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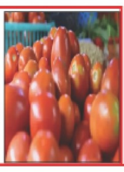

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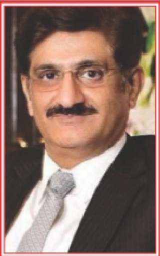

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Pakistan, Afghanistan Seal Fragile Ceasefire Deal In Doha Talks

DOHA: Pakistan and Afghanistan have reached a landmark ceasefire agreement, marking a potential breakthrough in efforts to restore peace and stability along their troubled border, Qatar's Foreign Ministry announced in a statement issued late night on Sunday.

The ceasefire agreement, mediated by Qatar and Turkiye, is expected to lay a strong foundation for lasting peace in the region, according to the Qatari officials.

Both countries have also agreed to hold further meetings in the coming days and to establish a permanent mechanism to ensure peace and stability between them.

"During the negotiations the two sides [have] agreed to an immediate ceasefire and the establishment of mechanisms to consolidate lasting peace and stability between the two countries," read the statement issued by Qatar's Foreign Ministry.

"The two parties [have] also agreed to hold follow-up meetings in the coming days to ensure the sustainability of the ceasefire and verify its implementation in a reliable and sustainable manner, thus contributing to achieving security and stability in both countries," it added.

Confirming the agreement, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who led Pakistan's delegation in Doha, expressed hope that the ceasefire would end border tensions between the two countries. —RT/Agency

Gaza Inferno: 33 Killed In Relentless Israeli Airstrikes

GAZA: Gaza's civil defence agency said a series of Israeli air strikes across the territory killed at least 33 people on Sunday, updating an earlier toll of 21.

The Israeli military said it had struck dozens of Hamas targets across the Gaza Strip, as both Israel and Hamas accused each other of violating the nine-day-old ceasefire brokered by US President Donald Trump.

Israel might conduct further strikes in Gaza, a military official said, after the army targeted Hamas following three attacks in the southern city of Rafah and in the northern town of Beit Lahia.

"There is a possibility for more strikes," the official said in an online briefing to journalists.

The Israeli military has said that Hamas carried out "multiple attacks" against Israeli forces beyond the "yellow line" buffer zone, including a rocket-propelled grenade and sniper fire, calling it a "blatant violation" of the ceasefire.

The Israeli military launched an attack on Gaza, as Israel continued to trade blame with Hamas over violations of the US-brokered ceasefire aiming to end the war in the enclave, Israeli media reported on Sunday.

There was no immediate comment from the military on the reported attack.

Hamas has rejected a statement from the US State Department in which it cited "credible reports" indicating the Palestinian group would imminently violate the ceasefire deal with Israel.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Orders Swift Repatriation Of Illegal Afghans Over Security Threats

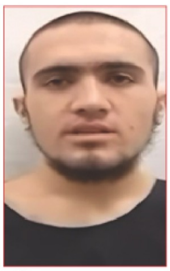
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has issued strict directives to relevant authorities for the immediate repatriation of Afghan nationals residing illegally in Pakistan, citing growing security concerns and public grievances.

Addressing the current security situation, the Prime Minister emphasized that the Pakistani people have borne the burden of hosting Afghan refugees for decades. "People frequently ask how long the government will continue to shoulder this responsibility," he remarked, highlighting the growing strain on local communities and national resources.

The premier expressed serious concerns over cross-border terrorist attacks emanating from Afghan soil, noting that Afghan nationals have been implicated in several recent security incidents within Pakistan. He stressed that the government has made extensive diplomatic, political, and security efforts to prevent infiltration and maintain law and order along the border.

Highlighting Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, PM Shehbaz noted that the country has lost thousands of lives and incurred billions of dollars in economic losses while combating extremism.—RT/Agency

FC Captures Suspected Afghan Suicide Bomber In South Waziristan Raid



KP: The Frontier Corps (FC) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa carried out an operation in South Waziristan, arresting a suspected Afghan suicide bomber, security sources told media.

This arrest was made amid border tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan after the neighbours engaged in deadly clashes for days that killed dozens and wounded hundreds before agreeing to a ceasefire.

The escalation was a result of the Afghan Taliban regime's reluctance to act against terrorist groups, including proscribed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) alias Fitna al-Khawarij, operating from Afghan soil, in the backdrop of rising terror attacks in Pakistan.

The arrested suicide bomber has been identified as 22-year-old Naimatullah, son of Musa Jan, and is a resident of Kandahar province of Afghanistan.

During interrogation, the suspect revealed in a video that his militancy training was supposed to last for three months, but he received only a week of it.

He stated that the training included instructions on how to carry out suicide attacks using vehicles, as well as how to target military checkpoints and security personnel.

The detained suspect also disclosed that he, along with around 40 others, had gathered in Afghanistan's Khost city before entering Pakistan through the Chowar route.In a separate development, security sources confirmed to Media that a "most wanted" Fitna al-Hindustan local commander, Jamil alias Tetak, was killed.—RT/Agency

Trump Drops Viral AI Video Of Himself Piloting 'King Trump' Jet Amid Protests

US: US President Donald Trump has responded to Saturday's anti-Trump "No Kings" rallies taking place across the US in his typical aggressive style, posting an AI-generated video on his Truth Social platform depicting him as a king.

He is shown wearing a crown and piloting a fighter jet that drops filth on anti-Trump protesters, soiling their clothes and causing chaos among the crowd.

Huge crowds took to the streets in all 50 US states at "No Kings" protests on Saturday, venting anger over President Trump's hardline policies, while Republicans ridiculed them as "Hate America" rallies.

Organisers said seven million people marched in protests spanning New York to Los Angeles, with demonstrations popping up in small cities across the US heartland and even near Trump's home in Florida.

House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, on Friday echoed a common refrain among his party, labelling the "No Kings" protests "the hate America rally."Protesters spanning all age groups took to the streets en masse for "No Kings" rallies across the United States on Saturday, denouncing what they view as authoritarian tendencies and unbridled corruption of US President Donald Trump. Organisers expected millions of people to turn out by day's end at more than 2,600 planned rallies in major cities, small towns, and suburbs, challenging a Trump-led agenda that has reshaped the government and upended democratic norms with unprecedented speed since he took office in January.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Makes Space History With Launch Of First Hyperspectral Satellite HS-1 From China

Pakistan's Space Triumph: HS-1 Hyperspectral Satellite Launched Successfully, Paving Way for Advanced Disaster Forecasting

In a landmark achievement, Pakistan has successfully launched its first hyperspectral satellite, HS-1, into orbit from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. A team of Pakistani scientists and engineers was present on-site to oversee the historic mission, marking a significant milestone under Pakistan's National Space Policy and Vision 2047.

The HS-1 satellite, designed for advanced remote sensing, will undergo two months of rigorous in-orbit testing to ensure optimal performance. This cutting-edge technology is poised to revolutionize Pakistan's ability to forecast natural disasters such as floods and landslides, while also enhancing environmental monitoring and early geological risk detection.

Launched on July 31, 2025, from China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center, the HS-1 immediately established stable communication with Pakistani ground stations and began transmitting high-resolution images. These images will serve critical national interests, aiding disaster management agencies and environmental scientists across the country.

The launch of HS-1 marks Pakistan's third successful space mission in 2025, following the deployment of EO-1 in January and KS-1 in July.—RT/Agency

PPP Gives Federal Govt Breathing Room To Fulfill Promises

KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has decided to give the incumbent federal government time to fulfill its commitments, the party's senior leader, Sherry Rehman, revealed here on Saturday.

Talking to the media after the Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting, Sherry Rehman said that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari apprised the party leaders about the promises made by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during their previous meeting.

"We have decided to give the federal government and the prime minister more time," she said. "We will meet again after a month to review how many of their promises have been fulfilled. The PPP will then decide its course of action based on that review."

The PPP leader stressed that her party played a significant role in the formation of the federal government and making key legislations. "We thought our voice would be heard in the coalition."

Rehman reiterated her party's stance that the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) was an important tool to provide initial relief in case of any natural calamity.

The PPP leader urged that the programme be used to aid flood affectees, rather than being a platform for "firing political slogans at each other."—RT/Agency

Finance Minister Asserts: IMF Can't Dictate Terms Against Pakistan's Interests

Islamabad: Pakistan's Finance Minister has firmly stated that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cannot impose any conditions that go against the country's national interests. Addressing recent concerns regarding ongoing negotiations with the IMF, the minister emphasized that Pakistan remains committed to adhering to international financial agreements, but not at the cost of its sovereignty or the welfare of its people.

The minister explained that Pakistan is engaged in discussions with the IMF to secure financial assistance necessary for stabilizing the economy, supporting fiscal reforms, and strengthening key sectors. However, he made it clear that any conditions proposed by the IMF would be thoroughly reviewed to ensure they align with Pakistan's long-term economic growth, social stability, and national priorities.

He underscored that while IMF support is crucial for maintaining macroeconomic stability, Pakistan will never compromise on policies that could harm its national security, economic independence, or public welfare. The government aims to balance external assistance with domestic priorities, including protecting vulnerable populations, sustaining employment, and fostering inclusive growth.—RT/Agency

Khawaja Asif Slams PTI: "Stop Viewing Pak-Afghan Ties Through Business Lens"

ISLAMABAD: In a pointed message, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Sunday criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for allegedly interpreting Pakistan-Afghanistan relations through a narrow, self-serving lens.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Asif stated that while it's encouraging to see PTI welcoming the Doha Agreement, the party should not view the sensitive dynamics of Pak-Afghan ties solely through the perspective of its business interests.

"PTI is appreciating the Doha Agreement, which is good," said Asif, "but I urge them not to see Pakistan-Afghanistan relations purely in the context of their own commercial ventures."

Asif's statement comes amid ongoing political debates surrounding the country's foreign policy approach to Afghanistan, especially in light of rising security concerns, cross-border tensions, and Pakistan's evolving stance on Afghan refugees and regional diplomacy.

Observers believe Asif's remarks are a direct jab at PTI leaders who have previously had close ties with elements involved in the Doha peace process, which led to the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and a shift in the regional power balance.—RT/Agency

Terror Kingpin Jameel Alias Tetik — The 'Fitna-e-Hindustan' — Killed In Security Operation

In a major success for Pakistan's counter-terrorism forces, Jameel alias Tetik, the highly wanted leader of the terrorist group Fitna-e-Hindustan, has been confirmed killed, according to security sources. Jameel, a resident of Panjgur District, had been actively involved in orchestrating terrorist activities across Panjgur and neighboring areas, posing a severe threat to public safety and regional stability.Sources revealed that Jameel had a long history of involvement in violent attacks and insurgent activities. Notably, he was implicated in the 2022 attack on Panjgur Headquarters, a brazen assault that resulted in significant casualties and widespread damage. His operational role within Fitna-e-Hindustan made him one of the most dangerous and sought-after terrorists in the region.Security officials emphasized that Jameel's elimination will disrupt the command structure of Fitna-e-Hindustan and weaken the group's ability to carry out further attacks. The operation underscores the determination of Pakistan's law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism and safeguard citizens from extremist threats.Authorities have also reassured the public that operations against remaining elements of Fitna-e-Hindustan and other terrorist organizations will continue with full intensity.—RT/Agency

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Haji Maqbool Ahmed Memon Visits Moro to Offer Condolences to Bereaved Families

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Renowned social personality and leader of the Memon community, Haji Maqbool Ahmed Memon, visited families across various localities of Moro to offer condolences and pray for the departed souls.

At Al-Sadiq Colony, he met with the family of the late Dr. Riaz Ahmed Qazi to express sympathy and offered prayers. In Bypass Town, he visited the residence of the late Haji Alharkio Memon and offered condolences to his relatives, Sajjad Ali Memon and Munir Ahmed Memon. He also condoled with Syed Kazim Ali Shah over the demise of Syed Athar Ali Shah in the same area.

Later, Haji Maqbool Ahmed Memon visited Moro Press Club to offer condolences to journalist Khuda Bux Memon, son of the late senior journalist Haji Muhammad Yousuf Memon.

Love-Married Couple Pleads for Protection After Threats from Bride's Family

By Ijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR SAFAN : A young couple who married by choice have appealed for protection, saying their lives are now in danger after the bride's relatives turned hostile. The couple — resident Nasir Hussain Brohi and bride Fiza Mallah from Tando Allahyar — arrived at Daulatpur Safan Press Club to seek safety and public support.

They told reporters they had lawfully married in a Nawabshah court, but afterwards members of Fiza's family began threatening to kill them and to file false cases. Fiza said her father Saleh and relatives Bashir, Mahram, Murtaza and Junaid Bhelai have issued repeated threats, forcing the couple to live in fear and on the run.

Nasir and Fiza urged SSP Shaheed Benazirabad and other authorities to register cases against the accused and provide them immediate protection so they can live according to their choice.

Thatta and Sujawal Left Behind in Education and Healthcare, Says Advocate Syed Ejaz Ali Shah

By Samiullah Memon

DARRO: President of the District Bar Association Thatta and Chairman of the International Human Rights Movement Thatta-Sujawal, Advocate Syed Ejaz Ali Shah, has said that the people of Thatta and Sujawal are deprived of basic education and healthcare facilities, leaving poor residents trapped in diseases and poverty.During a meeting with senior journalist and head of Sachai Sath Sujawal, Habibullah Memon, at his office in Thatta, Advocate Ejaz Ali Shah expressed deep concern over the worsening situation. He said that due to the lack of schools and hospitals, children are forced to graze livestock and work in fields instead of getting an education.He added that Thatta and Sujawal, once known as peaceful lands of saints and scholars, have been systematically neglected and ruined. "The literacy rate has fallen to zero; schools have turned into guest houses of feudal lords, and educated people from these districts are compelled to live abroad," he lamented. Advocate Shah announced that a movement will soon be launched to fight for the basic rights of the people. "We stand firmly with the residents of Thatta and Sujawal and will continue our struggle until education and health facilities are restored," he vowed.

