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Pakistan Army Showcases Power With Fatah-4 Cruise Missile Launch

A successful training launch of the newly-inducted indigenously developed Fatah-4, a ground-launched cruise missile, was conducted by the Pakistan Army at a range of 750 kilometres, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Tuesday.

Equipped with advanced avionics and state-of-the-art navigational aids, this weapon system is capable of evading an enemy's missile defence system due to terrain-hugging features and engaging targets with high precision, it added.

As part of the Army Rocket Force Command, Fatah-4 will further enhance the reach, lethality and survivability of Pakistan Army's conventional missile systems.

Today's launch was witnessed by the chief of general staff, senior officers from Pakistan's armed forces, dedicated scientists and engineers.

The president, prime minister, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) and services chiefs have also congratulated the participating troops, scientists and engineers on the successful conduct of Fatah-4's training fire.Amid heightened tensions with India in May, Pakistan had carried out the training launch of a Fatah series surface-to-surface missile with a range of 120 kilometres, as part of the ongoing military exercise, Indus, twice.—RT/Agency

Trump's Peace Plan Missing Pakistan's Demands: Dar

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has said that United States President Donald Trump's proposed Gaza peace plan is not the one that contains all of Pakistan's suggestions.

Dar explained that Islamabad held detailed discussions with Trump's team, asking them what Washington had in mind. He, during a conversation on Geo News programme "Aaj Shahzeb Khanzada Kay Sath" said Trump's team shared certain points, and Pakistan responded that within 24 hours it would submit its amendments to those points.

However, Dar stressed that the draft subsequently prepared by Washington did not include all of Pakistan's proposed changes. "This draft does not incorporate all our amendments," he reiterated.

He noted that Pakistan, along with several partner countries, issued a joint statement appreciating Trump's efforts. At the same time, they repeated their own agenda, with Dar underlining that Islamabad would continue to pursue this agenda alongside Trump and his team.

Dar added that Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey and Indonesia, along with another country, decided to quietly make serious efforts regarding Gaza. Leaders and foreign ministers of these eight nations scheduled a meeting with Trump and his team.

Before this meeting, the eight countries' foreign ministers devised a joint strategy. According to Dar, Trump told them that within 48 hours his team and representatives of the eight nations should sit together to prepare a workable plan.

Dar's statement came a day after Trump — standing alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — asserted that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Field Marshal Asim Munir, have fully backed his Gaza peace plan.

Just hours before the US president's announcement, PM Shehbaz had welcomed Trump's plan, saying a durable peace between the Palestinian people and Israel is essential for regional stability and economic growth.

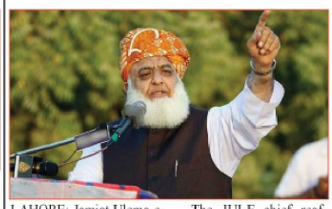
White House released Trump's 20-point plan that calls for a ceasefire, a swap of hostages held by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, a staged Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian enclave, Hamas disarmament, and a transitional government led by an international body.—RT/Agency

Trump Lauds Field Marshal Munir's Praise As A Great Honour

US: US President Donald Trump said that he considered the praise extended to him by Pakistan's Field Marshal Asim Munir as an "honour".Speaking to US military leaders on Tuesday, Trump said that the Pakistani Field Marshal had lauded his role in stopping the Pakistan-India war, which ultimately saved millions of lives.

"He said if the war had taken place, it would have been much worse," Trump noted. The US president added that Field Marshal Munir's remarks had left a positive impression on him. "I really liked his comment," Trump remarked.Trump further said that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Munir had made these observations in the presence of others, including two generals, adding weight to his words.His statement came after his meetings with the army chief twice.In July, Trump and COAS Munir met over lunch at the White House Cabinet Room, where the field marshal acknowledged President Trump's statesmanship and his ability to comprehend and address the multifaceted challenges faced by the global community.Their second meeting was held earlier this month, as Trump, PM Shehbaz Sharif, and Field Marshal Munir held a meeting at the White House.Prime Minister expressed his "deep admiration" for United States President Trump, describing him as a "man of peace" engaged in sincere efforts to end conflicts around the world.Speaking during a warm and cordial meeting with President Trump at the Oval Office, the prime minister said the US leader's bold, courageous, and decisive actions had helped facilitate the ceasefire between Pakistan and India, thereby averting what he called a potential "major catastrophe" in South Asia, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office read.—RT/Agency

Fazlur Rehman Blasts US, Declares No Peace Without Hamas



LAHORE: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has criticised US foreign policy, stating that the United States should not pursue "extremist or forceful politics."

He asserted that Hamas is a central stakeholder in the Palestine issue, and excluding it from negotiations is unrealistic.

Speaking to the media, Maulana Fazlur Rehman emphasised that the Palestinian issue is currently the most pressing global concern. He referenced the founder of Pakistan, who once described the creation of Israel as "a dagger in the back of the Arab world."

The JUI-F chief reaffirmed his party's stance that Israel is an illegitimate state. He criticized US President Donald Trump, accusing him of "imposing decisions" and condemned such behaviour as neither ethical nor political.

Hamas says it will study Trump's peace plan before responding

Rehman stated that no solution can be imposed on Palestinians, and any discussion about a two-state solution must be based on mutual acceptance, which currently does not exist—Israel doesn't accept Palestine, and vice versa.—RT/Agency

Deadly Quetta Blast Near FC HQ Claims 10 Lives

QUETTA/RAWALPINDI: At least 10 people, including two Frontier Corps personnel, were martyred and more than 20 sustained injuries in a blast near Quetta's FC headquarters, Balochistan Health Minister Bakh Muhammad Kakar confirmed on Tuesday.

The explosion was followed by intense gunfire, sparking chaos and fear across the area.

Security sources said that the blast was a suicide bombing carried out using an explosives-laden vehicle by Indian-sponsored terrorists dressed as FC personnel.

They said that a terrorist drove the vehicle into the FC headquarters, while five other terrorists attempted to storm inside the building's premises.

However, all six terrorists, including the suicide bomber, were killed as a result of swift action by security forces, the sources said. A clearance operation was also underway, they added.

Speaking to journalists at the Trauma Centre, Minister Kakar said that 26 injured were under treatment at Civil Hospital and the Trauma Centre, with the condition of five reported as critical.

He condemned the incident, calling it another cowardly act of terrorism. He added that the security forces showed bravery during the attack and killed six terrorists in the encounter.The minister added that such attacks would not deter the resolve of the nation or its forces in the fight against terrorism.The initial reports by police suggested three people were killed, with over a dozen injured. However, the toll was revised to five dead and over 20 hurt after Medical Superintendent of Civil Hospital Quetta Dr Abdul Hadi confirmed the number of casualties.

The official said that all the casualties were civilians. Injured are being given medical aid, he added.In response to the emergency, a spokesperson for the Health Department confirmed that emergency protocols were imposed at the Civil Hospital, Bolan Medical College (BMC), and the Trauma Centre.—RT/Agency

Qatar Sets Stage For Gaza Peace Talks With Hamas, Turkey

DOHA Qatar: Qatar said it was set to hold talks with Hamas negotiators and Turkey Tuesday to discuss US President Donald Trump's Gaza plan, with a foreign ministry spokesman saying Hamas would study it "responsibly".

The comments come just hours after US President Donald Trump unveiled a plan in Washington calling for a ceasefire, release of hostages by Hamas within 72 hours, disarmament of the group and a gradual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, followed by a post-war transitional authority headed by Trump himself.

Qatar and Egypt handed the proposal to Hamas on Monday, and "the (Hamas) negotiating delegation promised to study it responsibly," foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari told a press conference.He added: "There will also be another meeting today, also attended by the Turkish side, with the negotiating delegation."

The latest talks follow an earlier meeting on Monday between Hamas representatives and Egyptian and Qatari mediators in Doha."It is still too early to speak about responses, but we are truly optimistic that this plan, as we said, is a comprehensive one," Ansari added.Following the announcement on Monday, Qatari authorities said they were ready to press for a truce in the Palestinian territory following an Israeli apology for its unprecedented strike targeting Hamas leaders in Doha earlier this month.—RT/Agency

Trump Warns Hamas, Recalls India's Humiliation By Pakistan

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has said that Hamas fighters have only three to four days to respond to Washington's Gaza peace plan, otherwise they could face severe consequences.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump stressed that Israeli and Arab leaders had already approved the proposal, leaving Hamas with a critical choice.

The president underlined that the plan is not open to much negotiation. "Hamas is either going to be doing it or not, and if it's not, it's going to be a very sad end," he told the media. According to him, Arab and Muslim nations, alongside Israel, have all expressed their support for the initiative.

Peace plan deadline

Trump said Hamas must decide swiftly on whether to agree to the peace framework. "We're just waiting for Hamas," he added, pointing out that they have between three and four days to deliver a formal response. He warned that rejecting the offer would lead to a "very unfortunate outcome".

The president insisted that the plan represents a rare consensus in the region, noting that multiple Arab leaders have already aligned with the proposal.

Pakistan-India conflict

During his remarks, Trump unexpectedly recalled past hostilities between Pakistan and India. He noted that in one of the military confrontations, Pakistan had successfully shot down seven Indian fighter aircraft. Without elaborating further, he described it as an example of the intensity of regional conflicts.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Not To Recognize Israel: Gohar

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said on Tuesday that Pakistan will not accept any decision related to the recognition of Israel.

Addressing the media in Islamabad, Barrister Gohar said that Gaza holds great importance for Pakistan. He described the situation as a serious matter and said that Pakistan should only accept a resolution on Palestine that meets the approval of the Muslim Ummah.

He affirmed opposition to all decisions that seek to recognise Israel.

The PTI chairman called on the government to provide an explanation in parliament regarding the woman seated behind Defence Minister Khawaja Asif at the United Nations.

He said the woman appeared to be part of the Pakistani delegation, but the Foreign Office denied this. He questioned where the woman came from and which meetings she attended, and said the assembly must be informed.

Barrister Gohar said he had heard reports of the transfer of PTI founder Imran Khan from Adiala Jail.He said that, if true, the move would be condemned. He added that no one can be moved to another location in such a manner. He also made it clear that there are no talks currently underway with the government or the establishment.—RT/Agency

Seven Indian-Backed Militants Eliminated In Khuzdar Operation

KHUZDAR: Security forces killed seven Indian-sponsored terrorists in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in the Zehri area of Balochistan's Khuzdar district, security sources said on Tuesday.

According to the sources, the security terrorists carried out the operation on the reported presence of "terrorists belonging to Indian proxy, Fitna al Hindustan". During the operation, seven terrorists have been killed so far, while ten others sustained injuries, they added.

Security forces also recovered improvised explosive devices (IEDs), transmitters, and US-made automatic weapons from the killed terrorists. Grenades, ammunition, and motorcycles were also seized during the operation.

The sources added that security forces further neutralised an IED planted by the terrorists at the Badukash bridge. The operation, they added, involved the use of both ground troops and helicopters.The Khuzdar IBO comes days after four terrorists belonging to the Indian proxy "Fitna al Hindustan" were killed in the same district on September 18.

In May this year, the government designated all terrorist organisations in Balochistan as Fitna al Hindustan.The country has witnessed a surge in cross-border terror incidents since Taliban rulers returned to Afghanistan in 2021, particularly in the bordering provinces of KP and Balochistan.In August, the incidents surged by 74% compared to July, according to a report by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS).—RT/Agency

Political Earthquake In KP As Two Ministers Quit Cabinet

PESHAWAR: Two ministers from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cabinet have resigned from their posts.

Provincial Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Faisal Tarakai, has submitted his resignation to Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur.

Similarly, Provincial Irrigation Minister Aqibullah has also sent his written resignation to the Chief Minister.

According to sources, CM Gandapur had been planning to remove both ministers.

Discussions regarding their performance reportedly took place during a recent meeting between CM Gandapur and the party's founding chairman.—RT/Agency

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THE HEARTLAND

Larkana Municipal Council Slams Israeli Aggression, Reviews Development Plans

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: The Municipal Council Larkana held its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of Mayor Advocate Anwar Ali Luhr. The session began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat. The Mayor strongly condemned Israel's brutalities against Palestinians, expressing solidarity with them. He reviewed ongoing cleanliness and drainage efforts across the city, highlighting progress made during the monsoon season and thanked MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro for his support. He emphasized the need for honest public service and criticized the Punjab Chief Minister's statement on water. Eleven resolutions were presented focusing on sanitation, streetlights, and solid waste management. The meeting was attended by Deputy Mayor Muhammad Ameen Shaikh, the Municipal Commissioner, and various council members.

