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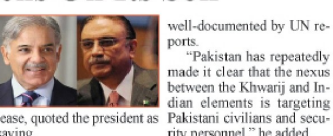
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Angoor Adda, Bajaur, and Kurram, while attacks were also reported in Dir, Chitral, Baramacha, and other areas along the Durand Line.

The escalation between the two neighbours has also prompted reactions from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iran, with all three countries urging restraint and calling for dialogue.

In a statement, the Saudi

foreign ministry said that "reducing tensions is essential for peace and stability in the region." It also conveyed prayers for the safety and well-being of the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The Qatari foreign ministry also voiced concern over the growing tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan and stressed the need for them to address differences through calm, dialogue, and diplomatic efforts.

It stressed that easing tensions is vital for peace and stability in the region. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghai has also expressed concern over Pakistan-Afghanistan clashes and called for both sides to hold urgent talks to address the tensions. "Iran is ready to help reduce tensions between

neighbours," Baghai said.

Meanwhile, the ISPR further said that the infrastructural damages to Taliban posts, camps, Headquarters and support networks of terrorists are extensive, all along the border and range from tactical to operational depth.

Highlighting that Pakistan preferred constructive diplomacy and dialogue over violence and belligerence, the military's spokesperson warned that the country will not tolerate the treacherous use of Afghan soil for terrorism. "In the interest of regional peace and security, we call upon the Taliban government to take immediate and verifiable actions to neutralise the terrorist groups, inter alia, FAK, FAH and Daesh operating from their territory.—RT/Agency

Race For KP CM Heats Up As Nomination Papers Of Four Candidates Cleared



KPK: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Secretariat on Sunday cleared nomination papers of four candidates contesting the chief minister's election.

The papers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) nominated candidate Sohail Afridi, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl's Maulana Lutfur Rahman, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf, and Pakistan People's Party's Arbab Zarak Khan have all been accepted, the secretariat confirmed.

A contest will now take place among the four candidates for the province's top post.

Earlier today, Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs Amir Muqam said that while governor's rule is a constitutional option, there are currently no deliberations under way to impose it in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Speaking to Media, the minister said the governor had received the chief minister's resignation and would process it in accordance with the law. "Every step must follow constitutional procedure," he said.

Muqam criticised the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), saying the party appeared to be acting out of fear.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz And Field Marshal Munir Set For Key Saudi Arabia Visit This Month

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir are scheduled to embark on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia from October 26, during which they will hold a key meeting with Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman.

This will mark their first visit to the kingdom since the signing of the historic defence treaty between the two brotherly nations in September in the Saudi capital, The News reported.

The leaders of the countries are expected to discuss the latest global situation, especially developments in Gaza.

They will also review the recent visits by top business



delegations from the Kingdom to Pakistan and their talks.

Sources told The News here Saturday that Prime Minister Shehbaz and Field Marshal will be heading a big delegation of manufacturers, business, and trade leaders who will be there to attend an international conference on investment and economic af-

fairs. The CEOs of more than 500 renowned companies and leaders of several countries, global companies will be taking part in the conference.

The forum will provide an opportunity to share ideas and best practices, foster partnerships, and deal-making.—RT/Agency

Qatar Warns: Pakistan-Afghanistan Escalation Threatens Regional Stability And Peace

ISLAMABAD: Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan could have a negative impact in the region.

Qatar has expressed concern over the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it has been said that both the countries should solve the problems through patience, dialogue and diplomacy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar has said the reduction of tension is inevitable for peace and stability in the region, adding tension between Pakistan and



Afghanistan can have a negative impact in region.

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that it is committed to the peace and prosperity of the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Dozens of Afghanistans soldiers and foreign terrorists were killed and several their border posts destroyed in a

befitting response from the Pakistan army to the unprovoked firing by the enemies.

According to Pakistan Army security sources, Pakistan's timely action destroyed several border posts in Afghanistan and killed dozens of Afghan soldiers and foreign terrorists.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz And Nawaz Hold Crucial Talks On Pak-Afghan Tensions And National Affairs



LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held an important meeting with PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif at Jati Umra.

According to sources, the meeting focused on Pakistan-Afghanistan tensions and the overall political and economic situation of the country.

Prime Minister Shehbaz briefed Nawaz Sharif on recent government actions and policies, while Nawaz shared his guidance on national matters.

Both leaders discussed party affairs and government strategies, reaffirming their commitment to work together for national stability and public relief.