Hyderabad Police Launch Major Crackdown on Illegal Afghan Residents

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Police launched a massive search and combing operation across multiple areas to target illegal foreign residents and suspicious individuals, following the directives of SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio.

The large-scale operation, conducted within the Maki Shah Police Station limits, covered Mumtaz Colony, Al-Zaib Market, Jiyay Shah Chowk, Maki Shah Road, Khaskheli Mohalla, and Buraq Market. It was jointly led by DSP Hali Road Mujtaba Sheikh and SHO Maki Shah Inspector Sikandar Mustafa, with support from ATF personnel, Talash device operators, lady constables, and Special Branch DSP Aamir Jafri.Police teams thoroughly searched homes, hotels, and suspicious sites. 116 individuals were verified through the Talash biometric app, out of which 113 were cleared, while three suspects — Asadullah, Bismillah, and Agha — were detained for further investigation. Their details are being cross-checked with NADRA records.SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio reaffirmed that the crackdown on illegal Afghan residents and criminal networks will continue relentlessly to ensure law and order across Hyderabad.

Sindh University Thatta Campus Conducts Merit-Based Pre-Entry Test for Admissions

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: A total of 119 candidates — including 87 boys and 32 girls — appeared in the pre-entry test for admission to the BBA, Computer Science, and English programs at the University of Sindh, Thatta Campus, on Sunday.

The test was conducted under the supervision of the University's Admission Committee to ensure a transparent and merit-based selection process.

Speaking on the occasion, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Misbah Bibi Qureshi emphasized that the Sindh University Thatta Campus remains dedicated to upholding academic excellence by admitting students purely on merit. She further stated that only those candidates who successfully qualify in the pre-entry test will be granted admission to their respective disciplines.

Soomra Ittehad Delegation Honors Martyred Soldier in Badin, Pays Tribute to National Hero

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

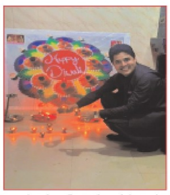
BADIN: A delegation led by Haji Nazir Ahmed Soomra, President of Soomra Ittehad Pakistan Sindh, visited the village of Allah Dino Soomra to meet the family of Pakistan Army soldier Ghulam Mehboob Soomro, who embraced martyrdom while defending the nation on the Pak-Afghan border.

The delegation offered condolences to the martyr's father and brothers, expressing deep sorrow and sympathy. Speaking on the occasion, Haji Nazir Ahmed Soomra said that brave soldiers like Ghulam Mehboob Soomra are the pride of the nation and the true heroes of Pakistan who sacrificed their lives for the country's honor.

Among those present were Sindh General Secretary Haji Abdul Sattar Soomro, Hyderabad District President Nawab Khan Soomra, Badin District President Haji Abdul Sattar Soomra, Finance Secretary E.D. Soomra, Badin Taluka President Abdul Khaliq Soomra, Ahmad Khan Somro, and other party leaders. The visit concluded with a prayer for the elevation of the martyr's rank and patience for the bereaved family.

Diwali Reflects Light, Peace, and Harmony Across Pakistan, Says Rajesh Kumar

By Muqeem Keerio



HYDERABAD: Member of the Message of Peace Committee Pakistan, Rajesh Kumar Hirdasani, said that Diwali is a festival of light, love, peace, and brotherhood — a beautiful symbol of interfaith harmony and tolerance in society.

He stated that in Pakistan, minority communities freely and respectfully celebrate their religious festivals, reflecting the government's inclusive policies and the positive vision of national institutions.

This year, on the occasion of Diwali, the Hindu community will hold special worship and thanksgiving prayers in temples to express gratitude for the historic achievements of the Pakistan Armed Forces in their stand for truth.

Hirdasani added that Diwali is not merely a festival of lamps but a universal message of hope, light, and humanity. He emphasized that everyone must work together to make Pakistan a cradle of love, tolerance, and peace

Man Who Self-Immolated Himself in Shadi Large Succumbs to Burns at Karachi Hospital

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A laborer from Shadi Large who set himself on fire following a domestic dispute succumbed to his burn injuries at a Karachi hospital.

According to details, Abdul Hakeem Kapri, a resident of Shadi Large, doused himself with petrol and set himself ablaze after a family quarrel, sustaining 80 percent burn injuries. He was initially shifted to Indus Hospital Badin and later referred to Karachi for advanced treatment, where he died due to the severity of his wounds.

His body was brought back to his hometown, where a wave of grief swept through his household and neighborhood. A large number of locals and members of the Kapri community attended his funeral, and he was laid to rest in the local graveyard.Condolences continue to pour in for his 80-year-old father, Ali Muhammad Kapri, from relatives and residents of the area.

Hur Jamaat Chief Defends Movement's Discipline, Warns Against Social Media Misinformation

By Khudadin Kachhi

SANGHAR:The chief Khalifa of Hur Jamaat Shahdadpur outpost, Faqir Ghulam Haider alias Dodo Unar, has praised the group's strict discipline, unity and established system of rules, saying its internal forums provide effective, orderly ways to resolve grievances and deliver justice. In a public statement he stressed that no member can be wronged under Hurjamaat's code, and that following its procedures leads to fair outcomes for disputes.

However, he warned that a few anti-social elements opposed to Hurjamaat have been trying to discredit and destabilize the movement. According to Faqir Ghulam Haider, these actors repeatedly use social media to spread malicious content aimed at creating discord among members and smearing Hurjamaat's reputation. He urged followers to avoid falling for such misinformation and to rely on the group's official forums and procedures for resolving problems.

Grand Urs Gathering Marks 11th Annual Commemoration at Karo Jabal Near Nooriabad

By Shams Palari

NOORIABAD:A grand Yarhween (11th Urs) gathering was organized by Shah Nawaz alias Shano Palari at Karo Jabal, near the village of Mitho Khan Palari in Nooriabad.

The event featured an inspiring address by Khalifa Khushal Kohistani Karmi Qadri, while the special sermon was delivered by Allama and Maulana Hafiz Ali Hassan Hussaini.

Hundreds of people from the surrounding areas attended the gathering. The program concluded with a special prayer for the progress and prosperity of the region.

Allama Sajid Naqvi Highlights Global Economic Injustice on World Food Day

By Dildar Ali Samo

TANDO ADAM: Allama Syed Sajid Ali Naqvi, Quaid-e-Millat-e-Jafaria Pakistan, emphasized that the absence of economic justice has pushed humanity into a global class-based system. While the wealthy accumulate limitless resources, millions of poor people struggle even to secure basic food.

In his World Food Day message, he criticized both socialism and capitalism for failing to deliver economic justice. He highlighted how global inequities have empowered the Zionist state, pointing to the crisis in Gaza, where bombings, restricted aid, and deliberate food shortages reflect deep-rooted injustice.

Allama Naqvi stressed that the United Nations must take practical action rather than symbolic observances. According to UN data, over 15% of the world's population struggles to obtain daily meals due to exploitative economic systems and unjust governance.

Karachi University Students Visit Khairpur Heritage, Meet Prince Mir Mehdi Raza Talpur at Faiz Mahal

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: A delegation of male and female students from the University of Karachi visited Khairpur's historical landmarks, including the majestic Kot Diji Fort and the iconic Faiz Mahal.

During their visit to Faiz Mahal, the students had a special meeting with Prince Mir Mehdi Raza Talpur, son of His Highness Mir Ali Murad Khan Talpur, the former ruler of the Khairpur State. The Prince warmly welcomed the delegation and shared fascinating insights into the rich cultural heritage, royal history, and architectural legacy of Khairpur.

The visit concluded with a memorable group photograph of the Karachi University delegation alongside Prince Mir Mehdi Raza Talpur within the royal premises of Faiz Mahal.

Qaumi Awami Tehreek Stages Protest in Thatta, Demands Repatriation of Afghan Nationals

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Activists of the Qaumi Awami Tehreek (QAT), including women and children, staged a protest rally and sit-in outside the Thatta Press Club, calling for the repatriation of Afghan nationals residing in Sindh — particularly in the districts of Thatta, Sujawal, and Badin.

Led by Mumtaz Shaikh, the protesters chanted slogans of "Go Afghani Go," voicing concerns over the increasing presence of Afghan nationals in the province. They alleged that the influx of Afghan immigrants has contributed to growing unemployment among locals and claimed that some of them are involved in illegal and criminal activities.

The demonstrators demanded that the government take immediate measures to deport Afghan nationals back to Afghanistan, warning that their protest movement would expand if their demands were ignored.

Hyderabad Police Celebrate Diwali with Hindu Officers to Promote Interfaith Harmony

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: On the directives of the Inspector General of Sindh Police and the DIG Hyderabad Range, the Hyderabad District Police organized a special Diwali initiative to express solidarity and share festive joy with Hindu police personnel.

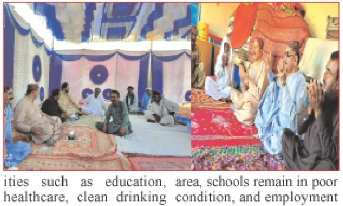
The arrangements were supervised by SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio, while Inspector Salman Mubeen of the Police Headquarters presented sweets and floral bouquets to Hindu officers and staff at the SSP House and Office, DIG House and Office, and Police Headquarters, on behalf of SSP Chandio.

Across the district, officers-in-charge of all police stations distributed sweets and bouquets, sent by the SSP, among Hindu staff at their respective posts. The gesture received wide appreciation for promoting interfaith harmony and brotherhood within the police force.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio emphasized that followers of all religions in Pakistan enjoy equal constitutional and legal rights. He lauded the minority officers for their dedication and service, adding, "The purpose of such initiatives is to strengthen the bonds of love, unity, and national cohesion, so that every festival becomes a celebration of peace and togetherness."

Malik Changez Khan Offers Condolences in Nooriabad, Criticizes Neglect of Kohistan Region

By Shams Palari



NOORIABAD: Malik Changez Khan, a prominent leader of the Jamshoro Ittehad, visited several villages near Nooriabad — including Rawal Palari, Turk Palari, and Eesu Palari — to offer condolences to bereaved families. He expressed heartfelt sympathy with the heirs of the deceased and offered prayers for the departed souls.

Speaking to local residents, Malik Changez Khan said that the Kohistan region has been completely neglected by the ruling party of the province. He lamented the severe lack of basic facilities such as education, healthcare, clean drinking water, roads, and communication infrastructure, which remain unresolved to this day.

He added that despite the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) being in power in Sindh for the past eighteen years, no hospital has been built in the area, schools remain in poor condition, and employment opportunities are almost nonexistent. Malik Changez Khan further remarked that the people's hardships are only remembered by elected representatives during election seasons, while the rest of the time, they are completely forgotten.

Shahdadpur Police Arrest 10 Criminals in Citywide Crackdown

By Sajan Jani Detho

SHAHDADPUR: In a major operation against criminals, Shahdadpur police arrested 10 suspects, including a wanted murder convict, five fugitives from other cases, and five drug dealers. Authorities seized one TT pistol, motorcycles, mobile phones, and 40 liters of liquor from the suspects.

The operation, led by SSP Sanghar Abid Ali Gudani Baloch, targeted criminals across multiple cases. SHO Shahdadpur Ghulam Shabbir Dalwani arrested wanted murder suspect Nawab Rand. Other fugitives apprehended include Manwar alias Mano Jatoi in a theft case, along with Azfar Baig, Niaz Makrani Baloch, and Manzoor Sariwal for fake cheque cases.

In drug-related arrests, Muhammad Lako and Haider Ali Rathore were caught with 40 liters of alcohol. Additionally, Riaz Hussain and Amir Gul, involved in a murder case, were taken into custody.

The SHO emphasized that maintaining law and order remains a top priority, adding that the operations were intensified under the guidance of SSP Sanghar.

Sindh University Dadu Campus Successfully Concludes 2026 Pre-Entry Test

By Javed Laghari

DADU: The Pre-Entry Test 2026 at Sindh University Dadu Campus was successfully conducted, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Azhar Ali Shah, Dr. Suleman Memon, the staff, and volunteer students. Their hard work was highly appreciated, including by the head of IBA University Dadu, Professor Dr. Sarfaraz Dakhan, who attended as the chief guest.

A total of 437 candidates, comprising 133 girls and 286 boys, participated in the test.

On the occasion, Dr. Azhar Ali Shah expressed gratitude on behalf of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Mari to the Dadu Police and the local hospital for their support in ensuring a smooth and secure testing process.

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Punjab Unleashes Anti-Smog Blitz with Raids, Tech, and Truck Bans

LAHORE: Punjab's nine departments, under the Chief Minister's orders, have launched a massive anti-smog operation, announced Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb. For the first time, the campaign uses AQI forecasting for live monitoring and targeted raids on brick kilns and pollution hotspots. Smog guns, air quality monitors, and anti-smog machinery are actively deployed.

Traffic Police have banned trucks and goods vehicles to curb emissions. The initiative marks Punjab's strongest push yet against dangerous air pollution.—RT/Agency

Punjab Revenue Authority Forms Special Enforcement Unit, Hires 130 Officers

LAHORE: The Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) has decided to set up a Special Enforcement Unit to strengthen its operations and improve tax collection efficiency across the province.

