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## PM Shehbaz to Join Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Qatar on Palestine Crisis

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will depart for Doha on September 15 to participate in the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit, diplomatic sources confirmed on Saturday. The high-level gathering has been convened with Pakistan's support to address the worsening situation in Palestine following recent Israeli airstrikes and rising hostilities in the region.

According to officials, the summit will bring together leaders, heads of government, and senior representatives from member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The agenda will primarily focus on Israel's ongoing military aggression, its efforts to expand illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank, and the forced displacement of Palestinian families.

Prime Minister Sharif is expected to reiterate Pakistan's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and call for immediate action to halt Is-



raeli attacks. Sources said he will emphasize the need for a unified Muslim response, humanitarian assistance for affected families, and stronger diplomatic pressure to ensure accountability under international law.

The Prime Minister is also likely to hold bilateral meetings with leaders of key Arab and Islamic countries on the sidelines of the summit. These discussions are expected to cover not only the Palestinian crisis but also regional peace, security, and cooperation within the Muslim world.

The Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit comes at a critical moment as Israeli airstrikes continue to devastate civilian areas, leaving thousands displaced and triggering calls for urgent global intervention. Analysts believe the Doha meeting will test the collective resolve of Islamic nations to counter ongoing violations and to advocate for an immediate ceasefire.

## 45 Indian-Backed Terrorists Killed, 19 Soldiers Martyred in KP Operations

ISLAMABAD: At least 19 soldiers were martyred and 45 terrorists belonging to the Indian proxy Fina al-Khawarij were killed in three separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) from September 10-13, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Saturday.

According to the military's media wing, the engagements took place between September 10 and 13.

In Bajaur, security forces launched an intelligence-based operation (IBO) after reports of militant presence. "Our troops effectively engaged the location, and after an intense fire exchange, 22 terrorists were killed," the communique read.

"In a separate operation in South Waziristan, 13 more militants were killed," the military's media wing said, adding



that at least 12 soldiers also embraced martyrdom during an intense fire exchange.

"Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from Indian-sponsored terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities in these areas," it added.

The statement further said intelligence reports confirmed the involvement of Afghan nationals in the attacks.

against Pakistan," the ISPR statement further read.

The military said sanitisation operations are continuing in the affected areas to eliminate remaining threats, stressing that sacrifices of soldiers further strengthen our resolve to eradicate terrorism.

"Sanitisation operations are being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored Kharij found in the area, as the security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of Indian-sponsored terrorism from the country, and such sacrifices of our brave men further strengthen our resolve," the statement concluded.

Separately, on Sept 11, the security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation in the general area Lal Qilla

Maidan of Lower Dir District, the ISPR said.

"During the conduct of operation, own troops effectively engaged the Kharij location, and after an intense fire exchange, 10 Indian sponsored Kharij were [killed]," it added.

However, during intense fire exchange, seven soldiers, Naik Abdul Jalil (resident of District North Waziristan), Naik Gul Jan (resident of District Lakki Marwat), Lance Naik Azmat Ullah (resident of District Lakki Marwat), Sepoy Abdul Malik (resident of District Khyber), Sepoy Muhammad Amjad (resident of District Malakand), Sepoy Muhammad Dawood (resident of District Swabi), Sepoy Fakir Qayum (resident of District Dera Ismail Khan) embraced martyrdom.—RT/Agency

## PM Shehbaz Pushes IMF Relief on Power Bills for Flood Victims



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has instructed the Ministry of Finance to seek relief from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in electricity bills for flood-affected communities across the country.

According to official sources, the prime minister directed the ministry to open talks with the IMF on granting a one-month exemption from electricity bills for residents of flood-hit areas.

He emphasised the urgency of the matter, urging the finance ministry to engage with the IMF at the earliest to secure the relief, which is intended to provide immediate assistance to those affected by the recent floods.

Officials said the proposed relief would cover all flood-hit regions, whether urban or rural, ensuring broad-based assistance to households suffering from the disaster. Meanwhile, the Punjab government requested the federal government to deploy Pakistan Army personnel for conducting post-flood damage surveys across the province.

In a letter to the Ministry of Interior, the Punjab Home Department said that floods had

caused widespread loss of lives, property, crops, livestock, and infrastructure, making a comprehensive survey essential for transparent assessment and fair compensation.

To ensure public cooperation, security, and credibility of the process, the provincial government has asked for 1,710 army personnel to be deployed in 25 flood-affected districts, similar to arrangements made during the 2022 floods.

According to the request, 1,710 survey teams have been formed, each including an army representative along with civil officials. The Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) will bear expenses related to the army's deployment and logistics. The districts where personnel are being sought include Bahawalpur, Chiniot, Faisalabad, Gujarat, Hafizabad, Jhang, Kasur, Khanewal, Lahore, Lodhran, Mandi Bahauddin, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Nankana Sahib, Narowal, Okara, Pakpattan, Sahiwal, Sargodha, Sheikhupura, Sialkot, Toba Tek Singh, Vehari, and Wazirabad.—RT/Agency

## President Zardari Backs China's Vision of Global Mutual Learning



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday highlighted Pakistan's full support for China's vision of "civilisation exchange and mutual learning".

The president made the remarks while addressing the Second Golden Panda Awards International Culture Forum in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China.

The forum was attended by senior Chinese leaders, cultural representatives, artists and international delegates.

President Zardari highlighted the power of art and culture in uniting people and connecting civilisations.

He emphasised the significance of the Global Development Initiative (GDI), the Global Security Initiative (GSI), and the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), noting their focus on sustainable development, regional stability, and more inclusive international cooperation.

The president reaffirmed Pakistan's readiness to work with China and other nations to expand cultural exchanges, strengthen creative industries and promote understanding and a culture of tolerance.

He said culture remained a vital bridge to peace, prosperity and a shared future for humanity.

President Zardari underlined that the enduring Pakistan-China friendship stood as a model of mutual respect and cooperation.

As the two countries prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties next year, he recalled that this partnership remained not only strategic but also a living testimony of the deep bonds of friendship between their peoples.

He underscored the importance of the GGI, which promoted respect for the diversity of civilisations, equality among cultures, people-to-people exchanges, and cultural dialogue as a counter to narratives of a "clash of civilisations".

The president observed that the world was undergoing dramatic changes and praised China under President Xi for offering a path of cooperation and win-win solutions instead of confrontation.

He said that he was immensely impressed by how these initiatives served the common values of humanity.

President Zardari congratulated the award winners and appreciated their creativity, noting that such artistic endeavours transcend borders and bring people together through shared human values.

He expressed gratitude to the government of Sichuan Province, the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles, and the organisers for hosting the Forum.

On this occasion, the president thanked Li Shulei, Member of the Political Bureau and Secretariat of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, and Minister of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, for his warm hospitality in Sichuan.—RT/Agency

## Trump Hosts Qatari PM in Wake of Dastardly Israeli Attack on Doha

NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump held dinner with the Qatari prime minister in New York, days after US ally Israel attacked Hamas leaders in Doha.

Israel attempted to kill the political leaders of Hamas with an attack in Qatar on Tuesday, a strike that risked derailing US-backed efforts to broker a truce in Gaza and end the nearly two-year-old conflict. The attack was widely condemned in the Middle East and beyond as an act that could escalate tensions in a region already on edge.

Trump expressed annoyance about the strike in a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and sought to assure the Qataris that such attacks would not happen again.

Trump and Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani were joined by a top Trump adviser, US special envoy Steve



Witkov. "Great dinner with POTUS. Just ended," Qatar's deputy chief of mission, Hamah Al-Muftah, said on X.

The White House confirmed the dinner had taken place but offered no details. The session followed an hour-long meeting that al-Thani had at the White House with Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio. A source briefed on the meeting said they discussed Qatar's future as a mediator in the region and defence cooperation in the wake of the Israeli strikes against Hamas in

Doha. Trump said he was unhappy with Israel's strike, which he described as a unilateral action that did not advance US or Israeli interests. Washington counts Qatar as a strong Gulf ally. Qatar has been a main mediator in long-running negotiations for a ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas in Gaza, for the release of Israeli hostages held in Gaza and for a post-conflict plan for the territory. Al-Thani blamed Israel on Tuesday for trying to sabotage chances for peace but said Qatar would not be deterred from its role as mediator.—RT/Agency

## Field Marshal Warns Pakistan Can't Bear Annual Losses, Urges Civil-Military Unity Against Flooding

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir has said that the state cannot bear the loss of precious lives and properties every year, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Saturday as devastating floods continue to wreak havoc across the country.

The statement came during the army chief's visit to the Kasur Sector and the Flood Relief Camp in Jalalpur Pirwala, Multan, to review the prevailing flood situation and ongoing relief efforts. The military's media wing said that the visit to flood-af-



affected areas of Kasur and Multan focused on enhancing synergy between the civil administration and the military to ensure effective assistance for the affected population. Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman and other senior officials of the civil administration

were also present on the occasion, a statement released by the ISPR read. During the visit, COAS received a detailed briefing on the ground situation, including details of the rescue and relief operations being conducted in the flood-affected areas.—RT/Agency

## North Waziristan Locked Down Under Two-Day Curfew Amid Security Fears



NORTH WAZIRISTAN: Authorities have imposed a two-day curfew in District North Waziristan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province due to security concerns, according to an official notification issued by the Deputy Commissioner's office on Saturday.

The notification confirmed that the curfew will remain in force throughout Saturday and Sunday. During this period, all types of civilian movement will be strictly prohibited across the district. Security forces have been deployed at key entry and exit points to ensure compliance and to prevent any untoward incident.

As part of the restrictions, all markets, commercial centres, and shops will remain

closed until the curfew is lifted. The district administration has warned that violators will face strict legal action, including possible arrests and penalties under relevant laws. Officials emphasised that these measures have been taken in the larger interest of public safety and security. Residents have been advised to remain indoors and avoid unnecessary travel. The district administration has also urged citizens to extend full cooperation during this period, stressing that the temporary inconvenience is necessary to maintain peace and order. Local announcements were made across different areas of North Waziristan to inform the population about the curfew hours and guidelines.—RT/Agency

## Drone Strike Ignites Blaze at Russian Oil Facility in Bashkortostan



UFA: A fire broke out at the facilities of the Russian oil company Bashneft in the Bashkortostan region on Saturday after what authorities described as a drone attack, regional officials confirmed.

Governor of Bashkortostan, Rady Khabirov, said in a statement on Telegram that the company was targeted by aircraft-type drones in what he labelled a "terrorist attack." He noted that one of the drones was intercepted and shot down over the production site, which subsequently triggered a fire. Emergency services were quickly dispatched, and the blaze was brought under control without major damage.

According to Khabirov, the facility sustained only limited harm, and no casualties were reported among employees or residents in the surrounding area. "Our emergency response teams worked swiftly, and the situation is now stable. The safety of our citizens remains the highest priority," he said.

A second drone was also neutralized by security forces before it could strike

its intended target, the governor added. While the source of the drones was not directly specified, Khabirov did not mention Ukraine in his official remarks.

Unverified footage shared across local Telegram channels appeared to capture the moment of impact. In the videos, a flying object can be seen approaching the facility before a massive fireball erupted, lighting up the sky and sending thick smoke over the industrial zone. Social media users claimed the footage was taken near Ufa, the capital city of Bashkortostan.

Ufa, a major industrial hub, lies around 1,400 kilometres (870 miles) from the Ukrainian border, highlighting the deep reach of drone

attacks inside Russian territory. The incident has once again underscored growing concerns over the vulnerability of critical energy infrastructure in the region.