Earlier, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed that Pakistan was firmly committed to protecting its national interests, regional sovereignty and security.

President Zardari said Pakistan would never accept any controversial or misleading stance on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

"India's illegal claims regarding Kashmir are in direct violation of international law and United Nations resolutions," President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release, quoted the president as saying.

He expressed regret over the Afghan leadership turning its back on the oppressed people of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, calling it an injustice to both history and the Muslim Ummah.—RT/Agency

Political Twist In KP: PTI Seeks JUI Support To Elect Chief Minister Unopposed

PESHAWAR: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership has decided to speed up contacts with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister's election.

PTI leaders are expected to meet JUI officials again today to seek their support in the election.

Yesterday, PTI representatives met JUI's Maulana Ata-ul-Haq Darvesh, requesting that JUI not field any candidate against PTI's nominee for chief minister.

According to sources, PTI



has also contacted its KP chairman, Mahmood Khan, regarding the matter.

Provincial president Ju-

naid Akbar stated that PTI is actively working to ensure its chief minister is elected unopposed.—RT/Agency

President And PM Urge Afghan Leadership To Eliminate Terror Havens On Its Soil

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday reaffirmed that Pakistan was firmly committed to protecting its national interests, regional sovereignty and security.

President Zardari said Pakistan would never accept any controversial or misleading stance on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, calling it an injustice to both history and the Muslim Ummah.



He emphasized that terrorist attacks originating from Afghan soil, carried out by the Khawarij had been

well-documented by UN reports.

"Pakistan has repeatedly made it clear that the nexus between the Khawarij and Indian elements is targeting Pakistani civilians and security personnel," he added.

The president urged the Afghan leadership to take concrete and practical steps to eliminate anti-Pakistan terrorist elements operating from its territory.

He reiterated that both the Khawarij and Indian-backed terrorism posed the gravest threat to regional peace and stability.—RT/Agency

Rana Sanaullah Asserts: No Province Or Individual Can Halt National Security Operations

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the prime minister, Rana Sanaullah, has said that no province or individual can halt any operation.

Speaking during the programme "Samaa Debate", Sanaullah claimed that terrorists were receiving complete support from India. He stated that the ongoing conflict would persist until terrorism is completely eradicated.

He remarked that no province or the chief minister has the authority to engage in direct communication with another country. He said they would not be permitted to hold talks with Afghanistan.

According to Sanaullah, Sohad Afridi would not be able to manage the situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Ali Amin Gandapur was removed because he failed to meet the party's expectations. Sanaullah commented



that it remained uncertain whether Sohail Afridi would be appointed as the KP chief minister. He said opposition parties had also become active, and discussions were ongoing with a reported group of 8 to 10 individuals expressing willingness to meet the opposition. Any potential agreement, he said, would not proceed without proper communication. He said that if the entire provincial opposition unites, the situation could be resolved.

He accused PTI of not engaging in politics but rather inciting "unrest". He said the party's approach was rooted in violence and undemocratic conduct. He asserted that there is a constitutional and democratic government in place, and PTI could sit with the government to address national issues. Regarding Azad Kashmir, Sanaullah said there were various public demands related to health, construction and development.—RT/Agency

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Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar Re-Elected as PPP Pithoro's General Secretary

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In a celebration of dedication and public service, Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar has once again been elected as the General Secretary of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) for Taluka Pithoro. The senior leadership of PPP extended heartfelt gratitude to Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar for his unwavering service and loyalty.

To mark the joyous occasion, a cake-cutting ceremony was held at Awan Chowk, Shadi Pali, where a public gathering took place. While addressing the crowd, Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar expressed deep gratitude and love for the people of Shadi



Pali, acknowledging that it was their support that brought him back into office.

"I have always served my people, and by the grace of Almighty Allah, I have been given this opportunity once again. I vow to continue serving my people

with sincerity," said Arisar. On the occasion, PPP Information Secretary Ameer Bux Baloch praised Arisar as a mentor in politics, stating: "Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar is our teacher in the political arena. We have always stood by him, and we always

Massive Crackdown in Kakar: Three-Day Police Operation Seizes Weapons, Nabs 16 Suspects

By Z.A. Babar

KAKAR: In a major crackdown on criminal networks, a three-day police operation led by SSP Dadu, Captain (R) Amir Saud Magi, has shaken multiple villages in the Kakar area. The operation, targeting wanted and habitual criminals, continues with intensity.

