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Hyderabad Police Nab Three in Security Operation

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: As part of a continued crackdown, Hyderabad police conducted a major search operation in the Baldia Town area, including Pathan Goth and surrounding localities. Led by senior officials, the joint operation involved ATF personnel and Tash App operators. Teams searched numerous houses and suspicious locations, biometrically verifying 55 individuals. Following the checks, 52 people



were released. However, three suspicious persons were detained for further investigation and NADRA verification. SSP Hyderabad stated that such indiscriminate operations across the district will continue uninterrupted to maintain law and order and act against illegal residents.

Aijaz Khuhro Extends Diwali Greetings, Reaffirms Minority Rights

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Pakistan Peoples Party's District General Secretary, Advocate Aijaz Ahmed Khuhro, has stated that Diwali is a festival of joy, light, and hope, promoting a message of mutual respect, tolerance, and love. In his statement, he said the festival teaches the elimination of darkness and the spread of the light of knowledge, peace,



and truth. Khuhro emphasized that minority communities are a vital part of Pakistan's social and national strength, and Diwali is a day to illuminate hearts. He asserted that Sindh has historically been a symbol of religious tolerance and harmony. Reiterating the PPP's manifesto, he said its core principle guarantees equality, freedom, and respect for all communities, vowing the Sindh government's commitment to strengthening these bonds.

Khairpur Opens First Rehabilitation Centre for Special Children

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Assistant Commissioner Shahruck Manganhar and MS Taluka Hospital Dr. Falak Sher visited the LCF-DEP Rehabilitation Center for Special Children, the first such facility in Khairpur district. The officials were briefed that the centre provides completely free services, including physiotherapy, speech therapy, hearing tests, and behavioural therapy under expert supervision.



Additionally, a free skill development centre trains 30 young girls in sewing for self-reliance. The AC urged parents to register special needs children to benefit from these facilities. The LCF team reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Jamaat Islah-ul-Muslimeen Holds Massive Religious Gatherings in Jamshoro

By Shams Palari

NOORABAD: Jamaat Islah-ul-Muslimeen, Jamshoro district, conducted a series of organizational and preaching tours in Laki Shah, Sehwani, and other towns including Ghaeecho Kulari and Manjhand. The events featured religious congregations with Quranic recitation, Naat, and Manqabat sessions. Addresses were delivered on various topics, including an introduction to the Jamaat and an invitation



to the 42nd annual Urs of Hazrat Suhna Sain (RA). The gatherings were attended by local Khulafa, including Khalifa Muhammad Hussain Channa and Khalifa Maulana Li-aquat Ali Bhatti. District officials, such as President Muhammad Aslam Tahiri and Joint Secretary Muhammad Achar Channa, were also present.

Thousands of Women Endure Chaos at Umerkot BISP Centre

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Thousands of deserving women from across Pithoro tehsil are facing extreme hardship as the lone Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) centre struggles to function. Despite having nine devices, only two are operational, causing massive delays. Women, some carrying infants from far-flung areas like Shadi Palli and Ghulam Nabi Shah,



wait from dawn to dusk, often returning empty-handed. They report being left in the open, hungry and desperate. The beneficiaries are demanding that DC Umerkot immediately open additional centres in their areas and make all nine devices at the Pathoro centre functional to end their suffering.

14-Year-Old Seminary Student Vanishes Near Thatta

By KB Brohi

THATTA: A 14-year-old student, Rizwan Kalmaty, has mysteriously disappeared from the Arabia Madrasa near Chalia. The

son of a local JUI-F media coordinator, Rizwan left the seminary three days ago and has not returned. His deeply concerned family has filed a formal report with local police, who have yet to locate him. The family is now publicly appealing to the police and administration for immediate action to trace their son and ensure his safe return home.

Qasimabad Residents Protest Long Power Outages

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Prominent social figure Shahid Soomro has condemned HESCO for unrelenting power cuts in Qasimabad. Areas like Phase-1 endure 8-10 hours of daily load-shedding, severely disrupting business and daily life. He accused HESCO Chief Faizullah Dahri of breaking his promise to install an express feeder. Soomro stated that load-shedding from 8:45 PM to 10:45 PM exposes residents to dengue mosquitoes, forcing them to stay indoors after dark. He has appealed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to intervene and end the prolonged power outages, demanding an express feeder for bill-paying communities.

PPP Leader Meets Shahdadt Bar to Strengthen Ties



SHAHDADKOT: PPP leader and MNA Khurshid Ahmed Junejo visited the District Bar Association MNA assured full cooperation. During the visit, he met with President Advocate Shafi Muhammad Khoso, discussing law and order, lawyers' issues, and matters of mutual interest. Present at the event.--RT

Police Crackdown in Badin Nets 9, Weapons and Cash Seized

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: In a series of operations across the district, police have arrested nine suspects involved in various crimes. From Tando Bago, SHO Intiaz Ali Thebo arrested three fraudsters Ayaz Bhutto, Fayaz Bhutto, and Ali Ahmed Chando recovering Rs 75,000 they had stolen from a Karachi-based trader. In a separate action, an attempted murder suspect, Awees Bhutto, was arrested from Badin. Meanwhile, police seized illegal arms in Matli and Pangrio, recovering two unlicensed pistols with ammunition. In another raid in Raju Khanani, two gutka vendors were arrested, and 2100 Saffina sachets were confiscated. A motorcycle theft suspect was also apprehended.

