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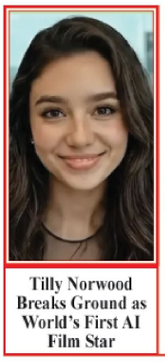

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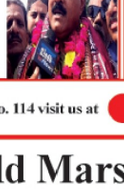

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PM Shehbaz, Field Marshal Munir Fully Support Gaza Peace Plan: Trump

WASHINGTON: United States (US) President Donald Trump on Monday asserted that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Field Marshal Asim Munir, have fully backed the Gaza peace plan.

"PM [Shehbaz] and Field Marshal, they were right with us from the beginning — incredible, in fact. They just put out a statement that they fully believe in this pact. They back this 100%," Trump said while addressing a joint press conference along with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

His remarks came hours after the prime minister welcomed Trump's plan aimed at ending the war in Gaza, saying a durable peace between the Palestinian people and Israel is essential for regional stability and economic growth.In a post on X, the prime minister said he was "convinced that durable peace between the Palestinian people and Israel would be essential in bringing political stability and economic growth to the region".

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Netanyahu Apologizes To Qatari PM Over Israeli Strike On Doha

WASHINGTON: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reportedly formally apologized to Qatar's Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani for the September 9 strike on Doha, which violated Qatari sovereignty, according to multiple media reports.

Hamas had claimed that its central leadership remained safe in the strike, but six people, including the son of Khalil al-Hayya, were martyred. Among the dead was also a Qatari security officer.

Apology call from White House

A source close to Netanyahu told Reuters, as well as according to Channel 12 and Axios report, that Netanyahu spoke with Al Thani by phone from the White House, where he was hosted by US President Donald Trump.

The Israeli leader expressed regret over the strike and the civilian loss of life, telling his Qatari counterpart that Israel had not intended to cause harm to Qatar.

Israeli state media said the phone call lasted several minutes and was facilitated while Netanyahu and Trump were discussing the war in Gaza and ongoing diplomatic efforts. A Qatari technical team is also at the White House, according to a separate source briefed on the talks.

According to a statement from the White House, US President Trump hosted a trilateral phone call with Netanyahu and the Qatari PM where Trump expressed his desire to improve Israel-Qatar relations after recent grievances and misunderstandings.

It said the Israeli and Qatari leaders agreed to Trump's proposal to establish a trilateral mechanism, adding that Netanyahu expressed regret over the death of a Qatari citizen in the Doha attack. Netanyahu also expressed regret for violating Qatari sovereignty, the White House noted.

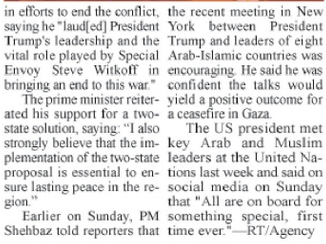
It further said Netanyahu assured that Israel would not repeat such an attack. Qatari PM Al Thani welcomed Netanyahu's assurances, saying Qatar was ready to play an effective role in ensuring regional security.

The statement said the leaders also discussed the proposed Gaza ceasefire plan and broader efforts to make the Middle East safer.

Why apology matters

Qatar has been a critical mediator in negotiations between Israel and Hamas, but had suspended its involvement after the September 9 strike.The attack, aimed at targeting Hamas leaders believed to be in Doha, failed to hit its intended targets and instead killed lower-level officials and a Qatari security officer. The incident outraged Arab states, with Doha insisting that Israel must apologize before it could resume mediation. Analysts say Netanyahu's apology clears the path for renewed talks on ending the war in Gaza and securing the release of remaining hostages.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Backs Trump's Gaza Peace Plan, Reaffirms Two-State Solution



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The prime minister reiterated his support for a two-state solution, saying: "I also strongly believe that the implementation of the two-state proposal is essential to ensure lasting peace in the region."

Earlier on Sunday, PM Shehbaz told reporters that the recent meeting in New York between President Trump and leaders of eight Arab-Islamic countries was encouraging. He said he was confident the talks would yield a positive outcome for a ceasefire in Gaza.

The US president met key Arab and Muslim leaders at the United Nations last week and said on social media on Sunday that "All are on board for something special, first time ever."—RT/Agency

Nine Security Personnel Martyred In Ruthless South Waziristan Car Bombing

S. WAZIRISTAN: At least nine security personnel were martyred and eight others injured in a car bomb blast in the Sarwekai area of Upper South Waziristan on Monday, police confirmed.

Car bomb targets security convoy

According to police, the explosion took place in Molay Khan Sarai, where a vehicle packed with explosives detonated, hitting security personnel on duty. The attack was sudden and powerful, causing significant casualties on the spot.

Casualties and injured shifted to hospitalPolice said nine personnel were martyred in the blast. At least eight others sustained injuries and were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Emergency teams and law enforcement rushed to the site to secure the area.Police confirm blast in South WaziristanOfficials confirmed that the incident was indeed a bomb blast caused by an explosive-laden car. Additional contingents of police and security forces have been deployed to the area, while an investigation has been launched.—RT/Agency

Top Adviser Urges Iran To Join Pakistan-Saudi Defense Alliance

TEHRAN: Senior adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi has said that Tehran should also join the defence pact agreed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

"Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Iraq can reach a collective defence pact," said Iranian Revolutionary Guard's (IRGC) General Safavi, reported Iran International.

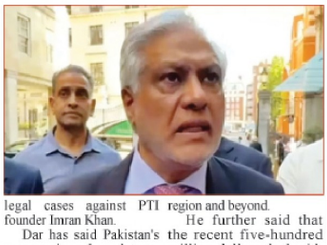
The senior Iranian official's remarks refer to the "Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement" inked between Islamabad and Riyadh — marking a key milestone in strengthening a decades-old security partnership, pledging that any attack on either nation would be treated as an act of aggression against both.

The deal was signed by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Riyadh, a week after Israel's strikes on Qatar upended the diplomatic calculus in the region.

After the landmark defence agreement was signed, several international media outlets speculated that Pakistan's nuclear programme had been made part of the pact — a claim that quickly drew attention and fuelled debate.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, an interview with journalist Mehdi Hasan for Zeteo, has clarified that Pakistan is not selling nuclear weapons to Saudi Arabia under the defence pact.—RT/Agency

Dar Reveals Global Rush To Sign Defense Pacts With Pakistan Post-Saudi Deal



LONDON: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has stated that several other countries are interested in signing defense agreements with Pakistan after Saudi Arabia.

Speaking outside the Pakistani High Commission here, he said that Pakistan has proven its defense capability during Marka-e-Haq, and now it is time to become an economic power.

He added that the agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is mutually beneficial, and no country has expressed reservations over it. In fact, several other countries are also interested in entering into similar agreements with Pakistan.

In response to a question, Dar said that the government has nothing to do with the legal cases against PTI founder Imran Khan.

Dar has said Pakistan's economy is on the path to recovery, marked by growing international confidence and a surge in fresh investments.

He said Pakistan has earned great respect within the global community and is now focused on further strengthening its economy while ensuring peace in the region and beyond.

He further said that the recent five-hundred million dollars deal with a US company in the minerals sector is clear evidence of renewed economic engagement. He said the country is now moving towards genuine economic improvement and poverty alleviation.—RT/Agency

Imran Bars Aleema Khan From Meddling In Party Affairs

ISLAMABAD: The founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf has reportedly restrained his sister, Aleema Khan, from interfering in PTI matters, well-placed sources told media on Monday.According to details, two senior PTI figures from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recently 'lodged' complaints with the party founder against Aleema Khan.They informed him that he had been receiving misleading information about the provincial government.The leaders further conveyed that their lack of direct meetings with him had led to misunderstandings. Sources added that Aleema Khan was accused of providing inaccurate reports regarding the KP government.They noted that Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's meeting with the PTI founder was aimed at clearing these misunderstandings.In August, Aleema Khan clarified that there has been no disagreement or argument with Salman Akram Raja, stating that he remains their legal counsel and is considered "like family."—RT/Agency

Trump Touts Strong Global Response To Gaza Peace Push

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Sunday expressed optimism about his proposal to end the war in Gaza, saying he has received a "very good response" and expects Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to support it when they meet at the White House on Monday.

In a phone interview with Reuters, Trump said US special envoy Steve Witkoff and his son-in-law Jared Kushner, who played a key role in Middle East diplomacy during his first term, were already in discussions with Netanyahu in New York ahead of the meeting.

"We're getting a very good response because Bibi wants to make the deal too," Trump said, referring to Netanyahu by his nickname. "Everybody wants to make the deal."

The comments came as world leaders convened in New York for the United Nations General Assembly, where the US unveiled a 21-point Middle East peace plan aimed at ending nearly two years of fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

According to a White House official, the proposal includes the return of all hostages, both living and deceased, an end to Israeli attacks on Qatar, and the initiation of renewed dialogue between Israel and Palestinians with the goal of achieving "peaceful coexistence."

Trump emphasized that the plan seeks to balance humanitarian concerns with security guarantees, while ensuring regional stability. "We're very serious about making this happen," he said.

The Gaza conflict has killed tens of thousands and displaced millions, drawing sharp criticism of Israel's military campaign and growing calls for a permanent ceasefire.—RT/Agency

Pentagon Orders Missile Makers To Double Production Amid Rising China Threat

The Pentagon has raised alarms over dwindling missile stockpiles, pushing major U.S. defense contractors to dramatically increase production in preparation for a potential conflict with China.

Military leaders are pressing manufacturers to double—or even quadruple—the output of 12 critical weapons systems, including Patriot interceptors, SM-6, LRASM, JASSM, and PrSM.

According to reports, the Pentagon fears current stockpiles would be insufficient in the event of a prolonged conflict in the Indo-Pacific. Missiles like the SM-6 and Patriot interceptors take more than two years to build, creating concerns about replenishment timelines.

Pressure on contractors

Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman have been asked how they could achieve a 2.5× boost in output within 6–24 months. Options being considered include tapping private capital, accelerating licensing, and expanding production capacity.

The effort is being spearheaded by Deputy Defense Secretary Steve Feinberg through the newly formed Munitions Acceleration Council, with Feinberg personally calling company executives on a weekly basis to track progress.—RT/Agency

Imran Expected To Be Shifted Out Of Adiala Jail

RAWALPINDI: There is a strong possibility that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan will soon be transferred from Adiala Jail, following the expected verdict in the Toshakhana-II case.

Reliable sources indicate that a special prison facility has been prepared in the Qasim Market area of Rawalpindi, and all legal and administrative arrangements for the transfer have been completed.

It is also being reported that Bushra Bibi, wife of Imran Khan, may be moved to the same special facility. A 40-member prison staff has been deployed there since July 31.

The responsibility for the special jail has been handed over to the Deputy Superintendent of Prisons (DSP Prisons), with staff brought in from jails in Attock, Chakwal, and Jhelum.

DIG Prisons for the Rawalpindi Region, Rana Rauf, has issued a formal notification regarding the staff transfers. A detailed security and surveillance plan has also been implemented. The dedicated team will provide round-the-clock supervision and management of the special facility.—RT/Agency

Russia Warns US Tomahawk Missile Supply To Ukraine Could Ignite Escalation

MOSCOW: Russia said on Monday that its military was analysing whether or not the United States would supply Tomahawk cruise missiles to Ukraine for strikes deep into Russia, a step that Russian officials say could trigger a steep escalation.

US Vice President JD Vance said on Sunday that Washington was considering a Ukrainian request to obtain Tomahawks.

President Donald Trump has not made a final decision, and he has been wary of escalating the Ukraine war into a direct confrontation with Russia. But the fact he is now weighing such a move shows the extent of his frustration with President Vladimir Putin's refusal to agree a ceasefire since he hosted the Russian leader at a summit in Alaska last month.

Tomahawks have a range of 2,500 km (1,550 miles) - easily far enough to hit Moscow and most of European Russia if fired from Ukraine. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy cautioned Kremlin officials last week that they should "know where the bomb shelters are".

