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PM Shehbaz Praises Trump As 'Man Of Peace' For Role In Gaza Ceasefire Deal

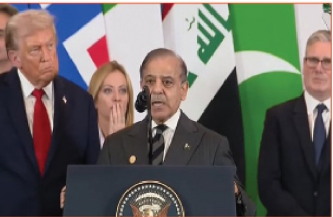
Sharm El-Sheikh: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday praised US President Donald Trump for his "relentless and untiring" efforts to end global conflicts, including the war in Gaza.

Addressing a press conference alongside Trump, who thanked PM Shehbaz and his "favourite field marshal of Pakistan", the premier called the Gaza peace deal "one of the greatest days in contemporary history".

Trump and his Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi co-hosted the peace summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, where Egypt, Qatar and Turkey signed with the US president a document on the Gaza ceasefire deal.

PM Shehbaz said that peace was achieved in the region after Trump worked "relentlessly and untiringly" in recent months.

The prime minister said Pakistan had earlier nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for his "outstanding and extraordinary contributions" in halting a potential war between India and Pakistan and securing a ceasefire between the two nuclear-armed nations.—RT/Agency



Trump Hails Dawn Of Peace, Thanks Muslim World For Backing Gaza Rebuild

JERUSALEM/WASHINGTON: U.S. President Donald Trump has expressed deep gratitude to Muslim and Arab nations for their support in the safe rebuilding of Gaza and hailed what he described as the end of a "long and painful nightmare" for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Addressing members of the Israeli Parliament, Trump welcomed a new peace agreement that he said would usher in an unprecedented era of regional stability and cooperation. "This is a very exciting time for Israel and the Middle East," he declared.

"The forces of chaos that have plagued the region for decades are totally defeated. The long nightmare for both Israelis and Palestinians is finally over."

Trump emphasized that peace and reconstruction efforts must go hand in hand, particularly in Gaza, where rebuilding is vital for ensuring lasting stability. "I want to thank Arab and Muslim nations for supporting the safe rebuilding of Gaza," he said. "Regional cooperation is essential to ensuring peace that endures — peace built not only through diplomacy but also through compassion, development, and mutual respect."

The U.S. president underscored his administration's commitment to facilitating dialogue among all stakeholders in the Middle East and assisting in reconstruction efforts aimed at restoring livelihoods and infrastructure in Gaza. He added that the peace agreement should serve as a foundation for broader reconciliation and cooperation across the region.

"This agreement is not just about ending conflict," Trump said. "It's about creating a future where Israelis, Palestinians, and their neighbors can live side by side — in safety, dignity, and prosperity." During his address, the atmosphere in the Knesset briefly turned tense when a left-wing member interrupted Trump's remarks with a protest, prompting security personnel to remove the legislator from the chamber. The disruption, however, did little to detract from the significance of the moment, as Trump concluded his speech with an appeal for unity and sustained peace. "This is the time to rebuild, to heal, and to move forward together," he said, reaffirming Washington's support for all efforts contributing to long-term peace and stability in the Middle East.—RT/Agency



PTI's Afridi Secures KP CM Slot As Opposition Walks Out In Protest

PESHAWAR: Amid controversy surrounding outgoing chief minister Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation, PTI's Sohail Afridi on Monday was elected as new chief executive of the province despite opposition's boycott of the process. Afridi secured 90 votes, whereas Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl's (JUI-F) Maulana Lutfur Rehman, Pakistan Muslim League-Navaz's (PML-N) Sardar Shahjahan Yousaf and Pakistan People's Party's (PPP) Arbab Zarak Khan got no votes at all as their members staged a walk-out from the session. The assembly session, chaired by Speaker Babar Saleem Swati, was boycotted by the opposition members who staged a walk out with opposition leader Dr Ibadullah Khan saying that they do not want to be part of any "unlawful" process. The election of the new KPCM remains shrouded in controversy after Governor Faisal Karim Kundi rejected outgoing CM Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation, citing objections over the signature's authenticity. Gandapur stepped down from the key office last week on the directives of incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan on October 8. The nomination of Afridi, a young PTI leader who began his political career in 2015 and was elected as MPA in 2024 general elections, has prompted a strong reaction from the federal government, which has accused the PTI of having a soft corner for terrorists.—RT/Agency



Trump Praises Asim Munir As His 'Favourite' Field Marshal

US President Donald Trump on Monday called the signing of the Gaza Peace Agreement a "great honour" and a "historic achievement" that will usher in lasting peace across the Middle East.

Speaking to the media after the signing ceremony, Trump said, "It is a great honour for me to have a Gaza peace agreement. The bloodshed in Gaza has stopped because of this accord. The time has come to rebuild Gaza, and we will all rebuild it together."

He emphasized that the peace deal will bring long-term stability to the region, thanking all countries that contributed to its success. "I am grateful to all the nations that made this agreement possible. This is a historic day for the entire world," he added.

Trump praises Field Marshal Asim Munir, PM Shehbaz Sharif.