Mirpurkhas Launches Regional Climate Smart Network to Battle Climate Change

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: Climate change is severely affecting irrigation, human life, livestock, agriculture, and drinking water, making community-level awareness essential, said Additional Commissioner-I Subhash Chander at the inaugural meeting of the Regional Climate Smart Network held at the Commissioner Committee Hall. The network covers Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Umerkot, and Sanghar, with steering committees formed at district and taluka levels. These will include representatives from government departments, environmental and agricultural research, and social organizations. Chairman of the network, Prof. Nawaz Kanbhar, announced a regional environmental conference in Mirpurkhas on October 24, 2025 (World Environment Day), to draft recommendations for the Sindh government. The meeting was attended by key officials, researchers, civil society leaders, and media representatives.

Sindhi Adabi Sangat Maqsoodo Rind Pays Glowing Tribute to Cultural Icons

By Ayaz Latif

MAQSOODO RIND: Sindhi Adabi Sangat's Maqsoodo Rind branch held its constitutional meeting at Meer Manzil under the presidency of Shafi Muhammad Dahri and hosted by treasurer Rashid Ali Rind, with a large number of writers, poets, and intellectuals in attendance. The session began with a moment of silence for late poet Hussain Bux Rind. Renowned educationist and radio announcer Ustad Ali Dino Rind was posthumously honored with a recognition award and Ajrak, received by his son Ali Zahid Rind, while Dr. Raza Muhammad Brohi was also awarded for his medical services. Various poets and writers including Shaukeen Ali Rind, Bahadur Rind, and others presented their poetry and Sufi writings, earning appreciation from the audience.

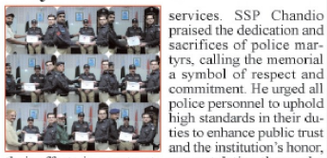
Hyderabad Commissioner and DIG Inspect Autism Rehabilitation Center

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Commissioner Hyderabad Fayaz Hussain Abbasi, accompanied by DIG Hyderabad Tariq Razzaq Dharejo, paid a special visit to the Center for Autism Rehabilitation and Training Sindh (C-ARTS) Hyderabad. During the visit, Center In-charge Farhan Qureshi briefed them on the center's achievements and ongoing therapy sessions. Both officials praised the center's dedicated efforts, calling it a "true asset of society" for supporting children with autism. They emphasized the importance of such institutions in integrating special children into the community. Commissioner and DIG assured full cooperation and pledged continued government support for C-ARTS and similar welfare initiatives.

Hyderabad Police Headquarters Hosts Grand Ceremony Honoring Martyrs and Staff

By Muqeem Keerio



HYDERABAD: A grand ceremony took place at Hyderabad Police Headquarters under the leadership of SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio, with DSP Liaquat Jiskani and Inspector Salman Mubeen also present. During the event, certificates of appreciation were awarded to staff for their efforts in constructing the "Martyrs' Memorial" and other notable services. SSP Chandio praised the dedication and sacrifices of police martyrs, calling the memorial a symbol of respect and commitment. He urged all police personnel to uphold high standards in their duties to enhance public trust and the institution's honor, congratulating those who showed exemplary performance.

Yar Ali Pahore Village Abandoned by State: Hundreds of Children Denied Schools

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: In UC Toj, the historical village of Yar Ali Pahore, home to around 150 households and nearly 300 children, remains deprived of proper educational facilities due to the absence of a school building. The existing primary school is in a highly dilapidated state, leaving children without classrooms or basic infrastructure. Villagers, including social worker Haji Mir Hassan Pahore, have appealed to Federal Minister for Education, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah, Sindh Education Minister Sardar Ali Shah, and other authorities to provide a full-fledged school building.

APCA Leaders Reject Pension Cuts, Warn Against Anti-Worker Laws

SHAHDADKOT: Ashiq Magsi, President of All Pakistan Clerks Association (APCA) Qambar-Shahdadkot, and Vice Chairman Munir Ahmed Mirani stated that APCA members across Sindh are united with their allies in the Sindh Employees Alliance in their ongoing struggle. Speaking to journalists, they emphasized that no cuts in pensions or oppressive laws will be accepted. They called the government anti-employee and anti-public for dragging out the issue, lamenting that the PPP provincial government has yet to address the matter. APCA leaders warned that employees will continue protests until their demands and the Charter of Demands are fully accepted by the Sindh government.--RT

PST Demands Swift Arrest of Journalist Imtiaz Mir's Killers

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Pakistan Sunni Tehreek's Sindh leader Maulana Ali Nawaz Qasmi strongly condemned the attack on journalist Imtiaz Mir, calling it a conspiracy to silence truth. He praised Mir's fearless journalism and expressed solidarity with his family. Qasmi demanded immediate arrest of those responsible and urged the Sindh government to ensure justice for the slain journalist.

SpectraCon 25 Electrifies LUMHS Jamshoro with AI and Youth Leadership Focus

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The Young Peace Development Council (YPDC) at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) organized SpectraCon 25 at Latif Hall, bringing together students, faculty, and international participants to explore ideas, innovation, and culture. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ikramudin Ujjan, the chief guest, praised the event as a platform for intellectual and creative exchange, emphasizing artificial intelligence's transformative role in healthcare and governance. The conference also featured cultural stalls and concluded with awards presented to organizers for their outstanding efforts.

Badin Hospital Marks World Heart Day with Awareness Campaign

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: World Heart Day was observed at Civil Indus Hospital Badin with the participation of a large number of doctors and staff. Dr. Sikandar Ali Mandhro, Medical Director Dr. Salman Imtiaz, Dr. Imtiaz Khati, and Senior Cardiologist Dr. Shahnawaz Mazari warned about the increasing number of heart and blood pressure patients. They advised people to regularly check their blood pressure, avoid salty foods, and exercise daily to prevent serious health risks. The event concluded with a walk.

Badin Police Net Five in Fresh Operations

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Badin police carried out successful operations across various areas, recovering 3,065 packets of Sufina/Gutka, 120 grams of hashish, 42 whiskey pints, two stolen buffaloes, and three motorcycles, including one snatched bike. Five accused were arrested in separate raids led by SHOs of Badin, Tando Bago, Tando Ghulam Ali, Nando, and Pingrio. Cases have been registered, and further investigations are underway.

Raees Ghulam Murtaza Depar Named PTI Sindh Vice President

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh has appointed Raees Ghulam Murtaza Depar, a native of Moro, as the Vice President of PTI Sindh. The notification has been officially issued, and PTI workers, citizens, and the Depar community have congratulated him on this appointment. Raees Ghulam Murtaza Depar expressed his gratitude, calling this responsibility a great honor and pledged to fully serve the party, following the directives of PTI founder Imran Khan and Haleem Adil Shaikh with dedication and sacrifice.

Journalists Rise in Hingorja Over Imtiaz Mir Murder, Demand Justice in Ghotki Cases

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Members of the Khairpur Journalists Union held a sit-in outside the press club, led by journalists including Ghulam Hussain Chang, Shaman Rajpar and Hakim Suhuto, to demand the immediate arrest of those responsible for the daylight killing of senior Karachi journalist Imtiaz Mir and to call for the withdrawal of cases filed against journalists in Ghotki. Protesters accused police of failing to apprehend the killers despite identifications, warned that Sindh has become unsafe for journalists, and urged authorities to ensure protection for media workers and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Daulatpur Hospital Locked for Ninth Day as Health Workers Escalate Protest

By Aijaz Jokhio

DAULATPUR: On the ninth day of province-wide protests, health workers at Rural Health Center Daulatpur locked the hospital and boycotted OPD services, demanding DRA and an end to pension cuts. Led by Dr. Zahid Hussain Arain and others, protesters criticized the Sindh government's silence and announced a massive sit-in in front of Bilawal House on October 6 if their demands are not met.

Heavy Showers Drench Nauabad, Bring Temporary Relief

By Imtiaz Ali Laskani

NAUABAD: The Nauabad and surrounding areas experienced intermittent heavy rainfall accompanied by hail for the second consecutive day, breaking the intense heat and bringing much-needed relief. The pleasant weather caused significant damage to crops like millet, coriander, tomatoes, and onions. Areas including Qazi Shakh, Bubby Station, Daloor Mori, 86 Mor, Aliabad, and Old Nauabad witnessed strong showers and hail, making the weather cooler and more enjoyable for residents.

Differently-Abled Persons in KGM Receive Free Wheelchairs

By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: The Disabled Welfare Association organized a ceremony at the Town Committee office to distribute 30 free wheelchairs to disabled women, men, and children. The event was attended by leaders including Barrister Mir Hamza Ali Khan Talpur, Assistant Commissioner Rehan Detho, and PPP officials. Speakers emphasized that supporting disabled individuals is a collective responsibility and urged for more initiatives to help them lead better lives and secure a brighter future.

WAPDA Union Demands Protection for Anti-Power Theft Staff

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro Electric Workers Union, led by President Abdul Latif Nizamani, warned against propaganda targeting employees combating electricity theft. Speaking at a meeting with HESCO officials, he demanded immediate protection for frontline staff and condemned baseless accusations by power thieves. Nizamani urged the administration to recognize workers' efforts, promising legal and protest actions if harassment continues, emphasizing the union's commitment to eradicating power theft.

Tando Allahyar Horror: Seven-Year-Old Girl Sexually Assaulted

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A 7-year-old girl, Arif, son of Roshan Bharani, resident of Lal Faqir Bahrani village under B-Section police jurisdiction, was allegedly raped by two men named Babar and Azad. The girl was shifted to Tando Allahyar Civil Hospital in critical condition for medical examination. The child's family filed an FIR against the accused at B-Section police station. The father demanded immediate arrest and strict punishment for the perpetrators, warning of threats made to his child if she disclosed the incident. SSP Syed Saleem Shah and senior officials were requested to take swift action.

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Maryam Strikes Back: Ministers Belong on Streets, Not Lounging in Air-Conditioned Offices

CHAKWAL: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz delivered a fiery address during a scholarship and laptop distribution ceremony in Chakwal, declaring that ministers are not meant to sit in air-conditioned rooms or ride in luxury cars. She stressed that citizens deprived of roads, laptops, and free medicines have every right to question their rulers. Speaking about the recent devastating floods caused by three overflowing rivers, she criticized other provinces for politicizing Punjab's suffering instead of showing solidarity. Maryam emphasized that despite the crisis, all Punjab ministers stood by the flood victims. Her remarks highlighted a call for accountability, action, and empathy from the leadership—urging a government that connects directly with the people, especially in times of disaster and need.—RT/Agency

Mustafa Kamal on High Alert: Swift Action Ordered as Dengue Cases Spiral

ISLAMABAD: Federal Health Minister Mustafa Kamal chaired a high-level meeting to review the alarming rise in dengue cases across Islamabad and other affected areas. Officials briefed him on the current spread, case numbers, and ongoing preventive measures. Kamal directed hospitals to allocate dedicated dengue wards, ensure availability of medicines, beds, and testing facilities, and intensify fumigation, public awareness campaigns, and safety protocols. He emphasized that media and civil society must play a vital role in dengue prevention. Highlighting the impact of recent rains on rising cases, the minister ordered special emergency measures in high-risk zones. Kamal reiterated the government's commitment to tackling the outbreak and safeguarding public health through rapid, coordinated efforts across all sectors.—RT/Agency

Gujranwala District and Sessions Judge Storms Central Jail, Probes Conditions Inside

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: District and Sessions Judge Atiq-ur-Rehman visited Central Jail Gujranwala along with senior officials, inspecting women's and young offenders' barracks, the jail hospital, and kitchen. The judge expressed satisfaction with cleanliness, food quality, and medical services. He inquired about educational and recreational facilities for inmates and appreciated the jail administration's efforts. Orders were issued for the early hearing of cases, and one detainee involved in a minor case was released.

