always open to law-abiding citizens, and he places high priority on delivering justice on merit.

## Punjab Government Orders All Schools To Reopen From Today

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Tuesday announced the reopening of all schools across the province from November 20 (Wednesday), including Lahore and Multan, in the wake of improved air quality.



The recent smog situation was declared a "calamity" in Punjab last month. After the smog situation worsened on Nov 6, the Punjab government announced the closure of all educational institutions in 18 districts from Nov 7 to 17. Last week, it closed the schools across the province till Nov 24. The situation improved during the last three days in the province with the change in wind direction. Lahore's air quality index (AQI) also showed a slight improvement as it dropped out of the hazardous category on Sunday for the first time in 12 days. The meteorologists predicted a further decrease in smog intensity in the coming days. The Punjab government had also ordered the reopening of schools across the province from today, except Lahore and Multan divisions. However, in a notification

issued today, a copy of which is available with media, Punjab's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered: "The ambient air quality has improved in Punjab, due to rain in upper parts of Punjab, change in wind direction and speed. Therefore, all the educational institutions in the whole province, including Lahore and Multan Division, shall be opened with effect from Nov 20 (Wednesday) with physical presence of students/staff." It directed that the opening time of schools would not be before 8:45am, adding that wearing masks was also mandatory for students and staff. It further said that there

## Aleema Urges Political Leaders To Embrace Dialogue For Stability



RAWALPINDI: Aleema Khan, sister of PTI founder Imran Khan, stated that political parties should always keep the doors open for dialogue. Speaking to the media outside Adiala Jail alongside PTI chairman Barrister Gohar, she emphasized that the peaceful protest scheduled for Nov 24 is their democratic right. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur briefed the PTI founder about the Nov 24 protest. Aleema revealed that

Barrister Gohar and Ali Amin Gandapur had sought Imran Khan's permission to initiate dialogue. Imran Khan underscored the importance of discussions centered on the rule of law, restoring the people's mandate, and releasing innocent party workers, she maintained. "Imran Khan has given a deadline until Thursday for negotiations, hinting that Friday could become a day of celebration if significant progress is made," she added.—RT/Agency

## High-Stakes Meeting: JAP Pakistan's Asad Qureshi And Imran Saeed Tackle Threats



By Rana Mudassar

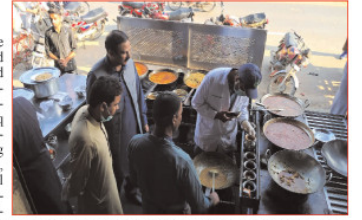
NAROWAL: Asad Qureshi, the Finance Secretary of the Journalists Association of Pakistan (JAP), Sindh chapter, met with Imran Saeed, Senior Vice President of JAP Pakistan, at his office. The meeting was also attended by senior journalist Jehanzeb Ali Katyar from Hyderabad and renowned lawyer Advocate Ali Jan, who practices at the

High Court. During the meeting, Asad Qureshi presented a written complaint regarding the threats he had received from unknown individuals. In his remarks, Imran Saeed strongly condemned the threats against Asad Qureshi and assured him of the full support of the JAP. He stated that if any journalist is considered vulnerable or unprotected, JAP would stand firmly by them, emphasizing that the doors of justice would always be open. He further mentioned that no JAP official or member should ever feel alone in such circumstances. Imran Saeed also added that, after consulting with Advocate Ali Jan, JAP would take legal action against the unidentified individuals behind the threats and harassment, seeking justice through the courts.

## Food Safety Raids Shake Up Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Gh

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the directives of Punjab Food Authority DG Muhammad Asim Javed, Additional Director (Operations) Faisalabad Division Tariq Mehmood Gul visited District Toba Tek Singh. During his visit, food safety teams, led by Tariq Mehmood Gul and Deputy Director (Operations) Adnan Haider, conducted inspections at various hotels, restaurants, sweet shops, bakeries, and snack production units in Gojra. During the inspections, the safety team ordered the closure of one production unit until it complied with hygiene standards. Production was also halted at units using expired ingredients and



found to be violating food safety regulations. A total fine of PKR 225,000 was imposed on units with poor cleanliness and incorrect labeling. Additionally, a large quantity of prohibited labels was confiscated, and all expired and substandard food items were destroyed on site. Tariq Mehmood Gul emphasized that ensuring the public receives quality food is a top priority and that efforts to crack down on adulterated and substandard food will continue. He also urged the public to report any instances of adulterated or substandard food to the food authority for timely action.

## Global Manhunt: Punjab Police and Interpol Nab Criminal Duo In UAE



By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: In a joint operation by the Punjab Police Special Operation Cell and Interpol, two dangerous advertising criminals were arrested in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This brings the total number of criminals arrested from foreign countries this year to 93. The two suspects, Rizwan Shahzad and Rana Afaq Ali, were wanted for serious crimes. The Shahzad is accused of kidnapping and killing a citizen in Sialkot two years ago, while Ali was involved in a robbery case at Model Town Police Station in Vihari. The operation was conducted in close coordination with UAE authorities, and the suspects were brought back to Lahore from Sharjah early this morning. IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar congratulated RPO Gujranwala, DPOs of Sialkot and Vihari, and the Special Operation Cell team for the successful operation. He emphasized that both criminals should face swift legal proceedings and called for further collaboration with the FIA and Interpol to apprehend other fugitive criminals abroad.

