

NATIONAL

Naqvi Denounces DI Khan Terror Strike, Salutes Brave Martyred Officers

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi condemned the terrorist attack on a police training center in Dera Ismail Khan and paid tribute to seven policemen who were martyred while repelling the assailants.



He said the officers displayed exceptional bravery, thwarting the militants' plans. Naqvi noted that K.P. Police has made historic sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. —RT/Agency

Federal Govt to Equip FC with Advanced Training for Durable Peace in KP

PESHAWAR: The federal government has decided to provide a modern training to the Federal Constabulary (FC) to ensure peace in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Khyber also receive training abroad. He said upgrading the FC into a modern top-tier force is a top priority. —RT/Agency

Eggs are Nature's Nutrient Powerhouse and Perfect Gift of Health, Says Dr. Sajjad Arshad

FAISALABAD: Speaking at a seminar in Karachi, Dr. Sajjad Arshad highlighted that a small egg is a treasure trove of nutrition and a symbol of health and happiness. He said the day, celebrated annually on the second Friday of October, reminds people of the egg's vital role in ensuring a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Sajjad described the egg as a natural gift packed with proteins, vitamins A, B, D, and E, along with calcium and iron — making it beneficial for all age groups. Eating one egg daily not only provides essential amino acids vital for muscle and mental health, but also helps in maintaining a healthy weight. He urged philanthropists in Pakistan to distribute free eggs and host communal cooking events to promote healthy eating — making it beneficial for all age groups. —RT/Agency

Pakistan Scores Major Breakthrough as Indigenous Herbs Set for Export to China: Najam Mazari

LAHORE: Head of the Institute for Organic Food and Products Research, Najam Mazari, has termed the export of indigenous herbs to China a significant breakthrough. He urged the government once again to formulate a comprehensive policy for large-scale export of rare herbs, organic foods, and related products, along with establishing laboratories and providing certification support.

In his statement, Mazari said a Pakistani company recently secured confirmed export orders worth millions of dollars for organic meat from China and the UAE. He added that during Prime Minister Sheikh Sharif's recent visit to Malaysia, discussions were also held regarding meat exports worth \$200 million. —a highly encouraging development. —RT/Agency

Nation's Leadership Extends Condolences to Jawad Abid Over Mother's Passing

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Sadiq Ayyaz, Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, and Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah have expressed deep sorrow over the death of the mother of Joint Secretary (Administration) and DG IT, Jawad Abid.

Deputy Speaker Shah also conveyed heartfelt sympathies, praying for eternal peace for the deceased. In his condolence message, Speaker Sadiq termed the loss as a national tragedy, including Secretary Syed Tahir Hussain, Additional Secretary Saeed Ahmed Malik, and DG (Media) Zafar Sultan, offered condolences, describing the loss as deeply felt within the National Assembly Secretariat. They prayed for forgiveness and solace for the grieving family. —RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

AVLC Gulberg Unit Arrests On-Duty Cop Behind Motorcycle Theft Ring

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: In a major operation, AVLC Gulberg arrested on-duty police officer Waseem Khan of Gulshan Iqbal Police Station for involvement in motorcycle theft. CCTV footage shows him stealing bikes in two separate incidents. Authorities recovered stolen motorcycles, a 3hp motor pistol, and a master key used to break locks.



Khan, previously booked for illegal weapons, allegedly sold bikes to drug dealers. SSP AVLC deployed to the area, while rescue teams have reached the scene. "Law applies equally to all." The suspect faces seven separate cases across police stations. —RT/Agency

PPP Leaders Launch Development Work in Chakra Goth After Meeting Local Community

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: A delegation of Gulshan Ahmed Iftikhar Committee representing residents of 'Street No-1' in Sindhi Basti, Chakra Goth, District Korangi, met with PFF Korangi President Jani Memon and U.C. Chairman Murtaza Memon. The delegation included Committee President Ehsan Khokhar, Vice President Ali Raza, and others.



After discussing local issues, clean water lines were initiated, drainage work began, and more development was promised. —RT/Agency

Dr. Nafisa Shah Urges Revival of Pakistan's Fading Silk Industry on Assembly Floor

By Naz Soangi

ISLAMABAD: PPP leader and MNA Dr. Nafisa Shah used Question Hour in the National Assembly to press the government on its heavy dependence on imported silk. She challenged the government's plan to bolster local production. Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce Zulfikar Ali Bhattai replied that domestic output is minimal but that the government is considering investments and training programs to increase local silk production. Dr. Shah emphasized that expanding silk production in rural areas could create jobs, boost local economies, and conserve valuable foreign exchange.



PTI Activist Falak Javed Re-Arrested in Fresh Case

LAHORE: Police have formally arrested PTI activist Falak Javed in another case — this time on charges of attacking Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police personnel in Zaman Park. The police officials on Saturday approached an anti-terrorism court in Lahore seeking the custody of Javed, who earlier in the day had been sent to jail on remand in two separate cases involving the alleged misuse of social media platforms against state institutions and a provincial minister. —RT/Agency



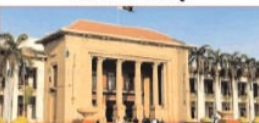
Soaring Chicken, Onion, and Flour Prices Push Inflation to New Weekly Highs

ISLAMABAD: The weekly inflation rate again, driven by sharp increases in the prices of 21 essential commodities, including chicken, onion, and flour. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), the Consumer Price Index (CPI) climbed 0.17% for the week ending October 9, reaching 332.75 points compared to 332.58 a year earlier — marking a 4.34% annual rise. Chicken prices surged by 8.92%, onion by 7.47%, and flour by 5.74%, while eggs, ghee, and garlic also saw notable hikes. However, tomato prices fell 11.34%, offering slight relief alongside marginal declines in bus fares and petrol. Inflation eased by 0.14% for the lowest-income group, but rose up to 0.20% for higher brackets. PBS computes CPI data from 50 markets across 17 major cities nationwide. —RT/Agency