During his remarks, President Trump made special mention of Pakistan, referring to Field Marshal Asim Munir as his "favourite", while acknowledging the participation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the summit.—RT/Agency



Muridke Restored As Authorities Clear TLP Protesters, Twin Cities Back To Calm

MURIDKE: Normalcy began returning to the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi on Monday, as the police reportedly cleared Muridke of Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) protesters and reopened key roads to traffic.

According to police sources, the protest sit-in was brought to an end through a successful operation on Sunday night, after which the GT Road was cleared and reopened for regular traffic.

With the situation gradually stabilising, all connecting roads between Islamabad and Rawalpindi have now been reopened for commuters. In Rawalpindi, educational institutions resumed operations after a four-day suspension, while commercial activity also picked up, as shops and business centres reopened along Murree Road. Traffic on Murree Road and other adjoining routes was reported to be flowing smoothly.

However, the road from Murree Road leading to Faizabad remained closed, and the Metro Bus Service linking the two cities was still non-operational.

Authorities confirmed that mobile phone and data services had been fully restored across Islamabad and Rawalpindi, facilitating improved communication for residents.

Additionally, several key arteries including the IJP Road, Double Road, Expressway, and the route from Double Road to Ninth Avenue were reopened for vehicular traffic, easing movement across major junctions in the city. The clearance operation in Muridke followed several days of unrest after TLP launched a protest march from Lahore to Islamabad. The group's mobilisation prompted widespread concern among government officials, political parties, and the general public.—RT/Agency



PTI Warns Oath Of KP CM-Elect Must Be Held Without Delay

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General Salman Akram Raja on Monday warned that the oath-taking of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister-elect Sohail Afridi should not be delayed beyond October 14 (tomorrow).

The PTI secretary general made the remarks when he, along with other PTI leaders, arrived at the Peshawar High Court to submit a petition seeking the oath-taking of the newly elected KPCM.

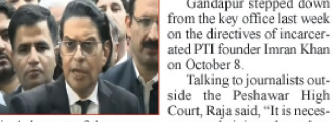
PTI's Afridi, earlier in the day, was elected as the new chief executive of the province despite the opposition's boycott of the process. He will replace Ali Amin Gandapur as the KP chief minister.

The election of the new KP CM remains shrouded in controversy after Governor Faisal Karim Kundi rejected outgoing CM Gandapur's resignation, citing objections over the signature's authenticity.

Gandapur stepped down from the key office last week on the directives of incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan on October 8.

Talking to journalists outside the Peshawar High Court, Raja said, "It is necessary to administer the oath to the KP CM-elect. Taking the oath cannot be delayed."

He said that KP Governor Kundi should have been in the province to administer the oath to the new chief executive. "Under the constitution, the chief justice can nominate anyone to administer the oath," he added.—RT/Agency



Israel Confirms All 20 Surviving Gaza Hostages Safely Returned Home

GAZA: Israel foreign ministry on Monday said that the last 20 living hostages released by Hamas had arrived in the country.

"Welcome home," the foreign ministry wrote in a series of posts on X, hailing the return of Matan Angrest, Gali Berman, Ziv Berman, Elkana Bobbot, Rom Braslavski, Nimrod Cohen, David Cunio, Ariel Cunio, Evyatar David, Guy Gilboa Dalal, Maxim Herkin, Eitan Horn, Segev Kalfon, Bar Kuperstein, Omri Miran, Eitan Mor, Yosef Haim Ohana, Alon Ohel, Avinatan Or and Moran Zangauker.

The Israeli military confirmed that Hamas had handed over a second group of 13 surviving hostages to the Red Cross in Gaza on Monday, completing the release of all 20 living captives.

"According to information provided by the Red Cross, 13 hostages have been transferred into their custody and are on their way to IDF (military) and ISA (security agency) forces in the Gaza Strip," the military said in a statement.—RT/Agency



China Voices Alarm Over Escalating Pak-Afghan Border Tensions

BEIJING: China has expressed deep concern over the escalating tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan, urging both neighboring countries to exercise restraint and prioritize regional peace and stability.

A spokesperson for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that Beijing is willing to play a constructive role in improving relations between the two countries. "We hope both sides will demonstrate patience and act in the broader interest of peace and development," the spokesperson said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry emphasized that dialogue and diplomatic engagement are essential for maintaining regional harmony. "Pakistan and Afghanistan should resolve their differences through mutual understanding and promoting mutual understanding in the region.—RT/Agency



PM Shehbaz Engages Trump, World Leaders At Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit

Sharm El-Sheikh: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday held a series of important meetings with world leaders on the sidelines of the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit, focusing on ending the war in Gaza.

He held a meeting with President Trump before the latter and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi co-chaired the high-level summit today.

PM Shehbaz also met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the sidelines of the summit. Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa also joined the conversation, reflecting the spirit of regional unity and shared commitment to peace.

