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Pak Army Warns India of Catastrophic Consequences Over Provocative Rhetoric

RAWALPINDI: The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has expressed deep concern over what it described as "unrealistic, provocative and war-mongering" statements issued by the senior leadership of Indian military.

In a statement, the Pakistan Army's media wing said that these irresponsible remarks indicate that India is once again provoking aggression and warned that such rhetoric could have serious consequences for peace and stability in South Asia.

The ISPR spokesperson asserted that for decades India has benefited from portraying itself as a victim while casting Pakistan in a negative light, but in reality has been involved in stoking violence and promoting terrorism across the region.

According to the ISPR, this narrative has now been fully exposed, and the world increasingly recognizes India as a source of cross-border terrorism and regional instability.



"The Indian aggression had earlier brought two nuclear powers to the brink of conflict," it added.

The ISPR added that it seems that India has forgotten the wreckage of its downed fighter jets.

India also appears to have ignored Pakistan's long-range strike capabilities, it added.

The spokesperson stressed that any future confrontation could result in catastrophic destruction, and warned that if the enemy resumes hostilities, Pakistan will not remain silent.

"We will respond decisively and without restraint," the ISPR said, adding that those contemplating a new pattern of behavior should be made aware of this.

Pakistan, it said, has already established a new benchmark for retaliation: its response will be swift, decisive and devastating, and the nation and its armed forces possess the capability and resolve to take the fight to every corner of the enemy's territory.

The ISPR also warned that Pakistan would break the notion of geographic immunity and target deep into Indian territory if necessary.—RT/Agency

Hamas' Response to Trump's Peace Plan Clears Way for Gaza Ceasefire: PM

ISLAMABAD: Hailing Hamas' response to the Trump-brokered Gaza peace plan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Saturday that the statement issued by the Palestinian group opened a potential path to a ceasefire, urging the international community to seize the opportunity to end the war.

In a post on X, the prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to supporting lasting peace and stability in Palestine, saying that diplomatic progress must now translate into relief for the people of Gaza.

The statement comes after Hamas announced that it had accepted parts of US president Donald Trump's proposal aimed at ending the nearly two-year conflict and securing the release



of all remaining hostages from the October 7, 2023 attack.

The prime minister expressed gratitude to President Trump, as well as the leadership of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and Indonesia, for their efforts during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) sidelines meetings.

The premier said: "Alhamdulillah, we are closer to a ceasefire than we have been since this genocide was launched on the Palestinian people. Pakistan has always stood by the Palestinian people and shall always do so."

"The statement issued by Hamas creates a window for a ceasefire and ensuring peace that we must not allow to

close again," he said, adding that Pakistan would continue to work with all brotherly nations and partners to [ensure] everlasting peace in Palestine."

Separately, the Foreign Office (FO) in a statement also welcomed the Palestinian group's response.

"This offers an important opportunity to secure an immediate ceasefire, end the bloodshed of innocent Palestinians in Gaza, release of hostages and Palestinian prisoners, ensure unhindered humanitarian assistance, and pave the way for a credible political process toward lasting peace. Israel must immediately cease attacks."

"Pakistan will continue to contribute constructively and meaningfully to this process," it said.

Hamas' response was also hailed by global leaders and ally, Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

"Hamas' (reaction) to Trump's plan represents the position of the Palestinian resistance factions, and the Islamic Jihad participated responsibly in the consultations that led to this decision," it said in a statement.

The group's approval of the plan could help facilitate the release of hostages held by both groups in Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said early on Saturday that Israel was preparing for an "immediate implementation" of the first stage of Trump's Gaza plan for the release of Israeli hostages following Hamas' response.—RT/Agency

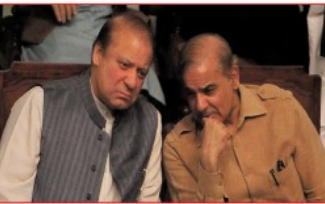
PM Claims Victory as Govt-JAAC Deal Restores Fragile Peace in AJK

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday welcomed the successful outcome of the negotiations between the government and the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), calling the restoration of peace and return to normalcy a positive development.

After carefully vetting the draft agreement, the government's negotiation committee and JAAC reached a deal that ended days of tension, which had sparked violent riots in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

The premier praised the efforts of the government's negotiation committee, commending its members for their dedication and hard work in resolving the crisis through dialogue.

"The government stands fully prepared to address the issues faced by our Kashmiri brothers," the prime minister said.



"Public interest and peace are our top priorities, and we will continue to serve the people of Azad Kashmir with full commitment."

"We have always been staunch defenders of the rights of our Kashmiri brothers and sisters. The concerns of Azad Kashmir have always remained a key focus for our government," he added.

Talks between JAAC, the AJK government, and federal ministers over special privileges and refugee seats

had collapsed last week. What began as a largely peaceful movement in AJK spiraled into unrest, with rival groups staging protests and accusing each other of inciting violence.

Deadly clashes between demonstrators and security forces left at least 10 people dead and dozens seriously injured.

A new round of negotiations took place between a senior government team and a civil society alliance, followed by another meeting.—RT/Agency

14 Indian Proxy Militants Sent to Hell in Balochistan's Khuzdar Operation: Sources



RAWALPINDI: Security forces gunned down 14 terrorists linked to Indian proxy Fina al-Hindistan during an operation in the Zehri area of Balochistan's Khuzdar, security sources said on Saturday.

They added that the operation was carried out on the reported presence of terrorists belonging to the Indian proxy, Fina al-Hindistan, resulting in the killing of at least 14 terrorists, while 20 militants were also injured.

Residents of Khuzdar's Zehri area praised the operation, acknowledging the efforts of the security forces in restoring peace and stability to the region, they said.

Sources added that the security forces remain fully committed to eliminating the remaining militants of the Fina al-Hindistan.

The Zehri operation comes days after security forces killed seven Indian-sponsored terrorists in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) conducted in the Sherani district of Balochistan. According to the ISPR, the security forces conducted an IBO on the reported presence of terrorists belonging to the Indian proxy, Fina al-Khawarij or the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

"During the operation, own troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location, and after an intense fire exchange, seven Indian-sponsored terrorists were sent to hell," the ISPR added.

Pakistan witnessed an alarming 46% surge in overall violence in the third quarter (Q3) of 2025, as per the latest statistics issued by the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS).

The country reported at least 901 fatalities and 599 injuries, including civilians, security personnel and the terrorists, in a total of 329 incidents of violence, which also included terror attacks and counter-terror operations. The CRSS report highlights that by Q3, the ongoing year has proven nearly as deadly as last year, with 2,414 fatalities recorded compared to the entire tally of 2024, which reported 2,546 deaths in total.—RT/Agency

United We Stand: CM Maryam Calls for Unity in Face of National Challenges

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz stated that Pakistan can overcome its current challenges only through unity and collective effort.

Addressing participants—both local and international—at the National Security War Course in Lahore, she said such joint training programs help strengthen inter-country relations. She also lauded Pakistan's armed forces for their professionalism and celebrated the historic success of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos.

She credited Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir's strategic brilliance for the military's significant achievements.

Maryam Nawaz highlighted Pakistan's vital geographical importance and acknowledged the nation faces both internal and external challenges. She stressed that only through united action, sound policies, and dedicated hard work can these be resolved.



"Good governance is the key to solving public issues, and providing top-quality services to citizens remains my top priority," she added.

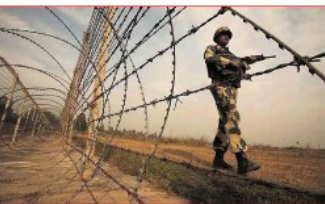
She reiterated her commitment to selfless and non-discriminatory service to the people, recalling the large-scale flood that recently struck Punjab. She detailed a massive rescue and relief operation that safely relocated 2.5 million people, ensured regular meal supplies, and provided top-tier healthcare in the affected areas. The Punjab cabinet and administration operated as a unified team during the crisis, she noted.

Maryam Nawaz further shared that various public welfare and development programs are underway across Punjab, including an initiative to transform rural areas into model villages. On the health front, she announced the nearing completion of the Nawaz Sharif Cancer Hospital in Lahore and affirmed continued efforts to offer quality healthcare.—RT/Agency

Indian Forces Slaughter Goats Near Zero Point in Tharparkar

ISLAMABAD: Indian forces have killed and injured several goats near Zero Point, land border crossing, in Tharparkar district of Sindh, in what livestock owners denounced as a "brutal act of aggression" that even targeted innocent animals. According to the owners, the incident occurred last evening in the village of Sunani in Delhi Tehsil. They said that in such situations, livestock are usually returned, but this time the animals were brutally attacked.

At least five goats were killed while the legs of 15 others were broken, the owners said, adding that the injured goats' legs had been cut



with a sharp tool. The incident comes amid heightened tensions between Pakistan and India following the four-day armed conflict in the backdrop of terrorists attack in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The May fighting, the worst between the old foes in decades, was sparked by a terrorist attack on tourists in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir's (IIOJK) Pahalgam area, which New Delhi said was backed by Pakistan.—RT/Agency

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DG ISPR Inspires Kinnaird Students With Talk on Security and Media's Role



LAHORE: Director General ISPR, Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, paid a visit to Kinnaird College for Women University, where he received a warm welcome from faculty members and students alike.

During the visit, the DG ISPR held an interactive session with students and faculty, engaging in a detailed discussion on the professional roles of the Pakistan Army.

He spoke extensively about the army's responsibilities, public relations, national security challenges, and the growing impact of social media in shaping narratives.

The session featured a special musical performance by a visually impaired student of Kinnaird College, which was met with high praise. Students also paid tribute to the martyrs and veterans of the Pakistan Army, acknowledging their sacrifices for the country.

The faculty and students appreciated the DG ISPR's visit, calling it a positive and inspiring engagement that bridged the gap between youth and national institutions.—RT/Agency

Trump Weighs Sweeping Tariff Relief to Boost US Auto Production

US: U.S. President Donald Trump is considering significant tariff relief for U.S. auto production that could effectively eliminate much of the costs major car companies are paying, Republican Senator Bernie Moreno and auto officials told Reuters on Friday.

The signal to the car companies around the world is look, you have final assembly in the U.S.: we're going to reward you, Moreno said in an interview.

"For Ford, for Toyota (7203.T), for Honda (7267.T) for Tesla for GM, those are the almost in order of the top five domestic content vehicle producers, they'll be immune to tariffs."

Moreno, a former car dealer, serves on the Senate Commerce Committee that oversees auto issues and is



active in automotive policy matters. Automakers' shares rose on the news first reported by Reuters. Ford closed up 3.7 percent, Chrysler-parent Stellantis rose 3.2 percent and GM closed up 1.3 percent.