# METRO KARACHI



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and former cricket captain Shahid Boom Boom Afridi are sharing a light moment at the Baitussalam Welfare Trust event, celebrating its contributions to youth empowerment and societal welfare.—RT



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan is addressing about the Baitussalam Welfare Trust's exceptional contributions to youth empowerment and societal welfare.—RT

## Prime Suspect Captured In Chilling Murder Of Egg-Seller Boy

FAISALABAD: A suspect has been arrested for allegedly raping and killing a 14-year-old egg seller boy in Faisalabad, media reported.

empty plot. The police confirmed that the victim had been killed with a sharp-edged weapon. After completing the post-mortem, the body was handed over to his family.

According to police, the suspect named Junaid, was arrested in the Majhail area of Faisalabad. Police revealed that Junaid had been hiding at a relative's house after committing the heinous crime. The police said that the suspect first molested the seventh-grade student before murdering him and abandoning the body in a nearby vacant lot. Abdul Qadir, the victim, used to sell eggs to help cover his educational expenses and was saving money to buy a bicycle. On the night of the incident, Abdul Qadir left home to sell eggs but never returned. The following morning, his body was discovered by schoolchildren in an

Abdul Qadir was a seventh-grade student and the third among seven siblings. This tragic incident has cast a shadow of sorrow over the community, leaving many in tears, while the mother of the victim is devastated by grief. The mother has demanded that the perpetrator be punished in the same manner in which her son was killed. The brutal Faisalabad incident has sparked widespread outrage, with residents launching a social media campaign under the hashtag "#JusticeForAbdulQadir," calling for immediate justice for the young boy.—RT/Agency

## Gunmen Strike In Bannu: Four Dead In Brazen Car Attack

BANNU: Four individuals, including a tribal leader, were killed in an attack on a car by unidentified assailants in the Janikhel area of Bannu district, media reported on Tuesday.

According to police, the vehicle was targeted by unknown assailants that claimed the lives of four and injured others including a woman and child. The deceased were identified as Malik Shoudi Khan, Ajab Khan, and Ajmal, the police said in its initial statement. However, the identity of the deceased woman could not be ascertained, the police sources said.—RT/Agency

# EDITORIAL

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## Teflon Dynasty: The House of Sharif's Endless Excuses

The House of Sharif has once again unveiled its uncanny ability to blame everyone but itself, this time regarding Hasan Nawaz's bankruptcy declared by the High Court of Justice in London. The family's statement, brimming with familiar refrains, attributes this latest debacle to the nationalization policies of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the machinations of General Pervez Musharraf, and the rulings of former Chief Justice Saqib Nisar. Conveniently missing, however, is any acknowledgment of their own accountability or mismanagement.

How long will this strategy of deflection endure? The Sharifs have perfected the art of spinning their financial disasters as political vendet-

tas. Yet, their claims of having suffered due to "unjust" actions fall flat when juxtaposed against their professed "astute business ac-



men," the supposed source of their opulent lifestyles. If their financial prowess was indeed so exceptional, why does bankruptcy keep shadowing their enterprises, now including Hasan Nawaz's UK company?

The narrative offered by the Sharifs is as transparent as it is tiresome. By shifting blame to external forces—be it governments, judiciary,

or historical policies—they sidestep any scrutiny of their practices. Is it arrogance, believing the public gullible enough to swallow their excuses? Or is it an almost magical Teflon quality that prevents anything—even the UK's legal declaration of bankruptcy—from sticking to their name?

This relentless cycle of denial must end. Pakistan's people deserve leaders who take responsibility for their failures, not just their successes. The Sharifs' ability to dodge accountability may have worked in the past, but the time has come for the public to see through their spin. If we continue to accept their excuses, we endorse a culture where power shields incompetence and evasion reigns supreme.

# THE HEARTLAND



## Barrister Mir Hamza Khan Talpur distributes solar panels among rain-affecteds

By Maqbool Dal

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: In Union Council Shaheed Mir Ali Bux Khan Talpur, including various villages of Mir Allah Talpur, 200 solar energy plates and stoves were distributed free of charge to rain-affected poor and deserving individuals. The event was attended by PPP leader Allah Rakhio Dal, UC Chairman Shahbaz Jatt, senior journalist Ghulam Rasool Junejo, and other local dignitaries. During the occasion, PPP leader Barrister Nawabzada Mir Hamza Khan Talpur addressed the gathering and stated that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is the party of the poor, without any discrimination of color or ethnicity. He high-



lighted that the mission of the party's leader, the Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, was to serve the poor and the downtrodden. He further mentioned that, following the footsteps of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, they

are continuing to assist the poor. He also emphasized that the party's central leadership, including MNA Mir Munawar Ali Khan Talpur, is dedicated to standing by the poor and understanding their pain and suffering.