President Abbas expressed deep gratitude to Pakistan for its consistent support of the Palestinian people and its steadfast advocacy on political and diplomatic fronts. They lauded the historic and brotherly relations between Pakistan and Palestine, describing them as a source of pride for both nations and their peoples, said a statement. PM Shehbaz paid tribute to the brave people of Gaza for their courage and endurance in the face of immense hardship over the years. Both leaders expressed satisfaction over the ceasefire in Gaza, calling it a vital step toward lasting peace and the future development of the Palestinian people. In a significant trilateral interaction, Prime Minister Shehbaz also met with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, with all three leaders expressing satisfaction over the recent ceasefire in Gaza.—RT/Agency



Armed Mobs And Roadblocks Are Blasphemy Against The State, Warns Asif

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Khawaja Asif on Monday said that organizing armed hordes, blocking roads and making people hostage is equal to desecration of religion.

"When brutalities and bloodletting was going on in Gaza for two years no one remembered to protest, now when the ceasefire takes place, protests have been started," defence minister said.

Khawaja Asif urged for ceasing the practice to take the society hostage and teaching violence in the name of religion.

Karachi police force has been on high alert after a religious party announced protests at five spots in the city on Monday. Karachi police authorities earlier said that no protests are currently taking place anywhere in the city. However, heavy contingents of policemen have been deployed at various locations as a precautionary measure. According to officials, police are fully prepared to deal with any potential demonstrations or unrest. They warned that strict action will be taken against those violating Section 144.—RT/Agency



Macron Faces Political Storm But Refuses To Bow Amid No-Confidence Votes

FRANCE: French President Emmanuel Macron rejected calls to resign and blasted his opponents on Monday, as his latest government was threatened by two no-confidence motions that could bring it down by the end of the week.

France is in the midst of its worst political crisis in decades as a succession of minority governments seek to push deficit-reducing budgets through a truculent legislature split into three distinct ideological blocs.

Macron has burned through five prime ministers in less than two years, and many of his rivals have said the only way out of the crisis is for the president to call fresh legislative elections or resign, both of which he has refused to do.

Shrinking confidence

Shortly after arriving in Egypt on Monday to attend a meeting to end the fighting in Gaza, Macron was defiant, blaming his rivals for destabilising France and saying he had no plans to step down before his second and final term ends in 2027.—RT/Agency



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Hyderabad Kicks Off Province-Wide Polio Drive

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abideen Memon has announced a week-long Polio campaign from October 13 to 19, 2025. Parents are urged to ensure all children under five receive Polio drops at home, schools, or nearby vaccination points. A single unvaccinated child keeps the risk of Polio alive. The campaign



emphasizes community cooperation to safeguard future generations. Citizens are encouraged to actively participate and ensure no child is missed. "For a Polio-free Hyderabad, your cooperation matters," said the DC.

SSP Umerkot Leads Aggressive Anti-Polio Push Across District



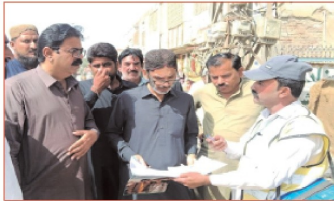
By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: On the special directives of SSP Uzair Ahmed (PSP), a district-wide anti-polio campaign has been launched to vaccinate children under five. SSP visited polio camps to assess team performance and safety. Around 200 police personnel have been deployed, with 36 checkpoints established to ensure safety and reach. He urged parents to vaccinate their children, calling polio eradication a national duty. The police remain fully committed to supporting this vital health initiative.

Chairman Mir Kamran Talpur Calls for Mass Mobilization in Polio Campaign

By Shahid Majeed

JHUDO: Chairman Town Committee Jhudo, Mir Kamran Talpur, emphasized the vital role every individual must play to eradicate polio, calling it a crippling disease. He appealed to parents in Jhudo and nearby areas to fully cooperate with police teams and ensure their children receive the polio drops. Mir Kamran Talpur personally supervised the ongoing campaign, visiting transit and



fixed teams. He also directed local administration to engage with resistant parents through council members to convince them to vaccinate their children. Town Committee officer Mir Atif Hyder Talpur accompanied him.

Qambar-Shahdadkot Bar Fields Candidates for Upcoming Sindh Bar Council Polls

SHAHADKOT: Activities for the upcoming Sindh Bar Council elections have intensified. The Qambar-Shahdadkot Bar Association has also entered the race by fielding its own candidates Advocate Ashiq Jatoti and Advocate Asif Soomro and has launched a campaign to ensure their victory. In an important meeting chaired by District Bar President Advocate Shafi



Muhammad Khoso, a unanimous decision was made to support these senior lawyers. The candidates met fellow lawyers, appealed for votes, and received strong support.--RT

Qazi Ahmed Sees Launch of Call Taxi Memon Autos Service



By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: The inauguration ceremony of Call Taxi Memon Autos took place in Qazi Ahmed with a grand welcome for PPP MPAs' sons and leaders, Ahmed Zardari, and others. Guests were presented with traditional gifts and prayers were offered. The event began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by notable personalities including Zavar Shahzad Zardari, Engineer Aftab Ali Zardari, Rais Jam Imtiaz Ali Anar, TMO Noor Ahmed Zardari, and others. Guests were presented with traditional gifts and prayers were offered.