The extended tariff relief if finalized would give automakers more incentive to move car production to the United States, which would

fulfill a key Trump policy aimed at creating more jobs for Americans. The Commerce Department said in June that it planned an import adjustment offset equal to 3.75 percent of the suggested retail price for eligible U.S. assembled vehicles through April 2026 and then a second year at 2.5 percent to address tariffs from imported automobile parts.—RT/Agency

IMF Talks Loom as Pakistan Confronts Flood Losses and Economic Targets Review

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday discussed review of economic targets in talks for third tranche of the IMF loan with the visiting team of the lender, owing to the losses in recent flooding. Pakistani officials briefed the visiting IMF team over flood losses as the flood affected provinces requested for review of the economic targets during the talks for third installment of the IMF loan. Sources said that the provinces in their demand for review of the set targets argued



that surplus provincial budgets could not be materialized owing to the devastating flooding. A target of 1,464 billion surplus budget was set for the provinces during the current financial year, papers read. According to sources Punjab could not achieve the target of Rs 740 billion surplus primary budget. Sindh has also requested the mission for reviewing Rs 370 billion budget surplus.—RT/Agency

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Nebula Riff Triumphs at Sindh University Moot Court Championship



By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: Team Nebula Riff triumphed over Quantum Shield in the final round of the Sindh University's three-day Moot Court Competitions, held at the Benazir Bhutto Convention Centre. Presided over by a five-member bench, the final showcased sharp arguments and legal prowess. Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalil-ur-Rehman Khumbati praised moot courts as vital legal training. Trophies and certificates were awarded, concluding the event with wide participation from faculty, students, and legal professionals.

Sindh Govt Backtracks, Withdraws Order to Dissolve Police Committees in Mirpurkhas and Across Province

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: The Sindh government has withdrawn its recent order to dissolve Public Liaison Committees formed at police station and taluka levels in Mirpurkhas and throughout Sindh. Following objections raised by a provincial minister and others about the exclusion of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) affiliates from these committees, the Home Department has issued a new notification reinstating the previously established committees in their original form. Copies of the notification have been sent to the Sindh IG, all commissioners, deputy commissioners, and relevant officials. This move reverses the earlier decision to disband the committees, aiming to maintain the existing structure while addressing political concerns.

Mehfil-e-Darood Draws Devotees at Shrine of Sain Faqir Haji Bisham Brohi in Umerkot

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The Anjumdar Ghulam-e-Qalandar Welfare Sindh Pakistan organized a spiritual gathering of Mehfil-e-Darood at the shrine of Sain Faqir Haji Bisham Brohi. In his speech, leader Syed Ghulam Haider Shah Qalandari emphasized the importance of awakening, patience, and faith. The event witnessed large attendance, with Naats recited and prayers offered. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of langar (community meal).



Javed Iqbal Unveils Traffic Overhaul Plan to Restore Hyderabad's Charm

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: To prevent accidents, new traffic signals are being installed and U-turns improved in Hyderabad. Chairman of the Traffic and Road Safety Foundation, Javed Iqbal, stated that several development projects are underway with the support of Sindh government and local authorities to restore Hyderabad's original beauty. Removal of old barriers and clearing garbage from the National Highway near Central Jail has ended long-standing traffic jams. The district traffic management board and Hyderabad Traffic Police are working closely with Sindh Mass Transit Authority to enhance the traffic system.



PPP's Newly Appointed Hyderabad Division Leaders Receive Thunderous Welcome in Dadu

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Under the leadership of PPP Dadu District President MPA Barister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, thousands gathered at Pir Shakh to warmly welcome newly appointed PPP Hyderabad Division President Senator Ajiz Dhamrah and General Secretary Giachand Israni. Supporters showered rose petals and presented traditional Sindhi gifts. Speaking to media, Ajiz Dhamrah demanded Maryam Nawaz apologize to Sindhi people, warning of a strong response if injustices continue. The caravan later departed for Garhi Khuda Bakhsh to pay tribute at Shaheed Murtaza Benazir Bhutto's mausoleum.



Main Accused Nabbed in Multi-Million Mehar Theft Case

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: Police successfully solved the multi-million theft case from trader Zahid Shaikh's house in Islamabad locality, Mehar. Using CCTV footage and phone tracking, the culprit, Bagri youth, Sita Ram, was arrested. Police recovered Rs 180,000 in cash, gold jewelry and 650 Riyals from him. The remaining accomplices are still at large, and police are actively tracking them through mobile tracking to apprehend them.



Stray Dogs Spread Panic and Fear in Talhar City

TALHAR: Talhar residents are alarmed by a surge in stray dogs, many reportedly carrying dangerous diseases. Women, children, and daily commuters feel unsafe. Locals accuse the town committee of inaction and demand immediate intervention. Citizens urge higher authorities to launch a swift dog control campaign to restore safety and peace in affected neighborhoods.—RT

Groom Cries Foul Over Armed Abduction of Bride, Seeks Justice in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Molvi Ghulam Rahim from Diplo, Tharparkar, held a press conference at Badin Press Club, claiming his wife Benazir was abducted at gunpoint by armed men on September 30. The couple had married through court on April 7, 2025. He alleged multiple attacks by her relatives and showed bullet shells as evidence. He fears for her life and urged authorities for immediate action and safe recovery.

Shikarpur Horror: Speeding Truck Crushes 8, Injures 5 at Khanpur Bypass

By Adeel Alvi

SHIKARPUR: A horrific accident occurred at Kundan Chowangi near Khanpur Bypass, where a speeding Mazda truck carrying onions from Sukkur to Kashmore ran over people sleeping on a footpath after colliding with an electricity pole. The tragic incident claimed eight lives, including four children: Rabia (40), Reema (10), Rasheeda (8), Sameeha (8), Inaamullah (12), Piari (6), and Munni (17). Five others including Suleman, Awais, Khameeso, and Vijay sustained serious injuries. The truck driver fled the scene. Police have impounded the vehicle and launched further investigation.

Arabian Sea Cyclone Shakti Intensifies, Sindh Coast on High Alert

By KB Brohi

THATTA: Cyclone "Shakti," now a severe cyclonic storm, is intensifying over the Arabian Sea, located 400 km south of Karachi. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) warns of winds reaching 125 km/h and rough seas. Fishing has been banned in Thatta, Sujawal, and Ketri Bandar, with boats returning to shore. Rain, dust storms, and strong winds are expected in Karachi, Tharparkar, Badin, and nearby districts. Emergency departments remain on high alert as the cyclone warning centre continues to monitor and issue updates on the storm's trajectory.

Mystery Deepens Over Disappearance of 50-Year-Old Hingorja Woman

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: The residents of village Samo Channo are deeply worried over the mysterious disappearance of 50-year-old woman, Karim Begum Channa for the past three months. Her son, Ameer Bux Channa reached the press club and expressed his distress, stating that his mother left home three months ago and has not been seen since. He also mentioned that she suffers from mental health issues. Appeals have been made to human rights organizations and senior police officials to assist in the search for the missing woman.

Woman Ends Life Near Tando Allahyar

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A married Hindu woman from the Kacchi Kohli community, Shrimati Dali, committed suicide by hanging at home due to domestic disputes near Tando Allahyar. Police moved the body to the civil hospital and handed it over to heirs after legal formalities.

Female Teacher Shot in Public, Gunman Arrested

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: In Naseem Nagar, a female private school teacher, Uzma Hattar, was shot in the chest at Jatoti Chowk by Prem alias Hakim Odha. She was critically injured and remains hospitalized. The incident occurred while she was walking with her brother. Following SSP Chaudhry's urgent directives, SHO Naseem Nagar arrested the accused and recovered the pistol used in the attack. Crime No. 489/2025 was registered under relevant PPC sections. Investigations continue to locate Prem's accomplices.



SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: MNA Muhammad Khan Junejo is condoling with Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar over the sad demise of his mother.—Photo by Farooq Junejo

Serial Burglar Caught, Rs 2.35 Million Worth of Loot Recovered

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Market Police Hyderabad arrested a habitual burglar, Nitesh, who was involved in at least six house burglaries in the Slawat Para area. The accused, working as an electrician and sweeper, exploited his access to victims' homes. Under Crime No. 169/2025, he was arrested, and gold jewelry worth Rs 2.35 million, previously sold to jewellers, was recovered. At a press briefing, SSP Adeel Chandio handed back the performance.

Two Wounded in Gunfire Sparked by Child Dispute

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: In Gulshan Illahi Noorani Colony, a dispute between children escalated into armed violence, injuring Muhammad Shahmeer Qureshi and Muhammad Shafiq Rajput. Pinyari Police, led by SHO Arsalan Solangi, registered Crime No. 163/2025 against Rafiq Qureshi and his sons. Rafiq and his son Bilal were arrested; efforts continue to recover the weapon and apprehend the remaining suspects.

Bhai Khan Welfare and PCML Launch Anti-Dengue Drive

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: To combat dengue and malaria, Bhai Khan Welfare and Pakistan Central Muslim League's Public Service Department launched a mosquito spray campaign in Mian Sarfraz Town UC-32. Haji Muhammad Yasin Arain emphasized community awareness and coordination with UC chairmen. Muhammad Arsalan and other leaders vowed to continue control of the spread of these diseases.



Fugitive Re-Arrested With Hashish After Escaping Hyderabad Police's Custody

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Police have re-arrested Usama Sathian, an accused who escaped from Hali Road Police Station custody on August 7, 2025, due to negligence by duty officers. Acting swiftly, SSP Hyderabad Adeel Husain Chaudhry ordered his immediate arrest. Usama was found with 1,732 grams of hashish. A new narcotics case has been registered, while negligent officers were suspended and booked under relevant legal sections.

Residents Rage Over Alleged Land Encroachment in Daulatpur

By Aijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR: Residents of nearby village Ismail Bhand staged a protest at Daulatpur Press Club, accusing influential locals of attempting to seize several acres of ancestral survey land in Deh Danbhai. Protesters including Bahadur Bhund, Yousuf Bhund and Saddam Hussain Bhand alleged harassment by accused Haji Bhand, Roshan Bhand, Meeral Bhand and Mehdi Hassan Bhand, and claimed SHO Asad Rajpar of Kashpur Police threatened them. They said cases are pending against the alleged grabbers and demanded removal of the authorities do not act.



Snakebite Tragedy Claims Life of Young Laborer in Talhar

TALHAR: In the village of Nawab Lashari near Talhar, 25-year-old laborer Ghulam Rasool Lashari was bitten by a snake while spraying pesticides on a paddy crop. He was rushed unconscious to the local hospital and then referred to Hyderabad due to severe venom effects. Unfortunately, he passed away before receiving adequate treatment. The deceased was a father of one. The incident highlights the lack of anti-venom vaccines in local government hospitals, causing many snakebite victims to die before reaching advanced medical facilities.—RT

Junior Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Team Holds Awareness Rally in Tando Allahyar

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Supporters of the Junior Zulfikar Ali Bhutto team held an awareness rally from Keceria Shakh to the bypass vegetable market, followed by a meeting on organizational restructuring. Leaders pledged full support to Junior Bhutto, who can bring real change to the oppressed Sindh's people, who are fed up with corruption and believe only Junior Zulfikar Bhutto can bring real change.