## Former District Council Member Muhammad Ali Junejo grieved

By Hakim Baloch



JAM NAWAZ ALI: Condolences continue to pour in on the passing of the mother of former District Council member Muhammad Ali Junejo, Ahmed Ali Junejo, and Rajib Ali Junejo. On this occasion, provincial leaders of GDA, Ahmed Ali Junejo, Rajib Ali Junejo, and Imran Bux Shamsher Ali Khan, Raees Ali Khan Rind, Khamiso Marri, Shah Nawaz Shar, Dr.

## Jamshoro Police arrest Mohsin Bhalai's killers



JAMSHORO: In a press conference held at the SSP Office in Jamshoro, SSP Zafar Siddique Chhanga revealed details about the murder of 27-year-old Mohsin Bhalai, who was shot dead in front of the Youth Hostel in Jamshoro on November 20, 2023. The victim was shot by three motorcycle-riding assailants. Upon receiving the complaint, Jamshoro Police registered a case and initiated an investigation. A committee consisting of the Digital Investigation Cell and officers from various departments was formed under the leadership of DSP Kotri Shah Nawaz Jokhio. The investigation team, which included

By Munawar Chandio

officers from SHO SITE, SHO Jamshoro, and Kotri Police, carried out technical analysis and acted on confidential information to arrest the main accused, Deedar Hussain Buledi, son of Ali Murad Buledi, who was arrested in connection with the murder. During the investigation, the police recovered the weapon (a pistol) used in the murder from the possession of the accused. Two other suspects, Waheed Hussain and Muhammad Rafique, were arrested earlier on July 18, 2024, and presented in court. The arrested suspects have confessed to their involvement in the crime, and it was revealed that the motive for the murder was personal enmity.

## Jacobabad journalists visit shrine of Pir Tiar Shah Ghazi (RA)



By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: A delegation of journalists from the Jacobabad District National Press Club, led by President Muhammad Ali Surhio, visited the shrine of Pir Tiar Shah Ghazi (RA). The delegation, which included journalists Abdul Sattar Dayo, Abdul Razaq Syal, Ghulam Yaseen, Khair Muhammad, Taj Mehmood Dayo, Akbar Ali Golo, Bilawal Baloch,

and others, paid their respects at the shrine and met with Pir of Tiar Shah Ghazi and the Sajada Nasheen (spiritual successor), Pir Ghulam Ali Shah. During the meeting, Pir Ghulam Ali Shah briefed the journalists on the key issues facing the shrine and the local area. He highlighted that although the shrine of Pir Tiar Shah Ghazi (RA) has a history of over 300 years, the basic problems of the area remain unresolved even in the modern era.

## Drug Inspector seals medical stores over sale of substandard medicines in Thari Mirwah

By Bashir Shaikh

HANDIARI: In response to reports of the sale of substandard and counterfeit medicines in Thari Mirwah, Drug Inspector Altaf Buzdar, along with his team, conducted raids at several medical stores across the city. The team examined the medicines on display, and during the inspection, substandard drugs were discovered. As a result, medical stores, including that of Dr. Ansar Ali Gopang, were sealed. Additionally, samples of substandard medicines were taken from Bhatti Medical Store and sent to the laboratory for further testing. During the operation, Drug Inspector Altaf Buzdar ad-



ressed the media, stating that strict action would be taken against those selling substandard medicines. He emphasized that there would be no leniency, and medical store owners found playing with human lives would not be spared. He further warned the store owners to keep only standard medicines in stock, or face legal action. Buzdar made it clear that those keeping substandard medicines or operating without permits would never be forgiven, and their stores would remain sealed.

## Young doctors and medical staff protest at Johi Hospital

By Roshan Memon

JOHI: In response to the violence against doctors, nurses, and other staff at the DHO Hospital in Dadu, a protest was organized at Taluka Hospital Johi by young doctors, paramedical staff, nurses, and other medical personnel. The protest followed a boycott of the OPD (Outpatient Department) by the staff. The demonstration was led by Dr. Pervez Shah, Dr. Asif Raza Malkani, and others. During the protest, the leaders condemned the violent attack that took place at DHO Hospital, Dadu, where the accused targeted and severely assaulted doctors, nurses, and



other staff members. The assailants also vandalized hospital property. The protesting staff expressed their outrage over this act and demanded justice. The protestors called on the IG Sindh, SSP Dadu, and other relevant authorities to take immediate legal action against the perpetrators of the violence. They also urged the authorities to provide adequate security and protection to the medical staff and ensure that justice is served.

## Shaheed Dodo Soomro Welfare Organization hosts a successful workers' convention in District Thatta

By M Iqbal Soomro

THARI MIRWAH: A grand workers' convention of the Shaheed Dodo Soomro Welfare Organization Pakistan was held in District Thatta, under the leadership of Sindh President, Manowari Gulzar Ahmed Soomro.