JI Leads Farmers' Protest in Badin Against Injustice

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Jamaat-e-Islami led a major farmers' protest rally and sit-in against alleged exploitation. The demonstration, headed by Sindh JI Chief Kashif Saeed Sheikh, culminated at the Badin Press Club. Protesters decried the severe economic pressure on farmers, citing skyrocketing costs for seeds, fertilizer, and diesel. Leaders blamed the government's flawed agricultural policies and exploitative middlemen for denying fair crop prices. The demonstration set fair prices for sugarcane, cotton, wheat, and rice, vowing to expand their protest movement until farmers' rights are secured.

Sindh Farmers Rally in Mehar Over Unfair Crop Prices

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: The Citizens Alliance, backed by civil society, held a strong protest rally against unfair crop prices and injustices towards Sindh's farmers. Protesters, led by prominent local leaders, marched from the Taluka Hospital to Ghanta Ghar Chowk, carrying placards and flags. They chanted slogans demanding a significant increase in the official procurement rate for paddy. Leaders addressing the rally declared that farmers are being exploited from both sides, facing high input costs for seeds and fertilizer while being forced to sell their paddy at unjustly low market prices. They urged the authorities to raise the paddy rate to provide relief.

Hyderabad Grieves Death of Syed Kazim Shah Naqvi

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Former Chief Postmaster Fareeduddin, along with Syed Atif Shah, Akramuddin, and Syed Ifkhar Shah, expressed profound grief over the passing of Syed Kazim

Shah Naqvi. A delegation visited the deceased in Jannah. Remembering the late Syed Kazim Shah, they described him as a sociable, courteous, and dutiful individual whose services will be long remembered. They also prayed for patience for the bereaved family.

Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Planned at Pir Zakri Dargah

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: A delegation from the Thalassemia Patients Welfare Society, led by Secretary Dr. Muhammad Sadiq Sial, met with Syed Muhammad Munir Shah, custodian of Dargah Pir Zakri. They discussed organizing a blood donation camp for thalassemia children during the 129th annual Urs.



Syed Munir Shah assured complete arrangements. He appealed to the public to donate blood and help save young lives.

Zoya Siddiq Wins Best Teacher Award from STEDA

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: A ceremony was held at Government Boys Primary School Sufan Shah to honor Miss Zoya Siddiq on receiving the Best Teacher Certificate from STEDA. Taluka Education Officer Durr Muhammad Shalmani attended as chief guest and praised teachers' role in nation-building. Zoya received certificates from STEDA, school staff,



and PTA. Teachers and students presented gifts and garlands. Speakers encouraged teachers to strive for excellence and participate in Best Teacher Award competitions to uplift public education.

Matiari Police Host Blood Drive for Thalassemia Patients

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: On the directives of IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon and DIGP Hyderabad Tariq Razaq Dharejo, and under the supervision of SSP Matiari Muhammad Arif Aslam Rao, a one-day blood donation camp was held at Matiari Police Headquarters for thalassemia patients. In collaboration with Fatmi Foundation, medical experts conducted health checkups and collected



blood donations from officers. SSP appreciated the donors with certificates and emphasized that policing is not just about fighting the crime, but also serving humans with empathy and supporting social welfare.

Doctor Found Dead in Hostel; Family Alleges Murder

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: The body of Dr. Abdullah Soomro, a fourth-year medical student, was found with gunshot wounds in his hostel room at LUMHS, Jamshoro. His family has rejected the possibility of suicide, alleging he was murdered. The father expressed suspicion, questioning why



the body was found in a different room and why there was a delay in the administration's response. He has demanded a transparent investigation from university authorities and the Sindh government. The victim was laid to rest in his native village, Thull, amid large public mourning.

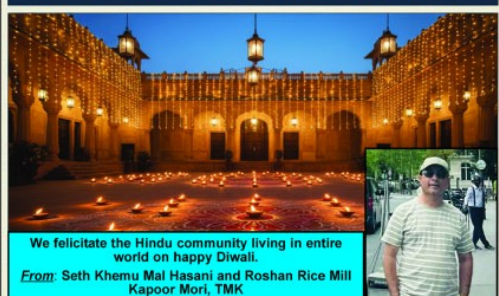
Ghotki DC Orders Daily Anti-Mosquito Fogging Across UCs

By Shad Mahar

GHOTKI: Deputy Commissioner Manzoor Ahmed Kunrani has directed all Union Council secretaries in Ghotki to conduct daily mosquito fogging to combat malaria and dengue. In a meeting with ACs, DHOs, municipal officers, and industrial representatives, he expressed dissatisfaction over current efforts and warned of strict action and fund suspension for negligence. DC instructed the health department to mobilize all resources and asked chins through UC funds and industries to support the mandated verified daily re-mports. He also urged the campaign across the district.



A Season of Light and Joy



We felicitate the Hindu community living in entire world on happy Diwali.
From: Seth Khemu Mal Hasani and Roshan Rice Mill Kapoor Mori, TMK

Happy Diwali to All



We felicitate the Hindu community living in entire world on happy Diwali.
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Maryam Nawaz Launches Flood Relief Drive in Okara, Distributes Rehabilitation Cards

OKARA: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Monday launched a comprehensive flood rehabilitation programme by distributing 'Flood Cards' among affected families in Okara's Depalpur area.