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Lahore Court Extends Falak Javed's Physical Remand by 4 Days

LAHORE: A Lahore district court has extended the physical remand of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Falak Javed for another four days in a case linked to an alleged anti-state tweet and the uploading of an inappropriate image of a provincial minister.

The order was issued by Judicial Magistrate Naeem Wattoo after hearing arguments from both sides. Javed, who had previously



been declared an absconder in the case, is scheduled to be presented in court again on 8 October.

During the hearing, the prosecutor representing the

National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) stated that the accused was earlier declared a proclaimed offender and that one kanal of her property had already been seized in connection with the case. The prosecutor argued that Javed's online influence was considerable, citing her following of 379,000 on social media, and pressed for a 20-day remand to obtain access to her account credentials.—RT/Agency

Quetta Pays Tribute to Justice Shaheed Muhammad Nawaz Marri

QUETTA: Quetta's Serena Chowk has been named after Justice Shaheed Muhammad Nawaz Marri. This decision, announced by Balochistan's Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, aims to honor the sacrifices and contributions of the esteemed Justice.

The Chief Minister's Secretariat released a statement on Saturday detailing the decision, highlighting the significant role Justice Marri played in the region. Alongside renaming the landmark, a statue of Justice Shaheed Muhammad Nawaz Marri is set to be erected at the site, further commemorating his legacy.



The initiative marks a significant gesture by the provincial authorities, recognizing those who have made notable impacts on the community and justice system. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of celebrating individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service and justice.

This development has been warmly received by the citizens of Quetta, who see it as a fitting tribute to a figure of integrity and dedication. The move is expected to serve as a reminder of Justice Marri's enduring legacy in the province.

Meta announced the roll-out of Instagram Map in Pakistan, giving users a fresh, interactive way to discover content and stay connected with friends, while maintaining strong privacy controls. Meta announced the latest feature on Oct 7, which is available directly at the top of users' DM inboxes.—RT/Agency

Punjab Govt Slaps Heavy Penalties on Delayed Car Transfers

LAHORE: Punjab government has imposed stricter penalties for individuals who fail to report vehicle ownership transfers within the specified timeframe.

The Punjab Excise, Taxation & Narcotics Control Department has issued a new notification announcing amendments to the Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1969.

Details of the Amendment: The amendment applies to Rule 47(3) of the Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules. Under the revised law, if a transferee does not report a change in ownership within the prescribed period, they will be required to pay an in-



creased penalty in addition to the standard transfer fee. The fines are categorized by vehicle type and the duration of delay: For Motorcycles and Scooters 31-60 days late: Rs. 1,00,000-120 days late: Rs. 2,00,000 For All Other Vehicles (Cars, Jeeps, etc.) 31-60 days late: Rs. 1,00,000-90 days late: Rs. 20,00,000-120 days late: Rs. 30,00,000

According to officials, the revision is designed to ensure the timely reporting of ownership transfers, thereby maintaining accurate vehicle records and reducing fraudulent practices. The government also emphasized that failure to comply with the rules beyond 120 days could lead to additional legal complications.—RT/Agency

Tremors Strike KP: 4.3-Magnitude Quake Rattles Region

KP: A 4.3-magnitude earthquake shook parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday night, according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department. The quake, centered 22km southeast of Patten at a depth of 31km, was felt in Patten, Shangla, and Battagram. Pakistan sits atop three major tectonic plates, making it prone to frequent seismic activity. Earlier this week, a 3.2-



magnitude tremor also hit Karachi. Experts warn that such tremors are common

due to the country's position across five active seismic zones.—RT

Gang-Rape, Blackmail: 3 Arrested in Chilling Minor Assault Case

ABBOTTABAD: The National Cyber-crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) has arrested three suspects in connection with the gang-rape and black-

mail of a minor boy. Police stated the suspects were part of a group who allegedly assaulted the victim at gunpoint, filmed the horrific act, and used the footage for black-

mail. The gang reportedly shared the videos on WhatsApp to extort the victim's family. A case has been registered against nine suspects.—RT

METRO KARACHI

Game-Changing Pact for Women's Empowerment Signed

KARACHI: A landmark MoU signing ceremony was held at Avari Towers between the Society for Support to Dystrophic Persons (SSDP) and Women Empowered Pakistan (WEP), marking a powerful partnership for women empowerment and social uplift. Both organizations pledged to collaborate on community development, capacity building, and joint trainings aimed at uplifting vulnerable segments



of society. The initiative seeks to create sustainable opportunities for women while addressing deep-rooted social challenges. Leaders hailed the

alliance as a bold step towards fostering resilience, equality, and empowerment across Pakistan's marginalized communities.—RT



MCQ Cracks Down on Illegal Structures in Quetta

QUETTA: In a bold move to reclaim public spaces and alleviate congestion, the Metropolitan Corporation Quetta (MCQ) initiated a rigorous anti-encroachment operation on Saturday. The campaign, targeting unlawful stalls and structures, swept through key areas such as Liaquat Bazaar, Baldia Plaza, Shahrah-e-Iqbal, and Art School Road, aiming to enhance traffic circulation and ease pedestrian movement.

The drive, according to

a statement by the MCQ spokesman, is part of a broader effort to beautify and clean the city. This initiative aligns with the vision of Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, and follows the specific instructions of the MCQ Administrator, Mehtab-ur-Rehman Qambrani. The operation highlights an ongoing commitment to urban improvement and civic order in the bustling provincial capital.—RT/Agency

New Condition Rolled Out for Electricity Connections

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has introduced mandatory biometric verification for all new connections and reconnections.

To formalize the decision, IESCO's chief Executive Engineer, Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood, and the CEO of National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) Technologies, Omar Khan Azad, have inked an agreement.

The IESCO believes that the new biometric verification system will help eliminate fraud. Besides, accurate information about IESCO

consumers will be available, and defaulters will not be able to obtain the new connections without clearing their outstanding dues.

Senior officials from IESCO and NADRA Technologies also attended the signing ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, IESCO Chief Executive Engineer, Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood, reaffirmed the company's commitment to consumer-friendly initiatives, the promotion of digitalisation and transparency, and the provision of improved services in the future.—RT/Agency

Sky Spectacle Set for October 7 as Supermoon Dazzles the Night

ISLAMABAD: SU-PARCO has announced that the year's first supermoon will shine on Tuesday, October 7, visible in Pakistan and globally. This moon will appear 14% larger and 30% brighter than a typical full moon, at a distance of

about 224,599 miles (361,400 km) from Earth. Astronomers say it will look most stunning near the horizon. Two more supermoons are expected this year on November 5 and December 5, offering more celestial beauty in the coming months.—RT/Agency

Lahore High Court to review 10-year jail term for PTI's Ejaz Chaudhry



LAHORE: The Lahore High Court has fixed the hearing of former Senator Ejaz Chaudhry's appeal against a ten-year prison sentence.

The hearing will take place on 7 October before a two-member bench headed by Justice Syed Shahbaz Ali Rizvi.

The appeal concerns the Shergarh Bridge arson case, in which the trial court convicted Chaudhry, sentencing him to ten years in prison. The former senator's legal

team argued that the trial court's decision was contrary to established facts and lacked credible evidence.

Chaudhry's lawyers contended that the police had filed charges on political grounds. Witnesses in the case reportedly did not observe the applicant participating in the violent protests. The defence emphasised that there is no concrete evidence linking Chaudhry to inciting the public or promoting violence.—RT/Agency

PDMA Punjab Warns of More Rainfall, Water Release From India



LAHORE: Director General PDMA Punjab on Saturday said that the province could receive more rainfall apart of likely release of water into rivers from India.

Provincial Disaster Management Authority's DG Irfan Kathia talking to media here said that flooding in catchment area of rivers is likely.

He said India could release more water into Sutlej and Ravi rivers. He said India could release around 35,000 cuses of water in Ravi River.

"We are trying to redress the losses in flood-hit areas," PDMA official said. "Five to 10mm rainfall is expected in coming days," he further said.—RT/Agency

Central Punjab

REO Gujranwala Inspects Rescue 1122 Stations in Narowal

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Regional Emergency Officer (REO) Syed Kamal Abid, under Secretary Punjab Emergency Service Dr. Rizwan Naser's directives, inspected Rescue 1122 stations in Narowal, Zafarwal, and Shakargarh.



Engineer Aurangzeb thanked the REO for his leadership, pledging continued commitment to emergency response. The REO expressed satisfaction with Rescue 1122 Narowal's performance and dedication.

Gujranwala Police Nab 20 Motorcycle Theft Suspects in Sweeping Crackdown

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: During September, AVLS police arrested 20 suspects involved in motorcycle thefts, recovering 1 Hyundai, 22 motorcycles, 2 moon vehicles, 1 trolley, illegal weapons, and Rs 6.5 lakh in cash. The operation was led by DSP Tariq Mahmood with Sub Inspectors Mohammad Rashid and Nasir Gul. City Police Officer Mohammad Ayaz Saleem Rana praised



the team's efforts, emphasizing the commitment to a peaceful society by cracking down on criminal gangs. The suspects and recovered items were handed over to relevant police stations.

Dengue Control Drive Intensifies Across Toba Tek Singh



By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: District authorities have intensified dengue prevention efforts following a meeting of the District Emergency Response

Committee, chaired by ADCG Zeeshan Labha Maseeh. Health officials briefed on surveillance activities and risks due to favorable weather. Departments were instructed to complete in-

Digital Hearing Devices Distributed to Hearing-Impaired Students in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A special camp was held at the Government Secondary Special Education Center Kamalia under Phase Two of the Starkey Technologies Program to prepare customized ear molds for hearing aids. Audiology experts sampled 149 hearing-impaired students from various special education institutions across the district. The initiative, supported by UNICEF and



the Punjab Department of Special Education, aims to equip students with modern digital hearing devices, helping them improve their hearing, confidence, and social participation.

BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

DC Jaffarabad Orders Reopening of Blocked Alley After Residents' Complaints

By Inayatullah Hur

JAFFARABAD: In Jaffarabad's Naseerabad Ward No-38, following public complaints about a blocked alley, Deputy Commissioner Muneer Ahmed Khan Kakar instructed Assistant Commissioner Mir Bahadur Khan Khosa to take immediate action. After inspecting the site, the locked pathways or alleys. The



administration assured the public that strict legal action will be taken against those who obstruct public access.