The event saw the participation of special guest, Central Chairman Ali Muhammad Soomro, along with key provincial and divisional office bearers, including Nazir Ahmed Soomro, Nizam Hussain Soomro, Abdul Jabbar Soomro, and other prominent leaders. In his address, Ali Muhammad Soomro, the Central Chairman of the Sha-

heed Dodo Soomro Welfare Organization, emphasized the organization's commitment to serving the Soomro community. He assured that the platform would continue to provide all possible support to the community, stating, "We will unite the Soomro community and stand together in every moment of their joys and sorrows. They will never be left alone, and we will always be there."

## Health Minister takes action in GIMS Hospital harassment case

By Hafeez Mallah

GAMBAT: A case of harassment of female doctors in the Gynecology ward of GIMS Hospital has come to light, leading to action by the Health Minister. Paramedical leader Rahib Bambhan has been recommended for dismissal from his position following the investigation. According to the report, Rahib Bambhan, a GIMS employee and paramedical leader, has

been accused of harassing the medical staff in the gynecology ward. Following the report, an inquiry committee recorded statements from the female doctors. Based on the findings, the Health Department has recommended that Rahib Bambhan be dismissed from his position. Dr. Rahim Bux Bhatti, Director of GIMS, confirmed that the Health Department's report would be acted upon, and Rahib Bamb-

han would be removed from his job. Bambhan, however, challenged the decision in the Sindh High Court, but his petition was rejected. Rahib Bambhan has denied the allegations and claims that the action against him is unjust. He asserts that his dismissal is a result of a biased investigation and his advocacy for the rights of employees, calling it an injustice and demanding that fairness be upheld.

# SPORTS



## Shahid Aslam Takes Charge As Mercurial Pakistan's Batting Coach



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed Shahid Aslam, former first-class cricketer, as the Pakistan men cricket team's batting coach just few days ahead of the Zimbabwe tour.

The PCB spokesperson on Tuesday confirmed Aslam will serve as the full-time batting coach with the national squad.

Moreover, the spokesperson said soon spin bowling coach would also be appointed for Pakistan as the board management was on the hunt for one.

The development has come as Pakistan are reeling from more dismal than praiseworthy performances in cricket. The recently-concluded T20 international series against Australia, that Pakistan lost 3-0, has particularly been hurtful for its memories are freshly etched into minds.

Earlier, sources privy to the development said newly-appointed interim white-ball head coach Aqib Javed had recommended Aslam for the post.

Aslam has spent a number of years working as a support staff member for the Green Shirts. The white-ball tour of Zimbabwe will be his first assignment, before a full-fledged tour of South Africa.

The first ODI match between Pakistan and Zimbabwe will be played on November 24 (Sunday).—Agency

## India's Blind T20 World Cup Drama: Modi Government Stops Blue Shirts From Crossing The Border Into Pakistan

The Indian blind cricket team has withdrawn from the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024, scheduled to be held in Pakistan, after its Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) denied permission to cross the border, Indian media reported on Tuesday.



Shaileendra Yadav, General Secretary of the Indian Blind Cricket Association (IBCA), has confirmed the development to an Indian media outlet, saying that the Indian team will not travel to Pakistan for the global event, which will be held from November 23 to December 3.

Speaking to the media outlet, Yadav shared that the blind cricket team received a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) but was awaiting the government's approval.

However, as per the latest development, the MEA has denied granting

permission to the blind team to participate in the upcoming world cup.

"We were waiting for the last 25 days to get permission from the government to go to Pakistan. Now we can't wait any longer as the tournament is about to begin," Yadav said.

"When I talked with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on the phone then they told us that we won't be getting any permission to go to Pakistan and we can cancel your tournament."

"They also told us that we will be getting an official letter of denial as well. However, we haven't got any official letter yet but on the basis of our conversation with MEA we've decided not to go to Pakistan and we will not participate in the Blind T20 World Cup."

He expressed disappointment over the decision but affirmed that the cricketing association would abide by the MEA's directives.

"Along with us, England, Australia and New Zealand are also not coming. Hence, India will become the fourth team which will not take part in this tournament," he claimed.

Despite India's refusal, the Blind T20 World Cup 2024 will proceed as per the schedule.

"All other teams are coming to Pakistan for the World Cup. If one team doesn't show up, it won't affect our preparations," Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) chairman Syed Sultan Shah had stated.

The development came amid reports, suggesting that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has formally informed the International Cricket Council (ICC) that it will not send its national men's team to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy, citing the directives of the federal government.—Agency

## David Warner Sounds The Alarm: Don't Underestimate King Kohli, Australia

SYDNEY: Former Australia opener David Warner is convinced Virat Kohli will be amongst the runs in the upcoming five-test series and has warned his former teammates not to write off the Indian batting great.



India will be aiming for a third successive series triumph Down Under when the first test starts in Perth on Friday but have concerns about the recent form of batting mainstays Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

Warner, who experienced a few dry spells during his 13-year test career, said Kohli's 1,352 runs and six centuries in 13 tests on Australian soil should be a matter for concern for the home team.