With heavy police deployment, raids were conducted in Kakhar's

Khanbhar Mallah, Daro Mallah, and Arain villages, where hideouts of notorious outlaws were searched. During the operations, gunfire was exchanged between police and criminals, with suspects fleeing under cover of bullets to avoid arrest.

So far, 16 suspects have been taken into custody. Police have also recovered illegal weapons, along with stolen and looted goods.

Hyderabad Boils: Brutal Crackdown on Peaceful Aqsa March Ignites Public Outrage

By Muqem Keorio

HYDERABAD: Religious leader Hazrat Qibla Pir Hujatullah Jan Sarhindi and advocate Zeeshan Anees Junjo strongly condemned the Punjab government's violent crackdown on peaceful Sunni participants of the "Labbaik Ya Aqsa" march. They denounced the excessive shelling and siege around Masjid Rahmatul Alameen, calling it a display

of state incompetence. They revealed that Hafiz Saad Rizvi's young daughter Naailain Fatima and female family members were also illegally arrested. The protest, aimed at the U.S. Embassy, was met with force instead of dialogue. They warned that such oppression could destabilize Pakistan and urged the federal government to open immediate negotiations before external forces exploit the unrest.

Hyderabad's Waste Scandal: Corruption and Negligence Engulf Sindh Solid Waste Board

By Muqem Keorio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad's streets are buried under heaps of garbage as the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) fails to deliver on its door-to-door collection promise. Despite receiving millions in funding, garbage piles up in City, Lanifabad, and Qasimbabad, spreading foul odors and breeding mosquitoes. Investigations reveal fake billing,

embezzlement, and collusion between contractors and officials. Sweepers earn only Rs. 21,500 instead of the official Rs. 37,500, often working without protective gear and facing salary delays. Cleanup campaigns are mere photo ops, with the city quickly returning to filth. Citizens demand a forensic audit and strict action against corrupt officials. Hyderabad urges reforms, without risk a major public health disaster.

Tears and Defiance: Elderly Widow Fights Armed Policemen Over Land Grab in Kakar Village



KAKAR: In a shocking incident, an elderly widow, Zahraan—wife of Ahmed Khan Sand—from Jhakro Sario village, arrived at the Press Club with her relative Waqar Ali Sand, protesting an alleged armed land grab attempt by her policemen nephews. Speaking emotionally, Zahraan revealed that her father passed away 40 years ago and had legally gifted her 2 acres of inherited land, from which she has been farming and collecting produce for years. Now, her

nephews—police officers Abdul Aziz Sand, Abdul Khalig Sand, and their relatives Zeeshan and Mehndi—are allegedly trying to seize the land using weapons and force. She accused them of using threats, harassment, and attempting to plough her land forcibly under police protection. Zahraan expressed fear for her life and demanded justice from SSP Dadu and higher authorities, urging immediate action to stop this misuse of power and restore her legal rights.

Dengue Disaster & Civic Failure: Central Muslim League Rips Hyderabad Govt, Launches Anti-Mosquito Campaign



HYDERABAD: The Central Muslim League has launched an anti-mosquito spray campaign as dengue and malaria spiral out of control in Hyderabad. President Aqeel Ahmed blasted the administration, calling the mayor's claim of Rs. 54 billion in development a cruel joke, citing broken roads, open sewers, and garbage-filled streets. He

warned of full hospitals, failed sanitation departments, and unchecked corruption. He also condemned the rise of liquor shops and drug use, accusing the Sindh government of enabling addiction. The League vowed to launch protests if action isn't taken, and expressed solidarity with journalists facing harassment, urging the media to expose the city's worsening crisis.

Hyderabad's Fallen Hero: Nation Salutes Martyred Soldier Faraz Bhatti for Ultimate Sacrifice

By Muqem Keorio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad mourns yet proudly salutes Shaheed Faraz Bhatti, a 21-year-old soldier and the only child of his parents, who embraced martyrdom in Waziristan while courageously battling the Kharijites backed by India. A resident of Latifabad Unit No. 7, Faraz laid down his life in



the line of duty for the honor and protection of Pakistan. His supreme sacrifice has stirred both grief and pride across the city, as citizens and leaders alike pay glowing tribute to this young martyr, calling him the pride of Hyderabad and a symbol of unmatched patriotism. His legacy will live on as a beacon of bravery and national devotion.