RUSSIA CONDUCTING 'IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS' OF SCENARIOS

It was unclear how or through which countries the Tomahawks could be supplied.—RT/Agency

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Open Katchery in Larkana Tackles Long-Delayed Dues of Govt Employees

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: The Regional Director Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, Larkana, Ali Akbar Jagirani, emphasized resolving the issues of serving and retired government employees on a priority basis. Addressing an open court at the District Accounts Office Larkana, he stressed timely payment of salaries, pensions, GP Fund, and other dues once legal requirements are met. He urged employees to complete documentation to avoid delays. District Accounts Officer Abdul Fattah Soomro echoed the call, advising employees to submit complete papers. Immediate action was taken on 12 applications regarding pending dues. Auditor Naeem Ahmed and a large number of employees also attended. The director assured that all problems will be addressed legally and promptly.

Hamdam Foundation to Transform Kohistan with 40 Community Schools

By Shoukat Khaskheli

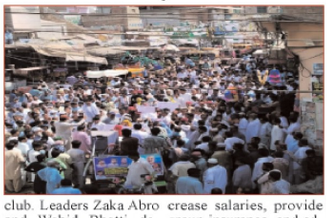
THANA BULA KHAN: Hamdam Foundation, in a meeting hosted by Lal Bux Hamalani, announced plans to open 40 non-formal community home schools for boys and girls aged 9 to 16 in Kohistan. Education experts, officers, and volunteers participated. School locations will be finalized by October 4, with classes starting in January 2026. The meeting was attended by Shoukat Soomro from Hamdam Foundation, Education Consultant Muhammad Bux Khaskheli, TEO Primary Nisar Memon, former Education Officer Allah Dino Khaskheli, senior journalist Haji Shoukat Khaskheli, senior teacher Ali Nawaz Mangnehar, and volunteers.

Free Medical Camp in Thana Ahmed Khan Targets Post-Rain Diseases

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: A one-day free medical camp was organized in Thano Ahmed Khan to treat rising illnesses among children and women after recent rains. Over 300 patients from Kohistan and nearby areas received free checkups and tests. Specialists including Dr. Javed Khushk and Lady Doctor Anum Fatima highlighted increased cases of diarrhea, malaria, and malnutrition. Local journalists and officials supported the camp, vowing to continue such healthcare efforts.

Govt Employees' Strike in Shahdadkot Drags Into Seventh Day



SHAHDADKOT: Due to Sindh government's failure to address demands, government employees' strike entered its seventh day, causing closure of offices and disruption of public services. The prolonged lockout has left citizens deeply troubled. In response to the call by Sindh Employees Alliance, thousands of workers from Qambar-Shahdadkot district marched in protest to the district headquarters and staged a sit-in at the press club. Leaders Zaka Abro and Wahid Bhatti demanded the government withdraw the pension reform notification, increase salaries, provide group insurance, and address employee grievances to end widespread frustration.--RT

Transformer Theft Ignites Angry Protest in Village Waryal Chandio

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: Villagers of Waryal Chandio and members of the Sindh Taraqi Pasand Party (STP) staged a protest rally, led by Ali Chandio, Khalid Chandio, Qurban Mehr, and Comrade Noor Magsi, demanding the return of their stolen transformer. Speaking outside the Nawab Wali Muhammad Press Club, protesters said the transformer was stolen four months ago. Although police arrested the culprits, they were later released after alleged bribery. Despite repeated assurances, the transformer has not been returned. Protesters warned that if the issue is not resolved soon, they will begin a hunger strike.

Court Orders FIR Against Thatta Police in Shocking Robbery Allegations

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: On court orders, an FIR has been registered against Ghorabari SHO Hameed Rodnani, Pir Patho Police Post In-charge Farman Bhutto, and two other police officials for allegedly wrongfully detaining, torturing, and robbing villagers Noor Hassan Khushk and Munawar Khushk. Noor Hassan was recovered during a court raid. Despite initial resistance by DSP Gharo to register the case, the Sessions Court Thatta issued a strict directive. After the FIR, the accused police officials reportedly fled their posts.

Sunni Tehreek Leader Demands Justice for Gaza, Hails UN Resistance Speeches

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Muhammad Khalid Qadri, Senior Central Vice President of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek, welcomed powerful speeches by the President of Colombia and Pakistan's Prime Minister at the United Nations, saying they signal change. He praised global awareness and the boycott of Netanyahu's speech as a stand against oppression, insisting Israel must be held accountable for atrocities in Gaza. Qadri called the Colombian proposal for an international force to liberate Palestine commendable and urged support.

Tragedy in Rainwater Pond as 4-Year-Old Girl Drowns

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: A tragic incident occurred in Kumb village, Faqirabad, where a 4-year-old girl, daughter of primary teacher Sadam Hussain Rajpar, drowned in rainwater while playing outside. Despite informing Faqirabad Town Committee officials, none of the elected representatives visited or offered support to the grieving family. The child's body was recovered and confirmed dead at the local hospital, leaving the family devastated.

Warm Welcome in Berani as Akbar Khan Mari Returns from Umrah

By Imtiaz Ali Laskani

NAUABAD: Akbar Khan Marri, brother of Federal Information Secretary and PPP MNA Shazia Atta Marri, returned to his hometown Berani after performing Umrah. A large number of local dignitaries, PPP leaders, and community members welcomed him with traditional Sindhi Ajraks and flower garlands. Speaking on the occasion, Akbar Khan Marri said performing Umrah brought immense peace to his heart and soul and prayed that every Muslim may receive the same blessing.

Sukkur Express Derails at Hyderabad Station, Passengers Escape Unhurt

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD : At 7:40 this morning, the last two coaches of the 146 Down Sukkur Express derailed while entering Hyderabad Station. Thankfully, no casualties were reported. Railway staff acted swiftly, sending the remaining train coaches to Karachi and re-railing the affected coaches by 11 a.m. Several trains, including Karakoram Express, Pakistan Express, Allama Iqbal Express, and Tezgam, faced minor delays. The Divisional Superintendent Karachi visited the site to oversee the situation. Pakistan Railways has prioritized passenger safety and formed an inquiry committee to investigate the incident and prevent future occurrences.

Sindh Employees Alliance Demands Urgent Fix to Staff Crisis

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: On the call of Sindh Employees Alliance, government employees, including teachers from High School Shamsuddin Bulbul Mian Mir One and other schools, led by Khalid Hussain Memon, Aijaz Asghar Sodhar, Miran Ghazi Khan, Sohail Niaz Hussain Kusum, Andad Gorar, and Wazir Ahmed Lakher, continued their protest for the seventh consecutive day. They demanded the acceptance of pension amendments, DRA, group insurance, and other rights. They strongly protested and urged the Sindh government to resolve all issues of government employees.

Sujawal District Exposed to Alarming Healthcare Collapse After 12 Years

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: Although Sujawal district was established 12 years ago, its people remain deprived of basic health facilities. The district headquarters hospital is nominally called a "civil hospital," but lacks essential services and doctors. Many key specialist posts, including ophthalmology, dentistry, dermatology, ENT, anesthesia, cardiology, and nephrology, remain vacant. Patients from remote areas face hardships and are often referred to hospitals in Thatta, Karachi, or Hyderabad due to inadequate local care. The hospital has only one doctor in its large emergency ward. Despite promises by the provincial health minister to improve services, the situation remains dire. Social activists and the People's Party chairman have urged the Sindh government to fill the vacancies and improve healthcare facilities urgently.

Commissioner Shahmir Khan Bhutto Inspects NDF Rehab Center in Nawabshah

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Division, Shahmir Khan Bhutto, visited the NDF Rehabilitation Center in Nawabshah to review therapy services and facilities for children with disabilities. NDF President Abid Lashari informed him about free physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychotherapy, and remedial education provided with support from Sindh's Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD). Commissioner Bhutto praised NDF's dedication, emphasizing the government's commitment to the rehabilitation of special persons. He assured continued administrative support to promote these valuable initiatives for underprivileged children

Sindh Government Employees Alliance Demands Rollback of Pension Cuts

By Tahir Javed Panhwar

MEHAR: The Sindh Graduates Association's central leadership, including Chairman Rafiq Ahmed Jaffari and other key office-bearers, has announced full support for the Sindh Employees Alliance. They condemned the Sindh government's pension deduction policy, calling it economic injustice. SGA demanded the immediate withdrawal of the notification and urged implementation of Disparity Reduction Allowance and group insurance. The leaders criticized rising inflation, unemployment, and inequality, warning that ignoring employee rights will worsen the public's suffering and economic instability in Sindh.

Viral Outrage as Video Exposes Alleged Deer Hunting in Thatta Mountains

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: A viral video allegedly showing two individuals carrying the bullet-riddled carcass of a deer on a motorcycle in the Janghari area near Lunikot has triggered widespread public outrage. The incident, believed to be an act of illegal hunting, has raised serious concerns about the ongoing poaching of rare wildlife species such as deer, phaarho, and gadd in the mountainous regions of Thatta and Jamshoro. Citizens and wildlife activists fear that continued poaching is pushing these already endangered species toward extinction. Despite the video's circulation, the Wildlife Department has remained silent, with no action reported. Activists are demanding an immediate investigation, strict accountability, and urgent measures to protect Sindh's fragile and dwindling wildlife population.

Sindh Employees Intensify Protests in Digri Over Rights and Dues

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: Government employees in Digri city and surrounding villages remain on strike as offices and educational institutions stayed closed following the Sindh Employees Alliance's call for a work stoppage and boycott of academic activities. Leaders Abdul Ghani Soomro, Umar Sikandar Qaimkhani, Hamza, Farzana Yasmin, Asia Jameel, and Ramila Kumari stated that the movement is gaining strength with each passing day. Millions of Sindh's government employees stand united, demanding an end to pension cuts and equal pay and allowances compared to other provinces. Despite historic protests, the Sindh government remains silent. They warned that if demands are not met, millions of employees will stage a massive protest on October 6, marking a crucial step toward revolution.

Disabled Siblings in Qazi Ahmed Plead for Jobs and Financial Lifeline

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: Residents of village Shadi Khan Bhanojo's family, including disabled siblings Sawai and his brother, expressed their deep distress. Since their father's death, they have no source of income and face severe hardships. They said that despite being longtime workers and voters of the PPP, neither elected representatives nor the DCs have provided any assistance. Struggling for basic needs like food, water, and medical treatment, they appealed to higher authorities and philanthropists for financial support and requested jobs under the quota for disabled persons.

JUI-F Sindh Slams Israeli Atrocities, Urges Muslim Unity on Palestine

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Dr. AG Ansari, spokesperson of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Sindh, expressed deep concern and strong condemnation over the ongoing Israeli atrocities and genocide against innocent Palestinians. He called Israeli aggression a blatant challenge to humanity and criticized the silence of the global conscience and Muslim rulers. Despite US and Western support, Ansari said the dream of Greater Israel will never materialize due to Palestinian sacrifices. He urged Muslim countries to unite and adopt a joint strategy against Israeli aggression. He also demanded that international bodies and the UN take immediate action to protect innocent Palestinians, appealing to the public to raise their voices in solidarity.

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CM Maryam Blasts Critics, Demands Focus on Sindh as Punjab Progress Speeds Ahead

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has said that if others carried out development in Sindh, she would welcome it, but insisted that "at least something must be done".

Addressing a ceremony in Faisalabad on Monday, she stressed that Punjab's progress should not become a source of discomfort for others.

CM Maryam pointed out that Punjab had built motorways, metro bus projects, and the Orange Line, as well as expanded road networks.

"If Punjab speaks about constructing canals, why does it trouble you? Why object to Punjab's initiatives?" she asked, adding that when her government provided relief in electricity bills, some went to the IMF with complaints.—RT/Agency

Complete Shutdown and Wheel Jam Strike Paralyze Azad Kashmir

Life came to a standstill in Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Monday as a shutter down and wheel jam strike was observed on the call of the Public Action Committee.