Addressing the distribution ceremony, Maryam said she came to fulfill her promise to the flood victims, declaring that the compensation is the people's rightful share, not charity. "This assistance is a repayment of the debt owed to the people of Punjab," she remarked.



The chief minister termed the recent floods the most devastating in Punjab's history and vowed not to rest until every displaced person returns home. She emphasized that government funds belong to the people and will be used solely for their welfare, ensuring complete transparency and zero tolerance for corruption in the process.—RT/Agency

MDCAT 2025 Test Centers Announced Nationwide

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has announced test centers for the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2025, scheduled for October 26. In Karachi, tests will be held at Dow University (Ojha Campus) and NED University, while in Islamabad, the venue is the Pakistan National Council of Arts. Centers have also been set up in Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Sheeraz, Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Larkana, Jacobabad, and Sukkur. A total of 35 centers will operate nationwide, including one international center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.—RT/Agency

Chaiwala Arshad Khan's CNIC Restored After Legal Battle

LAHORE: Social media star Arshad Khan, famously known as 'Chaiwala', has had his computerised national identity card (CNIC) reinstated by the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) after a verification process, the Lahore High Court (LHC) confirmed on Monday. Khan, who gained global attention in 2016 for a viral photo of him serving tea, had filed a case in April after Nadra and the Directorate General of Immigration and Passports blocked his identity documents. The court's ruling ends his legal struggle.—RT

Central Punjab

Syed Asif Raza Shirazi Elected Vice President of Shia Ulema Council, Central Punjab

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Syed Asif Raza Shirazi, a member of the District Peace Committee, has been elected as the Vice President of the Shia Ulema Council for Central Punjab. His election was widely congratulated by numerous religious and community leaders, including members of the peace committee.



caretakers of various imambars. He committed to taking practical steps to promote Muslim unity and harmony within the community, vowing to serve the Ummah.

Teachers Demand Shorter Curriculum and Reduced School Hours

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Teachers' Union leaders Muhammad Ramzan Gujjar, Muhammad Iqbal Goraya, and Mian Muhammad Jamil criticized the current education system, calling the curriculum too lengthy and ineffective. They urged the government to shorten the syllabus and limit school hours to 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Citing examples from developed countries, they stressed practical learning environment to improve education outcomes.



Price Control Teams Launch Crackdown Across Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Acting on the directives of Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif, price control teams led by DC Umar Abbas Mela are ensuring strict monitoring of daily-use item prices. Assistant Director Labour Muhammad Shahbaz fined a butcher Rs. 1,000 for overcharging. The against violators will be continued without public relief remains a crime.



Chaudhry Sarwar Announces Landmark Muslim League Convention in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Pakistan Central Muslim League Punjab President, Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, has announced that a massive workers' convention will be held on November 2, with millions of participants expected from across the country. Addressing a district convention, he stated the event would demonstrate the party's role as the guardian of Pakistan's ideology and a torchbearer for national unity. He said it would spread a message of solidarity and play a



decisive role in ending the politics of hatred and division. Other leaders, including Chaudhry Hameed-ul-Hassan, emphasized the country's urgent need for a constructive service and national political process to construction.

Commissioner Gujranwala Chairs PBCC Session on Examination Reforms

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GURANWALA: Commissioner Gujranwala Division and Chairman Education Board, Syed Naveed Haider Shirazi, participated in the PBCC meeting held on 20 October 2025 via Zoom. Chaired by Secretary Higher Education Punjab, Ghulam Fareed, the meeting discussed marking



criteria for SSC and Intermediate Second Annual 2025 exams, and future plans for 2026. Secretary Board, Prof. Shirazi proposed improvements to the examination system and emphasized efforts to eliminate the "boti mafia". Rashid Ahmed Bhatti, was also present.

METRO KARACHI

Saudia Joins Riyadh Season 2025-26 as Premium Partner, Strengthening Ties with Pakistan

KARACHI: Saudia has been named the Official Premium Partner of Riyadh Season 2025-2026, marking its sixth consecutive year supporting the event. This three-year partnership strengthens Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 by connecting global travelers, particularly from Pakistan, to the Kingdom's thriving tourism scene. With 7,000+ events and major sports spectacles like the Six Kings Slam and elite boxing bouts, Saudia enhances connectivity from Pakistan's key cities, offering visitors a gateway to one of the world's largest entertainment festivals.—RT



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Sir Syed University Celebrates Sir Syed Day, Showcasing His Enduring Legacy and Vision for Education

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Institute of Technology (AIT), and Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys Association (AMOB) jointly celebrated the birth anniversary of the great South Asian thinker Sir Syed Ahmed Khan with enthusiasm. Scholars highlighted Sir Syed's visionary role in awakening a declining



plans to expand academic programs. Speakers praised Sir Syed's legacy and called for continued dedication to education and empowerment

IG Prisons Sindh Inspects Malir Jail Expansion, Lauds Staff for Strong Performance

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: IG Prisons Sindh, Fida Hussain Mastoi, visited District Jail Reform Center Malir and Malir Jail Extension to review ongoing construction and jail facilities. During the visit, he inspected security arrangements, kitchen standards, and overall administration, expressing satisfaction with cleanliness and discipline.