Russian security and intelligence agencies are expected to launch an investigation into the origins of the drones and the attackers behind the strike. Analysts note that such attacks, while rare at this distance from the frontline, have intensified in recent months as the conflict continues. Despite the disruption, Bashneft has assured that oil production and operations remain largely unaffected. Authorities confirmed that repair work would begin immediately to restore the damaged section of the facility.—RT/Agency



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## Takya Mosque and Madrasa Inaugurated at Dargah Faiz Hashmi in Spirit of Faith

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: A grand inauguration ceremony was held with deep reverence at the village of Karamullah Bughio near Nawab Wali Muhammad, for the newly established Takya, Mosque, and Madrasa at Dargah Faiz Hashmi, located near the shrine of Murid Pir. Hundreds of devotees participated in the event. On this occasion, the heirs of the late Qadir Bux Bughio and Karamullah Bughio including Muhammad



Khameeso Bughio, Hashmi, arrived in a caravan of devotees to inaugurate the religious sites and offered special prayers. On the occasion, langar (communal meal), Niaz, and sweets were also distributed among the attendees.

## Raees Budhal Khan Chang Remembered on Third Death Anniversary with Tributes

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORIA: The third death anniversary of renowned social reformer and respected Chang community leaders Raees Budhal Khan Chang was commemorated with reverence. On this occasion, Chairman of Khairpur Press Union Gulam Hussain Chang, Shaman Ali Rajpar, Hafiz Zaher Ahmed Chang, Imran Ali Chang, Sajjad Ali Chang, Aijaz Khan Chang, Mazhar Sheikh, Javed Sheikh, and others visited the shrine of Pir Haji Kamiluddin, laid a floral sheet on Rais Budhal Khan Chang's

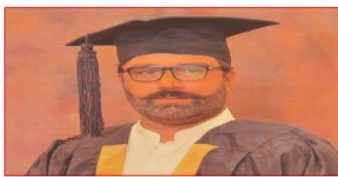


grave, and offered prayers for his forgiveness. Speaking at the event, the attendees praised Rais Budhal Khan Chang's lifelong services to the community, saying his contributions will be remembered for generations. He was a source of support and shelter for his community and neighbors, and the void left by his passing can never be filled.

## Town Officer Ayaz Ahmed Jamali Passes Away, Community in Mourning

By Samad Ayaz Dahri

NAWABSHAH: Engineer Ayaz Ahmed Jamali, son of District Information Officer Shaheed Benazirabad Sher Muhammad Jamali and Town Officer of Qazi Ahmed, passed away, and his funeral prayer was held on Saturday in village Rais Karam Ali Jamali near Nawabshah. The funeral was attended by a large number of political leaders, government officials, journalists, and members



of the Jamali community, including MPA Chaudhry Javed Arain, Director Information Muhammad Musa Gondal, and others. A condolence gathering is ongoing at the family's village residence, where relatives, friends, and community members are expressing their sympathies to the bereaved family.

## SPLA Delegation Engages in Key Talks with Hyderabad Board Chairman

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: A delegation led by SPLA Hyderabad Region President Professor Abdul Haleem Dars met with Chairman of the Hyderabad Board, Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar and Controller Professor Shakeel Ahmed Laghari to discuss issues faced by college teachers. Dr. Shuja Ahmed assured that the pending bills for teachers from 2024 and 2025 are in the process of being issued soon and urged those who have not submitted their bills to do so promptly.



The meeting also covered other concerns, including clearing old practical exam bills and organizing sports events, with the chairman promising to reinstate the sports committee and ensure all problems are resolved as a priority. The SPLA delegation congratulated Dr. Shuja Ahmed on his appointment and expressed hope for positive developments in the education sector.

## Grand Milad Near Sachal Ground Fills Atmosphere with Devotion

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: A magnificent Milad gathering was organized near Sachal Ground by Abdul Majeed Abro, Abdul Aziz Abro, and the Abro brothers to celebrate the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad. A large number of devotees attended the

event. Special guests Manzoor Ahmed Mashhori and Muhammad Rashid Mashori from Larkana delivered inspiring speeches on the life and character of the Holy Prophet. Renowned Naat Khawans including Syed Mehboob Ali Shah, Noor Ahmed Abro, and Saaidano Abro recited heartfelt Naats, showering spiritual blessings. The blessed occasion saw participation from many prominent figures such as Riaz Ahmed Chandio, Ameer Ali Shah, Allah Bachayo Shoro, Umar Deen Mangrio, and Amjad Ali Abro, along with a large crowd from various areas and cities.

## Central TLP Leader Mufti Wazir Ahmed Rizvi Arrives in Tando Muhammad Khan

By Abdul Sattar



TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A central leader of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), Mufti Wazir Ahmed Rizvi, a close disciple of Ameer-ul-Mujahideen and a key member of the party's central Shura, visited Tando Muhammad Khan, where he was warmly welcomed by District Ameer TLP Muhammad Amin Nawaz Qadri along with local leaders including adequate relief to the people.

## PTI Workers Defect to PPP in Dadu, Giving Party New Momentum



By Javed Laghari

DADU: In a significant political shift, several supporters of PTI in Dadu have left the party and joined Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). Trusting the district leadership of PPP's Dadu District and MPA Barister Pir Mujeeb Haq, the PTI delegation including Shahbaz Ali Panhwar, Mujeeb Rehman Shahani, Abdul Ghaffar Panhwar, Bhai Khan, Muhammad Hassan Tagar, Faisal Gadro, Manwar Dayo, Muhammad Iqbal, Akram Babar, and Roshan Memon announced their allegiance to PPP. They praised the Pir family's immense contributions to Dadu's education and development, expressing commitment to work for the city's progress through PPP. Several other local leaders were present on the occasion.

## Glorious Eid Milad-un-Nabi Celebration Lights Up Tando Allahyar



By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A grand celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) and Jashn-ul-Sadiqeen was held at the Central Shrine of Syed Sakhi Moj Darya Rizvi in Tando Allahyar, where a 110-pound cake was ceremoniously cut by Gadinashin Syed Zahid Hussain Shah Rizvi. The cake, brought with great fare from the shrine's Haveli in Shahi Bazaar, was welcomed by thousands of devotees chanting "Labbaik Ya Rasool Allah (PBUH)." The event featured recitations of religious poetry by Master Afab Baloch and was attended by notable religious figures and community leaders. Prayers were offered for the health and safety of the nation and the oppressed Muslims in Palestine, marking a joyful and spiritual occasion for the community.

## Allama Sajid Naqvi Urges Muslim Unity on Imam Jaffar Sadiq's Birth Anniversary

By Dildar Samo

TANDO ADAM L: Marking the birth anniversary of Imam Jaffar Sadiq (AS) and the conclusion of Unity Week, Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi urged the Muslim Ummah to strengthen unity and respect among all sects. He emphasized that Muslims, united by one

God, one Prophet, one Quran, and one Kaaba, must resolve differences through dialogue and scholarship. Highlighting Hazrat Imam Sadiq's (SA) contributions to Islamic knowledge, he called for promoting harmony, rejecting sectarianism, and working towards a just Islamic system.

## Protest Held Over Unsuccessful Recovery of Kidnapped Men Near Qazi Ahmed

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: The families and villagers of kidnapped men, Imran Arain and Umar Farooq Arain, from village Roshanabad near Qazi Ahmed, held a protest outside the Taluka Press Club demanding their safe recovery. The two men were abducted 10 days ago near Nawazabad on the Sukkur-Multan motorway while traveling to Pakpattan, Punjab. Despite efforts, Punjab police have yet

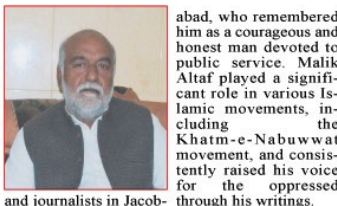


to recover them, leaving families in deep distress. Speakers, including Shaukat Ali Arain, Irfan, Ali Khan, and the Punjab government, Punjab IG, and other authorities to expedite the rescue and end the anxiety of the affected families.

## Renowned Columnist Malik Altaf Hussain Passes Away, Literary Circles Grieve

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Renowned social and political figure and columnist Malik Altaf Hussain passed away after a prolonged illness at his ancestral village Danda Shah Bilawal. His death was widely mourned by political, social, religious leaders, and journalists in Jacob-

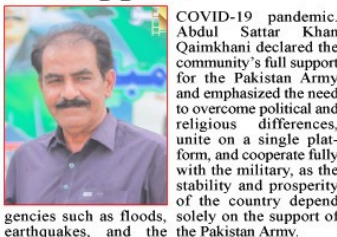


abad, who remembered him as a courageous and honest man devoted to public service. Malik Altaf played a significant role in various Islamic movements, including the Khatm-e-Nabuwat movement, and consistently raised his voice for the oppressed through his writings.

## Qaimkhani Community Rallies Behind Pakistan Army with Full Support

By Shahid Majeed

JHUDDO: Senior leader of the Qaimkhani community, Zamindar Abdul Sattar Khan Qaimkhani, stated that the Pakistan Army is the pride of the nation, providing a strong response to enemies on every front and guarding the country's borders. He added that the army is always at the forefront during emer-



COVID-19 pandemic. Abdul Sattar Khan Qaimkhani declared the community's full support for the Pakistan Army and emphasized the need to overcome political and religious differences, unite on a single platform, and cooperate fully with the military, as the stability and prosperity of the country depend solely on the support of the Pakistan Army.

## PPP MPA Malik Sikandar Khan Stands in Solidarity with Kohistan Community

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: PPP MPA Malik Sikandar Khan reaffirmed the longstanding social bond between his party and the people of Kohistan during a condolence visit to the families of deceased community members in Thana Bula Khan and surrounding areas. He expressed that PPP has always stood by the poor and vulnerable, which is why the public continues to support the party and send their representatives to



the assembly. Malik Sikandar Khan assured that development initiatives for Kohistan are underway, with the Sindh government discussing various schemes expected to be approved soon. The MPA was accompanied by a delegation of political and social leaders during the visit.

## Heartless Thieves Steal Orphan's Two Goats in Daulatpur

By Aijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR: Crime incidents are rising rapidly near Aliabad police station, in the village of Saeed Kando. Unknown thieves broke into the home of a poor orphan laborer, Ali Haider Shah, during the night and stole two valuable goats before fleeing. This has spread fear and anxiety among the villagers. Locals report that thefts are increasing



daily, yet no effective and helpless. Meanwhile, the victim's family has filed an FIR against three unknown individuals at Aliabad police station.

## DHO Larkana Launches HPV Vaccine Awareness Drive to Safeguard Young Girls

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: The District Health Officer (DHO) Larkana organized an important awareness seminar on the HPV vaccine at Begum Nusrat Bhutto Hall to educate the public about the prevention of cervical cancer. Key speakers including Commissioner Larkana Tahir Hussain Sangi, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sharjeel Noor Channa, Special Assistant to CM Sindh Khair Muhammad Shaikh, Dr. Saifullah Jamro, and Dr. Diyali



Gul emphasized the importance of vaccinating girls aged 9 to 14 during the campaign from September 15 to 27. The seminar was attended by health experts, WHO representatives, social activists, teachers, and political figures, all advocating for timely HPV vaccination to safeguard future generations.

## Fatal Road Crash Near Tando Allahyar Claims Precious Life

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A tragic road accident occurred near Nasir Canal Station Road, close to Tando Allahyar, where a

high-speed coach collided with a motorcycle. As a result, 35-year-old resident of Qaboo Stop, Nilo Kolhi, died on the spot. The police promptly reached the scene, transported the body to the civil hospital, and after necessary procedures handed it over to the family. Meanwhile, the police have taken the coach into custody and arrested the driver.



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## Marriyum Aurangzeb Visits Flood-Ravaged Alipur, Reviews Ongoing Rescue Efforts

ALIPUR: On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb arrived late at night in the flood-affected areas of Alipur, where she observed the ongoing rescue operations for the victims.

