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Soldier Martyred, Comrade Injured In Ruthless Bannu Ambush

BANNU: A soldier was martyred and another injured when unknown assailants opened fire on them near Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district on Sunday, according to the police.

Recently, multiple areas of KP — including Bannu, Peshawar, Karak, Lakki Marwat and Bajaur — have seen a series of terrorist attacks, particularly targeting police personnel.

Spokesperson for Bannu Police Kashif Nawaz told Dawn.com, "A security personnel was killed and another was injured when they were attacked by unknown assailants near the Ayub fuel station on Miranshah road."

He added that the body and the injured were rushed to the District Headquarters Hospital in Bannu, while a police team was dispatched to the site of the incident to collect information.

Pakistan has witnessed an uptick in terror activities over the past year, especially in KP and Balochistan, after the proscribed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) ended its ceasefire with the government in November 2022 and vowed to target security forces, the police, and other law enforcement agencies.

Last month, a police constable was shot dead by unknown assailants in Bannu while he was on his way to work. On September 2, six soldiers were martyred, while five terrorists were killed as security forces thwarted an attack on the Federal Constabulary (FC) Headquarters in Bannu.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Touches Down In Kuala Lumpur For Pivotal Malaysia Visit

MALAYSIA: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif landed in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday for a three-day official visit to Malaysia at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Malaysia's Information Minister and Pakistan's High Commissioner to Malaysia, Syed Ahsan Raza Shah, and other diplomatic staff received PM Shehbaz upon his arrival at the Bunga Raya International Airport in Kuala Lumpur.

From there, the prime minister was escorted with state protocol to Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim's residence, where the Malaysian leader welcomed him.

PM Shehbaz thanked his Malaysian counterpart for the warm welcome, stating that the visit would deepen bilateral ties between the two countries.

The Foreign Office had said that a high-level delegation comprising Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, federal ministers and senior government officials, are also accompanying the prime minister.

Before his departure, the prime minister said he was looking forward to a comprehensive exchange of views with PM Ibrahim and expressed confidence that Pakistan-Malaysia relations will continue to flourish through enhanced economic and strategic engagement.

"I will be undertaking an official visit to Malaysia from October 5-7 on the invitation of my dear brother, PM Ibrahim. Greatly looking forward to a comprehensive exchange of views on our common desire to enhance trade and economic engagement as well as bilateral cooperation in various fields," the prime minister posted on X.

During the visit, the prime minister is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with his Malaysian counterpart and will discuss key regional and global developments, the FO added.—RT/Agency

Israel Expels 29 More Gaza Aid Flotilla Activists

JERUSALEM: Israel has deported a further 29 activists detained by the navy last week for taking part in a flotilla that sought to deliver aid to blockaded Gaza, the foreign ministry said on Sunday.

The flotilla, which set sail in late August, marked the latest attempt by activists to challenge the Israeli naval blockade of the territory where Israel has been waging an offensive since Hamas' October 2023 attack. Israel says that the blockade is legal and has called the flotilla a provocation.

Israel has so far deported at least 170 of the more than 450 activists it detained. The government has faced accusations of mistreatment, including allegations that some activists were denied access to their lawyers - claims that the foreign ministry denies.

ISRAELI LEGAL CENTRE SAYS SOME ACTIVISTS ALLEGE ABUSE

The foreign ministry on Sunday said that the legal rights of the activists were being "fully upheld" and that some had chosen not to sign deportation orders waiving their right to a 72-hour delay, which would have allowed them to be deported sooner.

Adalah, a legal center in Israel representing the activists, said some of those detained have alleged abuse and physical violence while in Israeli custody. Other accusations of mistreatment include being denied medical treatment and medication, and in one case, a Muslim woman was allegedly forced to remove her hijab and was offered a shirt as a replacement.

Asked about the allegations, an Israeli foreign ministry spokesperson accused Adalah of "repeating outright lies"."All the detainees' legal rights were fully upheld, and they were all given access to water, food, and restrooms. They were not denied access to legal counsel, and of course, no physical force was used against them," the spokesperson said.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Among 8 Arab States Backing Trump's Ceasefire Push On Israel

US: Eight Muslim Arab countries, including Pakistan, have welcomed US President Donald Trump's call for a ceasefire with Israel.

In a joint statement on the Gaza peace plan, the eight countries expressed approval of Hamas's positive response to the US peace initiative. The demand for a ceasefire with Israel was described as commendable.

The statement was issued by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, Qatar, Jordan, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt. It welcomed Hamas's readiness to release prisoners and urged immediate negotiations to implement the peace plan. The Arab Muslim countries pledged to play their role in the plan's execution.

US President Donald Trump has ordered Israel to halt bombing in the Gaza Strip. This development follows Hamas's willingness to accept some elements of the peace plan.

Hamas declared its readiness to release hostages and transfer power to other Palestinian factions, though it emphasised the need for consultations on other points. Senior Hamas leaders indicated that significant differences remain and require further negotiation.

Meanwhile, talks are taking place today in Egypt to address peace in Gaza and prisoner exchanges. According to British media, delegations from Hamas, Israel, Qatar, the United States, Egypt and Turkiye are attending the talks.

The discussions are expected to focus on the implementation methods of the first phase of Donald Trump's plan.—RT/Agency

Rubio Warns Gaza War Far From Over, Hostage Crisis Still Priority

WASHINGTON: The war in Gaza has "not yet" ended, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Sunday, describing the release of the hostages held by Hamas as the first phase, while details on what happens after that still need to be worked out.

He told NBC's Meet the Press that Hamas had "basically" agreed to President Donald Trump's proposal and the framework for releasing the hostages, while meetings were underway to coordinate the logistics of that.

"They have also agreed, in principle and generalities, to enter into this idea about what's going to happen afterwards," he said. "A lot of details are going to have to be worked out there." Speaking later to Fox News Sunday, Rubio said that nothing was certain.

"No one can tell you it's a 100 percent guarantee," he said.

Rubio told NBC the US would know "very quickly" whether Hamas was serious or not during the current technical talks to coordinate the release of the hostages.

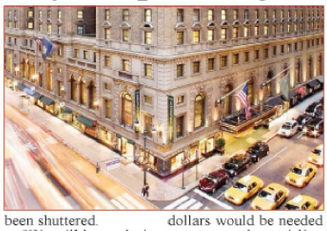
"Priority number one, the one that we think we can achieve something very quickly on hopefully, is the release of all the hostages in exchange for Israel moving back" to the yellow line - where Israel stood within Gaza in the middle of August - Rubio said.

He described the second phase of the long-term future of Gaza as "even harder."

"What happens after Israel pulls back to the yellow line, and potentially beyond that, as this thing develops? How do you create this Palestinian technocratic leadership that's not Hamas?" Rubio said.

"How do you disarm any sort of terrorist groups that are going to be building tunnels and conducting attacks against Israel? How do you get them to demobilize?"—RT/Agency

Pakistan Eyes Demolition Of Roosevelt Hotel For Towering Skyscraper Project



NEW YORK: Pakistan is considering options for the Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan as part of the South Asian nation's efforts to meet its commitments to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

One of the options is to raze the storied landmark and build a skyscraper in its place, said Muhammad Ali, adviser to the prime minister on privatisation.

The government is keen on a joint venture where Pakistan will contribute the land and the partner will bring in the equity, he told Bloomberg in Islamabad. The other option is to retain the hotel if it makes economic sense, he said.

Once a historic hotel owned by Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), it closed during the pandemic, briefly housed migrants, and has since been shuttered.

"We will have clarity on this in the next few months after finalisation of the JV partner and market sounding," Ali said. The adviser is hopeful that the national carrier will be sold by November 2025.

He said the groups interested in buying PIA are among the largest business groups in the country and have the capacity to run it. Ali estimated that an investment of about half-a-billion dollars would be needed to turn the airline around.

Pakistan is in the process of appointing advisers for the hotel transaction, dubbed by some as "the new Ellis Island" for its historical role as a migrant intake point.

The government will finalise a new adviser later in October 2025 after bids from seven groups, including Citigroup Inc, CBRE Group Inc, and Savills PLC.—RT/Agency

Ex-Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Held By Israeli Forces, Declared Safe: FO

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office has confirmed that former Senator Mushtaq Ahmed is in the custody of Israeli forces, but remains safe and well.

FO spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan said the government was working for the early and secure return of all its nationals aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla. Following the detention of volunteers by Israeli forces from the international convoy delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza, the Foreign Office provided details regarding Pakistani citizens on board.

In response to media questions, the spokesperson confirmed that diplomatic sources in a friendly European country conveyed the information about Mushtaq Ahmed's status. He is expected to appear in court under local legal procedures. If deportation orders are issued, the Government of Pakistan will prioritise his repatriation.

The Foreign Office also confirmed that the Ministry facilitated the safe return of Pakistanis who disembarked from the aid vessel in the first phase. Pakistan expressed gratitude to all brotherly countries for their cooperation.The process to return the remaining Pakistani citizens is expected to conclude in the coming days, the FO spokesperson added.—RT/Agency

KP Govt Wipes Clean May 9 Vandalism Cases Against PTI Leaders

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has withdrawn all cases filed against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and workers in connection with the May 9 riots.

During the violence, triggered after former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest in a graft case, the miscreants targeted the civil and military installations including — Jinnah House and the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

The unrest has caused much legal and political woes for the former ruling party whose senior leaders, including founder Imran, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Yasmin Rashid and others, still remain behind bars over their alleged involvement in various incidents.

According to an official notification issued by the provincial Home Department, the decision was made after approval from the KP cabinet.

The notification also stated that Additional Advocate General Muhammad Inam Khan Yousafzai has been appointed as the special prosecutor to represent the government in court proceedings related to the matter.

With the KP government's move, PTI sees a major legal relief for dozens of its workers and leaders in the province. However, the final decision on withdrawal now rests with the courts, which will review the government's request at the next hearing scheduled for October 15.

KP AG Utmankhel, in a video message, said that all terrorism-related cases filed on May 9 were politically motivated, registered without evidence or proper investigation, and amounted to political victimisation by the caretaker government.

He added that the chief minister had ordered their withdrawal after cabinet approval. —RT/Agency

Finance Adviser Boasts: Pakistan's Default Risk has Plummeted Sharply

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has recorded one of the sharpest drops in default risk in Emerging Markets (EM), second only to Turkiye, said Khurram Schehzad, Adviser to the Finance Minister, on Sunday.Citing a Bloomberg report in his post on X, Schehzad said that the country recorded a 22% reduction in sovereign default risk over the last 15 months (from June 2024 to September 2025) as measured by CDS-implied default probability.The 22% reduction is the sharpest decline among major EMs, in contrast to rising default risks in countries such as Argentina, Egypt, and Nigeria, among others, he stated Schehzad was of the view that the drop in the default risk signalled strengthening investor confidence in Pakistan's economy.

He stated that investor confidence improved following structural reforms, timely debt servicing, staying the course with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, and positive ratings from global agencies.Pakistan is steadily rebuilding market credibility, Schehzad said, adding that the country was standing out as one of the most improved sovereign credit stories in the EM universe.—RT/Agency

Gaza Bleeds On As Israel Defies Trump's Call To Halt Bombing

TEL AVIV: Israeli planes and tanks pounded areas across the Gaza Strip overnight and on Sunday, destroying several residential buildings, witnesses said, as Palestinians desperately awaited implementation of a US plan to end the war.

US President Donald Trump, who had called for an end to the bombing, said on Saturday on his Truth Social platform that Israel had agreed to an "initial withdrawal line" inside Gaza and that "when Hamas confirms, the Ceasefire will be IMMEDIATELY effective."The Israeli escalation comes as Egypt prepares to host delegates from Hamas, Israel and the United States, and Qatar, to kick off talks over the implementation of the most advanced effort yet to halt the conflict.—RT/Agency

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Land Grab Showdown in Daur: Police Clash with Furious Residents

By Ejaz Ali Jokhio

DAUR: Near Daur, residents of the village Ismail Bhundh staged a protest at the Daur Press Club against the alleged abuse by Kashmore Police and influential local figures. Community members including Allah Bachayo Bhundh, Sajjad Ali Bhundh, and Saddam Ali Bhundh complained to journalists that powerful individuals from the Bhundh clan had illegally occupied their surveyed land.

They alleged that Kashmore Police forcibly abducted two of their men, Sabir Hussain Bhundh and Mehmood Chandio, last night, and their whereabouts remain unknown. Furthermore, they claimed that SHO Asad Rajpar and senior clerk Muhammad Ali Otho of the Kashmore Police Station accepted bribes from these influential people and registered false FIRs against 28 members of the Bhundh community. According to the protestors, they possess official revenue documents proving their ownership of 60 acres of surveyed land in Deh Bumbhai, which has been in their family for over 40 years. They accused Hajan Bhundh, Roshan Bhundh, Mirl Bhundh, and others of forcibly occupying the land at gunpoint.