Toba Tek Singh Health Authority Hands Out Petrol Cards and Charging Kits to Frontline Vaccinators

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Chief Executive Officer of District Health Authority, Dr. Muhammad Kashif Nadeem, along with District Health Officer Dr. Faizan Arshad, distributed PSO petrol cards and mobile charging kits to vaccinators appointed at the district level. Deputy District Health Officers from Kamalia, Pirmahal, Gojra, and Toba Tek Singh also participated, urging vaccinators to enhance their performance. Dr. Faizan Arshad emphasized the Punjab Government's commitment to supporting vaccinators for the success of the national immunization campaign.

Narowal DC Commands Strategy on Dengue, Organ Transplant Crackdown, and Polio Eradication

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Deputy Commissioner Syed Hassan Raza presided over a joint meeting focused on dengue prevention, curbing illegal organ transplants, and polio eradication efforts. Attended by health officials and representatives from various departments, the meeting reviewed ongoing dengue control measures and preparations for the October 14 anti-polio campaign. Praising the Health Department's efforts, the DC urged officials and society to ensure the campaign's success. He also distributed petrol cards to vaccinators involved in dengue surveillance.

IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar Elevates 54 Police Officers with New Promotions

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: A promotion ceremony was held at the Central Police Office to honor officers elevated to the rank of Inspector, led by IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar. A total of 54 officers received their promotion orders: 29 from Faisalabad, 19 from Sahiwal, and 6 from Sheikhupura. Families of the promoted officers also attended the event. Dr. Usman Anwar praised the support from Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and urged officers to serve the public with dedication and uphold law and order effectively.

Press Under Siege: PUJ President Mian Abdul Jabbar Tahir Urges Journalists to Close Ranks

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Central President of Pakistan Union of Journalists (PUJ), Mian Abdul Jabbar Tahir, has called for unity among journalists, stating that collective strength is vital to overcome the challenges facing the media. He emphasized that the PUJ is working nationwide to unify journalists and defend press freedom, a right enshrined in both the UN Charter and Pakistan's Constitution. He paid tribute to martyred journalists and urged the government .

BALOCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Qazi Hazoor Jan Advocate Demands Justice in Fair Water Distribution Amid Worsening Shortage

By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Senior lawyer and Bhag Bar President Qazi Hazoor Jan Advocate has raised alarm over the severe drinking water shortage affecting hundreds of villages in Zerina Nari, including Gamb, Qazi Waga, Qazi Wandh, Kalra, Balra, Umar Shahmir, Muharram, and Pandrani. He warned that if the irrigation department of Bolan-Kachhi continues diverting water illegally to Balana Nari dams depriving farmers of their rightful share, the villagers will not remain silent. He accused the department of corruption and favoritism, supplying water to non-command (illegal) areas while starving legitimate agricultural lands. Qazi demanded intervention from the Chief Minister of Balochistan, provincial irrigation minister, and other officials to ensure transparent and fair water distribution, or farmers will resort to strong protests to protect their rights.

Flood Relief Drive Accelerates in Toba Tek Singh Under Direct Orders of CM Maryam

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, rapid relief and rehabilitation surveys are underway in the flood-affected areas of Toba Tek Singh. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu visited several villages in Tehsil Kamalia to monitor survey teams comprising officials from the Revenue Department, Urban Unit, Pakistan Army, Agriculture, and Livestock. Using modern technology, these teams are assessing damages to homes, crops, livestock, and lives with full transparency. The Deputy Commissioner directed teams to ensure accurate documentation, assuring that compensation will be provided based on verified losses. Financial aid has also been announced for families of the deceased and a special package for affected farmers.

METRO KARACHI

Murad Moves Fast: Urgent Wheat Price and Release Policy Unveiled Amid Supply Crunch

KARACHI: In a high-level meeting, Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah demanded a comprehensive wheat release policy within a week to stabilize flour and bread prices. With 1.8 million tons of wheat stock available, he assured the supply is secure for 4.5 months. The policy will set monthly release targets and wheat pricing. To boost future crops, Shah pledged support for small farmers with fertiliser subsidies and promised a new support price. "We're moving fast to protect consumers and ensure market stability," he declared.

Chaos in Karachi: Flights Diverted, City Paralyzed by Torrential Rains

KARACHI: Torrential rains wreaked havoc in Karachi, disrupting airport operations and paralyzing city traffic. Multiple local and international flights, including PK-305 and a cargo flight from Vietnam, were diverted or delayed. A flight to Sukkur was cancelled, while another from Lahore was rerouted to interior Sindh. Major roads like Shahrah-e-Faisal and M.A. Jinnah Road were flooded, causing massive traffic jams. Overflowing drains and broken-down vehicles added to the chaos, prompting urgent directives from the Sindh Chief Minister.—RT

Chaos in Karachi: Floods, Gridlocks, and Emergency Response Activated!

KARACHI: As heavy rains lash Karachi, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has deployed 13 dewatering pumps and six rescue vehicles across key highways. DG PDMA Salman Shah confirmed all staff are on high alert, acting under urgent directives from Advisor Giyan Chand Essarani. Despite efforts, the city was brought to a standstill: traffic jams crippled Shahrah-e-Faisal, M.A. Jinnah Road, Korangi, Saddar, and more. Waterlogging and overflowing drains left motorcycles stalled and vehicles stranded for hours. Even major routes like Lyari Expressway and National Stadium roads were choked. CM Murad Ali Shah ordered immediate drainage and traffic relief measures, vowing to ensure all citizens receive necessary assistance during the deluge.—RT

Karachi Police Produce Qurban Khaskheli in City Court

By Daim Shah

GHARO: Karachi's Special Investigation Unit presented youth Qurban Khaskheli in Karachi City Court, while his friend Riaz Nahyon remains still missing. Families fear for Riaz's safety, suspecting police involvement in his disappearance. Following public protests and court petitions, Qurban was remanded on encounter-related charges. Authorities are urged to ensure Riaz's safe recovery amid rising concerns from political and social groups.

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KARACHI METROPOLITAN CORPORATION

No. CPC/ED/KMC/2025-26/241/Karachi — Dated: 29-09-2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Single Stage - One Envelope Procedure as per S.P.P. Rules, 2010 time to time)

Sealed Tender are invited on Single Stage - One Envelop Procedure for the following work. The Bidders having experience in similar nature of works and registered with PEC in relevant category having up-to-date renewed License of PEC, Valid Professional Tax, NTN Certificate, Registration with Sindh Revenue Board, copy of CNIC of Proprietor / Partner are required to purchase tender documents and submit their bids as per schedule given hereunder:-

S#	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost	Contractor Category PEC	Specialized Code (S) PEC	Tender Fees	Bid Security
1	Providing / laying RCC Sewerage Line in UC # 1,2,3,4 & 5 North Karachi Town District Central Karachi (ADP # 2087/2025-26).	234,032,932.00	C-3 & Above	CE-09	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
2	Sewerage System in UC 01,02,03,04,05 & 06 District East Karachi (ADP # 2105/2025-26).	140,253,881.00	C-4 & Above	CE-09	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
3	Rehabilitation / Improvement of Sewerage Sytem in UC 16, 17,19,24 & 26 Orangi Town District West Karachi (ADP # 2122/2025-26).	232,647,890.00	C-3 & Above	CE-09	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
4	Repair, Maintenance and Replacement work of Sewerage Lines 12" dia & 15" dia at UC # 30 Ward 1,2,3 & 4 District Korangi Karachi (ADP # 2154/2025-26).	70,285,360.00	C-4 & Above	CE-09	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
5	Road Carpeting , Street Light Sewerage & Water Line, CC Tuff Paver Blocks & Rehabilitation of Parks in UC 01 Chanesar Goth District East Karachi (ADP # 2288/2025-26).	70,523,361.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
6	Development & Improvement of Different Schools, Parks & Grounds of UC # 41, 42 & 43 District Central Karachi (ADP # 2253/2025-26).	132,700,200.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
7	Development & Improvement of Different School, Parks & Grounds of UC # 24, 31, 33 & 34 in District South Karachi (ADP # 2261/2025-26).	162,432,661.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
8	Repair, Maintenence and Replacement work of Street Lights at Different locations of UC 30, Ward 1, 2, 3 & 4 District Korangi Karachi (ADP # 2277/2025-26).	12,366,181.00	C-6 & Above	EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
9	Road Carpeting , Street Light Sewerage & Water Line, CC Tuff Paver Blocks & Rehabilitation of Parks in UC 02 Chanesar Goth District East Karachi (ADP # 2289/2025-26).	72,655,257.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
10	Improvement / Rehabilitation and Beautification of Shahrah-e-Quaideen KMC (Non-ADP).	100,000,000/-	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE-06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
11	Improvement of Rehabilitation of Roads / Footpath/ Patch Work District East (Non-ADP).	30,000,000/-	C-5 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10,EE-06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
12	Improvement of Rehabilitation of Roads / Footpath etc. District South, KMC (Non-ADP).	30,000,000/-	C-5 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10,EE-06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TENDERS

Tender schedule shall be as follow.

SCHEDULE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1. Receiving of Application & issuance of Tender.	From 02-10-2025 To 20-10-2025 During office Hours	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.
2. Dropping of Tender	21-10-2025 at 11:00 AM	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.
3. Opening of Tender.	21-10-2025 at 11:30 AM	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. In case of any reasons, if the tenders are not responded on the above date, the next date of submission and opening of bids will be **05-11-2025** and the tender documents will also be available up to **04-11-2025**.
2. The biding documents will be issued to the interested firms / Contractors / Joint Ventures on submission of application in their original letter head along-with tender cost in the shape of pay order as mentioned above (nonrefundable). Tender Documents can be download from SPPRA website (http://ppms.pprasindh.gov.pk/PPMS).
3. The tenders in sealed covers mentioning name of work should be dropped in the tender box kept at the place and time mentioned above.
4. The contractors must mention their complete and correct present / postal address in tender documents and quoted the rates both in words and in figures incomplete / conditional tenders will be not accepted.
5. If any fake documents are found, then the tender is liable to be rejected / cancelled without any compensation with penalty as per rules.
6. In case, the date of opening declared as a public holiday by the Government, or nonworking day due to any reason the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date for submission and opening of tenders at the same time.
7. The bid security is equal to 5% of the Quoted Bid Amount in shape of pay order / Bank guarantee from any scheduled bank in favor of **Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC)** must be enclosed with tender documents; otherwise the tender will be rejected.
8. Canvassing in connection of tenders is strictly prohibited and tenders submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing will be liable for rejection.
9. The proposals received in unsealed covers will not be entertained and no proposal will be received after schedule date and time.
10. Tenders will not be received after the schedule time.
11. All corrections / overwriting shall be clearly rewritten with initials and duly stamped by the Bidder.
12. All clauses of Bidding Data eligibility criteria and mandatory criteria mentioned in tender / bidding documents shall have same priority and non-fulfillment of any clause shall lead to bid rejection / disqualification.
13. The procuring agency may reject all or any bids/tenders at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended time to time).
14. The item wise and Total Premium shall not to be below or exceed the Engineer's Estimate by 20% as per SPPRA Rules.
15. In the light of Hon'ble High Court Order Vide Suit No.1959/2018 which is reproduced as under "While involving (if at all needed) clause 11.3.4 of purported Regulations for procurement of works inserted vide Notification dated 05-07-2017. Only such bids shall be considered which are nearest to the rupee and any bid quoted in paisa's shall not be considered the amounts should be rounded off nearest to the rupee.

Mandatory Requirements / Eligibility Criteria:-

a. Copy of CNIC.
b. Valid PEC License and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c. Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List. of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
d. Income Tax Return for the last 3-years.
e. Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
f. Bidder shall be in business of construction at least for the last 5-years (attach articles of Incorporation or Documents of Constitution and documents of registration of the legal entity.
g. Valid Professional Tax Certificate.
h. Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed **OR** not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department.
i. Average Annual Turnover at-least not less than equivalent cost of the scheme / project during last three years (Turnover will be evaluated from Annual Returns & Audit report (last three years each) must be attached.
j. Annual Audit Report of last three years from (ICAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will be accepted.
k. List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / lease / rented (machinery & equipment as required and mentioned in the bidding documents).
l. Bank Statement must be provided for last three years.
m. At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost of 80% of the estimated cost of work; OR At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost of 50% of the estimated cost for last three years duly supported with Completion Certificate copies of BID Evolution Report and SPPRA ID's.
n. Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

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Last Chance for Gaza: Trump's Peace Gamble Cannot Be Wasted

For 725 long, bloody days, Gaza has been a graveyard of hope. More than 65,000 Palestinians and 400 Israeli soldiers lie dead, famine stalks the children, and an entire people have been driven from their homes. The world has failed them — again and again. Now, President Donald Trump has thrown down a peace plan that could be the last, best chance to stop this endless nightmare.