Severe floodwaters have caused widespread destruction in Alipur and surrounding areas, submerging numerous villages and leaving hundreds of people stranded in affected regions.

The senior minister made an emergency visit to Seetpur and Latti Mari,



directing the on-ground administration to accelerate relief efforts immediately. During her visit, the evacuation of flood victims continued under her direct supervision, while rescue operations using boats and rafts were being carried out for those trapped in remote areas.

At Panjnad, she was given a detailed briefing on the flood situation, the condition of affected areas, and the evacuation operations. She personally departed for Seetpur with relief supplies, tents, food, and clean drinking water to ensure timely aid delivery to affected families.—RT/Agency

## Indus River Surges as Sindh Braces for Escalating Flood Threat After Punjab Havoc

MULTAN: Flood devastation continues to escalate across Punjab and Sindh, with major rivers breaching embankments and displacing millions.

Rising waters from the Indus River at Guddu Barrage have now triggered a high-level flood warning, with downstream areas at imminent risk.

The floodwaters are now surging south toward Sindh. The province, which faced catastrophic flooding in 2022, is once again under threat. The Indus River at Guddu Barrage is seeing flows rise to 537,000 cusecs—classified as a high-level flood. By September 15, extremely high

flood conditions are expected.

Water levels are also increasing at Sukkur and Kotri Barrages, with Sukkur recording inflows of 460,000 cusecs and a low-level flood at Kotri. In Rajanpur and Chachran Sharif, water levels continue to rise, reaching 11.4 feet.

The flood surge from Head Panjnad has reached Kot Mithan, intensifying the crisis in nearby katcha areas.

Although the flow at Head Panjnad has decreased to 633,000 cusecs, it remains at an extremely high flood level. In Alipur's katcha region of Malan

Wali, residents have been forced to relocate due to encroaching waters.

In Punjab, the River Chenab has already caused widespread destruction in Jalalpur Pirwala and has now moved towards Shujabad. A 250-foot breach in a protective embankment near Shujabad has allowed floodwaters to advance toward the city, submerging dozens of villages and forcing thousands to flee their homes.

In the village of Dhowandho, a collapsed embankment has resulted in 138 settlements being submerged. Crops in Basti Gagan have been completely destroyed, and mass displacement is ongoing.—RT/Agency

## Peshawar Board Class 11 Results Reveal Only 44 Percent Pass Rate

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education has announced the results of the Class 11 examinations, recording a pass percentage of only 44 percent.

A total of 66,695 students appeared in the annual examinations, of which 29,487 were declared successful, while 37,208 students failed in one or more subjects.

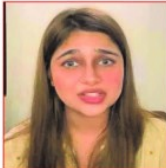
According to the official statistics, less than half of the candidates managed to clear the examinations. Out of the 66,695 students who sat for the exams, just 29,487 were able to secure

passing marks.

The board confirmed that 56 percent of the students will reappear in supplementary examinations under the annual exam number two. This large group consists mainly of those who failed in different subjects and will now have another chance to improve their performance.

In line with the existing education policy, even those who could not pass will still be promoted to Class 12. The decision is aimed at ensuring continuity in their academic journey, allowing them to remain enrolled and continue their studies despite the setback.—RT/Agency

## Samiya Hijab and Hassan Zahid Reach Out-of-Court Settlement in Dispute



LAHORE: Social media influencer Samiya Hijab and Hassan Zahid, who is the suspect in her abduction case, have reached an out-of-court settlement, sources said on Saturday.

Complainant Hijab did not appear at today's hearing, while Zahid's lawyers withdrew bail pleas from the magistrate court, citing jurisdiction and submitted new ones in the district and sessions court in Islamabad.

Meanwhile, Additional Sessions Judge Amir Zia issued notices to both parties

and adjourned the case until September 15.

A day earlier, the local court in the federal capital sent Zahid to jail on judicial remand in the Hijab abduction case.

Zahid was produced before Judicial Magistrate Yasir Mahmood, where police sought a five-day physical remand for further investigation.

However, the court dismissed the police request and sent the suspect to jail on judicial remand.—RT/Agency

## Marriyum Aurangzeb Declares Protection of Human Lives Govt's Top Priority

LAHORE: Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said that the government's focus in flood-affected areas is on saving human lives.

Speaking on Dunya News programme "Baat Niklay Gi", Marriyum Aurangzeb stated that timely relief efforts have saved millions of lives, and all institutions are working tirelessly to safeguard lives and livelihoods in



all affected areas. She said that, with the co-operation of the government

and local administration, food and tents are being provided to the flood-affected people. She said that helicopters are being used to deliver food to those stranded in floodwaters.

The senior minister further mentioned that water entered villages due to breaches in embankments, and government's foremost priority remains the protection of human lives.—RT/Agency

## Central Punjab

## Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Drive Gains Urgency in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch



TOBATEK SINGH: Following directives from Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, comprehensive relief and rehabilitation operations are actively underway in the flood-affected areas of Toba Tek Singh.

Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu, District Police Officer Ibadat Nisar, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Syed Jamil Haider Shah inspected repair work aimed at sealing breaches in embankments to manage flood pressures. Relief camps have been estab-

lished to provide medical care, awareness sessions, and dry rations to victims. Additionally, Livestock and Agriculture Departments are supplying full support and relief, with every available resource being deployed for rehabilitation.

## Punjab Govt Sets Sept 15 Deadline for Honhar Scholarship Applications

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Punjab Government, guided by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has announced September 15, 2025, as the final date to apply for the second phase of the Honhar Scholarship Program aimed at supporting talented students pursuing higher education after in-

termediate. Punjab domicile is mandatory, with no age or gender restrictions. Applicants must apply online through the official portal. Eligibility criteria include a maximum monthly family income of PKR 350,000 for public sector employees and PKR 500,000 for federal or private sectors, along with admission in 2025 to a recognized uni-

## Govt Finalizes Crucial Agenda Ahead of High-Stakes Sept 26 JCC Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is finalising the agenda for the upcoming Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting under CPEC, which includes seeking funding for the revised Rs502-billion Karakoram Highway (KKH) Phase-II project.

The JCC is scheduled to meet on September 26 in Beijing, with the wish

list, including KKH-II, Mainline (ML-I), and Eastbay Expressway, on the agenda.

"We are in the process of finalising the agenda of the JCC meeting and will finalise it next week," top official sources said.

Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal said work was in progress

and would be finalised next week.

When asked about the revised cost of KKH-II, he said it was RMB 5.9 billion for 100km new alignment for section, which will be submerged into it. The realignment of KKH-II has escalated the project cost to Rs502 billion as approved by the Ecne.—RT/Agency

## Govt Launches Aggressive Crackdown on Anti-State Social Media Networks



ISLAMABAD: The federal government has intensified its crackdown on anti-state campaigns being run on social media, with the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) playing a central role in identifying and prosecuting those involved.

According to official information, the NCCIA has so far registered 356 FIRs across Pakistan against individuals accused of spreading anti-state propaganda online. In addition, 789 enquiries have been initiated to investigate suspects engaged in posting content targeting state institutions.

During the recent Marka-

e-Haq campaign, when anti-army posts gained visibility on social media, the NCCIA registered 52 cases against individuals allegedly involved in spreading content against the armed forces.

Officials said that the agency also played a key role in assisting police during the investigation of the May 9, 2025 incident, in which social media was allegedly used to orchestrate attacks. By analysing digital footprints and old posts of suspects, investigators were able to establish evidence that led to the conviction of several accused in Lahore, Sangdaha, and Miranwali.—RT/Agency

## Electric Bus Service to Roll Out in Gujranwala and Wazirabad Next Week

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has fulfilled her promise of providing modern, eco-friendly, and comfortable public transport by introducing electric buses in Gujranwala and Wazirabad, with the service set to launch next week. During a visit to the Wazirabad bus depot, Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala Naveed Ahmed inspected the newly arrived electric buses and highlighted the project's public benefits,

including reduced environmental pollution and affordable, safe travel. Secretary DRTA Ghulam Mustafa Ansari briefed officials on the planned routes and facilities. The initiative, part of broader reforms in the transport sector under the Chief Minister's vision, aims to modernize Punjab's infrastructure and prioritize citizen convenience. The project will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif and initially cover selected routes, which will expand based on public demand.

## Six Arrested After Aerial Firing Turns Mehndi Ceremony Chaotic in Gujranwala

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: Gujranwala police arrested six suspects involved in aerial firing during a mehndi ceremony, recovering a cache of illegal weapons including a 44-bore rifle, a 223-bore rifle, an 8mm pistol, two 9mm pistols, and ammunition. The operation was led by SHO Safdar Ata Bhatti along with SI Qamar Zaman, Constable Babar Manj, and the police team under the supervision of DSP Cantt Sarfraz Ranjha and SP Civil Lines Imran Khan.

Kalrook. Acting on City Police Officer Moham-Ayaz Saleem's directives following a viral social media video of the incident, the swift action was part of a broader crackdown on aerial firing, illegal arms, and public display of weapons across the district. CPO Ayaz Saleem praised the police team for their timely and effective action, reiterating that strict operations will continue to ensure public safety and law enforcement.

## Services of Veteran Lawyer Chaudhry Abdul Rehman Celebrated and Lauded

By Abid Mehmood Ch



TOBA TEK SINGH: Renowned lawyer and social worker Chaudhry Abdul Rehman Advocate has earned widespread respect for his tireless efforts in supporting the underprivileged. Known for offering

free legal aid to the needy and running a welfare organization, he has helped countless families access justice, financial support, and medical assistance. His honesty, humility, and dedication make him a highly admired figure in the region.

## GLOBAL

## London Streets Erupt as Tens of Thousands Join Anti-Immigration March and Counter Protest

LONDON: Tens of thousands of protesters marched through central London on Saturday, carrying flags of England and Britain, for a demonstration organised by the anti-immigrant and anti-Islam activist Tommy Robinson.

Police have said they will have a huge presence in the British capital. A "Stand Up to Racism" counter protest is also due to meet nearby, following a highly charged summer in Britain that has seen protests over immigra-



tion and free speech.

By midday tens of thousands of protesters were packed into streets south of the River Thames, before heading towards Westminster, seat of the UK parliament.

Union flag of Britain and the red and white St George's Cross of England, while others brought American and Israeli flags and wore the MAGA hats of US President Donald Trump.—Agency

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MONEY

## Rupee Freefall Deepens, Weakens Sharply Against Global Currencies

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani Rupee (PKR) continued its downward trend in the interbank market, depreciating against major international currencies, according to data from the Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan.

The US dollar strengthened to Rs282.60 from Rs282.07, while the euro rose to Rs334.89 compared to Rs331.65 a day earlier. The British pound appreciated to



Rs387.44 from Rs383.97. The Japanese yen inched up to Rs1.94 from Rs1.89. Regional currencies also gained, with the UAE dirham rising to

Rs78.14 from Rs77.32 and the Saudi riyal climbing to Rs76.03 from Rs75.43. The trend reflects sustained pressure on the rupee in the interbank market.—Agency

## BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

## Dera Allahyar Reels Under Months-Long Water Shortage, Residents Cry for Relief

By Inayatullah Hur

JAFFARABAD: Dera Allahyar is facing an acute water crisis for the past three months, leaving thousands of residents in distress. Citizens are desperate for even a drop of drinking water. Speaking to local journalists, President of Butchers Union Haji Sikandar Ali Gola strongly criticized the failure of elected representatives to deliver on their promises. He said that people are suffering from dual hardships—lack of employment and the daily struggle to find water. Women, children, and laborers are the worst affected, with students skipping school and households unable to carry out basic tasks. He added that the elected



MPA, who had promised agricultural water during elections, has gone missing from the public eye during this crisis. Citizens are now forced to travel long distances in search of water. Gola demanded immediate intervention from the district administration and Balochistan government to restore clean drinking water supply to the city and relieve people from these inhumane conditions.