Peshawar Police Foil Terror Strike on Mattani Station, Two Militants Neutralized

PESHAWAR: Security forces successfully foiled a terrorist attack on the Hassan Khel Police Station in the Mattani area of Peshawar on Saturday, killing two attackers and injuring two others. Police sources confirmed that two terrorists were killed and two others wounded in the exchange of fire, while the remaining suspects managed to flee. A search operation is currently underway to track down the remaining assailants. Additional police and security forces have been deployed to the area, while rescue teams have reached the scene. The situation is now under control, and security measures across the region have been further tightened. According to police officials, the attackers are believed to be linked to the banned TTP. Peshawar Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Dr. Mian Saeed confirmed the incident, stating that a group of seven terrorists launched an attack on the police station. Police personnel, already on high alert, responded swiftly and effectively, engaging the attackers in a fierce gun battle. —RT/Agency

Punjab Govt to Present Landmark Local Government Bill 2025 on Monday



LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to present the Local Government Bill 2025 in the Provincial Assembly on Monday, marking a major step toward introducing a new local governance system in the province. The bill has been placed on the session's agenda following its approval by the Punjab Assembly's Standing Committee on Local Government in August. Committee Chairman Peer Asghar Rasool confirmed that the proposed laws to restructure the local government framework, including fresh definitions across Punjab, to be carried out with the assistance of the Election Commission. A key amendment removes the controversial proposal to appoint deputy commissioners as chairpersons of district committees. Instead, elected public representatives will hold these positions, while deputy commissioners will serve as co-chairs. Government sources suggest local body elections may be held early next year. —RT/Agency

Central Punjab

Notorious Gangster Taifi Butt Shot Dead in Fierce Police Encounter

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Khawaja (Ghashmi) alias Taifi Butt, the man accused in the high-profile Amir Balaj murder case, was killed in an alleged encounter with Punjab Police's Crime Control Department (CCD). Taifi Butt was being transferred from Dubai to Pakistan via Interpol and was attacked near Rahimyar Khan along with his associates during the transfer. He died in the ensuing encounter. Taifi Butt was extradited from Dubai after voluntarily agreeing to face charges in Pakistan. Interpol, including Ashraf Tipu, son of Shah in August 2024. A prominent businessman recent JIT report links Tipu Tarkwala, was shot Gogi Butt to the murder dead at a wedding in plot, with his removal February 2024. The case sought in upcoming has seen multiple sus- hearings.



Haji Pura Police Nab Six Dangerous Robbers from Two Ruthless Gangs

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: In a major breakthrough, Haji Pura Police Station arrested six dangerous robbers linked to two active gangs during a special operation led by SHO Inspector Ghazwan Hussain under the supervision of DSP City Circle and detectives from DPO Faizal Shahzad. The suspects, involved in multiple robberies involving cash, motorcycles, and mobile phones, were traced weapons. Further investigation using city surveillance cameras is underway. DPO Faizal Shahzad announced cash stolen items worth Rs. 10 million and illegal the police team.



DC Umer Abbas Flags Off Anti-Polio Drive in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Umer Abbas officially took charge and inaugurated the four-day anti-polio campaign at City Hospital. He administered polio drops to children, marking the start of the drive covering 423,838 children across the district. Over 2,000 teams, including mobile and sure polio eradication fixed units, are involved. He also inspected DHO offices, stressed hospitals and facilities, emphasized street monitoring and phlebotomy quality daily reporting to en- health-care.



DC Toba Tek Singh Reviews Offices to Boost Efficiency and Public Service

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Deputy Commissioner Umer Abbas conducted a thorough inspection of various branches in the DC Office, including Revenue, Administration, and Accounts. He reviewed attendance, cleanliness, and the handling of public applications, urging staff to ensure timely and efficient service. The DC also visited the "Sukra Punjab" Control Room, emphasizing the importance of prompt complaint resolution and to enhance transparency improved daily report- and accountability in the district administration.



Twin Cities Paralyzed for Second Day as TLP Protest Brings Traffic Chaos

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

ISLAMABAD: Life in Islamabad and Rawalpindi remained crippled for the second consecutive day as the TLP protest blocked off educational institutions stayed closed. Peshawar, as internet and Metro bus service was suspended due to security concerns. The administration also banned heavy vehicles. —RT/Agency

Punjab Cracks Down Hard with New Ordinance Imposing Tougher Drug Laws

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

LAHORE: The Punjab government enacted a major legal reform with the introduction of the Punjab Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Ordinance 2025, bringing stricter penalties and bail restrictions in drug-related cases. Under the new ordinance, suspects facing life imprisonment for narcotics offenses heard by a two-member bench of the Lahore High Court are now required to appear before the Chief Justice to assess the severity of the case and impose heavy fines and imprisonment. According to Punjab's Law Department, significant amendments have been made to Sections 38, 39, 40, 41, and 44. —RT/Agency

Terrorism Not Rooted in Any Single Party or Decision, Says Salman Akram Raja

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

PESHAWAR: Pakistan's country's martyrs and want the nation's welfare acknowledged that terrorism is a rootless evil. He said that terrorism cannot be attributed to a single political party or decision. Speaking at a press conference in Peshawar, he stated that PTI stands firmly with the country's martyrs and want the nation's welfare. —RT/Agency

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EDITORIAL

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Enough Is Enough: Pakistan Must Put Pro-India Kabul Regime in Its Place

Afghanistan's latest act of aggression — unprovoked firing across multiple border points including Angoor Adda, Bajaur, and Kurram — marks yet another reckless provocation by a regime that has repeatedly bitten the very hand that sheltered it for decades. The Taliban government, which Pakistan once supported through humanitarian aid and diplomatic engagement, has chosen instead to align itself with India's anti-Pakistan designs, allowing Afghan soil to become a launchpad for terrorism and subversion. Pakistan's response was both measured and decisive. The Pakistan Army retaliated with full force, destroying multiple Afghan posts and neutralizing dozens of attackers, including members of the so-called