Markets, transport, and even communication services were disrupted amid growing public frustration over unmet demands.

Commercial centers, markets, and lorry depots across Muzaffarabad were shuttered, with transport completely absent from the roads. Hotels and shops that normally open early remained closed. Although schools were officially open, classrooms were left empty as most students did not attend.

Communication blackout

For the second consecutive day, internet and mobile phone services remained suspended across Azad Kashmir. In an unprecedented move, landline telephone services were also completely cut off, further isolating residents from the outside world.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Heartbreak for Singer Jamal Akbar as Brother Jalal Passes Away

KARACHI: Jalal Akbar, elder brother of UK-based singer Jamal Akbar and a renowned builder, died in Karachi yesterday. He was buried at a local graveyard, with a large crowd of political, social, and business figures attending the funeral. Condolences poured in from PPP's Sohail Abidi, PTV's Amjad Shah, and prominent members of Rotary Club, FPCCI, KCCI, KATI, and others. Agha Qadeem and several dignitaries also expressed sorrow over the tragic loss.—RT

Faisal Moiz Khan Pressures Govt for Tax Deadline Relief Amid Growing Business Turmoil

KARACHI: NKATI President Faisal Moiz Khan has urged the government to extend the income tax filing deadline to December 31, 2025, citing severe disruption from torrential rains and floods. He slammed the FBR for last-minute changes to tax return forms on September 24, calling them confusing and unfair to taxpayers. Khan emphasized that businesses are struggling to comply under current conditions and that an extension would ease pressure, improve compliance, and ultimately boost the national exchequer.—RT

FPCCI's Aman Paracha Slams System Failures, Demands Urgent Tax Deadline Extension

KARACHI: FPCCI Vice President Muhammad Aman Paracha has urged the government to extend the income tax filing deadline to December 31, 2025. Citing ongoing FBR portal glitches and recent flood-related disruptions, he said businesses are unable to file returns on time. Paracha emphasized that despite FBR claims, technical issues persist, making compliance difficult. He called the extension a vital step to ease pressure on taxpayers, boost compliance, and support economic stability during these challenging times.—RT

BALOCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Mir Hazoor Bux Bangulzai Praises Deputy Commissioner Kachhi for Bold Peace Restoration

By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Tribal leader Mir Hazoor Bux Bangulzai praised Deputy Commissioner Kachhi, Captain (Retd) Jumadad Khan Mandokhail, for his efforts in restoring peace in troubled areas like Bala Nari and Tehsil Bhag. Once considered no-go zones, these areas have improved significantly under his leadership. He stressed the need for strict action against anti-peace elements to ensure safety for law-abiding citizens. Mir Hazoor Bux also paid tribute to Levies Force martyr Muhammad Mohsin Awan, calling him a true hero. He urged the community to support the DC's initiatives to maintain stability and security in the district.

Ex-Minister Mir Umar Khan Jamali Welcomed with Thunderous Reception in Rojhan Jamali

By Inayatullah Hur

JAFFARABAD: Former provincial minister Mir Umar Khan Jamali arrived in his hometown Rojhan Jamali, where he was warmly welcomed by a large number of political, tribal, and social figures. During the visit, detailed discussions were held on regional and public issues. Local leaders assured their support to Jamali, who reaffirmed his commitment to public service. His return brought joy to local communities, with many visiting to express good wishes for his health.

Central Punjab

District Polio Committee Gears Up for Massive Anti-Polio Drive in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu to finalize arrangements for the anti-polio campaign scheduled from October 13 to 16. DHO Dr. Faizan Arshad shared that 433,838 children will be vaccinated through 1,916 mobile, 106 fixed, and 49 transit teams. DC Sandhu emphasized team training and full presence at assigned points, urging parents to ensure children's participation.

Deadly Police Encounters in Gujranwala and Kasur Eliminate Notorious Criminals

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: In separate police encounters, the Counter Crime Department (CCD) teams in Gujranwala and Kasur engaged with armed robbers, resulting in the deaths of four dangerous criminals. In Gujranwala's Hanjara Bridge area, accused Shahid Pervez, with over 60 criminal cases, and Zeeshan Aslam, a notorious robber, were killed. In Kasur, robbers involved in a recent brutal house raid were confronted, injuring two CCD officers. The operations were led under DG Sohail Zafar Chhata's guidance.

Central Jail Gujranwala Hosts Exams and Vocational Training for Inmates

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Central Jail Gujranwala's Anwala facility is hosting annual matriculation exams as the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Gujranwala has set up an examination center within the jail. Ten prisoners are scheduled to sit for their matric exams. Alongside formal education, detainees are engaged in skill development courses under TEVTA, including motorcycle mechanics, computer training for males, and domestic tailoring for female inmates. The jail provides textbooks, stationery, and a modern computer library, with support from local donors. Exams for technical courses will begin on September 30, involving 49 prisoners. Superintendent Chaudhry Asghar Ali highlighted the jail's commitment to education and rehabilitation.

PTCL Retirees Turn Up Heat, Demand Immediate Pension Settlement

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Pakistan Milli Labour Federation has called on PTCL Chairman to implement pensions for retired employees as per government policy. Federation leaders Rana Jibran and Abdul Majeed Salik urged immediate enforcement of the agreement between PTCL management and Workers Ittehad Federation, approved by the Board of Directors but yet to be executed. They criticized the delay, calling it an injustice causing unrest among employees. Highlighting the financial hardships due to inflation, they demanded pensions and increments equal to other government employees. The Federation vowed to continue advocating for workers' rights at all platforms.

Punjab Police Intensify Sweeping Search and Combing Operations Province-wide

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Punjab Police have ramped up search, sweep, and combing operations province-wide, including Lahore. In the past 24 hours, 379 combing operations were conducted, checking over 10,140 suspects and detaining 39 suspicious individuals. Additionally, 31 search operations led to 3,267 interrogations and arrests of proclaimed offenders, court absconders, and habitual criminals. Illegal weapons and ammunition were also seized. The Inspector General confirmed ongoing efforts to target anti-state and criminal elements.

Heart on the Line as NICVD and Karachi Join Forces on World Heart Day 2025

KARACHI: Karachi lit up in red as NICVD and KMC joined forces at Frere Hall for World Heart Day 2025, rallying behind the global theme "Don't Miss a Beat."

Thousands gathered for a high-energy Family Health Fest featuring free check-ups, fitness sessions, and music by Shehzad Roy. Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab stressed collective action for a heart-healthy Karachi, while Prof. Tahir Saghir celebrated NICVD's milestone of 1,000 cardiac MRIs.

Red-lit landmarks symbolized unity in the fight against heart disease — a powerful call to action for healthier living.—RT

Karachi Traffic Police Alert Citizens to Surge of Fake E-Challan Messages

Karachi: The Karachi Traffic Police have cautioned citizens about fraudulent SMS messages regarding fake challans, clarifying that these messages have no connection with any government authority.

According to officials, the traffic police never send challan-related messages from personal numbers. Citizens have been advised not to trust suspicious texts and to avoid making payments through unauthenticated links or numbers.

The department further instructed the public to remain vigilant and report any such incidents immediately. For verification or lodging complaints, citizens can contact the official traffic police helpline at 1915.

Authorities emphasized that these fake messages are an attempt to deceive the public and urged people to rely only on official communication channels for traffic challan information. The warning comes as part of the police's broader campaign to protect citizens from digital fraud and ensure transparency in the traffic penalty system.—RT/Agency

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY DIVISION HYDERABAD

NO: TC/G-55/805 of 2025 Dated: 25/09 /2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. The Executive Engineer, Provincial Highway Division, Hyderabad (hereinafter called "Procuring Agency") now invites proposal to provide the following Engineering Consultancy Services. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.

Detailed Engineering Design & Drawings, preparation of Detailed Working Estimates, BOQ. For:

1. Construction of road along Right Bank of Pinyari Canal from Hyderabad Bypass to Ganghra Mori via Ex-National Highway 0/0-3/5.
2. Construction of road along Left Bank of Pinyari Canal from Hyderabad Bypass to Ganghra Mori via Ex-National Highway 0/0-3/0.

2. Eligible consulting firms (Consultants) are invited to submit technical and financial proposal in accordance with RFP Document. The firm is required to carry out design vetting, review and update already prepared PC-I, Detailed Engineering Design & Drawings / preparation of Detailed Working Estimates, BOQ. It is intended that part of the proceeds of Government of Sindh's funding will be applied to eligible payments under the Consultancy Contract for above project. The services are invited under Rule-72(3) of SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended upto date).

3. This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been addressed to the PEC registered Consultants / JV Partners / Associated Firms registered with Pakistan Engineering Council renewal up to June 2026 (1st July 2025 - 30 June 2026) with (Project Profile Code # 1215 and Services Codes 0511, 0518, 0532 and 0543) and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for Income Tax, Sales Tax and Sindh Revenue Board, who are interested to be considered for the assignment should submit information as per formats attached with this RFP document.

Firms are required to support their experience specifically in designing of Highway. Following information should also be submitted:

- Name, address, phone, fax numbers & Email address of the firm.
- Yearly turnover of the firm for the last five years including income statement and balance sheets.
- General experience of the firm in last fifteen years or so and list of ongoing projects in this respect including name of client and value of assignment with main month inputs to be provided separately.
- Organization of the firm, list of the permanent technical staff (both for lead and associate firm) with qualification, experience.
- Income tax status of the last five years.
- The Technical and Financial proposals will be considered and evaluated in accordance with SPPRA Rule 2010 (amended upto date) and Evaluation criteria adopted by the Works & Services Department, Government of Sindh.
- Affidavit on stamp paper to the effect that the firm has never been black listed nor any contract rescinded in past for non-fulfillment of contractual obligations.
- National Tax Number / valid registration with FBR (with active status).
- Valid Registration with SRB (with active status).
- Five years audited report of the firm.
- History of litigation (if any) in courts or any arbitration proceedings.
- The Consultants will be selected and engaged in accordance with the existing Procurement SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended upto dated).
- The applications of those firm(s) including their subsidiaries and sub-contractor who are blacklisted by any government department or by any of International Donor Agency like IFC, World Bank, JISC and ADB etc shall be rejected without detailed evaluation. The applicant is required to submit undertaking on judicial paper of Rs.200/- that he or any of his associate /manufacture / supplier / sub-contractor is not in the list of blacklisted firms of the above mentioned departments or financing institutions, the undertaking should be duly notarized.
- An affidavit to the effect that all documents / particulars / information given with this qualification documents are true.
- An affidavit to the effect that the applicant has never indulged in corrupt, fraudulent or collusive practice for procuring contracts.
- An affidavit to the effect that the firm is not presently involved nor has been in the past in litigation with its employers. Should this be otherwise, the applicant must provide such details.
- Any other pertinent information in support of this RFP should also be furnished.
- Works & Services Department shall disqualify any applicant if it finds, at any time, that the information submitted by him concerning his qualification is false and materially inaccurate or incomplete.
- The Consultant Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders / bids as per SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended upto date).

4. A firm will be selected under procedures described in RFP in accordance with the SPPRA rules on Single Stage- Two Envelope basis.

5. The RFP includes the following documents:

Section I	-	Letter of Invitation
Section II	-	Instructions to Consultants (including Data Sheet)
Section III	-	Technical Proposal - Standard Forms
Section IV	-	Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
Section V	-	Terms of Reference
Section VI	-	Standard Forms of Contract

6. The Proposal (Technical and Financial) may be submitted upto 24.10.2025 latest by 10:00 A.M in theoffice of Executive Engineer, Provincial Highway Division Hyderabad near Faran Hotel Saddar Hyderabad Telephone No.022-9200068 and will be opened on the same day at 10:30 A.M.

In case of rejected or un-responded proposals, the next schedule of receiving and opening the RFPswould be as under:

2nd Attempt
REPs would be received up to **10.11.2025** latest by 10:00 A.M and opened on the same dayat 10:30 A.M.