## EDITORIAL

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## The Supreme Court's Historic Blow to Pakistan's Protocol Obsession

The Honorable Supreme Court's decision to scale back the protocol of the Chief Justice by reducing his fleet of official security vehicles from eight to two is nothing short of historic. In a nation where the elite thrive on pomp, privilege, and excessive protocol, this bold move is both unprecedented and refreshing. It sends a loud and clear message: the era of wasteful entitlements must end.

Pakistan, perpetually dependent on IMF bailouts, simply cannot afford the ridiculous expenses attached to such elite indulgences. The obsession with protocol—endless motorcades, bloated security details, and disruptive road closures—has long been a symbol of the gulf between rulers and the ruled.

Worse, it diverts precious resources and manpower



away from protecting ordinary citizens, leaving the masses vulnerable in a fragile security environment.

The Supreme Court's action is a wake-up call for all state institutions and public office holders. If the country's top judge can lead by example, why should ministers, bureaucrats, and politicians continue to indulge in this wasteful obsession? It is time for the ruling class to recognize that security personnel belong on the streets, safeguarding schools, markets,

and neighborhoods—not polishing the fragile egos of the elite.

Equally significant is the Court's decision to rationalize security arrangements for both serving and retired judges, aligning them with prescribed entitlements. This ensures consistency, transparency, and fairness—qualities our governance desperately lacks.

This move deserves nationwide applause. It symbolizes not just austerity, but a reordering of priorities in favor of the people. If replicated across the government, it could mark the beginning of a new culture—one where leadership is defined not by the size of one's convoy, but by service to the nation.

The Supreme Court has set the standard. Now, Pakistan's rulers must follow.

## THE HEARTLAND



## PPP Leader Tariq Anwar Siyal Hosts Open Katchery to Address Public Grievances in Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Tariq Anwar Siyal, President of PPP Taluka Bakrani and brother of former Provincial Home Minister Sohail Anwar Siyal, held an open court at Siyal House, Anwarabad, where he listened to public grievances and coordinated with relevant department officials to resolve many issues on the spot. Tariq Anwar Siyal stated that under the directives of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari, MPA Adi Faryal Talpur, and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, daily efforts are made at Siyal House Anwarabad and Siyal House Larkana to



promptly address public concerns and provide relief. He added that during the recent flood situation in Sindh, PPP leaders and representatives have been actively monitoring areas from Kashmore Kandhkot to Karachi Sea to protect and relocate people to safer places. The party leadership has issued special instructions to ensure the safety of

lives and property, with the Sindh government issuing alerts to move affected people from vulnerable areas to safer locations where they are provided food, medical care, and veterinary services for their livestock. PPP leaders Ghulam Rasool Laghari, Ali Raza Soomro, Muhammad Yousif Detho, and others were also present.

## Rally and Seminar in Shaheed Benazirabad Push for Cervical Cancer Protection for Girls

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: The District Health Department of Shaheed Benazirabad organized an awareness campaign to protect girls aged 9 to 14 from cervical cancer. A rally was held from Shiraz Chowk to the Press Club, led by District Health Officer Dr. Asadullah Dahri, Population District Officer Riaz Hussain, District Focal Person Syed Riaz Shah, Sabin Memon, EPI Focal Person Pervez Aslam Dahri, and Dr. Sadiq Hussain Nohrio. The rally included officers, lady health workers, and staff



members. At a seminar held at the Press Club, officials stressed that vaccination is key to eradicating the virus and announced that from September 15 to 27, every two minutes due to this disease. The officials stressed that vaccination is key to eradicating the virus and announced that from September 15 to 27, every two minutes due to this disease. The officials stressed that vaccination is key to eradicating the virus and announced that from September 15 to 27, every two minutes due to this disease.

## Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Ali Shoro Reiterates Pledge of Dedicated Public Service



By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Ali Shoro had a busy day at the Mayor's Secretariat, where he met with numerous citizens and city dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, he reiterated his commitment to providing a clean and pleasant environment for the people, stating it has always been a top priority. Highlighting the efforts

made over the past two years during national and religious festivals and in challenging times, he assured continued, non-discriminatory public service. The Mayor personally listened to citizens' concerns and directed relevant department heads for their immediate resolution. Visitors expressed gratitude for his responsiveness and been a top priority. Highlighting the efforts

## Shoukat Arain Bids Farewell After Six Decades of Exemplary Railway Service



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Shoukat Arain, a beloved and honest employee of the Railway Department, retired today after completing 60 years of service on the ST post. He was warmly welcomed at various stations along the Khokhrapar-Hyderabad Marvi Passenger Train route, including Chhor, Dhoronaro, Pithoro, and Shadi Palli, where he was honored with flowers, Sindh Ajraks, and garlands. Known for his kind nature and integrity, he never troubled any passenger and fulfilled his duties with dedication. Speaking on the occasion, he thanked everyone and urged people to serve with honesty, uphold humanity, and take pride in route, including Chhor, Dhoronaro, Pithoro, and Shadi Palli, where he was honored with flowers, Sindh Ajraks, and garlands.

## HESCO CEO Praises Officers, Rewards Performance and Recovery Gains

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Chief Executive Officer of HESCO, Fazlullah Dahri, chaired a performance review meeting at HESCO Headquarters with officers from the operation circles of Hyderabad, Laar, Mirpurkhas, and Nawabshah. According to a HESCO spokesperson, the meeting, held in the HESCO Conference Hall, recognized top-performing officers for their contributions to reducing AT&C losses and improving recovery. Awards were presented to Ameer Ahmed Memon (Best SE, Mir-



purkhas), Raja Abdul Rab Memon (Best enhance HESCO's performance and public image. He also instructed strict action against electricity theft and called for effective area monitoring under the "watch system" to ensure accountability at all levels.

## Govt High School in Tando Fazal Shockingly Converted into a Cattle Shed

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: In a shocking case of negligence, the Government High School of Tando Fazal in Hyderabad district has been illegally converted into a residence, cattle shed, and public toilet, depriving hundreds of local children especially girls of education beyond the fifth grade. Constructed in 2005, the school building was never completed due to alleged collusion between the contractor and officials from the Education Works Department, who withdrew full payments without



finishing basic facilities like outer plaster, toilets, and a boundary wall. Left abandoned, a local villager has since occupied the premises, turning classrooms into living quarters and animal pens, while staff rooms and offices now serve as school.

## Rajpar Community Gathering Champions Cause of Education



By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Under the hospitality of Union Council Baghpo Chairman Jamaluddin Rajpar, a community gathering was held at Rajpar House, Malheer Pata, to raise awareness about educating children within the Pata Rajpar community. The event was attended by prominent figures

of Khairpur district, including veteran landlord and politician Raees Mohabbat Khan Rajpar, UC Talpur Ota Chairman Raees Uqub Khan Rajpar, community leader Rais Abbas Dino Pato, Professor Muhammad Hasul Pato, and many other respected teachers, religious scholars, and community elders. Chairman Jamaluddin Rajpar warmly welcomed all attendees and, while addressing the gathering, emphasized that education is the light that can eliminate the darkness of ignorance. He urged parents to enroll their children in schools, stating that only through education can the community achieve progress and a better future.

## PPP Dadu President Pir Mujeebul Haq Reaches Out to Public in Mehar and KN Shah

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Dadu District President and MPA Pir Mujeebul Haq participated in multiple public programs near Mehar and in Taluka KN Shah. He attended a gathering at the residence of MPA Qazi Shafiq Ahmed Mahesar in UC Qazi Arif, organized by UC Chairman Qazi Majid Hussain Mahesar. In another event held in KN Shah, a tea party was hosted by District Chairman Dr. Khalil Sikandar Khuharo, where traditional Sindh gifts of Ajrak and Topi were presented.



Addressing the attendees, MPA Pir Mujeebul Haq emphasized that PPP is a party of the people with open doors for all and stressed unity and commitment to collective progress. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people of KN Shah for their warm welcome. The event was also attended by Vice Chairman Khalid Mirani, Imdad Dawocha, Shahmir Chhuwani, PA Amir Ali, Roshan Ali, Tahir Laghari, and a large number of party workers.

## Board of Revenue Employees Demand Promotions and Better Facilities

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Board of Revenue Secretariat employees face delays in promotions despite approved time-scale. APCA Sindh leaders urged the government to finalize seniority lists, grant promotions, complete the stalled solar project, and improve office conditions to provide relief and ensure fair treatment for staff.



# REGIONAL TIMES SPORTS



## PSL Franchise Fires Back at Punjab Kings Over Explosive Asia Cup Banner Row



Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Karachi Kings has issued a strong response to Indian Premier League (IPL) side Punjab Kings after the latter released a controversial promotional banner for the upcoming Pakistan-India clash at the Asia Cup 2025. The highly anticipated fixture is set to take place on Sunday at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

However, Punjab Kings' banner sparked outrage as it featured India's logo while conspicuously omitting Pakistan's, with the accompanying hashtag highlighting only India.

The move triggered widespread backlash from fans and cricket followers, who accused the IPL franchise of disrespect and political bias.

Social media was flooded with criticism, with some fans sarcastically suggesting, "Why accept defeat before the match? It's not like India is playing against an invisible team."

Others mocked the banner by comparing it to WWE star John Cena's catchphrase, "You Can't See Me," implying Pakistan's presence had been deliberately erased.

In response, Karachi Kings, the 2020 PSL champions, released their own creative poster.—Agency

## Usman Tariq's Heroics Go in Vain as Royals Crush Riders in CPL 2025

BARBADOS: Barbados Royals secured a commanding seven-wicket victory over Trinbago Knight Riders in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) 2025 at Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, despite a spirited effort from Riders' skipper Nicholas Pooran and Pakistan spinner Usman Tariq.

Batting first, Knight Riders managed 166-8, largely built around Pooran's gritty 45 off 44 balls, which featured three fours and a six.

Veteran Kieron Pollard chipped in with 36 off 25, while Akeal Hosein provided late fireworks with a six-ball 23 that included one four and three sixes.

The Royals' bowlers kept things tight, with Chris Green starring through remarkable figures of 3/9 in his four overs. Ramon Simmonds and Daniel Sams picked up two wickets apiece, while Sherfane Rutherford claimed one.

In reply, the Royals comfortably chased down the target in 19 overs, losing only three wickets.

Openers Quinton de Kock and Kadeem Alleyne laid the platform with an 87-run stand. De Kock struck a fluent 55 off 35 balls, laced with three fours and three sixes, while Alleyne added 36 off 27.—Agency

## Pakistan Test Batter Hails Babar Azam as Incomparable Amid Fakhar Debate



Pakistan Test batter Fawad Alam has responded to Fakhar Zaman's recent remarks praising young left-handed batter Saim Ayub, in which Fakhar called him the "updated version" of Babar Azam.

During a recent interview with a local news platform, Fawad dismissed the comparisons with Babar, calling them unfair and undermining his consistent performances.

He highlighted Babar's achievements across all three formats and noted that his talent was evident even in domestic cricket before he became a mainstay in the national team.

"In my opinion, such things shouldn't be said — you can't compare anyone with Babar Azam," Fawad stated.

"Babar has delivered outstanding performances in all three formats, and when he played so many matches, he had numerous remarkable performances. Even now, and even in domestic cricket, I've seen that no one in the current team comes close to him." Recently, in a video released by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), Fakhar praised Ayub, comparing him to the 30-year-old, who has earned Pakistan numerous accolades, including multiple International Cricket Council (ICC) awards, through his exceptional batting.—Agency

## Nissanka, Mishara Fire Sri Lanka Past Bangladesh in Asia Cup 2025

ABU DHABI: Sri Lanka outclassed Bangladesh with a fiery batting masterclass, storming to victory in the fifth match of the ACC Men's Asia Cup 2025 at Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Chasing a modest 140-run target, the Islanders made light work of the Tigers' bowling attack, racing home in just 14.4 overs. Pathum Nissanka's sparkling 50-run knock set the tone, while Kamil Mishara's unbeaten 46 sealed the emphatic triumph as Sri Lanka finished at 140 for 4.