"Firna Al-Khawarij." Yet this confrontation is more than a

border skirmish — it exposes Kabul's calculated hostility, coinciding suspiciously with its foreign minister's visit to India. The message is clear: Afghanistan, under its current rulers, is neither grateful for Pakistan's decades of hospitality nor willing to curb the terrorists targeting this nuclear-armed nation. The world must wake up to the dangerous nexus between Kabul and New Delhi — a partnership that

fuels cross-border militancy and destabilizes regional peace. Pakistan cannot and will not tolerate continued incursions, nor can it permit India-backed non-state actors to exploit Afghan soil against its sovereignty. Islamabad's patience has limits, and those limits have now been tested. For over forty years, Pakistan has hosted millions of Afghans with generosity unmatched in the modern world. But hospitality cannot be mistaken for weakness. The time has come for Pakistan to adopt a zero-tolerance policy — diplomatically, militarily, and strategically — toward any government that threatens its internal security. Afghanistan must be made to understand that Pakistan's restraint is not submission, and its strength must never again be underestimated.

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THE HEARTLAND



LARKANA: Additional Secretary Education Abdul Hanan Shaikh and DEO Primary Anis Rehman Jalilani are presenting the Best Head Teacher award to PST Ms. Najia Amreen Bughio during a ceremony organized in Larkana. Photo by Ahmed Raza Soomro

Larkana Hosts 'Salute to Teachers' Ceremony to Celebrate Inspiring Educators

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: District Education Officer Primary Anis Rehman Jalilani organized a grand "Salute to Teachers" ceremony at Begum Nusrat Bhutto Hall, Jinnah Park on World Teachers' Day, where more than 320 male and female teachers, headmasters, and educational officials attended. Special guests included Deputy Director Suraya national anthem and cultural tableaux by students. Teachers were honored with awards recognizing their exemplary performance in academics, Quran, followed by the



Jacobabad Traders Demand Justice, Seek Crackdown on Fraud Accused



By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: A peaceful sit-in was held by jewellers and traders at Sarafa Bazaar, urging authorities to arrest Muhammad Umar Memon, accused of defrauding local jewellers of millions. Led by Saraf Bazaar President Samiullah Surhio, the protest remained calm, with citizens hoping for justice and improved law and order. A wider strike was denied. Samiullah Surhio limited if demands remain unaddressed.



LARKANA: Students are presenting a tableaux during a prize distribution ceremony organized by the Education Department. Photo by Ahmed Raza Soomro

Teachers in Kandiaro Protest Against Transfers, Demand Fair Treatment

By Usama Ayaz Abbasi

KANDIARO: Under the leadership of PTA leader Aziz Ahmad Abbasi, teachers of Government Elementary School Qurban Ali Tanwari staged a powerful protest against alleged illegal and unfair transfers. Dozens of teachers and local leaders condemned the education department's policies, demanding immediate cancellation of these transfers. A female teacher was transferred to a crime-ridden area 60 km from the city, risking her safety. Protesters called for her and dignity.



Shams Keerio, Thakur Rajveer Singh Discuss Sindh's Enduring Legacy of Harmony



By Muhammad Baqal

UMERKOT: Social and intellectual figure Shams Keerio, after a meeting with Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Sindh on Human Rights, Thakur Rajveer Singh Sodho, said Sindh continues to be a source of strength and unity despite differences on beauty. He described Thakur Rajveer as a modern bearer of historical harmony, with the meeting reflecting deep cultural ties, human values, and a vision of inclusive leadership rooted in service and embrace diversity as an accountability.

DC Tando Allahyar Kicks Off Anti-Polio Drive, Warns of Action Against Refusals



By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Deputy Commissioner, SSP Syed Musaffa Leghari police support. The launched the five-day campaign begins on October 13, targeting all under-five children drops to children at An awareness rally. He directed full implementation of the micro plan, encouraging the dangerous warning that parents

TLP Rallies in Tando Allahyar Against Crackdown on Pro-Palestine Supporters

By Afaq Khanzada

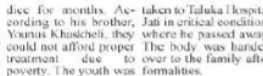
TANDO ALLAHYAR: A large number of men and women affiliated with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) held a peaceful protest outside the Press Club in Tando Allahyar, led by Ashraf Mughal, Jibran Shah, and Arshad Saifi. Carrying placards, the protesters chanted slogans condemning the federal and Punjab governments for allegedly using force against those peacefully demonstrating in solidarity with Palestine. The repression of pro-Palestine group also staged a brief



Neglect Turns Fatal as Young Man Dies of Black Jaundice Near Jati

By AS Thahim

JATI: A young resident of village 'Yousuf' could not afford proper treatment due to poverty. The youth was



JUI-F Draws Thousands at 16th Annual Ishq-e-Rasool Conference in Larkana



LARKANA: Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (J) district Larkana held its 16th annual Ishq-e-Rasool (Love of the Holy Prophet) conference at Jamia Islamia on Doda Road. The gathering included eminent scholars such as Maulana Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi, Maulana Rashid Khalid Mahmood Soomro, and Maulana Nasir Khalid Mehmood Soomro. Speakers urged followers of the Prophet's exemplary life and staunchly defended the doctrine of Khair-e-Nabuwat (n

Teen Dies as Under-Construction Madrasa Wall Collapses in Tando Allahyar

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A tragic incident occurred in Peer Colony where a wall of an under-construction madrasa collapsed on a 16-year-old boy, Usama son of Shoukat Arain, resulting in his death on the spot. The body was shifted to Civil Hospital for necessary legal formalities before being handed over to the family. The heartbreaking incident triggered a grief-stricken mourning in the boy's household and surrounding neighborhood.