Punjab Unveils First-Ever Ostrich Breeding Program

LAHORE: For the first time in Punjab, significant progress has been made in wildlife development under the directives of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, with the initiation of an ostrich breeding programme. The modern ostrich breeding center at Punjab's

Safari Park has started operations, focusing on increasing the ostrich population through advanced egg incubation techniques. Ostrich eggs are transported to the hatchery via electric buses, where they undergo thorough cleaning to eliminate diseases, and data collection including egg weight and other parameters. Following this pilot project at Lahore Safari Park, Punjab aims to become self-sufficient in ostrich production. The ostriches raised here will also be distributed to other zoos across the province.—RT/Agency

EDITORIAL

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Global Giants Abandon Pakistan

The steady exodus of multinational giants from Pakistan — with Procter & Gamble now joining the long list that already includes Microsoft, Uber, Shell, Eli Lilly, and Yamaha — is nothing short of an economic indictment. When corporations with decades of brand loyalty, billion-dollar balance sheets, and unmatched resilience decide that Pakistan is no longer worth the trouble, it should send shivers down the spines of policymakers. If global heavyweights with deep resources cannot make business viable here, how on earth are smaller firms supposed to survive?

While some analysts point to global restructuring as a reason, such explanations are convenient fig leaves. Yes, companies shift focus and streamline operations worldwide. But the common thread running through

these departures is Pakistan's increasingly inhospitable



business climate: unpredictable policies, crippling taxes, weak intellectual property enforcement, currency volatility, and an informal sector that undercuts legitimate enterprises. Add to that a deteriorating security perception, bureaucratic paralysis, and an almost deliberate indifference to investor concerns, and the picture becomes clearer.

The government may attempt to shrug off these exits as isolated corporate decisions. But perception matters

in business, and the perception today is brutal: Pakistan is seen as a market where investment is punished, not protected. Once that reputation hardens, attracting new capital becomes nearly impossible.

This is not merely about lost jobs or shuttered offices. It is about confidence — the confidence of the international business community in Pakistan's stability and seriousness as an investment destination. Losing that confidence is far more damaging than losing any single corporation.

The exit of these giants should not just be a source of embarrassment; it should be a wake-up call. Unless decisive reforms are enacted to restore predictability and investor trust, Pakistan risks being left behind in a world where capital is always welcome — just not here.

THE HEARTLAND



MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro Pledges Solution to Larkana Market Woes

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: PPP leader and Political Secretary to Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, MPA Jameel Ahmed Soomro, attended a reception hosted by the Fruit & Vegetable Market Union. Union leaders, including President

Masjullah Jatoti, briefed him on drainage, sanitation, and infrastructure issues. Soomro assured traders that work on drainage and sewer blockages would begin soon. He also announced plans to relocate the market outside the city and build a girls' higher

secondary school at the current site. Speaking to media, he criticized PML-N's leadership, especially Maryam Nawaz, for promoting divisive language and urged her to adopt a more responsible tone befitting a Chief Minister.

Dr. Fatah Marri Named New Vice Chancellor of Sindh University Jamshoro



By Munwar Chaudhry

JAMSHORO: The Chief Minister of Sindh has approved the appointment of Dr. Fatah Marri as the new Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University of Sindh (UoS), Jamshoro. Dr. Marri, a seasoned academician and former VC of Sindh Agriculture University Tando

Jam, confirmed he will assume charge on Monday. Preparations are underway at the university, though officials await formal notification. Dr. Marri brings vast experience from his previous roles, including at the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

PPP's Salam Benazir Rally Reaches Sehwan, Blasts Punjab CM's Controversial Remarks

By Qaimuddin Memon

SEHWAN: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Hyderabad Division's Salam Benazir Rally arrived in Sehwan Sharif, warmly welcomed by PPP Jamshoro district leaders and workers. PPP leader Ajiz Dhamrah condemned Punjab Chief Minister's statement on

water rights, asserting water belongs to Pakistan, not any individual. He urged unity against divisive politics and demanded an apology for the Sindh people. The rally, symbolizing renewed loyalty to martyrs and public rights, continued its journey toward Garhi Khuda Bux with thousands of supporters.

Spiritual Gathering Honors Late Haji Lal Khan Brohi in Chhutto Chand



By KB Brohi

THATTA: Noor Ameen Brohi and Ameen Brohi organized an all-might Mehfil-e-Naat and Jashn-e-Gyarhveen Sharif honoring their late father, Faqir Haji Lal Khan Brohi. Devotees and scholars, including

Hafiz Ahmed Manzoor Mashori, paid tribute and recited naats. Prayers were offered for the departed soul's peace. The event, managed by Jamaat Qasmiya, concluded with niyaz distribution, creating a serene spiritual atmosphere.

PPP Leaders in Phulji Station Rally to Defend Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq Against False Propaganda

By Abdullah Khan Shahani

PHULJI STATION: PPP leaders from Taluka Dadu, including UC Rep Chairman Amtiaz Ali Panhwar, District Council member Ali Sher Panhwar, and Muhammad Ali Khoso, held a press conference at the Phulji Station Press Club. They



praised Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, MPA Dadu and PPP District President, highlighting his service and development projects in against Pir Majeeb and Imdad Dawach of those spreading lies. Legal action if defamation continues.

Anti-Malaria and Dengue Spray Campaign Accelerates in Khairpur District

KHAIRPUR: The District Health Officer, Syed Masroor-ul-Hassan Shah and Director Information Khairpur Syed Sajjad Ali Shah announced that the anti-mosquito spray campaign to combat malaria and dengue will continue until December 15, 2025. Conducted by the Health

Department in collaboration with the Malaria Control Program, over 90% larvicide work has been completed across all eight talukas. Incharge of Malaria Control Program Khairpur, Citizens are urged to take precautions to support these efforts and help prevent further spread of these diseases. —RT

Farmers Rise in Protest After Landlord and Kamdar Allegedly Embezzled People's Savings in Samaro

By Muhammad Baqal

UMERKOT: Residents of Village Major Rafiq Qaimkhani, including Bheel and Meghwar communities, protested at National Press Club Samaro against landlord Dar Soomro and Kamdar Manjhi Botrani. They accused them of embezzling Rs 12.5 million of savings from 13 farmers. The victims demand justice and recovery of their money. They also



claim threats from police and courts to stop relevant departments to take action, warning they will take their case to the High Court if justice is denied.

PPP Sindh Chief Nisar Khuhro Denounces Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz's Remarks on Canal Project

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Nisar Khuhro, President of PPP Sindh, has strongly criticized Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's controversial remarks on the canal project, calling them a violation of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) decision and disrespect to constitutional forums. He demanded that PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif take notice and clarify the party's stance. Khuhro emphasized that the CCI has unanimously re-



jected the disputed canal projects and that Sindh will never accept them. He further stated that Sindh holds the primary constitutional right over Indus River water and any attack on it is an attack on national unity. Khuhro also accused Maryam Nawaz of opposing relief efforts for flood victims in Punjab and urged transparency regarding aid distribution.

Sindh Public Party Denounces False Reports, Stresses Inclusive Agenda

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Sindh Public Party Convener Pir Ashfaq Ahmed Jan has refuted false news circulating on social and print media. He emphasized that the Sindh Public Party is not just for Sindh speakers but embraces Urdu, Sindhi, Saraiki, Pashto, Punjabi, and all residents of Sindh. The party stands for everyone committed to democratically securing Sindh's rights, regardless of color, caste, or religion, including



Hindus, Muslims, Bheels, and Kolhis. Pir Ashfaq further stated that the party will soon become fully active to serve the deprived people of Sindh. He stressed the party's belief in democracy and promised victory for the people. He also criticized rice mill owners for manipulating paddy prices and misusing water resources, vowing to continue the struggle for farmers' rights.

NAB Zeroes In on GFS Builders Over Suspected Real Estate Irregularities

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: A major development is coming to light in what is being reported as one of the largest real estate-related cases in the country. GFS Builders and Developers is currently under scrutiny for allegedly operating unauthorized housing schemes and collecting billions of rupees from the public. GFS attracted widespread public attention through extensive marketing campaigns and

began selling files for various properties via rental offices and real estate agents across Karachi. Investigations suggest that some property files were sold multiple times up to ten different buyers for the same plot or flat. Each buyer was asked to pay an immediate 10% advance, followed by regular monthly installments. A significant portion of the revenue collected through these deals was allegedly distributed as commission to internal staff and

agents. Furthermore, GFS is reported to have acquired land using disputed documentation, with claims of misleading government projects and launching schemes on non-approved sites. Buyers were reportedly shown promising visuals and were offered bookings on these lands, the legal status of which remains uncertain. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) is reportedly initiating inquiries to examine the matter in detail.

Grisly Discovery: Police Recover Tortured Bodies From Locked House

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: Leader of Jamaat-e-Islami and Member of the District Mirpurkhas Public Aid Committee, Yaseen Gujjar, in a statement issued to the media, said that the police recovered the bodies of his brother-in-law, 40-year-old Ghulam Rasool Gujjar, a businessman from Sindh Small In-

dustries, and his 60-year-old widowed mother, Razia, from their residence in Tando Adam after being notified by local residents about a foul smell. The police broke the lock to enter the premises. The bodies showed signs of torture, and their faces were badly disfigured. According to Yaseen Gujjar, property documents, gold jewelry, and valuable items are missing from the house. A murder case has been registered under the supervision of the victim's maternal uncle, Yaseen Gujjar, in which the accused have been named. Jamaat-e-Islami leader Yaseen Gujjar has demanded the immediate arrest of the accused named in the case so that the motives behind the murder can be uncovered.

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SPORTS



Shubman Gill Takes Charge as BCCI Axes Rohit Sharma From ODI Captaincy



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has removed Rohit Sharma as India's One Day International (ODI) captain, handing the leadership to Shubman Gill in a significant generational shift.

Gill's vice-captain for the Australia series will be Shreyas Iyer.

According to Indian media, the decision, taken by the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee in consultation with head coach Gautam Gambhir, comes just months after Rohit lifted the Champions Trophy, a triumph that proved insufficient to extend his captaincy tenure.

At 26, Gill has quickly established himself as the face of India's new cricket-

ing era. Having already replaced Rohit as Test captain following his retirement from the format, Gill was widely seen as the natural successor in ODIs. The management made the switch with an eye on the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will be co-hosted by South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

"A couple of things really, firstly it's practically impossible to have three different captains for three formats, just in terms of planning, obviously at some stage you got to start looking at where the next World Cup is, it's also a format which is played the least now," Agarkar said at a press conference in Ahmedabad.—Agency

Skyrocketing Costs Force Man Utd Fan to Pay Double for Match Experience

The football might be worryingly similar at Manchester United this season but as Sunderland prepare to come to Old Trafford and heap more pressure on beleaguered head coach Ruben Amorim, one thing has certainly changed.

The protests in front of the directors' box that were a recurring feature of United home games have gone.

"They've shifted everyone out," said 81-year-old Michael Carney.

"They have padded seats now. Throw in a meal in Manchester and a couple of drinks before the game... I saw an advert, a seat near where I was, it was £599. I was paying £23."

Carney was one of the season ticket holders told by the club they were being relocated at the end of last season as the area was turned into a corporate zone.

He had been sitting in the same seat since 1980. Many of the fans he sat with had become friends.