Earlier, Bangladesh endured a nightmare start after being put in



to bat. They were left reeling at 2/2 inside two overs, losing both openers Tanzid Hasan and Parvez Hossain Emon for ducks. The collapse deepened when Towhid Hridoy was run out cheaply, piling pressure on skipper Litton Das.

Das tried to anchor the

innings with a gritty 28 off 26 balls but fell to 2/25 inside two overs. Reduced to 53/5 in under 10 overs, the Tigers looked destined for humiliation.

However, a fighting six-wicket stand between Shamim Hossain (42 off 34) and Jaker Ali (41 off 41) resurrected Bangladesh's innings, steering them to 139/5. Their partnership of 86 runs off 61 balls gave the bowlers something to defend.

But Sri Lanka's chase was relentless. Boundaries flowed as Nissanka and Mishara dismantled the Bangladesh attack, leaving no room for a comeback.

Hasaranga's earlier spell of 2/25 and disciplined bowling from Chameera and Thushara ensured Bangladesh's total was never enough.

With this commanding win, Sri Lanka has sent a loud warning to rivals: they mean business in Asia Cup 2025.—Agency

## South Africa Humiliate New Zealand With Record-Breaking Defeat



New Zealand suffered their biggest defeat in history as they were beaten 43-10 by South Africa in the Rugby Championship in Wellington.

World champions South Africa produced a stunning display, which included six tries and 36 unanswered second-half points, as they bounced back from defeat by the All Blacks a week ago.

New Zealand's previous heaviest defeat was a 35-7 loss to the Springboks at Twickenham in 2023.

Australia lead the Rugby Championship on 11 points, one point clear of South Africa and New Zealand and two ahead of Argentina.

"I give credit to my boys - we didn't give up. And to the coach (Rassie Erasmus) as well," said South Africa captain Siya Kolisi.

"We played fearlessly. We didn't want to hold back. We knew what we needed to do and we believed in ourselves - that was the most important thing out there."

South Africa made a strong start at the Wellington Regional Stadium but were denied a try following a brilliant Jordie Barrett tackle on Cheslin Kolbe.

RG Snyman did go over for South Africa, only to have the effort ruled out.

New Zealand responded through debutant Leroy Carter, who scored after a well-worked move.

South Africa drew level when Kolbe intercepted a pass in his own half before sprinting clear.

A Damian McKenzie penalty restored New Zealand's lead but, from there on, it was all South Africa.

Kolbe scored his second try early in second half before Manie Libbok's penalty.—Agency

## Saim Ayub Stresses Tournament Focus, Brushes Aside India Rivalry Hype

DUBAI: Pakistan opener Saim Ayub has urged focusing on the bigger picture ahead of the highly anticipated Group A clash against arch-rivals India at the iconic Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

While the India-Pakistan rivalry always grabs headlines, Saim emphasised that the team's primary goal is winning the tournament, not dwelling on past encounters.

Speaking during the pre-match press conference, he elaborated on team trust and long-term planning.

"As a team, we all trust each other, and it's a long-term process. We are moving forward by trusting one another so that every player stays confident," Saim said.

"Everyone takes turns contributing to help the team win matches. For us, the only thing in our hands is effort; no one can predict who will perform on any given day," he added.

On team combinations, the left-handed batter highlighted the strategic approach based on match conditions.



"We try to assess the pitch before finalising combinations. If it looks very dry, spinners are more effective, so we opt for three spinners. If fast bowlers are needed, the coaches make that call," he explained.

When questioned about whether prioritising his bowling might impact his batting performance, the young star stressed the importance of focusing on all aspects of the game rather than individual concerns.

"These are three different aspects of the game, and as players, we want to perform our roles fully. On match day, it depends on who executes their role best. It all comes down to effort. Everyone, including the captain and management, is committed to giving their maximum so the team can achieve the best results," he said.

He also highlighted the importance of staying focused on the present rather than getting caught up in past results or future uncertainties.—Agency

## Former Cricketer Warns of India's Threat, Pushes Pakistan to Unleash Pace Attack

DUBAI: Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar offered a detailed analysis ahead of the much-anticipated India-Pakistan encounter at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Sunday, underlining the importance of strategy, mindset, and execution for the green shirts.

During a recent interview on a local sports platform, Akhtar reflected on India's aggressive style and the high stakes of the match, emphasising the need for Pakistan to be fully prepared and play their best cricket.



"But the point is, Pakistan has to put their A-game forward. If the goal is to beat India, then winning becomes a big discussion we have to have," he added.

Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq also joined the discussion, highlighting Pakistan's chances if the team starts strongly.

"One thing is certain: Pakistan has the opportunity. If they don't lose early wickets and maintain momentum—even without Virat Kohli, whose batting style is unique and unfamiliar to our bowlers—they can create pressure and have a real chance. The key is to get a good start," Misbah stated.

Akhtar, however, quickly added his perspective, emphasising India's strong middle order.

"This is not a team where taking two early wickets at the top will automatically create cracks at the bottom. Abhishek is also a strong player, and this is one of the

strongest middle-order batting lineups India has ever produced," he explained.

The 50-year-old also stressed that Pakistan should focus on building a solid batting foundation and deploying a balanced bowling attack, without overcomplicating tactics.

"All we want from Pakistan is to bat first, score runs, and although scoring more than 170 in Dubai is tough, try to make it 200 and aim to win by 100 runs. Play the team that is meant to play against India. Don't overthink your bowling. Use three pacers, two spinners, and complete your batting lineup with one all-rounder—that's enough," he added.

He also offered specific advice on player selection for the high-intensity match.—Agency

## Shoaib Akhtar Trolls Saim Ayub After Embarrassing First-Ball Duck Against Oman



DUBAI: Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar has raised concerns over Pakistan's batting approach following their Asia Cup 2025 opener against Oman at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Speaking during a post-match discussion on a local sports platform, Akhtar highlighted the importance of a batter's ability to judge the ball and develop a feel for the game.

"For a batsman, it's about having the feel of the ball on the bat — what exactly is happening when it connects. Personally, I don't really know the exact feel of how the ball is hitting the bat, the placement, what length it's coming at, how much bounce there is, and what my technique is telling me — where I should be moving," Akhtar remarked.

The 50-year-old further stressed that a batter usually needs only a few deliveries to settle at the crease and warned against unnecessary flamboyance.

"You don't need too much movement; within 2-4 balls, a player can get the feel. It's not about playing no-look shots, it's about feeling the game," he added, in what appeared to be a veiled reference to opener Saim Ayub's dismissal for a first-ball duck.

Despite the early setback, Pakistan cruised to a commanding 93-run win over tournament debutants Oman in the fourth match of the tournament.

Opting to bat first, the Men in Green posted a competitive 160/7 in 20 overs, driven by wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Haris's blistering 66 off 43 balls, which included seven fours and three sixes.—Agency

# REGIONAL TIMES ENTERTAINMENT

## Nicole Scherzinger Reveals Emotional Battle Behind Broadway Showdown



Nicole Scherzinger just revealed she had to fight at the Broadway Bares charity to perform a Pussycat Dolls song.

On 22 June, the Pussycat Dolls singer surprised audiences with a performance at the annual Broadway Bares charity event, which raises funds for people living with HIV and AIDS.

"I actually fought to be on Broadway Bares," she told Bustle in candid conversation.

"When I found out what it was, I was like, 'Are you kidding me? You have a Pussycat Doll on Broadway!' And they were like, 'OK, we'll give you a little skit, that's usually what our celebrity guests do.' And I'm like, 'No, no, no, no — I'm performing, and I'm performing Buttons.'"

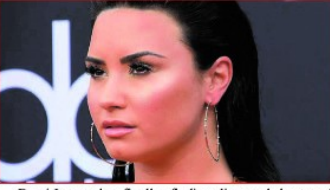
On the night of the charity, Nicole performed a rendition of the Pussycat Dolls' song, Buttons, which belongs to their 2005 debut studio album.

"I wanted to give back to the community and show up and show out, and I wanted to be like, 'Don't forget, you got the Queen Pussycat Doll here, OK? Don't forget!' This is what I do in my sleep, and I love it," she shared.

Additionally, Nicole also talked about performing at this year's Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall.

"I'm tearing up as I think about it. Radio City was so big, the Poison hit-maker recalled.

## Demi Lovato Admits Viral Clip Still Makes Her Cringe Years Later



Demi Lovato has finally reacted to one of the most talked-about viral moments.

During her appearance at the Just Trish Podcast, the host Trisha Paytas asked about the infamous 2021 clip from Unidentified with Demi Lovato in which the singer sang her hit Skyscraper.

Lovato laughed and said, "I was so toned."

She went on to explain that while she is "very spiritual" and believe in the paranormal, the viral moment makes her cringe when she looks back.

"I am very spiritual and I do believe in the paranormal and things like that. I will not deny that at all. The whole show is about me going and finding aliens and ghosts and doing that fun stuff," she said.

Admitting that it was the time when she just happened to be smoking a lot of weed, Lovato added, "I honestly haven't watched it back because I cringe out of my soul but it's also such a funny moment now that I can laugh at it and go, 'Wait. That's amazing.'"

"Why not own it? I've said really silly things or done really silly things and I just — you have to own it. If you don't own it, people will laugh at you. What's better than laughing at yourself? I love laughing at myself," Lovato said.

## Taylor Swift Set to Testify in Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni's Legal Drama



Taylor Swift will not be deposited in Justin Baldoni and Blake Lively's federal lawsuit. The United States Judge, Lewis Liman, has rejected Baldoni's request for an extension to deposit Swift in its Sixth months.

Recalling the legal team of Baldoni's earlier request in May for Swift to give a deposition, "They have offered no evidence that they have served a renewed subpoena on Swift."

"Thus, at most, the Wayfarer Parties have professional obligations now prevent her from appearing for a deposition prior to October 20, 2025," he added in the deposition "could not have been conducted earlier," it concluded.

Referring to Baldoni's production company, it concluded.

## Kids' Corner



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# THE HEARTLAND



## Teachers Gear Up for Massive Showdown in Mirpurkhas on September 15

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: Teachers from Union Council Kangoro have announced full participation in the upcoming September 15 protest rally in Mirpurkhas, aimed at defending the rights of government employees across Sindh.

Speaking at a meeting of educators, PTLF leaders Ali Raza Qaimkhani, Habib-ur-Rehman Leghari, Faiz Mohammad Leghari, and others strongly condemned the Sindh government's "anti-employee policies", including proposed changes to pension schemes, Disparity Reduction Allowance (DRA), and health insurance. The speakers warned that



the September 15 rally in Mirpurkhas would be a "historic demonstration" that would force the government to roll back its anti-worker policies. A large number of teachers attended the meeting, including Muhammad Umar Leghari, Ejaz Leghari, Muhammad Arshad Rajput, and Mushtaq Ahmed Shaikh.

## Body of Drowned Man Pulled from Indus River Near Qazi Ahmed

By Sajid Ali Umar

QAZI AHMED: The decomposed body of Malho Khan Jatoti, a resident of village Dariyaf Khan Jatoti, was recovered

from the Indus River near the kachi area of village Haji Noor Shah, close to Qazi Ahmed. Villagers transferred the body to Qazi Ahmed hospital, where after necessary formalities it was handed over to the heirs. The arrival of the body at the home sparked great distress among family and community members.