Let us be clear: the plan is far from perfect. Critics call it neo-colonial, accuse it of land grabs, and warn it ignores justice for Palestinians. Israel's far-right dismisses it outright, while Hamas drags its feet. Yet the United Nations, Germany, China, Pakistan,

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and others see in it a glimmer of hope. And in a war so cruel, even a glimmer is worth fighting for.

No peace will ever be perfect. Peace means compromise — bitter concessions, painful sacrifices, and courage to face the fury of extremists on all sides. Palestinians must have dignity, freedom, and security in their homeland. Israelis must live without fear of rockets and raids. The world must guarantee food, medicine, and safety for the innocent.

This is not just another plan. This is history's crossroads. If leaders grasp this moment, they can end one of the bloodiest conflicts of modern times. If they squander it, more graves will be dug, more children will starve, and the Middle East will sink deeper into chaos that will consume us all.

The blood of tens of thousands cries out from Gaza's ruins. It demands that peace prevail. Trump's plan, flawed though it may be, offers a door out of hell. The world must summon the courage to walk through it — before it slams shut forever.

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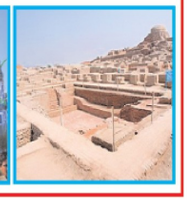

Free Medical Camp Brings Hope to Differently-Abled in Umerkot

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A free medical camp was organized by Al-Shahbaz Foundation at UC Office Bustan, offering treatment to over 150 differently-abled individuals and 50 local residents. Specialist doctors from Karachi and Hyderabad provided free check-ups and medicines. Meals were also served, and Bhatti Welfare Organization arranged transport for underprivileged patients. Local leaders and organizers expressed gratitude to all participants and supporters.

PPP Sanghar Leaders Blast Maryam Nawaz on Indus River Projects

By Khadim Khaskheli

SANGHAR: PPP Sanghar President MPA Ali Hassan Hingorjo, General Secretary Jahangir Junejo, and party spokesperson Imran Dhamrah strongly condemned CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz's remarks on controversial canal projects on the Indus River.

In a joint statement, they said such statements violate constitutional consensus and fuel provincial discord. They accused Maryam Nawaz of undermining national unity and sabotaging PM Shehbaz Sharif's international diplomatic efforts.

Manzoor Fayaz Khanzada Cries Foul Over Property Fraud in Tando Allahyar

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Manzoor Fayaz Khanzada accused his cousin and local officials of forging documents and illegally seizing his properties, including plot number 116. He claims his name was removed from records and that his rightful share of assets was denied after their father's death. Despite seeking legal help, he faced threats. Manzoor demands a transparent investigation and warns of protests if justice is not served.

Dahri Clan Clash Turns Deadly: Court-Bound Men and Bystander Killed

By Usama Ayaz

KANDIARO: A violent clash between two factions of the Dahri community on Lakha Road in Kandiaro erupted again over an old dispute, leaving three people dead and one injured. Two individuals from the Sufi Khan Dahri group, Ghulam Rasool and Arshad Dahri, were on their way to court when unknown gunmen opened fire. A bystander, Farhan Rajpar, was also fatally shot. Saeed Dahri sustained serious injuries in the incident.

Kandiaro police arrived at the scene and shifted the deceased and injured to the local hospital. Earlier, two members of the Haji Khan Dahri group had been killed in the same conflict, bringing the total death toll to four. Police have arrested two suspects for investigation.

Hyderabad Cracks Down: Ice Cream Shop Sealed Over Health Hazards

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Food Authority raided the popular Wimka Ice Cream shop at Latif Stop No-7 following complaints of harmful products. The shop was sealed for serious health and hygiene violations, including expired ice cream and unsafe flavoring. A Rs 100,000 fine was imposed. Deputy Director Dr. Asad Jahangir warned that no compromise will be made on food safety standards.

PPP Dadu Reorganizes Grassroots on Bilawal Bhutto's Call

By Javed Laghari

DADU: On Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's directives, PPP Dadu has begun its reorganization campaign. District President Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, General Secretary Fayaz Ali But, and Information Secretary Mir Sadam Balhro are collecting membership forms across all talukas. Mir Sadam was also presented with a traditional Ajrak. Several party leaders and workers actively participated, showing strong support for the campaign to strengthen the party's grassroots structure.

Sindh Employees Alliance to Stage Sit-In at Bilawal House October 6

By Shahid Majeed

JHUDO: The protest by Sindh Employees Alliance Mirpurkhas continues, with Women's Wing leader Farzana Fajr Qaimkhani declaring full readiness to sacrifice for their rights. Speaking to the media, she said thousands of workers, under the leadership of Gul Hassan Lashari, Azam Hazari, Muhammad Bachal, and Malook Ujjan, are protesting day and night for legitimate demands. She rejected pension cuts, demanded equal DRA allowance as other provinces, and warned that if the government fails to act seriously, the protest will intensify.

Torrential Rains Paralyze Shahdadpur, Low-Lying Areas Submerged

By Sajan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: Torrential rainfall in Shahdadpur and surrounding areas has caused widespread disruption.

Low-lying neighborhoods were submerged, the power supply system collapsed, and communication networks were severely affected. Rainwater accumulated in the streets, making movement difficult for residents and paralyzing daily life. Businesses faced heavy losses, while several mud and thatched houses began to collapse. Even some concrete structures suffered damage due to the intensity of the downpour.

Jam Kanbhu Khan Remembered as Sindh's Legendary Noble Benefactor

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Jam Kanbhu Khan, born in 1305 AH in the household of Nawab Jam Muhammad Sharif Junejo, was a famed generous and kind-hearted noble of Sindh. Known for his compassion toward the poor, he helped the needy daily, keeping a large wooden chest filled with silver coins to assist visitors. Renowned for his hospitality and love for Sufi music, he maintained over 200 horses and generously gifted even his prized mounts to those in need. During severe droughts, his open guesthouse provided food and shelter to all, rich and poor alike. Despite his noble status, Jam Kanbhu Khan was humble, devout, and deeply devoted to the shrine of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai (RA), traveling there on foot with his servants as a mark of respect. He passed away in 1374 AH, leaving behind a legacy of unparalleled generosity and kindness that is still remembered across Sindh and beyond.

PPP MPA Fayaz Ali Butt Inspects School Construction in Mehar

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: PPP MPA Fayaz Ali Butt visited the historic Shamsuddin Bulbul High School in Mehar to review ongoing construction work being carried out by Akhuwat Foundation. He inspected the under-construction classrooms and appreciated the foundation's efforts in promoting education.

He emphasized his vision for Mehar to progress in the education sector with well-equipped model schools. Work is underway in three schools in Mehar city and several others in various union councils under the NGO's supervision. Project Manager Murtaza, Headmaster Niaz Ali Khoso, Imtiaz Shaikh, Riaz Chandio, Qadir Chandio, Zeeshan Jhatial, and others were present on the occasion.

Paddy Price Crash Alarms Farmers and Traders in Talhar

TALHAR: Traders in Talhar have suddenly reduced paddy prices, causing concern among local farmers and traders. Until last week, paddy was being bought at Rs. 3,100 per 40 kg, but with the harvest now in full swing and increased market supply, prices have unexpectedly dropped to Rs 2,600 per 40 kg. This sharp decrease is causing heavy financial losses to growers. Farmers have appealed to the Sindh government to take notice and end this injustice.—RT

SSP Badin Orders Postmortem in Suspected Honour Killing Case

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A 28-year-old married woman, Saima, wife of Aijaz Parheri, was found dead from gunshot wounds in village Bachal Parheri near Nando. While the family claimed it was a suicide, they initially refused to allow a post-mortem. However, on the orders of SSP Badin Qamar Raza Jiskani, the body was shifted to Badin Hospital for autopsy under the supervision of DSP Badin. Political and social activists, including Samad Khoso and Mustafa Memon, alleged the woman was brutally murdered and was being buried quietly to cover up the crime. They appreciated the SSP's timely action, stating it would help reveal the truth and ensure justice for the deceased.

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South Africa vs West Indies: T20I Series Cut Down to Three Matches

South Africa's only men's home international series this summer, against West Indies, has been shortened from five T20Is to three due to a clash with the T20 World Cup.

The series, initially scheduled between January 27 and February 6, will now conclude by January 31, when the World Cup support period begins. As a result, two fixtures have been dropped from the calendar.

The biggest casualties of this change are Newlands in Cape Town and Buffalo Park in East London, which will no longer host matches.

Instead, the three games will be staged at Boland Park in Paarl, SuperSport Park in Centurion, and the Wanderers in Johannesburg on January 27, 29, and 31.

With no home ODIs this season, the final T20I will serve as "Pink Day" — the annual event where the South African men's team plays in pink to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer treatment.

In addition, South Africa have scheduled three Under-19 one-dayers against India from January 3 to 7 at Willowmoore Park in Benoni, as preparation for the Under-19 World Cup.The tournament, co-hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia, is set to begin in mid-January, with fixtures yet to be announced.South Africa's curtailed home summer is partly due to their packed international schedule abroad.They will defend their World Test Championship title in Pakistan next month, alongside three ODIs and three T20Is, followed by a full tour of India featuring two Tests, three ODIs, and five T20Is.Another factor behind the limited home fixtures is the ongoing preparation of venues for the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.—Agency

Sinner Survives Epic Battle to Reach China Open Final

BEIJING: Jannik Sinner extended his hardcourt dominance with a gritty 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Alex de Minaur here at Diamond Court on Tuesday, booking his place in a third consecutive China Open final.

The Italian, defending champion in Beijing, raced to a 4-2 lead in the opening set with a break to love and held firm under pressure to close out the set with confidence.

The third-seeded De Minaur rallied in the second set, Sinner's enthusiasm to tie the match and win just his second set against the world No. 4.

Sinner found another gear in the decider, even though he showed physical indications of exhaustion in the second set.

He then broke right away and never looked back, reaching his seventh straight hardcourt final and extending his winning streak over De Minaur to 11 games.

Sinner, a four-time Grand Slam winner, awaits the winner of the other semi-final between rising American teenager Learner Tien and former US Open champion Daniil Medvedev.

Reflecting on his triumph, Sinner cited that both players got chances, and breaking De Minaur early provided him with confidence.

"I felt like the level was very high," Sinner said.

"Many great rallies, many great chances for both. I had my chances in the second set and couldn't use them but he had his chances and it was quite an even match. In the third set I tried to raise my level.

"I broke him very early, which gave me confidence to then serve better. I am very happy about today. It was a different match than usual against him, it was a very even match."With this latest victory, Sinner continues to establish himself as a dominant force on hard courts, especially during the Asian swing, and remains a strong contender for the title in Beijing.—Agency

Face of the Day

Name: Humayun Sheikh
About Me: I'm a Karachi Gamer Lost in the Virtual World!

Please email us your photo for our Model Watch and Kids' Corner section at regionaltimes10@gmail.com

Ex-Pakistan Stars Slam Asif Afridi's Surprise Test Inclusion Against South Africa

Former Pakistan pacer Tanveer Ahmed and batter Sohaib Maqsood have raised concerns over the inclusion of spinner Asif Afridi in the national squad for the upcoming two-match Test series against South Africa.

Tanveer, voicing his criticism on social media platform 'X', questioned Afridi's selection by highlighting his age and statistics.

"Who is this Asif Afridi, the left-arm spinner? If it's him, then what's his performance — only 83 wickets in 60 first-class matches, and he's 38 years old. If it's really him, then it seems like a huge blunder has been made. He doesn't deserve a place in the Test team at all," Ahmed wrote.

The former fast bowler went on to allege favoritism in selection, claiming that certain selectors were pushing Lahore Qalandars players into the national team regardless of merit.