Mastoi commended Senior Superintendent Jail Shahabuddin Siddiqui and his team for their efforts. He emphasized priorities including enhanced security, improved food quality, and better visitor arrangements. He also highlighted the Sindh government's focus on turning prisons into effective reform centers by providing education and training to inmates.

FFC Hosts Sona Football Cup to Inspire and Empower Rural Youth

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC) Port Qasim organized the Sona Football Cup to promote sports among youth from local villages. More than nine teams competed, with FFC Director Brigadier Imran Haider Sheerazi as the chief guest. He, along with PPP leader Agha Tariq Pathan, distributed



prizes to winning teams. Sheerazi highlighted FFC's dedication to nurturing rural talent and announced upcoming cricket and volleyball tournaments. Pathan praised FFC's efforts in providing education, health facilities, and scholarships to underprivileged youth, reinforcing its role in community development.

Rauf Ahmed Nagori Honored in Karachi After Election as General Secretary

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A grand reception was held to honor Rauf Ahmed Nagori on his election as General Secretary of Karachi Division, hosted by PS-98 President Sachal Bashir Ahmed Khaskheli.

The event saw attendance from key PPP leaders, including District East President Muhammad Iqbal Sand and Senior Vice President Sarwar Khan Ghazi. Nagori thanked party workers and promised to serve the

BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Education Officer Applauds Schools' Strong Performance During Bhag Visit



By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Divisional Director of Education Abdul Wasir Kakar conducted a detailed inspection of Government Boys High School Bhag. During his visit, he was accompanied by Headmaster Muhammad Tahir Soomro. Kakar visited various classrooms, interacted with students, and asked academic questions to assess their learning progress. He expressed satisfaction with the school's overall performance, describing it as commendable and encouraging. The official praised the administrative and teaching staff for their hard work, discipline, and dedication to promoting quality education. The visit served as a significant motivation for both teachers and students, inspiring them to achieve even higher standards in academics and character building.

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(TENDER NOTICE)

The Sealed Bids from well reputed firms / Authorized Dealers / Interested Persons registered Income Tax, and Sindh Revenue Board meeting the eligibility criteria of Sindh public Procurement Regularity Authority Rule 2010 (Amended 2016) for the following work: Method C/P Procurement 'Single Stage Single Envelope Procedure'

Sr	Name of Work	Cost	Bid Security	Tender Fee	Period
1	Procurement and fixing of mural artwork paintings Handmade on ceiling of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation Head Office Building	As per budget	2%	Rs. 2000/-	90 Days

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The Tender/Bidding Documents containing detailed Terms and Conditions etc. are available from the publication of this Tender Notice at the office of Director Media, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and can be collected during office hours on any working day up to 10-11-2025 on payment of Tender Fee (Non-Refundable) in shape of Pay Order / Demand Draft (in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation).
- The Bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the Bidding Document must be reach at undersigned on or before up to 11:00 AM. This Bids will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM before the procurement committee and available participants or their authorized agents. If the undersigned is out of Head Quarter the tenders will be opened on next day. In case the tenders are cancelled / rejected or non-responsive, the next date for issue and opening will be as under:
 2nd Issuance upto 27-11-2025 & opening 27-11-2025 (Similarly)
- The Bid Security will be pledge in the name of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, in the shape of Call Deposit / Pay Order from any scheduled bank and must be attached with bid documents, otherwise, it will not be entertained.
- Conditional and Telegraphic tenders will not be entertained.
- Bid Opening Venue and Contact Detail is as under:
 Director Media, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Ph: 021-99215134, Email: Pro.mayor@kmc.gov.pk
 Competent Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever under provision provided in SPPRA Rules-2010 (amendment 2012).

Note: This NIT can also be seen on SPPRA Website www.sppra.gov.pk

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Pakistan Soars to New Heights: HS-1 Launch Marks a Glorious Leap into the Space Age with Iron Brother China by Its Side

A moment of immense national pride has dawned upon Pakistan. The successful launch of the country's first Hyperspectral Satellite (HS-1) from China is nothing short of a historic milestone—an extraordinary technological leap that propels Pakistan into the elite club of space-faring nations mastering advanced hyperspectral imaging.

This monumental achievement by SUPARCO showcases the brilliance, resilience, and sheer capability of Pakistani scientists and engineers, whose dedication has once again made the green crescent shine brightly among the stars. HS-1 is not just a satellite—it is a symbol of vision, innovation, and the unyielding quest for progress. With its ultra-pre-

cise imaging across hundreds of spectral bands, HS-



1 will revolutionize agriculture, environmental monitoring, urban planning, and disaster management. From predicting floods to mapping soil fertility, the satellite's data will empower Pakistan to manage its resources with unmatched precision and foresight.

This triumph is also a glowing testament to the iron-clad Pakistan-China friendship—a bond that grows stronger with every challenge and achievement. China's unwavering support and technological

partnership have once again proven that this all-weather friendship knows no bounds. Together, both nations have shown the world what true strategic cooperation can achieve, leaving envious rivals restless and speechless.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif rightly hailed the launch as a pivotal moment for Pakistan's future—a step forward in combating climate change, boosting food security, and fostering sustainable development. As the HS-1 begins its journey in orbit, it carries not only the hopes of a nation but the promise of a brighter, more self-reliant, and technologically empowered Pakistan.