LARKANA: Nankhushans are reciting Naats during the Mehfil-e-Milad organized by the Lark community in Larkana. R

SPORTS

Tuchel Hails England's World Cup Squad for Its Grit and Class

England manager Thomas Tuchel expressed that he wants to select players who have exceptional quality and character, taking a step-by-step approach to build the team for the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

Tuchel stressed that the doors are open for players, and the selection will be based on merit.

Tuchel's squad for the matches against Wales and Latvia largely mirrored the team that secured wins over Andorra and Serbia in September, despite notable absences.

Key players Jude Bellingham and Phil Foden were omitted, while captain Harry Kane, Reece James, and Neco Williams were selected due to injury.

Seattle Mariners Stun Detroit Tigers to Secure ALCS Berth

SEATTLE: Seattle Mariners edged Detroit Tigers with a 3-2 victory in the Major League Baseball (MLB) Game 5 of the American League Division Series (ALDS) here at T-Mobile Park on Friday, thanks to Jorge Polanco's walk-off single.

Following the victory, the Mariners will play the Toronto Blue Jays in their first AL Championship Series since 2001.

Reflecting on his team's high-stakes victory, Polanco remarked that his team has the potential to fight in any circumstance, adding that they never give up and today was his day.

Chisora Predicts Explosive Knockouts Ahead of Usyk, Itauma Showdowns



Derek Chisora has made a knockout prediction for Oleksandr Usyk vs Moses Itauma fight.

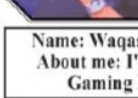
Itauma has emerged as a brutal force in recent times, holding an unbeaten record of 13-0, with 11 of his victories coming by knockout.

The 29-year-old poses a sensational skill set and has been compared to greats like Mike Tyson from a very early age.

However, Chisora, who has fought Usyk and was to do this now, Chisora beaten by the Ukrainian said.

He added that we 113-113, 113-113, has expressed his thoughts on the game and should not fight between Itauma and rush him against the world heavyweight Usyk.—Agency

Face of the Day



Name: Waqas Ur Rehman About me: I'm Karachi's Gaming Prodigy!

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Medvedev Destroys De Minaur to Storm into Shanghai Masters Semis

Daniil Medvedev eased past world number seven Alex de Minaur 6-4, 6-1 on Friday to secure the first place in the Shanghai Masters semi-finals and a date with unseeded Frenchman Arthur Rinderknech.

Rinderknech claimed the scalp of yet another seed in Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-5, 6-4, to join his cousin Valentin Vachrot and four-time Shanghai champion Novak Djokovic in the last four.

Medvedev, a former world number one who has slipped down the rankings to 18th, said he was "super happy to beat such a tough player like Alex".



It's been a tough year for me to make the semis here is great," the Russian added.

Medvedev broke in the fifth game and then ran- naged to hold despite a wobbly 10th in which he had to save a breakpoint and committed three dou- ble-faults.



De Minaur had his moments but the Australian looked somewhat flat, failing to capitalise when opportunities presented themselves.

A series of errors in the fourth game handed the second set to Medvedev, who finished with an ace and no further drama.

Rinderknech, ranked 51 at the beginning of the tournament, has had a dream run in Shanghai, including beating world number three Alexander Zverev.

The 26-year-old's success has been matched by his cousin, Monaco's Vachrot, who booked his place in the last four on Thursday by eliminating Denmark's Holger Rune.

Rinderknech made easy work of 13th-ranked Auger-Aliassime, breaking in the sixth game with a down-the-line winner.—Agency

Masood Sees South Africa Clash as Defining WTC Test for Pakistan

LAHORE: Pakistan captain Shan Masood on Saturday termed taking on reigning champions South Africa in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2023-27 campaign opener a massive opportunity, stating it would uplift the team's confidence.

The Green Shirts had a forgetful campaign during the previous WTC cycle as they finished at the bottom in the nine-team competition, managing just five victories in 14 matches, while South Africa went on to de- throne three-champions Australia to lift the prestigious mace.

After the WTC 2023-25, Pakistan eye another shot at the mace, but their campaign starts with a stiff challenge — a two-match home assignment against the defending champions, starting Sunday.

Addressing the pre-match press conference opportunity for us, we are here at the Gaddafi Stadium, the Pakistan captain was questioned about how the home side will bridge the gap with reigning champions.



In response, Masood stressed that the upcoming series against South Africa is a vital opportunity for resurgent Pakistan and drawing good results against them would uplift their confidence for the remainder of the WTC cycle.

"Look, it is a very good year been relying on spin- friendly pitches at home and we have had victory over England last year, and the upcoming series in Lahore and Rawalpindi is likely to be played in similar conditions, and their captain Masood backed the strategy by arguing that taking 20 wickets in a game, rather than piling up mammoth totals, will be key to producing re- sults.

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Mbappe Blow: Star Forward Sidelined for France's Iceland Qualifier

France captain Kylian Mbappe has been ruled out of Monday's FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against Iceland after sustaining a right ankle injury in a 3-0 victory over Azerbaijan.

After scoring one goal and providing an assist, the 26-year-old forward suffered the injury in the 85th minute of the match against Azerbaijan.

Mbappe's strike against Azerbaijan was his 53rd in 93 outings for his nation, as he nears Olivier Giroud's record of 57 goals.

In an official statement, the FFF stated that Mbappe has spoken to Didier Deschamps, who confirmed that the captain has been released to join Real Madrid and will not be replaced.



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"The national coach has confirmed his ab- sence, Kylian Mbappe has been ruled out of Monday's FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against Iceland after sustaining a right ankle injury in a 3-0 victory over Azerbaijan," the French Football Federation (FFF) said on Saturday.

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Mbappe has 14 goals in 10 games for Real Madrid this season.

According to media reports, after undergoing tests, Mbappe's injury is not serious.

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Felix Agu Recovering After Successful Syndesmosis Surgery



Nigeria midfielder Felix Agu formalised his international switch after being cleared by FIFA, following two appearances for Germany's U21 team in 2019.