7. Financial proposal shall be accompanied with Earnest Money / Bid Security (refundable) equivalent of2% of total bid value in shape of Call Deposit only and the tender fee (non-refundable) amount ofRK **Rs. 5,000/-** in shape of Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favor of the Executive Engineer, Provincial Highway Division, Hyderabad on account of (Name of Firm) should be attached with the Bid or Tenders, otherwise such tenders will not be entertained. In Technical proposal, an affidavit will have to be provided stating that they have provided / put the earnest money/ Bid Securitycall deposit in the financial proposal. At the time opening of financial proposal, if earnest money call deposit equivalent to 2% of bid value (refer data sheet) is not found, the bid will be considered as nonresponsive and returned without its entertainment.

8. The rates quoted should be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

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Shameful Spectacle: India Turns Cricket into a Stage for Arrogance and Ugly Politics

What unfolded in Dubai on Sunday was not just a sporting controversy—it was an ugly spectacle that revealed India's true face: arrogant, politicized, and contemptuous of the very spirit of cricket. By refusing to accept the Asia Cup trophy because it was to be presented by Pakistan's Mohsin Naqvi, India dragged its festering political insecurities into what should have been a moment of sporting triumph.

Cricket, the gentleman's game, is built on tradition, respect, and sportsmanship. Yet India once again shattered that sacred foundation, turning a glorious victory into a global embarrassment. Players pretending to celebrate with an "imaginary trophy" only highlighted their petty theatrics and exposed how far India has fallen from its once-proud cricketing legacy.

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The International Cricket Council (ICC), meanwhile, continues its disgraceful pattern of appeasement. Time and again, India behaves like the spoiled brat of world cricket, bending rules, hijacking narratives, and staining the game's reputation. Instead of holding India accountable, the ICC looks the other way—compromising its very purpose as custodian of fairness in cricket.

Equally baffling is the silence of the UAE government. The Emirates boast of being a neutral haven where politics is kept out of sport and business, yet in this case, it allowed India to pollute the tranquility of its apolitical soil with ugly displays of chauvinism. Why has the UAE not publicly condemned India's actions? The credibility of its "politics-free" stance hangs in the balance.

Let us be clear: this is not about cricket alone. It is about a wounded nation exposing its insecurities, its arrogance, and its ethnocentrism for the world to see. Post the May standoff with Pakistan, India has once again shown that its pride is fragile, its behavior disgraceful, and its sportsmanship nonexistent.

What a shame. A victory that could have united fans across borders has instead become a lasting symbol of India's arrogance and cricket's betrayal.

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SEA President Ashraf Khaskheli Warns Sindh Govt Over Bilawal Statement Silence

By Aftab Hussain Mallah

SHAHPUR CHAKAR: Central President of the Sindh Employees Alliance, Ashraf Khaskheli, expressed strong disappointment over the Sindh government's failure to act on PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto's directive regarding employees' demands. Speaking to the media in Shahpur Chakar, Khaskheli questioned whether Bilawal's statement was merely political rhetoric, as five days have passed without any official response. He warned that the movement would not slow down based on statements alone and accused the government of trying to weaken the employees' struggle. Khaskheli emphasized that the protest will continue until an official notification is issued and urged Bilawal Bhutto to take the employees' future seriously, cautioning that the PPP's future is also at stake. Khaskheli outlined four main demands including salary increases for Sindh government employees from grades 1 to 22, a 50% hike in the Deamess Relief Allowance (DRA), pensions for retired employees to be raised in line with the increased DRA instead of just 8%, and timely payment of group insurance, which he insisted is the employees' right. He criticized pension reforms and warned the government against using force to suppress the protest, stating the alliance is prepared to respond firmly. The Sindh Employees Alliance plans to continue its movement, with the support of thousands of employees and leaders from various sectors.

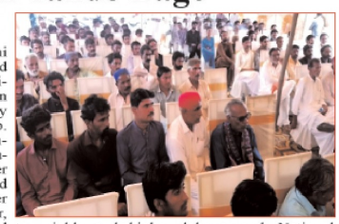
Kotri Erupts in Protest as Govt Employees Reject Pension Cuts, DRA Exclusion

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Sindh Employees Alliance set up a protest camp at Kotri Press Club Park, joined by teachers, revenue, local government, and health department workers. Protesters raised slogans against the Sindh government, condemning pension cuts and exclusion from the Disparity Reduction Allowance (DRA). They accused the government of treating Sindh employees unfairly and demanded immediate reversal of anti-worker policies to relieve financial pressure on government staff.

Sohni Dharti Hosts Seed Seminar at Katiyar Farm in Tando Bago

By Sher Ali Khawaja



TANDO BAGO: Sohni Dharti International held a Seed Advantage seminar at Katiyar Farm on Talhar Road, led by Sham Sundar Lohano. Key participants included Shah Nawaz Katoher, Regional Manager Nazar Muhammad Bhatti, Zonal Manager Aslam Parvez Kanbhar, and Field Officer Sajjad Ali Mallah. The seminar highlighted the benefits of Sohni Dharti seeds, which help farmers and landowners achieve better yields and higher profits. Landowners praised the company's seeds, noting increased production and demand. Journalists from Tando bago and National Press Clubs attended. The event concluded with distribution of lunch boxes and cold drinks to guests.

Sindh DG Livestock Stresses Vital Role of Sector at World Rabies Day Event

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Dr. Hizbullah Bhutto, Director General of Livestock Sindh, stressed the importance of the livestock sector for Sindh's economy and the livelihoods of its people during a World Rabies Day event in Matiari. The one-day anti-rabies camp, held at the Animal Health Extension Center and organized by the Livestock Department in collaboration with Sadat International Company, vaccinated 41 dogs. Dr. Bhutto emphasized the 'One Health' approach to link animal and human health, supporting the WHO's goal to eliminate dog-mediated rabies deaths by 2030. He praised the department's proactive flood response, including animal treatment and vaccination efforts. The DG also highlighted ongoing government projects aimed at modernizing veterinary infrastructure, improving animal health and breeding, and boosting milk and meat production to increase farmers' incomes.

Women's Boxing Talent Hunt Camp Opens in Hyderabad for Rising Fighters

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Sports Department and Sindh Boxing Association jointly launched the first-ever Sindh Talent Hunt Summer Women's Boxing Coaching and Training Camp 2025 at Sindh Sports Board Hostel, Niaz Stadium, Hyderabad. Over 100 women boxers from Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Larkana, and other districts are participating. The three-day camp, running from September 28 to 30, offers modern training, fitness exercises, and skill workshops. Participants will later compete in the National Games and Prime Minister Youth Games, promoting female sports talent in Sindh.

Matli Seminar Raises Alarm Over Ice Drug Epidemic

By Nooral Khamisani

MATLI: In collaboration with a private school, the leader of SPSP Badin, Azan Memon, organized an awareness seminar in Matli's local hall to combat the sale and use of the dangerous drug Ice. Provincial advisor Tanzila Hameed Qambrani was the chief guest, joined by political leaders, police officials, lawyers, and social activists. The seminar drew a large crowd of students, teachers, journalists, traders, and citizens. Speakers highlighted how Ice addiction has deeply affected Matli's youth, destroying families and communities. They called for urgent and effective police action and expressed confidence that the region's awareness efforts will soon eliminate this threat.

Pak Baloch Ittehad Strengthens Leadership Network in Tando Allahyar

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The general meeting of Pak Baloch Ittehad Tando Allahyar district was held today at the central office under the chairmanship of President Abdul Rauf Baloch, where the cabinet was expanded. The new cabinet includes Haji Imam Bakhsh Baloch as Patron-in-Chief, Abdul Rauf Baloch as President, Abdul Latif Baloch as Chairman, Muhammad Jahangir Baloch as Vice Chairman, Muhammad Nawaz Baloch as First Vice President, Muhammad Asif Baloch as Second Vice President, along with other key office bearers. Muhammad Tahir Baloch and Muhammad Hanif Baloch were appointed as Unit In-charges for Ward No-03 and Ward No-04 respectively.

Journalists Demand Swift Arrest of Imtiaz Mir's Killers in Protest

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: The District Union of Journalists organized a protest march from the Press Club to DC Chowk demanding the immediate arrest of journalist Imtiaz Mir's killers and condemning false cases against journalists Azam Sehriani and Barkat Mirani. Carrying banners and placards, participants raised slogans for justice and protection of journalists. Speakers, including Press Club President Hyder Magsi, Nawaz Solangi, Abdul Rehman Afridi, Abdul Ghani Khoso, and Abdul Nabi Magsi, called Imtiaz Mir's brutal murder an attack on press freedom. They urged the government to ensure journalists' safety and criticized the failure to arrest the culprits. Protesters warned of expanding demonstrations if demands are not met and demanded the immediate withdrawal of cases against the two journalists.

Hundreds of Sindh Employees Lay Siege to Badin DC Office in Protest

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Over 100 employees gathered at a protest camp set up by All Employees Badin leader Kashif Qadir Memon outside the Laar Museum DC Office Badin on September 29, 2025. The workers raised slogans against pension cuts, demanding their rights including group insurance and opposing anti-employee policies. Various organization leaders and their workers remained present for four hours, showing strong unity. The protest was hosted by Kashif Qadir Memon under the Sindh Employees Alliance.

Alliance Escalates as Sindh Employees Stage Fresh Demonstrations in Tando Allahyar

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Sindh Employees Alliance intensified protests by locking offices and schools, holding sit-ins outside Latif Gate. Leaders demanded restoration of pension cuts, DRE allowance, and group insurance. They warned if demands remain unmet, daily four-hour lockouts will continue, with a massive rally planned at Bilawal House Karachi on October 6. Meanwhile, government offices across three talukas stayed closed in solidarity.

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Natalya Hails McMahon's Groundbreaking Role in Women's Wrestling in Saudi Arabia

WWE legend Natalya Neidhart has praised the company's co-founder, Vince McMahon, for his role in women's wrestling in Saudi Arabia.

Natalya is one of the biggest names in the wrestling industry. She joined World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) in 2007 and is still a prominent member of the promotion.

Natalya has the honour of being part of the first-ever women's wrestling match in Saudi Arabia, where she wrestled Lacey Evans at Crown Jewel 2019.

During a recent interview, Natalya was asked about her experience in Saudi Arabia, to which she revealed that she had told Vince McMahon that she wanted to become the first woman to wrestle in Saudi Arabia.

"I just feel like the women have come such a long way, and Vince McMahon gave me so many opportunities (...). The Saudi Arabia match, I said to Vince McMahon, when WWE first started doing stuff in Saudi Arabia, I said, 'Vince, I really want to go. I want to be the first woman to wrestle in Saudi Arabia,'" Natalya said.—Agency

Saad Habib Shines as Runner-Up at Sri Lanka Amateur Golf Championship

KARACHI: Pakistan's Saad Habib Malik finished runner-up at the 134th Sri Lanka Amateur Golf Championship after losing a tense playoff to local favourite Chanaka Perera at the Royal Colombo Golf Club.

The final, played over 36 holes, saw Habib trailing by three strokes after the first round. The young Pakistani golfer staged a remarkable comeback, levelling the match in the opening holes of the second round and keeping the contest tied until the finish.

Habib was unlucky on the 17th hole, where he missed a putt by just a few inches that could have given him the lead. With both players even after 36 holes, the championship was decided in a playoff.

Perera, benefitting from his familiarity with the home course, edged Habib in the playoff to lift the title. Habib's solid driving and iron play were offset by missed opportunities on the greens, while Perera's confidence in putting on familiar turf proved crucial.—Agency

Federer Reveals Secret to Outsmart Alcaraz, Applauds Fritz's Stunning Laver Cup Upset

Swiss tennis legend Roger Federer, at the 2025 Laver Cup, has praised Taylor Fritz's stunning win over Carlos Alcaraz and outlined the aggressive strategy needed to stop the World No. 1.

The Spaniard has lost just seven matches all season, and his victory at the US Open saw him move ahead of long-time rival Jannik Sinner.