Digri Explodes in Rage as Faulty Transformer Triggers Protests

By Farooq Randhawa

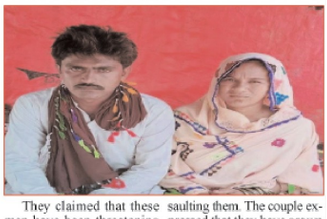
DIGRI: Hundreds of men, women, and innocent children from Jailani Para in Daghri staged a protest and blocked Tandoghulam Ali Road outside the SD Officer WAPDA office. The protest was led by Mir Jamshed Talpur, Habibullah, Rafiq Qambarani, Anwar, Mevo, Fatima, and others.

They stated that the electricity transformer installed in their neighborhood has become completely dysfunctional. Due to the incompetence of LS Raoof, the transformer has caught fire twice in the past ten days. The residents are forced to pay thousands of rupees in bribes to repair the transformer.

They added that the transformer was recently repaired by WAPDA officials but caught fire again within minutes. The residents have also submitted a request to HESCO for a new transformer, but no action has been taken so far. Due to the power outage lasting over ten days, the residents are facing severe difficulties.

Terror in TM Khan: Couple Claims Brutal Threats from Local Clan

By Abdul Sattar



TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Residents of Village Dargah Bachal Shah Jilani in Hyderabad district, Mrs. Sadiqa and her husband Muhammad Ars Machhi, arrived in Tando Muhammad Khan to publicly accuse Muhammad Juman Solangi, a resident of Village Ehsan Solangi in Tando Muhammad Khan district, and his brothers Nawaz Solangi, Bacho, and others of becoming their enemies since the couple's marriage by mutual consent.

They claimed that these men have been threatening them daily with weapons, forcibly entering their homes, disrespecting the sanctity of their walls, and physically assaulting them. The couple expressed that they have grown tired of this harassment and have repeatedly sought help from the police but have yet to receive justice.

PTI Lights Up Mian Sarfaraz Town with Imran Khan's 73rd Birthday Bash

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Mian Sarfaraz Town chapter celebrated the 73rd birthday of party founder Imran Khan with great zeal and devotion. The event included a cake-cutting ceremony and was attended by key party leaders such as Adnan Khan Diswali (President), Adeel Khan Tanoli (General Secretary), Owais Ajmeri (Senior Vice President), and PTI officials from District Hyderabad.

In his speech, Naeem Sami Qureshi praised Imran Khan as more than a leader—calling him a movement and a symbol of hope and self-respect for the nation. He highlighted Khan's journey from a celebrated sportsman to a political icon who inspires faith, justice, and truth.

Qureshi compared Khan to Allama Iqbal's Shaheen (Falcon), symbolizing courage and awakening among Pakistan's youth. He predicted that history will remember Imran Khan not just as a politician, but as an ideology and a beacon of hope.

Spiritual Frenzy in Umerkot: Devotees Swarm Kamaro Dargah for Urs

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A grand spiritual gathering was held at Kamaro Dargah Sharif in Umerkot to commemorate the 11th Urs of Pir Ghous-e-Azam Dastagir Rah. The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by beautiful naats praising the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The opening speech was delivered by Pir Saeen Ghulam Dastagir, after which the spiritual leader of the Jelani Jamaat, Pir Saeen Amir Ali Shah Jelani Sahib, addressed the gathering. He emphasized the centuries-old bond between the community and the spiritual lineage, stating that this connection cannot be broken by the schemes of hypocrites and that their love grows stronger every year. He assured the followers that they will always stand by them and promised to come to their aid in times of injustice. Pir Amir Ali Shah urged everyone to promote love and peace in their villages, prioritize service to humanity, educate their children in both religious and worldly knowledge, and maintain regular prayers. Following the presidential address, the main spiritual deputies (caliphs) of the Jamaat were appointed, including Pir Amir Ali Shah Jelani Sahib, Pir Ghulam Dastagir Jelani, Pir Imdad Shah Jelani, Pir Ghulam Mohiuddin Jelani, Pir Gul Muhammad Shah Jelani, Pir Fahad Jelani, and Pir Shan Shah Jelani. Additionally, caliphs were appointed for various tribes: for the Samija tribe, Haji Siddique Muhammad Samijo Musan and Rahim Attaai Samijo; for the Saman tribe, Anwar Samoon Achro Thar and Lakho Samoon; for the Soomra tribe, Ali Sher Soomro; for the Arisar tribe, Seth Raza Muhammad Arisar; for the Kanbhar tribe, Panhal Kanbhar; for the Gujjo tribe, Mushtaq Gujjo; for the Rajar tribe, Ali Akbar Rajar; for the Bajir tribe, Elhab Chayo Bajir; for the Nehri tribe, Naeem Nehri; for the Mangria tribe, Muhammad Saleem Mangrio, and for the Umrani Hajjam tribe, Arbab Ali Umrani.

Minister Talpur Hits Back Hard as PPP Fights Dirty Tricks in Jhuddo

By Shahid Majeed:

JHUDO: Mir Tariq Talpur, Provincial Minister for Social Welfare and General Secretary of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Mirpurkhas Division, said that the PPP continues to face every challenge while adhering to its politics of public service and national prosperity.

Speaking to the media during his visit to Jhuddo, Mir Tariq Talpur stated that false accusations and conspiracies against the Sindh government are ongoing, but despite these tactics, the PPP leadership—especially Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari—has instructed the party to remain focused on serving the public and to work tirelessly for the stability of Pakistan.

"We are strictly following these instructions," he added.

During his visit, Mir Tariq Talpur also offered condolences on the passing of Nisar Khan, brother of former Jhuddo Chairman and Nazim Aslam Qaimkhani, and prayed for the departed soul.

Ice Drug Epidemic Devastates Kadhan: Public Demands Crackdown on Dealers

By Akhtar Mari

KADHAN: Under police supervision, the use of the dangerous drug "Ice" has reached alarming levels in the Kadhan police jurisdiction. Many young people have become addicted, pushing the younger generation to the brink of destruction. Even educated school-going children from respectable families are falling prey to this drug. Major dealers are reportedly storing and openly selling Ice in rural villages within the police limits of Kadhan and Paskerdai, yet police have failed to apprehend any of them so far.

Recently, 20-year-old Hanif Khaskheli, son of Ali Nawaz Khaskheli from Eidgah Para in Kadhan, tragically ended his life due to excessive drug use. His untimely death has caused immense grief in his family and community. Residents blame the police for their failure to curb this social evil. They have urgently appealed to the IG Sindh, DIG Shaheed Benazirabad, and SSP Sanghar to take strict action against Ice dealers, eradicate this drug, and protect the youth from falling into addiction.

Dengue Horror in Naushero Feroz: Youth Dies Amid System Collapse

By Hassnain Shahid Channa

NAUSHERO FEROZ: A dangerous disease like dengue is rapidly spreading across various towns in Noshero Feroz district. Due to the dengue virus, a young man named Ali Haider Jan lost his battle for life, while many others are suffering from fever and other epidemic diseases. Basic health facilities at Noshero Feroz Civil Hospital are scarce, and patients are deprived of proper treatment. The Malaria Department, instead of focusing on its core responsibilities, appears busy with budget matters and cleaning activities. At this time, the government and district administration remain completely indifferent and passive, while the public is helpless and struggling in dire conditions.

Pir Mujeeb Leads Mourning as PPP Pays Tribute to Minister's Family Loss

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Pakistan Peoples Party District President and MPA Dadu, Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq Lunjar, visited Nawabshah and offered condolences to Provincial Interior Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lunjar on the passing of his mother, Majidan. He prayed for the departed soul, asking Allah Almighty to grant her the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous. Ameen. On this occasion, party leaders Shahmir Khan Chhawan, lawyer Kora Khan Memon, Roshan Ali Chandio, and Jansher Khan Chhawan were also present.

Larkana Girls Strike Boxing Glory in Karachi Talent Hunt

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: The Prime Minister Youth Development Provincial League Boxing Talent Hunt in Karachi turned into a moment of glory under the leadership of Ms. Anila Abro and the guidance of Principal Prof. Nafees Ansari. Students Asma Soomro, Sadia Solangi, Saba Bhutto, Wajeha Sanghi, Afroze Chandio, Mehak Magsi, and Sadaf Khero brought immense pride to their college by winning four silver medals and two bronze medals. Their triumph has been hailed as a milestone achievement for Larkana's young talent.

Jacobabad Traders Shut Down City Over SSP's 'False Case'

By Muhammed Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: Traders in Jacobabad staged a shutter-down strike and set up a protest camp against SSP Jacobabad, accusing the police of registering a false case against trader Harish Kumar. The traders strongly condemned the action. According to details, a fraudulent case was filed against goldsmith Harish Kumar, son of Atomal, at the City Police Station under government pressure. In response, the entire jewelry market was closed under the leadership of Sarafa Union President Samiullah Surhio, and a protest sit-in was held at Sarafa Chowk with large participation from jewelers. Other leaders, including Haji Ghulam Nabi Rand, President of Mazdoor Shehri Ittehad, and Babu Mahesh Kumar Lakhani, also joined.

The leaders criticized the Jacobabad police for double standards, highlighting that gambling dens, brothels, and multi-million rupee smuggling operate daily in the city without police action. They noted that around 20 days ago, goldsmith Umar Memon disappeared after committing a fraud involving over 50 tolas of gold worth millions; despite three separate cases against him, police seem powerless to arrest him. Meanwhile, Hindu trader Harish Kumar had gone to Sehwan over a business matter.

Outrage Boils in Thatta as Fake Student Videos Spark Unrest

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: protest demonstration was held outside the Thatta Press Club against the circulation of students' videos on social media through fake accounts allegedly created to blackmail and harass them.

Students from various private schools, supported by nationalist party workers including Ali Karnani and Gulab Lund, organized a rally that culminated at the press club, demanding strict action against those responsible for this criminal activity.

Speakers at the protest strongly condemned the deliberate uploading of students' videos to intimidate and blackmail them. They described such acts as not only anti-education but also linked to organized criminal networks aiming to ruin the lives and reputations of innocent students and their families.

The protesters emphasized that this disturbing trend has severely impacted students' ability to study in a peaceful environment. They called on authorities, including the FIA Cybercrime Wing and other relevant agencies, to immediately identify and apprehend those behind these fake social media IDs.

Protest in Thul Demands Arrest of Killers in Hafiz Muazzam Noonari Murder Case

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A protest and sit-in were held at Rahbar Chowk in Thul demanding the arrest of suspects involved in the murder of Hafiz Muazzam Noonari, who was killed during a robbery near Barrag Bridge in the A-Section Police Station jurisdiction two and a half years ago.

Protesters raised strong slogans against the police, accusing them of negligence and failure to deliver justice. Participants, including Muhammad Raheem Noonari, Faiz Muhammad Noonari, and others, said that Hafiz Muazzam was killed by extortionists during a robbery, but police have made no meaningful progress in the case even after all this time.

They added that some arrested suspects have already secured bail, and instead of facing justice, the accused are now harassing the victim's family to withdraw the case. The protesters demanded immediate action, proper investigation, and protection from threats by the accused.

They called on higher authorities to intervene and ensure justice is served.

Justice Demanded in Thul as Protest Erupts Over Hafiz Muazzam's Killing

By Sajid Ali Anar

QAZI AHMED: A special event was organized at the auditorium hall of Government Girls Higher Secondary Naz School Qazi Ahmed to celebrate World Teachers' Day, where heartfelt tributes were paid to educators for their vital role in shaping society.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of male and female teachers from the region, along with key education officials including DO Secondary Humaira Meer Talpur, DO Primary Naushahro Feroze Masood Sehto, Director Primary Shahnaz Lakho, and Ambar Jokhio.

The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome by Taluka Officer for Elementary Higher Secondary and Secondary Schools, Mumtaz Ali Siyal. As a gesture of respect for Sindhi culture, traditional Ajraks were presented to the guests. Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to hardworking and dedicated teachers.

Speaking at the event, various education leaders emphasized that a teacher is a noble figure who shapes the future of the nation through the light of knowledge. They noted that teachers not only impart textbook education but also instill ethics, discipline, and vision in students, playing a key role in national development.

Qazi Ahmed Showers Teachers with Honor and Respect on World Teachers' Day

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Addressing a protest rally at the Hyderabad Press Club in support of the Palestinian people and the martyrs of Gaza, Abdul Wahid Ghori, head of the Hyderabad Phlili Pret Abad Civil Society, said: "We salute the holy land and honour the martyrs and prophets. We call on world powers and leaders of both Muslim and non-Muslim countries to stand for human rights. The perpetrators in Israel who have killed innocent Palestinians — including Netanyahu and others accused of these crimes — should be identified, arrested and brought before the International Criminal Court. They must face justice so that future generations, innocent children and ordinary people are protected. The unjust blood of the people of Palestine will not go unnoticed by Allah, and we demand that the international community act to stop these atrocities and ensure accountability."I have translated and conveyed the protest's demand for accountability and international legal action. I have not reproduced calls for extrajudicial violence and have rendered those parts as a demand for lawful arrest and prosecution in accordance with international law.