According to official sources, the new unit will be tasked with ensuring strict enforcement of tax laws, monitoring non-compliant businesses, and taking swift action against tax evasion and defaulters. To support the unit's operations, the PRA has approved the recruitment of 130 enforcement officers who will undergo specialized training before deployment.

The establishment of the Special Unit marks a major step toward enhancing institutional capacity and promoting transparency in revenue collection. Officials said the move is aimed at expanding the tax base, ensuring fair compliance, and contributing to Punjab's economic stability through improved revenue governance and accountability.—RT/Agency

Achakzai Declares Pakistan's Future Depends on Restoring Imran's Mandate

ISLAMABAD: Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Mahmood Khan Achakzai, along with a delegation of Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Aeen Pakistan, met former Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan to discuss the political situation. During the meeting, Mushtaq Ahmed said that Pakistan's real problem can only be solved by returning the stolen mandate to the prisoner in Adiala Jail, referring to PTI founder Imran Khan.

He criticized the federal government, saying that flattery and servitude toward Donald Trump and foreign powers would not resolve Pakistan's crises. Mushtaq reaffirmed his stance against oppression and his support for civil supremacy, genuine democracy, independent judiciary, and media freedom. He vowed to stand with Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Aeen Pakistan in its struggle for constitutional rights and justice.—RT/Agency

Brick Kiln Horror in Sharaqpur — Child Thrown into Flames by Landowner

SHARAQPUR SHARIF: In a shocking act of cruelty in Sharaqpur Sharif, Punjab, a landowner allegedly threw a child into a burning brick kiln after the child begged for a corncob. The severely burned child was rushed to Tehsil Headquarter Hospital in critical condition. The mother, a beggar, described the merciless attack. Police have launched an investigation and promised to arrest the accused soon. The hospital is fighting to save the child's life amid widespread outrage.—RT

Lahore Chokes as World's 2nd Most Polluted City with 'Very Unhealthy' Air

LAHORE: Lahore ranked the second most polluted city globally on Sunday, according to IQAir. The city's Air Quality Index (AQI) hit a hazardous 189, indicating "very unhealthy" air, driven by dangerous levels of PM2.5, PM10, NO2, and ozone. Only Delhi was worse, with an AQI of 212. With such toxic air, residents face serious health risks as pollution soars, sparking urgent calls for action to combat the city's growing air quality crisis.—RT

Outrage in Punjab as Constable Caught Harassing Woman on Bus, Arrested After Viral Video

LAHORE: Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz shared the image of a Highway Patrolling Police constable arrested for allegedly harassing a woman inside a passenger bus in Sargodha. The incident occurred at Narowal Chowk, Muridke, and came to light after a video of the officer's misconduct went viral, sparking public outrage and demands for justice.

Authorities quickly acted, identifying and detaining the accused officer amid calls for strict legal action.—RT

Earth Tremors Rock Swat as 4.5 Quake Sends Waves of Panic Across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

SWAT: A 4.5 magnitude earthquake struck Swat and nearby Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regions, originating from 50 km deep in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush. The sudden tremor caused buildings to shake, sending residents rushing outside in fear. Thankfully, no casualties or damage have been reported so far. Emergency teams are actively assessing the impact and gathering details from affected areas as locals remain on alert following the unsettling quake.—RT

Wedding Turns to Tragedy in Haripur — Coaster Crash Kills Two, Injures Dozens

KP: A wedding party's coaster collided with a mountainside on Jab road in Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, killing two women and injuring 30 others due to brake failure, Rescue 1122 reported. Emergency teams rushed victims to Trauma Centre Haripur, with two critical cases sent to Abbottabad. This grim accident echoes a similar brake-failure crash in September in Dera Ismail Khan, which claimed 11 lives, highlighting ongoing safety concerns on KP roads.—RT

Ameer Balaj Murder Case Handed to Counter Terrorism Department for Deeper Probe

LAHORE: The Joint Investigation Team (JIT) investigating the Ameer Balaj murder case has been halted from conducting further inquiries, with the case file officially transferred to the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) for a more comprehensive investigation. According to reports, Muzaffar Shah, the prime suspect, was killed on the spot during the shooting incident, while another accused, Taifi Butt, was later killed in an alleged police encounter. Meanwhile, Gogi Butt remains at large and is the only suspect still wanted by police in the case.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Global Memon Powerhouse Meets in Kenya for High-Stakes Trade Summit

KARACHI: The 2nd Memon Leadership Conference is set to explode in Mombasa, Kenya, on October 21-22, uniting prominent global Memon figures. Delegates from over ten countries, including a 25-30 member strong Pakistan chapter featuring business titans like Aqeel Karim Dhedhi and Abdul Rahim Janoo, will attend. The high-powered summit aims to turbocharge cross-border trade, forge major business collaborations, and facilitate crucial technology transfer, promising to significantly strengthen the global Memon community and economic power.—RT

Orangi Shootout Drama: 4 Suspects Held, 2 Injured — Stolen Car Recovered

KARACHI: In a dramatic police encounter in the Orangi Division, authorities arrested four criminals and injured two during the operation. Police seized two pistols and recovered a stolen Honda City (BLG-517) that was snatched from Sachal Police Station.

The suspects were reportedly involved in stealing vehicles from Karachi and selling them in interior Sindh. Officials hailed the raid as a major success against the car lifting gang.—RT/Agency

Super Highway Shootout: Police Gun Down Robbers, Recover Loot & Weapons

KARACHI: Sachal Police engaged in a fierce gun battle with armed robbers near the Afghan Cut on Super Highway. The exchange of fire resulted in the arrest of two suspects, one of whom was injured.

Authorities recovered illegal weapons, snatched mobile phones, and cash from the arrested men. The injured suspect was immediately shifted to the hospital for medical treatment.

Initial investigations reveal that the suspects were involved in multiple criminal incidents, and further inquiries are underway.—RT/Agency

Gutka Kingpin Caught! 220 Kilos of Toxic Mix Seized in Malir Raid

KARACHI: Acting on a secret tip-off and under the leadership of the SHO, police conducted a raid and arrested Hamid son of Mukhtiar, a habitual offender wanted in the police's Category B list, for manufacturing and selling harmful Gutka Mawa.

During the operation, authorities seized 100 kg of Chalia, 120 kg of Gutka Mawa, and other related items. The accused was reportedly selling Gutka from multiple secret locations and had numerous previous cases registered against him.

A case has been filed, and further investigation is underway.—RT/Agency

Green Line Standoff: Mayor Halts Expansion — Federal Team Warns Rs 20m Daily Loss

KARACHI: Federal Government Spokesperson for Sindh, Raja Khaliq uz Zaman Ansari, has alleged that Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab has ordered a halt to the construction work on the Green Line Bus project extension.

In an interview with Geo News, Ansari stated that the expansion work was progressing rapidly before it was suddenly stopped by the mayor. He further claimed that after city wardens were removed and work resumed, it was once again shut down the very next day.

As a result of the ongoing suspension — which began on September 18 — the government is reportedly incurring a daily loss of PKR 20 million, with heavy machinery now left idle at the site.—RT/Agency

HEARTLAND

Top Lawyers Visit Wahab Munshi to Condole Salman Munshi's Passing

HYDERABAD: Prominent legal figures including former SCBA President Barrister Abid Zuberi, former KBA President Naeem Qureshi, former DBA Hyderabad President K.B. Laghari, and President of International Affairs Mohsin Magsi visited Munshi House to offer condolences and prayers for Late Salman Munshi, younger brother of renowned lawyer and columnist Wahab Munshi. They paid heartfelt tribute and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family.—RT

Central Punjab

Labour Solidarity Rises as Pakistan Milli Labour Federation Plans Historic Convention

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Pakistan Milli Labour Federation has announced that thousands of workers, laborers, and employees from across the country will participate in a landmark Workers Convention under the banner of the Central Muslim League.

Speaking at a meeting held at the District Secretariat, Rana Jibran, Central President of the Federation, emphasized that the convention will amplify the voice of the working class, address their challenges, and safeguard public interests. The meeting was presided over by Abdul Majeed Salik, Punjab President of the Federation, with participation from Mian Sohail, District General Secretary of the Central Muslim League Toba, and other prominent labor leaders.

The speakers highlighted that the convention aims to foster unity, tolerance, and national harmony, providing a platform to raise concerns over inflation, unemployment, low wages, and economic inequality. They stressed the need for national dialogue and reconciliation to promote peace, stability, and public welfare.

Kotli Syed Ameer Police Smash Robbery Gangs, Nab Murder Suspects — DPO Praises SHO Kashif Ali Butt

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GURANWALA: Kotli Syed Ameer Police have carried out a major crackdown against dacoits, motorcycle thieves, and murder suspects, ensuring the safety of citizens' lives and property.

Under the leadership of SHO Kashif Ali Butt, several gangs involved in motorcycle and car theft, as well as robbery, were arrested. Police recovered millions of rupees in cash, stolen goods, and illegal weapons from their possession. Using modern technology, the accused in murder case No. 453/25 were also apprehended.

DPO Sialkot Faisal Shahzad, while issuing directives to intensify operations across the district, praised the Kotli Syed Ameer Police for their outstanding performance. During interrogation, the suspects confessed to stealing motorcycles from streets, markets, and parking areas, and committing robberies in deserted spots at night.

DPO Faisal Shahzad commended SHO Kashif Ali Butt and his team for their efficiency and professionalism, emphasizing that strict action against anti-social elements would ensure peace and security for citizens. SHO Kashif Ali Butt, known for his professionalism and strong public rapport, has previously received commendations for eliminating notorious gangs and solving blind murder cases.

Gojra Traffic Police Target Smoke-Emitting Vehicles in Anti-Pollution Drive

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Gojra Traffic Police have launched a special crackdown on smoke-emitting vehicles as part of efforts to control air pollution. During the operation, several vehicles releasing excessive smoke were seized and impounded at the police station.

According to details, traffic police confiscated wagon number BTS-721 and wagon number TAM-323 from Station Chowk for violating environmental laws. Cases have been registered against the vehicle owners for contributing to air pollution.

District Traffic Officer (DTO) Muhammad Atif Bhatti said that strict and indiscriminate action would continue against all vehicles causing environmental pollution, adding that no smoke-emitting vehicle would be allowed to ply on the roads.

Traders Drive Pakistan's Economy, Their Prosperity Is My Priority, Says Chaudhry Asif Sagheer

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Vice President of the Central Traders Association, Chaudhry Asif Sagheer, has reiterated his unwavering commitment to the trader community, declaring that their prosperity and welfare remain his lifelong mission.

He stated that traders form the backbone of Pakistan's economy and that he has always raised his voice for their rights. "I consider the traders' problems as my own," he said, adding that he cannot rest easy while witnessing their hardships. "My life and death are with the trader community — I work day and night to resolve their fundamental issues and ensure their well-being."

Chaudhry Asif Sagheer affirmed that he has always stood shoulder to shoulder with traders during difficult times and will continue to do so. He vowed to protect their businesses, push for tax reforms, improve law and order, and ensure their inclusion in policy-making processes. "Until the traders receive genuine relief and their legitimate concerns are addressed," he concluded, "I will continue to stand by them. Raising their voice is not just my duty — it is my mission."

BALOCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Students Excel at De Nation English Academy Competitions in Bhawani Hub

By Inayatullah Harr

JAFFARABAD: De Nation English Language Academy (Bhawani Hub) successfully organized a vibrant competition on October 18, 2025, where students from all levels participated with enthusiasm and showcased their skills impressively.

The academy, under the supervision of Director Ijaz, believes in activity-based learning and fostering a positive, productive educational environment. The event included multiple segments highlighting students' talents and achievements. Senior teachers Parvez, Ayesha, and Abid also participated, ensuring smooth coordination throughout the program.

Director Ijaz expressed heartfelt gratitude to the distinguished guests who attended, adding prestige to the event and inspiring the students. Notable attendees included Sir Ashraf, Director Amazon Academy, Daroo Hotel, Principal Izzat, The Moon School Hub, Vice Principal Fiza, The Light School Hub, Waja Elahi Bakhsh Baloch, Wadera Ahmed, Mr. Yahya Baloch, and other respected personalities.

MONEY

Tomato Shock Rocks Karachi — Prices Hit Rs500 Overnight

KARACHI: Tomato prices have skyrocketed across various cities in the country, rising by Rs200 per kilogram within 24 hours. In Karachi, prices have surged to Rs400 to Rs500 per kg in different areas. Prices in Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta have also reached between Rs400 and Rs500 per kg. The price hike is due to the absence of a new crop, reduced supply from Iran and Afghanistan, and increased demand. Citizens are deeply troubled and urge the government to take immediate action.— Agency

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The Doha Ceasefire Must Mark the End of Terror From Afghan Soil

At long last, reason seems to have prevailed. The announcement of a ceasefire between Pakistan and Afghanistan after 13 tense hours of negotiations in Doha offers a glimmer of hope in an otherwise dark chapter of cross-border hostility. Yet, this hope comes tempered with exhaustion — exhaustion born from years of betrayal, duplicity, and the repeated misuse of Afghan soil to export terrorism into Pakistan.

For too long, Pakistan extended goodwill, hospitality, and brotherhood to its western neighbor — hosting millions of Afghan refugees, supporting reconstruction, and advocating global engagement with the Taliban regime. In return, Pakistan has faced a relentless wave of terrorist attacks, all traced back to sanctuaries across the border. This is not diplomacy; this is exploitation.