"Brother, just say it once — as long as I am the selector, I will make every Lahore Qalandars player play for Pakistan, whether he deserves it or not. For example, Asif Afridi — it's a matter of shame that a 38-year-old has been named in the Test squad," he added.

Meanwhile, Maqsood also criticised the inconsistency of Pakistan's domestic cricket policies, pointing out the irony of barring players above 35 from the domestic circuit while naming 38 and 39-year-olds in the Test squad.

"From banning 35-year-old players from domestic cricket to selecting 38, 39-year-old players in the Test squad — what a great cricket system. No vision, just a forced start," Maqsood wrote sarcastically.

It is pertinent to mention that the 38-year-old left-arm spinner has played 57 first-class matches, claiming 198 wickets at an economy of 2.92. His tally includes 13 five-wicket hauls and two ten-wicket match hauls.

Afridi was also the stand-out performer in the recently concluded Hanif Mohammad Trophy 2025-26, where he represented FATA Region. —Agency

Maxwell Sidelined from New Zealand T20Is with Fractured Wrist, Replacement Steps In

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: Australia have been dealt another injury setback with Glenn Maxwell ruled out of the T20I series against New Zealand after suffering a fractured right wrist.

The all-rounder was struck by a Mitchell Owen straight drive while bowling in the nets and has since been sent home for further assessment.

Maxwell will consult a specialist in the coming days, with medical staff hopeful of a relatively quick recovery. However, he remains doubtful for the five-match home T20I series against India beginning on October 29.

His likeliest return is now expected for the start of the Big Bash League in mid-December, subject to medical clearance. The setback continues Maxwell's troubling run of injuries dating back to his broken leg in 2022.

Sydney Sixers and New South Wales wicketkeeper-batter Josh Philippe has been drafted into the squad. Philippe was close to selection when Josh Inglis was ruled out with a calf injury, but Alex Carey was preferred ahead of him.

While Philippe is not a direct replacement for Maxwell, his inclusion provides backup in case Carey is unavailable, as Maxwell had been considered a stopgap wicketkeeping option.

Maxwell's absence further complicates Australia's planning ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup.

The next eight matches are seen as crucial for settling their best XI, but they are now without two of their most versatile batters in Inglis and Maxwell. Cameron Green is also unavailable, staying back to play Sheffield Shield cricket and prioritise Ashes preparations.

Pat Cummins will miss both the New Zealand and India series due to a back issue, while Nathan Ellis is unavailable for the Black Caps leg as he awaits the birth of his first child.

Maxwell's role as Australia's fifth bowler was seen as vital, particularly against New Zealand's left-handers.

His absence increases the responsibility on Matt Short, who is returning from injury, and Marcus Stoinis, who re-joins the squad. Captain Mitch Marsh remains unlikely to bowl in the near future, while Australia are also eager to develop Travis Head's offspin option in the shortest format.Philippe's recall marks his first T20I involvement since 2023. He recently impressed with Australia A in India, scoring 123 not out, 39, and 50 in the unofficial Tests against India A.—Agency

Iga Swiatek Blasts Grueling Tennis Calendar as Injury Toll Grows

World No. 2 Iga Swiatek has voiced concerns over the demanding length of the professional tennis calendar, describing it as "too long and too intense."

The 22-year-old four-time Grand Slam champion warned that the current schedule could eventually force her to skip even mandatory tournaments in order to protect her health.

Her comments come amid a spate of injuries during the WTA Tour's ongoing Asian swing. On Monday alone, five matches at the China Open were abandoned after players retired hurt.

Among them, Camila Osorio withdrew from her clash with Swiatek after the opening set, while Lorenzo Musetti and Zheng Qinwen were also unable to finish their matches.

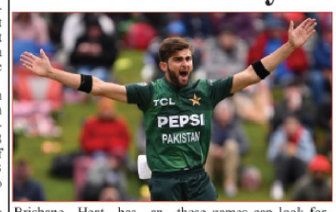
Swiatek highlighted that the final stretch of the season is particularly difficult, especially in Asia.

"Unfortunately, the Asian swing is the hardest part because you feel like the season is going to finish soon, but you still need to push," Swiatek said.

"I don't know yet how my career is going to look in a couple of years. Maybe I will have to choose some tournaments and skip them, even though they are mandatory. The WTA, with these mandatory rules, made this pretty crazy for us."

Under current WTA regulations, top players are required to compete in all four Grand Slams, ten WTA 1000 events, and six WTA 500 tournaments.The WTA, however, defended its structure, stating that recent reforms are aimed at balancing workload and rewards, with player wellbeing remaining a priority.—Agency

Brisbane Heat Rolls Out Shaheen Fan Bay for BBL Debut Frenzy



Brisbane Heat has announced the launch of a special fan zone, "Shaheen Shah Afridi's Fan Bay", at the Gabba to celebrate Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi's maiden stint in the Big Bash League (BBL).

The exclusive bay will be active during five home matches in the upcoming season, with tickets set to go on sale soon.

Afridi, who will don the Brisbane Heat jersey this summer, is expected to bring his fiery pace and massive global fan following to Australian shores.

The Shaheen Fan Bay is designed as a vibrant space where fans can gather, cheer, and celebrate the presence of the Pakistani superstar.

Supporters attending these games can look forward to Shaheen-themed fan gear and a high-energy atmosphere reflecting the passion of Pakistani cricket fans.

The initiative is part of Brisbane Heat's broader effort to connect communities in Australia with international talent in the BBL.

Alongside Afridi, fans will also see several other South Asian stars in action across the WBBL and BBL this summer, including Babar Azam, Ravichandran Ashwin, Haris Rauf, Jemimah Rodrigues, Hasan Ali, and Shadab Khan.

The highly anticipated 15th edition of the BBL will feature 44 matches scheduled in an early-evening slot from December 14, 2025, to January 25, 2026.—Agency

LeBron James Breaks Silence on Retirement Plans

EL SEGUNDO: LeBron James addressed retirement rumours during the Los Angeles Lakers' media day. He is set to make history as the longest-tenured player in NBA history, surpassing Vince Carter once the season begins.

James, 40, is a Lakers' superstar heading towards his first season with the team on an expiring contract.

James showed excitement for the new challenge and told the media that they had added some new guys. Reflecting on his contract situation, he added that it will not affect his performance this season.

"It will have no impact," James said.

"I'm super excited about the challenges and the excitement of our team. We added some new guys."

In June, James exercised his $52.6 million player option, and according to his agent, Rich Paul, LeBron's ambition is still in the running for a title.

James stated that he is more concerned with daily discipline, though.

The Lakers, seeded third last season, were eliminated in the first round by Minnesota. New teammate Luka Doncic set the tone, saying winning a championship is the goal.

"Winning a championship. That's the goal," Doncic said.

James, recovering from a Grade 2 MCL sprain and lingering foot issues, acknowledged he is still ramping up physically.—Agency

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Taylor Swift's New Album Sends George Clooney and Adam Sandler's Kids Into Frenzy

George Clooney and Adam Sandler opened up about their kids' excitement for Taylor Swift's upcoming album, The Life of a Showgirl, set to release on October 3.

Clooney, speaking at the premiere of Jay Kelly at the New York Film Festival, shared that his 8-year-old twins, Ella and Alexander, eagerly ask when they'll get the album.

"They're in the back of the car going, 'When are we getting the album?'" he told Access Hollywood of his twins, adding that despite being such huge fans, they still haven't met the Love Stort hitmaker.

The Wolfs star said, "No, no, we've been running around. It's been our summer. Spent a lot of time with my family; my mom and dad and stuff."

Meanwhile, Sandler revealed that his daughters, Sadie and Sunny, are also big fans, and he recently met Taylor's dad, Scott Swift, who gifted him guitar picks to share with his girls.

"Gonna be amazing," Sandler said of the album. "I had a stand-up show the other night and I saw Taylor's dad.

"He gave me some guitar picks to give my kids and we discussed how excited we are for the new record."

Emily Blunt Warns of 'Terrifying' AI Actress Tilly Norwood, Calls for Industry Ban

Emily Blunt has shared her thoughts on AI-generated actress Tilly Norwood's entry into the entertainment industry.

For those unversed, actor Eline van der Velden unveiled an AI-generated actress over the weekend through her AI talent studio, Xicoia.

As per Variety, an AI actress wa already drawing interest from talent agents.

Emily Blunt Reacts to AI Actress:

Emily Blunt recently gave an interview to the Variety Awards Circuit Podcast, where she called AI actress Tilly Norwood "really scary."

"Does it disappoint me? I don't know how to quite answer it, other than to say how terrifying this is," she said.

"No, are you serious? That's an AI? Good Lord, we're screwed. That is really, really scary, Come on, agencies, don't do that," continued The Devil Wears Prada actress.

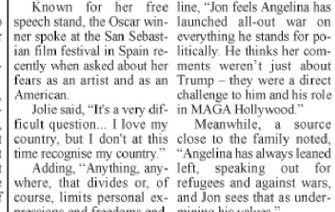
Emily added, "Please stop Please stop taking away our human connection."

Who Created Tilly Norwood?

Eline van der Velden, who revealed the project during the Zurich Film Festival, recently spoke to Broadcast International and shared 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 creatiity 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," she added. "It's just about changing people's viewpoint."

Brad-less Angelina Jolie in Bitter Family Feud, Declares War on Dad Jon Voight



Angelina Jolie has reignited a feud with her estranged dad JonVoight.

Known for her free speech stand, the Oscar winner spoke at the San Sebastian film festival in Spain recently when asked about her fears as an artist and as an American.

Jolie said, "It's a very difficult question... I love my country, but I don't at this time recognise my country."

Adding, "Anything, anywhere, that divides or, of course, limits personal expressions and freedoms and, from anyone, I think is very dangerous."

Now, sources have claimed that Jolie's comments have sparked tensions with her dad Voight, who was earlier this year appointed as one of three "special ambassadors" to Hollywood.

An insider told RadarOnline, "Jon feels Angelina has launched all-out war on everything he stands for politically. He thinks her comments weren't just about Trump – they were a direct challenge to him and his role in MAGA Hollywood."

Meanwhile, a source close to the family noted, "Angelina has always leaned left, speaking out for refugees and against wars, and Jon sees that as undermining his values."

"He told friends she is embarrassing him on the global stage by siding with what he calls 'radical liberals.' Their fragile relationship has been blown apart again," they added.

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Terrorism Case Hearings of Ex-Ministers Adjourned to October 15

By Hasnain Shahid

NAUSHEHRO FEROZE: Former Federal Minister Ghulam Murtaza Jatoi and his brother, former Provincial Minister Masroor Khan Jatoi, appeared before the Sessions Court as the judge of the Anti-Terrorism Court was changed and the case was transferred to the in-charge judge's court. After hearing arguments from the lawyers, the court postponed the hearing of all cases until October 15. The cases include the burning of Lanjar House (Case No. 72), a case from Aminani Police Station in Dadu district, the Bilawal Zardari murder case, among others, totaling seven cases. Requests for permanent bail in these cases were also deferred to be heard on October 15.

Spiritual Gathering of Khatm-e-Khawajgan Draws Devotees in Khairpur

KHAIRPUR: A monthly Khatm-e-Khawajgan was organized at Bismillah Hall, Wandh, Khairpur by Babar Baba Chishti, spiritual successor of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti. The event featured Hamd, Naat, and Zikr, and was attended by local political, social, and religious figures. Speakers highlighted Khwaja Gharib Nawaz's message of peace and unity. Langar was served, and special prayers were offered for Pakistan, Kashmir, Palestine, and the Muslim Ummah.--RT

Dr. Sarfraz Ahmed Shaikh Bids Farewell After 30 Years at Bakrani Hospital

By Waheed Ali Unar

BAKRANI: Dr. Sarfraz Ahmed Shaikh, Medical Superintendent of Taluka Hospital Bakrani, retired after 30 years of dedicated service. A farewell ceremony was held by hospital staff, where he was honored with traditional Ajrak and a cap. Colleagues praised his hard work and commitment to public service. Dr. Sarfaraz thanked everyone for their support and expressed pride in the hospital team's efforts.