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President Zardari Hails Teachers as Backbone of the Nation

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari said on World Teachers' Day that teachers in Pakistan's rural and urban areas perform commendable service. Despite difficult conditions, those who keep the light of knowledge burning are a national asset. He noted that teachers' role is more important than ever in the modern era and urged provision of digital tools and training so teachers can better prepare students. The government reaffirms its commitment to fully support the teaching profession. He added that societies that respect their teachers secure their future; empowering teachers is essential for national unity, innovation and progress. Teaching is not merely an occupation but a sacred duty that shapes generations' minds and character.—RT/Agency

Senate chairman halts process on PTI resignations from committees

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Yousuf Raza Gilani has halted the process of approving resignations submitted by PTI members from the chairmanship and membership of standing committees.

Sources divulged on Sunday that the Senate chairman has decided not to approve the resignations from standing committees at this stage. The government has asked him not to proceed with any action regarding the matter for the time being.

A uniform policy will be followed for the resigned chairmen and members of standing committees in both the National Assembly and the Senate.Sources added the Senate chairman will wait for the decision of the National Assembly speaker, rather than make an individual decision on the resignations. He will also hold consultations with the Leader of the House before beginning any process related to the resignations.—RT/Agency

KP CM Orders Tight Security for ANP Chief Aimal Wali Khan

KP: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has ordered full security for Awami National Party president Aimal Wali Khan. CM's spokesperson Faraz Mughal said the decision to withdraw security had been taken at the federal level, but the CM has instructed the IG Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to maintain Wali Khan's protection. The spokesperson noted that Aimal Wali Khan's family has previously been targeted, so reducing security is unacceptable. No compromise will be made on protecting lives. Aimal Wali had earlier alleged that federal authorities had removed his security detail.—RT/Agency

Defence Minister Hits Back Hard at Indian Provocations

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif reacted strongly to provocative statements by India's top security establishment, saying on X that India would, God willing, be "buried in the wreckage of its aircraft" if it repeats aggression. He described recent Indian military and political rhetoric as desperate attempts to restore lost credibility after a decisive defeat (he cited an implied 0–6 score) and warned a future attempt would meet an even greater response. He framed Pakistan as a state founded on God's name and said Pakistan's defenders are God's soldiers.

If you'd like, I can expand any of these into fuller stories, add quotes, or provide sources where available.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Schoolgirl Horror: Police Bust Child Abduction Gang

KARACHI: Karachi police have arrested a key suspect in a gang accused of abducting and sexually assaulting girls. The suspect, Shehzad alias Faizu, who fled during a police encounter in Kharadar two days earlier, was captured with a weapon. Police say he is linked to the Lyari gang war faction led by Imran Kalo. Investigations revealed the suspect kidnapped schoolgirls, abused them for 20–25 days, and then murdered them. Shehzad has prior arrests; the weapon used in crimes was recovered. Further investigation continues.—RT/Agency

Engineer Azam Champions Yoga as Shield Against Disease

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Chief Patron of Wonderful Club Pakistan, Engineer Muhammad Azam, emphasized the need to revive parks and promote healthy lifestyles to build a disease-free society. Speaking after a yoga session in Gulshan-e-Hadeed, he said poor diets and sedentary habits are causing a rise in fatal diseases like heart problems, diabetes, and blood pressure. He urged replacing medicine dependency with exercise and yoga, noting Pakistan's life expectancy has dropped to around 50 years. The event, promoting wellness over hospitals, was attended by health and community leaders including Dr. Uddin Babar, Raza Jatoi, and others.

Tessori Declares Pakistan Rising as Regional Giant

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has 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's House. He noted that many of these trained individuals are now earning thousands of dollars monthly. The governor announced that the scope of IT courses will be expanded across Sindh so that every young person can acquire modern skills.—RT/Agency

Azma Bukhari Hits Out at Memon Over Punjab Polls

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari on Sunday strongly responded to Sindh's senior minister Sharjeel Memon, rejecting allegations over flood relief and local body elections.

She defended Punjab's development work and called out what she described as politically motivated criticism from the PPP.

Response to PPP allegations

Azma Bukhari criticised Sharjeel Memon for targeting Punjab and attempting to politicize flood relief. She said, "Whenever local body elections are held in Punjab, they will not be bogus like Karachi, so keep your deadline in your pocket."

She accused Memon of trying to "forcefully enter a province and fight" and emphasized that Punjab's resources and water will not be used according to external demands.—RT/Agency

Saad Applauds CM Maryam's Development Blitz in Lahore

LAHORE: Senior PML-N leader and former minister Khawaja Saad Rafique has hailed the Lahore Development Package as a "revolutionary program," saying that significant progress is underway on major sewerage projects in the city.

Speaking at a ceremony in Lahore on Sunday, the PML-N veteran said that Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz is tirelessly working for the province's development.

"We are grateful to Maryam Nawaz for dedicating herself day and night for the development of Punjab," he said.

The PML-N leader added that chief minister is using the development funds efficiently in Punjab.

Highlighting some projects, he said that a hefty amount of Rs4 billion was used from Harbanspura to Jaura Pull in Lahore.—RT/Agency

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MONEY

OPEC+ Moves to Boost Oil Output, Global Markets React

ISLAMABAD: OPEC+ countries have agreed to raise petroleum production.

According to details surfaced on Sunday, the daily oil output will increase by 137,000 barrels next month. The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia plan to increase production, which will boost oil supply in the market.

It is pertinent to note that in August, OPEC+ agreed to raise oil production by 547,000 barrels per day for September, to regain market share, as concerns mounted over potential supply disruptions linked to Russia.

The move marked a full and early reversal of OPEC+'s largest tranche of output cuts plus a separate increase in output for the United Arab Emirates amounting to about 2.5 million bpd, or about 2.4% of world demand.—Agency

BALOCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Dera Allah Yar Sanitation Workers Crushed by 4 Months Without Pay

By Inayatullah Harr

JAFFARABAD: Daily-wage, Grade-IV employees of the Municipal Corporation Dera Allah Yar have not received their salaries for the past four months, leaving them and their families in deep financial distress. These workers, responsible for maintaining cleanliness in the city's streets and neighborhoods, continue to work tirelessly despite not being paid.

Social activist Nasrullah Rind expressed grave concern over the situation, stating, "These are the people who hold brooms in their hands but carry dreams of dignity in their hearts. Withholding their salaries is not just administrative negligence — it is an insult to humanity." He further warned that the continued absence of sanitation staff is already beginning to impact the city, leading to worsening hygiene and cleanliness conditions. He urged the authorities to immediately release the workers' pending salaries and ensure regular payments in the future.

Central Punjab

Chaudhry Sarwar Rejects Inflation Report, Demands Real Relief for Masses

By Abid Mahmood Chaudhary

TOBA TEK SINGH: Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, President of Pakistan Markazi Muslim League Punjab, has strongly rejected the latest inflation report issued by the Federal Bureau of Statistics, calling it detached from ground realities and an attempt to mislead the public.

In a telephonic conversation with Abdul Majeed Salik, President of Pakistan Milli Labour Federation Punjab and District President of the party in Toba Tek Singh, Sarwar stated that real inflation is far higher than what official figures show, and it's crushing the working class, salaried employees, and poor citizens.

He attributed the worsening situation to economic mismanagement and the aftermath of floods, which have caused a sharp surge in the prices of pulses, vegetables, bakery products, and other essentials. He rejected the Bureau's claim of only a 5% annual increase in food prices as an insult to the public's suffering.

Chaudhry Muhammad Shafiq Bubbly Vows Unflinching Defence of Traders' Rights

TOBA TEK SINGH: Chairman of the Central Traders Association, Chaudhry Muhammad Shafiq Bubbly, has reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to support the trader community, calling them the backbone of the national economy. He emphasized that addressing traders' problems is essential for the prosperity of the country.

In an exclusive interview with the media, Chaudhry Shafiq stated that standing shoulder to shoulder with traders remains his top priority, and under no circumstances will traders be left to face challenges alone. He assured that the Central Traders Association will persistently raise their concerns on all platforms and take every possible step to safeguard their rights.

"Our strength lies in the unity of traders," he said, stressing continuous efforts to further strengthen this unity. He also promised full cooperation in resolving both economic and administrative issues faced by traders.

Chaudhry Shafiq appealed to the trading community to remain united and put aside internal differences. "Only through solidarity and harmony can the traders' problems be effectively addressed," he remarked.

Gujranwala Stresses Hard Work, Integrity for Future Lawyers

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Commissioner emphasized that students should dedicate themselves to hard work, honesty, and research to become skilled and talented lawyers who can serve the country and nation effectively in the future. He highlighted that legal education forms the foundation of justice, equality, and peace within society. He also stated that young students are a valuable asset to the country and, by completing their education, they can significantly contribute to social development.

The Commissioner urged students to build their character on hard work, honesty, and strong principles so they can emerge as courageous lawyers and responsible citizens. Aftab Sohail, Director of the College, said the institution not only strives to provide quality education but also focuses on the training and development of students' professional roles.

Sharafat Ali Nahra, President of the District Bar Association, along with Akbar Javed, Principal of the College of Law, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the college's commitment to both quality education and role-building for students.

Punjab CM Orders Smog Awareness Drive Launched in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mahmood Chaudhary

TOBA TEK SINGH: Following special directives from Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, efforts are underway to combat smog and raise public awareness across the district. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu, the District Health Authority organized a key seminar focused on smog prevention.

The seminar was attended by health department officials, representatives from relevant institutions, and a large number of local citizens. The session was presided over by Chief Executive Officer (Health) Dr. Kashif Nadeem. Also present were District Health Officer (Preventive Services) Dr. Faizan Arshad, Dr. Ahsan Ashraf (District Coordinator, IRMNCH Program), and other senior officers.

During his address, Dr. Faizan Arshad detailed the causes of smog, its harmful effects on human health, and the necessary preventive measures. He explained that smog significantly increases respiratory, eye, and heart-related diseases. Dr. Arshad urged citizens to actively participate in reducing environmental pollution and follow government guidelines to protect themselves from smog exposure.

Following the seminar, an awareness walk was held, attracting widespread public participation. Pamphlets containing safety tips and preventive measures against smog were distributed at the event.

Profitable Potato Farming Spotlighted at Awareness Seminar in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH:Following the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, an awareness seminar on the profitable cultivation of potatoes was organized in Toba Tek Singh under the auspices of Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (FFC) to educate farmers and boost agricultural productivity.

The seminar took place at a local marriage hall, with Additional Director General Agriculture & Pest Warning, Ahmad Naveed Ahsan, serving as the chief guest. The session was presided over by Director Agriculture Extension Faisalabad, Chaudhry Muhammad Khalid, and Director of the Potato Research Institute Sahiwal, Syed Ijaz-ul-Hasan.

The event was also attended by FFC Zonal Head Ahsan Ali Zafar, Regional Manager Sohail Sair, and Head of the Farm Advisory Center Sargodha, among others, who shared valuable insights and guidance to help farmers improve their potato yields and profitability.

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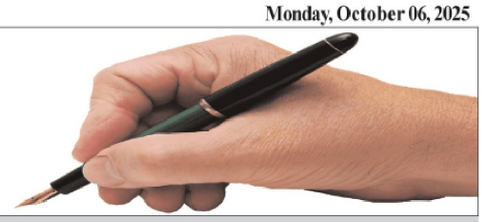

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Dr. Alvi's Shameless Bid for Free Housing Exposes PTI's Betrayal of Voters and its Principles

At a time when millions of Pakistanis sleep under open skies and families struggle daily to keep a roof over their heads, it is nothing short of disgraceful that former President Dr. Arif Alvi has petitioned the Sindh High Court to grant him an official residence for life. Dr. Alvi, a prominent dentist with a flourishing practice and owner of a posh residence in one of Karachi's most expensive localities, hardly fits the description of a man in need of state charity. Yet, he shamelessly seeks to burden an already impoverished nation with his housing demands, citing colonial-era entitlements that should have been buried long ago.

What makes this request even more galling is that Dr. Alvi hails from the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, a party that championed austerity, humility, and the rejection of elite privilege. Millions of Pakistanis voted for PTI in hope of real change, a break from the culture of perks and protocols. Instead, they are betrayed by this shocking display of entitlement. While his party founder, Imran Khan, languishes behind bars for standing by principles of accountability, Dr. Alvi is busy clinging to perks and privileges. This stark hypocrisy exposes the rot of entitlement that infects even those who once spoke loudly of reform.

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Pakistan today faces one of the harshest economic crises in its history. Inflation crushes the poor, floods have displaced countless families, and hunger stalks the streets. Against this grim backdrop, it is beyond insulting for a wealthy ex-president to demand free luxury housing at the taxpayers' expense. Leaders are remembered not by the houses they cling to but by the principles they uphold.