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Today's ceasefire, confirmed by Qatar's Foreign Ministry and acknowledged by Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, must not become another fleeting handshake drowned in empty promises. It must be the final warning shot — a message loud and clear that Pakistan's patience has run out. The armed forces, the government, and the people are united in one voice: No more tolerance for terror.

The Taliban leadership must finally understand that peace with Pakistan is not optional — it is existential. If this truce is honored, it could usher in true stability and cooperation between two Islamic nations bound by faith and geography. If violated, however, Pakistan must respond not with words, but with resolve.

This ceasefire should mark not just the end of hostilities — but the end of Pakistan's appeasement. The era of hardball diplomacy with Kabul has begun, and this time, the stakes are non-negotiable.

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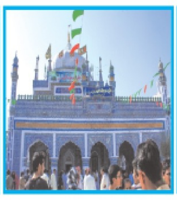

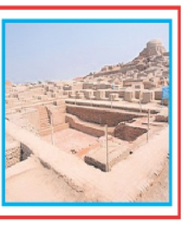

PPP Holds Quran Khwani and Tribute for October 18 Martyrs at Zardari House Sanghar

By Khadim Hussain Khaskheli

SANGHAR: To pay glowing tribute and offer prayers for the martyrs of October 18, a Quran Khwani and food distribution among the poor were organized at Zardari House Sanghar, hosted by PPP leader Ejaz Hussain Zardari.

The event was attended by MNA Aseefa Bhutto Zardari's brother Usama Muree, SUPAF Sanghar District President Khadim Hussain Khaskheli, Chairman Municipal Committee Rashid Ali Mughal, PPP City President Ghulam Haider Panhwar, General Secretary Usman Ghani, PPP Labour Bureau President Ibrahim Chang, Information Secretary Yasar Muree, PPP Minorities and Women Wings, Cultural Wing, and a large number of party workers and supporters.

Addressing the gathering, Ejaz Hussain Zardari, Usama Muree, and Khadim Hussain Khaskheli said that the names of the October 18 martyrs are inscribed in golden letters in history. "Whenever the sacrifices of the PPP are remembered, the martyrs of October 18 will always be honored," they said.

They further stated that Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was the true champion of democracy who courageously struggled for its restoration, preferring martyrdom over bowing before any dictator.

Jamshoro Police Foil Major Drug Smuggling Bid; Three Arrested, Including Two Women

By Munwar Chandio

JAMSHORO: In a major success against narcotics trafficking, Looni Kot Police in Jamshoro foiled a large-scale drug smuggling attempt, seizing a car loaded with narcotics worth millions of rupees and arresting three suspects, including two women.

The operation, conducted on the directives of SSP Jamshoro Zafar Siddique Chhanga, was carried out under the supervision of Inspector Saifullah Baghiyo, SHO Looni Kot Police Station, following a confidential tip-off. Police intercepted a white car (registration No. 9801-LWQ) and, upon inspection, discovered **14 bags containing 140 kilograms of narcotic-making material.The arrested suspects were identified as Amjad Ali Khaskheli, Wajeeha daughter of Muhammad Yasee, and Zahida alias Zara wife of Hussain. The seized contraband is estimated to be worth millions in the illegal market

A formal case has been registered at the Looni Kot Police Station, while investigations are underway to trace the broader smuggling network. According to police sources, one of the accused already has a criminal record under Crime No. 62/2025 U/S 8 (Mainpuri Gutka Act) registered at PS Looni Kot.

The successful operation underscores the Jamshoro Police's firm resolve to eliminate organized crime and curb the spread of narcotics across the district.

Jamaat-e-Islami Thatta Marches for Farmers' Rights, Seeks Fair Paddy Prices and Water Share

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Jamaat-e-Islami Thatta staged a protest rally in support of farmers, demanding fair prices for crops and urgent government intervention to resolve their mounting issues.

Led by District Ameer Advocate Abdul Majeed Samoon, the rally marched through various parts of the city and culminated in a large demonstration outside the Thatta Press Club.

Addressing the protesters, Advocate Samoon denounced the government's indifference toward the agricultural sector, warning that persistent injustice against farmers would no longer be tolerated. He called for an immediate increase in the official paddy procurement price, fair distribution of irrigation water, and stern action against middlemen exploiting growers by fixing low crop rates.

He further cautioned that if the authorities failed to meet these demands, Jamaat-e-Islami would intensify its protest movement across Sindh.

Dr. Qadir Magsi Visits Tando Adam, Offers Condolences to Junejo Family, Calls for Sindh's Unity

By Hakim Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: Sindh Taraqi Pasand Party (STP) Chairman Dr. Qadir Magsi visited Sanjhar Junejo village in Tando Adam, where he offered condolences to Wadero Muhammad Khan Junejo over the demise of his brother, Roshan Junejo.

During the condolence meeting, Dr. Qadir Magsi said that the Junejo family has always played a significant political role in advocating for Sindh's rights. He emphasized that the STP represents the vision of a prosperous Sindh, and to achieve this goal, "we must unite and struggle against the exploiters of Sindh."Dr. Magsi added that the ruling elite are currently engaged only in looting and corruption, while the people of Sindh continue to suffer. He urged the citizens of Sindh to support sincere and patriotic individuals in the upcoming elections to ensure meaningful change.

Speeding Vehicle Rams Motorcycle Near Qazi Ahmed; Three, Including Child, Critically Injured

By Sajid Ali Anar

QAZI AHMED: Near Qazi Ahmed on the National Highway at Alamdar Chowk, a speeding Mazda truck collided violently with a motorcycle, leaving three people — Muhammad Suleman, a young girl Saeera Solangi, and pedestrian Abdul Rehman Kolachi — seriously injured.

The injured were initially shifted to Qazi Ahmed Hospital, but due to their critical condition, including that of the minor girl, they were later referred to Nawabshah Hospital via Edhi ambulance for advanced medical treatment.

Dow University Conducts First-Ever Mock Medical Entry Test in Sakrand

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: For the first time in Sakrand's history, a mock test for medical entry was organized at Hania Academy Sakrand under the supervision of Professor Ghulam Hussain Jalbani from Dow Medical University. Hundreds of male and female students participated in the test.

Students expressed gratitude to Hania Academy for providing them with the valuable opportunity to prepare for medical admission. Speaking on the occasion, Professor Ghulam Hussain Jalbani said that this is the first time Dow Testing Service of Dow Medical University has conducted a mock test in Sakrand as part of the initial phase of medical admissions.

He added that the second phase will consist of the official MDCAT test, and only those who pass it will be eligible for medical college admissions

PPP Badin Pays Glowing Tribute to Karsaz Martyrs on 18th Anniversary

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) District Badin organized a condolence program at Luari Palace to pay homage to the martyrs of the Karsaz tragedy on its 18th anniversary. The event was attended by PPP Hyderabad Division President Senator Aajiz Dhamrah, Provincial Advisor and General Secretary Hyderabad Division Giyanchand Essrani, Chairman District Council and PPP Badin President Jam Ali Asghar Halipoto, MNAs Mir Ghulam Ali Talpur and Haji Rasool Bux Chandio, General Secretary Dr. Sajjad Ali Chandio, MPAs Haji Taj Mohammad Mallah, Mir Allah Bux Talpur, Dada Haji Mohammad Halipoto, Tanzeela Umme Habiba Qambrani, Pir Noorullah Qureshi, Chairman Municipal Committee Badin Pir Mohammad Saleh Qureshi, Fazil Rahu Jr, Press Secretary Pir Waqar Shah Jilani, and Deputy Information Secretary Haji Mir Mallah, along with party leaders from all talukas.

Addressing the gathering, Senator Aajiz Dhamrah said that the PPP is the only political party in Pakistan where both leaders and workers have made immense sacrifices. "The graves of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, Shaheed Shahnawaz Bhutto, Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto, and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto at Garhi Khuda Bakhsh are eternal symbols of democracy's struggle," he said.

Girls College Latifabad No. 8 Wins Thrilling Flying Disc Match Against Public School Hyderabad

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Under the auspices of the Hyderabad Flying Disc Association, in collaboration with the Sindh Flying Disc Association and Public School Hyderabad, a friendly flying disc match was held at the Public School Sports Complex between Government Girls Degree College Latifabad No. 8 and Public School Hyderabad.

After a competitive contest, Government Girls Degree College Latifabad No. 8 narrowly triumphed over Public School Hyderabad by 10–9. Manahil from Government Girls Degree College Latifabad was declared the Best Player of the match.

The match was inaugurated by Public School Vice Principal Fazaluddin, accompanied by Girls Section Head Ms. Fauzia Siddiqui. Sanam Baloch, Secretary of the Hyderabad Flying Disc Association, presented a traditional Ajrak to Vice Principal Fazaluddin. Rehana Bhatti, Chief Director of Physical Education at the Government Girls College and Secretary of the Women's Wing of the Sindh Flying Disc Association, presented an Ajrak to Ms. Fauzia Siddiqui, while the chief guest honored Sports Organizer Shabbir Gul.Aamir Kifayat, General Secretary of the Sindh Flying Disc Association, presented a souvenir to the chief guest. Later, Chairman of the Hyderabad Flying Disc Association, Ijaz Bhatti, graced the closing ceremony, where he awarded the Winner's Trophy to Samira, captain of Government Girls Degree College Latifabad No. 8, and the Runner-up Trophy to Noor Fatima, captain of Public School Hyderabad.

DHO Badin Dr. Zahoor Abbasi Kicks Off Anti-Mosquito Fumigation Drive as Citizens Applaud Effort

By Khadim Hussain Sheikh

KADHAN: Following his recent appointment, the new District Health Officer (DHO) Badin, Dr. Zahoor Abbasi, has officially launched an anti-mosquito spray campaign across various roads and streets of Badin city to curb the spread of malaria.

Citizens and social circles have widely appreciated this initiative, noting that malaria cases had risen sharply in recent months due to the absence of spray activities. Residents remarked that with Dr. Zahoor Abbasi assuming official responsibilities, a new sense of energy has entered the health department, raising hopes that diseases like malaria will soon be brought under control in the district.

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SPORTS

Amorim Doubles Down — Fernandes Stays Manchester United's Penalty King

Manchester United's coach, Ruben Amorim, said that Bruno Fernandes will remain as their first-choice penalty taker despite missing a few this season.

Fernandes has missed penalties against Fulham in a 1-1 draw and Brentford in a 3-1 defeat this campaign.

However, Amorim is confident that his main man will make a comeback and is still his number one as a penalty taker.

"He's the main taker," Amorim said.

"He scores a lot of goals. If we need, we can change. But I'm fully confident that Bruno will sort that out."

Fernandes was not the only one to miss the penalty; Bryan Mbeumo also missed one in the Carabao Cup shoot-out defeat to Grimsby Town, which proved costly for Amorim, who is struggling as a manager at Old Trafford this season.

The Portugal midfielder was successful in scoring from the penalty spot in the 3-2 win over Burnley in August.—Agency

Kings Blow Early Whistle: Sabonis Benched with Hamstring Woes

SACRAMENTO: Sacramento Kings big man Domantas Sabonis has been ruled out of their first two regular-season games next week because of a Grade 1 hamstring strain, the team announced.

According to the Kings, Sabonis has a Grade 1 strain based on an MRI. In a week, he will have another evaluation, which will give a more proper image of Sabonis' absence.

Due to a hamstring injury, Sabonis departed the team's preseason game against the Clippers last Wednesday.

He subsequently missed Friday night's preseason finale in Los Angeles while undergoing testing.

The media sources stated that Sabonis will not be available for the Kings' season opening against the Jazz on Friday night or their season opener in Phoenix on Wednesday night due to what was thought to be a mild strain.

Media reports also stated that he could make his comeback as early as Sunday, October 26, and can play against the Lakers at home.

The Kings are already without fourth-year power forward Keegan Murray, who will miss at least a month with a torn UCL in his left thumb. —Agency

Shock Exit in Riyadh! Djokovic Retires, Finishes Fourth in Setback Showdown

Novak Djokovic retired against Taylor Fritz at the Six Kings Slam due to physical problems before losing the opening set 7-6 in Riyadh on Saturday. The veteran has finished fourth at the tournament and is now eying recovery ahead of Athens and Turin.

Djokovic is reportedly suffering from a groin injury that he sustained during the Shanghai Masters.

The Serbian gave it all despite struggling due to physical issues against Fritz; he wasted set points, and at the end, when there was nothing left in his tank, he left the match after the first set.

After leaving Riyadh, Djokovic is now focused on recovery and planning to rest for the coming weeks to gain fitness, and he is likely to skip the Paris Masters next week.

He aims to participate in the ATP 250 event in Athens in November and prepare for the ATP Finals. This is his 18th record-matching qualification for the premium ATP event.

Djokovic is planning to end his season on a high note, with Athens and Turin likely in his schedule. He has won only one title this season, which was in Geneva in May.

At 38, Djokovic is the third successful tennis player of the season behind Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz.

The veteran has advanced to the semi-finals of all four Majors, one Masters 1000 final, and one ATP 250 title, marking the 100th of his career.

After suffering physical issues in Shanghai and Riyadh, Novak is now focused on healing his body and preparing for one final push in 2025.

"Now it's time to rest and really address some of the issues I have with my body. Then, hopefully, I can play the last couple of tournaments of the season. Let's see," Novak Djokovic said.—Agency

Kids' Corner

Names: Abdul Salam, Zeeshan and Ayesha Pirzado
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Aussie Thunder! Australia Crush India by 7 Wickets in Rain-Hit ODI

PERTH: Australia secured a convincing seven-wicket victory over India in the rain-affected first ODI of the three-match series on Sunday at Optus Stadium.