The protests - with the homemade messaging - captured attention but did nothing to alter the club's stance. Minority shareholder Sir Jim Ratcliffe pushed on in his quest to drive up revenues, cut costs and slash losses.

Supporters being relocated were offered a choice of where to go.—Agency

Shanghai Masters Shock: De Minaur Storms Into Third Round in Straight Sets



SHANGHAI: Seventh-seeded Alex De Minaur defeated Camilo Ugo Carabelli with a straight-set 6-4, 6-2 victory to advance to the third round of the Shanghai Masters on Saturday.

The Australian dominated from the first set and depicted complete control throughout the game.

Reflecting on the triumph, De Minaur expressed satisfaction with his performance, while asserting that he could have broken his record had he not got injured but expressed proud over his ability to come back.

"I'm happy with myself. It's a great achievement to show the consistency," said

De Minaur. "I feel like I probably could have broken that record last year if I hadn't gotten injured. To come back this year and just show that consistency week-in and week-out, I'm very proud of my efforts," he added.

He further vowed to continue the momentum and add more triumphs to his tally.

"Saying that, there's still a lot of tennis to be played, so hopefully I can keep adding wins to that tally. Keep doing what I'm doing, keep working hard, keep showing up, and just keep the confidence and momentum going," he added.—Agency

Ruben Amorim Admits Manchester United Job Hanging by a Thread Amid Dismal Run

Ruben Amorim has admitted that his position as Manchester United manager is under growing scrutiny, saying it would be 'naive' to expect to remain in the job without improved results.

United have won only nine of their 33 Premier League games since Amorim's arrival 10 months ago, and the pressure is set to intensify if his side fail to beat newly promoted Sunderland at Old Trafford on Sunday.

During a press conference, Portuguese accepted the scale of challenge and emphasised that both he and his player are fully aware of stakes.

"Nobody here is naive, we understand that we need results to continue



the project," Amorim added.

He further went on to underline the unique pressure that comes with managing a club of Manchester United's stature.

"We will reach a point that is impossible for everyone because this is a very big club with a lot of sponsors, with two owners. So it's hard, the balance is really hard," he

to dictate what I'm going to do? It cannot be. It is not possible to sustain that," coach reflected.

United's struggles have already fuelled debate about his future, but Amorim made it clear that the final decision rests with the club hierarchy.

"That is a decision of the board, and I think it would be hard to leave if I don't do everything to follow my career here," the 40-year-old admitted.

Meanwhile, Sunderland returns to the Premier League in good spirits, having collected 11 points from their first six games. A slip-up against them would only increase calls for change during the upcoming international break.—Agency

China Open Stunner: Gauff Crushed by Anisimova in Semifinal



Defending champion in Beijing and won the Coco Gauff was first five games of the thrashed 6-1 6-2 by third seed Amanda Anisimova in play.

"I was able to put on a really good performance," Anisimova said.

Open finalist Anisimova "I knew I was going to have to play really well against Coco if I wanted to get the win. I was really excited to see her in the final."

Gauff's only prior loss in Beijing's main court was to Iga Swiatek in 2023, also in the semi-finals.

She was out of sorts throughout, serving five double faults and hitting a slew of shots long and into the net.—Agency

Punjab Police Dazzle at Inaugural Inter-Region Golf Tournament at Lahore Gymkhana



By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

Sheikhupura, Punjab Police players displayed outstanding performance throughout the competition, highlighting their dedication and passion for the sport. At the closing ceremony, top players were honored with appreciation certificates, shields, and prizes. DIG Man Sultana-Rana, the Suleman Sultana Rana event saw enthusiastic participation from over 15 players, including professionals, amateurs, retired officers, and enhance senior personnel from different police regions. The tournament also featured participation from notable figures such as DIG Athar Ising golf and other mail Amjad, Chairman of the Pakistan Police and inter-provincial Sports Board and RPO levels.

PCB Unveils Match Officials for Pakistan-South Africa Series

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced match officials for the upcoming white-ball series between Pakistan and South Africa, scheduled from October 12 to November 8.

The first Test will be played at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore from October 12-16. Australia's Rodney Tucker, a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, will perform the duties of third umpire, while Pakistan's Faisal Khan Afridi from the ICC International Panel of Umpires will act as fourth umpire.

For the second Test, to be played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium from 20th to 24th October, Christopher Brown will be joined by Saikat Sharfudoula as on-field umpires, while Rodney



fuddoula, also from the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, will perform the duties of third umpire, while Pakistan's Faisal Khan Afridi from the ICC International Panel of Umpires will act as fourth umpire.

In the first T20I on October 28 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Muhammad Asif Yaqoob (ICC Emerging Umpires Group) will be joined by Rashid Riaz as on-field umpires, with Faisal Khan Afridi as third umpire and Tariq Rashid as fourth umpire. The same team of officials will oversee the second T20I on October 31 at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

For the third T20I, to be played at the same venue on November 1, Rashid Riaz and Faisal Khan Afridi will serve as on-field umpires, with Asif Yaqoob as third umpire and Tariq Rashid as fourth umpire.

For the three ODIs at the Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad, Saikat Sharfudoula and Asif Yaqoob will officiate as on-field umpires for the first ODI on November 4, while England's Alex Wharf, a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires will be the third umpire, with Rashid Riaz as fourth umpire.—Agency

Piastri Dominates Chaotic Singapore Second Practice Session

SINGAPORE: Championship leader Oscar Piastri went fastest Friday in a chaotic second practice session for the Singapore Grand Prix punctuated by two crashes, red flags and a bizarre pit lane shunt.

Piastri sped round in 1min 30.714sec, 0.132sec ahead of RB's Isack Hadjar with Max Verstappen's Red Bull third just 0.11sec further back.

It was a return to form for the Australian, who crashed last time out in Baku but managed to avoid the trouble at the Marina Bay Circuit to top the time sheets.

"I found my feet on the medium at the end there and then the soft felt good," said Piastri, who lamented that 22 minutes of the session were lost to stoppages.

"Obviously not much representative race running," said the Australian, who



leads the title race by 25 points from his McLaren teammate Lando Norris, and by 69 over Max Verstappen in third.

"But the car's been in a good place and I feel like I've learned a lot today. That's the aim of practice. So it's been a good day."

The session was hastily halted by George Russell crashing his Mercedes at turn 16.

When the cars got going again, RB's Liam Lawson

nando Alonso in fourth and Lance Stroll in sixth.

"Cost the team a bit of money, which is a shame," said Norris, who was a dominant winner at last year's Singapore Grand Prix.

"Just a difficult day for me, not feeling too great with the car. I'm missing all of the feelings I had here last year. So plenty of things to work on. Just a bad day."

"Oscar's quick so I've got nothing to complain about, but just not doing a very good job," said Norris.

Esteban Ocon, Carlos Sainz, Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton rounded out the top 10. Verstappen has won the last two races, in Monza and Baku, to edge into the title picture with seven races and three sprints to go.—Agency

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Taylor Swift Reveals Hidden Story Behind Charli XCX-Inspired Track



Taylor Swift is pulling back the curtain on the lyrics to The Life of a Showgirl standout track Actually Romantic, which fans believe takes aim at fellow pop star Charli XCX.

In an Amazon Music commentary, the pop star, 35, explained that the song is about discovering that someone has been locked in a one-sided rivalry with you without your knowledge.

"It's about realising someone's been living in your head rent-free, but you didn't even know you were in theirs," Swift said. "It presents itself as resentment or a problem

with you, but when you think about it, that's just attention and affection. Honestly, it's kind of romantic."

On the track, Swift paints the picture of an obsessed critic, opening with, "High-fived my ex and then said you're glad he ghosted me / Wrote me a song sayin' it makes you sick to see my face."

Instead of lashing back, the Grammy-winning singer flips the script. "But it's actually sweet, all the time you've spent on me... It's actually romantic / I really gotta hand it to you / No man has ever loved me like you do."

Selena Gomez Opens Up About Deeply Personal Wedding Vows



Selena Gomez just gave her fans a glimpse of her writing her wedding vows before she tied the knot with Benny Blanco last week.

The 33-year-old actress, who got married in a romantic intimate Santa Barbara ceremony, too to her official Instagram account and share BTS photos from the past weekend.

"From writing my vows to leaving my wedding a little earlier than most..." she wrote in the caption to her 417 million followers.

Gomez wore a pink satin robe while she kept her hair in a chic up do, allowing some loose hair strands to frame the left side of her face.

The Who Says singer also smiled ear-to-ear as she rocked a dark blue dressing gown with floral details in another snap.

She could be seen sitting on a bench, with a short, white veil on the top of her head, in front of a large bed while she was joined by others.

While spending time in Santa Barbara for the nuptials, both Gomez and Blanco had the chance to explore the nearby area.

Kardashians Eye Profits From Jessica Simpson's Life Story



Jessica Simpson may soon be making her way back to reality television, and Kardashians reality franchise this time, she could be doing it alongside the Kardashian-Jenner family.

According to the latest findings of RadarOnline.com, insiders revealed that Simpson has grown close to the famous clan, who live in the same exclusive gated community outside Los Angeles.

"Her current story as a single mom juggling work, family and dating is compelling, and the Kardashians, who have built a multimillion-dollar empire, see that it could make for great television," said a source.

The insider added that Simpson's partnership with the reality moguls is far from coincidence. "Jessica's aligning herself

with the Kardashians is no accident. There would be no back to reality television, and Kardashians reality franchise without Jessica blazing a trail."

Fans will remember Simpson's first foray into reality TV with Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica, which chronicled her ill-fated marriage to boy bander Nick Lachey.

The couple divorced in 2006 after a relationship marred by arguments and tension.

Since then, Simpson has built a fashion empire valued at \$1 billion, amassing a more than anybody, see that it could make for great television," said a source.

Face of the Day



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JI Sparks Outrage in Thul Against Israeli Flotilla Assault

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: On the call of Jamaat-e-Islami, a protest rally and sit-in were held in Thul against the Israeli attack on the Gaza flotilla. Led by leaders including Abid Ali Lashari, Aijaz Ahmed, Muhammad Hassan, Ishaq Abbas Lashari, Maulvi Abdul Qudoos Banglani, and Akbar Ali Mahar, protesters marched from Al-



Markaz Islami Thul to slogans condemning Israel's actions

MNA Mir Munawar Talpur Tears Into Maryam Nawaz, Pledges Water Crisis Solution

By Shahid Majeed

JHUDO: PPP District President and MNA Mir Munawar Talpur expressed regret over Maryam Nawaz's "my province, my water" statement, calling it divisive. Speaking to media, he highlighted rising inflation and stressed unity to pull Pakistan out of crisis. He shared updates on ongoing Puran Canal development, funded by a multi-crore budget, and vowed to con-



Khan's passing, accompanied by senior PPP leaders in Jhudo.