That momentum makes him the favourite for the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Finals to close out the year.

Still, Federer shared his thoughts on how he would approach beating Alcaraz.

He suggested that outmanoeuvring is one possible tactic to defeat Alcaraz, 22, although it is challenging to execute.

"I mean, obviously it's surface-based,not every surface allows you just to power through. Maybe against Alcaraz, sometimes you have to outmanoeuvre him, which is obviously super difficult," Federer said.

"What I did see is just what he's able to cover, and with the speed that he has, you have to go in with a mindset that you need to win the point twice." Federer, 44, also acknowledged that Alcaraz's athleticism often forces opponents into extra-pressure situations.—Agency

Ex-Pakistan Captain Blasts India for Snubbing Asia Cup 2025 Trophy from Mohsin Naqvi

DUBAI: Former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif on Sunday night strongly criticised the Indian cricket team after they refused to accept the Asia Cup 2025 trophy from Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Chairman and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi, following their victory over Pakistan in the tournament final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Taking to social media platform X, Latif said, "The Indian cricket team is a strong candidate for suspension after refusing to collect the Asia Cup 2025 trophy and awards from the ACC Chairman. In any other sport, this would have been an open-and-shut case."

However, the former wicketkeeper expressed scepticism over any disciplinary action being taken, adding, "With the ICC Chairman, CEO, CFO, Commercial Chief, and Head of Events and Communications all being Indians, suspension seems unlikely."

Describing the incident as "an ugly day for cricket," he accused India of violating the spirit and essence of the gentleman's game "in broad daylight," and called for stronger accountability to uphold cricketing ethics.

During the closing ceremony, the Indian team did not collect their winners' medals or the Asia Cup trophy. The delay followed a brief standoff between the ACC and the Indian squad, which reportedly refused to receive the silverware from ACC President Naqvi, who also serves as PCB Chairman.

The ceremony, featuring all eight participating teams, began after an hour-long delay.

Individual awards were presented: India's Kuldeep Yadav, Shivam Dube, and Tilak Varma were recognised for their performances in the final, while Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha collected the prize money for finishing as runners-up.

Later, Kuldeep Yadav received the Best Bowler of the Tournament award, and left-handed opener Abhishek Sharma was named Player of the Tournament.

Despite the presentations, the ceremony concluded without the winning team collecting the trophy.—Agency

Chris Woakes Bows Out, Announces Retirement from International Cricket

KARACHI: England's experienced bowling all-rounder Chris Woakes on Monday announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect.

The 36-year-old made the announcement on his Instagram handle with a detailed statement, captioned, "Pleasure has been all mine! No regrets."

Woakes, who made his international debut in January 2011 against Australia, went on to represent England in 62 Tests, 122 ODIs and 33 T20Is.

He was also a part of the England sides that won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2019 and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia.

Woakes's last international appearance came in August this year during the fifth and final Test of the five-match home series against India, which was hindered by a shoulder injury.

In his retirement statement, Woakes said representing England for around 15 years has been the biggest pride of his glittering career besides lifting the two World Cups and reiterated that it was the right time to step away from the sport.

"The moment has come, and I've decided that the time is right for me to retire from international cricket," Woakes said in a statement.

"Playing for England was something I aspired to do since I was a kid dreaming in the back garden, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have lived out those dreams. Representing England, wearing the Three Lions and sharing the field with teammates over the last 15 years, many of whom have become lifelong friends, are things I'll look back on with the greatest pride.—Agency

Agha Accuses India of Disrespecting Cricket with Asia Cup Trophy Snub

DUBAI: Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha voiced strong disapproval of India's stance during the recently concluded ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025, stating that they are bringing disrepute to the sport.

This year's continental tournament has been marred by controversies, with the Indian players denying handshakes with their Pakistani counterparts and eventually refusing to receive the prestigious trophy from Asian Cricket Council (ACC) President Mohsin Naqvi, who is also the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board.

The Indian team's stubbornness caused an hour-long delay in the commencement of the post-match presentation, drawing criticism from the cricket fraternity, including Ravi Shastri.

The closing ceremony of the eight-team tournament eventually started after a long delay, with India's Kuldeep Yadav, Shivam Dube and Tilak Varma receiving individual awards for their respective performances in the summit clash, while Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha collected the prize money cheque for finishing as the runners-up.

Later, Kuldeep was invited again to collect the award for finishing as the highest wicket-taker of the Asia Cup 2025, followed by left-handed opener Abhishek Sharma, who was adjudged the Player of the Tournament for scoring 314 runs in seven innings at an average of 44.85.

The closing ceremony concluded without the winning team receiving the trophy, as presenter Simon Doull confirmed its conclusion.

"I have been informed by the ACC that the Indian cricket team will not be collecting their awards tonight. So that does conclude the post-match presentation," informed Doull.

Later, Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha addressed the post-match press conference and expressed his disappointment with India's rigid approach throughout the tournament.

"What India have done this tournament is very disappointing," Agha told reporters.

They're not disrespecting us by not shaking hands, they're disrespecting cricket. Good teams don't do what they did today. We went to pose with the trophy on our own because we wanted to fulfil our obligations. We stood there and took our medals. I don't want to use harsh words but they've been very disrespectful. —Agency

Rooney Tears Into Amorim, Urges Manchester United to Start Fresh

Manchester United legend Wayne Rooney has slammed Ruben Amorim, saying he has no faith in the club and manager, insisting it is time for a change at Old Trafford and urging the owners to set a clear direction for the future.

Head coach Amorim has collected just 34 points from his 33 Premier League games in charge following Saturday's 3-1 defeat at Brentford.

Rooney, 39, United's all-time top scorer, claimed that he often attends matches expecting the team to lose and believes some players no longer deserve to represent the club.

He also criticised the lack of progress under Amorim and expressed his frustration during a podcast.

"I just don't know what's going on, I have tried my hand in management and it didn't work out too well, so I get it," he said.

"Ruben Amorim is my age, he's still a young manager and I'm sure he's got a massive future, but what's going on at Man Utd, this is not Man Utd.

"I honestly hope he can turn it round and he does. But... after everything I've seen, honestly, I've got no faith in it."

Amorim was appointed as Erik Ten Hag's successor last November, after winning two titles with Sporting CP.

United endured their worst Premier League Campaign last season, finishing 15th, their lowest, while also losing the Europa League final to Tottenham.

This season, they sit 14th in the table after six matches, having lost half of them.

Rooney went further, claiming the club's identity has been lost.

"I don't recognise the whole football club, who won five Premier League titles and the Champions League with United," Rooney said.—Agency

Nick Woltemade Rejects Gabriel's Apology After Brutal Elbow Clash in Arsenal Win

NEWCASTLE: Newcastle United forward Nick Woltemade has refused to accept an apology from Arsenal's Gabriel Magalhaes, after the defender allegedly 'elbowed him in the face' during a celebration at St James Park.

The German striker voiced frustration over dangerous challenges and poor sportsmanship in the Premier League.

Woltemade, who joined Newcastle this summer for a club-record £65m from VfB Stuttgart, had put Eddie Howe's side ahead with a 34th-minute header.

Television replays show Gabriel's arm catching Woltemade after the Brazilian scored a stoppage-time winner to seal Arsenal's 2-1 victory.

Match officials and VAR took no action, and Gabriel later told teammates he had been pushed before the contact.

In a post-match analysis, Newcastle midfielder described the clash in detail, stressing that Gabriel's contact was deliberate and avoidable as it is not my type of game.

"After the goal there was a situation I felt his elbow in my face in two metres, but I'm not the type of player to fall down for this. It's hard because sometimes maybe you have to do this, but this is not my type of football," Woltemade said.

The 23-year-old said Gabriel apologised afterwards but insisted that it was not enough, adding that apologies do not excuse dangerous play.—Agency

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Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon Bring Hollywood Glitz to Nashville Spotlight

Nicole Kidman said that she is planning to bring more TV and movie productions to Nashville.

At the Nashville Film Festival on September 21, the 58-year-old actress told the guests that she is teaming up with Reese Witherspoon to bring a little bit of the entertainment industry out east.

"I'll be bringing more and more production here," said the Babygirl star. "Reese Witherspoon lives here too, and she's one of my best besties."

"I can't say that we will be bringing Big Little Lies here," Nicole joked of her and Reese' hit series. "That's all got to go where it is."

"But in terms of just, you know, there is so much room here for production," she continued. "The crews are fantastic and the actors, and the people, all of ... I feel that it's taking off and will continue to take off, so off we go."

"Come on, Tennessee, we've got this," added Nicola.

For the unversed, The Perfect Couple alum has been living in Tennessee's capital since 2008.

Selena Gomez's Mother Drops Bombshell Revelation About Her Wedding

Selena Gomez's mother, Mandy Teefey, revealed that it was Selena's grandfather, David Cornett, who walked her down the aisle at her wedding to Benny Blanco.

She revealed the sweet detail via a Instagram post, describing the ceremony as a perfect and emotional celebration.

In the heartwarming post, Teefey expressed how special it was to see her father give Selena away on her big day.

Posting a snap from Gomez and Blanco's wedding ceremony, she penned, "What a perfect celebration for the most kick ass couple I know!"

"The evening couldn't have been more beautiful and perfect! Absolutely flawless! All my love to my beautiful daughter @selenagomez and to the greatest son in law @itsbennyblanco," she added.

""It was a fairytale come true and it was beyond heartwarming watching my father walk her down the aisle!!! XO."

The post sparked questions from fans about why Gomez's father, Ricardo Joel Gomez, wasn't the one to walk her down the aisle.

One social media user penned, "Why didn't her father do it," while another added, "Why not her own dad."

Tilly Norwood Breaks Ground as World's First AI Film Star

AI-generated actress Tilly Norwood is all set to enter the entertainment industry in earnest!

Created by actor and technologist Eline van der Velden through her AI talent studio Xicoia, Tilly is an AI performer who may soon become the first artificial actress to be signed by an agency "in the coming months."

"We were in a lot of boardrooms around February time, and everyone was like, 'No, this is nothing. It's not going to happen.' Then, by May, people were like, 'We need to do something with you guys,'" Eline said at a panel discussion at the Zurich Summit on September 28.

"When we first launched Tilly, people were like, 'What's that?,' and now we're going to be announcing which agency is going to be representing her in the next few months," she added.

Later, the comedian gave an interview to Broadcast International and said that "We want Tilly to be the next Scarlett Johansson or Natalie Portman; that's the aim of what we're doing."

"People are realizing that their creativity doesn't need to be boxed in by a budget – there are no constraints creatively and that's why AI can really be a positive," continued Eline. "It's just about changing people's viewpoint."

Van der Velden Eline described AI-generated character Tilly not as a substitute for human actors but as a creative experiment.

Kids' Corner

Name: Daniyal S/o Hashim Memon
Location: Talhar
About me: I love my mother up to the Moon and back!

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THE HEARTLAND

Moro Residents Protest Robbery and Shooting of Multan Visitor

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Days ago, an armed group assaulted a visitor from Multan near National Bank alley on the main road. The assailants, riding a two-seater motorcycle, snatched the guest's mobile phone, cash, and other items, then shot him multiple times before fleeing. The victim, Rana Shahid, was first taken to Moro Hospital and later transferred to Nawabshah Hospital in critical condition. A FIR has been filed, but no arrests have been made. Locals and the victim's acquaintances staged a protest demanding immediate action. They've urged the IG Sindh, DIG Shaheed Benazirabad, and SSP Nawabshah to ensure arrests and public safety in Moro.

PPP Mobilizes Grassroots with Reorganization Drive in Dadu District

By Javed Laghari

DADU: In accordance with Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's instructions, MPA Fayaz Ali Bhutto visited Pir House Dadu, where PPP Dadu President Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, General Secretary Fayaz Ali Khan Bhutto, and Information Secretary Mir Saddam Balhro continued the party's organizational restructuring process by collecting membership forms. Forms are being submitted by party workers across all tehsils. On this occasion, Mir Saddam Balhro was also presented with a traditional Ajrak in appreciation of his services.