Colors of Unity: Tando Muhammad Khan Youth Leader's Birthday Turns into Cultural Celebration

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A grand and graceful celebration was organized by the Ilm-o-Adab Academy Pakistan, Tando Muhammad Khan, at the sacred courtyard of Shah Shams Library, Bibi Badshah Zadi, to honor the birthday of the President of Peoples Youth District Tando Muhammad Khan, Syed Salal Shah Bukhari. The event saw a large gathering from all walks of life across the district, demonstrating unity and respect for the young leader. Syed Fatah Ali



Shah Shamsi, the Patron-in-Chief of Ilm-o-Adab Academy Pakistan, warmly welcomed the guests. The highlight of the event was the cake-cutting ceremony for Syed Salal Shah Bukhari's birthday, followed by

heartfelt prayers for his long life and continued service to the community. Guests honored the celebrant with traditional Sindh Ajaks and Longis, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Sindh.

Justice for Hafiz Muazzam: Thul Erupts in Protest Over Unsolved Murder Case

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A powerful protest and sit-in were held at Rabbar Chowk, Thul, demanding the arrest of the killers of Hafiz Muazzam Noonari, who was murdered during a robbery two years ago near the Barrag Bridge in the jurisdiction of A-Section Police Station Chanting slogans against the police, the protesters — including Muhammad Rahim Noonari, Faiz Muhammad Noonari, and others — accused authorities of failing to deliver justice. They revealed that al-



though suspects were initially arrested, they were later released on bail, and no progress has been made in the case. Adding to the pain, the accused are now allegedly ha-

arrassing the victim's family, pressuring them to withdraw the case. Protesters warned that unless the culprits are arrested and punished, their protest will continue.

Farmers Rage in Khairpur Nathan Shah: QAT Leads Protest Against Crashing Rice Prices

By Ayaz Buriro

KHAIRPUR NATHAN SHAH: The Qaumi Awami Tehreek (QAT) staged a powerful protest rally in Khairpur Nathan Shah, condemning the sharp slash in rice crop prices as a grave injustice to Sindh's farmers.



Starting from the Community Center and ending at the Press Club, the rally was led by District President Mir Khoso Advocate, alongside key leaders like Somar Chandio, Javed Chandio, and Asghar Rind.

QAT slammed the Sindh government for setting rice prices so low that farmers can't even cover production costs. They warned that if prices aren't raised soon, protests will escalate to threaten rural livelihoods blocking the National and dignity.

Sujawal on Edge: Farmers Decry 'Economic Murder,' Demand Rs4,000 per Mann Paddy Rate

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: A protest rally marched from Mamon Lodho Chowk to Public Park Sujawal as farmers and local leaders denounced low paddy prices and illegal deductions made under the pretext of moisture. Led by Muhammad Khan Pathan, Ayub Khoso, Haji Khan Jalalain, Manzoor Memon, Owais Laghari, Mumtaz Sand, and Shahjahan Laghari, the demonstrators demanded immediate action. Speakers said mill owners and traders yearly set up a cartel to fix artificially low



prices for farmers and carry out unlawful moisture-related deductions, effectively committing an "economic murder" of cultivators. They argued farmers bought seeds and fertilizers at high prices and now face ruin when their paddy arrives at market and

rice mills collude to drive rates down. The protesters urged the Sindh government and senior authorities to set a minimum paddy price of Rs 4,000 per mann to protect farmers from further loss and hardship.

Jacobabad Traders Threaten Shutdown: Demand Arrest of Alleged Fraudster

By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: The traders of Jacobabad staged a second consecutive day of protest against SSP Muhammad Kaleem Malik for failing to arrest Muhammad Umar Memon, accused of defrauding goldsmiths of crores of rupees. The sit-in at Sarafa Bazaar Chowk caused major inconvenience to citizens. Sarafa President Samiullah Surhio and other leaders slammed the police for inaction despite three separate



cases filed against Umar Memon a month ago. They questioned whether Umar has vanished into thin air or been protected by powerful forces. Leaders warned that if Umar Memon is not arrested

immediately, they will escalate the protest and enforce a complete market shutdown. They also condemned rising crime, including gambling, drugs, and police harassment under SSP Malik's watch.