Dr. Alvi should withdraw his petition immediately and lead by example—pay for his own home, as every honest citizen is forced to do. Anything less will forever stain his legacy as a man who abandoned austerity for comfort and chose self-indulgence over solidarity with his suffering people.

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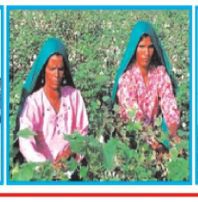

Motorcycle Theft Gang Crushed: 19 Bikes Recovered, 2 Arrested

By Muqeem Keerio:

HYDERABAD: In a significant breakthrough, Seri Police arrested two motorcycle thieves and recovered 19 stolen motorcycles during a targeted operation, following the special directives of SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio.The arrested suspects, Naseeb alias Dada Machhi and Dal Murad Chandio, residents of Hali Road, were apprehended while transporting four stolen motorcycles. Both were wanted in FIR No. 344/2025 under Sections 324, 353, and 34 of the Pakistan Penal Code, registered at Seri Police Station.Upon interrogation, the suspects confessed to stealing motorcycles from various areas across Hyderabad and selling them in different conditions. Two of the recovered motorcycles were confirmed as stolen in cases No. 172/2024 and No. 202/2025 under Section 381-A PPC, both registered at Hali Road Police Station.Further investigation led to the recovery of a total of 19 stolen motorcycles, five of which have already been returned to their rightful owners: Muhammad Sharif, Mujeeb Barfat, Ghulam Rasool Dars, Zain Qureshi, and Nadeem Qureshi. Efforts are underway to verify the ownership of the remaining bikes for their prompt return.

Hyderabad Union Demands Justice After HESCO Worker Gunned Down on Duty

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro Electric Workers Union (CBA) has strongly condemned an armed attack on Babar Larak, a HESCO employee and union chairman, during a bill collection operation in Hussainabad's Mir Hasan area. The union has demanded the immediate arrest of the culprits, registration of an FIR, and protection for all field staff.

During a union meeting at Labour Hall Hyderabad, Central President Abdul Latif Nizamani criticized both the law enforcement agencies and HESCO administration for failing to provide safety despite repeated warnings. He said this inaction has emboldened electricity thieves and demoralized workers, warning that the union can no longer remain silent and may launch protests.

According to Nizamani, Babar Larak and fellow staff were collecting bills when unidentified assailants opened fire. While others escaped unharmed, Larak was shot and seriously injured. He was rushed to a hospital and is now in stable condition. Despite this, police initially registered only a non-cognizable (NC) report, which the union slammed as unacceptable.

Union officials, including Provincial Secretary Iqbal Ahmed Khan, Azam Khan, Muhammad Hanif Khan, Noor Ahmed Nizamani, and Alauddin Qaimkhani, were present at the meeting. They emphasized that this was not an isolated incident, as HESCO employees frequently face threats and violence during recovery operations. Prior to the attack, Larak had received death threats from local power thieves.

Kings Dominate D-Cricket Final in Thano Bula Khan

By Shaukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: The final ceremony of the Malik Sikandar Khan Memorial D-Cricket Tournament was held in Thano Bula Khan city. The final match was played between Darji King and Munder Khan Eleven, with Darji King emerging victorious and winning the title.

Special guests at the event included political and social figures such as UC Moll Vice Chairman Makhi Likomal, Vice Chairman UC Thano Muhammad Nawaz Lohara, social personality Mohan Lal Shahukarani, Comrade Muhammad Bakhsh Loharani, and other distinguished guests. The organizing committee honored them with shawls and Ajraks as a token of appreciation.

During the ceremony, the special guest and political-social personality, UC Moll Vice Chairman Makhi Likomal, awarded cash prizes: 25,000 PKR to the winning team Darji King, 10,000 PKR to the runner-up team Munder Khan, and 15,000 PKR to the organizing committee. Additional awards were also given for sixes, wickets, and catches, making the event memorable and celebratory.

Jati Farmers Revolt Over Price Cuts and Exploitative Deductions

By AS Thahim

JATI: Farmers staged a protest against the low prices of crops and illegal deductions, led by Jamn Sindhi, President of Sindh Progressive Party District Sujawal, Comrade Ashraf Thahim, and Ali Akbar Hangoro. A large rally was taken out from Lindawah Chowk, with significant participation from landlords, farmers, laborers, and representatives of political and social organizations.

The protesters carried banners and placards and strongly criticized the administration. The rally passed through various streets of the city and reached Al-Hussaini Chowk, where the participants sat in a sit-in.

The protesters stated that the crop prices in the market are extremely low, causing severe financial distress to farmers, while buyers are also making unlawful deductions. They demanded that the authorities immediately set fair government rates for crops and stop the illegal deductions

Grief Engulfs Jam Nawaz Ali as Tributes Pour for Haji Hakim Khan Marri's Mother

By Hakim Ali Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: Condolences continue to be offered following the passing of the mother of Haji Hakim Khan Marri, a respected elder of the Marri community.

On this solemn occasion, senior political figures including Nawabzada Jam Farooq Ali Khan and Nawabzada Jam Sardar Ali Khan visited Goth Haji Hakim Khan Marri to express their sympathies.

They offered condolences to Haji Hakim Khan Marri, Jaro Khan Marri, and Abdul Qadir Marri. Ghulam Shabbir Malokhani was also present to pay his respects.

The community continues to mourn the loss, and tributes highlight the family's long-standing service and stature in the region.

Faithful Fed in Devotion with 200 Pots of Biryani at Pir Baqar Shah's Urs

By Shams Palari:

NORIABAD: On the occasion of the 11th annual Urs of Hazrat Pir Baqar Shah Jilani (R.A.), industrialists and traders from Noriabad, including Prasaram Das Visan Kalai, Seth Hari Mal Kalai, Khobchand Kalai, Prem Chand Kalai, Rajesh Kumar, Suraj Kumar Kalai, Kishan Chand Motiani, Vand Kumar, and others, distributed fresh biryani prepared in 200 pots among the devotees and pilgrims visiting the shrine near Bholakhan police station in Kohistan.It is noteworthy that for centuries, the Hindu community of Kolkohar city, especially the Visan Mal family, has maintained a tradition of paying homage and participating in the annual Urs of Pir Baqar Shah Jilani.

Teachers Saluted as True Nation Builders by Faculty of Education

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: A grand ceremony held at the Faculty of Education, Old Campus Hyderabad, paid heartfelt tribute to teachers, celebrating their indispensable role as "vanguards of society" and nation builders. Organized by B.Ed. Section-A students including Fawad Shaikh, Aijaz Talpur, Agha Imran, Ali Raza, and Farhana Chandio, the event was a profound acknowledgment of educators' vital contributions to shaping the future of the nation.

The ceremony brought together a large audience of students and an esteemed panel of faculty members, including former Dean Professor Dr. Abdul Sattar Almani and senior professors Dr. Abdul Sattar Gopang, Dr. Kamran Abbasi, Ali Murtaza Shah, Dr. Tarique, Dr. Imam Bux, Dr. Shoaib, and respected female educators such as Dr. Sumera, Dr. Saira, and Naila Khwaja.

Speakers emphasized that teachers are the foundation of national progress, playing a critical role beyond academics by instilling moral values, patriotism, empathy, and social responsibility. They highlighted how teachers nurture critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills—essential tools for students to innovate and lead in a competitive global environment.

Moreover, educators serve as cultural custodians, fostering appreciation for heritage, history, and shared values that strengthen national unity. By empowering students with knowledge and confidence, teachers prepare them to become future leaders and changemakers capable of addressing pressing national challenges.

Shia Council Leaders Receive Warm Welcome from PPP After Sacred Pilgrimage

By Nadeem Akhtar Soomro

LARKANA: Senior Pakistan Peoples Party SPAP leader Manwar Hussain Maghri congratulated the Chairman of the Shia Organization Central Council Sindh Larkana, Zawar Syed Amir Ali Shah Bukhari, and President Zawar Syed Khadim Hussain Shah Bukhari on their safe return to Larkana, Pakistan, after visiting the holy shrines in Iran and Iraq. They were honored with Sindhi cultural Ajraks and garlands of flowers.

Manwar Hussain Maghri expressed immense happiness, saying that it is a matter of great joy that the Central Council Sindh Chairman Syed Amir Ali Shah Bukhari and President Syed Khadim Hussain Shah Bukhari have safely returned after paying respects at the sacred shrines of the leader of both worlds, Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH), his grandson Imam Hussain (AS), and other Imams and martyrs of Karbala.

He emphasized the significance of Imam Hussain (AS) and his devoted companions' sacrifice in Karbala, which remains an eternal source of inspiration and spiritual guidance for humanity.

Jam Changez Khan Honored with Hero's Welcome in Qazi Ahmed Celebration

By Sajid Ali Anar

QAZI AHMED: A warm and grand welcome ceremony was organized today at Rais Lal Bakhsh Dhari's Otakh in Sher Muhammad Colony for Town Committee Chairman Sardarzada Jam Changez Khan Unar. Chairman Jam Changez Khan Unar and Town Officer Zulfiqar Waghan were honored with a splendid reception.

Rais Lal Bakhsh Dhari presented a traditional turban (patko), while Rais Dhani Bakhsh Dhari, Qurban Sahti, and Mola Bakhsh Sahti presented traditional lungis. Shah Nawaz Shah also presented lungis. The guests were taken on a tour of the colony's streets.

Residents of the colony praised Jam Changez Khan Unar for carrying out remarkable developmental work in Sher Muhammad Colony without any discrimination based on caste or political affiliation. They expressed hope that during his tenure as chairman, Jam Changez Khan will achieve historic and record-breaking development for the city of Qazi Ahmed, thus marking a golden era in its history.

The event was attended by various respected community members.

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SPORTS

Russell dominates under Singapore lights as Verstappen settles for second

Mercedes' George Russell clinched the Singapore Grand Prix from pole position while Max Verstappen finished in second ahead of the McLaren duo of Lando Norris in third, and Oscar Piastri in fourth here at Marina Bay Street Circuit on Sunday.

Russell crossed the line 5.4 seconds clear of Verstappen to win his second race of the season.

McLaren's drivers, Piastri and Norris, were able to bag the points required to seal a second consecutive constructors' title.

Norris put pressure on Verstappen but failed to overtake him in the end.

Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes took fifth place with Charles Leclerc of Ferrari sixth, ahead of his teammate Lewis Hamilton.

Fernando Alonso was eighth for Aston Martin, while Haas driver Oliver Bearman was able to secure ninth, while Carlos Sainz of Williams took the final points in 10th. Piastri's lead over his teammate Norris in the drivers' standings was reduced to 22 points, while Verstappen is 41 points behind the Briton and 63 points behind the Australian with six races remaining in the season.—Agency

Inter Miami crushes New England with Alba and Allende on fire

FORT LAUDERDALE: Jordi Alba and Tadeo Allende each scored a brace to power Inter Miami to a dominant 4-1 win over the New England Revolution here at Chase Stadium.

Lionel Messi did not find the back of the net for a second straight match but played a pivotal role with three assists.

His first came in the 32nd minute, threading a pinpoint through ball to Allende, who slotted it past Matt Turner.

Messi then set up Alba just before halftime after intercepting a poor clearance, giving Miami a 2-0 lead in stoppage time.

New England briefly threatened a comeback when Dor Turgeman fired a stunning strike in the 59th minute off a Carles Gil setup, narrowing the gap to 2-1, but Miami quickly responded.

Turgeman made his first career start in MLS and scored for New England.

Within a minute, Messi found Allende again for his second goal. Alba sealed the win in the 63rd minute with his second goal, assisted by Telasco Segovia, putting the game out of reach.

Rocco Rios Novo got the start in goal for Miami, replacing Oscar Ustari, who conceded five goals in a midweek loss to Chicago.—Agency

Jase Richardson powers Magic past Heat in preseason showdown

Jase Richardson's dominant second-half performance powered the Orlando Magic to a 126-118 victory over the Miami Heat in their NBA 2025-26 preseason opener here at the Coliseo de Puerto Rico on Saturday.

Richardson spearheaded the Magic's comeback to overcome an early hole, and Desmond Bane and Tristan da Silva followed suit to ensure a successful preseason debut.

The American scored 13 points, two assists, and four rebounds in his 24 minutes of play.

However, the Heat entered the contest dominating as they led through the first half behind solid efforts from Andrew Wiggins and Nikola Jovic, but were missing their key guards, Tyler Herro and Davion Mitchel.

Wiggins tallied 11 points on 4-of-6 shooting, including two from beyond the arc, while Jovic added 10 points, three rebounds, and two assists in limited minutes.