"I don't worry about Virat Kohli away from Australia. I worry about Virat Kohli in Australia. He averages 55," Warner told reporters on Tuesday.

"He hasn't had the wickets that batsman would love to be batting on and that's what scares me about him and Rohit Sharma... With good batting wickets, hopefully this summer, I think Virat is going to be amongst the runs."

As well as more favourable batting conditions, Warner thought the profile of the series would bring out the best in 36-year-old Kohli.

"I've always said you're not out of form, you're out of runs," Warner added.

"The class and player that he is, he just knows how to flick that switch and turn his mindset to big series, and Border-Gavaskar trophy, he's always had a big series against us. I think that's what Australia would be fearing."

With the globalisation of cricket, the days when touring sides were largely unknown when they arrived on Australian soil are long gone.

David Warner knows most of the touring team well from his spells in the Indian Premier League and enjoys a close friendship with Kohli.

"Since the IPL started, I think they've sort of grown towards playing alongside each other, loving each other, embracing each other's cultures," said Warner, who despite his caution predicted a 4-0 series win for Australia.—Agency

## Saudi Arabia Stuns The World With Massive 92,000-Seater King Salman Stadium For 2034 FIFA World Cup



Saudi Arabia recently unveiled its design plans for the King Salman Stadium, a giant, 92,000-capacity facility, which will be constructed in Riyadh as the showpiece of the 2034 Fifa Men's World Cup.

The Saudi Ministry of Sports unveiled a promotional video made with computer-generated imagery to offer a first look at the state-of-the-art stadium which is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2029, according to Sports Business Journal.

The stadium is set to serve as the main base of the Saudi national football team and will be part of the sports complex featuring an indoor sports hall, an Olympic-sized pool, and other facilities.

Although not officially confirmed by Fifa, Saudi Arabia is almost certain to win the vote to host the 2034 Fifa World Cup, having been the only country to formally submit a bid before the deadline in late 2023.

The King Salman Stadium in Riyadh, designed by leading architectural firm Populous, is poised to redefine global sports and entertainment infrastructure.

The stadium is a flagship project of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 initiative, aimed at transforming the nation into a global hub for sports and culture.

Populous is also designing Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium, King Fahad International Stadium and Aramco Stadium, all of which figure to play a role in hosting the 2034 Fifa Men's World Cup in Saudi Arabia.

These stadiums are part of 11 stadiums that the country plans to build ahead of the tournament.

King Salman Stadium will also include a Royal Box, 300 VVIP seats, hospitality suites and lounges (circling the seating bowl), and another 2,200 VIP seats. The stadium will be connected to the surroundings through green walls and roofs and include gardens and a walking path on its roof with panoramic views of the surrounding King Abdulaziz Park.—Agency

## Patrick Vieira Poised To Shake Things Up As Genoa's New Manager

Genoa have parted ways with coach Alberto Gilardino, appointing former Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira as his replacement, Sky Sport Italia reported on Tuesday.

Gilardino, appointed Genoa coach in July 2022, led the team to direct promotion to Serie A in 2023 but departs following a lacklustre start to the current season.

Genoa have 10 points from the first 12 games of the campaign and are hovering above the relegation zone in 17th place



in the standings.

Vieira parted ways with French Ligue 1 side Strasbourg in July, having previously managed

Premier League Club Crystal Palace and will now take charge of Italy's oldest active football team, established in 1893.

The Frenchman began his managerial career with Manchester City's under-23 team from 2013-2015, before he took over at MLS side New York City. He then spent a two-and-a-half years at Ligue 1 side Nice before moving to Palace.

Vieira will also reunite with new signing Mario Balotelli, having coached the Italian striker for 10 matches when they were both at Nice in the 2018-19 season.—Agency

## Rodrigo Bentancur Slammed With Seven-Match Ban And Hefty £100,000 Fine For FA Rule Breach

Rodrigo Bentancur, the Tottenham Hotspur midfielder, has been suspended for seven matches and fined £100,000 by an independent Regulatory Commission for breaching FA Rule E3.

The charge stems from a media interview in which Bentancur allegedly acted improperly, using abusive and/or insulting language, bringing the game into disrepute.

The breach was deemed "aggravated" under FA Rule E3.2 due to references to nationality, race, or ethnic



origin, either explicitly or implied.

Despite denying the allegations, the Regulatory Commission found Bentancur guilty after a hearing. The sanctions, including the suspension and fine, were imposed following the panel's review of the evidence. Full written reasons for the decision have been made publicly available, providing further details on the case.—Agency

## Mohammad Yousuf's Resignation Sparks Standoff With PCB



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has declined the resignation of former Test cricketer Mohammad Yousuf, who recently stepped down from his role as a selector for the Pakistan national team.

According to media reports, there is a possibility that the board may offer him new responsibilities, including two or three new positions within the PCB.

It is also anticipated that the PCB will reach out to former cricketer Abdul Razzaq for future roles as well.

Recently, Mohammad Yousuf had announced his resignation from the position of national team selector, citing personal reasons for stepping down.

In his statement, Yousuf expressed his pride in having served the national team and contributing to the development of cricket.