Truly, Pakistan has reached for the stars—and caught one.

THE HEARTLAND



Two Injured During Robbery Attempt at Khabar Mor

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: At Khabar Mor, armed men on motorcycles attempted to rob two villagers, Abdul Kareem Golo and Mukhtiar Sarki, who were shot and in-

jured during the incident. Locals protested, blocking the road, but the armed men opened fire and fled. Police did not arrive promptly. The injured were taken to Thul hospital and later shifted to Larkana in critical condition. Citizens expressed anger at the police, accusing them of helplessness and handing over the area to criminals, leading to frequent incidents of violence.

KGM Bar Association Backs Hashim Laghari, Nand Kumar Goklani

By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: In a vibrant program organized for the upcoming Sindh Bar Council elections, Kot Ghulam Muhammad Bar Association officially declared full support for candidates Advocate Hashim Laghari and Advocate Nand Kumar Goklani. The event was chaired by Zain Ali Khaskheli



and Advocate Nabila Naz Arain, with a large gathering of lawyers. The candidates thanked the association and vowed to work for judicial independence, bar welfare, and unity among the legal community.

Expired, Unregistered Medicines Seized in Naudero Crackdown

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Shoukat Abro, responding to public complaints, led a crackdown on medical stores in Naudero with Drug Inspector Sahib Khan Mirani. Raids were conducted on multiple stores including Makkitt, Baba, Ali, Marvi, Sarmad, Mehdi, New Sanwal, Lal, Al-Mansoor, and Siraj Medical Stores. Offenses included expired



medicines, unregistered and Indian drugs, overpricing, lack of cleanliness, and absence of qualified staff. Several stores were sealed, licenses cancelled, fines imposed, and some owners fled. Dr. Abro warned strict legal action under the Drug Act against future violations.

QAT Plans Province-Wide Protest Against Corruption and Feudalism

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Qaumi Awami Tehreek (QAT) will hold a major protest in Garhi Khairi on October 23, led by Ayaz Latif Palijo, against illegal Afghan settlers, corrup-

tion, and feudal tyranny in Sindh. Palijo demanded immediate action against undocumented foreigners and criticized NADRA and local bodies for facilitating them through fake documents. He condemned honor killings, the illegal jirga system, water theft, and economic exploitation of farmers. Palijo also urged compensation for flood victims and reforms in agriculture to uplift Sindh's rural poor.

Tractor Driver Shot While Ploughing Field Near Kakar

By Zain-ul-Abideen Samo

KAKAR: A farmer, Hassan Kaloi, was seriously injured after being shot by armed men while ploughing

his field near village Daim Pur Sario. The attackers also damaged his tractor. Locals from the Kaloi community protested, accusing influential rivals of falsely blaming them for an earlier robbery. They demanded justice and the arrest of the culprits, threatening to block the Indus Highway if ignored.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed tenders under single stage Two Envelopes Procedure are hereby invited from all the Contractors / Firms who are registered with Pakistan Engineering Council in the relevant and appropriate category viz CE-08, CE-10, ME-06 & EE-II (Solar energy) in separate sealed envelopes in accordance with SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended upto date)

#	Description	Estimated Cost	Bid Security %	Tender Fee	Category	Completion Period
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Schemes 2025-26						
1.	Construction of Surface Drains & Paver Blocks in Various Villages of Taluka Kandhkot & Kashmore. (Under SDGs ADP # 3641 / 2025-26 Ref: # 823)	47.600 (M)	2.380 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months
Local Government Scheme						
2.	Construction of Paver Road in Various Villages Of Taluka Tangwani including Village Rasoolabad, Nadra Street Town Committee Tangwani, Village Habibullah Khan Bajkani And Others (Under SDGs ADP No.3641 Ref: # 389/2 (2025-26)	52.700 (M)	2.635 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months
SAP Program 2025-2026						
1.	Deramore Paver Block and Drainage Phase-1 Taluk Kashmore.	38.000 (M)	1.900 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months
2.	Deramore Paver Block and Drainage Phase-2 Taluk Kashmore.	37.900 (M)	1.895 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months
3.	Deramore Paver Block and Drainage Phase-3 Taluk Kashmore.	18.900 (M)	0.945 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months
4.	Deramore Solar Lights Taluk Kashmore.	19.748 (M)	0.982 (M)	5000	C5	24 Months