Hyderabad Police Tighten Security Net for Anti-Polio Drive

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: From October 13 to 19, 2025, an extensive anti-polio campaign is underway in Hyderabad with robust security arrangements directed by SSP Adeel Hussain Chando. On the campaign's first day, over 1,550 police personnel were deployed across the district, with 41 police mobiles and 18 motorcycles patrolling. SSP Chando and Deputy Commissioner



Zain-ul-Abideen Memon visited various vaccination sites, interacted with health workers, and emphasized vigilance, co-operation, and dedication to making Pakistan polio-free.

Chairman Saddam Jamali Launches Rs32 Million Mega Development Project in Kadhan

By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: Chairman of Town Committee Kadhan, Saddam Hussain Jamali, has announced major development projects in four wards of Kadhan city. The plans include paving streets with paver blocks, repairing drainage systems, and upgrading infrastructure. While briefing journalists, he revealed that Rs 32.587 million have been allocated, with work to be completed in ten months. The chairman



clarified that no funds were taken from the Sindh government or NGOs; the entire project is financed through town committee savings and private contributions. Citizens appreciated the initiative and expressed hope for visible improvements.

Nawabshah Cracks Down on Illegal Clinics Amid Rising AIDS Fears

By Samad Ayaz Dahri

NAWABSHAH: Acting on directives from Provincial Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho and Deputy Commissioner Abdul Samad Nizamani, Assistant Commissioner Iqbal Ahmed Tunio led a crackdown on unauthorized cannula centers in Nawabshah. The operation, assisted by the Health Care Commission and police, targeted clinics on Hospital Road and in



other areas, seizing medical equipment. Officials cited growing AIDS cases as a motivating factor and pledged soon to target uncensored laboratories as well. Additional District Health Officer Dr. Riaz Shah and other health officials joined the efforts.

Kotri Journalist Mugged at Gunpoint, Citizens Demand Swift Justice

By Shaikh Sindh

KOTRI: Journalist Bilal Ahmed Abbasi was robbed near the Kotri flyover, losing his mobile phone and cash

to armed men. In three separate incidents on October 13, several citizens faced similar attacks. Police have been criticized for inadequate response. Civil society and journalists urge IG Sindh to take immediate action to ensure safety and justice, warning of protests if the situation remains unresolved.

DC Tando Allahyar Inspects Polio Workers, Urges 100% Coverage



By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Deputy Commissioner Noor Mustafa Laghari visited Keerio Shakh Nasarpur Road Chowk, The Smart School, and other sites to review the performance of polio teams during the national anti-polio campaign. He instructed health teams to ensure that no child under five is left unvaccinated. Accompanied by DHO Dr. Bhano Mal and Dr. Zulfiqar, he emphasized strict monitoring and warned of action against negligence. He also urged health officials to spread awareness to eliminate polio from the region.

PPP's Nisar Khuhro Flags Paddy Price Crisis, Urges Policy Clarity on Afghan Refugees

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: PPP Sindh President Nisar Ahmed Khuhro criticized the low prices paid to paddy farmers, accusing industrialists of setting unfair rates that harm farmers. He emphasized the need for government intervention to ensure fair prices. Khuhro also supported the nationwide policy to expel Afghan refugees, urging opposition parties, especially the Sunni Ittehad Council led by Imran Khan, to accept



the new Afghan government and allow refugees to return. During his visit, Khuhro conduced with PPP leaders including MPA Rehana Laghari, Dr. Abdul Waheed Soomro, Arbab Kamran Memon, and others on recent losses in the party.

Speeding Vigo Crushes Woman Near Qazi Ahmed, Grieving Family Cries for Justice

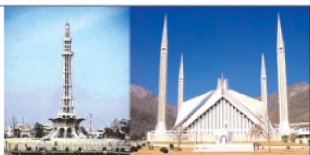
By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: A speeding Vigo (SA-8897) fatally struck a 50-year-old woman, Hasina, at

Taimoor Stop near Qazi Ahmed while she was crossing the road. Her family, traveling from Larkana to Hyderabad, said police failed to act despite providing the vehicle number. They have appealed to authorities to arrest the driver and ensure justice for the tragic incident.

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JI Chief Warns Kabul: Don't Trust India, Don't Let Afghan Soil Be Used Against Pakistan

Peshawar (October 13): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naemur Rehman urged the Afghan government and Taliban not to trust India and warned that Afghanistan must not allow its territory to be used against Pakistan. He told a public gathering in Peshawar that India "can never be your friend" and would celebrate Kabul's misfortunes in times of crisis, the JI leader said. Naemur Rehman said



Pakistani and Afghan authorities should take joint responsibility to prevent cross-border violence and stressed that Afghan soil is reportedly

being used against Pakistan — a claim he said demanded urgent action by Kabul. He offered Jamaat-e-Islami's assistance in facilitating dialogue and restoring peace between the two neighbours. The JI emir reiterated calls for regional cooperation to counter terrorism and urged both sides to resume talks to defuse tensions, warning that continued hostilities only serve external actors.—RT/Agency