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Azma Bukhari Hits Back at PPP: Stop Building Political Mosques Where You Hold No Mandate

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari launched a scathing response to PPP leader Shazia Marri, warning her not to act like a "know-it-all" or interfere where her party holds no mandate. Bukhari said Bilawal Bhutto should focus on delivering the "milk and honey rivers" he promises in Sindh, not Punjab. "Punjab chose Maryam Nawaz, who knows how to solve public issues—and she is doing just that," she added. Rejecting PPP's criticism, Bukhari said Punjab can't distribute Rs12,000 under BISP, calling it a "lollipop" for Sindh.

The fiery exchange highlights growing political tension between PML-N and PPP over governance and mandates.—RT

PPP Walks Out of National Assembly in Uproar Over Maryam's Our Water Remark

ISLAMABAD: PPP members staged a walkout from the National Assembly in protest against Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's recent statement. Before the walkout, senior PPP leader Naveed Qamar, speaking on a point of order, expressed disappointment over her speech, saying, "There's a flood crisis, agricultural land is submerged, and yet we hear inappropriate statements. Maryam Nawaz said 'our water' — what does that even mean?" He added that PPP is being taunted for supporting the government, warning that if such behavior continues, they may move to the opposition benches, stating, "We don't want chairs or ministries."—RT

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GLOBAL WATCH

Pakistani American Power Rising: PAVA Town Hall Unites Houston Leaders

HOUSTON: In a vibrant show of civic engagement, the Pakistani American Voters Association (PAVA) hosted a town hall in Houston with Texas State Representative Dr. Suleman Lalani. He highlighted his legislative efforts and urged the community to mobilize for shared goals and greater political impact. Over 30 Houston-based organizations participated, marking a strong turnout. PAVA continues to empower voters, advocate for impactful policies, and strengthen democratic values. The event was driven by dedicated leaders including Abdur Rauf Khan, Azam Akhter, A. Rehman Patel, Nabila Mansoor, and others from the PAVA team.—RT

Sindh Employees Take to Streets in Tando Bago for Pension and Insurance Rights

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: Employees of Sindh Employees Alliance held a peaceful protest on Mir Ghulam Muhammad Khan Degree College Road demanding group insurance and pension rights. Faqir Qaim Khoso urged the government to address their demands immediately. PTA leader Altaf Rustamani warned of a larger protest in front of Bilawal House if ignored. Protesters vowed to fight any attempts to deny their rightful benefits.

New Polio Case in Mirpur Sakro Triggers Emergency Response from Sindh CM

By Hyder Shah Bukhari

MIRPUR SAKRO: After a polio case surfaced in Rehana Abad, Mirpur Sakro, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah took urgent notice and ordered the removal of Assistant Commissioner Dr. Rashid Channa, replacing him with Nabi Bux Solangi. The Health Department launched an inquiry to determine whether the affected child was vaccinated, and strict questioning of staff is underway.

As a countermeasure, a three-day emergency polio vaccination campaign has begun in Sakro, targeting all children under five with both OPV and IPV vaccines to prevent further spread of the virus and ensure immunization coverage.

Sindh CM Cracks Down on Polio Surge, Suspends Negligent Officials

By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: Expressing strong anger over the increase in polio cases, the Chief Minister of Sindh ordered the removal of District Health Officers (DHOs) and Assistant Commissioners from affected districts. DHO Badin Dr. Anjum Ali Soomro and DHO Keamari Wali Muhammad Rahmon have been suspended, along with decisions to remove Assistant Commissioners of Matli and Mirpur Sakro. Disciplinary notices were also directed for the Deputy Commissioners of Badin and Thatta. This year, a total of nine polio cases have been reported across Sindh, including Badin, Thatta, Hyderabad, Larkana, and Umerkot. The Chief Minister condemned the negligence of health officials and district administrators responsible for controlling the cases.

Talhar Police Target Drug Dealers, Arrest One in Fresh Raid

TALHAR: Under the leadership of SHO Alaudin Khaskheli, Talhar police continue their operations against drug dealers. In a recent raid, a drug dealer, Mehmood Machhi, from village Foto Machhi, was arrested, and narcotics were recovered from his possession. A case has been registered. SHO Khaskheli stated that on the strict directives of SSP Badin Qamar Raza Jiskani, actions against drug dealers and habitual criminals have been intensified without any discrimination to ensure public safety and maintain law and order.—RT

Condolences Pour in Over Passing of Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar's Mother

By Samad Ayaz Dahri

NAWABSHAH: The mother of Provincial Minister for Home Affairs and Law, Advocate Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, was laid to rest in the historic Ghausia Cemetery in Nawabshah after the funeral prayer at Bilawal Sports Stadium. The funeral was attended by the Chief Minister of Sindh, provincial ministers, members of the National and Sindh Assemblies, legal fraternity, political and social leaders, journalists, and many respected personalities.

Prominent attendees included former Provincial Minister for Education Sardar Khan Muhammad Dahri, National Assembly member Alaudin Junejo, Sindh Assembly members, mayors from Shaheed Benazirabad, Hyderabad, and Sukkur, district-level political leaders, and senior advocates. Condolence messages were offered by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Opposition Leader Ali Khursheedi, Speaker Owais Qadir Shah, top police and administrative officials, and senior journalists.

Additionally, respected members from the Excise Department, press club, and local business community participated in the mourning. The city united in paying respects to the departed soul.

Liaquat Jatoi Slams Sindh Govt, Announces Political Drive Against PPP

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Former Sindh Chief Minister Liaquat Ali Jatoi, speaking in Muhammad Ali Zaunr while offering condolences to the family of the late Muhammad Rafiq Zaunr, accused the Sindh government of being mired in crisis and promised a broad front including Pir Pagaro, Junior Zulfiqar Bhutto, Murtaza Jatoi and others to defeat the PPP. He praised the political emergence of Junior Zulfiqar Bhutto and Fatima Bhutto, warned against corruption in ministerial appointments and pension cuts aimed at protecting the chief minister's position, condemned rising drug problems and threats to the Indus water, and urged unity to restore justice and public trust; local Zaunr community elders attended.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Single Stage - One Envelope Procedure as per S.P.P. Rules, 2010 time to time)

Sealed Tender are invited on Single Stage - One Envelop Procedure for the following work. The Bidders having experience in similar nature of works and registered with PEC in relevant category having up-to-date renewed License of PEC, Valid Professional Tax, NTN Certificate, Registration with Sindh Revenue Board, copy of CNIC of Proprietor / Partner are required to purchase tender documents and submit their bids as per schedule given hereunder:-

S#	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost	Contractor Category PEC	Specialized Code (S) PEC	Tender Fees	Bid Security
1	Providing / Maintenance of Water Supply in different dia's of P.E.Pipe (3", 4" , 6" , 8" & 12" Dia) including fittings in UC # 1,2,3,4 & 5 North Karachi Town District Central Karachi (ADP # 2086/2025-26).	190,156,326.00	C-4 & Above	CE-09	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
2	Improvement / Rehabilitation of Power House Water Pumping Station, Khwaja Ajmair Nagri Water Pumping Station & Alhameed Water Pumping Station in UC # 1,2,3,4 & 5 North Karachi Town District Central Karachi (ADP # 2089/2025-26).	191,494,312.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
3	Road Carpeting , Street Light LSR,Water Board Colony Boundary Wall, Electric Cable & Sewerage & Water Line CC Tuff Paver Blocks & Rehabilitation of Parks in UC 07 District East Karachi (ADP # 2288/2025-26).	69,784,960.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
4	Road Carpeting , Street Light LSR,Water Board Colony Boundary Wall, Electric Cable & Sewerage & Water Line CC Tuff Paver Blocks & Rehabilitation of Parks in UC 08 District East Karachi (ADP # 2287/2025-26).	80,432,490.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10, EE06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
5	Construction and Rehabilitation of roads in Shah Faisal Colony Karachi (ADP # 2222/2025-26).	167,917,285.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
6	Construction of Road in Different areas of UC # 23,24,29 & 30 Karachi (ADP # 2223/2025-26).	175,389,620.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
7	Construction of Road in Different areas of UC # 31,33,34 Karachi (ADP # 2224/2025-26).	180,083,040.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
8	Construction of Metalled Roads in Different Locations of UC # 08,11,12,13,17,19,27 & 28 Orangi Town District West Karachi (ADP # 2225/2025-26).	159,063,996.00	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
9	Providing & Fixing of Paving Blocks Darukshan Society Ward-04 UC-06 Model Zone District Korangi Karachi. Non-ADP	36,800,000/-	C-5 & Above	EE-06	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
10	Rehabilitation / Improvement of Road and Footpath at Gurumandir Chowrangi including surrounding Road, KMC (Non-ADP).	100,000,000/-	C-4 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount
11	Improvement / Rehabilitation of Main Roads i/c Patch Work on Roads etc District Central (Non-ADP).	33,210,000/-	C-5 & Above	CE-01, CE-09, CE-10	Rs.5,000/-	5% Quoted Amount

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TENDERS

Tender schedule shall be as follow.

SCHEDULE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1. Receiving of Application & issuance of Tender.	From 03-10-2025 To 21-10-2025 During office Hours	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.
2. Dropping of Tender	22-10-2025 at 11:00 AM	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.
3. Opening of Tender.	22-10-2025 at 11:30 AM	Camp Office # 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. In case of any reasons, if the tenders are not responded on the above date, the next date of submission and opening of bids will be **06-11-2025** and the tender documents will also be available up to **05-11-2025**.
2. The biding documents will be issued to the interested firms / Contractors / Joint Ventures on submission of application in their original letter head along-with tender cost in the shape of pay order as mentioned above (nonrefundable). Tender Documents can be download from SPPRA website (http://ppms.pprasindh.gov.pk/PPMS).
3. The tenders in sealed covers mentioning name of work should be dropped in the tender box kept at the place and time mentioned above.
4. The contractors must mention their complete and correct present / postal address in tender documents and quoted the rates both in words and in figures incomplete / conditional tenders will be not accepted.
5. If any fake documents are found, then the tender is liable to be rejected / cancelled without any compensation with penalty as per rules.
6. In case, the date of opening declared as a public holiday by the Government, or nonworking day due to any reason the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date for submission and opening of tenders at the same time.
7. The bid security is equal to 5% of the Quoted Bid Amount in shape of pay order / Bank guarantee from any scheduled bank in favor of **Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC)** must be enclosed with tender documents; otherwise the tender will be rejected.
8. Canvassing in connection of tenders is strictly prohibited and tenders submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing will be liable for rejection.
9. The proposals received in unsealed covers will not be entertained and no proposal will be received after schedule date and time.
10. Tenders will not be received after the schedule time.
11. All corrections / overwriting shall be clearly rewritten with initials and duly stamped by the Bidder.
12. All clauses of Bidding Data eligibility criteria and mandatory criteria mentioned in tender / bidding documents shall have same priority and non-fulfillment of any clause shall lead to bid rejection / disqualification.
13. The procuring agency may reject all or any bids/tenders at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended time to time).
14. The Item wise and Total Premium shall not to be below or exceed the Engineer's Estimate by 20% as per SPPRA Rules.
15. In the light of Hon'ble High Court Order Vide Suit No.1959/2018 which is reproduced as under "While involving (if at all needed) clause 11.3.4 of purported Regulations for procurement of works inserted vide Notification dated 05-07-2017. Only such bids shall be considered which are nearest to the rupee and any bid quoted in paisa's shall not be considered the amounts should be rounded off nearest to the rupee.