Terms and conditions:-

- The blank tender forms / Proposal Documents for above stated works can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer (Dev.) Public Health Engineering Division Kashmore@ Kandhkot located at Govt. Elementary College Near Old Nadra Office Kandhkot on any working day from the date of posting on SPPRA website or publication of NIT in Newspapers upto 27.11.2025 on submission of written request and payment in shape of pay order of prescribed tender fee (non-refundable) for Rs.5000/- of the office Executive Engineer (Dev.) Public Health Engineering Division Kashmore@ Kandhkot.
- Tender comprising of Technical Proposal and Financial Proposals must be Submitted in separate sealed envelopes with clear marking of "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" AND "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL." both of proposals to be put in one envelope and will be received back upto 28.11.2025 at 10.00 AM at office of Executive Engineer (Dev.) Public Health Engineering Division Kashmore@ Kandhkot. Technical Proposal of the participating firms will be opened on the same day at 10.30 AM by Procurement Committee in presence of participating contractors / firms or their authorized representative who wish to be present.
- The TECHNICAL PROPOSALS shall be evaluated for technical qualification of the firms. Financials bids / proposals of the technically qualified firms shall be opened and publicly announced on the date and time that will be communicated in writing to all the qualified contractors / firms in advance. Financial bids / proposal of technically un-qualified contractors shall be returned to them Un-opened.
- Tenders shall be care fully & neatly filled and signed by the bidders. Each bid must accompany the bid security as mentioned against each bid in shape of Call Deposit only in favour Of Executive Engineer (Dev.) Public Health Engineering Division Kashmore@ Kandhkot. Bid Security shall be submitted with technical proposals. Incomplete tender, overwritten or conditional tender shall not be entertained.
- Blank bids will be issued to Government Contractors having valid registration with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) for the year 2025, in the appropriate category corresponding to the estimated cost (above Rs.4,000 million), if applicable.
- Registration with Income Tax Department (NTN Copy) and Sindh Revenue Board (Sales Tax Registration) and copy of CNIC of owners / proprietors.

(TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)

- Technical proposal must encompass company profile with following information.
 - List of completed, sewerage/similar nature works having corresponding value in respect of works applied for (at least 4 Nos.) with documentary evidence along with satisfactory work completion certificates of last three years.
 - List of on-going sewerage/similar nature works having corresponding value in respect of works applied for (at least 4 Nos) with copies of award letters of last three years alongwith satisfactory certificate of concerned Executive Engineer to the effect that work is not abandoned.
 - Detail of available machinery and equipment with documentary evidence.
 - Qualification and experience of technical personnel and key site management staff.
 - Bank Statement of last three (3) years showing the turn over to ascertain the financial worth of bidder. Atleast 20% balance till opening of financial bid Annual Audit report of last three years must be verified by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) or any other registered forum.
 - The instruction to bidders, bidding data, conditions of contract, contract data mentioned in standard bidding documents (SBD) are applicable.
 - Fresh affidavit that the firm is not involved in litigations and has not abandoned the works.
 - Fresh affidavit that the firm is not black listed by any procuring agency.
 - Fresh affidavit that the given information, documents and data is absolutely true and correct.
 - Fresh affidavit that the firm shall be responsible for defect liability in respect of work for period of one year from the date of completion of work.
 - Due to force majeure on submission / opening date and time or if Government declares holiday or any person member is out of headquarter the bids shall be submitted / opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
 - Conditional bids will not be entertained.
 - The undersigned and Other competent authority reserve the right or reject any one or all the bids as per provision Of SPPRA Rules 25.
 - Experience in Similar nature Of work(s) executed during the last five years.
 - At least one Similar nature Of work having maximum cost 80% of the estimated cost of the work or
 - At least two Similar nature works each having Minimum cost 50% Of the estimated cost.
 - (FINANCIAL) Financial Average Annual Financial turn-over not less than equivalent cost Of the scheme / project during last five years.
 - 2nd Attempt**

If the undersigned is out of head quarter or tenders found un-responded the next date Of issuance and receiving back will be upto 11.12.2025 at 10:00 AM and received back and open on the same day 10.30 A.M.

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REGIONAL TIMES

SPORTS

Akeal Hosein Makes Dramatic Return as West Indies Revamp Squad for Bangladesh ODIs

DHAKA: The West Indies have recalled left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein for the remainder of the ongoing three-match ODI series against Bangladesh.

Hosein is expected to arrive in Dhaka on Monday night to join the squad ahead of the second ODI after the visitors suffered a 74-run defeat in the opening game.

"Akeal is expected to arrive tonight to join the ODI team," a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) official confirmed on Monday.



Earlier, the BCB had announced the inclusion of left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed in Bangladesh's ODI squad for the ongoing series. Spinners dominated proceedings in the series opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium on Saturday, where the slow and turning surface heavily favored them.—Agency

Shaheen Shah Afridi Takes the Helm: Pakistan's Bold New ODI Captain

In a stunning move, fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi has been appointed Pakistan's new men's One-Day International (ODI) captain. The Pakistan Cricket Board made the announcement on Monday, confirming that Afridi will lead the team in the upcoming three-match series against South Africa.

Afridi takes over from Mohammad Rizwan, who struggled to guide Pakistan through a turbulent period. Despite early success under Rizwan, including series wins in South Africa, Australia, and Zimbabwe, recent defeats in the ICC Champions Trophy, New Zealand, and the West Indies led to his removal. This bold shift in leadership comes at a time when Pakistan is aiming to rebuild and regain its competitive edge on the international stage.