He made his Super Eagles debut during the Unity Cup in London, playing 85 minutes in the final as Nigeria drew 2-2 with Jamaica before winning on penalties.

Agu's career highlights include winning the 2017 Liga title with VfL Osnabruck, making his Bundesliga debut for Winter Bremen, scoring his first league goal and providing his first assist, and earning two under-21 caps for Germany.

He also remembered for his performance in the Africa Cup of Nations 2023.

However, Agu's exact re- turn date remains uncertain, as Werder Bremen has not confirmed how long he will be sidelined. However, typi- cally five-to-six months to three to six months to fully recover.

Before his setback, Agu was recovering from a 4-0 win over M'gladbach, where he made a crucial defensive contribution. It is also impor- tant to note that Agu has a history of injury setbacks, so the club will not want to rush his re- covery.—Agency

Coco Gauff Blazes Past Paolini to Reach Wuhan Open Final



WUHAN: French Open champion Coco Gauff se- cured a straight-set 6-4, 6-3 victory over Italy's Jasmine Paolini here at the Centre Court on Saturday to qualify for the Wuhan Open final.

The American third seed dominated the opener, and both players held serve for the first five games, follow- ing five straight breaks.

It is pertinent to mention that Madrid's attack- ing midfielder Franco Mastantuono has also withdrawn from the Ar- gentina national team after sustaining a muscle strain in training.

Mastantuono, the 18-year-old, suffered a strained injury during Madrid's win against Villarreal on October 4.

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She also hailed her po- tential opponents, Sa- baltenka and Pegula, who have defeated the Ameri- can, Gauff, however, stressed that she is solely focused on her side of the her own serve, and main- court and will use to control the match which she can- not.

"Sabalenka and Pegula are great players. And I've lost to them both be- fore. But overall, my side going to focus on my side of the court and try to con- trol the things I can con- trol.—Agency

REGIONAL TIMES ENTERTAINMENT

Jennifer Garner Glows in Love, 'Happier Than Ever' with John Miller



Jennifer Garner is reportedly ready to take the next step in her relationship with longtime partner John Miller.

According to RadarOn- line.com, the actress has found "real love" and both her family and philanthropy has reportedly left her running on empty.

Elaborating on her char- itable nature, the insider stated Jennifer has a "kind" heart that drives her to help others. However, it also added to her exhaustion.

"She has nothing to prove," they noted, point- ing out that the mother of Ben Affleck's three kids in- ner, saying "She's been tell- ing people that John is the person she was meant to be with."

Meanwhile, friends have encouraged the 13-year couple to give her- self a break ahead of her big day.

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Kate Winslet Opens Up on Challenges of Her Directorial Debut



Kate Winslet has made her directorial debut with Goodbye June as she opens up about her views on it.

The Titanic star in an interview with Empire magazine, says the movie is about siblings and their shared love for their sick mother, June.

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FBR Rakes In Record Rs 2.02 Billion from Wedding Tax Windfall

ISLAMABAD Despite being a poor country, Pakistan has big hands on expenditures on marriages as the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has revealed that its cut of withholding tax on expenditures on marriages went up by 19 percent in the financial year 2024-2025. According to the FBR, it raked a whopping amount of Rs 2.02 billion from receiving withholding tax on marriages expenditure in the last financial year. A substantial increase in taxes is the result of the FBR strict oversight while it also disclosed that spending on marriages have gotten up in the country.—RT



Panic in Layyah as 5.0 Magnitude Quake Shakes Punjab Heartland

PUNJAB A magnitude 5 earthquake struck close to Punjab's Layyah on Saturday night, according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). The PMD said the quake occurred 50 kilometres east of Layyah at 7:54pm at a depth of 20km. Pakistan falls on three major tectonic plates — the Arabian, Euro-Asian and Indian — which create five seismic zones under the country. The intersection of multiple fault lines means that tectonic movements remain a frequent occurrence in the region.—RT



Toxic Air Killing 256,000 Pakistanis a Year, Experts Sound Alarm

ISLAMABAD A national conference on clean air in Pakistan called for actionable solutions, stronger policies, and regional cooperation to combat rising air pollution. Scenarios focused on governance, financing clean air, strong control, industrial responsibility, judicial action, and public health impacts. During a session on the health crisis amid smog, WHO Representative Dr. Langrish between social diseases — no one is safe until everyone is safe," he warned. Dr. Sameer Saeed of India Hospital added that 60% of patients with respiratory symptoms suffer from asthma, emphasizing the urgent need to tackle Pakistan's worsening air quality.—RT



Confusion Looms: Will Lahore and Islamabad Schools Stay Open Monday?

LAHORE Uncertainty is prevailing regarding whether educational institutions will open or not owing to security fears and a protest by a religious party in Punjab. Citizens, concerned due to the announced closure of educational institutions in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad would open on October 13, Monday. A day ago, the provincial government had announced closure of educational institutions in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad.—RT

Punjab Moves to Shield Students, Orders Anti-Harassment Committees in All Schools

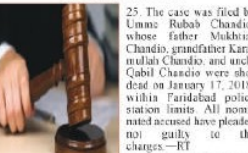
LAHORE The Punjab government has directed all public schools to form "Anti-Harassment Committees" within 30 days to address harassment issues in educational institutions. According to a notification by the School Education Department (SED), the move follows Chief Minister Mayan Nawaz's order issued on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child. The initiative aims to ensure a safe learning environment and promote accountability across Punjab's public education system.—RT

Highway Heroes: Sindh Police Strike Back with 'S4' Tech, Bust Crime Ring



HYDERABAD In a bold move to regain public trust, Sindh Highway Patrolting Police has launched a tech-driven crackdown using the Sindh Smart Surveillance System (S4). Backed by DIG Aamir Farooq and SSP Ateeq Muhammad Nizamani, officers recovered six stolen vehicles and made multiple arrests. The use of S4's modern camera embed quick tracking and drug seizures. Civil society praised the success and urged action against gun, smuggled goods, and narcotics plaguing Sindh's highways. Public confidence is on the rise.—RT