Shock at Civil Hospital: MS Dr. Ali Akbar Dahri's Surprise Visit Sparks Urgent Reforms on Patient Complaints

By Muqem Keorio

HYDERABAD: In a bold move to ensure accountability and improve healthcare services, the Medical Superintendent of Liaquat University Hospital Hyderabad & Jamshoro, Dr. Ali Akbar Dahri, paid a surprise visit to the Accident and Emergency Department (COD) of Civil Hospital. He was accompanied by Additional Medical Superintendent-II Dr. Majeed-ur-Rehman Kalwar, Additional MS (Store) Dr. Nayar Hussain Babar, and RMO General Dr. Ashfaq Shah. During the unannounced in-



spection, Dr. Dahri personally interacted with patients and their attendants, listened to their complaints, and issued immediate instructions to the concerned staff for prompt resolution. He conducted a detailed review of the medical facilities, focusing on the qual-

ity of treatment, cleanliness, availability of medicines, and other key administrative aspects. The visit reflects the hospital administration's commitment to transparency, patient care, and swift corrective measures within public healthcare institutions.

Umerkot's Young Dreamers Reach for the Stars During Dazzling World Space Week

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: World Space Week is being celebrated with great enthusiasm in Umerkot, thanks to a vibrant initiative by Bahadur Welfare Foundation in collaboration with SUPARCO. A special educational and creative event was organized at Iqra School Umerkot, drawing energetic participation from students. During the event, students showcased innovative space-themed models and posters, expressing their imaginative ideas about planets, rockets, and satellites. These creative projects not only demonstrated their scientific knowledge but also highlighted their growing awareness of space ex-



ploration. A science quiz on space, conducted by Abdul Kareem Tabsum Mangrio, engaged students with curiosity and seriousness. The quiz aimed to evaluate their knowledge and inspire deeper interest in space science and technology. At the program's conclusion, Mangrio, along with teachers and guests, praised the

students' efforts, saying: "Such activities don't just enhance academic skills—they spark passion and ambition for future careers in science and technology." The event also saw active participation from Ghulam Murtaza Halepoto and Jemal Oad, who contributed to its success.

Spiritual Majesty in Nooriabad: Thousands Attend Grand Yaarhveen Sharif at Tahiri Farmhouse

By Shams Palari

NOORIABAD: Under the banner of Jamaat Islah-ul-Muslimeen, District Jamshoro Branch (Mehnda Palari), near Thano Bula Khan), a grand spiritual gathering on the occasion of Yaarhveen Sharif was held at the farmhouse of Vice President Farid Ashfaq Ali Palari Tahiri. The event featured renowned Naib Khwan and beloved Naib Khalifa of Mursheed-Kami, Haji Ali Hassan Mari Tahiri Naghbandi, as the special guest. The atmosphere was filled with spiritual energy as celebrated voices like Bulbul-e-Kohistan Rustam Ali Tahiri and Bulbul-e-Riak Hafiz

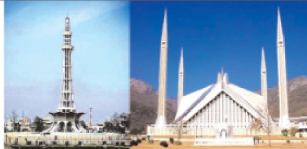


Alauddin Barjo Tahiri, along with local naat reciters, moved the audience with their melodious praises of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The guest speaker of the evening was the respected Hazrat Alama Maulana Zamin Ali Tahiri Naghbandi, who delivered an enlightening sermon on the values of Tasawwuf, love for the Prophet

ﷺ, and the legacy of the saints. Distinguished personalities from Jamaat Islah-ul-Muslimeen Pakistan, District Jamshoro, graced the event with their presence, including Khulafa Inayatullah Qureshi Tahiri, Khalifa Sain Muhammad Ashraf Kalhor Tahiri, Sain Amir Ahmed Abasi Tahiri, Sain Ghulam Murtaza Khoso Tahiri,

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Spiritual Majesty in Toba Tek Singh: 134th Bari Gyarhvi Sharif Conference Draws Thousands in Unity and Faith

By Abid Mahmood Chaudhary



TOBA TEK SINGH: A deeply moving and spiritually charged event, the 134th Monthly Dars-e-Qur'an titled "Bari Gyarhvi Sharif Conference", was held under the auspices of Anjum Darul Uloom Mahriya Rizvia (Registered) at Jamia Masjid Gulzar-e-Madina, Railway Station, Toba Tek Singh. The gathering was presided over by Faqir-ul-Haqeer Khadim-ul-Qur'an Sahibzada Qari Muhammad Ahmad Faiz Golravi, with a soul-stirring keynote address delivered by Hazrat Allama Maulana Muhammad Nabi Gul Qadri. The event opened with a heartfelt recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Qari Yaseen Chishti Muhammad Bilal Mehri. The proceedings were followed by spiritually uplifting naats performed by Sahibzada Hafiz & Zain Zada Muhammad Qari Muhammad Ubaidullah Bilal Chishti Mehri. In his keynote speech, Saeed Saleem