## Taj 52 Petrol Pump Opens at Sui Gas Stop with Public Buzz

By Salman Kubar

BOZDAR WADA: Taj 52 Petrol Pump was officially inaugurated at Sui Gas Stop, marking a significant addition to local fuel services. The event was attended by CEO of Taj Group, Muhammad Taimoor Afaq, UC Chairman Khan Muhammad Rajpar, along with community leaders Kashan Sheikh and Parvez Dahri. CEO Afaq assured the public of high-quality petroleum products and reliable customer service.



ice, emphasizing the company's dedication to international standards. Locals expressed their satisfaction, noting the long-standing need for a quality petrol pump in the area. The new facility is expected to boost convenience for residents and travelers, while contributing to local economic growth.

## Nauabad Police Nab Narcotics Dealer in Targeted Operation

By Imtiaz Laskani

NAUABAD: Following instructions from SSP Sanghar, SHO Nauabad conducted a successful operation resulting in the arrest of a narcotics dealer, Shah Bux Khoso. During the raid, 540 grams of cannabis were recovered from him. A case has been registered against him under the



Narcotics Act, and he has been transferred to Sanghar jail for further legal proceedings.

## Political Leader Caught Red-Handed in Bold LUMHS Land Grab Attempt

By Munwar Chandio

JAMSHORO: In a dramatic crackdown, police have arrested a District Council member, Shah Nawaz Broft, for allegedly attempting to forcibly occupy a university residence in the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Colony. The property, bungalow APB 14, is officially allotted to Professor Dr. Salma Memon, a senior female faculty member.



Broft and his brothers allegedly resisted and behaved aggressively. A scuffle ensued, ending in Broft's arrest and transfer to the local police station.

Dr. Memon, in a public statement, confirmed her legal right to the bungalow and revealed that she and her family had been receiving threats from the alleged land grabbers. She called on the Vice-Chancellor and authorities to ensure her safety and uphold the rule of law.

The Liaquat Medical University Teachers' Organization condemned the university occupation and labeled it a

repeat offense. They noted the same bungalow had only recently been vacated after a High Court order following a prolonged illegal stay by a retired professor. The LISWA LUMHS Employees' Union described the Broft brothers—Shah Nawaz, Aijaz, and Irshad—as part of a well-known "land grabbing mafia" operating within the university. In a fiery statement, they accused the trio of multiple illegal occupations and called on the district administration to launch a broad investigation into similar encroachments on campus housing. The union also praised the quick intervention of police and university officials but demanded long-term security measures and the permanent removal of such elements from the university premises.

## Bhitshah Residents Left Drinking Contaminated Water Amid Failed Supply Scheme

By Rana Abdul Sattar

BHITSHAH: Despite the passage of several years, Bhitshah city residents are still deprived of clean drinking water as the long-awaited Water Supply Scheme remains incomplete. The contractor abandoned the project midway, leaving pipes,

valves, and other equipment scattered across various locations. Citizens have voiced serious concerns, stating they are forced to consume dirty and contaminated water, which is causing stomach, skin, and other dangerous diseases. Repeated protests and complaints have yielded no action from the authorities. The residents have appealed to the Chief Minister of Sindh, Secretary of Public Health, and local administration to complete the scheme immediately and take strict legal action against negligent officials and the absconding contractor.

## Daylight Robbery Triggers Uproar from Buzdar Clan at Press Club



By Tahir Javed Panhwar

PHULJI STATION: In a bold display of lawlessness, members of the Buzdar community staged a protest in front of the House of Journalism Press Club Phulji Station, following a violent daylight robbery at the city's main Haider Chowk.

According to protestors, six armed men on two motorcycles, allegedly from within the Buzdar clan, assaulted and robbed two youths—Haji Aziz Buzdar and Gulshir Buzdar—stealing their motorcycles and personal belongings. The incident occurred in broad daylight, just steps away from a busy city center.

Eyewitnesses and victims claim the assailants brandished weapons, beat the youths for resisting, and fled the scene without police intervention, despite timely calls for help.

Among the robbers, three were identified as Ismail Buzdar, Rasool Buzdar, and Azeem Buzdar. The identities of the remaining three remain unknown. Protestors described the incident as a sign of growing anarchy, with one saying,

## Rajesh Kumar Hardasani Joins National Peace Message Committee as New Member

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued a notification appointing Rajesh Kumar Hardasani, a social and minority leader from Sanghar, as a member of the National Peace Message Committee. The committee aims to prepare a consensus statement at the national level to eliminate extremism, terrorism, sectarianism, and hate speech. Rajesh Kumar Hardasani, representing the Hindu community, expressed gratitude to the federal government and PPP leadership for this honor.



## Mehran Social Forum Urges Urgent Provision of Incubators at JIMS Hospital

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: The Chairman of Mehran Social Forum Jacobabad, Advocate Abdul Hai Soomro, along with Vice Chairman Nazir Ahmed Jamali, President Zahid Ali Wagan, General Secretary Raja Umar, and others, have expressed serious concern over the shortage of incubators for premature babies at the Jacobabad Institute of Medical Sciences (JIMS). With only 12 incubators available, many newborns are being referred to private hospitals, causing emotional and financial distress to parents. The forum has appealed to public representatives including MNA Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhani, MPA Haji Sher Muhammad Mugheri, Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro, MPA Mir Mumtaz Hussain Jakhani, MPA Dr. Suhrah Khan Sarki, and former MNA Muhammad Mian Soomro to kindly donate 50 incubators to JIMS Hospital to ensure that premature babies receive timely care without needing to shift to private medical centers.

## Grass-Cutting Dispute Erupts into Family Clash in Kadhan, Five Injured

By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: A violent dispute over cutting grass from vacant land in the village of Muhammad Ali Chaudhry turned into a serious clash between an uncle and his nephew, leaving five people injured, including two women. The fight reportedly broke out due to allegations of land encroachment and unauthorized grass cutting, during which both sides attacked each other with weapons, including axes. The injured identified as Muhammad Ismail Muhammad Amin, Ghulam Rasool Chaudhry, and two women were first taken to a local health center and later shifted to a hospital in Hyderabad due to the severity of their injuries. Police have registered a non-cognizable report at Kadhan Police Station and launched an investigation, while tension remains high in the village following the incident.

## Suspected Serial Rapist in Karachi Handed Five-Day Remand by Court

KARACHI: A judicial magistrate on Saturday remanded a suspected serial rapist, allegedly involved in assaulting minor girls, in police custody for five days. The suspect, a fruit vendor, was arrested by Defence police in Qayyumabad. The case surfaced when a victim obtained the suspect's USB drive, intending to download music, but a shopkeeper discovered explicit content and alerted residents. Locals apprehended and beat the suspect before handing him over to police. The five-day investigation officer produced him before the magistrate (South), who granted physical remand for further interrogation into multiple assault cases.—RT/Agency

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## Supreme Court Curtails Security Protocols for Judges in Landmark Move

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has revised its security measures for the Chief Justice, serving, and retired judges, aiming for more efficient use of public resources, according to a statement released by the court on Saturday. The Chief Justice's fleet has been reduced from eight vehicles to two, freeing up a significant number of security personnel for regular police work. Security arrangements for sitting judges have also been adjusted, aligning them with established regulations and entitlements. Similarly, security for retired judges has been standardized, adhering to existing rules, security procedures, and entitlements, including the presidential order granting lifetime protection to retired judges due to the delicate nature of their former roles and ongoing security risks. A directive has been issued to implement these revised procedures without granting any additional benefits, concessions, or privileges. The circular emphasizes adherence to regulations and encourages cooperation between the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Interior, and provincial governments to ensure effective implementation and reduce excess security deployment.—RT/Agency

## CJP Yahya Afridi Pledges Strong Backing to AJK Judiciary On Golden Jubilee

MUZAFFARABAD: Justice Afridi congratulated the AJK apex court on completing 50 years, praising its resilience in navigating the region's unique legal and political environment with "respect, transparency, and bravery." He emphasized the need to strengthen access to justice, integrate technology, and enhance public confidence through fairness and accountability. The CJP assured technical assistance and collaboration to improve the standard and reach of justice. Judges, lawyers, and law officials from Pakistan and AJK attended the ceremony, which Justice Afridi described as "a moment of revitalization" for the judiciary.—RT/Agency

## Breakthrough Reported in High-Profile Sana Yousuf Murder Case

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development in the Sana Yousuf murder case, an Islamabad sessions court has set September 20, 2025, as the date for framing charges against the accused, Umar Hayat. Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka on Saturday conducted the hearing of the case. During the proceedings, police presented the accused Umar Hayat before the court. The court provided copies of the challan to the accused, in accordance with legal requirements. The TikToker was shot dead in Islamabad on June 3 allegedly by Umar Hayat. According to initial reports, 22-year-old Umar Hayat, alias Kaka, had been persistently pursuing Sana Yousuf for "friendship", but the TikToker had repeatedly rebuffed his advances, ultimately provoking his violent outburst. Read More: Sana Yousuf case: Suspect sent to jail on judicial remand. Eyewitness accounts and sources close to the developments suggest that during their last encounter, Sana attempted to de-escalate the situation, saying, "You're getting agitated, leave this place. There are CCTV cameras, please depart," just before the sound of gunfire was heard. Sana Yousuf sustained two gunshot wounds and succumbed to her injuries on the spot as the suspect managed to flee.—RT/Agency

## Federal Constabulary Headquarters Officially Relocated from Peshawar to Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has announced that the headquarters of the Federal Constabulary will be relocated from Peshawar to Islamabad. Chairing a high-level meeting at the CDA headquarters, also attended by Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry, Naqvi directed officials to identify suitable land and prepare a master plan for the new facilities, including training grounds. The minister said the move aims to modernize and strengthen the operational capacity of the Federal Constabulary. The meeting was attended by the Federal Secretary, Interior, Commandant and Deputy Commandant of the Constabulary, CDA Chairman, Islamabad IGP, Deputy Commissioner, and other senior officials.—RT/Agency

# METRO KARACHI

## Karachi Wedding Turns Shocking as Groom Vanishes, Police Probe Abduction Angle

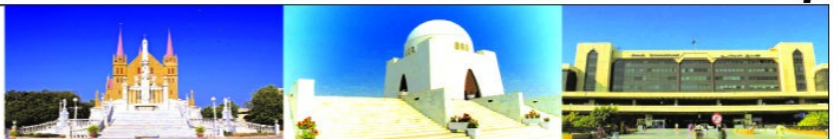
KARACHI: A groom, identified as Jahanzeb, went missing from Korangi's Madina Colony on his wedding day, ARY News reported. According to his family, Jahanzeb left his mobile phone at home and went to a salon to get ready but never reached the venue or returned. His brother expressed fears of abduction and submitted an application at Zaman Town police station. Police confirmed receiving the report but said initial findings suggest Jahanzeb may have gone into hiding to avoid marriage. Officials noted he had left home alone and assured that investigations are underway. A formal case is expected to be registered today.—RT/Agency

## Ummah Welfare Trust Steps Up Karachi Rain Relief for Struggling Families

KARACHI: Ummah Welfare Trust Pakistan has intensified relief efforts in rain-affected parts of Karachi, providing cooked meals, drinking water, and essential supplies to displaced families. Relief teams visited Rehri Goth, one of the worst-hit suburban settlements, distributing food and aid packages. In Lyari's Tughlaq Lane and adjoining neighborhoods, they assisted in rescue operations and delivered cooked meals to hundreds of households. Vice Chairman Haji Abdul Razzaq Beli said the initiative aims to meet urgent needs of affected families. He added that the Trust is also active in flood-hit areas of Punjab, distributing food, ration, and tents.—RT/Agency