Anti-Corruption Establishment Probes Sindh Textbook Board Over Tender Scandal

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Anti-Corruption Establishment has launched a formal inquiry into Pervaiz Ahmed Baloch, Chairman of the Sindh Textbook Board, alleging corruption, abuse of authority, misappropriation of funds, and violation of Article 25-A (free education) of the Constitution. A notice dated September 26, 2025, authorizes the probe under the Anti-Corruption Rules, 1993. It cites irregularities in tenders issued for printing textbooks for the 2025-26 academic year, including suspicious bidder selection and advance payments. The Board has been ordered to submit attest--ed copies of NITs, bidder lists, contracts, delivery documents, payment details, and procurement committee member names by October 2, 2025. Statements will then be recorded. A copy of the directive is also with the DG of Anti--Corruption Sindh for further action.

Fatal Electric Shock Near Hingorja Leaves One Dead, Two Critical

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: A tractor-trolley collided with high-voltage electric wires near Hingorja, causing the death of 20-year-old Jan Muhammad Jahangir on the spot. The trolley belonged to trader Khadim Jahangir. Two others, Haji Jahangir and Faisal Jahangir, sustained serious injuries and were taken to Hingorja Hospital, later transferred to GMS Hospital. The deceased's funeral was held in his home village with large attendance. Rescue authorities responded promptly, and the injured are reported to be recovering.

Security Guard Murder Case Registered in Jati Amid Rising Crime Woes

By AS Thahim

JATI: Two days ago, security guard Muhammad Juman Thahim, a resident of village Soomar Thahim, was murdered. His son, Suleman Thahim, filed a complaint at Jati police station against unknown persons under sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing hurt). Suleman said they have no enmity with anyone and are investigating the killers on their own, but have found no clue so far. He expressed full confidence in the police for justice. Jati SHO Zaheer Ahmed Solangi stated that investigations are ongoing, and the culprits will be caught soon.

Court Orders Money Laundering Investigation Against Former SBBUVAS VC Dr Farooq Mati

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Special Anti-Corruption (Central) Court in Hyderabad has ordered an investigation under the Anti-Money Laundering Act into Dr. Muhammad Farooq Hussain Mati and six family members. Dr. Mati, former VC of SBBUVAS and Chairman of Shaheed Benazirabad Education Board, is accused of abuse of power, corruption, and accumulation of illicit wealth. The court has directed the FIA Hyderabad to submit its findings within 15 days. All accused are required to appear in court on October 10, 2025. The probe covers Dr. Mati and six relatives, including his brother, nephew, and sisters, all alleged to have benefitted from the purported misconduct.

PPP Hyderabad Division Pays Glowing Tribute to MRD Martyrs

HYDERABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Hyderabad Division, led by President Ajiz Dhamrah, held a commemorative ceremony at Dhamrah House Kotri to honor the martyrs of the MRD Movement. The event featured Quran recitation and prayers, with party workers and officials paying tribute. Ajiz Dhamrah pledged to continue the martyrs' legacy of fighting oppression and strengthening democracy under Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's leadership.--RT

PPP Leader Demands Swift Justice for Journalist Imtiaz Mir's Murder

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Senior PPP leader Abdul Manan Siddiqui has demanded a high-level investigation into the murder of journalist Imtiaz Mir. He criticized police for failing to arrest the killers despite being identified. Siddiqui urged Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah to ensure justice for the victim's family and punish those involved including any police facilitators to prevent future attacks on truth-seeking journalists.

Moro Man Seeks Police Protection After Threats Over Sister's Marriage

By Wasim Solangi

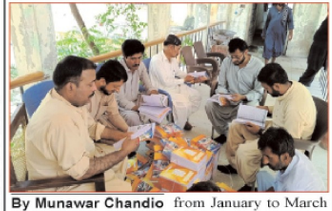
MADEJI: Javed Shaikh and his sister Khalida Shaikh of village Munimabad in Jamalpur police limits staged a protest, saying Khalida was lawfully married to Waqar, son of Abdul Haq Shaikh, from their own community. They claimed local resident Jabbar, son of Ali Sher Shaikh of Laki Ghulam Shah, began calling with threats demanding to know why the marriage took place without his permission and warning to kill Khalida and her brother. Javed urged SSP Shikarpur, Shaheizb Chachar, to take immediate notice, arrest the threatener and provide protection to his family, saying their lives are now at risk.

Kotri Honors Sindhi Literary Icon Shamsherul Hyderi with Grand Tribute

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The literary community gathered in Kotri to honor the late Shamsherul Haidari at a heartfelt 'Yad-e-Taqub' ceremony. Esteemed poets, scholars, and intellectuals praised Hyderi's revolutionary contributions to Sindhi literature, journalism, and culture. The event featured poetic recitals, cultural performances, and moving tributes, emphasizing his lasting legacy. Organizers vowed to continue promoting Sindhi literary heritage, ensuring Hyderi's spirit inspires future generations.

Sindh Textbook Board Begins Printing for New Academic Year



By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The Sindh Textbook Board (STBB) has begun printing 5 million textbook sets for the 2026-27 academic year after meeting its pre-season target. The phase-wise printing will finish by January 2026, with distribution to schools across Sindh planned from January to March 2026. Provincial Education Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah praised the progress, saying delays in book delivery are now a thing of the past. STBB officials confirmed that timely distribution will ensure students receive books before the new session starts in April 2026.

Soomro Community Elects New Union Council Body in Khanpur Mahar

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: A new body of the Somro community has been elected in Union Council Ali Mahar, Khanpur Mahar, Khan Garh Tehsil. Hafiz Naik Muhammad Soomro was appointed as Patron-in-Chief, while Haji Adam Somro was elected President. Other key members include Senior Vice President Noor Muhammad Soomro, Vice President Rafiq Ahmed, General Secretary Saddam Hussain, Deputy General Secretary Abdul Razzaq, Joint Secretary Gulbahar, Finance Secretary Ali Hassan, Information Secretary Ghulam Murtaza, and Office Secretary Abdul Basit Soomro.

Govt Employees Clash Over Pension Cuts Amid Political Infighting

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: All Pakistan Clerks Association Sindh leaders, including President Manawar Ali Shah and others, stated that government employees across Sindh have been protesting for a month over pension cuts and allowances. Despite claims by PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari denying any pension reductions, a government notification shows significant cuts in pensions and communications. Employees accuse the Sindh government of ignoring their issues despite directives from Bilawal. Protests continue at press clubs, with a threat to close offices and stage a sit-in outside Bilawal House on October 6 until demands are met.

Training Empowers Rural Sindh Fish Farmers with Modern Aquaculture Practices

By Daim Shah

GHARO: A successful one-day training on Best Aquaculture Practices for Semi-Intensive Farming was held under the PAIDAR program, funded by the EU and implemented by UNIDO. The event gathered 40 fish farmers, academia representatives, and Marine Fisheries officials. Led by international experts, the training focused on pond management, water quality, feeding, and fish health, combining theory with practical demonstrations. The program aims to enhance sustainable, climate-smart aquaculture in rural Sindh, boosting livelihoods while promoting efficient resource use and disease prevention.

Badin Journalists Threatened in Property Feud, Hunger Strike Looms if Ignored

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Senior journalist Shafi Memon has accused his influential cousins Noor Ahmad, Nazir Ahmad and Niaz Ahmad Memon of illegally selling shared family assets including a high-value city plot, shops and agricultural land and threatening him with death when he protested. Memon said a written agreement proves the property is jointly owned. He appealed to the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Sindh High Court, session judge Badin and the Deputy Commissioner for justice, warning he will begin an indefinite hunger strike outside Badin Press Club if authorities fail to act.

Dadu Journalists Protest Against Murder of Senior Colleague Imtiaz Mir

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Journalists from HUJ and Dadu Press Club held a protest and sit-in outside Dadu Press Club against the killing of Karachi-based journalist Imtiaz Mir. Carrying placards, they raised slogans condemning the government and police for their failure to protect journalists. Press club leaders stated that journalists in Sindh have been repeatedly targeted and killed, yet the government and police remain indifferent. They demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible for his murder, warning of widespread protests across Sindh if justice is not served.

Hyderabad Crackdown Begins: SSP Chandio Orders Ruthless Cleanup of Traffic Chaos and Encroachments

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: In a bold and sweeping move to restore order in the city, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Adeel Hussain Chandio has launched a full-scale crackdown on traffic violations and illegal encroachments across Hyderabad. Chairing a high-level joint meeting with officials from the District Police, Traffic Police, District Traffic Management Board, Town Chairmen, and the local traders' community, SSP Chandio made it clear that strict, impartial, and non-discriminatory action would now be taken to reclaim public spaces and fix Hyderabad's worsening traffic woes.The meeting identified core contributors to the gridlock, including rampant wrong-way driving, double and improper parking, and "soft encroachments" such as goods and stalls spilling onto roads. Trader representatives highlighted the severe congestion caused by rickshaws and loader rickshaws parked in triple lines, especially in commercial areas.

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GLOBAL WATCH

Race Against Time as Pakistani Expat Battling Eviction Struggles to Save 65 Rescued Cats in Dubai

DUBAI: Aisha Rashid never imagined her compassion would lead to such overwhelming circumstances. The Pakistani expat in the UAE, who is caring for 65 rescued cats in a Dubai apartment dedicated to them, is now facing an eviction deadline of October 2 after her property management company demanded she remove all the animals.

What began as a temporary arrangement during the Covid-19 pandemic has snowballed into a full-scale rescue operation that has consumed Rashid's life and finances.

"I started feeding the cats during Covid," the 39-year-old told Gulf News. "There was a lady who used to feed the stray cats. She went to her country and said once she came back, she would feed. Meanwhile, she asked me to just feed them."The lockdown changed everything. When the original caretaker returned after five months, she refused to continue. —RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Sharjeel Rolls Out Pakistan's First Govt EV Taxi Service, December Launch Locked In

KARACHI: The Sindh government is set to launch Pakistan's first state-run electric vehicle (EV) taxi service by December 2025. Chaired by Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, a key meeting in Karachi revealed plans for eco-friendly, high-quality transport, with initial EV taxis reserved for women. Backed by Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, this initiative follows successful projects like EV buses, Pink Bus, and Pink Scooty services. Sindh also plans to deploy more double-decker and EV buses, develop EV infrastructure, and attract foreign investment. The government pledges safe, modern, and affordable travel—especially for women—in Karachi and beyond.—RT

PTI Sindh Rallies Behind Protesters, Slams Controversial Pension Reforms

Karachi: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Sindh has announced its full support for protesting government employees, strongly criticizing the Sindh government's proposed pension reforms. PTI Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh described the reforms as "economic murder" of employees and warned that his party would join the protests if demands were not met.

Sheikh said government workers had been demonstrating for days, with educational institutions closed for over a week, disrupting students' futures. He accused PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari of staging a "drama" by making false assurances without withdrawing controversial notifications or addressing employees' demands.

"Retired employees depend on pensions. Depriving them of this right is extreme cruelty," Sheikh said, stressing that the government was stripping workers of their basic entitlements in the name of reforms.—RT/Agency

Jam Ikramullah Dharejo Expresses Deep Grief Over Passing of Zia Hassan Lanjar's Mother

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Industries and Commerce, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo, has expressed profound sorrow over the demise of the mother of Sindh Home Minister, Zia Hassan Lanjar. He prayed for the departed soul to attain the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and for patience for the bereaved family. Dharejo said in this hour of grief, he firmly stand with Lanjar and his family.—RT

Sindh Health Dept Kicks Off Catch-Up Days for Crucial HPV Vaccination Drive

Karachi: The Sindh Health Department has decided to observe catch-up days from September 29 to October 1 to boost coverage under its ongoing HPV vaccination campaign. The decision comes after reports showed that only 59% of targeted schoolgirls were vaccinated during the initial 12 days of the campaign.