Mandatory Requirements / Eligibility Criteria:-

a. Copy of CNIC.
b. Valid PEC License and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c. Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List. of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
d. Income Tax Return for the last 3-years.
e. Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
f. Bidder shall be in business of construction at least for the last 5-years (attach articles of Incorporation or Documents of Constitution and documents of registration of the legal entity.
g. Valid Professional Tax Certificate.
h. Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed **OR** not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department.
i. Average Annual Turnover at-least not less than equivalent cost of the scheme / project during last three years (Turnover will be evaluated from Annual Returns & Audit report (last three years each) must be attached.
j. Annual Audit Report of last three years from (ICAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will be accepted.
k. List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / lease / rented (machinery & equipment as required and mentioned in the bidding documents).
l. Bank Statement must be provided for last three years.
m. At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost of 80% of the estimated cost of work; OR At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost of 50% of the estimated cost for last three years duly supported with Completion Certificate copies of BID Evolution Report and SPPRA ID's.
n. Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

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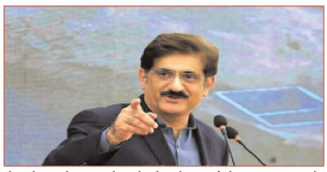
Murad Hails Security Forces After Quetta Blast, Pledges Hunt for Hidden Enemies



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah expressed condolences to families of those killed in the Quetta blast and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. He lauded security forces for eliminating five terrorists, saying their timely action averted a major tragedy. Shah saluted the personnel involved and vowed to thwart the covert designs of India-aligned disruptive elements, declaring they will be crushed in every circumstance. He emphasized national unity against terrorism, asserting that the nation stands united in the fight. The chief minister commended coordinated operations and urged continued vigilance and cooperation between federal and provincial agencies to prevent further attacks. He reiterated the government's commitment to protect citizens and bring perpetrators to justice, offering support to victims' families and ensuring medical care for the wounded and assistance.—RT/Agency

Asif Rice Mills Smashes Record with Rs58 Billion Export Triumph

KARACHI: Asif Rice Mills, Pakistan's top agri-exporter, clinched the Gold Medal and Best Export Trophy at REAP's 17th Rice Export Awards for achieving a record-breaking Rs58 billion in rice exports for FY 2024–25. Awards were presented by Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani to Directors Kashif and Uzair Sheikh. With exports to over 63 countries, Asif Rice Mills leads in rice, corn, and sesame. The star-studded event honored exporters' economic contributions, with notable attendees including former PM Soomro and REAP leaders Faisal Jahangir and Javed Jelani.—RT

Karachi Soaked Again: Relentless Showers Batter City Neighborhoods

KARACHI: Karachi is once again experiencing a spell of rain, as showers that began this afternoon continue intermittently across the city. Areas including PECHS, Tariq Road, Shahrah-e-Faisal, and Saddar reported both light drizzles and heavy downpours at different times. The sudden change in weather has brought relief from the heat but also raised concerns about urban flooding and traffic disruptions. Commuters faced slow-moving traffic on major roads, while low-lying areas began to accumulate water. The city administration has issued advisories for cautious driving and urged residents to stay updated on weather alerts. As clouds continue to hover, citizens are bracing for more rain in the coming hours. What's the situation like in your neighborhood? Let us know.—RT/Agency

PIA Showdown at Karachi Airport: Ispahani Hangar Sealed, Engineers Shut Out

KARACHI: In a dramatic development, the parking area of PIA's Ispahani Hangar at Karachi Airport has been sealed, barring aircraft engineers and staff from entering the premises, sources told ARY News on Tuesday. The action was carried out jointly by the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) and the airline's security teams.

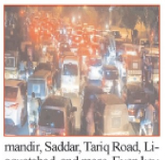
The sealed zone also houses the Society of Aircraft Engineers' office, which had received a notice from PAA a week earlier instructing them to vacate. The sudden sealing has disrupted routine technical operations.In a separate announcement, PIA introduced a 15% discount on flights to Canada, aiming to provide relief to international travelers amid ongoing operational shake-ups.—RT/Agency

Stolen Phone Racket Cracked: Dealers Surrender Rs15 Million Worth of Mobiles to CPLC

KARACHI: The Karachi Mobile Electronic Dealers Association has handed over more than 400 stolen or snatched mobile phones, worth over Rs15 million, to the Citizen-Police Liaison Committee (CPLC). According to Association President Minhaj Gulfan, the stolen devices were brought into various mobile markets for resale.

It was through careful monitoring of buying and selling patterns that the thefts were detected. All the recovered phones were traced and secured with the help of CPLC. The association, in collaboration with Karachi Police, will soon organize a formal handover ceremony, where the recovered phones will be returned to their rightful owners. This joint effort marks a major breakthrough in curbing mobile phone theft and highlights the power of coordination between dealers and law enforcement.—RT/Agency

Karachi Chokes After Rainstorm: Citywide Gridlock, CM Orders Emergency Action



KARACHI: Karachi plunged into chaos after heavy rains triggered massive traffic jams, leaving commuters stranded for hours. Flooded roads stalled motorcycles and vehicles, with Shahrah-e-Faisal, M.A. Jinnah Road, and Korangi Industrial Area worst hit. Overflowing drains and waterlogging worsened the crisis across Gurumandir, Saddar, Tariq Road, Liaquatabad, and more. Even key arteries like Lyari Expressway and routes around National Stadium were clogged. Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah ordered immediate deployment of drainage machinery and directed traffic police to improve flow. He emphasized maintaining an effective drainage system and ensuring public relief during the rain emergency.—RT

Beating the Odds: Pakistan's CPR Army to Fight Cardiac Deaths

KARACHI: On World Heart Day 2025, Pakistan's top cardiac center, NICVD, launched a life-saving initiative to train 1,000 CPR master trainers amid a surge in daily cardiac arrests. With up to 100 emergency cases arriving daily and young lives increasingly at risk, experts warn that delays in CPR cost thousands of lives. In partnership with Pharmevo, the program aims to empower citizens to act within the critical first five minutes of collapse. Officials stress urgent lifestyle changes and immediate response training to curb what they call a "heart health crisis" gripping the nation.—RT

Sindh Narejo Welfare Team Reaches Out in Sujawal and Jhok Sharif Villages

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Led by Senior Vice Chairman Advocate Wazir Ali Narejo, the Sindh Narejo Welfare Organization's leadership visited various Narejo community villages near Sujawal City and Jhok Sharif. They received a warm welcome and traditional Ajrak gifts. Speaking at gatherings, Wazir Ali emphasized the importance of education and technology for youth development. He announced ongoing tours across Sindh to promote unity, awareness, and the upliftment of the Narejo community's youth through quality education.

Afridi Fires Back at Modi: Cricket is a Sport, Not Battlefield

KARACHI: Former Pakistani cricket captain Shahid Afridi has strongly reacted to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's post-Asia Cup tweet, urging leaders not to politicize sports. In a sharp, sarcastic tone, Afridi said, "The world saw the scoreboard during wartime — it read 0-7," implying past cricketing dominance. He used the hashtag #Big_office_small_man, calling out Modi for mixing politics with cricket. Afridi praised Pakistan's sportsmanship during the match against India and stressed that cricket should build bridges, not walls, between nations. He urged that the game be kept above politics, reminding all that sports unite, not divide.—RT/Ageny

Gas Mafia Cut Down: 3,000 Illegal Karachi Connections Wiped Out in Shah Latif Town

KARACHI: A major gas theft operation was uncovered in Shah Latif Town, Karachi, where 3,000 illegal gas connections were cut off by the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC). According to the SSGC spokesperson, gas was being stolen directly from the main distribution line and supplied to over 2,600 homes. The perpetrators charged Rs20,000 for each illegal hookup and collected Rs1,500 monthly from consumers. Despite facing an angry mob attack, SSGC teams successfully disconnected the illegal lines. FIRs have been registered against those involved, and the company will pursue theft recovery claims against the gas theft mafia in court.—RT/Agency

Karachi Crime Wave: Comedian Wali Sheikh's Car Stolen, Robbed Twice in 15 Months

KARACHI: Karachi comedian Wali Sheikh reported his car stolen from outside his Malir home, calling it a devastating loss. He praised Model Colony police for cooperation but urged Sindh authorities for urgent help, saying, "I'm a poor actor—this car was bought with great struggle." This marks his second ordeal—he was robbed at gunpoint in June 2023 near the Northern Bypass, losing mobile phones and Rs85,000. Police have registered an FIR, but rising crime continues to haunt Karachi's citizens and artists alike.—RT

Karachi University Sparks Debate: Is This Really Quaid's Pakistan?

KARACHI: A powerful seminar titled "Quaid's Pakistan: Past, Present, and Future" was held at the University of Karachi, spotlighting national identity, leadership, and urgent reforms. Barrister Shahida Jamil stressed realism, the relevance of the Two-Nation Theory, and cultivating intellectual growth through reading. KU Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Iraqi called for political tolerance, institutional reform, and honest historical education. Scholar Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra criticized the declining education system and urged systemic change. The event also featured a poignant documentary and pictorial exhibition, reminding attendees of the sacrifices behind Pakistan's creation.—RT

Sharjeel Tears Into Maryam Nawaz Over Divisive Speech

KARACHI: Sindh's Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon has expressed deep disappointment over Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's recent speech in Faisalabad, calling it filled with hate and divisive rhetoric. Memon stated that such remarks were unexpected from Maryam and announced a detailed response in an upcoming press conference. His criticism came after Maryam, during her address, took aim at opponents and said, "Not everything can be solved through the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)," adding, "The NFC Award distributes funds equally — where are you spending your share?" The statement is seen as a jab at Sindh's governance and sparked sharp political backlash. Memon's reaction signals escalating tensions between PML-N and PPP, two key allies in the ruling coalition, now openly clashing over resource allocation and political narratives.—RT/Agency

Murtaza Wahab Opens Imam Mehdi Park, Promises Major Urban Upgrades

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab sharply criticized the federal government and MQM, stating that Karachi's issues cannot be resolved while sitting in Islamabad. He demanded an increase in the city's budget from Rs 20 billion to Rs 200 billion to expedite infrastructure projects. During the inauguration of Imam Mehdi Park and playground in New Rizvia Society, he highlighted the transformation of five-and-a-half acres of encroached land into a modern sports ground with floodlights and quality facilities. Wahab emphasized the year ahead as one of development, promising improvements in sewage, water, bridges, and underpasses. He stressed empowering local governance as federal officials fail to understand city problems. Addressing MQM, he said the party has a "bare-minimum" mandate but doors remain open for collaboration. Criticizing contractors and federal authorities, he vowed to stay active on the ground to overcome delays.

Hamdard Trust Rallies Behind Commissioner Karachi's Welfare Agenda

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Sadia Rashid, President of Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, announced full support for welfare initiatives led by Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi aimed at improving the lives of Karachi's residents. During a meeting at the Hamdard office, key officials discussed collaboration in health, education, and sports development across Keamari district. The Trust committed to assisting with renovation and facilities enhancement in hospitals, schools, and playgrounds. Additionally, Hamdard pledged support to address issues faced by the Lyari Centre following consultations with relevant authorities.

Karachi Boils Over: Residents Protest Transformer Theft, Demand Power Restoration

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Residents of Saeedabad village in Sahrab Goth Town UC 4 held a protest outside the K-Electric office, blocking the road over prolonged power outages caused by the absence of a transformer. The demonstration halted all traffic, causing major inconvenience to commuters. Locals, including Muntaz Tanio and others, demanded K-Electric take immediate action, highlighting that despite paying millions in bills, no transformer has been installed. They criticized K-Electric and the Town Chairman for delays and warned the protest will continue until power is restored.

Encroachments Cleared in Gulshan Division as KMC Moves to Ease Traffic Chaos

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) carried out a large-scale anti-encroachment operation in Gulshan Division East, clearing roads and footpaths from Mosamiyat Chowrangi to Safora Chowrangi, including Electronics Market, Johar Complex, and Fish Market. Supervised by Additional Director Ali Amladar and team, the operation removed illegal structures and pushcarts with police support. The cleared space improved public access and significantly reduced traffic congestion on University Road.

Info Grammer English School Students Tour National Assembly, Witness Democracy in Action

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: An 18-member student delegation from Info Grammer English School, Memon Goth, visited the National Assembly. Sardar Jam Abdul Kareem Jokhio, PPP Malir MNA, warmly welcomed the students and guided them through various departments. The students observed the assembly hall and offices, gaining insights into parliamentary affairs.

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Pakistan Considering Proposal To Send Troops For Palestine Peace Force: Dar

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday said Pakistan's leadership will decide on the possible deployment of personnel to a proposed peace force for Palestine, reaffirming that the country's policy on the issue remains clear with no change in its stance.

Addressing a press conference, the foreign minister defended the country's decision to back the Gaza peace plan, floated by US President Donald Trump, saying that ground operations in Palestine would primarily be handled by local law enforcement agencies.

"Indonesia has offered 20,000 personnel for the peace force," he said, adding that Pakistani leadership would also take a decision in this regard.

"I'm sure Pakistan will also decide — the leadership will make the decision — and we have told them that whatever arrangement is made should be documented at the United Nations. There is also the UN peacekeeping force, but this was about a special force only for Gaza," he added.