Afridi, known for his fiery pace, now shoulders the responsibility to lead Pakistan back to winning ways.—Agency

Rain Disrupts Pakistan's World Cup Push, Rameen Shamim Eyes Semi-Final Spot



Pakistan bowler Rameen Shamim expressed frustration on Monday over the weather disruptions ahead of their crucial South Africa ICC Women's World Cup clash on Tuesday. After monsoon rains in Colombo caused washouts in their last two matches against England and New Zealand, Pakistan's hopes of securing vital points have been dashed. The washed-out match against New Zealand on Saturday saw South Africa qualify for the semi-finals, leaving Pakistan still searching for their first win of the tournament. Despite the setbacks, Rameen remained hopeful and determined, saying, "Rain is not in our control. We were performing well against England, and we were looking forward to building on that momentum." The team's semi-final dreams now hinge on a strong performance against South Africa, with Rameen emphasizing the team's focus on doing their best, despite the uncontrollable weather conditions. Pakistan's struggle to find consistency in the tournament has been exacerbated by the washed-out matches, but the team remains resilient and determined to secure their place in the semi-finals. With weather concerns still looming, the match against South Africa is expected to be a make-or-break opportunity for Pakistan's World Cup aspirations.—Agency

Face of the Day



Name: Ahmed Khan
About me: I'm Karachi's Gaming Prodigy Making Waves in the Virtual Arena!
Please email us your photo for our Model Watch and Kids' Corner section at regionaltimes10@gmail.com

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THE HEARTLAND

Wife of Ex-UC Chairman Raees Gulzar Kaloi Passes Away



By Hakim Baloch
JAM NAWAZ ALI: The wife of Rais Gulzar Ali Kaloi, President of Sarwari Tanzeem Jam Nawaz Ali and former UC Mansura Chairman, passed away due to the will of Allah. Her funeral prayer was offered in village Bakhshan Kaloi, attended by a large number of locals, including members of the Kaloi community, political and social leaders. GDA provincial leader Jam Nafees Ali Khan, GSTA leader Mir Muhammad Khaskheli, Maula Bux Katohar, Ali Dina Khaskheli, and others offered condolences to Raees Gulzar Ali Kaloi and expressed deep sorrow over the loss.

PTI's Sikandar Khoso Visits Robbery Victim, Decries Umerkot's Lawlessness



By Muhammad Bachal
UMERKOT: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Advocate Sikandar Khoso visited shopkeeper Prem Meghwar, who was affected by a recent robbery in Samaro. Khoso expressed concern over rising incidents of theft and lawlessness in the region, blaming poor governance in Sindh and Umerkot for public distress. He urged police action and said the people feel unsafe. Khoso stressed that the youth hold the key to change and called for unity to end the "puppet system" oppressing the region.

Mother of Four Threatens Self-Immolation Over Land Fraud in Hyderabad

By GM Chandio
HYDERABAD: Dilshad Chandio, a mother of four, has threatened self-immolation after losing PKR 400,000 in a land fraud in Qasimbab. She accused Dhani Bakhsh and his daughter Iqra of harassment and claimed police corruption, alleging the accused were freed after paying a bribe. Chandio urged senior officials to intervene, warning of serious consequences if her plea for justice is ignored.

Dadu Honors Pir Illahi Bux on His 50th Death Anniversary

By Javed Laghari

DADU: A prestigious ceremony was held at Pir Illahi Bux Law College to mark the 50th death anniversary of former Chief Minister of Sindh, Pir Illahi Bux. Retired Justice Abdul Rasool Memon graced the event as chief guest. Notable attendees included PPP Dadu President and MPA Barrister Pir Mujeed-ul-Haq, Dr. Mujeeduddin Sahrai, Pir Muazzam-ul-Haq, educationist Syed Azhar Ali Shah, social leader Muhammad Bux Korai, lawyers, professors, students, and dignitaries. Speakers paid rich tribute to Pir Illahi Bux's political, educational, and social contributions, highlighting his lifelong service to humanity. Students delivered speeches, and awards were distributed among teachers, students, and workers. Guests were honored with Sindhi ajraks. MPA Pir Mujeed-ul-Haq stated that the legacy of education and public service from their ancestors continues. He praised PPP's role in establishing major educational institutions across the district.



Johi Farmers Rise Against Water Theft by Powerful Offenders

By Roshan Memon

JOHI: Farmers of Patro minor canal in Johi held a strong protest against influential landlords for illegally installing lift machines to steal water from branch canals. Led by Mehr Gadahi, Wahid Bux Jiskani, and Abdul Hameed, protesters decried the severe water shortage at the tail-end areas due to blatant theft. They accused irrigation officials of deep corruption, enabling and canals to stop that Rangers be de-



tail-end growers. Protesters demanded equitable supply to that Rangers be de-

Hyderabad Mayor, Austrian Firm Discuss Modern Water Solutions

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Mayor Kashif Ali Shoro held a crucial video meeting with representatives from Austrian company VTA Project Engineering International to explore advanced water treatment technologies. The discussion focused on modern, eco-friendly, and non-toxic water management solutions successfully used in Europe. Attendees included top officials from Hyderabad Water and Sewerage Corporation and Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.



Both sides agreed to exchange detailed proposals and jointly evaluate Hyderabad's current sustainable and efficient water system for infrastructure to identify modernization opportunities. Mayor Shoro emphasized that international collaborations and joint evaluation will help develop a sustainable and efficient water system for Hyderabad's citizens, ensuring clean and safe drinking water.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sister Wives Rift Deepens as Christine and Janelle Drift Apart



Christine Brown has finally disclosed the current status of her relationship with Janelle Brown, following their separation from their mutual ex-husband, Kody Brown. During the latest episode of Sister Wives, the 53-year-old TV personality said that she and Janelle haven't "talked much in a while" since moving to separate states. "Janelle and I work a business together and there's been a lot of changes within the last couple of months," she told the cameras. Christine further said, "We used to run it more together, but really in life, we used to do everything together and we raised our kids together." The reality star added that her relationship with Janelle has become estranged since she and the TV star have started working more independently. For those unversed, Christine lives in Utah with her husband, David Woolley, while Janelle lives in North Carolina. Christine runs multiple rental properties, while Janelle started Taeda Farms with her daughter Maddie Brown and son-in-law Caleb Brush last year.