According to instructions issued by the Director of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Sindh, vaccination sessions will be repeated in schools where coverage remained below 80%. All field teams and supervisors have been directed to conduct these catch-up activities without any additional budget allocation.

The letter further stated that deputy commissioners across Sindh will oversee the campaign to ensure effective monitoring and improved results. Officials emphasized that the initiative is crucial for protecting young girls from HPV-related diseases and achieving the set immunization targets across the province.—RT

Saeed Ghani Holds Key Meeting with UAE Envoy, Pushes Labour and Welfare Breakthroughs

KARACHI : Sindh Minister Saeed Ghani met UAE Consul General Dr. Bakheet Alremeithi in Karachi to strengthen labour welfare, social protection, and bilateral cooperation. Ghani lauded the UAE's continued support and longstanding brotherly ties with Pakistan. The UAE envoy assured full cooperation, reaffirming commitment to joint efforts in human resource development. Both sides agreed to deepen collaboration and explore new avenues for mutual benefit and people-to-people engagement between the two nations.—RT

Motiwala Vows KCCI Will Shield Business Community and Drive Export Growth

Karachi: Chairman Businessmen Group (BMG) Zubair Motiwala, while addressing the 64th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), reiterated the Chamber's resolve to safeguard business interests, strengthen unity, and enhance Pakistan's exports.

Motiwala highlighted KCCI's proactive role during 2024-25, including resisting anti-business measures, engaging with policymakers, modernizing institutional frameworks, and protecting traders from undue harassment. He described the Inland Revenue Service as vital to the economy and stressed that Karachi, contributing 67% of revenue and 54% of exports, must always be heard at the policy level.—RT

ABAD Chief Presses Govt to Push Back Tax Filing Deadline

Karachi: Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), Muhammad Hassan Bakhshi, has called on the government to extend the deadline for filing income tax returns. He highlighted that ongoing heavy rains and flood-like conditions in several cities have severely disrupted business activities, making timely filing difficult for taxpayers.

Bakhshi further stated that the introduction of new tax procedures has created additional confusion among taxpayers, leaving many struggling to comply within the given timeframe. He emphasized that an extension in the deadline would provide much-needed relief and convenience to the business community, enabling them to meet their obligations without unnecessary pressure.—RT

Governor Sindh Urges IRS Officers to Ensure Fair Taxation for Economic Revival

Karachi: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori met with probationary officers of the 51st Special Training Program of the Inland Revenue Service (IRS) at the Governor House Karachi. The meeting focused on Pakistan's economic challenges, reforms in taxation, and the need to strengthen public trust in the revenue system.

Addressing the officers, Governor Tessori said weak tax collection remains the country's biggest financial challenge, stressing that sustainable growth is impossible without a fair and transparent taxation framework. He expressed concern that the salaried class bears most of the tax burden, while high-income groups often evade their obligations.

Calling the IRS the "backbone of the national economy," the Governor emphasized the importance of integrity, competence, and accessibility in tax administration.—RT/Agency

KATI Power Shake-Up as Junaid Naqi Quits and Ikram Rajput Secures Unanimous Control

Karachi: The office bearers of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) have resigned due to personal commitments, paving the way for new leadership. At a meeting of the executive committee, members unanimously accepted the resignations of President Junaid Naqi, Senior Vice President Ijaz Sheikh, and Vice President Tariq Hussain.

For the remainder of the term, Muhammad Ikram Rajput was elected as President, Zahid Hameed as Senior Vice President, and Muhammad Talha Ali as Vice President.

Patron-in-Chief S.M. Tanveer, Deputy Patron-in-Chief Zubair Chhaya, former presidents, chairmen, and members of KATI congratulated the newly elected officials, expressing full confidence and assurance of cooperation. They also praised the services of the outgoing team.—RT

Horror in Orangi Town as Father Gunned Down Before Children in Robbery Resistance

Karachi: In a tragic incident, robbers shot dead a citizen in front of his children during a robbery attempt in MM Colony, Rahmat Chowk, Sector 11½ of Orangi Town.

According to CCTV footage, the victim, Sajjad Shaukat, who had recently arrived from Faisalabad, was standing at his doorstep with his children when two armed men on a motorcycle approached. One suspect got off the bike and moved toward him. Sajjad resisted the robbery attempt, prompting the assailant to fire at close range.

At the time of the shooting, Sajjad was holding his child, who ran inside the house in terror after witnessing the attack. The victim died on the spot. Police have obtained the CCTV footage and launched a search operation to trace the culprits. With this case, the number of people killed in Karachi during robbery resistance this year has risen to 65.—RT/Agency

Malir Shootout Ends with One Robber Caught, Another on the Run

Karachi: A suspected robber was arrested in an injured condition following a police encounter near Rehri Road, Quaidabad area of District Malir, while his accomplice managed to flee, police officials said on Sunday.

According to a police spokesperson, the arrested suspect has been identified as Ikhraj alias Abdullah, son of Siraj. During the operation, police recovered a pistol with ammunition, two mobile phones, and cash from his possession. The seized weapon has been sent for forensic examination.

The injured suspect was immediately shifted to Jinnah Hospital for medical treatment, while efforts are underway to trace and arrest his escaped accomplice. Police confirmed that further investigation is in progress to determine the suspects' involvement in other criminal activities in the area.—RT/Agency

Saeed Ghani Launches Mega Expansion of Sindh's Social Protection Network

KARACHI: Sindh Labour and Social Protection Minister Saeed Ghani has announced a major expansion of public welfare projects under the Social Protection Authority. Key initiatives like the "Mamta" project, which has already benefited over 800,000 women, will be extended to more districts. Welfare programs from Labour, Health, Education, and Social Welfare departments will now be unified under one umbrella to maximize relief. Ghani emphasized data consolidation and broad-based support to ensure the people of Sindh receive full, effective assistance.—RT

Nasir Shah's Hard-Hitting Crackdown Plan Targets Karachi's Collapse with Expert Overhaul Panel

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah chaired a high-level meeting in Karachi, urging urgent action to restore the city's crumbling infrastructure. He ordered a comprehensive list of all dilapidated buildings and the formation of a technical expert committee to plan structural improvements. Backed by Chairman Bilawal Bhutto and CM Murad Ali Shah, Nasir Shah directed officials to resolve water and sewerage issues on priority and accelerate all development schemes. Stressing the safety and relief of citizens, he called for unity among institutions and political parties to rebuild Karachi and extend infrastructure reforms across Sindh in line with Bilawal's vision.—RT

Karachi Bids Farewell to Senior Journalist Imtiaz Mir at Emotional Burial

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Senior journalist and TV anchor Imtiaz Mir was laid to rest at Quaidabad graveyard in Karachi after his funeral prayers were offered in the area of Malir. A large number of journalists, political figures and local residents attended the funeral to pay their final respects. Notable attendees included Provincial Advisor Muhammad Saleem Baloch, Sindh Assembly Opposition Leader Ali Khursheedi, Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, former Provincial Minister Imtiaz Shaikh, Lal Chand Ikrani, MPA Najam Mirza, MQM leader Ashfaq Mangi, Chairman Malir Town Jan Muhammad Baloch and others.

Jam Ikram Meets Constituents at His Office

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Industries and Commerce, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo, held a meeting with people from his constituency at his office. The gathering focused on hearing public concerns and addressing local issues. Dharejo reaffirmed his commitment to resolving problems faced by the community and assured continued support for the welfare and development of his constituency.—RT

Sohrab Goth Police Net Dozens of Illegal Afghan Nationals in Sweep

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: In a major search operation in Sohrab Goth's Jamali Goth and surrounding areas, police detained 150 individuals, including men, women, and children. The action targeted illegally residing Afghan nationals and drug dealers. After biometric verification, 75 Afghans were found without legal documentation and shifted to GCT Amin House for deportation. The operation, supervised by SP Sohrab Goth, involved 135 house searches and heavy police deployment. SHO Mumtaz Marwat said the operation aimed to restore law and order and eliminate criminal elements.

Sindh Newspaper Society Hosts Free Medical Camp for Ghaghar Phatak Residents

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The Sindh Newspaper Society, in collaboration with the District Health Officer Malir and the Institute of Skin Diseases, held a free medical camp at Indus Public School, Ghaghar Phatak. Skin specialists and general physicians examined over 800 patients and provided free medicines. Doctors, including skin specialist Dr. Arsalan Allahi Memon and general physicians Dr. Ghulam Hussain Baloch, Dr. Muaz, and Dr. Muhammad Bakhsh Dharejo, also raised awareness about healthy lifestyles and disease prevention. Qazi Shafique, President of the Sindh Newspaper Society, distributed certificates of appreciation.

Future Leaders Connect with Leather Industry Giants in NIPA's PTA Visit

KARACHI : A high-profile delegation from the 38th Senior Management Course, NIPA Lahore, visited the Pakistan Tanners Association (Southern Zone). The group received an in-depth briefing on the leather industry, followed by insightful discussions on its challenges and future prospects. PTA Chairman Dr. Danish Aman emphasized the importance of building ties with future national leaders. A shield of appreciation was presented to commemorate the visit, marking a moment of mutual recognition and hope for industry-government collaboration.—RT

Karachi Braces for Light Rain Today, Says PMD

Karachi: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast light rain in Karachi tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) as a deep depression currently lingers over Indian Gujarat, intensifying heat in the city.

Spokesperson for the department said temperatures in Karachi may touch 40 degrees Celsius today. Meteorologist Anjum Nazir noted that the depression may reach the Arabian Sea by October 1, carrying a 50% chance of further intensification before moving westwards towards Oman.

He clarified that the system is not likely to develop into a cyclone and is expected to dissipate into the deep sea after October 4. In the meantime, rain is expected at a few places, including Thatta, Sujawal, Tharparkar and Umerkot, while Karachi may experience post-monsoon showers after a long time.—RT/Agency

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PM Shehbaz Asserts Civil-Military Unity On Economic And Foreign Policy Fronts

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that there is a consensus on all key issues, including foreign policy, between the country's political and military leadership, and the two are "on the same page".

"We consult on every issue. We are on one page and making sincere efforts [....] Mutual consultations are also held regarding the economic situation," PM Shehbaz said while speaking in London.

"I pray for this coordination and harmony among political leadership and institutions to make Pakistan not only overcome the past losses, but also reach new heights," he added.

Underscoring the close working relationship between the civil and military leadership, the prime minister lauded the army chief, saying: "COAS Munir is a true nationalist. He only cares for Pakistan. Under his leadership, both the army and air force have achieved remarkable successes. He is a man of vision and bravery. We discuss all important matters and make decisions in unity. It's all for Pakistan".

Speaking at the Pakistan High Commission following his return from a high-level diplomatic tour of the United States and Saudi Arabia, the premier said that South Asia would have witnessed a major war if not for the intervention of US President Donald Trump.

He said Pakistan had nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for his peace efforts in DRC, Ethiopia-Egypt conflict, and ongoing efforts for peace in Ukraine, recognising him as a "man of peace".

Referring to the recently signed Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement (SMDA) with Saudi Arabia, PM Shehbaz said that the pact is not against any other country, as Pakistan is not in any power struggle but is pursuing a focused approach to achieve economic prosperity by exploiting its immense resources."Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are brotherly countries, bound by decades and centuries-old ties. This pact is against no one but a formalisation of these ties... Every Muslim has a belief and is ready to sacrifice his life to safeguard Roza-e-Rasool and Makkah," he added.

He said that without indulging in any power struggle, Pakistan is striving to achieve its economic goals by addressing poverty, unemployment and exploiting immense potential in agriculture, artificial intelligence, mines and minerals as well as youth bulge by providing them education and skill training.—RT/Agency

National Assembly Passes Resolution Condemning Imran's Conduct Toward Senior Journalist

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly (NA) on Monday adopted a resolution condemning PTI founder Imran Khan's alleged mistreatment of senior journalist Ijaz Ahmed during court proceedings at Adiala Jail.