Minister Abbasi Praises Pakistan Army's Swift and Decisive Response to Afghan Aggression

ISLAMABAD: Federal Railways Minister Mohammad Hanif Abbasi praised the Pakistan Army's successful retaliation to Afghan provocations, declaring that Pakistan knows how to defend its borders. He said Afghanistan should acknowledge Pakistan's 44-year contribution and its restraint not to be allowed to compromise Pakistan's security. He added that the entire nation stands shoulder-to-shoulder with its army — peace is Pakistan's priority, but its restraint not to be mistaken for weakness. —RT/Agency

Tribal Leaders Declare Defiance: 'We'll Take Up Arms—Our Blood Is With the Army Against Afghan-Backed Terror!'

PESHAWAR: In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, tribal communities have announced they will take up arms against terrorists reportedly backed by Afghanistan. In a Pashto audio message circulating online, tribal elders declared they stand shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Army against Afghan-backed terrorism, saying they have taught terrorists a lesson before and will do so again. The announcement follows reports of unprovoked firing from the Afghan side of the border and Pakistan's strong military response. —RT/Agency

Massive Relief for Federal Employees: Government Approves 85% Hike in House Rent Allowance

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has made a significant decision to raise the House Rent Allowance (HRA) for government employees by a whopping 85%. The Ministry of Finance has formally approved this increase, which will soon be presented to the federal cabinet for final approval. According to media reports, a detailed summary of this increase will be discussed in the next cabinet meeting, after which the decision will be implemented across all federal departments. The HRA increase will apply to government employees from Grade 1 to Grade 22, ensuring that both junior and senior officials benefit from the enhanced allowance. What makes this decision particularly impactful is that it will be applicable to both permanent and contract employees, meaning a significant portion of the federal workforce will gain from this financial boost. This move is expected to ease the financial burden on employees facing rising living costs, particularly in major cities, and is seen as a step toward improving the overall well-being of Pakistan's public servants. —RT/Agency

Mobile Internet Returns: Islamabad and Rawalpindi Reconnected After Two-Day Blackout

ISLAMABAD: Mobile internet services in Islamabad and Rawalpindi have partially resumed after a two-day suspension triggered by security concerns. While connectivity is slowly being restored in various areas, the Metro Bus service remains shut for the third consecutive day between Saddar Station and Pak Secretariat. The suspension of both services follows the imposition of Section 144 across Punjab for 10 days starting October 10. Authorities have taken these steps to maintain order in the region amid rising tensions. —RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Shahzeb Khanzada Highlights Karachi's Hidden Potential Amid Daily Struggles

KARACHI: Renowned anchorperson Shahzeb Khanzada spoke candidly in a private TV program, acknowledging the numerous challenges facing Karachi, but also highlighting the city's unique ability to provide opportunities for the common person to succeed and thrive. He emphasized, "There's no doubt that Lahore has seen tremendous development, but if only Karachi's rulers were also blessed with the will to do good for the city." Khanzada's comments came in the context of comparing the two cities, noting that despite Karachi's struggles, it remains a city where anyone—regardless of their background—has the potential to move forward and make progress. Khanzada's remarks highlight the contrasting realities of the two cities, with Karachi often grappling with infrastructural issues, political instability, and security concerns. However, the anchor praised the city's resilience and the opportunities it still offers to those who aim for success, pointing out that Karachi's spirit of progress remains unmatched in many ways. —RT/Agency

Historic Arrival: Pakistan's Largest-Ever Container Ship Berths at Hutchison Port Karachi

KARACHI: In a historic moment for Pakistan's maritime industry, the largest container ship in Pakistan's history has successfully docked at Hutchison Port—the country's largest deep-water container terminal. The MSC Mikol, a state-of-the-art vessel, is a massive 400-meter-long ship with a capacity of 24,070 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units). This remarkable achievement marks a new chapter in Pakistan's maritime history, with the successful docking of one of the world's largest container ships at Hutchison Ports. The arrival of MSC Mikol highlights Pakistan's growing maritime capacity and the port infrastructure's readiness to handle such colossal vessels. The MSC Mikol is among the largest ships in the world, and its docking at Hutchison Ports is a clear reflection of global shipping lines' increasing confidence in Pakistan's shipping potential. This milestone sets new standards for the country's port infrastructure and operational capabilities, further enhancing Pakistan's position in the global maritime industry. The successful docking of this giant vessel showcases Pakistan's growing capability to handle larger ships, opening up new opportunities for international trade and positioning the country as a key player in global shipping. —RT/Agency