Witness Testimonies Wrap Up in Explosive Meharr Triple Murder Case Tied to PPP MFAs



LAHORE The trial court on Saturday completed the recording of witness testimonies in the 2018 Meharr triple murder case, in which two Sindh Assembly MFAs, Sardar Ahmad Chaudhry and Farhan Chaudhry, are among eight accused. Defence witnesses, including MNA Chaudhry Rasool Chaudhry, testified before the 1st Additional Sessions Judge in Dadu. The court adjourned the hearing until October 13.—RT

DIG Hyderabad Orders High-Level Inquiry Into Torture of Daulat Ram Bagri

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD DIG Hyderabad Tariq Raza Durejo has constituted a high-level inquiry board to investigate the brutal torture of laborer Daulat Ram Bagri in Jamshoro. The move follows public outrage and allegations that local police deliberately pro-



tested the accused powerful individuals including Pappu Burfi and Niyaz Burfi due to caste and religious bias. The board, headed by SSP Hyderabad Adnan Chaudhry, is tasked with conducting an impartial review and ensuring transparent justice for the minority Bhel community victim.

PPP Jhudo Leaders Decrie Media Trial Targeting Mir Munawar Talpur

By Shahid Najeed

JHUDO Mir Irfan Talpur, President of PPP Jhudo, and General Secretary Humayun Akhtar Qaimkhani strongly condemned the media trial against Mir Munawar Talpur. They praised Mir Munawar Talpur as a source of pride and honor for the party, highlighting his dedication to national integrity, public service, and party discipline. They criticized recent corporate-

ral statements by Ghulam Mustafa Margho, calling them signs of incoherence for the party. The leaders vowed not to tolerate any plot against Mir Munawar and party discipline. They criticized recent corporate-

QAT Chief Accuses Sindh Govt of Harboring Illegal Afghans, Warns of Demographic Plot

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD QAT President Ayaz Latif Palijo launched a fierce critique of the Sindh government, accusing it of concealing "pre-texts" to protect illegal Afghans while other provinces repatriate them. He also decried land transfers under "Green Pakistan" as "alleged exploitation of Sindh's resources, and urged student activism and resistance to "anti-Sindh" policies.

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Hope Behind Bars: Badin Police Inspire Prisoners Toward a New Beginning

By GM Chandio

BADIN In a rare gesture of compassion, the Badin Police organized a one-day seminar inside District Jail Badin for the reformation and moral uplift of prisoners on the directives of SSP Omar Raza Jaskani. Addressing the inmates, DSP Pr Shabir Haider urged them to embrace repentance, faith, and personal reform, reminding them that "Allah loves the repentant." He called imprisonment not just a punishment but an opportunity for their lives. Radio host Yousaf renewal and learning. The Badin also uplifted spirit session encouraged inmates with motivational dialogues.—RT



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Sealed tenders are hereby invited under Single Stage Two Envelopes Procedure bidding process from all the contractor / firms who are registered with Pakistan Engineering Council in the relevant field and appropriate category, in accordance with SPPIA rules 2016 (Amended 2017).

S.	Description	Estimated Cost Rs. in Millions	Earliest Money 5% in 30 days	Fee Tender	Completion Time
PROVINCIAL ADP SCHEMES 2025-26					
01	Construction of Rural Water Supply Scheme Village Abdul Sattar Shah & Tharo Gamani (SDG) ADP #3641 Ref # 12	62.673	3.184	5000	24 Months
02	Construction of Rural Water Supply Scheme Village Jar (SDG) ADP #3641 Ref # 13	63.694	3.185	5000	24 Months
03	Construction of Sewerage /c Paver Block to Banna City and Surroundings (SDG) ADP # 3641 Ref # 60	49.039	2.452	5000	24 Months
04	Construction of Sewerage /c Paver Block to Jhoke Sharif, Kamara, DKS, and Other U/Cs of Dharoo (SDG) ADP #3641 Ref # 61	50.099	2.505	5000	24 Months

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:-

- The Bank tender forms can be obtained from office of the undersigned situated at By Pass Road Malah Chowk Via Badin Road Petrol Pump Malah Opposite At Kilaraban-E-Qasbi Sajawal Road Public Health Engineering Division Sujawal on any working day during office hours from the date of publication upto **5:00 PM of 28-10-2025** on payment of prescribed tender fee (Non-refundable) in shape of pay order in favour of Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Sujawal.
- The Tender comprising of Technical Proposal and Financial proposals must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes with clear marking of "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" & "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" & will be received back on **29-10-2025 up to 09:00 A.M.** Technical Proposal of the participating firms will be opened on the same date i.e., **29-10-2025 at 10:00 A.M.** by the tender opening committee in presence of participating contractors/firms or their authorized representative.
- The TECHNICAL PROPOSALS shall be evaluated for technical qualification of the firm. Financial bids/proposal of the technically qualified firms shall be opened and publicly announced on the date and time that will be communicated in writing to all qualified contractors/firms in advance. Financial bid/proposal of technically un-qualified contractors shall be returned to them un-opened.
- Tender shall be carefully & neatly filled and signed by the bidders. Each bid must accompany the Earnest Money as mentioned above in shape of **Call Deposit** in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Sujawal on account of (Name of Firm) should be attached with technical bid. Incomplete tender overwriting or conditional tender shall not be entertained.

DATE OF RECEIPT AND TIME 2ND ATTEMPT
The next date for issuing tenders will be **13-11-2025 upto 09:00 AM** and the bids shall be received back on same date upto **10:00 AM** and opened on same date i.e. **13-11-2025 at 11:00 PM** under same terms & conditions.

(ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA)

- Valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate in appropriate Category C-05 C-04, C-09, C-10 and Valid Electric License for the Year 2025.
- Registration with Income Tax Department (NTN Copy), Sindh Revenue Board and copy of CNIC of owners / proprietors.
- Bank Statement along with turn-over at least five years which is required in terms of SPP Rule.
- The instructions to bidders, bidding date, conditions of contract date mentioned in SRR is applicable.
- Affidavit regarding not included in litigations and abandoned works, the firm is not black listed by any procurement agency and the given information, documents and data is absolutely true and correct.
- List of completed works at least (03 Nos) in the last three years of Water & Sewerage jobs with documentary evidence along with satisfactory completion certificate of work from employer and details of ongoing works Water & Sewerage jobs with copies of letter of award of works (last three years).
- Details of Machinery and Equipment available as mentioned in per Clause 4.2 (j) of SPPIA Regulation for works criteria at 4 up to of execution of work with documentary evidence.
- Qualification and experience of technical personnel & key site management staff as per of SPPIA Regulation for works criteria at 4(h).
- In case undesirable circumstance on sub mission opening date and time or if Government declares Holiday the tender shall be submitted/ opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The procurement agency reserves the right to reject any or all tenders subject to provision of SPPIA rules 2016.
- Evaluation Criteria, Sub Criteria for the evaluation of All Technical Proposal is has "YES/NO" (If bidder fails to obtain YES in any Criteria than it will not be qualified).
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—William Shakespeare

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Saudi-Pakistan Business Council Eyes Multi-Billion Investments in Punjab's Key Sectors

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that Saudi investment would open a new era of progress in the province, welcoming the delegation of the Saudi-Pakistan Business Council led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammed Al Saud. She noted that the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques was taking Pakistan-Saudi relations to a new dimension and that mutual cooperation was entering a promising phase. Speaking at a ceremony held in honour of the visiting Saudi delegation, the chief minister said Pak-



istan's people had greatly appreciated the recent defence cooperation agreement between the two nations. "The delegation's arrival marks good fortune for Punjab," she remarked, adding that her government was focused on modern reforms and offering extensive investment

opportunities across multiple sectors. Maryam Nawaz emphasised that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia shared a bond of brotherhood and unity. Recalling her meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, she said it was inspiring to hear him speak about progress and innovation. —RT/Agency

KP Assembly Gears Up to Elect New Chief Minister on October 13

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly has been summoned to meet on October 13 to elect a new chief minister, following the confirmation of Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation from the post. Governor Faisal Karim Kandi announced on Saturday that Gandapur's handwritten resignation was officially received and acknowledged at 2:30 pm.

KPA Speaker Huzefa Sabhan Swati shared the schedule for Monday's session on his X account, confirming that the election for the next chief minister will be held that day. Earlier, Gandapur had announced his resignation while

Pakistan Urges Global Rule of Law to End Brutal Occupations in Palestine and Kashmir

NEW YORK: With the rule of law gaining greater relevance as the world grapples with increasingly complex challenges, Pakistan has called for applying this rule in cases of Palestine and Kashmir to bring an end to the decades-long occupation in those territories.

In this regard, Ambassador Asim Fikrur Ahmad, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, registered flagrant violations of international law and established international norms on part of some countries.

Peace and security are under threat from military provocations, aggressive designs and illicit actions, including holding in abeyance of international treaties. He told UN General Assembly's Legal Committee.

"We are seeing the disturbing rise of territorial aggrandizement and unilateralism," the Pakistani envoy said during a debate on



"The Rule of Law at the National and International Level". Highlighting the oppressive occupation of Palestine and Kashmir, he said that an end to impunity and Charter, resulting in downgrading of several Indian aircraft and inflicting damage on those Indian military bases and targets that were involved in aggressive actions. "India attempted to establish a 'new normal', Pakistan's response caused aggression against Pakistan, calling the unprovoked attack 'a grave and brazen violation of international law' that violated international law." —RT/Agency

Defiant Beijing Shrugs Off Trump's Tariff Threats: "China Isn't Afraid"

CHINA: Residents of China's capital city expressed indifference and defiance on Saturday when asked by US President Donald Trump to impose bloating new tariffs on the country.

Trump announced suddenly that the United States would slap additional 100% tariffs on all Chinese imports from November 1 "or sooner", also calling into question an upcoming meeting with President Xi Jinping.

Chinese authorities have yet to publicly respond on the threat, which Trump said was in retaliation for Beijing's new export control



measures in the strategic rare-earth sector. "The ministers of foreign affairs and commerce did not comment when asked about it by AFP on Saturday."

"I felt nothing when I first saw the news," said Liu Ming, a 48-year-old employee in a software company, outside a large Beijing shopping mall. "Trump always has these childlike or capricious policies," said Liu. "China isn't afraid of any US sanctions or policies aimed at limiting us. We have the confidence and ability to do better ourselves." —RT/Agency

Imran, Bushra Record Statements in Explosive Toshakhana-II Case



RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi recorded statements in Toshakhana-II case under Section 242 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc) before a special court. Bushra Bibi stated that she retained the Bulgari jewellery set after making payment in accordance with the Toshakhana rules. She said she never

Modi Govt Slammed After Afghan FM Bars Women Journalists from Press Briefing

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Indian government has slammed back after women journalists were barred from attending Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Murtaza's press conference in New Delhi, Indian media reported.

Murtaza is on a six-day visit after getting a temporary exemption on the travel ban by UN Security Council (UNSC) Committee. It was the first such trip to India by a Taliban leader since 2021.

India, a day earlier, upgraded ties with Afghanistan's Taliban administration, giving a boost to the diplomatically isolated group, by announcing it would reopen its embassy in Kabul that was shut after the Taliban seized power in 2021.