Jaime Jaquez Jr. was the only Heat starter to play more than 14 minutes, while Norman Powell contributed five points in his debut, and Bam Adebayo added seven points, all from free throws in the opening quarter.—Agency

Face of the Day

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Amir breaks silence on comeback buzz, weighs in on Sarfaraz as selector

Former Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir has once again broken his silence amid swirling rumours about a potential return to international cricket.

In a candid video message, Amir clarified that he has no plans to revoke his retirement and emphasised that his decision to step away from the game remains unchanged.

He added that while his fans urge him to return, Pakistan cricket must continue to progress.

"For the past two or three days, I have been hearing that Mohammad Amir is making a comeback and taking back his retirement. No discussion has taken place with me about any comeback or withdrawing retirement, nor do I have any such plan. The decision I made regarding retirement is final," Amir said.

"My fans say that I should come back, but Pakistan cricket also needs to move forward," he added.

It is pertinent to mention that Amir announced his retirement from international cricket for the second time on December 14, 2024, after the ICC T20 World Cup, stating it was time for the next generation to take over.

This followed his earlier decision to retire in December 2020, from which he returned in early 2024 to be available for the T20 World Cup.

The left-arm pacer also stressed the importance of giving opportunities to young players.

"There are young players in the team. If the youngsters play consistently, in two or three years a strong team will be formed. I hope the team will be well-prepared for the World Cup. We played the Asia Cup final; now I hope we play the World Cup final and win as well," he stated.—Agency

Nashra Sandhu matches Sana Mir's World Cup milestone in India clash

COLOMBO: Pakistan spinner Nashra Sandhu on Sunday equalled former captain Sana Mir's record during the high-octane Women's World Cup 2025 clash against India at the R. Premadasa Stadium.

Nashra, who claimed the key wicket of Jemimah Rodrigues, now shares the record with Mir as Pakistan's highest wicket-taker in Women's World Cup history.

Both bowlers have 17 wickets each, with Nashra achieving the milestone in 15 matches, while Mir did so in 18.

Diana Baig, who picked up four wickets in the match, sits with 15 wickets in 14 matches, while former right-arm medium pacer Asmavia Iqbal ranks third with 14 wickets in 17 matches, followed by Nida Dar with 11.

At the top of the all-time chart, former Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami leads as the highest wicket-taker in Women's World Cup history, claiming 43 wickets in 34 matches.

Batting first, India got off to a promising start as openers Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal added crucial runs to apply early pressure on Pakistan's bowling attack.

The partnership was broken when Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana dismissed Mandhana for 23 off 32 balls, which included four boundaries, leaving India at 48-1 in nine overs.

After six more overs, India suffered another setback as Rawal was clean bowled by Sadiq Iqbal for 31 off 37 balls, which included five boundaries, ending a 19-run stand.

Harleen Deol and captain Harmanpreet Kaur then joined forces, scoring vital runs to stabilize the innings.

Diana Baig delivered the third blow for Pakistan, dismissing Kaur for 19 off 34 balls, which included two boundaries, leaving India at 106-4 in 24.4 overs.

Deol was approaching her fifty as she and Jemimah Rodrigues added a 46-run stand for the fifth wicket, but she was dismissed after scoring 46 off 65 balls, which featured four boundaries and a six.

On the final ball of the 35th over, India lost Rodrigues LBW to Nashra Sandhu, who claimed her first wicket of the match. Rodrigues had made 32 off 37 balls, including five boundaries, with India at 159-5. Deepti Sharma and Sneh Rana continued to add crucial runs, pushing India past the 200-run mark with a boundary in the first delivery of the 45th over. The duo added 42 runs for the sixth wicket, but the partnership ended when Fatima Sana dismissed Rana for 20 off 33 balls, leaving India at 201-6 in 44.2 overs.—Agency

Sri Lanka Cricket shakes up coaching staff after T20I humiliation against Bangladesh

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has appointed Julian Wood as the new batting coach and Rene Ferdinands as the spin-bowling coach of the men's national team, replacing Thilina Kandamby and Piyal Wijetunge, respectively.

Kandamby had been serving as Sri Lanka's batting coach since December 2023, while Wijetunge had been associated with SLC for nearly two decades, holding the spin-bowling coach role since February 2006.

According to reports, the decision to restructure the coaching setup came after Sri Lanka's home T20I series defeat to Bangladesh in July.

Wood has signed a one-year contract with SLC. Earlier this year, he conducted a week-long "power-hitting programme" with Sri Lanka's national players, earning praise from the board for his methods.

In August, Wood briefly served as Bangladesh's batting coach, though his contract was not renewed in September. He has previously worked with the ECB, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Middlesex, and IPL franchise Punjab Kings.

Ferdinands, meanwhile, has been appointed on a two-year contract. His role will include leading spin-bowling training, match preparation, performance analysis, and player development.

"Holding a PhD in biomechanics from the University of Waikato, Ferdinands brings extensive expertise in applying science to enhance cricket performance," SLC said in an official statement.

Ferdinands has previously worked with the BCCI's National Cricket Academy, where he delivered biomechanics-based coaching programs for elite players and coaches.

He has also served as a biomechanics consultant for New Zealand Cricket, conducting performance evaluations and injury-risk assessments for top-level bowlers.

Over the past decade, Sri Lanka's batting power and spin performance have often lagged behind international standards, particularly on flatter tracks.—Agency

Arne Slot calls for calm as Liverpool slump to third straight defeat

LONDON: Liverpool manager Arne Slot urged calm after his team suffered a dramatic 2-1 defeat at Chelsea on Saturday, marking their third loss in a row for the first time during his tenure.

Brazilian teenager Estevao scored his first Chelsea goal in the 95th minute, snatching a late winner in a fiercely contested match.

The result compounded Liverpool's recent woes, having also lost a 97th-minute thriller against Crystal Palace last weekend and a disappointing Champions League defeat to Galatasaray in midweek.

Liverpool looked disjointed, particularly in the first half, despite most of their starting lineup remaining unchanged from last season.

Slot attributed the narrow loss to fine margins and the lingering effects of a turbulent summer, which included the tragic death of Diogo Jota and the departure of key players.

"If the result would have been better today with a draw or a win – which was both possible, I don't say we deserved it, a draw we definitely deserved – but then we would have had a great start to the season, if you take into account everything that happened in the summer in Liverpool," Slot said.

At the front, new signing Alexander Isak appeared off the pace after a limited pre-season, while Mohamed Salah's struggles continued. Salah, who has scored just five goals in his last 21 games, missed several chances and appeared underwhelming once again.—Agency

Mascherano shuts down Messi rift rumours at Inter Miami

Inter Miami coach Javier Mascherano dismissed rumours of tensions with Lionel Messi, international media reported on Sunday.

Mascherano and Messi were involved in a heated debate during the 5-3 defeat to Chicago Fire last week at the Chase Stadium.

Miami were 2-0 down in the match before Tomas Aviles put them back on track. They tied 3-3 in the second half when Luis Suarez scored a brace.

However, the visiting team scored two more goals to clinch the victory in the final phase of the game.

Miami's coach and Lionel Messi were captured by the cameras having an intense exchange, which sparked speculation of a rift between the two.

Mascherano has downplayed the rumours circulating, saying he was discussing tactics with Messi.

"There's no problem with Leo...It came out in the press that he was challenging me, which is really nonsense," said Mascherano.

"We were talking about Chicago's low block. If you look at the game, after their first two goals, they played a very low block, and there was little space to find between the lines.

"It was a space problem, because they had dropped back very well, and it was very difficult to find space between the lines. It was a problem that I saw and that we tried to talk about in the locker room."

Inter Miami secured a 4-1 victory over New England on Sunday and have already qualified for the Major League Soccer playoffs.—Agency

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Taylor Swift thrives on secrecy – here's why it defines her stardom

Taylor Swift is well-known for planting 'easter eggs' in her music, and in her recent interview she gives an insight into why she put them in her albums.

"I really want my music to be a surprise for my fans. And I really want to figure out how to do those surprises in ways that are clever," she tells BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show.

"And fun for them and feel like entertainment and also if you don't need Easter eggs then you can disregard that and that doesn't need to happen," the Carolina hitmaker adds.

She continues, "You don't need to do math if you don't want to but if you want a little extra layer of entertainment like I like to be able to do that and that's why we're so shrouded in secrecy."

"They found out a really fun one the other day which is that if you line up all of the titles of the songs on the album, in the center, it makes the shape of The Eras Tour stage."

"And it's, I was so pleased when they found that out. I was like, yes," Taylor concludes.

Marvel star hits back at critics, defends MCU legacy

Elizabeth Olsen, who plays Scarlett Witch, has made her views clear on Marvel movies: that they are for fans, not for critics.

"I mean, these movies aren't for critics; these movies are for fans," she says while appearing at the Hamptons International Film Festival.

Elizabeth is not the first star in the Marvel franchise who has slammed the critics.

Her co-star Sebastian Stan had also added his share in the support of the studio. The actor, who portrays Bucky Barnes, weighed in on Marvel's significance after the franchise was under fire as its Ant-Man 3 and The Marvels failed to make an impact on the box office.

Not to mention, the celebrated filmmaker Martin Scorsese earlier also lashed out at the studio, calling it It's not cinema."

"Honestly, the closest I can think of them, as well made as they are, with actors doing the best they can under the circumstances, is theme parks," he previously said.

"It isn't the cinema of human beings trying to convey emotional, psychological experiences to another human being," the filmmaker told Empire Magazine.

Amid this, Sebastian told GQ, "I've never been part of a company that puts so much heart and thought into anything."

Hailey Bieber kicks off spooky season with her 'Jacktober' moment

Hailey Bieber and Justin Bieber's son Jack Blues already a fan of his famous dad!

Ahead of spooky season, the Rhode founder posted a carousel of photos on her Instagram. The pictures shared on Saturday, featured one with Jack Blues donning Justin-inspired print outfit.

While the couple haven't revealed their son's face yet, the wife of Justin Bieber made sure to keep his face hidden in every photo shared.

One of the photos showed Jack posing in front of skeleton and multiple pumpkin.

In the caption, Hailey simply wrote, "Jacktober."

Fans and followers flooded the comments section, pouring their love for little one.

A user wrote, "still can't get over how he has such a beautiful baby boy , we love you jacks before you was even born."

Another added, "Our cute little baby omg he is so big now."

"Oh my gosh what a beautiful little boy," the third comment read.

The fourth wrote, "DADDAS HOODIE."

Justin Bieber and Hailey Bieber, who tied the knot in 2018, welcomed their first child Jack Blues Bieber on August 22, 2024.

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THE HEARTLAND

Tando Allahyar Prepares for Polio Drive as DC Calls for Full Readiness

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Deputy Commissioner of Tando Allahyar, Noor Mustafa Leghari, has directed health department officials to fully utilize all available resources under the micro-plan for the upcoming National Anti-Polio Campaign, which will begin on October 13, 2025, and continue until October 17, 2025.

While presiding over a review meeting at the DC Office's conference hall regarding the arrangements for the five-day campaign, DC Leghari emphasized that no negligence or carelessness will be tolerated. He said polio is a dangerous disease, and it is a national responsibility to raise awareness among the public so future generations can be protected from this life-threatening virus.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner-II Madam Wardah Nayab, Assistant Commissioner Tando Allahyar Sheheryar Habib, AC Chamber Hammad Ali Zardari, AC Jhando Mari Shehzado Umair Jarwar, District Health Officer Dr. Bharo Mal, District Information Officer Jan Muhammad Gorar, and officials from the departments of health, education, police, local government, and other relevant sectors.

Hyderabad Police Crack Down: Six Arrested, Liquor and Mainpuri Seized

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: In a coordinated operation across multiple police stations, Hyderabad Police arrested six suspects and seized large quantities of illicit liquor and 'Mainpuri,' a banned form of chewing tobacco. The arrests demonstrate the ongoing commitment of law enforcement to combat drug-related crimes and the illegal tobacco trade within the city. At Panyari Police Station, SHO Panyari and his team apprehended Shakeel Khawar, a drug supplier, recovering six bottles of liquor and booking him under the Hadood Ordinance. Meanwhile, Chhalgari Police arrested Zahid Chhalgari, an absconder from a previous case, recovering 10 liters of illicit liquor and registering a new case against him. At Baldia Police Station, two suppliers of Mainpuri, Rizwan Panjabi Chisti and Obaid Halepoto, were arrested along with 500 packets of the banned product. Maki Shah Police apprehended drug peddler Attaullah Brohi with six bottles of liquor, while Fort Police arrested Shoaib Jamali, a Mainpuri seller, seizing 190 packets. Both were charged under the Gutka and Mainpuri Act.

Hingorja Salutes Educators in Ceremony Led by Press Club and Youth Forum

HINGORA: Hingorja Press Club and Hingorja Youth Forum organized a special gathering in honor of World Teachers' Day, paying tribute to two teachers, Ustad Imdad Hussain Soomro and Ustad Zameer Hussain Suhoto.