Sindh Bheel Panchayat Erupts in Protest Over Karachi Youth Arrests

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The All Sindh Bheel Panchayat held a protest rally from Gajo Rana Chowk to the press club against the torture of Bheel youths Harsh Bheel and Chhotu Bheel in Karachi. The youths, accused falsely of stealing Rs 50,000 by influential Seth Gardhari and Seth Pehal, were beaten with police involvement. Despite a week passing, they remain



detained. The Panchayat against the accused, demands their immediate release and action if justice is denied.

Brother Leads Fiery Protest Over Sister's Alleged Abduction in Daulatpur

By Aijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR: Arman Ali Palli protested outside the press club, demanding justice for his sister Komal Palli, who was allegedly abducted at a month ago. He accused local influen-



Palli and others a month ago. He accused local influen-

tial Murtaza Palli of protecting the suspects. Arman said police refused to register the FIR and urged authorities to take immediate action to arrest the culprits and safely recover his sister.

Murad Orders Swift Crackdown After Shikarpur Tragedy Claims 8 Lives

SHIKARPUR: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah expressed sorrow over the death of 8 people in a tragic truck accident in Shikarpur. He prayed for the victims and patience for their families. Shah directed authori-



ties to provide the best medical care to the injured and

instructed the Sukkur Commissioner to fully support the affected families. He also ordered strict action against the speeding driver and the truck owner responsible for the deadly incident.—RT



UMERKOT: MPA Rana Hamir Singh Sodho is offering condolences to Sindh Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar over the sad demise of his mother and MNA Kishanchand Parwani over the sad demise of his brother.—Photo by M Bachal

Tragedy Strikes: Indonesian School Collapse Claims 17 Lives, Dozens Feared Buried

INDONESIA: The death toll from the sudden collapse of a multi-storey Indonesian boarding school rose to 17 on Saturday. The building gave way on Monday as students gathered for afternoon prayers. Rescuers, using heavy machinery, recovered two more bodies and a body



part today. Dozens remain trapped beneath the rubble. "The evacuation process is still ongoing," said Yudhi Bramantyo of the National Search and Rescue Agency, adding that efforts are focused on the structure's isolated side.—RT/Agency

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Egyptian Wrestler Stuns World by Dragging Ship With His Teeth



EGYPT: An Egyptian wrestler is thinking and hoping that he has set a world record after pulling a 700-ton (635,000kg) ship with his teeth.

Ashraf Mahrous, 44, pulled it across the water in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Hurgada on Saturday. Mahrous, nicknamed 'Kabonga' and known to Egyptians as 'strongman', later pulled two ships weighing about 1,150 tons (1,043,000kg) together.

Mahrous said afterwards: "Today, I have come to break the world record. I pulled them both, thanks to God, to prove to my friends and the whole world that God blessed me by being the strongest man in the world." The wrestler, from the port city of Ismailia, said he will send videos and photos of his attempt to Guinness World Records to see if he has set a new mark, as the current record is a 614-ton (557,000kg) ship set in 2018.

In March, Mahrous pulled a train weighing 279 tons (253,105kg) with a rope in his teeth for nearly 10 metres (33ft) and was formally recognised by Guinness World Records for the heaviest rail pull, along with certificates for the heaviest locomotive pull and for the fastest 100-metre road vehicle pull.—RT/Agency

Pakistan-China Boost: Women-Led SMEs Take Center Stage in Beijing



BEIJING: In a groundbreaking move to empower women entrepreneurs and strengthen Pakistan-China ties, the Chinese Consulate General in Karachi partnered with the Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Korangi (WCCIK) to send a high-level Pakistani delegation to the Eurasian Women Entrepreneurship Empowerment Project Workshop in Beijing (Sept 17-30, 2025). Hosted by China's Ministry of Commerce, the event gathered women entrepreneurs from Belt and Road countries to promote SME growth, leadership, and cross-border collaboration. Led by WCCIK's Sahibzadi Mahin Khan, the delegation engaged in workshops, business exchanges, and explored future partnerships, marking a milestone in global women entrepreneurship.—RT

Trump and Epstein's Twisted "Contest" to Seduce Princess Diana Revealed



US: A shocking report claims that former U.S. President Donald Trump and disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein once competed to win over Princess Diana—viewing her not with affection, but as a symbol of ultimate social status. According to a source close to Diana, both men saw her as a "conquest" and circled her "like sharks" after her divorce. The insider's account, supported by Trump biographer Michael Wolff, reveals they openly discussed who would sleep with her first, turning the beloved royal into a disturbing target of their power games.—RT/Agency

Judge Blasts Doctors' Illegible Notes, Urges Penmanship Training in Medical Schools

INDIA: An Indian court recommended that medical schools include handwriting lessons in their curricula to ensure doctors issued clear and readable prescriptions.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court held the right to a legible medical prescription was part of the fundamental right to life under Indian constitution.

"The right to know the medical status of a human being is inseparably linked with the right to life," Justice Jagdeep Singh Puri said, adding that ambiguity caused by bad handwriting could put lives at risk.

Justice Puri was hearing a criminal case from the



northern state of Haryana and was unable to read the medico-legal report of a victim.

"It shook the conscience of this court as not even a word or a letter was legible," he said, according to a media report.

"It is very surprising and shocking to note that in this era of technology and accessibility of computers, the notes on the medical history and on the prescriptions by government doctors are still written by hand, which cannot be read by anybody except perhaps some chemists."—RT/Agency

Scotland Unearths 160-Million-Year-Old Beast, Part Lizard and Part Snake

SCOTLAND: Researchers have discovered a mysterious ancient lizard with snake-like teeth in Scotland. Breugnathair elgolensis is one of the oldest relatively complete lizard fossils and helps scientists better understand the origins of snakes in the Jurassic period. The fossilized skeleton of a Jurassic reptile that appears to be part lizard, part snake, has been unearthed on Scotland's Isle of Skye. This mysterious lizard had hooked, snake-like teeth for hunting down prey 167 million years ago, a new study has found. The



newly discovered species is named Breugnathair elgolensis, which means "false snake of Elgol," honoring the creature's confusing anatomy and the Elgol area of southern Skye, where the fossil was found, according to the study published Wednesday (Oct 1) in the journal Nature.—RT/Agency

From Mogul to Inmate: Diddy Breaks Silence Before Prison Sentence

NEW YORK: Sean "Diddy" Combs, once a music titan, was sentenced to over four years in prison after being found guilty of prostitution-related crimes. In a dramatic courtroom moment, Combs apologized to victims Cassandra Ventura and a woman known as Jane, admitting to years of abuse cloaked in love. Breaking a year-long silence, he confessed to losing his free-



dom, empire, and self-respect. An emotional hearing featured tearful pleas from his children, a reverend, and even a courtroom film portraying his former life.—RT

Climate Shift Leaves Yellow Warblers Trapped With Wrong Beaks

COLUMBIA: Climate change is not waiting for the next century. It is changing local conditions today, and some wild populations are struggling to keep up.

In a new study, researchers have tracked how genetics, beak shape, and weather combine to affect the yellow warbler's health across North America. The results reveal where birds are already mismatched with the climate they now face.

The study was led by Ma-



rina Rodriguez at Colorado State University (CSU). Her team focused on the bill because it affects heat and water balance, two pressures that rise as landscapes dry and warm.

A bird bill can function as

a controllable thermal radiator, as shown with infrared imaging in toucans in previous research. Birds direct blood toward the bill to dump heat when hot, then restrict flow to conserve warmth when cool.

The team measured bills, sequenced DNA, and linked both to local climate across the breeding range. The goal was to connect genes, traits, and environment without assuming a single driver.—RT/Agency

Stray Dogs Attack Coaches at World Para Athletics Championship



INDIA: In a shocking incident, two coaches were injured after being attacked by stray dogs during warm-ups at the World Para Athletics Championship in New Delhi. The incident occurred Friday morning when Kenyan fencing coach Dennis Mwanuzi and Japanese assistant coach Meiko Ootomatsu were suddenly mauled by roaming dogs on the training grounds. The attack raises serious questions about safety protocols at international sporting events hosted in India. Both coaches reportedly received medical attention following the assault.—RT/Agency

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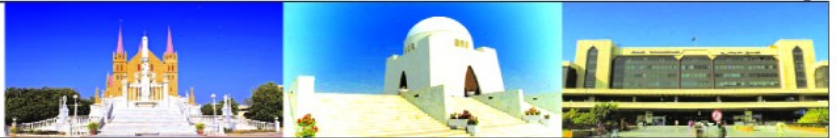
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Governor Sindh Launches Monthly Mushaira, Warns Society Is Losing Touch With Literature

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori announced that a Mushaira will be organized every month at the Sindh Governor House under the auspices of Sakna-e-Shaher-e-Quaid. He said that society today is moving away from literature, as people have stopped reading books and newspapers. "Poets, writers, and journalists are the most sensitive people of society; when sensitivity fades, corruption and cruelty take root," he remarked.

Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori paid tribute to Dr. Asif Riaz Qadeer for his remarkable literary contribu-



tions. He expressed these views while addressing the Mushaira organized in honor of Dr. Asif Riaz Qadeer at the Governor House, where he attended as the chief guest. The event was also attended by MQM Pakistan Chairman and Federal Minister Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, senior leader Dr. Farooq Sattar, Ameen-ul-Haq, and others. Prominent poets, including Dr. Peerzada Qasim, Anwar Shaoor, Khawaja Razi Haider, Javed Sabaci, Fazi Jami and others, presented their poetry, captivating the audience with their verses.—RT/Agency

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over 1.3 million people have attended iftar at the Governor House, while 1 million ration boxes were distributed among deserving families. Encouraging the youth towards growth, skill, and positive thinking, Governor Sindh said, "If you want to succeed, remove negativity from your mind. Think big, and you will achieve great things. Develop your skills, as this is the need of the hour." He further emphasized the importance of correction instead of criticism and proposed the establishment of a Primary Education Commission in Pakistan, terming it a vital need of the time.—RT/Agency

Governor Sindh Declares Pakistan Emerging as a Great Regional Power at TAFSMUN 2025

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori said that Pakistan is on the path of progress and is now emerging as a great nation in the region. "We defeated an enemy five times stronger than us and ended India's dominance," he stated. The Governor added that Pakistan is rich in talent 70 percent of Qatar's development is credited to Pakistani engineers, while the World Bank also employs a large number of highly capable Pakistanis.

He expressed these views while addressing the opening ceremony of TAFSMUN 2025 after its inauguration. Governor Sindh said that thousands of youth have been

connected to the digital world through the free IT courses being conducted at the Governor House. He noted that many of these trained individuals are now earning thousands of dollars monthly. The Governor announced that, InshaAllah, the scope of IT courses will be expanded across Sindh so that every young person can acquire modern skills. Referring to the "Bell of Hope" initiative, Governor Sindh said that every citizen can lodge their complaints without any fear, as the doors of the Governor House are always open for the public. He mentioned that during the past three years of Ramadan,

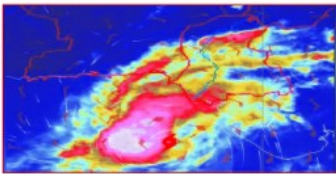
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Arabian Sea Cyclone Shakhti Explodes Into Severe Storm

KARACHI: The cyclonic storm Shakhti over northern Arabian Sea further intensified into severe cyclonic storm moved westward during past 12 hours, PMD's Cyclone Warning Center said on Saturday.