Mohammad Yousuf is widely regarded as one of Pakistan's most successful batsmen.

During his career, which spanned from 1998 to 2010, he scored 7,530 runs in Test cricket and 9,720 runs in One Day Internationals.

In 2006, he achieved the remarkable feat of scoring 1,788 runs in a calendar year, a record for most runs in a calendar year in Test cricket.—Agency

## Kids' Corner



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Mean Angelina Jolie's New Quest Amid Heated Battle Over Brad Pitt's Winery



Angelina Jolie is reportedly looking for new ways to defeat Brad Pitt.

As per the newest findings RadarOnline.com, Angelina Jolie is backing up her finances to finalize the fate of their \$350m vineyard.

In order to fight with Brad Pitt next year in court, the star is "hunting down the back of her sofa" for cash, as per a tipster.

Meanwhile, the Maria actress, who recently dropped her lawsuit against the FBI for its investigation on alleged domestic violence, is also reportedly "making an inventory" of her valuables like jewels, handbags, and artworks.

In addition to this, the source claimed that the Oscar-winning actress has also put her vintage Ferrari up for sale for \$1.3 million in a desperate attempt to win over Brad, who is currently dating Ines De Ramon and reportedly wants to start a new family with her.

It is pertinent to mention here that the couple's years long feud over Chateau Mirava, their shared French winery, is now scheduled for a 2025 trial.

This action was taken after a recent court ruling in which Angelina's attempt to have Brad's filing thrown out was dismissed.

## Lindsay Lohan Dazzles At 'Our Little Secret' Premiere With Show-Stopping Glam



Lindsay Lohan grabbed attention on Monday night as she graced the red carpet for the New York City premiere of her latest Netflix film, Our Little Secret.

The 38-year-old actress wowed in a sleek black gown featuring a sheer, pleated skirt and black platform heels which revealed her red pedicure.

According to Daily Mail, Lohan's look was a full face of glamorous makeup with peach-toned eyeshadow, blush and glossy lip.

Meanwhile, her ginger-toned locks, styled with blonde highlights, cascaded in soft waves over her shoulders.

Moreover, accompanying Lohan was her husband of two years, financier Bader Shammak, who complimented her appearance in a dark tailored suit with a black mock-neck sweater.

As per the publication, the couple, who welcomed their son Lui in July 2023, looked every bit the power pair on the red carpet.

Following her appearance, fans took to social media to applaud the actress, while noting her glowing transformation following years of personal challenges.

Many users remarked on her "youthful look" with comparisons to her earlier years sparking discussions about her evolution in the spotlight, as per the outlet.

Furthermore, there was also Kirstine Chenoweth in attendance, who made a bold statement in a monochrome red outfit featuring a PVC corset and cargo trousers.

Additionally, the screening, held at the Paris Theatre, marked a glamorous evening for the cast and crew of Our Little Secret.



# METRO KARACHI



## Sharjeel Unveils State-Of-The-Art Command Center For People's Bus Service

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister for Information, Transport, and Mass Transit, Sharjeel Inam Memon, inaugurated the Command and Control Center for the People's Bus Service at the Sindh Mass Transit Authority's office in Clifton on November 19, 2024.



Speaking at the event, Memon highlighted the center's advanced features, including live tracking, passenger monitoring, staff behavior oversight, and complaint management. He emphasized that the modern facility, a first in Sindh, would ensure efficient service delivery, enhance passenger convenience, and improve public transport operations.

Memon reassured the public of the Sindh government's commitment to providing world-class transport services, including the introduction of a card-based ticketing system and plans to expand the bus fleet with double-deckers.

Addressing various topics during a media briefing, Memon criticized opposition protests planned for November 24, calling them an attempt to disrupt economic stability and create chaos

akin to the events of May 9. He reaffirmed the government's stance on safeguarding democracy and maintaining law and order.

On the issue of water shortages, Memon expressed Sindh's strong reservations about the canal construction on the Indus River, stressing the province's unwavering position on equitable water distribution.

Memon also condemned the misuse of technology, including VPNs, for digital terrorism, urging positive use of such tools. He reiterated the PPP's enduring support for press freedom, contrasting it with actions taken by other political parties during their regimes.

The minister noted the PPP's unconditional support

## IDEAS 2024 Breaks Records With Unprecedented Global Participation At Karachi Expo Centre



KARACHI: The 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS 2024) commenced at the Karachi Expo Centre on Tuesday, inaugurated by Defence Minister Muhammad Asif. The four-day event, organized by the Defence Export Promotion Organisation (DEPO), will continue till November 22, attracting over 350 high-level delegations from 55 countries.

Since its inception in 2000, IDEAS has become a premier platform for global defence manufacturers, policymakers, R&D specialists, and entrepreneurs, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange in defence innovation.

During his inaugural speech, Asif highlighted Pakistan's commitment to international peace and stability, emphasizing the role of technology in addressing modern security challenges. "Pakistan offers immense opportunities for profitable investments and joint ventures in all sectors, including defence," he remarked.