The episode began when members of the Parliamentary Reporters Association of Pakistan (PRA) walked out of the National Assembly proceedings to protest against the mistreatment of Ahmed.

The senior journalist had informed NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and other parliamentary leaders about the exchange, saying that the PTI founder used abusive language against him when he asked a question.

In response, the PRA Election Committee, led by Chairman Tariq Sameer, submitted a formal request to the speaker for a walkout during the assembly session. The committee's senior members pressed their demand in a meeting with the NA speaker.

Speaker Sadiq, while referring the matter to Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, said such behaviour towards journalists was condemnable. He added that levelling accusations and issuing threats was a hallmark of the PTI founder.

Later in the proceedings, the House suspended rules to allow the resolution to be tabled.—RT/Agency

PM Claims Pakistan Offering Full Cooperation On Economic Revival

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that US President Donald Trump has assured Pakistan of complete cooperation in the fields of trade, economy, and investment, following a "very pleasant" meeting in Washington.

Speaking to journalists in London, Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan's relations with the US have become more stable over the past few months.

"We discussed trade and investment, oil and gas exploration, and opportunities in mines and minerals," the PM said.

He added that Trump's commitment to economic cooperation could open new doors for bilateral investment.

PM Sharif revealed that he told Trump Pakistan nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in preventing escalation with India and for mediating conflicts elsewhere.

"If you had not intervened in time and the matter had escalated, who knows what would have happened?" he said. "We pray for your success and acknowledge your efforts for ceasefire in Gaza."

Pakistan's victory against India

The prime minister reiterated that Pakistan had achieved a "historic victory" against India in the recent conflict.

"By the grace of Allah Almighty and the prayers of 240 million people, Pakistan won the war against India," he said, praising the leadership of Field Marshal Asim Munir and Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu.

He claimed the victory reaffirmed Pakistan's superiority in both conventional and unconventional warfare.—RT/Agency

Imran Voices Unwavering Confidence In Ali Amin Gandapur

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan expressed his full confidence in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur during a detailed meeting held in Adiala Jail on Monday.

The meeting, which lasted more than two hours, covered law and order, economic policies, Afghanistan talks, and the party's internal unity.

According to KP Advisor on Information Barrister Saif, the CM briefed Imran Khan Khan on the provincial government's measures to improve law and order and ensure security.

Gandapur also updated him on ongoing talks and coordination with Afghanistan, a matter the PTI founder emphasised as crucial for regional stability.

Focus on economy and budget

The meeting also featured an extensive review of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's economic situation. Khan expressed satisfaction with the steps taken by the provincial government.Finance Advisor Muzammil Aslam was summoned to provide a detailed update on the budget and was instructed by Khan to move the court over restrictions on meetings with the PTI founder.—RT/Agency

FBR Confirms No Extension For 2025 Tax Filing Deadline

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Monday rejected reports of an extension in the deadline for filing income tax returns for Tax Year 2025, reiterating that September 30 remains the final date.

In a statement, the tax body said it had taken notice of unverified reports circulating on various media platforms suggesting the deadline would be extended.

"It is pointed out that a vast majority of taxpayers reside in areas unaffected by floods and have had ample time to discharge their national obligation of filing returns.""The reports suggesting that the IRIS system has slowed down are also unfounded," the tax-collecting body further said, adding that FBR's IRIS platform is fully operational, functioning smoothly, and taxpayers can easily file their returns using the new simplified income tax return form.

The tax authority also cautioned that failure to file returns by the due date will result in late-filer status and imposition of penalties under the law.FBR also urged all eligible taxpayers to act responsibly and file their income tax returns with accuracy and honesty before the deadline of 30th September, 2025, to avoid any legal consequences.—RT/Agency

Pakistan And IMF Launch Talks On $1 Billion Loan Tranche

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has kicked off crucial talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to secure the next $1billion tranche under the $7billion loan programme.

The IMF review mission met with Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and his economic team at the Ministry of Finance, holding in-depth discussions on the second economic review linked to the loan disbursement.

The meeting was also attended by Finance Secretary Imdadullah Bosal, State Bank Governor Jameel Ahmed, and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Chairman Rashid Mahmood Langrial, among other top officials.

According to sources, both sides went back and forth over IMF conditions, Pakistan's recent economic performance, revenue collection, spending discipline, and ongoing reform efforts.

The IMF also asked for updates on anti-money laundering measures as well as the much-talked-about Governance and Corruption Risk Assessment Report.

Pakistani officials are expected to brief the IMF team on steps taken to curb corruption, including the establishment of provincial-level anti-money laundering enforcement agencies.—RT/Agency

Petrol Prices In Pakistan Set To Surge From October 1

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is expected to increase the prices of petroleum products by up to Rs4.65 per litre for the next fortnight, beginning October 1, 2025 as part of its regular fuel price adjustment mechanism.

According to sources, the price of petrol is likely to rise by Rs1.97 per litre, while other petroleum products are also expected to experience significant hikes.The sources further indicated that the price of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) may increase by Rs2.48 per litre, light diesel by Rs1.76 per litre and kerosene oil by Rs4.64 per litre.Initial calculations for the revised prices have already been completed, and a summary of the proposed changes will be sent to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for final approval.The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) will forward the summary to the Petroleum Division, which, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, will prepare the pricing proposal. Once approved by the Prime Minister, the new prices will be officially announced and are set to take effect from October 1, 2025.—RT/Agency

Bloomberg Says Pak-Saudi Deal Signals Dawn Of Post-US Global Order

With decades of collaboration behind them, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia's recent announcement of a mutual security agreement might seem like just a formality confirming their ongoing partnership. However, it represents something far more significant.

According to Bloomberg, this pact serves as the first tangible sign of what a post-American world could entail, one characterised by increased insecurity, instability, and uncertainty.

The two nations were indeed close for decades. In 1967, two months after Israel's victory in the Six-Day War, they signed a security agreement in which the country's battle-hardened military promised training and support to the Kingdom. Two years later, Pakistani pilots flew for Saudi Arabia in its war against communist South Yemen.

By the 1980s, the generals in Rawalpindi had sent their ally 15,000 soldiers to help protect a regime unnerved by the siege of Mecca in 1979. There were even Pakistani tanks stationed at Tabuk near the Kingdom's northwest border, a short drive from Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat. But such closeness seemed consigned to the history books in 2015 after Pakistan's National Assembly unexpectedly defied Riyadh — and perhaps their own military — by refusing to send soldiers to fight the Houthis.

The Saudis were outraged, especially since they had long been bankrolling their increasingly improvident friends.—RT/Agency

Trump's Shock Move: 100% Tariff On Foreign Films

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump announced a sweeping 100% tariff on all foreign-made films imported into America, warning Hollywood's global model faces disruption, Dawn.com reported. Trump claimed the US movie industry had been "stolen" by other countries, but provided no clarity on legal authority or implementation. Analysts warn the move could raise costs for studios and consumers, while sparking uncertainty for cross-border productions that have long fueled Hollywood's $15.3 billion trade surplus. Industry leaders remain silent on the announcement.-RT

Mob Violence In Sialkot: Ahmadi Community Properties Torched, FIR Registered

SIALKOT: Police have booked multiple suspects after a violent mob attacked members of the Ahmadi community in Piro Chak village, vandalising and torching their properties. The FIR, invoking terrorism charges, states that 200–250 armed men clashed with police, even snatching weapons. At least eight people, including five Ahmadis, were injured. Authorities say the violence stemmed from a burial dispute, with investigators now probing those inciting religious hatred. Law enforcement has tightened security in the area.-Agency

SC Strikes Back: Justice Tariq Jahangiri Restored Amid Legal Firestorm

ISLAMABAD: In a dramatic twist, the Supreme Court on Monday suspended the Islamabad High Court's interim order that had barred Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri from judicial work. The ruling immediately restored him to the bench. Senior lawyer Muneer A.

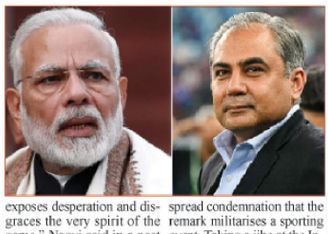
Malik argued the IHC order was unlawful, while bar councils rallied behind Justice Jahangiri.

The SC issued notices to the Attorney General's Office and petitioner Mian Dawood, adjourning further hearing till tomorrow.-RT

Afghanistan Plunged Into Blackout As Taliban Cut Communications Nationwide

KABUL: Taliban authorities on Monday imposed a sweeping nationwide communications shutdown, crippling internet and mobile services across Afghanistan, AFP reported. Connectivity dropped to less than one percent of normal levels, according to watchdog NetBlocks, which called it a "total blackout." Officials said the move, ordered by Supreme Leader Hibatullah Akhundzada to curb "vice," will last until further notice. Banking, customs, and essential services have been severely disrupted, deepening isolation for millions already struggling under strict Taliban restrictions.-RT

Mohsin Naqvi Slams Modi For Dragging War Rhetoric Into Cricket



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Chief Mohsin Naqvi has strongly criticised Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "dragging war into sport", saying that such remarks undermine the spirit of the game.Hitting back at Modi, Naqvi, who is also the country's interior minister, said history has already recorded India's humiliating defeats at Pakistan's hands in the battlefield and cautioned that politicising sport with conflict reflected desperation rather than pride."If war was your measure of pride, history already records your humiliating defeats at Pakistan's hands. No cricket match can rewrite that truth. Dragging war into sport only exposes desperation and disgraces the very spirit of the game," Naqvi said in a post on X. The statement came in response to Modi's illogical tweet after India's win over Pakistan in Sunday's Asia Cup 2025 final, where the Indian premier had equated the cricket victory to "Operation Sindoor" to congratulate his players, only to invite widespread condemnation that the remark militarises a sporting event. Taking a jibe at the Indian leader, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif also joined the criticism, saying that Modi was destroying the culture and spirit of cricket for political gain, thereby diminishing chances of peace and conflict resolution in the subcontinent.—RT/Agency

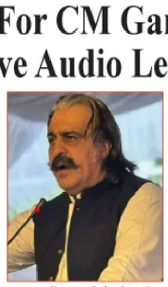
Targeted Terror Returns: Policeman Gunned Down In Karachi's Landhi

KARACHI: A police constable, Qaiser of Saudabad Police Station, was brutally shot dead by unidentified assailants in Bhains Colony, Landhi. The attackers fled after opening fire near 10 Number Road. Qaiser's body was shifted to Jinnah Hospital for autopsy before being handed to heirs. Police lodged an FIR and launched an investigation. The killing adds to a disturbing series of targeted attacks on police officials in Karachi, sparking alarm over worsening law and order.-RT

PIA Soars Again: Toronto Flights Resume After Suspension

KARACHI: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) resumes its Canada operations today as the first Boeing 777 departs for Toronto at 8:30 am. The service was suspended from September 13 to 27 for mandatory aircraft maintenance. To facilitate travelers, PIA has announced a 15% discount on Canada flights valid until October 10, covering travel until December 19. The airline says the move ensures passenger safety while restoring much-needed international connectivity.-RT

Court Issues Non-Bailable Warrant For CM Gandapur In Explosive Audio Leak Case



ISLAMABAD: A district and sessions court on Monday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur in the audio leak case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Nasr Minallah Baloch issued the warrants and ordered authorities to arrest the KP chief executive and produce him before the court.

The other suspect in the case appeared before the court for the hearing.

Following the issuance of a warrant for Gandapur, the court adjourned the hearing till November 5.

It is to be noted here that the case was registered at the Golra Police Station after an audio leak surfaced in which the KP chief minister was purportedly asking about the number of weapons, licences, and people.

This is the second warrant issued for CM Gandapur this month.On September 10, a district and sessions court in the federal capital issued an arrest warrant for him in the alleged liquor and illegal weapons recovery case.Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan issued the warrant after no representative appeared on behalf of Gandapur in the hearing.—RT/Agency

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