In its alert PMD said that the storm now lay centered at around Latitude 22.0N and Longitude 65.0E at about 390km south-southwest of Karachi.

It is likely to move west-southwestwards and reach northwest and adjoining central north Arabian Sea by 5th October then it will recurve and move east-northeastwards.



during subsequent 24 hours and weaken gradually, PMD said in its cyclone alert.

Under its influence, light to moderate intensity rain likely in Badin, Thatta, Sujawal, Jamshoro districts of Sindh and Hub, Lasbela, Awaran, Kech, districts of Balochistan. Rainfall is also likely at

isolated places in Karachi division today, according to alert.

Sea conditions are likely to remain rough to very rough with squally winds 40-50 gusting 55km/hour near Sindh coast. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into deep sea till 5th October.—RT/Agency

Sindh Police Press British Authorities for Details on Stolen UK Range Rover Found in Karachi

KARACHI: The Sindh police have requested Interpol and the British police to share the detailed log of a tracker fitted in a high-end vehicle reported stolen from the United Kingdom and recently spotted in Karachi.

The black Range Rover Sport was stolen on Nov 11, 2022 from Harrogate, UK, and in February this year, with the help of its tracker, it was located in Karachi on

Korangi Road.

Later, Interpol sent a letter to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in Islamabad, the Karachi police and the Anti-Vehicles Lifting Cell (AVLC), alerting them about the stolen vehicle.

Talking to Dawn on Friday, Inspector General of Police Ghulam Nabi Memon said that the Interpol's letter was received

two days ago at the office of AVLC SSP.

"We have sent an email to the UK police and asked them to send us a detailed log of the tracker fitted in the vehicle," he said.

The IGP said that the police also sought the source of the active location of the vehicle from the tracker, as the vehicle was last spotted in Karachi on Feb 11, 2025.—RT/Agency

PIA Set to Resume UK Flights From October 25

KARACHI: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has officially announced the resumption of its air operations to the United Kingdom, with flights scheduled to begin on October 25.

In the first phase, PIA will operate two weekly flights from Islamabad to Manchester, scheduled for

Tuesdays and Saturdays. According to PIA's spokesperson, the flight from Islamabad will depart at 12:00 pm and arrive in Manchester at 5:00 pm local time.

The return flight from Manchester will depart at 7:00 pm and land in Islamabad at 7:00 am the next morning.

The airline has expressed plans to gradually increase the frequency of flights to Manchester. Additionally, London flights will be launched in the second phase of the operation. PIA has also opened bookings for these flights, offering competitive and affordable fares to attract passengers.—RT/Agency

Woman Dies From Stray Bullet at Jinnah Hospital Karachi

KARACHI: A woman was killed by a stray bullet fired from an unknown source at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) in Karachi on Saturday, police said.

The incident took place outside the gynecology ward of the hospital.

The victim, identified as Fahmida, a resident of Malir, was walking outside the ward where her daughter was admitted when she was hit in

the chest by a bullet fired from an unknown source.

She was rushed to Jinnah Hospital's emergency ward but succumbed to her injuries.

Police officials reported that two unidentified men engaged in a gunfight outside the hospital premises, during which a stray bullet struck Fahmida. Additionally, a passerby

named Abdul Razzaq, a laborer on his way to a nearby tea stall, was also injured by the gunfire. The suspects fled the scene, and police are actively searching for them.

A case has been registered at Saddar Police Station under sections related to murder and attempted murder. Investigations are ongoing, police added.—RT/Agency

Avicenna Public School Marks World Teachers' Day With Festivities



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The Avicenna Public School in Malir Khokhrapur celebrated World Teachers' Day with a cake-cutting ceremony. Zahid Rahim, social leader and chairman of Khidmat-e-Awam Welfare Organization, emphasized

respecting teachers for success in life. Principal Aslam Qureshi and other guests praised teachers' vital role. The event ended with cake distribution among students, honoring the dedication of educators in shaping society and individuals' futures.

Newly Appointed SACM Dr. Sham Sundar Advani Receives Wave of Congratulations

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Dr. Sham Sundar Advani, Member of Sindh Assembly, has been appointed as Special Assistant to the Chief Minister for Minority Affairs. Congratulations poured in from friends, relatives, and social leaders. Senior PPP leader Karam



Chand Thanwarani, Kishanchand Mulvani, Chetan Das Watwani, Manish Kumar, Darshan Lal Mulvani, and other members of Gur

Sangat Gulshan-e-Hadeed visited Advani House to extend heartfelt greetings. Cultural gifts were presented, and leaders termed his appointment a positive

step towards strengthening interfaith harmony in Sindh.

Sri Lankan Consul General Welcomed in Karachi with Flowers, Cake & Friendship

KARACHI: On October 3, 2025, a joint delegation from the Consumers Association of Pakistan (CAP) and the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Friendship Association (PSLFA) warmly welcomed Mr. Sanjeeva Pativila Arachchi, the newly appointed Sri Lankan Consul General in Karachi. The meeting emphasized boosting bilateral trade, cultural cooperation, and people-to-people



ties. Led by Mr. Kaukab Iqbal, the delegation presented flowers and celebrated with a cake-cutting ceremony,

reaffirming their commitment to stronger Pakistan-Sri Lanka relations through goodwill and collaboration.—RT/Agency

Stormy Skies: Karachi Gears Up for Fierce Winds and Rain

KARACHI: According to the Meteorological Department, a depression over the Arabian Sea is causing partly cloudy skies in Karachi today. Strong

winds of 40-50 km/h are expected near the Sindh coast, with chances of rain and gusty winds in parts of the city. Temperatures may rise to 33-35°C, while humidity levels remain high at 85%. Residents are advised to stay cautious as the weather may turn unstable throughout the day.—RT/Agency

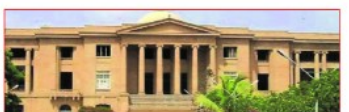
Viral Fake E-Challan Sparks Confusion as Karachi Police Issue Clarification

KARACHI: Karachi Traffic Police clarified that the viral e-challan image circulating on social media is just a dummy, issued purely for testing purposes. The faceless e-challan-

ing system has not been officially launched yet. Authorities assured that when the system is formally activated, full details of the new digital testing system will be shared with the public and media system.—RT/Agency

Sindh High Court Opens Probe Into Illegal Dual Posts of Matric Board Chairman

KARACHI: The Additional Advocate General submitted the government's response in Sindh High Court over the controversy of Chairman Matric Board, Ghulam Hussain Soho, holding two government posts simultaneously. The court directed the government to share copies of the reply with the petitioner's lawyer. The lawyer



argued Soho assumed the new post without retirement approval and received dual salaries for two months. The court ordered the federal government to respond and postponed the hearing for two weeks.—RT/Agency

Nadeem Afzal Chan Tears Into Maryam Nawaz Over Punjab Flood Crisis

KARACHI: PPP's Central Information Secretary, Nadeem Afzal Chan, accused Maryam Nawaz of abandoning Punjab during devastating floods. He stated that hundreds of kilo-

meters of land, along with schools, hospitals, and roads, remain submerged. Chan claimed the people of Punjab are not with Maryam, as they suffer without relief. He added that instead of political rallies, Punjab's citizens demand local government elections to address real issues and ensure proper governance during such crises.—RT/Agency

300 Patients Receive Care at Free Medical Camp in Karachi's Shar Village



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A one-day free medical camp, organized with the support of Qarshi Foundation and Aashiquan-e-Sindh, provided medical check-ups and free medicines to over 300 poor men, women, and children in Shar Village, Karachi. Expert doctors treated various illnesses including malaria, dengue, and scabies, while a lady gynecologist attended to women patients. Comrade Shabir Rajpar criticized the government's inaction and vowed to continue weekly camps to support underprivileged communities.

Karachi Girl Freed After 18-Month TikTok Trap Nightmare

KARACHI: A 20-year-old girl from Karachi's Orangi Town was rescued after being allegedly abducted for 1.5 years. Sindh Women's Development Minister Ejaz Haq's efforts, she was rescued. Police have arrested the girl met her abductor, Hamza, and his mother reportedly tortured her, forced a fake marriage, and abused her. Living in fear, she eventually contacted a relative for help. With MPA case; further investigation is underway.—RT/Agency

Gold Prices Rocket Again With Rs. 12,000 Surge Per Tola in One Week

KARACHI: The price of gold continues its upward trend in Pakistan, with a significant increase recorded today. According to the All Pakistan Sarafa Jewellers Association, the price of gold has surged by Rs. 2,100 per tola, reaching Rs. 409,878. Similarly, the price of 10 grams of gold has increased from Rs. 1,801, now standing at Rs. 351,404. In the international market, the price of gold rose by \$21, reaching \$3,886 per ounce, the association reported.



Over the past week, the price of gold per international market, the price of gold has jumped by Rs. 12,178, while the price climbed \$127 per ounce for 10 grams has seen during the same period.—RT/Agency

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Trump's \$100,000 Hike in H-1B Visa Fees Faces Courtroom Showdown

US: A coalition of unions, employers and religious groups filed a lawsuit on Friday seeking to block President Donald Trump's bid to impose a \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visas for highly-skilled foreign workers.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in San Francisco is the first to challenge a proclamation Trump issued two weeks ago announcing the fee as the Republican president moves to further restrict immigration to the United States.

Plaintiffs include the United Auto Workers union, the American Association of University Professors, a nurse recruitment agency and



several religious organisations.

They argued that Trump's power to restrict the entry of certain foreign nationals does not allow him to override the law that created the H-1B visa programme.

White House spokes-

woman Abigail Jackson, in a statement, said Trump's administration engaged in lawful actions "discouraging companies from spamming the system and driving down American wages, while providing certainty to employers who need to bring the best

talent from overseas."

The programme allows US employers to hire foreign workers in speciality fields, and technology companies in particular rely heavily on workers who receive H-1B visas.

Critics of H-1Bs and other work visa programmes say they are often used to replace American workers with cheaper foreign labour. But business groups and major companies have said H-1Bs are a critical means to address a shortage of qualified American workers.

Employers who sponsor H-1B workers currently typically pay between \$2,000 and \$5,000 in fees, depending on

the size of the company and other factors.

Trump's order bars new H-1B recipients from entering the United States unless the employer sponsoring their visa has made an additional \$100,000 payment. The administration has said the order does not apply to people who already hold H-1B visas or those who submitted applications before September 21.