Gilani Calls for Trilateral Unity to Brave 'Storms of Adversity' in Palestine and Kashmir

Islamabad: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani made an urgent appeal on Monday for Pakistan, Turkey, and Azerbaijan to transform their parliaments into "platforms of conscience, clarity and courage," calling for united action to address the "storms of adversity" facing the Muslim world, particularly in Palestine and Indian Occupied Kashmir. Addressing the Third Tripartite Speakers' Meeting of



the three nations as a special guest at the Parliament House, Gilani asserted that their shared vision for regional progress is both a message and a mission for

peace. The high-level meeting convened under the theme "Strengthening Fraternal Ties: Parliamentary Cooperation for Regional Peace, Security and Prosperity." The Senate Chairman commended Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq for gathering the three fraternal countries at a crucial juncture. He underscored that their collaboration reflects a profound bond of faith and a common destiny.—RT/Agency

GLOBAL WATCH

PPP Women's Wing Leader Sakina Kallar Battles for Life After Tragic Accident

By Zia Qureshi

Virginia: Senior Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Women's Wing leader Sakina Kallar, mother of journalist Nadia Kallar, has been shifted home from hospital under medical supervision after suffering severe injuries in a recent road accident near



her Karachi residence. Despite ongoing treatment, doctors report her condition remains critical. Nadia Kallar has appealed to the public for prayers, while numerous PPP leaders and social figures have expressed deep concern and wished Sakina Kallar a swift recovery.

METRO KARACHI

Pak Sports FC Shocks Rivals with 2-0 Triumph at Kakri Ground

KARACHI: In a thrilling match at Kakri Ground, Lyari, during the All Karachi Shaheed Akbar & Abdullah Nagori Memorial Tournament 2025, Pak Sports Football Club delivered a stunning 2-0 victory over Young PIB FC. Rising star Anzala scored both goals, dazzling the crowd with brilliant footwork and striking power. RK Sports Management's Chief Exec-



utive Rais Khan and other top officials praised the team's performance and on-going efforts to boost football in the region, celebrating the sport's growing momentum in Karachi's football heartland.—RT

Inquiry Opens Against Former Karachi Matric Board Official Over Harassment Allegations

KARACHI: The Board of Secondary Education Karachi (BSEK) has launched an official inquiry against its former acting secretary, Dr Naveed Ahmed, after multiple female employees lodged written complaints accusing him of workplace harassment, according to an inquiry order issued by Chair-

man Ghulam Hussain Soho. The document, issued under the Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010 (Amended 2022), stated that the collective complaint was accompanied by audio recordings and transcripts submitted as evidence.

The order alleged that Dr Ahmed made unwelcome remarks and coercive advances towards female officers, used abusive and derogatory language with staff, and created an unsafe and discriminatory workplace environment. It further noted claims of psychological intimidation and misuse of authority.—RT/Agency

Sindh High Court Fines Petitioner, Rejects Plea to Curtail Rangers' Powers

Karachi: The Sindh High Court has dismissed a citizen's petition seeking to curb street crimes and grant the Rangers authority to register criminal cases in Karachi. According to a Dunya News report, the hearing was conducted by the Acting Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court.

Nadeem, whether he had read his own application. The petitioner had requested that police and Rangers be directed to take strict action to prevent the killing of citizens and that he be included in official meetings related to crime prevention. The petitioner also cited a statement by an Indian minister, alleging his involvement in targeted

killings in Karachi. The court expressed strong displeasure, remarking, "It is shameful to quote an Indian minister's statement. Whose interests are you serving by coming to court?" Declaring the petition frivolous and baseless, the court dismissed it and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on the petitioner.—RT/Agency

Karachi's Frere Hall Glows Pink in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness

KARACHI: In Karachi, Frere Hall has been beautifully lit up with pink lights as part of a campaign to raise awareness about breast cancer. The Mayor of Karachi stated that, under their firm commitment to spread

awareness about breast cancer, iconic buildings like Frere Hall and the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) headquarters have been illuminated in pink. This initiative aligns with the global observance of Oc-

tober as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The pink lighting symbolizes hope and support for those affected by breast cancer, aiming to encourage early detection and treatment.—RT/Agency

Maryam Urges Readiness to Combat Natural Disasters Nationwide



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that all institutions must remain fully prepared at all times to deal with natural disasters in order to safeguard lives. In her special message on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Maryam Nawaz Sharif stated that timely preparation can prevent devastating losses to human lives, property, and the environment. "Natural disasters cannot be stopped, but through technology, cooperation, and early preparedness, their destructive impact can be minimized," she emphasized.—RT/Agency

Ex-Sindh CJ Muhammad Junaid Ghaffar Named Chairman of Competition Appellate Tribunal