# METRO KARACHI



## NADRA Expands Service Network Across Sindh to Facilitate Millions

KARACHI: The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has announced the establishment of 13 new offices and mega centres across various cities in Sindh to provide the public easy access to identification and documentation services. The major development has been decided after a high-level meeting between Chief Secretary Sindh, Dr. Asif Haider Shah, and a NADRA delegation. The meeting also focused digital property transfer and land record management. Dr. Asif Haider Shah stressed the provincial government's commitment to advancing digital governance, stating that Sindh is moving towards online property transfers. Both NADRA and the Sindh government mutually agreed to improve cooperation on digital transformation, especially in rural areas. —RT/Agency

## Karachi's Water Crisis Deepens as Tanker Mafia Exploits Thirsty Residents

KARACHI: Despite paying regular bills to the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC), millions of Karachi residents face chronic water shortages, forcing them to rely on costly tankers or unsafe sources. In Bostan Rafi, residents say no water has flowed through taps for a decade, while in Shah Faisal Colony, supply lasts only a few hours every three days. Families spend Rs3,000-4,000 per tanker, often needing several per month. In Bostan Rafi, residents say no water has flowed through taps for a decade, while in Shah Faisal Colony, supply lasts only a few hours every three days. Families spend Rs3,000-4,000 per tanker, often needing several per month. In Bostan Rafi, residents say no water has flowed through taps for a decade, while in Shah Faisal Colony, supply lasts only a few hours every three days. Families spend Rs3,000-4,000 per tanker, often needing several per month. —RT/Agency

## Sindh Targets 4.1 Million Girls for Free Anti-Cancer Vaccine Drive, Saeed Ghani Hails Breakthrough

KARACHI: In a major health breakthrough, Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani announced a free cervical cancer vaccination drive for 4.1 million girls across the province from September 15 to 27. Speaking at an HPV advocacy seminar, he admitted he hadn't known about the vaccine himself but emphasized its lifesaving potential. Ghani urged public support to counter misinformation, drawing parallels to early COVID-19 vaccine skepticism. Nationwide, 13 million girls will benefit. "This vaccine can save countless lives," he said, urging citizens to join hands to defeat cervical cancer. —RT



## Former IGP Rahu Khan Brohi Remembered in Solemn Condolence Reference

By KB Brohi

KARACHI: A condolence reference was held at Karachi's Central Police Office (CPO) to honor the late former Inspector General of Police Rahu Khan Brohi, commemorating his distinguished service and unwavering integrity in the Sindh Police. The event, attended by IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon, former IGP, senior officials, and family members, featured prayers and a documentary highlighting Brohi's career and achievements. Speakers praised his dedication, professionalism, and mentorship, recalling him as an honest, humble, and patriotic officer whose legacy continues to inspire future generations of police officers. The gathering emphasized the importance of remembering former leaders who made significant contributions to law enforcement in Sindh and called for upholding the high standards set by Brohi. —RT/Agency



## Jamaat-e-Islami Leaders Step In to Resolve Flooding Woes in Gulzar-e-Hijri



By Dilbar Seelro

KARACHI: Following heavy rains that flooded Gulzar-e-Hijri for four days, Jamaat-e-Islami UK-2 leaders Jamshed Ali Malik and Sikandar Ali Baloch stepped in to pump out stagnant water that had submerged homes and businesses, after the city mayor and Water Board failed to act. Their swift intervention brought relief to residents and traders, who praised their efforts, while Malik warned that urgent cleaning and repair of the Sogal drain is essential to prevent future flooding. —RT/Agency

## Navy and NGOs Join Forces for Unprecedented Flood Relief Campaign

KARACHI: In a landmark move, the Pakistan Navy and Sahil Welfare Association mobilized over 30 leading NGOs, including Edhi, Saylani, and Alkhidmat, for a unified national flood relief campaign. Chaired by Rear Admiral Faisal Amin and Dr. Danish Aman, the Donor-NGO Conference emphasized collective action against isolated efforts. Key goals include food distribution, medical camps, and long-term rehabilitation. Business leaders pledged support, praising the Navy's role in ensuring strategic, credible aid. With monsoon threats looming, this initiative marks a critical turning point in disaster response and humanitarian coordination. —RT



## Sadqa-e-Jaria Foundation Brings Free Medical Relief to Korangi Residents

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: In response to rising inflation making healthcare less accessible, the Karachi Sadqa-e-Jaria Welfare Foundation held a successful one-day free medical camp in District Korangi. Specialist doctors from various fields, including general medicine, gynecology, and laboratory services, examined and treated over one thousand patients. Free medicines and medical tests were also provided. Foundation leaders emphasized that serving the community brings true happiness and highlighted the importance of continuing such welfare initiatives. Patients and community members praised the foundation for its dedication and hoped for more such efforts in the future. —RT/Agency



## Armed Robbery in Liaquatabad Strips Jeweler's Employees of Rs15 Million

By Dilbar Seelro

KARACHI: In Karachi's Liaquatabad, six armed suspects on three motorcycles robbed jeweler employees Yaseen and Rehman of Rs15 million in cash while they were en route to deliver it to a customer. The suspects fled the scene immediately. Police have registered an FIR based on Muhammad Farhan's complaint and are investigating the case, reviewing CCTV footage to identify and apprehend the culprits. —RT/Agency

## Sindh Government and Karachi Mayor Win Praise for Swift Rainwater Drainage Efforts

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The timely drainage of rainwater from Karachi, carried out day and night by the Sindh government and Karachi Mayor Murtaa Zahab, has been widely appreciated, especially by Chairman of the Market Committee Ali Zaman Johkio. Speaking at a press conference, Johkio highlighted ongoing cleaning efforts at Asia's largest vegetable market and assured vendors of full support and improved facilities. He acknowledged the severe impact of recent rains across the country, noting that in Karachi, Mayor Wahab and his team worked tirelessly to clear water from the city. —RT/Agency



## SPSC Goes Digital and Delivers 6,077 Jobs in 2024, Reshaping Recruitment

KARACHI: In 2024, the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) conducted 109 exams with 381,960 candidates; 6,077 were recommended for government jobs after rigorous written and interview rounds. A key highlight was the launch of a cutting-edge Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Lab in Hyderabad, enhancing transparency, speed, and fairness. Departments like Health, Education, and Local Government saw record applications—over 88,000 for Town Officer posts alone. Operating under the SPSC Act, 2022, the commission aims to ensure merit-based, tech-driven recruitment. Since 2022, SPSC has recommended 18,560 candidates, reinforcing its digital transformation and public trust. —RT

## Karachi Police Honor Martyred Head Constable Abdul Karim Jokhio with Tribute

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: The funeral prayer of Police Head Constable Abdul Karim Jokhio, who was martyred yesterday, was offered in Pir Sarhindi Goth, located within the jurisdiction of Shah Latif Police Station in Karachi. The funeral was attended by Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odho, officers from Pakistan Rangers, DIG East Dr. Farrukh Ali, SSP Malir Dr. Abdul Khaliq, SSP Korangi, MPA Muhammad Sajid Jokhio, along with other police officers, personnel, relatives of the martyr, and a large number of citizens. A smartly turned-out contingent of police presented a guard of honor to the martyr, while senior officers laid floral wreaths on the coffin. A special prayer was also offered for the elevation of the martyr's rank in the hereafter and for patience and strength for the bereaved family. —RT/Agency



## CTD Sindh Bids Emotional Farewell to Veteran Officer DSP Raja Umar Khitab



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A grand farewell ceremony was held at CTD Sindh to honor DSP Raja Umar Khitab on his retirement, attended by senior police officials including Additional IG Azad Khan, DIG Ghulam Azfar Mahesar, and SSP Syed Irfan Bahadur. Praised for his bravery, dedication, and fearless service in the fight against terrorism, Raja Umar Khitab was recognized as a guiding light for the department. Expressing gratitude, he shared his experiences and thanked his colleagues for their support throughout his career. The event highlighted his outstanding contributions and the deep respect he earned from the police community. —RT/Agency

## Spiritual Women's Mehfil-e-Milad at Governor House Echoes with Heartfelt Devotion

KARACHI: On the directives of Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori, a spiritual Mehfil-e-Milad for women was held at Governor House Karachi on the seventeenth day of Eid Milad-un-Nabi. A large number of women attended, expressing profound love and reverence for the Holy Prophet. Renowned Naat reciters Tooba Shuaib and Fatima Shahid captivated the gathering with soulful Naats, filling hearts with spiritual bliss and serenity. The event concluded with collective prayers for Pakistan's peace, prosperity, and security, as participants shared a deep sense of faith, unity, and devotion during the blessed occasion. —RT

## DMC South Launches Anti-Dengue Fumigation Drive at Karachi's Saddar Chowk

KARACHI: District Municipal Corporation (DMC) South on Saturday supervised an extensive anti-dengue fumigation drive at Saddar's Pakistan Chowk to curb the growing threat of dengue fever. Workers sprayed anti-dengue fumes across streets and neighborhoods to repel mosquitoes and prevent the spread of the virus. The campaign aims to safeguard residents as dengue cases continue to rise with the ongoing monsoon season. DMC South officials urged citizens to cooperate by maintaining cleanliness and eliminating stagnant water, which serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Locals appreciated the fumigation efforts but stressed the need for regular follow-up action to ensure lasting results. —RT

## Garbage Heap Outside Quaid-e-Azam College Exposes Karachi Authorities' Negligence

KARACHI: A massive heap of garbage outside Quaid-e-Azam College in Karachi's Korangi area has sparked outrage among residents, commuters, and students. The unattended waste has not only blocked the roadside but also created an unhygienic atmosphere, spreading foul odors and raising concerns of disease outbreaks. Locals blame the negligence of civic authorities for the worsening situation, saying repeated complaints have gone unanswered. The presence of rotting garbage near an educational institution has further highlighted the failure of waste management services. Citizens demand immediate cleanup and stricter accountability of the departments responsible for Karachi's sanitation. —RT/Agency



## Karachi Braces for More Monsoon Rains as Month-End Looms

KARACHI: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has announced that the ongoing monsoon system will linger over Karachi and its surrounding regions until September 30, extending beyond its usual end date of September 15. While monsoon rains typically taper off by mid-September, recent years have seen the wet season stretch into the end of the month. According to the Met Office, another spell of rain is expected to hit the city within the next five days, accompanied by hot and humid weather in the interim. The weather report confirmed that sea breeze has resumed, with southwestern winds blowing at around 15 kilometers per hour. Karachi's temperature is forecast to reach up to 34°C, while humidity levels remain high at 85%. Due to increased water vapor in the atmosphere, cloud formation is likely, with chances of drizzling or light rainfall from local developments. Earlier, the PMD had ruled out the possibility of further heavy rain after the previous monsoon system, which had caused urban flooding in Malir and Lyari, shifted away from the city. —RT/Agency



KARACHI: A group photo shows DSP Mumtaz Maghi, PPP leader Ghulam Shabbir Dar, Councilor Salahuddin Gabol, Imran Arain and others during the wedding ceremony of Builder Shakil Ilyas' son. Photo by Asif Qureshi



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—Albert Einstein

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## Mercurial Trump Urges NATO Allies to Cut Off Russian Oil Purchases

USA: President Donald Trump said on Saturday that the United States is prepared to impose fresh energy sanctions on Russia, but only if all NATO nations cease purchasing Russian oil and implement similar measures.

"I am ready to do major sanctions on Russia when all NATO nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when all NATO nations stop buying oil from Russia," Trump said in a social media post.

In recent weeks, the United States has stepped up pressure on NATO nations to tighten energy sanctions on Russia in a bid to help end its war with Ukraine — a conflict Trump



has struggled to bring to a close despite repeated threats of harsher penalties on Moscow and its partners.

Trump has also faced criticism at home for repeatedly setting two-week deadlines for Russia to de-escalate and allowing them to pass without

concrete action.

An August Reuters/Ipsos poll found that 54% of Americans, including one in five of Trump's Republicans, believe the president is too closely aligned with Russia.