India, batting first in a match reduced to 26 overs due to four rain interruptions, managed only 136/9. Australia chased the revised target of 131 (DLS method) with 4.5 overs to spare, taking a 1-0 lead in the series.

India's innings struggled as none of the batters crossed the 40-run mark. KL Rahul top-scored with 38 off 31 balls, while captain Rohit Sharma fell early for 8 off 14 deliveries, caught behind off Josh Hazlewood with the score at 13-1 in the fourth over.

Virat Kohli lasted just eight balls at No. 3 before edging Mitchell Starc to Cooper Connolly at backward point.

ODI debutant captain Shubman Gill managed 10 off 18 balls before being dismissed by Nathan Ellis, and vice-captain Shreyas Iyer fell cheaply to Hazlewood, leaving India at 45-4 in 13.2 overs.

Rahul and Axar Patel briefly steadied the innings with a 39-run partnership, but Patel was dismissed for 31 off 38 balls by Matthew Kuhnemann.

Washington Sundar added 10, and wickets continued to tumble with Rahul departing, followed by Harshit Rana (1) and Arshdeep Singh (run out for 0).

Nitish Kumar Reddy remained unbeaten on 19 off 11 balls, including two sixes.

For Australia, Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Owen and Matthew Kuhnemann claimed two wickets each, while Mitchell Starc picked up one.

Chasing the target, Australia faced an early setback as Travis Head was dismissed for 8 off 5 by Arshdeep Singh, leaving the team at 10-1 in 1.2 overs.

A 34-run second-wicket stand between Mitchell Marsh and Matthew Short was broken when Short fell for 8 off 17 balls, dismissed by Axar Patel. Marsh then stitched a crucial 55-run partnership with Josh Philippe, who scored 37 off 29 balls with three fours and two sixes, before being removed by Washington Sundar.—Agency

Verstappen Blazes to Pole at US GP — Piastri Settles for Sixth

AUSTIN: Max Verstappen clinched pole position at the United States Grand Prix while Formula One leader Oscar Piastri ended in sixth position ahead of Sunday's action.

Lando Norris finished second after a costly sprint race collision with his McLaren teammate Piastri.

Norris is 22 points behind Piastri, while Verstappen is 55 points behind the F1 leader.

Last year's winner in Austin, Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, qualified third fastest and will share the second row with Mercedes' George Russell, who was the winner of the Singapore Grand Prix.

The pole marks Verstappen's seventh non-sprint of the season and 47th of his career.

The Dutch driver missed the chance for a second attempt but was still nearly three-tenths faster than Norris.

"Unfortunately I couldn't do my final run. It was a bit messy with the out-laps, but luckily, we didn't need it," said the four-time world champion, who was fastest in all three phases.

Norris said this was the best they could have done.

"We were pushing and I'm still happy with P2. It could have been worse. But there was no chance we could have got on pole today," said the Briton.

Ferrari's seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton finished in fifth position and will share the third row with Piastri, while Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli lines up seventh and Haas's Oliver Bearman eighth.

Carlos Sainz of Williams was ninth fastest, while Fernando Alonso secured 10th place for Aston Martin. Piastri described the crash with his McLaren teammate Norris as simply a racing incident. "I think it is just a racing incident. Lando and I were a long way away from the apex, and it's impossible to see everything at that point," said Piastri.—Agency

Bangladesh Bring Back Nasum Ahmed for West Indies ODIs

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced the inclusion of left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed in the ODI squad for the ongoing series against the West Indies on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Nasum, who has claimed 16 wickets in 18 ODIs at an economy rate of 4.48, last appeared in an ODI in December 2024.

His recall comes after spinners played a dominant role in the low and slow pitch during the series opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium (SBNCS) on Saturday.

In the opening match, West Indies left-arm spinner Khary Pierre impressed with figures of 1-19 in his 10 overs, while off-spinner Roston Chase claimed two wickets.

However, Bangladesh's spinners stole the show, with Rishad Hossain and Tanvir Islam sharing eight wickets to guide the hosts to victory.

Rishad Hossain's career-best six-wicket haul was instrumental as Bangladesh successfully defended a target of 208, defeating the West Indies by 74 runs.

Put into bat first, the home side posted 207 runs in 49.4 overs, anchored by Towhid Hridoy's resilient half-century. In response, the West Indies were bowled out for just 133 in 39 overs.

Bangladesh now leads the three-match series 1-0. The second and third ODIs are scheduled for October 21 and 23 at the same venue in Mirpur.

Bangladesh Squad for West Indies ODI: Mehidy Hassan Miraz (c), Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Soumay Sarker, Mohammed Saif Hasan, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahidul Islam Ankon, Jaker Ali Anik, Shamim Hossain, Quazi Nurul Hasan Sohan, Rishad Hossain, Tanvir Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Hasan Mahmud and Nasum Ahmed.—Agency

Sinner Stuns Alcaraz! Italian Ace Seizes Six Kings Slam Glory in Riyadh

RIYADH: World number two Jannik Sinner powered past top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz to win the prestigious Six Kings Slam on Sunday, securing a 6-2, 6-4 victory in the final.

The Italian broke Alcaraz in the very first game and maintained control throughout, displaying dominant form. Sinner completed the match in just over 90 minutes with an almost flawless performance, capping a season-long rivalry with the Spaniard.

In his on-court interview, Sinner said he wishes he could play with the same momentum everywhere and added that it is a pleasure to share the court with Carlos

"I wish I could play like this everywhere," Sinner said.

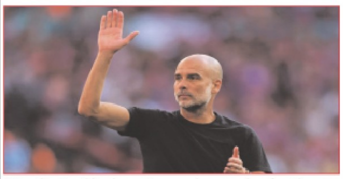
"This season we played many, many times and I also lost many times to Carlos. It is a huge pleasure and honour to share the court with him," he added.

He added that their rivalry has helped them improve, and emphasised the special friendship they share.

"At the same time, you want to get better as a player, and you need rivalries in the sport. So it's nice to have a great rivalry and, more importantly, a great friendship off the court. We have a very special friendship, and it's truly wonderful," he stated.

Alcaraz, who won the US Open earlier this year, tried to fight back but struggled to disrupt Sinner's momentum.—Agency

Pep's Wish List: Guardiola Hints at Reunion with Ex-City Striker



Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola has said that he would like to have Julian Alvarez back in his squad following the Argentine forward's brilliant run at Atletico Madrid under Diego Simeone in the Spanish top-flight La Liga.

Alvarez represented the City from 2022 to 2024. He played 103 matches for the Cityzens, scoring 36 goals and recording 19 assists, while competing with Erling Haaland for the starting role.

While speaking to the media, Guardiola said Aymeric Laporte and Alvarez are the players he wishes to have in his arsenal this campaign.

"The Treble year, do you remember the players I left on the bench? Aymeric Laporte, an incredible central defender and a regular for the national team, Julián (Alvarez) and others who I would love to have now, but they wanted to play more and left," Guardiola said.

"Julian had to compete with Erling (Haaland), which was something extraordinary for us. Now he's at one of the best teams in the world, Atlético Madrid, with a world-class coach (Diego Simeone) and teammates, and he's performing incredibly well. Now I'd love to have him with me... but I understand."

Julian Alvarez, earlier this season, revealed that he has nothing in his mind against Pep Guardiola or City, and added that he thanked the coach through text message after leaving.—Agency

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Rita Ora Sets Stage Ablaze — New Album & 2026 World Tour Announced!

Rita Ora is planning a new album as well as a tour for 2026

The Anywhere hitmaker has explained that she wants to release and tour her fourth studio record next year after concentrating on other elements of her career - such as her acting work - in recent times.

Speaking to a Melbourne radio station, Rita said: "There's definitely an album coming."

She further mentioned, "I'm really focused on this record and I'm coming out to tour - I haven't toured an album since 2018."

"My career has been so interesting. I've done film, TV, so kind of outwards. In the new year, I'm going inwards - to clean up shop and lead with intention," the For You singer mentioned.

Rita revealed that she plans to tour in both Australia and New Zealand as the region has become her "second home" since she married Kiwi filmmaker Taika Waititi in 2022.

"I'm 100 per cent going to tour Australia, then to New Zealand and then back again - it's like my second home," the 34-year-old singer confirmed.

Sabrina Carpenter Spills Secrets Behind Her Controversial Album Cover

Sabrina Carpenter has playfully hit back at the backlash over her album Man's Best Friend's cover photo and lyrics.

While pulling double duty as host and musical guest on the latest episode of Saturday Night Live, Sabrina joked about the controversial first cover of her album, which featured her on all fours with a man holding her hair.

"Some people got a little freaked out by the cover," the Espresso hitmaker told viewers in her monologue. "I'm not sure why? It was just this: me on all fours, with an unseen figure pulling my hair."

"But what people don't realize is that's just how they cropped it. If you zoom out, it's clearly a picture from the [Saturday Night Live] 50th anniversary special of Bowen [Yang] helping me up by the hair — after Martin Short shoved me out of the buffet line, saying something like, 'Daddy need his mini quiche,'" she joked.

She then made a hilarious attempt to "clear up some misconceptions" about sexuality.

"Everyone thinks of me as this 'horn dog' pop star, but there's really so much more to me," she teased. "I'm not just hrny. I'm also turned-on, and I'm sxually charged.

Mystery Mode: Kim Kardashian Covers Up at Academy Museum Gala

Kim Kardashian made a stunning appearance at the Academy Museum Gala. The SKIMS founder turned heads as she made a faceless appearance at the fifth annual gala.

Kim wore a striking outfit but concealed her face and hair with nude-coloured mask.

The reality TV star donned a strapless corseted gown from the Maison Margiela Fall 2025 Couture collection.

She accessorized it with matching long nude nails and matching face mask.

On her Instagram Stories, Kim posted photos of herself posing in the stunning outfit.

Alls Fair star turns heads at Academy Museum Gal

'All's Fair' star turns heads at Academy Museum Gala

This comes after Kim Kardashian made a stunning appearance at the Los Angeles premiere of her new Ryan Murphy legal drama All's Fair.

For her look, the Keeping up with the Kardashians star donned a Schiaparelli Couture structured halter-neck gown.

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THE HEARTLAND

Over 40 Laghari Community Members Join PPP in Moro Under Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar's Leadership

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: More than 40 influential members of the Laghari community from Laghari Bjrani and Laghari Ahmadani villages announced their decision to join the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) after parting ways with the National Peoples Party (NPP).

A delegation led by Rais Iqbal Ahmed Laghari, Rais Ejaz Hussain Laghari, Ustad Bahawal Khan Laghari, and Ustad Allah Bachayo Laghari met Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar at Lanjar House, Moro, where they formally announced their inclusion in PPP and expressed complete trust in the leadership of Minister Lanjar.

The Laghari elders declared, "From now on, our life and death are with Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar and the Pakistan Peoples Party."

Welcoming the decision, Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar expressed his gratitude and said that Lanjar House is a center of public service, always open to the people. He assured the delegation that the issues of the Laghari community will be addressed on a priority basis and their villages will be developed under ongoing public welfare initiatives.

Youth Memon Ittehad Convenes Key Session in Tando Muhammad Khan to Strengthen Community Unity

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A significant meeting of the Youth Memon Ittehad was held in Tando Muhammad Khan, attended by a large number of respected elders, senior workers, and youth from various wards and union councils.

The session began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool ?, followed by detailed discussions on the meeting's agenda. Participants emphasized that the objective of the gathering was to develop a collective strategy for the welfare, social progress, and resolution of issues faced by the Memon community.

Speakers highlighted the need for the community to unite on one platform and work collectively for educational, social, and economic uplift. It was decided that "Memon Corner Gatherings" will be organized in different wards and union councils of Tando Muhammad Khan to ensure greater youth participation.

Several proposals were presented to strengthen the unity, organization, and development of the community. It was also resolved that permanent committees will be formed in the next meeting to implement practical measures.

Nauabad's Young Artisan Revives Sindh's Spirit Through Harmonium Craftsmanship

By Imtiaz Ali Liskani

NAUABAD: In the small yet talented town of Nauabad, where every street tells a story of hard work, lives a young craftsman named Mir Hasan Manghar, who has been devoted to the art of harmonium making for the past 25 years. For him, this craft is not merely a means of livelihood—it is his passion, identity, and spiritual connection.

Speaking to Regional Times, Mir Hasan shared that he learned this delicate craft from his late grandfather Sadruddin Manghar, a renowned harmonium maker of Sindh, and later refined his skills under Ustad Amir Ali Amir in Hyderabad. He built his first harmonium at the age of seven, carving wood and tuning reeds with a child's curiosity and an artist's heart."Harmonium making is not an easy job," he said. "It requires patience, breath, and sincerity. Every sound it produces carries a part of your soul." It takes 20 to 25 days to make a single harmonium by hand, which sells for Rs25,000 to Rs50,000, and its melodies echo through Sindh's folk tunes, Sufi gatherings, and musical events.