Islamabad: The federal government has appointed former Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, Muhammad Junaid Ghaffar, as the new Chairman of the Competition Appellate Tribunal. According to details, the tribunal's other two members include Dr. Faizullah Memon and Asim Akram. The Competition Appellate Tribunal hears appeals against the decisions of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP). Media reports noted that the former chairman, Justice (Retd.) Sajjad Ali Shah, retired on August 13, 2025. During his tenure, he successfully reduced the backlog of pending cases by 50 percent. The appointment of Justice (Retd.) Junaid Ghaffar is expected to further strengthen the tribunal's role in ensuring transparency, fair competition, and efficient adjudication of business-related disputes in the country.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Army Clinches Gold at UK's Prestigious Cambrian Patrol 2025

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Army team has won a gold medal at the prestigious Cambrian Patrol 2025, an international military exercise held in the United Kingdom. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the exercise took place from October 3 to 13, 2025, in Wales. The Cambrian Patrol, known for its rigorous standards, marked its 66th year with continued professional excellence. This year's exercise featured 137 teams from 36 countries. The Pakistan Army team, led by Captain Muhammad Saad, delivered an outstanding performance that earned them the top honor. ISPR stated that winning the gold medal is a proud moment for the entire nation and the Pakistan Army. Known for its high educational standards and professional training, the army continues to raise the national flag with honor. Cambrian Patrol is widely regarded as one of the most challenging military exercises in the world.—RT/Agency

KP Governor Raises Objection to CM Gandapur's Resignation



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has raised objections over the resignation of Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur. Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has summoned the chief minister to verify the authenticity of the resignations. Ali Amin Gandapur has been called to the Governor's House on October 15 at 3 p.m.—RT/Agency

BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

FC Hero Ghulam Rasool Khakhrani Laid to Rest in Bhag After Martyrdom at Pak-Afghan Border

By Abdul Aziz Banguizai

BOLAN/BHAG: The funeral prayer of FC soldier Ghulam Rasool Khakhrani, who was martyred in the Pak-Afghan border conflict, was held in his native town Bhag. The ceremony was attended by FC Lehari Wing Colonel Zubair Ahmed, political leaders, religious scholars, tribal elders, officials, journalists, and locals. The martyr was honored with a military salute, the national flag was waved, and floral tributes were paid. He was buried at the local Shahenshah cemetery. The final rites will be held on October 14 at Khakhrani House, Bhag.

Punjab Assembly Passes Local Bodies Bill Amid Uproar and Fierce Protests

LAHORE: Despite strong opposition protests, the Punjab government successfully passed the Punjab Local Government Bill 2025 in the Provincial Assembly. The session was marred by continuous uproar from opposition lawmakers, who persistently demanded the proceedings be adjourned due to recent violence involving Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), citing deterioration of law and order in the province. Opposition leader Moeen Riaz Qureshi urged that the agenda be postponed in light of the unrest, but his calls went unheeded.—RT/Agency

Central Punjab

Central Traders Association Pledges Continued Backing for Business Community

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Senior Vice President of the Central Traders Association, Chaudhry Atif Saffar Randhawa, reaffirmed the Association's commitment to protect traders' rights and address their issues. Speaking at the Press Club, he emphasized that traders are vital to the national economy and must remain united. He promised that the Association will continue to support traders and fight for their rights on every platform.



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Narowal Women's College Hosts Awareness Session on Role of Provincial Ombudsman

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: The Provincial Ombudsman Punjab's Regional Office organized an awareness session at Government Muslim Postgraduate College for Women, Advisor Nadeem Sarwar highlighted the Ombudsman's role in resolving public grievances efficiently. He informed students about the simplified complaint process and quicker resolution timelines. The session was attended by college officials and many students. Deputy Director Asim Ateeq and Principal Uzma Gardezi praised the initiative, emphasizing its importance for educating youth on government accountability.



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Tariq Nawaz Siyal Launches UC Chairman Campaign, Draws Massive Public Backing

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Tariq Nawaz Siyal, General Secretary of Real Estate Ittehad Association, has announced his candidacy for Chairman of the Union Council. His decision has been widely welcomed by citizens, traders, and youth, who praise his dedication to public service and community welfare. Tariq promises transparency, education promotion, and youth empowerment, seeking public support to bring development and prosperity to the area.



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Punjab Police's Khidmat Marakaz Delivers 2.87 Million Digital Services in 2025



By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Punjab Police's Khidmat Centre have provided over 2.87 million digital services to citizens this year, including police verifications, character certificates, tenancy registrations, and medico-legal certificates. More than 107,000 vulnerable individuals received legal and social protection. The centers also handled thousands of crime reports, FIR copies, and back across Punjab.

cases of violence against women. Inspector General Dr. Usman Anwar praised Khidmat Centre as a flagship 24/7 public service project, continuously upgrading services based on citizen feedback across Punjab.

Thrilling Floodlight Kabaddi Cup 2025 Electrifies Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the occasion of the annual Urs of Baba Ji Mahaloom, Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Gilani and Hazrat Pir Syed Fatah Muhammad Shah Naushahi, the Floodlight Miani Kabaddi Cup 2025 was organized at Chak No. 1247 Rab Miani. The event was presided over by Sajjad Nasheen Pir Syed Mohnsin Ali Shah Gilani, with special guests



Sahibzada Syed Samed guests. Winners and runners-up received trophies. Sahibzada Syed Safait Haji Amir praised the event's role in promoting youth engagement through mad Mazhar were chief sports.