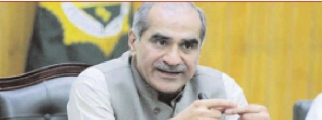
Karachi Held Hostage by Spiraling Car Snatching Wave as Law Enforcers Stand Idle

KARACHI: Crime is spiraling in Karachi, with car snatching at an all-time high, increasing public insecurity. Pasban Democratic Party Chairman Altaf Shakoork slammed the Sindh government and its security forces for their ineffectiveness, despite heavy rangers' presence. Criminals operate freely, targeting motorists even in broad daylight. Broken roads, poor lighting, and corrupt police systems further exacerbate the crisis. Shakoork called for urgent reforms, including better patrolling, modernized police stations, and the activation of the Safe City project to restore safety. —RT

NKATI Rings Alarm Bells Over Massive Tax Evasion by FATA-PATA Importers

KARACHI: NKATI President Faissal Moiz Khan raised concerns over a Pashtun High Court order allowing FATA/PATA importers to bypass key customs procedures, potentially missing tax exemptions. This could lead to goods being cleared at Karachi and sold locally, by-passing tax duties and creating unfair competition. Past abuses, including a major black tea scam, highlight the risks. NKATI urges the government to address this issue and protect legitimate businesses from exploitation by FATA/PATA-based entities. —RT

Saad Rafique Warns Kabul: 'We Helped You in Crisis—Don't Mistake Our Kindness for Weakness'



ISLAMABAD: Former federal minister and PML-N leader Khawaja Saad Rafique said Pakistan has always stood by the Afghan people in their hardest times and treated them as brothers and neighbors, but sadly has received little goodwill in return since the creation of Pakistan. He stressed that Pakistan does not want to fight — "remember, we are not the US, Britain or Russia, we did not come from thousands of miles away." He added Pakistan will never occupy an inch of Afghan soil, but will in all circumstances stop attacks originating from its own territory. —RT/Agency

Speaker Ayaz Sadiq Denounces Afghan Hostility, Applauds Army's Resolute Retaliation

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq strongly condemned Afghanistan's unprovoked aggression at the Pakistan border and paid high tribute to the Pakistan Armed Forces for delivering a powerful, appropriate response. In a special statement, he said Afghanistan's provocations threaten regional peace and stability and that the entire nation stands solidly behind the armed forces. He warned that no one will be allowed to violate Pakistan's territorial integrity or sovereignty. Ayaz Sadiq stressed that Pakistan is a peaceful country with no aggressive aims, but its patience should not be mistaken for weakness. —RT/Agency

BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Heartfelt Gesture: Student's Diary Gift to Teacher Wins Hearts on World Teachers' Day

JAFARABAD: In a touching gesture of respect and admiration, student Baba Rahim Bakhsh presented a diary as a gift to his teacher on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Rahim Bakhsh, a student at Hab Bhawani The Nation Private School, expressed his gratitude towards his teacher, Ejaz Baloch, with this thoughtful gift. During the ceremony, Teacher Ejaz Baloch remarked, "All my students are like my own children. Teachers should focus not only on education but also on the character-building of their students, as they are the future of our country." He emphasized that when teachers teach with affection and love, students engage more eagerly in their studies. Ejaz Baloch also thanked Rahim Bakhsh for the thoughtful gesture, wishing him success and prosperity in his future endeavors.

Jaffarabad Tragedy: Commissioner Offers Condolences to Family of Child Martyred in Blast



By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Commissioner Naseerabad Division, Salahuddin Noorzai, visited the home of the family of an innocent child who was martyred in a tragic bomb blast in District Jaffarabad to offer his condolences. Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Khalid Khan, SSP Kamran Nawaz, District Health Officer Dr. Shaokat Ali Khosa, and other officials, he later inspected the site of the explosion in Dera Allah Yar, where the Station House Officer briefed him in detail. The heartbreaking incident occurred when children collecting garbage triggered an explosive device, killing young Zakir Hussain Domki on the spot and injuring another child, Siraj Domki, who received immediate medical care. Expressing deep sorrow, Commissioner Noorzai condemned the cruel act and vowed that the perpetrators would face the full force of the law. He instructed authorities to conduct a thorough investigation and ensure the arrest and strict punishment of those responsible, emphasizing that negligence by officials would not be tolerated to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Punjab's Veterinary Internship Program Opens New Career Horizons for Toba Tek Singh's Youth