Noor Medical Center Inaugurated in Qazi Ahmed Alongside Free Medical Camp

By Sajid Ali Anar

QAZI AHMED: The inauguration ceremony of Noor Medical Center and Maternity Home along with a free medical camp was held at Noor Medical Center, Sher Muhammad Colony, Qazi Ahmed.The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the presentation of traditional Ajraks and garlands to all guests. The owner of Noor Medical Center, Mr. Noor Muhammad Sehto, warmly welcomed the guests and expressed gratitude for their participation, stating that the center was established to serve humanity and provide affordable healthcare to the people of the area.Medical Superintendent of Taluka Hospital Qazi Ahmed, Dr. Zaheer Abbas Zardari, appreciated the initiative, saying that organizing free medical camps is not only a noble act of service but also a source of spiritual reward, and expressed hope that many patients would benefit from the camp.Following the ceremony, Dr. Zaheer Abbas Zardari, Dr. Syed Zahid Hussain Shah, Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Burdi, Dr. Haseeb Sehto, Dr. Zeeshan Lakho, Dr. Abid Sehto, Dr. Aqib Sehto, Dr. Sikandar Mari, and Mr. Noor Muhammad Sehto jointly inaugurated the medical center and the free camp.

Ghazali Educational Society Warns of Threats to Free Education Effort in KGM

By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: A shocking conspiracy has emerged aimed at sabotaging free and quality education for underprivileged children. Advocate Shauvez Alam, President of Ghazali Educational Society, held a press conference at the Kot Ghulam Muhammad Press Club, revealing threats to his life and property.

He stated that a local resident, Shehzad Anjum (Mirwah Gorchani), has been opposing the society's efforts through illegal and unethical actions, creating severe risks for him and his staff. Since the launch of free education at Ghazali High School in collaboration with Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Shehzad Anjum has obstructed the project with persistent harassment.

Hyderabad Crackdown: Two 'Fitna-ul-Hindustan' Militants Nabbed, Arms Recovered in Major Terror Bust

HYDERABAD: Sindh police's CTD Hyderabad arrested two dreaded Fitna Ul Hindustan terrorists, Abdul Raheem Khoso and Ghulam Shabir, in a high-stakes operation in Qasimabad. The suspects were in hiding and linked to terror financing with cash, documents, arms, and ammunition recovered. These weapons were allegedly used in an April attack on a CTD vehicle. Earlier, top militant Jameel alias Tetak, one of FAH's most wanted, was reportedly killed, marking a significant blow to the terror outfit.—RT

Gateway to Global Medicine: Karachi Team Inspires Future Doctors for MBBS Admissions at Kyrgyzstan University

NAWABSHAH: The Educational Advisor Karachi team, led by Dr. Ali Gulab Tunio, held an eye-opening session on MBBS admissions at International University of Kyrgyzstan (IUK-ISM) in Nawabshah. Attended by academy owners, professors, parents, and activists, Dr. Tunio highlighted IUK-ISM's PMDC approval, global recognition, and free coaching for international medical exams. He assured attendees of the university's modern facilities, separate hostels, and halal meals, making it an ideal destination for aspiring doctors seeking global medical careers.--RT

ABAD Leaders Offer Condolences on Agha Siraj's Passing

SHIKARPUR: Former ABAD Chairman Mohsin Shaikhani led a delegation to Garhi Yaseen to express profound grief over the passing of Sindh Provincial Assembly Speaker, Late Mr. Agha Siraj Durrani. Shaikhani, joined by senior ABAD members Zakaria Karim, Abdul Ghaffar, and Moiz Saqib, offered condolences to the bereaved family, marking a significant visit from the top leadership of the construction industry to mourn the prominent political figure. —RT

Medical Mystery at LUMHS-Student Found Dead as Another Dies in Peshawar

HYDERABAD: The body of Abdullah Soomro, a fourth-year MBBS student at LUMHS, was recovered from his hostel room in Hyderabad. Police suspect suicide, but investigations continue. Meanwhile, in Peshawar, another student was found dead in a private hostel under mysterious circumstances. Authorities have registered a case and launched an inquiry. These chilling incidents raise concerns over student safety and mental health across the country, sparking calls for urgent action and deeper probes.—RT

PPP Leaders Extend Condolences to Liaquat Sarki on Mother's Demise in Thul

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: In Thul, the condolence gatherings continued for the late mother of Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM) leader Comrade Liaquat Sarki. The Soyem (third-day rituals) were held yesterday, attended by a large number of political figures, community leaders, and journalists. Among those who offered condolences were PPP MPA Sher Muhammad Mugheri, tribal chief and PPP leader Sardar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Sarki, MPA Dr. Sohrab Khan Sarki, Mir Mohsin Khan Sarki, Muhammad Hanif Khan Sarki, Mehboob Khan Soomro, Chief Muqaddam Jahangir Khan Banglani, Sardar Ghulam Mustafa Khan Tanori, Chairman Market Committee Thul Syed Rizwan Ali Shah, Chief Muqaddam Daryani Mir Ahmed Ali Khan Khoso, Chief Muqaddam Taghiyani Mir Noorullah Khan Khoso, Mukhtiarkar Thul Didar Kandrani, CMO Thul Muhammad Nawaz Golo, and several journalists .

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GLOBAL WATCH

Trade Tides Shift: Pakistan-Africa Pact Seals Multi-Billion Deals

ADDIS ABABA: The 5th Pakistan–Africa Trade Development Conference (PATDC) in Addis Ababa has concluded as a major success, fostering robust partnerships and opening new commercial horizons. Hundreds of business leaders and government officials from across the African continent engaged in three dynamic days of dialogue and trade. The event, spearheaded by Pakistan's Ministry of Commerce and TDAP, saw intense B2B matchmaking, leading to significant business leads, joint ventures, and distributorship agreements, signaling a bright, prosperous future for Pakistan-Africa cooperation.—RT

Lucky Twist: North Carolina Store Clerk Wins $200,000 Lottery Jackpot

CAROLINA: A North Carolina woman bought a scratch-off lottery ticket while on a break from work and ended up clocking back in with a $200,000 prize.Polkton resident Nora Huntley told North Carolina Education Lottery officials she was on a break from her job at the Marathon Food Center on U.S 74 East in Polkton.--RT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HIGHWAY DIVISION SUJAWAL

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SEALED NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

1. Sealed Tenders are invited from the interested persons / contractors / companies/ fims on Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) under Public Procurement Authority Rule 2010 (Amended upto- date) for the procurements of following works.

S.#	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Time for completion
1.	Construction of road from Sujawal- Jati road Bus Stop Hanjhar Mori to village Vikyo Sand road mile 0/5-1/2+222' (1.04 KMs)	25.000	1,250,000	3,000	12 Months
2.	Construction of road from Sujawal- Chuhar Jamali road 2/7 to village Muhammad Raheem Soomro road mile 0/0-0/6 (1.20 KMs)	25.000	1,250,000	3,000	12 Months
3.	Construction of road from Sujawal- Chuhar Jamali -Marho Bulla Khan road 3/6 to village Mamoon Rind road mile 0/0-0/3+330' (0.65 KM)	15.000	750,000	3,000	12 Months
4.	Improvement of road from Belio- Darro mile 14/2 to Kot Almon road mile 0/0-0/2+330' (0.55 KM)	10.000	500,000	3,000	12 Months
5.	Improvement of road from Sujawal- Badin road mile 9/7 Jati Chowk road to village Hashim Parhiyar road mile 0/0-0/5 (1.00 KM)	18.000	900,000	3,000	12 Months
6.	Improvement of road from Sujawal- Badin road mile 8/7 to village Kamal Jat road mile 0/0-0/6+538' (1.58 KMs)	25.000	1,250,000	3,000	12 Months
7.	Construction of road from Sujawal- Chuhar Jamali road to village Pir Bux Gurmani road mile 0/0-0/3 (0.60 KM)	15.000	750,000	3,000	12 Months
8.	Construction of road from Haji Hussain Boryo road mile 4/5 to village Bakhshu Thaheem road mile 0/0-0/2+330' (0.50 KM)	12.000	600,000	3,000	12 Months
9.	Construction of road from Gul Muhammad Thaheem to village Allah Dino Thaheem road mile 0/0-0/5 (1.00 KM) Taken up length mile 0/0-0/2 (0.40 KM)	10.000	500,000	3,000	12 Months
10.	Construction & Improvement of road from Jati-Chach Jehan Khan road to Atharia Farm road mile 0/0-1/2 (2.00 KMs)	40.000	2,000,000	3,000	12 Months
11.	Construction of road from Bacha Bund road to village Ghulam Qadir (Hamzo) Zangejo road mile 0/0-0/5 (1.00 KM)	24.000	1,200,000	3,000	12 Months
12.	Construction of road from Moosa Khan Pathan road to village Jaffar Bohar road mile 0/0-0/4+330' (0.90 KM)	24.000	1,200,000	3,000	12 Months
13.	Construction of road from Moosa Khan Pathan road to village Dr. Wali Muhammad Arain road mile 0/0-0/4+440' (0.93 KM)	24.000	1,200,000	3,000	12 Months
14.	Construction of (2x12') Span RCC Slab Bridge @ Tarani Mori Machhki Minor.	5.500	275,000	3,000	12 Months
15.	Construction of (2x8') Span RCC Slab Bridge @ Ghar Wahh to village Qurban Rind.	5.500	275,000	3,000	12 Months
16.	Construction of (2x8') Span RCC Slab Bridge @ Ghar Wah near village Essan Mandhrio.	5.500	275,000	3,000	12 Months
17.	Construction of 10' Span RCC Slab Bridge at Ghar Wah village Umer Mallah.	5.000	250,000	3,000	12 Months
18.	Construction of road from Chach Jehan Khan- Jati road to village Haji Ali Jatoi mile 0/0-0/2+330' (0.50 KM)	12.500	625,000	3,000	12 Months
19.	Improvement of road from Rajan Shah Mori to village Malak Suleman Kehar road mile 0/0-0/6 (1.20 KMs)	24.000	1,200,000	3,000	12 Months

1. The intended participant can purchase the separate set of tenders on payment of tender fee/ document fee for the each work on any working day during office hours from date of published upto **19.11.2025** upto **01:00 PM.**

2. The tenders will be received back on **20.11.2025 @ 10:00 A.M** and opened on the same dated @ **11:00 A.M** in the presence of tender opening /evaluation committee and Bidders or their authorized representatives. If the tendered work remains un-responded, the Bidding Documents will be issued on 2nd attempt dated **08.12.2025 upto 12:00 Noon** & received back on dated **09.12.2025 upto 10:00 A.M** which will be opened in the presence of Tender Procurement Committee & the participants at **11:00 A.M** on the same date.

3. **ELIGIBILITY/ MANDATORY.**

(i) Valid Registration Certificate upto June 2026 onwards with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant field of specialization of work to the extent of tender amount under the code of CE01& CE10.

(ii) (a) Experience of at least one similar nature of work having minimum cost 80% of the estimate cost of the work or.

(b) at least two similar nature of works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimate cost, completed during past three years duly supported with completion certificate, certified copies of detailed working estimate and SPPRA ID's showing Bid Evaluation Report.

(iii) Bio Data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm.

(iv) Average Annual Turnover not less than equivalent cost of scheme/ project during last five years.

(v) Annual Audit Reports of last 3 years from Registered Audit Firm, Audit Reports issued other than reregistered audit firms will not be accepted.

(vi) List of Machinery and equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership/ rented/ possession.

(vii) Certificate of Bank showing credit worthiness of at least 15% (average balance per year for the last 3 years) of the estimated cost of work alongwith bank statement must be provided separately for each year starting from 1st July to 30th June for last 3 years and recent bank certificate must be attached showing available balance.

(viii) Registration with Income Tax Department (NTN Certificate) with activates status with Federal Board of Revenue.

(ix) Annual Income Tax Returns of last three years.

(x) Registration Certificate of Sindh Revenue Board Government of Sindh (SRB) Certificate (with activate status).

(xi) Each page of the technical proposal must be numbered and attested by the owner of firm/ company alongwith its stamp.

4. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT (SINGLE STAGE TWO ENVELOPES) MUST CONTAIN 02 SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPES FOR TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL OTHERWISE SUCH TENDER WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED AS PER SPPRA RULE 46 CLAUSE (2).**

5. **BIDDING/ TENDER DOCUMENTS.**

i. Contract documents and other terms and conditions can be seen or download from the official website of SPPRA i.e. www.ppms.pprasindh.gov.pk./ E-Procurement System viz: EPADS. The tender's fee amount of PK Rs. 3000 and the bid security mentioned above in the shape of call **deposit only from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Highway Division Sujawal on account of (Name of firm)** should be attached with the Technical Bid/ Tenders, otherwise such tenders will not be entertained.

ii. Manner of Bid Security other than CD-R will not be accepted.

iii. Evaluation Criteria, Sub- Criteria, for the evaluation of full Technical Proposal is based on **Yes/ No or Pass/Fail:** if a bidder fails to obtain yes or pass in any criteria or sub-criteria then he/ it shall not be qualified.

iv. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Procurement Committee/ participating contractors/ firms and their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present.

v. Bid shall comprise **Single Package containing two separate envelopes.** Each envelope shall contain separate the **Financial and Technical Proposal.** Envelope shall be marked Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in Bold and legible letter to avoid confusion.

vi **Technical Proposal** opened, shall be evaluated for technical qualified of the firms. Financial Bids/ proposals of the technical qualified firms shall be opened on the date and time that will be communicated in writing to all the qualified contractors/ firms in advance. Financial bids/ proposal of technically non-responsive shall be returned to the respective bidders un-opened.

vii The CD-R's of the technically response bidders but rejected due to higher rate will be returned back after the issuance of work order to the successful bidder.

viii In case of any member of procurement committee happens to be out of Head Quarter on the date of opening or Government announce public holiday of date of opening than bids will be submitted and opened on next working day on same schedule.

ix Joint Venture will not be allowed.

x Fresh affidavit with effect that all the documents/ particulars/ machinery information furnished is true and correct. In case of Bogus/ Tempered or False information / certificates provided by the company/ firm shall be liable to be black listed at any stage.

x Detailed of Owner alongwith CNIC on Judicial Stamp Paper, a representative should have authority on **Judicial Stamp Paper** from owners.

xi In case of firm, giving full particulars of Directors/ Proprietors or other connected information alongwith power of attorney. In case of being sole proprietors such undertaking on affidavit be furnished.

xii Undertaking on stamp paper that firm is not involved in any kind of litigation with any department rift, abandoned or unnecessary delay in completion of any work.

xi Fresh Affidavit to this effect that the Firm/ Contractor have not been black listed previously by any executing agency. If firm was blacklisted and current status of that firm is de-listed then such firm may be allowed for competition.

x The tenders should be submitted alongwith the above required documentation/ information. If any of such required documents/ information lacking then the tender will not be considered by the procurement committee and no excuse will be considered.