DC Gujranwala Inspects City Facilities, Orders Immediate Clean-Up Drive

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Gujranwala Deputy Commissioner Naveed Ahmed conducted inspections across the city, including GT Road, Pasur Road, Sheranwala Bagh, Wapda Colony, and the Children's Library Complex. He expressed strong dissatisfaction with poor cleanliness, ordering strict action and heavy penalties on contractors and waste management staff. At DHQ Teaching Hos-



pital, he reviewed patient hygiene. He emphasized care, staff attendance, and medical facilities, vironment and efficient urging hospital administration to ensure quality priorities for city administration. treatment and maintain

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Constitutional Fog Must End Immediately

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa — Pakistan's most strategically sensitive province bordering war-torn Afghanistan — now stands at the brink of a political storm that the country can ill afford. With PTI's Sohail Afridi taking oath as the new chief minister while confusion persists over whether outgoing CM Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation was ever validly accepted, the province has plunged into a constitutional fog — one that risks deepening Pakistan's internal fragility at a time of immense regional volatility.

This is not the hour for political brinkmanship or constitutional adventurism. When Afghanistan's soil continues to be used by anti-Pakistan elements and the region teeters on the

edge of instability, Pakistan cannot allow internal chaos to provide ammunition to its adversaries. Any undemocratic maneuver, procedural exploitation, or institutional overreach in KP today



would not only betray the will of the people but also play directly into the hands of those who seek to divide and destabilize Pakistan from within.

The Constitution must remain the only guiding force. Whether one supports Afridi or Gandapur, it is imperative that all sides allow due process, judicial clarity, and legislative integrity to deter-

mine the rightful leadership — not street protests or political muscle. Cooler heads must prevail among all stakeholders — the governor, the speaker, political parties, and the courts — to restore stability through democratic means, not confrontation.

Pakistan's democracy has survived countless crises because, ultimately, reason triumphed over rashness. The people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa deserve governance, not gridlock. History will judge harshly those who toyed with constitutional sanctity for short-term gain. This moment demands restraint, dialogue, and respect for the democratic order — for if democracy falters in KP, it imperils not just a province, but Pakistan's unity, sovereignty, and credibility itself.

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Dilapidated School in Tando Muhammad Khan Forces Students to Study Under the Open Sky

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Un Union Council Saeed Mato Shah of Taluka Bulri Shah Karim, the primary school in the populous village of Muhammad Siddiq Naro is in a dilapidated state. The roof and walls are dangerously weak, posing a constant threat of collapse. As a result, young students are forced to study outside under the scorching sun. Despite repeated com-



plaints to the Education Department, no action has been taken. Villagers have appealed to elected representatives and the

Deputy Commissioner to urgently repair the school and provide furniture to ensure safe learning conditions.

Hyderabad Police Nab Seven Suspects, Recover Arms and Contraband

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Police conducted multiple operations across the city, arresting seven suspects including a proclaimed offender. At Rahoki Police Station, Ammar alias Umar Mughal was arrested along with street criminal Azeem Pahriyar, who was found with a pistol. Ramzan Dasti was detained with 300 packets of mainpuri, while his accomplice escaped. Hali Road Police ar-



rested Muhammad Taha with a firearm. Drug dealer Rizwan and mainpuri suppliers Gulshar Kumbhar and Ab-

dullah Sheikh were also apprehended. Cases have been registered, and investigations continue.

Heavy Flooding Ravages Badin's Mithi Two, Residents Face Major Losses

By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: Floodwaters have remained stagnant in Badin's Mithi-II area for over two months after heavy rains, causing millions in losses to farmers

and residents. Despite repeated complaints, local officials and representatives have taken no effective action. The poor condition of old river embankments has led to increased drowning inci-

dents, with the death toll reaching 17 recently. Environmental groups and human rights activists have protested, urging immediate government intervention to prevent further tragedy.

Talhar College Clash Leaves Several Injured in Rival Group Fight

TALHAR: A clash broke out between two groups over a plot near Saeedpur College, resulting in injuries to several people from the Kolhi community, including Diwaji's son Shonu, Mina's daughter Vejo, 48-year-old Bheemun's son Wenjo,

32-year-old Samri wife Diwaji, and 45-year-old Wenjo's son Mawo. Abdul Sattar and Allama Qadir from the opposing side were also injured. All injured were taken to Talhar Rural Health Center and later referred to Hyderabad for further treatment.

No FIR has yet been filed at Talhar police station. The disputed plot reportedly belongs to Talhar Press Club President Muhammad Siddique Thaibo, and the clash occurred due to the Kolhi community's attempt to occupy it.—RT

Police Post Still Missing on Kandiaro Link Road Despite SSP's Orders

By Usama Ayaz Abbasi

KANDIARO: A month has passed since SSP Rohail Khoso ordered the construction of a permanent police post on the impor-

tant Kandiaro-Ghumam Mori link road, yet no action has been taken. The route connects hundreds of villages, making it highly significant. Locals blame Papri Police Station and

former DSP Abdul Majeed Arain for avoiding responsibility. With Arain now retired, residents feel abandoned and urge authorities to immediately build the police post.