During the visit, the visiting foreign minister held a



press conference at the leader Rakesh Gandhi said women have the right to equal participation in every field. He said that the incident sends a message that Modi is "too weak to stand up for their rights." Mr Modi, when you question the exclusion of women journalists from a public forum, you are telling every woman in India that you are too weak to stand up for calling it an "insult to every Indian woman." Congress X—RT/Agency

Political Heat Soars as PTI Throws Weight Behind Sohail Afridi for KP CM Slot

PESHAWAR: In a significant late-night meeting, the leadership of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) expressed full confidence in Sohail Afridi as their nominee for the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa following the unanimous decision, a session of the provincial assembly has been called for today. According to sources, the extraordinary meeting took place at the Speaker's House and was attended by PTI General Secretary Salmaan Akhtar Khan, former National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser, KPA Assembly Speaker Babur Saleem Swati, provincial president Jamil Akhtar, and a large number



of party lawmakers. Sohail Afridi also participated in the meeting, where the party leadership and assembly members officially named him as their candidate for chief minister. During the meeting, it was also decided to follow the constitutional and parliamentary

procedures for electing the new CM. Sources further revealed that due to constitutional complexities surrounding Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation, a fresh handwritten resignation letter has been prepared and will be sent to the Governor. —RT/Agency

Trump's Arab-American Allies Cheer Gaza Deal but Doubt Its Durability



US: Lifelong Democrat months of backlash from Saudi's Lavanis became a neighbour's angry vocal backer of Donald Trump's support for Israel. "It's almost an I told you so moment," said Lupat, the pivotal Arab American community in Dearborn, Michigan, in the hope that he could end the Gaza war. Now, after Trump helped to broker a ceasefire, referring to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. —RT/Agency

Back to the Future: Macron Reappoints Lecornu as France's Prime Minister

FRANCE: French President Emmanuel Macron reappointed Sébastien Lecornu as prime minister just days after he quit the job, a move that enraged some of the president's fiercest political opponents who pledged to vote out the new government.

Macron, 47, will hope loyalist Lecornu can draw enough support from a deeply divided parliament to pass a 2026 budget. Faced with France's worst political crisis in decades, many of Macron's rivals have demanded he either call fresh parliamentary elections or resign.

The immediate reaction to Lecornu's appointment from the far right and hard left was scathing, suggesting his second



term as prime minister will be no easier than his first, which ended on Monday when he resigned after just 27 days in office. "The Lecornu II government, appointed by Emmanuel Macron who is more isolated and out of touch than ever at the Elysee Palace, is a bad joke, a democratic disgrace and a humiliation for the French people," National

Rally party president Jordan Berdella posted on X. There was no immediate reaction from the leadership of the Socialists and the conservative Republicans, both of whom will be crucial to Lecornu's survival. Lecornu's most pressing task will be to deliver a budget to parliament by the end of the month. —RT/Agency

Fazlur Rehman, Kundi Hold Emergency Talks Over KP's Political and Security Turmoil



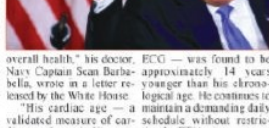
ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi held an important meeting with Fazlur Rehman, a fresh handwritten resignation letter has been prepared and will be sent to the Governor. —RT/Agency

Trump Declared in "Excellent Health" as America's Oldest-Ever President Faces Election Heat

US: Donald Trump is in "excellent overall health," his physician said after the 79-year-old — the oldest elected president in US history — underwent his second medical checkup of the year.

Trump saw physicians at Walter Reed military hospital on the outskirts of the capital, Washington, earlier in the day. He gave reporters the thumbs up on his return to the White House when they asked how the checkup had gone.

"President Trump continues to demonstrate excellent overall health," his doctor, ECO — was found to be approximately 14 years younger than his chronological age. He continues to "maintain a demanding daily schedule without restriction." —RT/Agency



Pakistan at UN Slams India's "Dangerous Delusion" of Striking Again

UNITED NATIONS: Asst. Pakistani diplomat drew the United Nations' attention to the persisting threats from India to strike Pakistan again, despite its "humiliating defeat in the conflict in May, saying the Indian indignation was indicative of the world community's desire for peace, stability and risk reduction. Speaking in the UN General Assembly's First Committee, which deals with disarmament and international security matters, Ambassador Bilal Ahmad said that South



Asia was once again brought to the brink by India's unprovoked military assault against Pakistan in May — employing dual-capable missiles, as well as its persistent nuclear threats. He said that Pakistan's permanent representative to UN officers in Geneva. —RT/Agency

Naqvi Vows Full Support to Ensure Smooth Tableeghi Ijtema Preparations

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday met with a delegation of the Tableeghi Jamaat to discuss preparations for the annual Tableeghi Ijtema scheduled for November. The delegation included Anwar, Ghani, Iqbal, Mian, Muhammad, Anwar, and Zahid. Naqvi, Minister of State for Interior Tahir Chaudhry, the chief commissioner, and the inspector general of Islamabad were also present during the meeting. Naqvi assured the delegation that the Ministry of In-



terior would provide full support for the successful organisation of the event. He stated that special assistance would be given to international participants in obtaining visas. He added that, as in previous years, special counters would be set up at airports to facilitate arriving guests. "Providing ease and support for Islamic preaching is our duty and a source of spiritual reward," he said. —RT/Agency

Biden Battles Aggressive Cancer: Undergoing Radiation & Hormone Therapy

US: Former U.S. President Joe Biden, 82, is undergoing radiation and hormone therapy after being diagnosed in May with an aggressive prostate cancer that has spread to his bones. The diagnosis followed urinary symptoms and discovery of a prostate nodule. Biden, who lost his son Beau to cancer in 2015, shared a heartfelt message: "Cancer touches us all, we are strongest in the darkest places." He thanked supporters for their love as he fights the disease head-on. —RT

Trump Blames Democrats as Thousands of Federal Workers Brace for Layoffs in Shutdown Crisis

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump accused Democrats of forcing his hand after thousands of US government employees were laid off during the ongoing federal shutdown. The layoffs, part of a broader downsizing

campaign, affected multiple departments, including Treasury, Health and Human Services, Education, Commerce, and Homeland Security. This year due to his administration's cost-cutting agenda. —RT/Agency