❖ Place of submission, inquiries and opening will be at following place & contact.

➢ Address: Executive Engineer, Highway Division Sujawal

➢ Telephone No. 0314-9889907

6. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

a) Under the following conditions bids will be rejected.
   - i) No Conditional/ Electronic and telegraphic bids/ tenders shall be accepted.
   - ii) Bids not accompanied by Original bid Security for required amount and form.
   - iii) Bids received after specified date and time.
   - iv) Black listed firms.

b) Without original bid security/ earnest money, no bidder will be allowed for bidding process.

c) Bid validity period (90 Days).

d) The procurement authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders/ bids as per SPPRA Rules 2010 (Amended time to time).

e) In case of public holiday/ strike or due to un-foreseen incident, the date of submission/ opening will be the next working day with same time of submission.

7. **OPENING**

In case of any member of procurement committee happens to be out of Head Office on the date of opening bids will be submitted and opened on next working day with same schedule.

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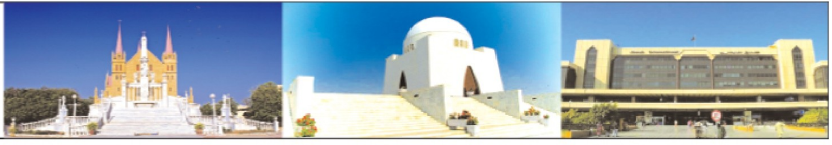


Murad Applauds SUPARCO's Stellar Triumph: Pakistan's First Hyperspectral Satellite Soars!

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah congratulated the SUPARCO team and Pakistani scientists on the successful launch of Pakistan's first hyperspectral satellite, calling it a landmark in the nation's scientific and technological advancement.

Murad Ali Shah praised the efforts of young engineers and scientists, saying they have made the nation proud. He emphasized that self-reliance in modern technology is key to sustainable development, and the hyperspectral satellite will play a vital role in environmental protection, agricultural growth, and national progress.

The Chief Minister added that Pakistan's space program is earning global recognition, with the federal and provincial governments united in promoting scientific research. Calling SUPARCO's success a new beacon of hope for youth, Murad Shah expressed confidence that Pakistan's journey in space exploration will continue with renewed determination.—RT

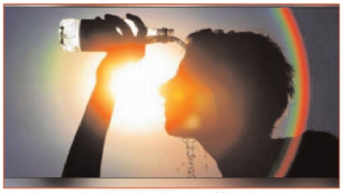
Garden-to-Mauripur Track Shut Down as FWO Machines Take Over

KARACHI: Ongoing development work by the Frontier Works Organization (FWO) has led to the temporary closure of the track connecting Garden to Mauripur for all types of vehicular traffic. According to the Traffic Police, vehicles traveling from Sohrab Goth and Hassan Square toward Mauripur are being diverted from the Garden Interchange toward central city routes to maintain traffic flow.

The closure is part of FWO's extensive infrastructure development initiative aimed at improving road connectivity and easing congestion in the city's western corridor. However, the temporary suspension has caused inconvenience for commuters using this key route to reach the port and industrial areas.

Traffic authorities have urged citizens to use alternative routes and plan their travel in advance to avoid delays. Additional traffic personnel have been deployed at diversion points to guide motorists and ensure smooth vehicular movement until the completion of the construction work.—RT/Agency

Karachi Braces for Scorching 38°C Heatwave — No Relief in Sight



KARACHI: According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), the minimum temperature in Karachi was recorded at 23.5°C, while the current temperature stands at 26°C with 55 percent humidity. Winds are currently calm. The PMD forecast indicates that the maximum temperature is likely to range between 36°C and 38°C today, with the weather expected to remain hot and dry throughout the day.

Residents have been advised to stay hydrated and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities during peak daylight hours as the city braces for intense heat. Meteorological officials also mentioned that no rainfall is expected in the coming 24 hours, and the prevailing dry spell is likely to continue.—RT/Agency

Karachi University Offers Job to Sister of Student Killed in Bus Tragedy

KARACHI: The University of Karachi has approved a Grade-16 job for the sister of Aneeqa Saeed, a student who tragically lost her life in a university bus accident. The decision was made during a recent Syndicate meeting.

According to reports, the deceased student's father was initially offered financial compensation by the university, but he declined, requesting instead that his other daughter—who recently graduated from the Department of Mass Communication—be provided employment for a stable future. The Syndicate accepted this request and formally approved her appointment in the same department.

This gesture has been widely appreciated as a humanitarian move by the university administration, recognizing the family's loss and offering them long-term financial support through employment rather than a one-time payment.—RT/Agency

CM Sindh Raises Alarm on Breast Cancer Surge — Calls for Urgent National Drive

By Rahib Gaho

Karachi: On the occasion of World Breast Cancer Day, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah issued a compelling awareness message, expressing deep concern over the alarming increase in breast cancer cases across Pakistan. He emphasized that breast cancer is a life-threatening disease, but one that can be successfully treated if diagnosed early. Highlighting the provincial government's efforts, he shared that specialized cancer units have been established at Jinnah and Civil Hospitals, and that the Sindh government is providing free mammography and diagnostic facilities to the public. The Chief Minister stressed that a healthy female population is essential for the country's development, and therefore, awareness campaigns about breast cancer must be accelerated. He urged the public and healthcare institutions to work together to ensure women receive timely screenings and access to life-saving treatment.

Flames Return! I.I. Chundrigar Building Catches Fire Again

KARACHI: A fire broke out once again in a commercial building located on I.I. Chundrigar Road, causing panic among workers and nearby residents. According to rescue officials, flames reemerged in the same building where a previous fire incident had been reported earlier this week. Firefighters rushed to the scene and immediately began efforts to extinguish the blaze, while police cordoned off the area to ensure public safety.

Officials from the Fire Brigade stated that multiple fire tenders were deployed, and after intense efforts, the fire was brought under control before it could spread to nearby offices. The cause of the repeated blaze is still under investigation, though initial reports suggest it may have been triggered by a short circuit or leftover smoldering material from the previous fire.—RT/Agency

Thief Nabbed Stealing Gear from KMC Sports Complex During National Games

KARACHI: A suspect identified as Muhammad Wajid was caught red-handed stealing equipment from the KMC Sports Complex on Kashmir Road, where athletes were practicing for the upcoming National Games. According to police, a case has been registered on the complaint of Sindh Olympic Association's General Secretary, Ahmed Ali. The complainant stated that the accused was seen carrying a kit bag and attempting to flee after stealing sports items from near the office. Alert players immediately chased and caught him.

The complex administration revealed that similar theft incidents, including stolen archery equipment, had occurred previously, and they suspect the same individual's involvement. Police have taken the accused into custody and initiated further investigation.—RT/Agency

Veteran Journalist Qamar Kandhro Battles for Life, Appeals for Government Aid

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Senior journalist Qamar Kandhro's health has worsened once again as he battles a severe lung infection. He has been readmitted to the Ojha Institute of Chest Diseases Hospital in critical condition, where medical tests and treatment are currently underway.

Kandhro, who has been fighting for his life for several months, continues to lie bedridden, struggling to breathe due to his worsening lung condition. Despite his prolonged illness, no journalistic organization or Sindh government official has yet taken notice of his deteriorating health or extended any form of assistance.

After years of continuous treatment, the journalist has exhausted all his household savings and resources. Speaking about his ordeal, Qamar Kandhro said he has dedicated 31 years of his life to serving the oppressed through his pen, but now finds himself **helpless and financially broken.

He expressed deep gratitude to the people of Sindh for their continued prayers and affection, while appealing to the government and media organizations to come forward and help him in his time of dire need.

Human Rights Council Backs Landhi Residents, Applauds Grassroots Reforms

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A high-level delegation of the Human Rights Council of Pakistan (Sindh), led by its President Dr. Mehboob Noonari, visited Landhi and held a detailed meeting with Chairman Kashif Nizami of the Neighborhood Committee for Area 36E & 5B to address the basic human rights issues faced by local residents.

During the meeting, the delegation discussed key community concerns, including sanitation, street lighting, clean drinking water, and other essential civic amenities. The Human Rights Council assured the Neighborhood Committee of full cooperation in resolving local social and human rights-related problems.

Chairman Kashif Nizami accompanied the delegation on a comprehensive visit of the area, where the members interacted directly with residents to understand their challenges. He also briefed them about the Neighborhood Committee's "Self-Help" initiatives, which include sanitation improvements, restoration of streetlights, and tree plantation drives.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman Qazi Wasiq Azim, General Secretary Abdul Saleem, Joint Secretary Haji Naeem Khan, Head of Social Welfare Master Malik-ud-Din, Head of Security Farrukh Saeed, and other executive members.

Woman Slain in Korangi Crossfire — Residents Demand Crackdown on Afghan Gangs

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Despite a national campaign to deport Afghan nationals, large numbers of Afghans continue to live in Korangi, residents say, and some are allegedly involved in criminal activity. Tensions escalated in Korangi 36-A after a woman was shot dead when two Afghan suspects opened fire at one another; both men fled the scene, witnesses reported.

The killing has sparked fear among locals, who say law enforcement has failed to act against suspected criminals operating in the area. An eyewitness described seeing the two men exchange gunfire, after which the victim collapsed and the suspects escaped without hindrance.

Angry residents have urged the Chief Minister of Sindh to take immediate action, calling for a large-scale operation on the lines of the Sohrab Goth operation to target Afghans involved in illegal activities, bring perpetrators to justice, and deport those who are in the country unlawfully. Local leaders warned they will press authorities to restore security and uphold the state's authority in Korangi.

Karachi Operation Intensifies: 1,200 Afghan Homes Razed in 5-Day Crackdown

KARACHI: The demolition operation in the Afghan settlement of Gulshan-e-Maymar entered its fifth consecutive day, with authorities intensifying efforts to clear the area. According to police officials, more than 1,200 houses have already been razed since the operation began.

The anti-encroachment drive, led by the Anti-Encroachment Force, police, and the district administration, is being carried out under strict supervision. Officials estimate that it may take another 10 days to completely demolish the settlement. In anticipation of potential unrest, a heavy police presence has been deployed around the area to maintain law and order.—RT/Agency

Toxic Meat Mafia Busted! Karachi Police Stop Sale of Dead Chicken Meat

KARACHI: Acting on a tip-off from a confidential informant, police raided the Railway Phatak near Musa Colony, F.B. Area and arrested two suspects, Anwar son of Idrees alias Ali Bengali and Kamal son of Manan, selling 80 kg of harmful dead chicken meat.

The Sindh Food Control Authority was also called to the scene. A case (FIR No. 503/25) has been registered under sections 269, 273, and 34 at Gulberg Police Station, and investigations are ongoing.—RT/Agency

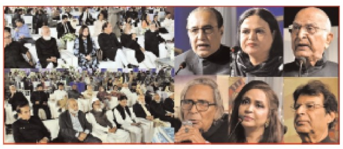
Malaysian Vibes Take Over Karachi Park — Sarong Festival Spreads Unity & Style

KARACHI: The Consulate General of Malaysia in Karachi successfully hosted Hari Sukan Negara 2025 (National Sports Day) at Amer Khusro Park, uniting 53 Malaysians under the theme "Unity Through Sports and Culture." The event's highlight was the vibrant, traditional "Sarong Walk," where participants showcased Malaysia's rich cultural identity and strong national spirit. The Consul General stressed that the celebration not only promoted sportsmanship but also significantly strengthened the bonds and sense of community among Malaysians residing in Pakistan.—RT

Karachi Land Grab Showdown: PDP Demands Demolition or Legalization

KARACHI: Welcoming the demolition of the illegal Afghan Basti crime den, Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor demanded that all other illegal Karachi settlements be either regularised or demolished as per law. Shakoor proposed the Afghan Basti land become a modern park, tackling the city's green space shortage. He stressed that regularising Katchi Abadies and launching low-cost housing schemes are vital steps to curb land grabbing and transform Karachi into a modern metropolis.—RT/Agency

From Deficit to Dominance: Sir Syed University Pulls Off Financial Miracle



KARACHI: Sir Syed University (SSUET), AIT, and AMUOBA passionately celebrated Sir Syed Day, honoring the visionary Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. Chancellor Akbar Ali Khan announced a monumental feat: SSUET's first deficit-free budget in eight years, reversing a $\text{Rs. }100$ million shortfall! Highlighting Sir Syed's focus on education for national progress, the Chancellor revealed aggressive expansion plans, including seven new BS programs and the goal of inducting over 100 PhDs. Ms. Erum Akbar Ali Khan and Professor Sahar Ansari urged the continuation of Sir Syed's struggle for knowledge and leadership development.—RT

Fake Advisor's Appointment in Board of Revenue Refuted

KARACHI: The Sindh Board of Revenue has issued a strong denial, declaring a viral social media notification appointing Jibran Raza as Advisor to the Minister "fake and baseless." A spokesperson urged the public not to be misled, emphasizing reliance solely on official sources for government updates. The Revenue Board reiterated its commitment to transparency and warned that it may initiate action against those responsible for spreading the misinformation.—RT/Agency

Stage on Fire! Music Icons Electrify Talent Hunt Event

KARACHI: A spectacular gathering of music and legal heavyweights marked the conclusion of Talent Hunt Season 5. Legendary singer Muhammad Ali Shahki posed alongside prominent advocate Azeem Ahmed Khan and Shabana Sheikh. The esteemed panel and guests were photographed with host Shad Ali and other performers, celebrating the promising new voices discovered at the highly anticipated finale of the renowned talent search.—RT

Ice Dealer Down! Karachi Police Nab Notorious Peddler with 54g Crystal Meth

KARACHI: Police from Iqbal Market Police Station arrested a notorious drug dealer during a raid in Rais Amrohi Colony. The suspect, Mansha son of Allah Khan, was caught red-handed with 54 grams of ice hidden in multiple packets, along with a mobile phone and cash.