He further underscored the importance of academia-industry collaboration, public-private partnerships, and research integration to enhance Pakistan's defence manufacturing capabilities. Asif envisioned Pakistan emerging as a global hub for defence research, manufacturing, and exports, strengthening its competitive edge in the international market.

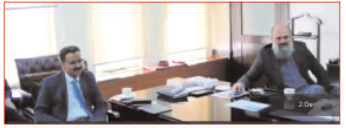
This year's IDEAS exhibition marks significant growth, with over 560 exhibitors from 41 countries, including Turkey, China, Iran, the UK, and the Americas. More than half of the participants are international, showcasing cutting-edge technologies at a fully booked Karachi Expo Centre.

The event serves as a strategic gateway for exploring avenues in defence cooperation, joint ventures, and outsourcing, solidifying Pakistan's role as a key player in fostering global defence partnerships.—RT/Agency

## Logistics And Transport Sector Council Meeting Held At TDAP Headquarters

KARACHI: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) hosted a sectoral council meeting on logistics and transport on November 18, 2024, at its headquarters in Karachi. The session, held in the 5th-floor committee room, focused on addressing key challenges and exploring actionable strategies for sectoral growth.

The meeting was chaired by Minister for Commerce, Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, and attended by senior officials from TDAP, the Ministry of Commerce, provincial governments, and related departments. Representatives from the Federation of Pakistan Freight Forwarders Association (PIFFA), World Logistics Alliance (WLA), Association of Pakistan Ship Agents (APSA), and council members participated.



Presentations by WLA Chairman Mr. Haroon Farooq and FOAP Chairman Mr. Rana Asim Shakoor highlighted the sector's challenges and opportunities. Council members provided recommendations, emphasizing the need for interventions from relevant federal and provincial departments.

Concluding the session, the Commerce Minister assured attendees of pursuing solutions at the highest levels and integrating the council's recommendations into the National Export Board's agenda for actionable outcomes.—RT

## Senator Waqar Mehdi Holds Strategic Meeting With Adi Faryal Talpur

By Saleem Soomro

KARACHI: Meeting between Adi Faryal Talpur and Waqar Mehdi, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh for Inspection, Inquiries and Implementation was held at the Zardari House in Karachi. In a meeting with Adi Faryal Talpur, Waqar Mehdi, thanked the leadership of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) for entrusting him with new responsibilities in



the meeting. Waqar Mehdi also expressed his gratitude to President Asif Ali Zardari and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for their continued support and leadership. Adi Faryal Talpur advised Waqar Mehdi to fully utilize his new responsibilities to address public issues and play an active role in the development of the province, further strengthening the party's mission of public service.

## Health Department Sparks Outrage By Canceling Job Offers For Malir District Candidates

By Jamshaid Zuhrani

KARACHI: In a surprising turn of events, despite passing the exams for various posts in the Health Department, 18 youth from Malir district found their job offers abruptly revoked after an advertisement mistakenly mentioned Malir as part of the recruitment process. These candidates, who had cleared all stages of the hiring process, were left shocked when, just before receiving their appointment orders, they were told that the inclusion of Malir district in the advertisement was a mistake, and as a result, all positions for Malir had been canceled.

A press conference was held at the Public Press Club in Malir, where the candidates, including Fazal Qaisrani, Shamsuddin, Naseebullah, Ameen Qaisrani, Mujahid Hussain, and others, expressed their outrage. They

displayed documents showing that an advertisement for the positions of vaccinators had been published by the Sindh Health Department on the STS website, calling for applications from various districts, including Malir. After submitting their applications, candidates received test slips and appeared for the written exam on June 30, with results published on August 25. Out of the applicants from Malir, 18 were declared successful. However, when these successful candidates arrived on November 18 to give their final oral exams and receive their offer letters, they were informed by the administration that the advertisement containing Malir district's name was issued in error, and all positions for Malir had been canceled. This decision was communicated at the last minute, leaving the candidates devastated. The candidates raised

## Builders And Developers' Tax Troubles To Be Addressed On Priority, Assures FTO



By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah assured the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) of resolving their tax-related grievances on a priority basis. During his visit to ABAD House, he emphasized eliminating irregularities in the tax system and proposed appointing an ABAD representative as an advisor to address their concerns effectively.

ABAD Chairman Hassan Baksh highlighted challenges posed by the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) policies, including excessive monitoring and new tax impositions, which he said discourage foreign investment and burden the construction sector.

Dr. Jah acknowledged the sector's pivotal role in economic growth, noting its contribution to employment and significant tax revenue. He urged ABAD members to file their complaints formally, assuring swift resolution.

In 2023, the FTO received 8,963 complaints, resolving 8,000 of them, demonstrating its commitment to addressing taxpayers' concerns. The meeting was attended by senior ABAD members and FTO advisors.

## Haque Academy Clinches Victory In Under-16 Girls Football Championship Showdown

KARACHI: Haque Academy emerged as champions in the 3rd Under-16 Girls Inter-School Football Championship, organized by the Diya Women Football Academy at the KMC Sports Complex Maidan. The tournament featured ten school teams from across Karachi, showcasing exceptional talent and competitive spirit.