His remarks came a day after the White House released Trump's 20-point plan that calls for a ceasefire, a swap of hostages held by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, a staged Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian enclave, Hamas disarmament and a transitional government led by an international body.

Addressing a presser, Trump said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has agreed to a US-backed peace plan for Gaza, even as Israeli forces press one of their fiercest offensives in the battered Palestinian enclave.

The proposal calls for a ceasefire and the release of hostages, but its success still hinges on whether Hamas will come on board.

During today's presser, Dar pointed out that five countries believe Hamas will accept the plan, and "we should trust their assurances." Dar added that the idea also includes establishing an independent technocrat government in Palestine, overseen by a supervisory body largely made up of Palestinians.

Dar clarified that Pakistan had not struck any deal directly with Israel. "If we had to deal with Israel, we would have done it directly. We dealt with the United States, and the United States dealt with Israel," he asserted.

The deputy PM further confirmed that in his meeting with President Trump, Pakistan, along with seven other nations, agreed to the Gaza agenda. "We raised the matter of ceasefire and aid, and a secret understanding was reached for foreign ministers of the eight countries to hold further consultations with Trump's team," he disclosed.

He reiterated that Pakistan, alongside seven other nations, stands firmly united on the Palestinian policy. "Pakistan's policy is absolutely clear, and there has been no change in it," Dar underlined.Engagements at UNGAHighlighting Pakistan's diplomatic role at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session, Dar said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif led the delegation and held meetings with International Monetary (IMF) officials, the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh, the President of Sri Lanka, as well as leaders from Arab states.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Vows Constructive Role In US-Led Palestine Peace Plan At UN

At the United Nations Security Council, Pakistan welcomed US President Donald Trump's initiative to advance a peace plan for Gaza and the wider Middle East, in coordination with eight OIC and Arab states.

Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, told the Council members that Islamabad would actively participate in the consultative process to support a sustainable resolution.

"We value the initiative of President Donald Trump, working with eight OIC and Arab countries to advance peace through concrete measures," Ahmad said, addressing a briefing on the Middle East, including the Question of Palestine (SCR 2334).

"As a participant in this consultative process, Pakistan will closely engage and play a constructive role in promoting consensus," Ahmad said, stressing that the goal is to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians and achieve a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace consistent with UN resolutions.

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Speaking at a joint press conference with Netanyahu, Trump said they were "beyond very close" to forging an elusive peace deal and that he hoped Hamas would also accept it.—RT/Agency

Mohsin Naqvi Rejects BCCI VP's Trophy Demand On Asia Cup 2025

Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday rejected BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla's repeated demand to hand over the Asia Cup 2025 trophy, asserting that the silverware should be collected by the Indian skipper in person, sources told Geo News.

The matter came up during a routine ACC meeting in Dubai, chaired by Naqvi, where Shukla repeatedly pressed for the trophy handover.

Naqvi, however, responded that the issue was not part of the meeting's agenda. After further insistence, he remarked that if the Indian team wanted the trophy, its captain should visit the ACC office personally to receive it.

No decision has been taken yet on whether the trophy will be handed over to the Indian side.

According to sources close to regional cricket bodies, BCCI officials — who attended the meeting virtually — reacted sharply to Naqvi's stance, demanding instead that the trophy be transferred to the International Cricket Council (ICC) headquarters.

Other ACC members reportedly attempted to defuse tensions, urging Indian officials to show restraint. However, the BCCI delegation abruptly left the meeting and cut its digital feed.

The row follows a series of controversies involving the Indian team during the Asia Cup — from players snubbing handshakes to refusing to receive the trophy from Naqvi, who also heads the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).The handshake incident had already drawn attention amid heightened tensions between the arch-rivals, stemming from the group-stage clash through to the final.—RT/Agency

IMF Demands Crackdown On Trade-Based Money Laundering

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called on Pakistan to adopt effective measures to curb trade-based money laundering.

It urged monitoring of lawyers, law firms, and traders dealing in gold and silver, while also emphasising the identification of beneficial owners. A target was set to implement an electronic system to ensure transparency in government procurement.

These demands emerged during the second economic review negotiations for the third tranche of $1.2 billion from the international lender. The IMF sought a report from Pakistan outlining the risks and potential consequences of trade-based money laundering. It pressed for strict oversight of non-financial businesses and professional services. The Fund also underscored the need for transparency in the sale of redundant government assets.

According to sources, the IMF listed several business sectors for monitoring, including lawyers, law firms, accountants, auditors and real estate agents. The scope of oversight also covers individuals and entities involved in the trade of gold, silver, gemstones and other precious metals. The monitoring extends to those registering new companies and managing shareholders and directors.The IMF has urged the government to implement an electronic procurement system to improve transparency in public purchases and sales. The sale or disposal of state-owned assets should also follow transparent procedures—RT/Agency.

Pentagon Chief Targets Fat Generals, Demands Resignations

US: US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth slammed "fat generals" and diversity initiatives that he said led to decades of decay in the military and told a rare gathering of commanders on Tuesday they should resign if they don't support his agenda.

"Foolish and reckless political leaders set the wrong compass heading and we lost our way. We became the 'Woke Department,'" Hegseth said as he kicked off the event in Quantico, Virginia. "But not anymore," he said.

Addressing a room full of America's top generals and admirals, summoned from around the world without explanation last week, Hegseth defended his firings of flag officers, which include the top US general, who is Black, and the Navy's top admiral, who is a woman. He said the officers he relieved were part of a broken culture.

He promised sweeping changes to how discrimination complaints are handled and how accusations of wrongdoing are investigated at the Pentagon, saying the current system has top brass walking on "egg shells."

"If the words I'm speaking today are making your hearts sink, then you should do the honorable thing and resign," Hegseth said.

"I know the overwhelming majority of you feel the opposite. These words make your hearts full."

Hegseth criticised the look of overweight troops, saying: "It's completely unacceptable to see fat generals and admirals in the halls of the Pentagon."—RT/Agency

Hamas Seen Leaning Toward 21-Point Palestine Peace Plan: Dar

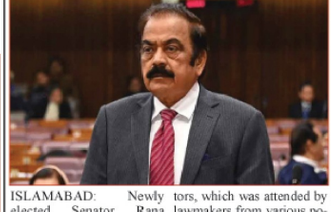
ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has expressed confidence that Hamas will not oppose the recently announced 21-point peace plan for Palestine, stressing that negotiations with the group have been ongoing.

Ishaq Dar, while addressing a news conference, stated, "I do not believe Hamas will reject the agreement. We must have confidence that Hamas will not oppose this plan."

Dar said the plan's objective is to ensure peace, security, and stability in the region. He reaffirmed that Pakistan's stance on Palestine has always been clear and based on a two-state solution.Highlighting the diplomatic efforts behind the initiative, the Deputy Prime Minister revealed that the plan carries the commitment of eight countries, whose leaders "wholeheartedly worked to make it a success."

He added that extensive consultations were held before finalizing the agreement, which envisions a technocratic government for Palestine.Ishaq Dar noted that despite some groups opposing the plan for political reasons, "the Palestinian people are accepting it." He underscored that "a lot of work has gone into this agreement," which marks an important step forward.On peacekeeping efforts, Dar confirmed that Indonesia has pledged 20,000 personnel, while Pakistan will also decide its contribution in due course.—RT/Agency

Rana Sanaullah Sworn In As Senator Amid Political Frenzy



ISLAMABAD: Newly elected Senator Rana Sanaullah was sworn in on Tuesday during a Senate session.

The oath was administered by Senator Sherry Rehman. Later, Acting President Yousaf Raza Gillani hosted a luncheon at Aiwan-e-Sadr in honor of the senators, which was attended by lawmakers from various political parties.

During the gathering, participants discussed the overall political situation at home and abroad. They also reviewed ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts in flood-affected areas.—RT/Agency

Govt Unveils Rs389bn Flood Relief Plan, Awaits IMF Nod

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has finalized preparations for a Rs389 billion relief package for flood-affected communities.

The package will be introduced through emergency funds allocated in the federal budget.

According to sources, the government plans to formally request the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to allow the launch of the Prime Minister's Relief Package for rehabilitation of flood victims.

The IMF, however, has asked Pakistan to provide detailed estimates of essential needs arising from flood-related damages.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has submitted an initial estimate of Rs40–50 billion in damages, while Sindh has projected around Rs40 billion in losses.

Punjab is also expected to present preliminary figures for affected areas shortly. Provincial governments have agreed to mobilize additional revenues to support relief and rehabilitation.

Sources further disclosed that discussions with the IMF entered their fifth day, with dedicated sessions on National Finance Commission (NFC) matters and flood-related losses.

Officials from the finance ministry and the governments of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan participated in the talks. The IMF was briefed that Balochistan did not suffer significant damage from recent floods.

On the sixth day of negotiations, IMF representatives are scheduled to receive a detailed briefing from Punjab government officials, sources confirmed.—RT/Agency

US Starts Mass Deportation Of Iranians After Tehran Accord

DUBAI/WASHINGTON: The first group of about 400 Iranians expected to be deported from the US under President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown were due to land in Qatar on Tuesday before flying to Tehran, a US and an Iranian official said.

The group included both convicted criminals and people who had entered the country illegally, said the US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The transfer marks an unusual moment of coordination between two nations at loggerheads over Iran's nuclear programme, which Tehran says is purely civilian but Washington asserts is aimed at building a nuclear bomb.

The Iranian official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, played down the idea of any political deal with the US, which joined Israeli air strikes on Iran and its nuclear facilities in June. The matter was consular, not political, the official said.

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The Iranian foreign ministry's director general for parliament affairs, Hossein Noushabadi, said the US was "planning to deport around 400 Iranians, most of whom entered the country illegally, in line with the new anti-immigrant approach of the US government."—RT/Agency

Flood-Battered Economy Shows Signs Of Resilience: Report

ISLAMABAD: The country's economy maintained its trajectory of stabilisation and growth during the first two months of the current fiscal year, despite disruptions caused by severe floods, the finance ministry reported here Tuesday.

Economy showed stability supported by moderating inflation, strong large-scale manufacturing (LSM), and improved fiscal discipline, according to the "Monthly Economic Update and Outlook" for September 2025 issued by the Finance Division.

Industrial momentum strengthened with the LSM sector posting 9% year-on-year growth in July, led by textiles, automobiles, and cement, it added.

Cement dispatches rose over 20%, while automobile production recorded sharp gains across vehicles.

Inflationary pressures eased considerably, with Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation dropping to 3.0% in August compared to 9.6% a year earlier.

On a cumulative basis, inflation stood at 3.5% during July–August FY26, down from 10.4% in the same period last year.

Fiscal accounts reflected resilience, with revenue mobilization and expenditure discipline helping to contain the deficit at 0.2% of GDP and yielding a primary surplus of Rs228.9 billion.

Federal Board of Revenue's collection rose 14.1% to Rs1.66 trillion during the period.

The external sector remained broadly stable.

Exports increased 10.2% to $5.3 billion, while remittances climbed 7% to $6.4 billion.—RT/Agency

ADB Warns Floods Could Push Pakistan Deeper Into Crisis

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has cautioned that recent Pakistan floods could trigger inflationary pressures and slow economic growth, despite signs of recovery.

In its Asian Development Outlook report, the ADB said natural disasters such as floods pose serious risks to Pakistan's economic stability and growth trajectory.

The report highlighted that GDP growth is expected to remain around 3% in FY2026, with inflation averaging 6% due to supply chain disruptions, higher food prices, and an increase in gas tariffs.

According to the ADB, Pakistan's economy has shown improvement in 2025 under the IMF reform program, supported by policy reforms and macroeconomic stability.The report projects further improvement in foreign exchange reserves and higher investment inflows, with a potential boost in business confidence from a forthcoming Pakistan–US trade agreement in FY2026.ADB Country Director Emma Fan said Pakistan's medium-term growth outlook remains positive, though structural challenges persist.She added that repeated natural disasters and the recent floods could weigh heavily on infrastructure, agriculture, and food supplies.The report noted that budgetary incentives for the construction sector may partly offset the damage, while the State Bank of Pakistan is expected to pursue a cautious monetary policy to manage inflation.—RT/Agency

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