Authorities have registered a case against the accused under relevant laws and launched a full-scale investigation to dismantle the drug network.—RT/Agency

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China Accuses US Of Cyberattack On National Time System, Warns Of Major Disruption

China has formally accused the United States of launching cyberattacks on its National Time Service Center, warning that these operations could have triggered widespread disruptions across key sectors, including communication networks, the financial system, and electricity supply. The accusations were made public on Sunday through a statement released on China's official WeChat account by the Ministry of State Security.

According to the ministry, the US National Security Agency (NSA) has allegedly been targeting the National Time Service Center for an extended period, compromising critical systems that maintain precise timekeeping vital for infrastructure and public services. China emphasized that tampering with national time services could have severe and far-reaching consequences, potentially affecting millions of citizens and destabilizing essential services nationwide.

The statement also urged the international community to take note of these cyber intrusions and highlighted the necessity of safeguarding critical national infrastructure against foreign cyber operations. China stressed that interference with key services like timekeeping, power grids, and financial systems is not only a national security threat but also poses risks to regional stability and global economic operations.

This announcement comes amid rising cybersecurity tensions between the two global powers, with both nations increasingly accusing each other of cyber espionage, data theft, and attacks on critical infrastructure. Analysts note that the accusations could escalate diplomatic friction and complicate ongoing discussions on digital security, cyber norms, and international cooperation in cyberspace.

Chinese officials reiterated their commitment to defending national infrastructure and warned that any attempts to disrupt vital services would be met with strong countermeasures. They called on all nations to establish clear protocols and protective measures to prevent cyber threats from undermining public trust, economic stability, and essential services.—RT/Agency

PAF Flies Nonstop To Azerbaijan For Joint 'Indus Shield Alpha' Exercise

Islamabad: The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) demonstrated exceptional operational capability by completing a nonstop flight from Pakistan to Azerbaijan, showcasing advanced aerial proficiency. During the long-range mission, PAF pilots executed air-to-air refueling flawlessly, reflecting high-level coordination, precision, and technical skill in maintaining extended flight operations.

This remarkable achievement highlights Pakistan's growing strategic reach and operational readiness, emphasizing its ability to conduct long-range missions with full efficiency. The successful refueling exercise also underscores the PAF's expertise in sustained aerial operations, a critical component for modern air combat and strategic missions.

Simultaneously, Pakistan and Azerbaijan launched the joint air exercise "Indus Shield Alpha", marking a significant step in strengthening bilateral military cooperation. The ongoing exercise focuses on advanced air combat tactics, joint mission planning, and interoperability, allowing both nations to refine strategies, share operational knowledge, and enhance coordinated responses to emerging security challenges.

PAF aircraft involved in the exercise are practicing modern aerial warfare techniques, including precision maneuvering, tactical formations, and collaborative mission execution, further reinforcing Pakistan's reputation as a capable air force in the region.Officials emphasized that such exercises are vital for regional security, defense preparedness, and strengthening military partnerships. The PAF's successful long-range mission, combined with joint operational drills with Azerbaijan, demonstrates Pakistan's commitment to maintaining a high state of readiness and fostering strategic collaboration with allied nations.—RT/Agency

Heist In Paris: Priceless Jewels Vanish From Museum During Renovation

In a dramatic and audacious theft, rare and priceless jewels were stolen from a museum in the heart of Paris, France. The incident took place in the morning hours while the museum was open to the public, creating panic and disbelief among visitors and staff alike.According to the French Ministry of Interior, the daring thieves exploited ongoing construction work in a section of the museum to gain access to the jewels. The exact value of the stolen items has not yet been disclosed, but reports suggest that the jewelry pieces were not only expensive but also held significant historical and cultural value.The museum, which remains unnamed for security reasons, was immediately closed for a day following the heist as authorities launched a full-scale investigation. Security camera footage and eyewitness testimonies are being reviewed in an urgent effort to identify and locate the culprits.French media outlets report that this high-profile robbery has raised serious concerns about museum security, especially during renovation periods. Experts are questioning how such a theft could occur in a location with supposedly high surveillance and advanced security systems.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Slams ICC Over 'Premature, Biased' Claim Of Afghan Cricketers' Death In Airstrike

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has rejected ICC's claim as selective, biased and premature that three 'Afghan cricketers' died in an airstrike'.

Taking to X, Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar has rejected the ICC claim that three Afghan cricketers were killed in an airstrike.

The federal minister said that the ICC should abstain from definitive attributions, avoid certifying unverified claims on the behest of others, refrain from allowing certain actors to draw political mileage, and uphold even-handed standards irrespective of the nationality of office-bearers.

He further said, "Pakistan, a prime victim of cross-border terrorism, rejects the ICC's selective, biased and premature comment that advances a disputed allegation, as established, that three "Afghan cricketers" died in an "airstrike".

"The ICC has cited no independent verification to substantiate these claims. Pakistan strongly rejects the characterization and contests the ICC's claim and call for immediate correction. We also note a troubling pattern of amplification without any attempts at evidence gathering.

"Within hours of the ICC release, its Chair, Jay Shah, publicly echoed the same claim on X, and the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) then posted a statement on the same lines, explicitly invoking the ICC's claim rather than providing details or proof. This sequencing is an attempt at manufacturing an ostensible echo chamber.—RT/Agency

PIA Privatization Deadline Extended To Nov 17 As Four Bidders Enter Final Round

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has rescheduled the bidding date for the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), moving it from October 30 to November 17, 2025, to provide additional time for technical and financial preparations.

According to official sources, four consortiums have successfully qualified for the bidding phase and are expected to reach the final stage of the privatization process next month. These consortiums have reportedly requested certain relaxations in the government's predetermined terms and conditions, citing the need for operational flexibility and financial clarity before submission of their final offers.

Government officials emphasized that despite the privatization, PIA's national identity will remain intact. The airline's name will not be changed, nor will the national flag be removed from its aircraft. The authorities assured that ownership will remain in Pakistani hands, even as the airline transitions to a private management structure aimed at improving efficiency, service standards, and profitability.

Media reports indicate that the government plans to sell between 51% and 100% of its shares in PIA, depending on investor response and regulatory approvals. The move comes as part of Pakistan's broader economic reform and privatization agenda, intended to reduce fiscal burdens and attract foreign investment.

The Ministry of Privatization has also stated that all procedures are being conducted transparently, in accordance with international standards, to ensure fair competition among the qualified bidders.

Once completed, this will mark one of the most significant privatization transactions in Pakistan's recent history. The final decision on ownership transfer is expected to be made following the evaluation of the technical and financial bids submitted by the consortiums before the new deadline of November 17, 2025.—RT/Agency

Israel Halts Gaza Aid Transfers 'Until Further Notice'

TEL AVIV, Israel: Israel on Sunday struck targets in southern Gaza after saying its troops came under fire from Hamas militants, in the first major test of a U.S.-brokered ceasefire meant to halt more than two years of war. Health officials said at least 14 Palestinians were killed.

A senior Egyptian official involved in the ceasefire negotiations said "round-the-clock" contacts were underway to deescalate the situation. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to reporters.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu directed the military to take "strong action" against any ceasefire violations but didn't threaten to return to war.

Israel's military said that militants fired at troops in areas of Rafah city that are Israeli-controlled according to agreed-upon ceasefire lines. No injuries were reported. The military said Israel responded with airstrikes and artillery.

Hamas, which continued to accuse Israel of multiple ceasefire violations, said communication with its remaining units in Rafah had been cut off for months and "we are not responsible for any incidents occurring in those areas."—RT/Agency

Ukrainian Drone Strike Ignites Blaze At Russian Gas Plant

Ukrainian drones attacked a gas plant in Russia's Orenburg region, the local governor said on Sunday, causing a fire to break out at a workshop which emergency services were working to put out.

The governor, Yevgeny Solntsev, said on his official Telegram channel that none of the plant's employees were hurt in the attack, which left the plant partially damaged.

Solntsev said earlier this month that Ukrainian drones had tried to attack an unnamed industrial facility in the Russian city of Orsk near the border with Kazakhstan.

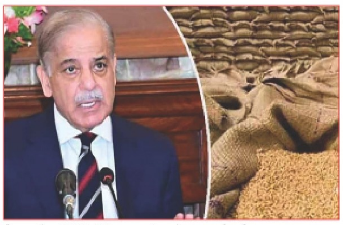
Unverified video posted to Telegram at the time showed an object smashing into a facility identified as the Orsknefteorgsintez oil refinery in Orsk.Ukraine has stepped up its attacks on Russian refineries and other energy facilities since August to try to disrupt petrol supplies and deprive Moscow of funding.—RT/Agency

Mohsin Naqvi Updates PM Shehbaz On National Security And Law & Order

LAHORE: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Lahore on Sunday.

During the meeting, the interior minister briefed the prime minister about the law and order situation in the country.The prime minister was also briefed on ongoing development projects in the federal capital.Governor Kundi meets Mohsin NaqviMeanwhile, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi met Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi at his residence in Lahore to discuss the security situation and recent incidents of terrorism in the province.During the meeting, the two leaders held a detailed discussion on ongoing operations against the outlawed group "Fitna al-Khawarij" across various districts of KP, as well as the current Pakistan-Afghanistan border situation.Mohsin Naqvi briefs PM Shehbaz on country's security situation-They commended the efforts of security forces in taking effective action against the India-backed militant network, stressing the need for sustained peace in the region.—RT/Agency

Govt Greenlights Wheat Policy 2025-26 To Bolster Food Security, Support Farmers



LAHORE: The federal government has approved the wheat policy 2025-26, aiming to ensure fair prices for farmers and stable wheat reserves to strengthen food security across the country.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired a high-level meeting in Islamabad to finalise the new policy.

The meeting was attended by the chief ministers of Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Gilgit-Baltistan, a representative from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and other key stakeholders.

Under the new policy, the government will purchase strategic wheat stocks to stabilise the market and protect farmers from losses.

Officials briefed the prime minister that both federal and provincial governments will procure around 6.2 million tons of wheat from the 2025–26 crop at a support price of Rs3,500 per 40 kg, in line with international market rates.

The policy also ensures free inter-provincial movement of wheat to maintain competitive market conditions and availability throughout Pakistan.

During the meeting, PM Sharif highlighted that Pakistan is an agricultural economy, and wheat is not only the staple food for its people but also the main source of income for farmers.

Sindh urges centre to set wheat support price

"Farmers are the backbone of our economy, and we are fully aware of their challenges. The government is committed to their welfare and prosperity," he said.

The prime minister emphasised that the policy was finalised after detailed consultation with provincial governments, farmers' associations, and industry representatives.—RT/Agency

Nawaz Reaffirms Resolve To Defend Pakistan's Sovereignty In Meeting With PM Shehbaz

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader Nawaz Sharif on Saturday emphasized that no one would be allowed to cast an evil eye on Pakistan and that the country's security and sovereignty remain non-negotiable.

The statement came during a meeting at Jati Umra, where Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited Nawaz Sharif earlier in the day to discuss critical national and regional matters. The two leaders held detailed deliberations on Pakistan's ongoing security and political challenges, reaffirming their shared commitment to protecting the nation's integrity.

During the discussion, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif briefed Nawaz Sharif on the ongoing talks with Afghanistan, highlighting efforts to maintain peace along the border and strengthen diplomatic and security coordination between the two countries.

The conversation also covered the overall political situation in Pakistan, including strategies to ensure stability, enhance governance, and safeguard national interests amid regional uncertainties.—RT/Agency

Defiant Gaza Residents Launch Cleanup, Relief Efforts Amid Ruins

GAZA: Despite Israel's brutal attacks, the people of Gaza remain resilient and determined, taking matters into their own hands to restore some normalcy in their war-torn neighborhoods.

In southern Gaza, residents initiated cleanup drives, clearing debris from streets and public spaces. Volunteers worked tirelessly to remove rubble and repaint sidewalks, aiming to revive a sense of order and hope amid widespread destruction.

Local aid organizations joined the efforts by distributing water, food, and essential supplies to affected families, ensuring that basic needs were met while reconstruction and relief operations continued. These humanitarian initiatives are crucial in supporting a population that has faced severe shortages and ongoing insecurity due to repeated attacks.

Women in Gaza played a prominent role in the cleanup and reconstruction activities, participating actively alongside men to rehabilitate their neighborhoods.—RT/Agency

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