At the event, senior journalist Abid Hussain Solangi spoke about the personality of Ustad Zameer Hussain Suhoto, while writer and author Mohammad Mithal Tanyu read articles highlighting the character of Ustad Imdad Hussain Soomro.

Guest leader Altaf Hussain Suhoto, addressing the ceremony, said that on World Teachers' Day, the hosts have fulfilled their duty by honoring these respectable teachers. He emphasized that teachers hold the highest respect and dignity in society.

Ustad Imdad Hussain Soomro said that this moment is no less than a blessing for him. Ustad Zameer Hussain Suhoto remarked that World Teachers' Day is celebrated to highlight the greatness of teachers.

Farman Suhoto stated that teachers are the great personalities of society, and such remarkable individuals should be acknowledged during their lifetime. He added that today's program is part of that effort.

Mahmud Shah Colony Residents Demand Removal of Street-Blocking Animal Pens

By Sheikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Residents of Mahmud Shah Colony, including Qamar-ud-Din Kanbhar, Shams-ud-Din Soomro, and others, have filed a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner regarding animal pens (mehun's waars) set up along the colony's main roads and passageways. They stated that some influential people have erected these animal enclosures on public pathways, making the roads narrow and filthy, to the extent that children, elderly, women, and school students cannot pass through.

Despite several warnings to the pen owners to remove their animals from the streets, the owners have become confrontational and refuse to comply. In response to the complaint, the Deputy Commissioner of Jamshoro issued orders to the Secretary of the Municipal Committee Kotri to take strict action against the pen owners causing public inconvenience.

Neglected Drainage Drowns Fields: Floods Devastate Deh Mithi

Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: After the devastating floods of the 1970s, the Revenue Department conducted a review and study report which led the Sindh government to expand the seasonal drainage channel named L-One Sam in Deh Mithi One, tribal area Chak, to efficiently drain heavy rainfall and floodwaters caused by climate change. However, no remodeling or cutting was carried out on this extended channel.

The floodwater from Deh Wadhri area drains into the LBO Drain through the Sam channel near Vadhri Head RD 159, draining thousands of acres of land in Deh Wadhri. Unfortunately, the LBO Drain's inlet system is dysfunctional. Instead of installing sluice gates and regulators to control water flow, a two-foot pipe was installed, which is causing widespread flooding and damage to ready crops on thousands of acres, resulting in losses worth crores of rupees.

Tando Allahyar Drug Raids Net Six Dealers with Gutka and Alcohol Haul

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Acting on the directives of Inspector General Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon and under the guidance of DIG Hyderabad Tariq Razzaq Dharejo, SSP Tando Allahyar Syed Saleem Shah has intensified operations against drug dealers, habitual criminals, illegal liquor, gutka, mainpuri, and absconders.

In a series of actions, police registered six cases on behalf of the state and arrested six suspects. During these raids, law enforcement seized 10 liters of locally made liquor, 1,760 packets of gutka, and 410 packets of mainpuri.

In one of the major operations led by Incharge Machhi Hotel and SHO B Section during routine patrolling, two suspects involved in the sale of liquor and narcotics were arrested. From their possession, 10 liters of local liquor and 880 packets of gutka were recovered. Two FIRs were registered against them.

The arrested suspects were identified as:

Abrar Hussain, son of Gul Muhammad

Zubair Khan, son of Saeed Hakeem Khan.

Badin Farmers Ready for Showdown as Sesame Crops Collapse

By Khadim Hussain Sheikh

KADHAN: Farmers across the southern coastal belt of Badin — including areas such as Kadhan Siraani, Pir Fatah Shah, Qazi Wah, Tal Badi, Pur Stop, Garho Regulator, Qadiya Lunwari Sharif, Garhirdi, Ashrafabad, 50 Mori, Ahmadabad, and adjacent localities — are facing a severe crisis as their sesame crop (sariyal) has been hit by disease and market exploitation. A bumper sesame harvest has ripened, but traders and mill owners have arbitrarily cut the price from Rs. 3,300 to Rs. 2,200 per maund, effectively forcing the price down to Rs. 1,300 in some cases. Merchants are also illegally deducting four to seven kilos per maund under the pretext of "moisture," leaving growers impoverished. Meanwhile a dangerous pest/virus — described locally as black patches, whitefly and other infestations — is attacking sesame fields, causing thousands of acres to rot and burn; pesticides have proved ineffective and farmers estimate losses running into crores of rupees.

Sukkur Progressive Party Elects New Tehsil Body at Workers Congress

By Zeeshan Soomro

SUKKAR: Sindh Progressive Party (STP) Tehsil Sukkur held its Workers Congress at Marhaba Hall, Sukkur, under the leadership of Central Vice Chairman Nisar Ali Kario. The meeting was attended by numerous party workers and leaders, including District Nawabshah President Baaghi Rafiq Sindhi, as well as district figures Hakim Anar, Budhal Magsi, Hussain Bakhsh Kario, and Gul Ingilabi. During the session, the political and organizational report for Tehsil Sukkur was presented. The previous committee was dissolved, and a new tehsil committee was formed with Gulzar Anar elected as President, Sikandar Ali Magsi as Vice President, Rashid Hussain Mallah as General Secretary, Khan Kario as Joint Secretary, Sikandar Ali Rand as Finance Secretary, and Mir Laghari as Press Secretary.

World Sindhi Congress in London Sends Global Echo: Save the Indus Civilization

By GM Chandio

LONDON/HYDERABAD: The World Sindhi Congress (WSC) held its 37th International Conference at the University of Westminster, London, under the theme "Save Indus River – Save Indus Civilization." The event brought together academics, journalists, human rights activists, and Sindhi diaspora leaders from across the globe. The conference focused on the political, social, and environmental crises facing Sindh, calling for international efforts to protect Sindh's heritage, environment, and political rights.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Lakhu Luhana, Chairman of the World Sindhi Congress, warned that Sindh is facing an existential crisis caused by state exploitation, land grabbing, and denial of political rights. He described the conference as a call of conscience, emphasizing that "Sindh's water is being stolen, land usurped, and people silenced."

Hyderabad Chamber Applauds Addition of 100 New Seats at Local Institute

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Muhammad Saleem Memon, President of the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCSTSI), has warmly welcomed the initiative by MQM Pakistan's Convener and Federal Minister for Education, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, to increase 100 additional seats in the Computer Science program at the Hyderabad Institute. He stated that in today's digital age, Computer Science, Information Technology, and Digital Education are powerful tools for empowering youth to compete globally. This decision will not only provide modern educational opportunities to students in Hyderabad but also help develop a skilled workforce for the IT and software industries of Sindh and Pakistan.

Samaro Hospital Heist Sparks Fury as Police Fail to Stop Bold Robbery

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A robbery at a private hospital in Samaro has become a serious challenge for the police.

On September 24, at a busy area in Samaro city, a private City Care Maternity Home Clinic, which serves as a center for emergency and routine care for female patients, turned into a scene of fear.

Dr. Kamla Maheshwari and her nurse were on morning duty when suddenly three unknown criminals entered the hospital. Within moments, the peaceful environment was shattered, and terrifying screams of women echoed from inside the hospital. The criminals committed the robbery and fled.

The loud cries attracted nearby residents, who gathered outside the hospital. The police arrived at the scene, entered the hospital, and recorded statements from the doctor and staff. Initial investigations included obtaining CCTV footage from inside the hospital and from nearby shops.

However, despite 12 days having passed, no significant results have emerged, even though the CCTV footage clearly shows the criminals.

Digri Feud Turns Deadly: Kolhi-Jat Clash Leaves Three Wounded

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: A clash erupted between two factions of the Kolhi and Jat communities near Dighri, resulting in injuries to three people from both sides after sticks and rods were used. The conflict started when a tractor trolley passed through a crop field belonging to the Kolhi community, causing damage to the crops. The incident took place near Ram Colony, Deh 164.

According to reports, a minor dispute escalated into violence between the two groups. During the clash, five people, including Pancho Kolhi and his son Harish from the Kolhi side, and Imtiaz, son of Saiful Gul from the Jat side, were injured. The injured were given medical letters by the police and sent to the Tehsil Hospital in Dighri, where they received treatment.

Pancho Kolhi told journalists that the opposing party damaged their crops by passing the tractor trolley through the cultivated field. When they protested, the other side attacked them with sticks, rods, and iron rods. On the other hand, Imtiaz from the Jat community stated that youths from the Kolhi community stopped their tractor trolley by pulling out a pin used for tipping, which led to the altercation.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Method of Procurement: Single Stage - Two Envelope Procedure)
Tenders are invited E-Bid through newly method of "EPADS" on Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure from eligible bidders as per details below, strictly in accordance with SPPRA's E-Procurement submission requirements:

S#	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost Rs.	Bid Security	Tender Cost Rs.	PEC Category with Codes
1	DEVELOPMENT OF OLD CITY AREA IN KARACHI (ADP # 1774/2025-26).	744,499,940/-	5% of Bid Amount	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-2 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01, CE09, CE10, EE06
2	REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HUB RIVER ROAD TOWARDS TOORI BANGASH ITEHAD TOWN (ADP # 1941/2025-26).	999,960,000/-	5% of Bid Amount	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-2 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01 CE09, CE10, EE06

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:

a) The participants must quote their rates both in words and figures.
b) Bid should be signed along-with company's stamp.
c) Bid Security / Earnest Money should be made from the A/C of the Company / Firm of the participant.
d) Pay Order of the Bid Security shall be uploaded along-with Bid on the website of "EPADS SPPRA Sindh as well as shall be submit physically in the Office of the Chairman Procurement Committee situated at Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimabad Karachi before opening of the Bid.
e) Integrity Pact on the Stamp Paper worth Rs.100/-
f) The bidder shall submit non-refundable Tender(s) cost as mentioned in the NIT in shape of Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favour of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) at the time of the announcement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

a) Copy of CNIC.
b) Valid PEC and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c) Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List, of Federal Board of Revenue FBR).
d) Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
e) Valid Professional Tax Certificate
f) Valid Electrical License from Government of Sindh (Karachi Region).
g) Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed OR not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department for the last five years.
h) Average Annual Turnover at least not less than equivalent cost of the scheme / project during last five years (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
i) Annual Audit Report of last five years from (1CAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.
j) List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / Lease / rented (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
k) At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost 80% of the estimated cost of work: OR At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost for last five years duly supported with Completion Certificate.
l) Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **Bidding / Tender Documents:** Bidding Documents shall be downloaded from the website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) of SPPRA Sindh.
2. **Submission Date:** All bids (Technical & Financial) must be submitted ONLINE only via the SPPRA e-Procurement System "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) both the Technical and Financial Proposal shall be submitted /uploaded in respective sections and manual physical submissions will not be accepted.

   Bid shall be submitted online on or before 24-10-2025 by 11.00 A.M and only the Technical Bid will be initially opened on the same date at 11.30 AM at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee Engineering Department KMC in the presence of the Procurement Committee as well as the presence of the Contractor(s) or their authorized representatives of interested bidders, if desired.
3. **Funded Through:** Provincial ADP (2025-26).
4. **Bid Validity Period:** 90 Days
5. **Under following Conditions bid will be rejected:**

   i Hard Copy of Bid or by Hand bid will not be accepted.
   ii Conditional Bid will not be accepted.
   iii. Bid uploaded / submitted after specified date and time.
   iv. Black listed firms.
   V. Submitted Documents if found forged at any stage.
   vi. Pay-Order of the Bid Security not submitted physically.
6. The competent authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules.
7. Interested bidders are advised to register their firm(s) / company(s) on SPPRA website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) for submission of e-bid.
8. The technical proposals submitted by the bidders will be evaluated by Procurement Committee as per evaluation criteria and mandatory requirements given in the Technical Proposal and thereafter financial proposals of technically qualified bids will be opened by the same Committee on the date and time to be communicated to the bidders.
9. The financial proposals of the bids, found technically non-responsive shall be returned unopened to the respective bidders.
10. In case the date of opening or last date of sale is declared as a public holiday by the Government or non-working day due to any reason, the next working day shall be deemed to be the date for last date of sale and submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.
11. **Bid Security:** Bid Security as mentioned above in shape of pay order or Bank Guarantee (on specified Performa) attached with the Technical Offer in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) shall be enclosed as follows:

   a) Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
   b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope in case of non-compliance, the part of Bid Security attached with the technical offer shall be forfeited.
   c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
12. Canvassing in connection with tendering is strictly prohibited and proposals submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing are liable for rejection.
13. Pre-Bid Conference will be held on 17-10-2025 at 1 1:00 AM in the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee KMC. The bidders are requested to submit any question in writing to reach the employer not later than one week before the meeting.