TOBA TEK SINGH: In Toba Tek Singh, interviews for the Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's Internship Programme were conducted for veterinary graduates and paravets under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela. A total of 33 applications were received, with 23 veterinary graduates and 2 paravet candidates interviewed for six positions. The program aims to provide practical training and employment, contributing to the livestock sector's development. ADC Zaeshan Labha Maseeh highlighted the initiative's importance in creating skilled professionals for the industry. The process was conducted with full transparency and merit.

Gujranwala's Green Push: Farmers Trained to Boost Wheat Yields and Curb Smog Pollution

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: Gujranwala's Tehsil Agriculture Department held crucial training and smog awareness programs in Mouza Mandiala Wadiach and Riala Wadiach to enhance wheat production and combat smog caused by crop burning. Farmers were educated on modern farming techniques to increase income per acre and warned about the legal consequences of burning crop residues, especially rice straw, which contributes to hazardous smog. Principal Agriculture Officer Muhammad Azam Mughal emphasized the government's commitment to agricultural development and urged farmers to utilize government schemes for higher yields, helping the nation achieve self-sufficiency in food production. Field Investigator Mandiah Ahmed also attended, supporting these efforts to protect farmers' interests and public health.

Hope Behind Bars: Gujranwala Jail Inmates Earn TEVTA Certificates on Mental Health Day

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: In a groundbreaking initiative, Central Jail Gujranwala celebrated Mental Health Day by hosting a seminar and awarding TEVTA certificates to inmates who completed various skill development courses. The jail, known for its comprehensive educational programs, partnered with TEVTA to provide vocational training to prisoners, including domestic tailoring, beautification for female inmates, and motorcycle mechanics and computer courses for male detainees. A special ceremony was held to distribute certificates to 23 women prisoners, who successfully completed a three-month domestic tailoring and beautification course.

Maryam Nawaz Strongly Condemns Afghan Aggression, Salutes Pakistan Army's Valor

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has strongly condemned Afghanistan's unprovoked aggression against Pakistan, praising the Pakistan Army for its swift and brave response. Speaking on the matter, she stated, "The Pakistan Army is the symbol of honor, pride, determination, and dignity of our nation. Their response to every Pakistani to protect them. She added that the military's firm response sends a clear message: Pakistan's defense forces are not weak, but rather the guarantors of peace." The 120 million people of Punjab stand united with our forces, ready to defend the integrity and safety of Pakistan," she said. "We seek peace, but there will be no compromise on our sovereignty or the safety of our citizens."

Food Horror Averted: 2,000kg of Dead Chickens Seized in Gujranwala Anti-Food Terror Operation

By Dr. Mirza M.B. Qamar



GUJRANWALA: In a major crackdown, Punjab Food Authority thwarted a large-scale food terrorism attempt in Gujranwala, seizing over 2,000 kilograms of dead chickens being illegally transported for sale. Acting on the direct orders of the Director General, Food Authority, food safety teams conducted surprise inspections in the suburban area of Papmukha. During the operation, they intercepted a suspicious rickshaw loaded with sacks of dead poultry, hidden to avoid detection. The on-site veterinary officer, after a thorough examination, declared the chicken hazardous for human consumption. The seized stock was destroyed to prevent further spread.

DC Umar Abbas Reviews Pirmahal's Flood Recovery and Development Progress in Toba Tek Singh

TOBA TEK SINGH: In line with the vision of good governance set forth by Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela conducted an extensive visit to Tehsil Pirmahal, accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Waqas Zafar. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the ongoing flood damage assessment conducted by survey teams. He emphasized that the survey process must be transparent, thorough, and completed on time to ensure no delay in the rehabilitation of flood-affected families. He assured that CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif is committed to utilizing all resources for the swift rehabilitation of the affected citizens. The survey teams included representatives from the Revenue Department, Urban Unit, Agriculture, Livestock, and the Pakistan Army. The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the construction of a Special Education School in Pirmahal, where he directed that the project be completed on time with the highest standards to benefit special students. He further visited the under-construction Sports Complex, where District Sports Officer Muhammad Jameel briefed him on its progress. The DC stressed the importance of providing the youth with healthy recreational opportunities as part of the Punjab Government's vision for the welfare of its citizens.