In a thrilling final, Haque Academy defeated SMB Fatima Red with a narrow 2-1 victory to claim the title. SMB Fatima Red secured the runner-up position, while Aster School took third place. SMB Black received the Fair Play Trophy for their sportsmanship and discipline.

Individual accolades included Eshal Zain and Fatima as Best Goalkeeper, Harmain Shaukat and Javeria Jawad as Top Scorers, and Sofia Asif Haque, Romain, Maryam, and Irfah Khurshid receiving Best Player awards for their all-round performances. Dr. Saadia Sheikh and Naila Sheikh, the event organizers, distributed trophies and individual awards during the closing ceremony. The tournament was part of the "Orange the World: A Future Free From Gender-Based Violence" campaign, emphasizing the importance of promoting women's sports. The organizers vowed to continue providing platforms for young female athletes, fostering the growth of women's football and nurturing emerging talent in the region.—RT

## Gadap Town Celebrates Opening Of Community Center Led By Chairman Tariq Aziz Baloch

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: The Chairman of Town Municipal Corporation Gadap, Tariq Aziz Baloch, along with Vice Chairman Jam Muhammad Jokhio, Council Member Murtaza Yar Muhammad Baloch, and Municipal Commissioner Ahmed Yar, inaugurated the construction boundary wall and Community Center in Mazar Khan Goth, UC Darsano Chhano. Chairman Tariq Aziz Baloch highlighted that the development projects in Gadap Town that are essential for the welfare of the people are being prioritized. Despite limited resources and many obstacles, they are moving ahead



swifly with their development efforts. Vice Chairman Jam Muhammad Jokhio mentioned that all council members are in close contact with their respective communities, and with their input, development projects are being carried out in every union council. He assured that the ongoing development projects are progressing rapidly to ensure that the people of Gadap Town benefit as much as possible. Superintendent Engineer (B&R) Farman Ali Lashari reported that, under the special guidance of the Chairman, significant developmental work has already been completed in Gadap Town and is now being inaugurated. Some projects are in the final stages of completion and will be inaugurated soon.

## Sindh Prison Workshop Aims To Revolutionize TB Management For Women And Juveniles



KARACHI: The Bridge Consultants Foundation (BCF) organized a workshop to enhance the capacity of administrative and medical staff in women and juvenile prisons across Sindh to address tuberculosis (TB).

Held at a local hotel as part of the Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) R-12 Project, supported by Stop TB Partnership and UNOPS, the event focused on equipping participants with skills to prevent, diagnose, and treat TB among inmates, particularly women and children.

The workshop aimed to establish stronger connections between prisons and the provincial TB control program's Basic Management Units (BMUs), ensuring improved healthcare access for this vulnerable population. Representatives from six prisons, including administrative and medical staff, participated in sessions led by BCF's Executive Director Dr. Sharaf Ali Shah and TB specialist Dr. Shahina Qayyum. Topics included TB basics, infection control in prisons, and strengthening referral systems. Insights were

## Bilawal Reaffirms Sindh Government's Public Welfare Agenda During Key Meeting With Sharjeel



KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held a meeting with Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon at Bilawal House, Karachi, on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

During the meeting, Chairman Bilawal emphasized the dual responsibility of addressing public issues and reinforcing the perception that the government stands with the common man at every step.

Minister Sharjeel Memon briefed the PPP chairman on the initiatives undertaken by the Sindh government to enhance public service delivery and showcase its achievements. He highlighted the role of the provincial information department in promoting the government's development efforts.

## Daring Motorcyclist's Armed Robbery Thwarted By Karachi Woman's Brave Scream

KARACHI: A CCTV recording released by police on Tuesday captured a motorcyclist attempting to rob a woman at gunpoint in the Korangi Rafah-e-Aam area. The incident, which occurred on November 18, unfolded as the woman was returning home from school. The

footage shows the armed assailant approaching her on the street. However, upon the woman's loud screams, the suspect concealed his weapon and quickly fled the scene. Residents expressed concern over the rising street crimes in the area and urged authorities to intensify police patrolling.

Last year, similar incidents in Karachi, including two harassment cases in Korangi and Joharabad, were caught on CCTV and shared on social media, triggering public outrage and calls for stricter security measures across the city.—RT/Agency

## Accused Rapist Of 15-Year-Old Girl Nabbed In Karachi In Swift Police Action

KARACHI: Police arrested an alleged rapist of a 15-year-old girl in Karachi's Korangi, media reported.

The girl was 'raped' in Korangi's Zia Colony on November 15 in a stitching shop.

The police swung into action after the registration of the case on the complaint of the family.

According to Station House Officer (SHO) Malik Amir the arrested accused Pervaiz is the victim's father's friend. The police said the accused was hiding due to fear of being arrested. SHO Malik Amir stated that the accused will undergo a medical check.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Junior is attending the wedding ceremony of PPP- SB leader Nazir Madi's daughter.—Photo by Asif Qureshi