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Flood Fury: Sharjeel Tears Into Punjab Govt

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon slammed the Punjab government for a biased campaign against PPP amid Punjab's flood crisis. In a fiery press conference, he urged unity over division, highlighting PPP's relief work in Punjab under Bilawal Bhutto's leadership. Memon criticized the politicization of aid, praised Sindh's flood response, and defended the Benazir Income Support Program's transparency. He condemned hate-driven slogans and called for equitable resource sharing. Accusing Punjab of mismanagement, he stressed that Pakistan needs solidarity—not rivalry—to overcome climate disasters and serve those suffering on the ground.—RT

Rais Khan Sparks Football Revolution

KARACHI: RK Sports Management has kicked off a thrilling Talent Hunt Program to uncover Pakistan's rising football stars. CEO Rais Khan revealed plans to form a new team, Rais FC, with selected players who will tour internationally. During a visit to Tanzeem Football Stadium, Khan pledged full support to Pak Sports Football Club and gifted playing kits. He stressed the need for government backing in sports development. Club Chairman Adnan Abdul Samad hailed the move as vital for Pakistan's football future.—RT

Altaf Shakoor Roars: Teachers Betrayed, Education Collapsing

KARACHI: On World Teachers' Day, Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor blasted the government for neglecting the education sector. He said while the nation celebrates teachers, many are protesting for unpaid salaries and pensions, with several Karachi University retirees dying without pension. He accused KU's leadership of ruining the institution. Shakoor criticized rampant corruption in public schools and commercialization of private ones, citing land misuse in Karachi's Adamjee Nagar. Urging syllabus reform and promotion of vocational education, he demanded a university, engineering college, and hospital in every district.—RT

Lyari Lifeline: PNSC Treats Hundreds in a Day

KARACHI: Under its CSR initiative, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) organized a free medical camp at Lyari's Government Girls Secondary School, offering vital health services like OPD consultations, skin checkups, blood sugar and cholesterol testing, and free medicines. Nearly 500 patients were treated between 10 AM and 3 PM. Senior PNSC officials, including CEO Syed Jarar Haider Kazmi, were present. The event highlights PNSC's commitment to public health and its hands-on role in supporting underserved communities across Pakistan's coastal regions.—RT

Russian Scholarships Storm Karachi With Free Courses

KARACHI : A Russian scholarship campaign was launched at the Russian House in Karachi, led by a delegation from Ural State Pedagogical University, including Dr. Roman Porozov and Anton Dolgov. Free Russian language and culture courses, supported by the Russian Ministry of Education and "My Story" Foundation, are now open for registration through October. Dr. Porozov praised Pakistani students' dedication. Officials warned against fake scholarship scams, urging applicants to trust only the Russian House — the sole authorized body handling scholarship selections in Pakistan.—RT

Chancellor Khan Warns: Complacency Kills Progress

By Dildar Sailro

KARACHI: The Department of Student Affairs and the Counseling and Guidance Center at Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology organized an orientation ceremony for students at the start of the new academic year 2025–2026. A large number of newly admitted students and their parents attended the event, which aimed to familiarize students with the university's academic, research, and administrative environment and guide them on their educational journey.

Chancellor Muhammad Akbar Ali Khan, in his address, expressed happiness that the students are beginning a new academic journey through Sir Syed University. He stated that the institution is not limited to technical education but is also a center for developing leadership skills, research, and social awareness. He emphasized that progress is always achieved through hard work and dedication, and success can only be attained by breaking free from complacency. He further added that Sir Syed University provides students with opportunities to enhance their abilities and connect intellectually with institutions in the developed world.

Nasir Shah Crowns Teachers as Nation Builders

KARACHI: On World Teachers' Day, Sindh's Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah praised teachers as the backbone of the nation's future. He highlighted their vital role in shaping generations through knowledge, discipline, and character. Shah emphasized that no society can progress without education and credited teachers for building a morally strong society. He affirmed the Sindh Government's commitment to resolving teachers' issues and improving education. "The journey of national development begins with teachers — they deserve respect, recognition, and real support," Shah concluded.—RT

Road Wars: Wahab Dares Punjab Govt to Debate

KARACHI – Mayor Murtaza Wahab threw down the gauntlet, saying he's ready for a public debate with the Punjab government. Speaking to media after inaugurating a trampoline park at Safari Park, Wahab warned that if Punjab continues political mudslinging, the matter will escalate. He urged the Punjab leadership to stop point-scoring and focus on helping flood victims. Slamming the PML-N, Wahab said soaring electricity prices are their doing. "We build roads, our opponents destroy them," he declared, taking a direct jab at political rivals.—RT

Justice by Consensus: Rajput Calls Lawyers to Action

KARACHI: Acting Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput, has said that efforts are underway for the development of all bar associations across Sindh, including the Malir Bar Association. He emphasized that mutual consensus between the bar and the bench is essential for delivering speedy justice to the public.

Speaking at an event after inaugurating a new bank, dispensary, and mosque at the Malir Bar, Justice Rajput stated, "Lawyers are double graduates. There's only one letter's difference between 'awareness' (sha'oor) and 'noise' (shor) — remove the letter 'Ain' from awareness, and it turns into noise. Those who possess knowledge are truly aware individuals."

He highlighted that the best lawyer is one who values humanity over fees, emphasizing ethical responsibility in the legal profession.—RT/Agency

Coastline Goldmine: Pakistan's Ports Hold Untapped Commercial Power

KARACHI: Senior security sources have dismissed reports claiming that Pakistan is offering a naval base to the United States in Balochistan, clarifying that such claims circulating in foreign media are unfounded, reported The News.

They said references to possible future arrangements through public-private partnerships are merely proposals, not concrete plans.

The security sources emphasised that Pakistan's coastline holds vast potential for large and small commercial ports, adding that countries around the world assess such partnership proposals. In this context, Pakistan's national interest would be given priority.

A high-level source said, "It is not important for us what constitutes the US interest. The only thing that matters for us is what benefits Pakistan".—RT

Cyclone Shakti Swirls in Arabian Sea, No Coast Threat Yet

KARACHI:The Meteorological Department reports tropical cyclone "Shakti" is over the northwestern Arabian Sea, about 700 km southwest of Karachi. The storm has intensified but currently poses no threat to Pakistan's coastal areas. Meteorology expects the cyclone to begin weakening from tomorrow. Locally, Karachi is forecast to be cloudy with light drizzle possible in some areas; maximum temperature around 34°C with hot, humid conditions expected.—RT/Agency

Murad Honors Teachers on Their Day

KARACHI: On World Teachers' Day, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah praised Sindh's teachers for fulfilling their responsibilities in difficult times and said their role in promoting education is unforgettable. He noted the 2025 theme — "Reimagining Teaching as a Collaborative Profession" — and stressed the need to promote teacher collaboration, innovation, inclusion and partnership to improve education. The Sindh government is expanding training and professional opportunities for teachers, and will continue to promote education with cooperation, equality and respect.—RT

Malir Erupts With Protests Over Journalist's Murder and Police Brutality

KARACHI: A protest demonstration was held outside the District Press Club Malir Karachi against the failure to arrest the killers of martyr journalist and anchorperson Imtiaz Mir, and against police brutality by Islamabad police at the National Press Club Islamabad.

The protest was addressed by Hanif Soomro, President of District Press Club Malir, General Secretary Syed Raheem Shah, Mir Zulfiqar, Mustafa Abbasi, Jamil Chandio, Raja Baloch, Sajad Chhachhro, Ali Muhammad Gabol, Hasan Tagar, Ayaz Bhagat, Asif Qureshi, Muhammad Khan Kalmati, Abdul Rahman Gabol, Nabeel Mirjat, Younis Imrani, Jaman Pitafi, Salahuddin Gabol, and other speakers.

The speakers stated that two weeks have passed since the killing of journalist and anchorperson martyr Imtiaz Mir, yet despite the victims' families identifying the accused, the police have still failed to arrest the killers. They condemned the government's claim—RT/Agency

Gulshan Residents Rage Over Waterless Three Months

KARACHI: Following an appeal by the Citizen Awami Forum, hundreds of residents led by leaders of various political and social organizations marched on foot from Allah Wali Chowrangi in Gulshan-e-Hadeed to the District Press Club Malir, protesting the water shutdown that has persisted for the last three months.

The protest was led by Union Committee Gulshan-e-Hadeed No. 3 Chairman Ghulam Raza Jatoi, Union Committee No. 4 Chairman Rao Safdar, Vice Chairman Mir Abbas Talpur, PPP leaders Abdul Sattar Butt and Agha Tariq Pathan (Deputy Information Secretary PPP Malir), UC Chairman Rao Safdar, PPP Gulshan-e-Hadeed UC President Khuda Bakhsh Pathan, Dr. Imran Ghuman, Aslam Mangi, Fayyaz Dahar, Hamza Fayyaz, Faiz Khaskheli, Shahid bin Saeed, PTI leaders Umair Shahid, Noshad Qaimkhani, Rao Zulfiqar, Irfan Abbasi, Shabbir Shah, Asadullah Memon, and others.

The protest demonstration included speeches highlighting the ongoing water crisis and demanding immediate restoration of water supply to the area.—RT/Agency

Teachers Hailed as Architects of Minds and Nations

By Ghulam Hussain Sohoo

KARACHI: Chairman, BSEK to acknowledge teachers is to build a society rooted in honor, integrity, and self-reliance. On this World Teachers' Day, as the globe pauses to celebrate educators, we must ask ourselves: are we truly aware of the depth of what it means to be a teacher? It is not merely a ceremonial occasion—it is a profound reminder of one of the most sacred human bonds, second only to parenthood.

Throughout history, from ancient civilizations to the digital era, teachers have remained timeless guides—architects of minds, shapers of character, and builders of nations. Their influence goes far beyond textbooks; they cultivate values, ignite curiosity, and shape the moral compass of societies.

Pattiwila Takes Charge as Sri Lanka's Man in Karachi

KARACHI: Mr. Sanjeewa Pattiwila has been appointed as the new Consul General of Sri Lanka in Karachi. A seasoned diplomat and public servant, he joined the Sri Lanka Public Service in 1999 and the Department of Commerce in 2005, where he currently serves as Director of Commerce.

He has previously served in Sri Lankan missions in Sweden, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia, most recently as Minister (Commercial) in Riyadh (2019–2023). Holding advanced degrees in economics and public policy, Mr. Pattiwila brings deep expertise in trade policy and economic diplomacy. His appointment is expected to further enhance Sri Lanka–Pakistan relations, particularly in trade and economic cooperation.—RT

Tragedy in Defence: Transgender Found Dead on Badr Commercial

KARACHI: A transgender person's body was found in an apartment in Badr Commercial, Defence, Karachi. Police say the deceased and a young woman had rented the flat; the woman reported seeing the body hanging from a rooftop railing by a dupatta and, with neighbors' help, brought it down and informed police. Evidence was collected at the scene and an investigation is ongoing.—RT/Agency

Karachi Swelters at 30°C in Humid Grip

KARACHI: The current temperature in Karachi has been recorded at 30°C, with humidity levels at 75%, according to the Meteorological Department. Winds are blowing from the southwest at a speed of 11 km/h.

The weather is expected to remain cloudy and humid throughout the day, with light drizzle likely in some areas. The maximum temperature is forecasted to range between 32°C and 34°C.—RT/Agency

Life is a long lesson in humility.

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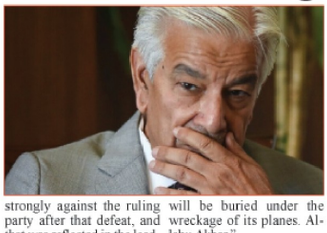
Defence Minister Vows India Will Be "Buried Under Wreckage Of Warplanes"



ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif early on Sunday responded sharply to what he called provocative statements from New Delhi's top security establishment, saying India would be "buried under the wreckage of its warplanes, Inshallah."

In a post on X, Asif described recent comments by India's military and political leaders as a failed attempt to restore their lost credibility. He said their statements showed pressure at the top.

"After such a decisive 6–0 defeat, if they try again, the [Pakistan's] score will only get better," the minister wrote. He added that public opinion in India had turned strongly against the ruling party after that defeat, and that was reflected in the leaders' words.

The defence minister also said, "Pakistan is a state built in the name of Allah, our defenders are soldiers of Allah. This time, India, Inshallah, will be buried under the wreckage of its planes. Allahu Akbar."

Earlier, the military's spokesperson had also reacted to the same remarks from Indian security circles.

Responding to India's war rhetoric, the country's armed forces warned that "provocative and jingoistic remarks" from senior Indian security officials risk fabricating pretexts for aggression and could lead to "cataclysmic devastation".

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that such remarks suggested a renewed attempt to manufacture arbitrary pretexts for aggression that would have "serious consequences for peace and stability in South Asia".

A day earlier, Indian Air Force Chief Amar Preet Singh claimed that India downed five Pakistani fighter jets of the F-16 and JF-17 class during the intense fighting between the nuclear-armed neighbours in May.