Motorcycle Theft Sparks Resident Protest in Nawab Wali Muhammad

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: A resident of village Syed Bachal Shah, Nawab Wali Muhammad Press Club over the theft of his CD 201 and recovery of his motorcycle. He stated

that the bike was stolen 15 days ago from outside Dr. Mukhtiar Sial's clinic in Qazi Ahmed. Despite repeated visits, police have taken no action. He appealed to SSP Nawabshah for justice and recovery of his motorcycle.

Commissioner Sukkur Orders Crackdown on Cattle Colony Plot Scandals



By Absar Alvi

SUKKUR: Commissioner Sukkur Division Abid Saleem Qureshi chaired a key meeting regarding Sukkur's Cattle Colony. Officials, including Deputy Commissioner Nadir Shahzad Khan, briefed him on court-directed plot evacuations and the

transfer of buffalo setups to the colony. The Commissioner ordered immediate evacuation of illegally occupied plots and those cancelled by the court. He emphasized allotment to original owners, immediate functionality of enclosures, and veterinary checks on animal health facilities.

Students Storm Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Technical University Over Exam Slip Delay

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Allah Dino Shaikh, a civil engineering student at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Technical and Skill Development University, protested against the university administration for not issuing exam slips for the upcoming exams, risking loss of an academic year. Despite paying

heavy fees, students are deprived of education due to the absence of their own examination board. Repeated requests to the Vice Chancellor and department heads have gone unanswered. Students demand immediate issuance of exam slips or will seek legal action. Parents of affected students were also present.

Woman's Abduction and Rape Case Registered at Jhol Police Station

By Mohtab Shar

JHOL: A case has been registered at Jhol Police Station concerning a helpless woman. The victim's brother filed the report, accusing two brothers, Gago Mal and Nindo Mal, of rape and forced abortion. The FIR (No. 80/2025) states that the accused, Gago Mal, raped the victim, Sangita, resulting in

pregnancy. He was arrested but later moved to an unknown location. The other accused, Dr. Nindo Mal, who performed the abortion, remains at large. The police are conducting medical checks and have formed teams to apprehend the absconding doctor. A local PPP MNA has taken notice, directing officials to ensure justice is served without any leniency.

Thatta Nursing School Paralysed by Principal Vacancy, Students Protest

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: Nursing students at Thatta Civil Hospital's Nursing School staged a strong protest over the non-appointment of a principal for the past three months. Following the retirement of the previous principal, students marched from the school to the Civil Surgeon's office, demanding immediate appointment to resume educational activities and release of pending



stipends. Paramedical staff leaders also joined the protest, highlighting the negative impact of the vacancy on both academics and payments.

Village Yar Ali Pahore's Children Denied Education Over Lack of School Building

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: The primary school in village Yar Ali Pahore, UC Toj, is in a dilapidated condition, affecting about 300 children in this 150-household village

with a history of over a thousand years. Despite the urgent need for a school building, the Sindh government has not provided support. Locals appeal to federal and provincial education authorities, including the Federal Minister for Education and Sindh's Chief Minister, to urgently provide a school building so children can access proper education. Villagers express deep concern over the situation.

18 Land Grabbers Get Seven-Year Jail Terms in Thatta Crackdown

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: The Additional Sessions Judge-I Thatta has sentenced 18 men to seven years in prison and imposed a fine of Rs 100,000 each for

forcibly grabbing land in Ghorabari, Ketri Bandar, and Qamar Abbas Chaudhary. The convicts include Nawaz Ali Baloch, Shabbir Baloch, Akram Pathan, and others who had unlawfully occupied land belonging to

Haji Muhammad Akhtar. Advocates Mansoor Turk and Qamar Abbas Chaudhary represented the complainant. Non-payment of fines will result in an additional six-month sentence for each.

Sindh Memon Ittehad Demands Justice After Armed Attack on TMK Trader

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Tando Muhammad Khan Sindh Memon Ittehad's Central Chairman Haji Abdul Shakoor Memon strongly condemned the armed robbery and attack on senior trader Haji Yar Muhammad Memon in Tando Muhammad Khan, where Rs 1.2 million were looted. During a meeting with Memon community members,



he warned that unless the culprits are arrested, province-wide protests will be launched. The identity and arrest of attackers soon.

Filthy Conditions in Qasimabad Spark Residents' Outcry

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Social leader Shahid Soomro, activist Farzana Qureshi, and Faqir Manzoor Panhwar visited Qasimabad's main roads and highlighted severe

sanitation issues, criticizing the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) for failing to fulfill promises of door-to-door garbage collection. Piles of waste line key areas from Wadhu Wah to Pakora Chowk, creating foul smells and traffic issues. Activists urged the provincial minister, divisional commissioner, and DC to take urgent notice and ensure proper cleanup.