The Group of Seven nations' finance ministers in a

call discussed further sanctions on Russia and possible tariffs on countries they consider "enabling" its war in Ukraine.

Energy revenues remain the Kremlin's single most important source of cash to finance the war effort, making oil and gas exports a central target of Western sanctions. But officials and analysts warn that aggressive curbs on Russian crude also carry risks of driving up global oil prices, a prospect that could strain Western economies and weaken public support for the measures.

Since 2023, NATO member Turkey has been the third-largest buyer of Russian oil, after China and India, according to the Centre for Research

on Energy and Clean Air. Other members of the 32-state alliance involved in purchasing Russian oil include Hungary and Slovakia.

Trump, who is spending the weekend at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club, said NATO, acting as a bloc, should impose tariffs of 50% to 100% on Chinese imports, a move he argued would weaken Beijing's economic grip on Moscow. Trump has imposed an extra 25% tariff on imports from India to pressure New Delhi to halt its purchases of discounted Russian crude oil, bringing total punitive duties on Indian goods to 50% and souring trade negotiations between the two democracies. —RT/Agency

## On Bannu Visit with COAS, PM Warns Afghanistan to Choose Terrorists or Pakistan

BANNU: Reiterating his resolve to eliminate terrorism from the country, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said that Afghanistan must choose between siding with terrorists or standing with Pakistan, warning there would be zero tolerance for ambiguity on the issue.

Addressing an important high-level meeting on terrorism during his visit to Bannu in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) along with Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, the premier said Pakistan would continue to deliver a firm response to terrorism and those facilitating Indian proxies.

PM Shehbaz made it clear that anyone speaking in favour of foreign elements or acting as their facilitator would be treated as their "instrument and would be answered in the same language they understood". Afghan nationals are involved in terrorist incidents



in Pakistan, he said, adding that illegal Afghan residents would soon be expelled.

Pakistan has hosted Afghans for more than four decades, from the Soviet invasion through the Taliban takeover in 2021. Some refugees were born and raised in Pakistan, others are still waiting for third-country relocation.

According to media reports, following a 2023 crackdown on undocumented Afghans and those exceeding legal status, more than 554,000 Afghans have been returned since April 2025 under Pakistan's Illegal

Foreigners Repatriation Plan — including around 145,000 in August.

The premier went on to say that the people, the state, and the armed forces of Pakistan stood united like a fortified wall against Indian proxies, rejecting politics and misleading narratives on the matter. During his visit, PM Shehbaz also inquired after injured security personnel at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Bannu. Meanwhile, the Peshawar Corps Commander gave a detailed briefing on the regional security situation. —RT/Agency

## Arab-Islamic Leaders Convene in Qatar to Confront Israeli Aggression

DOHA, QATAR: In the wake of Israeli airstrikes on Doha, which struck the Qatari capital and further inflamed tensions in Palestine, Arab and Islamic leaders are set to convene an emergency summit on Sunday, September 14. The high-level gathering, co-sponsored by Pakistan and held under the banner of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), seeks to deliver a unified response against what has been denounced as "cowardly Israeli aggression".

According to Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the upcoming summit will categorically reject Israel's actions, branding them as "state terrorism" and blatant violations of international law and Qatar's sovereignty. The ministry added that the meeting aims to amplify Muslim nations' voice in condemning Israel's attacks and rallying international pressure to halt its continued military operations.

Ahead of the main summit, foreign ministers of participating countries are scheduled to meet on Saturday to



finalise a draft resolution strongly criticising the Israeli strikes. The document is expected to call for immediate accountability, greater solidarity with Palestine, and co-ordinated steps against Israel's actions.

The urgency of the summit follows deadly Israeli airstrikes on Doha earlier this week that killed six people, including the son of senior Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya and a Qatari security officer. The deceased were described as close aides to Hamas negotiator al-Hayya, making the strike both politically and diplomatically sensitive. The attack has triggered widespread outrage across the

Arab and Islamic world. Leaders from Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and Pakistan are among those anticipated to attend, alongside other OIC member states. Analysts believe the strong turnout will demonstrate regional unity and resistance against normalising Israeli aggression.

Qatar, which has long served as a key mediator in the Gaza conflict, vowed to pursue a more assertive role following the strike on its capital. Officials in Doha stressed that the attack represented a red line, not only against Hamas figures but also against Qatari sovereignty, necessitating a firmer stance. —RT/Agency

## US Envoys Hold Key Talks in Kabul Over Detained Americans



KABUL: US officials held talks on Saturday with the authorities in Kabul over Americans held in Afghanistan, the Taliban administration said, as the White House pushes to free citizens it sees as wrongly detained abroad.

Adam Boehler, the Trump administration's special hostage envoy, and Zalmay Khalilzad, a former US special envoy for Afghanistan, met the Taliban's foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi.



Both sides will continue talks in future, "particularly regarding citizens imprisoned in each other's countries", the Afghan foreign ministry said in a statement. The US State Department and the White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Khalilzad, who led peace negotiations with the Taliban before their 2021 takeover of Afghanistan, did not reply to a phone call seeking comment. —RT/Agency

## CJP Declares Redressal of Litigants' Grievances Supreme Judicial Priority

MUZAFFARABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Yahya Afridi on Saturday stressed that the redressal of grievances of litigants should be the foremost priority of the judiciary. The chief justice made these remarks while addressing a judicial conference held in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). He congratulated the AJK Supreme Court on completing fifty years and formally inaugurated a memorial to mark the occasion. Assuring his full support to the AJK Supreme Court, CJP Afridi said that the judiciary's journey spanning five decades



in the region had not been without challenges but had ensured the protection of fundamental rights of marginalised sections of society. He observed that the Golden Jubilee celebrations were scheduled to be held in May but could not take place due to Indian provocations. —RT/Agency

## DG ISPR Fires Up Students at FAST University Islamabad

RAWALPINDI: Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, on Saturday visited FAST University Islamabad, where he participated in a special interactive session with students and faculty members. The session, organized to bridge communication between the Pakistan Army and academia, centered on current national and regional affairs, the role of youth in shaping Pakistan's future, and the collective responsibility of institutions in ensuring peace and stability. During the event, fac-



ulty members highlighted the significance of such engagements, terming them the "need of the hour." They emphasized that young people must be equipped with accurate information to understand national challenges, adding that

unverified sharing of content on social media is a dangerous and irresponsible practice that contributes to misinformation. They called for more frequent sessions of this kind to promote critical thinking and informed discourse. —RT/Agency

## Imran's Bail Hearings in Six Cases Deferred Without Proceedings

RAWALPINDI: The scheduled hearing of post-arrest bail petitions filed by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan in seven cases linked to the November 6 incidents was adjourned on Saturday without any proceedings.

The hearing was listed before the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Rawalpindi. However, the case could not be taken up as the presiding judge, Amjad Ali Shah, was on leave. Court officials confirmed that no proceedings were held, and the matter will be rescheduled for a later date.



Imran Khan's legal counsel, Advocate Hasnain Murataza Sanbal, appeared in court on his behalf. Other senior members of the PTI founder's legal team, including Muhammad Faisal Malik and Irfan Ahmed Khan Niazi, were also present to attend the proceedings. However, the absence of the judge meant that no argu-

ments could be advanced and no record could be reviewed. In addition to the bail petitions, another important plea seeking the formation of a medical board for a comprehensive health examination of Imran Khan at Adiala Jail was also due for hearing on Saturday. —RT/Agency

## Chaos in Peshawar: Scores Trapped as Building Crumbles

PESHAWAR: A sudden and unexpected incident of building collapse occurred in Peshawar's Saddar Bazaar Area on Saturday, leaving several trapped. According to the reports, in the Saddar Bazaar incident, a portion of a commercial building in Peshawar

collapsed unexpectedly, trapping many individuals underneath the debris. In statements by the officials cited by five people were initially reported to be trapped under the debris. Out of those five, three victims have been successfully rescued and shifted

to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Rescue teams are tirelessly conducting search operations to find and rescue the remaining individuals, with estimates indicating that three to four people may still be trapped. —RT/Agency

## Senate Panel Clears Bill Raising Minimum Diyat Compensation

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice has approved key amendments to the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, increasing the minimum value of diyat from 30,663 grams to 45,000 grams of silver.

The Standing Committee met at Parliament House on Friday, with its Chairman Senator Farooq Hamid Naek in the chair. The News reported.

The revised figure reflects changing economic realities and aims to standardise the financial component of compensation in light of inflation



and public expectations. Demonstrating a strong commitment to public welfare and legislative responsiveness, the committee unanimously passed significant public-centric reforms aimed at strengthening access to justice and promoting legal equity.

Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri assured that the amendment to the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, strictly adheres to Islamic injunctions, reinforcing the Bill's alignment with Shariah principles. —RT/Agency

## Dar and Egyptian FM Slam Israel's Illegal Strikes on Doha

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Saturday received a phone call from Egypt's Foreign Minister Dr. Badr Abdelatty.

"Both leaders strongly condemned the Israeli unprovoked illegal strikes on Doha and discussed the modalities and details of the forthcoming OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Doha, scheduled for Sunday, 14 September," Foreign Office said in a press release.



Earlier, Pakistan strongly condemned the Israeli attack on Qatar, calling it a violation of international law. The Foreign Office declared that the Pakistani nation stands firmly with its

brotherly country. Qatar Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif emphasized the need for unity among Muslim countries in response to Israeli provocations. —RT/Agency

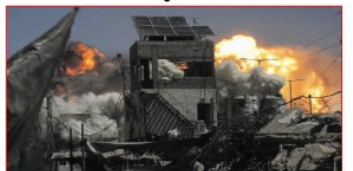
## At Least 32 Killed as Israel Escalates Ruthless Strikes on Gaza City

DEIR AL-BALAH: A barrage of airstrikes killed at least 32 people across Gaza City as Israel ramps up its offensive there and urges Palestinians to evacuate, medical staff reported Saturday.

The dead included 12 children, according to the morgue in Shifa Hospital, where the bodies were brought.

Israel in recent days has intensified strikes across Gaza City, destroying multiple high-rise buildings and accusing Hamas of putting surveillance equipment in them.

On Saturday the army said it struck another high-rise used by Hamas in the area of Gaza City. It has ordered residents to leave, part of an offensive aimed at taking over the largest Palestinian city, which it says is Hamas' last stronghold. Hundreds of thousands of people remain there, struggling under



conditions of famine.

One of the strikes overnight and into early morning Saturday hit a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, killing a family of 10, including a mother and her three children, said health officials. The Palestinian Football Association said a player for the Al-Helal Sports Club, Mohammed Ramez Sultan, was killed in the strikes with 14 members of his family. Images showed the strikes hitting followed by plumes of smoke.

Israel's army didn't immediately respond to questions about the strikes. In the wake of escalating hostilities and calls to evacuate the city, the number of people leaving has spiked in recent weeks, according to aid workers. However, many families remain stuck because of the cost of finding transportation and housing, while others having been displaced too many times and don't want to move again, not trusting that anywhere in the enclave is safe. —RT/Agency

## Justice Zafar Rajput Takes Charge as Acting CJ Sindh High Court

KARACHI: Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court (SHC).

A notification issued by the law ministry said President Asif Ali Zardari appointed the SHC's senior puisne judge to the position under Article 196 of the Constitution.

It added that he would act in the role from the date he



took his oath of office till the "appointment of regular chief justice by the Judicial Commission of Pakistan". The Oath taking cere-

mony for the acting Chief Justice will be held on Monday, September 15th. Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori will administer oath from the Justice as an acting Chief Justice of the SHC. The Sindh High Court Chief Justice Junaid Ghaffar term of service ended today. Justice Junaid Ghaffar had taken oath as the Acting Chief Justice on February 14, 2025. —RT/Agency