"As far as air defence part is concerned, we have evidence of one long range strike...along with that five fighters, high-tech fighters between F-16 and JF-17 class, our system tells us," Singh told reporters at the Indian Air Force annual day press conference.However, he did not provide any evidence to back his claim.Pakistan's military slammed India for long portraying itself as a victim while "stoking violence and perpetrating terrorism in South Asia and beyond", saying that this narrative has been debunked.—RT/Agency

White House Sounds Alarm: Mass Layoffs Loom If Shutdown Talks Collapse

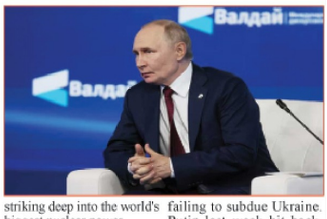
US: The Trump administration will start mass layoffs of federal workers if President Donald Trump decides negotiations with congressional Democrats to end a partial government shutdown are "absolutely going nowhere," a senior White House official said on Sunday.

As the shutdown entered its fifth day, White House National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett told CNN's "State of the Union" programme that he still saw a chance that Democrats would back down, averting a costly shutdown and federal employee layoffs that have been threatened by White House budget director Russell Vought.

"President Trump and Russ Vought are lining things up and getting ready to act if they have to, but hoping that they don't," Hassett said.

"If the president decides that the negotiations are absolutely going nowhere, then there will start to be layoffs. But I think that everybody is still hopeful that when we get a fresh start at the beginning of the week, that we can get the Democrats to see that it's just common sense to avoid layoffs like that."—RT/Agency

Putin Warns Tomahawk Missiles To Ukraine Could Shatter US Ties



MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin said that if the United States supplied Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine for long-range strikes deep into Russia then it would lead to the destruction of Moscow's relationship with Washington.

Less than two months since US President Donald Trump met Putin at a summit in Alaska, peace looks even further away with Russian forces advancing in Ukraine, Russian drones allegedly flying in NATO airspace and now Washington talking about direct participation in striking deep into the world's biggest nuclear power.

Trump has said he is disappointed with Putin for not making peace and has cast Russia as a "paper tiger" for failing to subdue Ukraine. Putin last week hit back, questioning if NATO was not the "paper tiger" for failing to stop Russia's advance.—RT/Agency

Trump Claims Israel Has Agreed To First-Phase Gaza Withdrawal

US: United States President Donald Trump has said that Israel has agreed on the scope of the initial withdrawal from Gaza, and the US is working to advance the ceasefire plan.

In a recent statement, President Trump said Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is willing to end the bombing in Gaza. He expressed hope that the ceasefire plan would soon become a reality. He warned that if Hamas chooses to remain in power, it will be completely eliminated.

Meanwhile, the US Secretary of State said no one claims the issue is settled but expressed hope it will be resolved early this week. The US is close to an agreement ensuring Hamas holds no hostages. It will soon be clear whether Hamas is serious.

Senator Marco Rubio said Hamas has agreed in principle on post-war arrangements.

He added that no government can be formed in Gaza by replacing three Hamas members in three days. He expects the ceasefire issue to be resolved shortly.Earlier, an Israeli government spokesperson said the Israeli army might continue operations in Gaza for defensive purposes.—RT/Agency

Four Indian Proxy Terrorists Slain In Fierce Clash In Balochistan's Korki

KORKI: Four terrorists belonging to Indian proxy Fitna al-Hindustan were killed in a clash with the local tribe in Balochistan's Korki area, security sources said on Sunday.

They added that the Fitna al-Hindustan terrorists attacked residents in the Korki area, sparking an armed clash with local tribes.

As a result, four terrorists were killed and a citizen belonging to the local tribune was martyred during the exchange of fire, the security sources noted, adding that two Fitna al-Hindustan militants were also injured in the clashes.

The sources further noted that despite repeated requests from the local tribes to vacate the area, the militants had refused to leave.

In response to the group's hostile actions and growing threats, local tribes decided to defend themselves against the Fitna al-Hindustan terrorists, the sources added.

The recent incident comes a day after security forces gunned down 14 terrorists linked to Indian proxy Fitna al-Hindustan during an operation in Balochistan's Khuzdar.They added that the operation was carried out on the reported presence of terrorists belonging to the Indian proxy terrorists, resulting in the killing of at least 14 terrorists, while 20 militants were also injured.—RT/Agency

PM Urges Nawaz To Quell Maryam–PPP Rift Before It Explodes

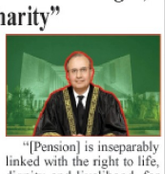
LAHORE: Just a day before leaving for Malaysia on a two-day official visit, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met his elder brother and PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif on Saturday and discussed with him the 'growing tensions' between the PPP and PML-N, requ-esting him to play his part in cooling off the tempers.

The meeting that took place at their Jati Umra residence covered governance issues, including the ongoing acrimony with the PPP-led Sindh government over flood and canal issues.

"The premier told the PML-N president that the PPP was its coalition partner and for smooth functioning of the government bickering between the two parties should not linger on," a source privy to the meeting between the two brothers told Dawn.

The source said PM Shehbaz wanted his elder brother to speak to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and convince her "to let go and reconcile with the PPP". He said the premier "urged Nawaz Sharif to ask Maryam Nawaz to adopt a reconciliatory approach and end the ongoing acrimony with the PPP leadership over flood and canal issues.—RT/Agency

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah Declares Pension A "Constitutional Right, Not Charity"



ISLAMABAD: Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah of the Supreme Court (SC) has observed in a recent judgement that an employee's pension is not a matter of bounty, charity, or benevolence but a right protected under Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution.

Article 9 entails that no person shall be deprived of life or liberty save in accordance with the law, while Article 14 protects the dignity of a person.

He made the remarks while hearing a petition filed by Shakeel Ahmed Kayani challenging an Islamabad High Court judgment (IHC) dated February 2, 2022, which had dismissed his plea seeking entitlement to an additional pension. The SC heard the case on Sept 17, 2025, while the order of the judgement was released this week.

"[Pension] is inseparably linked with the right to life, dignity and livelihood, for without sustenance in old age, these rights ring hollow," Justice Shah observed in his judgement.According to the order, a copy of which was made available to Dawn.com today, the petitioner joined the erstwhile Oil and Gas Development Corporation established under the Oil and Gas Development Corporation Ordinance, 1961, as accounts assistant (BPS-14) on Feb 2, 1995, after earlier serving with the Pakistan Military Accounts Department Office, Wah Cantt.—RT/Agency

IMF Demands Full Briefing On Pakistan's Tax Exemptions

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has requested a detailed briefing from Pakistan on tax exemptions provided across various sectors, according to media reports. Officials from the Ministry of Finance are expected to brief the IMF on the export and re-import of sugar, shedding light on the fiscal implications of these practices.

In addition, a comprehensive presentation will be given on the tax concessions granted to the Reko Diq mining project. The IMF is particularly interested in understanding how these exemptions are impacting the country's overall tax revenue.

The briefing will also include an assessment of tax collection shortfalls caused by sector-specific exemptions. The IMF delegation will be provided with data on taxes, royalties, and both local and international investment involved in the Reko Diq project.

Moreover, the Ministry of Finance will discuss the fiscal risks associated with the guarantees provided for the Reko Diq venture. These guarantees have implications for Pakistan's financial liabilities, and the IMF wants a clearer picture of potential future risks stemming from this project.

The focus on Reko Diq comes at a time when Pakistan is under increasing pressure to meet IMF loan requirements by enhancing transparency and improving tax collection mechanisms.—RT/Agency

Hamas Signals Readiness To Surrender Arms Under Global Supervision

GAZA: The Palestinian resistance group, Hamas has agreed to surrender its weapons under international supervision.

Significant progress has emerged in talks between Hamas and mediators in Cairo. Hamas leaders said they had informed the United States of their decision to disarm and had received guarantees, through Qatar, of Israel's permanent withdrawal.

They said the weapons would be handed over to Palestinian and Egyptian authorities. They also said they were collecting the bodies of Israeli hostages and had requested a halt to the bombing in order to retrieve the remains. They accused Israel of obstructing President Trump's plan through ongoing bombing and destruction.

The Hamas leadership said they were committed to ending the fighting, that they would not fall into Israel's trap, that negotiations would proceed quickly, and that they wanted immediate peace.

Meanwhile, United States President Donald Trump said the Gaza agreement was excellent for Israel. He said a good deal had been reached with all parties, including Arab and Muslim leaders, and that the plan with Hamas was remarkable. He added that peace was about to be established in the Middle East after 3,000 years.—RT/Agency

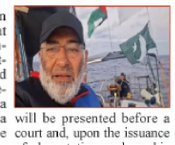
Jamaat-e-Islami Calls For Street Shows On Oct 7 To Back Gaza

ISLAMABAD: Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Sunday addressed a massive rally on Karachi's Sharea Faisal and called on the nation to take to the streets on October 7 as a show of solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.According to a press release from the JI, the participants of the "Gaza Solidarity March" chanted slogans against Israel and its supporters over the ongoing genocide in the enclave. They were also carrying placards and banners and people from all walks of life participated in the event and formed a chain to express solidarity.

"Any paradigm shift in Pakistan's policy on Palestine — [which was] set by none other than Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah — will not be tolerated at any cost," Rehman said in his keynote address, according to the press release."On March 23, 1940, two resolutions were passed by the Muslim League — one called [the] Pakistan Resolution and the second one was for Palestine," he added. "There is only one state and that is Palestine, whereas there is only one leadership in Gaza and that is Hamas."

The JI chief demanded that the government recognise Hamas as the leadership in the Gaza Strip, while "warning them strongly" against joining the Abraham Accords, a series of normalisation agreements between Israel and Arab states.—RT/Agency

Islamabad Presses Israel For Return Of Citizens Detained In Gaza Flotilla Raid



ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Sunday said that Pakistan was actively engaged with international partners to ensure the safety and repatriation of its citizens detained by Israel in the Gaza aid flotilla interception."Through the diplomatic channels of a friendly European country, we have confirmed that former senator Mushtaq Ahmad is in the custody of the Israeli occupying forces and is safe and in good health," read the press release issued by the FO.

It further added that Pakistan authorities have been advised that the ex-senator will be presented before a court and, upon the issuance of deportation orders, his repatriation will be facilitated on a fast-track basis.

The ministry's remarks come after the former lawmaker was detained by Israeli forces while taking part in the Global Sumud Flotilla on October 2, whose multiple vessels were carrying aid to the war-torn territory currently under Israeli blockade.

The ex-senator, who was leading a five-member Pakistani delegation, joined the flotilla alongside international activists and humanitarian aid groups.

However, the Israeli military intercepted more than 40 flotilla vessels, some 42.5 nautical miles (79 km) from Gaza and detained more than 450 activists aboard the vessels.

Tel Aviv has since faced widespread criticism from countries around the world.Meanwhile, the FO recalled that the ministry "had previously coordinated the safe return of individuals who disembarked earlier.—RT/Agency

Iran Declares UN Nuclear Watchdog Cooperation Now "Irrelevant"

TEHRAN: Iran's top diplomat said Sunday that cooperation with the United Nations nuclear watchdog was no longer relevant following the re-imposition of international sanctions on the country.

"The Cairo agreement is no longer relevant for our cooperation with the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)," said Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi while referring to a September deal with the UN agency.

The deal had set up a framework to resume cooperation and allow the watchdog to inspect Iranian sites, after Tehran suspended cooperation following Israeli and US strikes on its key nuclear sites in June.

But the agreement lost its significance to Iran as Britain, France, and Germany — signatories to Iran's 2015 nuclear deal — triggered the return of the UN sanctions over Tehran's non-compliance.Tehran had threatened to halt cooperation with the agency if they sought to reimpose the sanctions."The three European countries thought they had a leverage in their hands, threatening to implement a snapback," Araghchi said during a meeting with foreign diplomats in Tehran.—RT/Agency

Horror In Punjab: Women Burnt Alive In Grisly Domestic Violence Outbreak

DASKA: In a wave of chilling domestic violence cases, three women were set on fire in separate incidents across Punjab, triggering widespread outrage and demands for justice.

In Daska, a newlywed woman was allegedly doused in petrol and set ablaze by her husband Sufyan and his mother. Married just five months ago, the victim told police her mother-in-law restrained her while Sufyan carried out the brutal act. An FIR has been filed on her father's complaint.

In Sialkot, another woman was torched by her in-laws for insisting on attending her brother's wedding reception.

Suffering 80% burns, she was rushed to Lahore in critical condition. A case has been registered against her husband and extended in-laws.

Meanwhile, in Dhamial, a 50-year-old woman was killed after being set on fire by her brother-in-law. Initially masked as a compressor explosion, police investigations revealed deliberate murder. The suspect has been arrested, and murder charges added.

Authorities are facing mounting pressure to take swift action as violence against women continues to rise alarmingly. CPO Syed Khalid Hamdani has promised strict action against perpetrators as investigations continue.—RT/Agency

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