Trump, in his unprecedented order, invoked his power under federal immigration law to restrict the entry of certain foreign nationals who would be detrimental to the interests of the United States.—RT/Agency

Russian Missile Strike on Ukraine Train Station Leaves One Dead, 30 Injured

RUSSIA: Two Russian drones struck trains at a station in Ukraine's northern Sumy region, killing one person and injuring about 30 others, officials said on Saturday, with Ukraine's foreign minister accusing Moscow of deliberately hitting passenger trains.

"A brutal Russian drone strike on the railway station in Shostka, Sumy region," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram, posting a video of a wrecked, burning passenger carriage and others with their windows blown out.

Ukraine's foreign minister Andrii Sybaha accused Russia of deliberately conducting two strikes on passenger



trains.

"This is one of the most brutal Russian tactics—the so-called 'double tap', when the second strike hits rescuers and people being evacuated," he said in a statement released by his ministry on social media.

Sumy region governor Oleh Hryhorov said eight people had been taken to

hospital. "The Russians could not have been unaware that they were targeting civilians. This is terrorism, which the world has no right to ignore," Zelenskyy wrote. Moscow has stepped up its airstrikes on Ukraine's railway infrastructure, hitting it almost every day over the last two months.—RT/Agency

47 NUST Scientists Break Into Top 2 Percent of Global Rankings

ISLAMABAD: An impressive total of 47 researchers from the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST-Islamabad) have been recognised among the world's top 2% research luminaries from over 100,000 leading researchers in 2025, as per the global rankings compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier.

The number of NUST researchers, featuring among the top 2% of the world's most celebrated researchers, has steadily increased in recent years, with 23 in 2022, 31 in 2023, 43 in 2024, and now 47 in 2025.

This upward trajectory reflects the conducive research environment and robust academic ecosystem at NUST, enabling scholars to produce



highly impactful work.

Notably, as many as 26 researchers from NUST have been consistently ranked in the list year after year.

NUST has consistently made headway in its R&D pursuits, strengthening its position as a leading institution in Pakistan and contributing to the nation's progress through transformative higher

education. According to the QS World University Rankings 2025-26, NUST stands at #371 globally, #67 in Asia, and #6 in South Asia. The ranking is based on a composite index that factors in multiple bibliometrics, including citations, h-index, and authorship positions across disciplines.—RT/Agency

Palestinian Islamic Jihad Rallies Behind Hamas Response to US Gaza Plan

GAZA: Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an ally of Hamas that also holds Israeli hostages, on Saturday endorsed Hamas's response to a U.S. plan to end the war in Gaza — a move that could help pave the way for the release of Israeli captives still held by both groups.

"Hamas' (reaction) to Trump's plan represents the position of the Palestinian resistance factions, and the Islamic Jihad participated responsibly in the consultations that led to this decision," the Iran-backed Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which is smaller than Hamas but seen as more hardline, said in a statement.

Hamas, the Palestinian group that controls Gaza, on Friday accepted certain key parts of U.S. President Donald Trump's plan, including ending the war, Israel's withdrawal and the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian captives.

Hamas' stance, and its backing by Islamic Jihad,



may raise the spirit of Gazans, who had watched one ceasefire effort after another fail as Israeli strikes pulverized the strip over the past two years, created a humanitarian crisis, and displaced millions.

"It's happy news, it saves those who are still alive, it saves the people, and thank God that they (Hamas) agreed. This is enough, good people. We are tired, tired," said Palestinian Saoud Qarneyta, 32.—RT/Agency

JI Applauds Hamas' Response to Gaza Peace Deal as Dignified Stand

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami has praised Hamas' reaction to the proposed Gaza peace agreement, calling it a "responsible and dignified step toward a peaceful resolution."

In an official statement, Jamaat-e-Islami chief Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman said that Hamas' response reflects the aspirations and wisdom of the Palestinian people.

He commended Hamas for showing maturity and responsibility in how it handled the proposed peace plan.

Hafiz Naeem emphasized that Hamas is not seeking a temporary truce but a permanent ceasefire. He called the group's demand for prisoner exchange under appropriate conditions



completely justified. He also backed the insistence on the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces and the establishment of a Palestinian technocratic administration, not one imposed by international powers — labeling both as fully legitimate demands.

He further stated that the finer details of these matters will be negoti-

ated through mediators, and praised Hamas for avoiding any unnecessary or inflammatory language in its official response. Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman urged Pakistan and all Muslim nations to welcome and support Hamas' stance, describing it as a rational and strategic step toward a just and lasting peace.—RT/Agency

Turks and Tourists Rush to Istanbul After Israel Blocks Gaza Flotilla

ISTANBUL: Thirty-six Turks and nationals from 12 countries were due to arrive Saturday by a special flight to Istanbul after Israel stopped a Gaza-bound aid flotilla and detained hundreds of people, Turkish officials said.

A Turkish diplomatic source said the plane carried 137 flotilla participants including 36 Turkish nationals and was expected to land at 15:40 local time (1240 GMT).

"The plane carrying our citizens and third-country nationals has taken off for Istanbul," the source added.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Onur Keceli announced earlier Saturday that a special flight had been chartered to fly the detained



activists back from Israel.

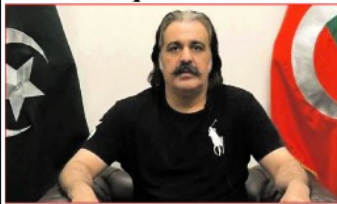
Turkey has called the Israeli interception on the flotilla "an act of terrorism" and on Thursday said it had opened an investigation after Israeli forces arrested Turkish citizens on board the flotilla.

Israel blocked similar flotilla attempts to reach the Gaza Strip in June and July.

The Turkish diplomatic source said nationals from the United States, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Morocco, Italy, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Switzerland, Tunisia, and Jordan planned to be on the Turkish Airlines flight.

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said 26 Italian nationals would be on the plane to Istanbul.—RT/Agency

Islamabad Court Upholds Arrest Warrant for Gandapur in Arms and Liquor Case



ISLAMABAD: A district and sessions court in federal capital on Saturday upheld the arrest warrants for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur in a case related to the recovery of alcohol and weapons.

Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan

Chishti conducted the hearing, but Ali Amin Gandapur was absent from court.

The court maintained the arrest warrants and adjourned the case until October 18.

A case has been registered against Gandapur at the Bara Kahu police station.—RT/Agency

US Appeals Court Strikes Down Trump's Bid to End Birthright Citizenship

US: President Donald Trump's effort to curtail birthright citizenship was declared unconstitutional by a second US appeals court handing him another defeat on a core piece of his hardline immigration agenda whose ultimate fate may lie with the US Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the Boston-based 1st US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld in-

junctions won by Democratic states and immigrant rights advocates that have stopped the Republican president's executive order from taking effect nationwide. Trump's order, issued on his first day back in office on January 20, directs agencies to refuse to recognise the citizenship of US-born children who do not have at least one parent who is an American citizen or lawful

permanent resident, also known as a "green card" holder. US Circuit Judge David Barron said Trump's order violated the US Constitution's 14th Amendment, which states that anyone born in the United States is considered a citizen. He said the length of the court's 100-page ruling should not be mistaken for a sign that the fundamental question was difficult.—RT/Agency

Indus Conclave 2025: Miftah Ismail Pushes for New Provinces to Fix Governance Crisis

LAHORE: Former Finance Minister Miftah Ismail stated that matters would not improve until powers are transferred to the grassroots level while emphasizing that if decentralization is not possible, then new provinces should be created.

Speaking during a panel discussion on social sector development on the second day of the Indus Conclave, Miftah Ismail remarked that while faces in Pakistan have changed, development has not.

He stressed that if governance is not functioning properly, then it must be reformed. "Pakistan has not been running well for a long time. The government has



never truly delivered, nor provided quality education or healthcare."

27 Million Children Out of School The former finance minister highlighted that in the past six years, taxes have increased while income has declined. "There are 27 million children out of school — 11 million in Punjab and 7 million in Sindh."

He added that since 2019, Pakistan's Human Development Index has dropped by six points. "The government collects taxes but fails to provide basic services. We have failed in education and healthcare. India and Bangladesh have surpassed us. Purchasing power in Pakistan is declining rapidly."—RT/Agency

Senate Gridlock Deepens as US President Freezes Chicago Aid Amid Shutdown Crisis

US: US President Donald Trump's administration froze \$2.1 billion in Chicago transit funding starving another Democratic city of funds as a bid to end the government shutdown failed again in the Senate.

On the shutdown's third day, Trump ramped up pressure on Democrats to end the standoff and agree to a Republican plan that would restore government funding. But that failed in a 54-44 Senate vote, short of the chamber's 60-vote standard, ensuring that the shutdown will last until at least Monday.

The administration has now frozen at least \$28 billion in funding for Democratic cities and states, escalating



Trump's campaign to use the extraordinary power of the US government to punish political rivals. Budget director Russ Vought said the Chicago money, earmarked for elevated train lines, had been put on hold to ensure it was not "flowing via race-based contracting."

Trump has made Chicago,

the nation's third-largest city, a regular rhetorical punching bag and has threatened to send in National Guard troops.

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, a high-profile Trump critic seen as a possible 2028 Democratic presidential candidate, said the funding freeze amounted to hostage-taking.—RT/Agency

Historic Shockwave in Japan: Sanae Takaichi Poised to Become First Female PM

JAPAN: Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party has elected hardline conservative Sanae Takaichi, 64, as its new leader, positioning her to become the nation's first female prime minister. The move aims to restore public trust amid growing anger over inflation and rising sup-



port for opposition parties

vowing economic relief and benefits immigration control. Takaichi's selection signals a sharp political shift that could unsettle both markets and regional powers. A parliamentary vote to replace outgoing PM Shigeru Ishiba is scheduled for October 15.—RT

LAHORE: Speaking on the second day of Indus Conclave 2025, former National Security Advisor Moeed Yusuf has remarked that the country needs to provide a feasible atmosphere to get any benefits attached with AI as this field is highly complex.

He said: "We are providing degrees not education; we are not providing learning. Right now, we have 260 universities in Pakistan but what is missing is the high-quality and learned faculty. Because at the end of the day, somebody has to teach artificial intelligence. Nobody will come to learn AI on his own."

He added, "We are talking about AI but first of all, there is need to provide the conducive environment. The country has to come out of mediocrity in order to get benefits from AI."—RT/Agency

Imran Khan's Palestine Stand Echoes Quaid-e-Azam's Vision: Barrister Saif

PESHAWAR: Adviser to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Department, Barrister Saif, stated that former premier Imran Khan's policy on Palestine is aligned with that of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

In his official statement, Barrister Saif declared that Khan remains the legitimately chosen Prime Minister by the people of Pakistan and is currently imprisoned in false cases.

He emphasised that



Khan holds a firm and principled stance on Palestine, identical to compromise will be country's founding father Quaid-e-Azam's any unwavering support for

stances.—RT/Agency