Britney Spears Alleges Lasting Brain Injury in Shocking New Claim



Britney Spears just dropped some rather shocking claims. The 43-year-old pop star wrote about Maleficent and losing her "wings" in a lengthy post claiming she suffered "brain damage" in the past. She wrote, "My back... my blades... my wings... remember the movie Maleficent such an incredible movie!!!!" Britney continued, "Remember the king tried to kill her but instead a guy secretly took her wings but anything from the father in heaven the real father whom is the one I only claim who loves uncon-

Kim Zolciak Sparks Headlines After Being Spotted with Billionaire Kyle Mowitz Amid His \$100M Divorce Battle



Kim Zolciak was photographed with new boyfriend Kyle Mowitz, amid his ongoing \$100 million divorce battle with Jillian Green. On October 18, the 47-year-old TV personality was spotted leaving in Kyle's house in Georgia. In the pictures obtained by Page Six, the couple are "super serious" about their new relationship. Much like Kim, who announced her separation from Kroy shoes. Meanwhile, Kyle Biermann in 2023, wears a gray T-shirt, Kyle is going through his own messy divorce with Jillian. It is pertinent to mention that Kim and Kyle have been dating since the spring. Recently, an insider spilled to TMZ that Kim and Kyle are spending "a ton of time together" in their romance. The confidant further told the outlet that the couple are "super serious" about their new relationship. Much like Kim, who announced her separation from Kroy shoes. Meanwhile, Kyle Biermann in 2023, wears a gray T-shirt, Kyle is going through his own messy divorce with Jillian.

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Kot Ghulam Muhammad Hosts Mental Health Awareness Seminar

By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: A seminar on mental health was organized at Jameesabad's Jameel Library Campus to mark World Mental Health Day. Chaired by renowned psychologist Dr. Syed Jameel from Hyderabad Mental Hospital and Indus Medical University, the event featured doctors, engineers, poets, journalists, and locals. Speakers emphasized the need for awareness in rural areas to combat social pressures, environmental damage, and rising mental health issues. The event concluded with gifts for guests and clothes distributed to the needy.

Hari Committee Marks 34 Years with Rais Brohi Tribute Conference

By Ayaz Latif Rind

MAQSOODO RIND: On the 34th anniversary of Comrade Raees Brohi, a hero of the Adh Battai Tehreek and close companion of Baba-e-Sindh Comrade Hyder Baksh Jatoi, Sindh Hari Committee organized a large farmers' conference in his village. The event began with floral tributes at Rais Brohi's grave by Central President Comrade Samar Haider Jatoi. Speakers highlighted ongoing farmer exploitation, land sales through corporate farming, tribal conflicts, and poor law enforcement in Sindh. They vowed to continue their struggle for farmers' rights and against anti-Sindh projects. Several prominent leaders and activists attended.

Sindh Expert Calls for United Effort to Save Indus River

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: At a recent seminar held by the Hyderabad Enlightened Forum at the M.H. Panhwar Institute of Sindh Studies, renowned water expert Habib-ur-Rehman Ursani stressed the urgent need for accurate, integrated water management to protect the Indus River. He warned against faulty data and mismanagement, highlighting that inadequate water flow threatens the river's survival. Ursani opposed dam construction, citing ecological harm and advocating for sustainable alternatives. The event included expert discussions and active participation from scholars and students.

Tando Allahyar Farmers Rally for Fair Crop Prices

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The Jamaat-e-Islami's Farmers Board Wing held a protest outside Tando Allahyar Press Club against injustices faced by Sindh's farmers. Led by provincial leader Abdul Qudoos Admani and others, protesters carried banners and chanted slogans demanding the Sindh government strengthen agriculture and provide fair crop prices. They urged immediate action to raise prices so poor farmers can earn a decent livelihood amid rising inflation and hardships.

Tando Allahyar Glows with Diwali Festivities and Harmony

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The Hindu community is enthusiastically preparing for Diwali, with markets bustling and stalls selling sweets, fireworks, and decorative lights. Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and promotes unity and brotherhood. People from Muslim and other communities are also extending greetings to their Hindu neighbors, reflecting religious tolerance and harmony. This celebration stands as a bright example of peace and mutual respect in Pakistan's diverse society.

University of Sindh Anthropologists Address Psychiatry Seminar in Hyderabad

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Sir Cowasji Institute of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences hosted a seminar on October 18, 2025, titled "Bridging Minds and Cultures," focusing on the intersection of anthropology and psychiatry to enhance mental healthcare in Sindh. Dr. Abdul Razaque Channa and Dr. Rafique Ahmed Wassan from University of Sindh highlighted anthropology's role in understanding cultural influences on mental health. The event emphasized collaboration to humanize psychiatric care through cultural insight.

Hyderabad Police Bust Two Notorious Snatchers in Major Raid

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Under SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio's directives, Hussainabad Police arrested two well-known snatchers, Mujahid Jatoi and Sajjad Lani, recovering two pistols and a stolen Honda 125 motorcycle linked to recent crimes. Both suspects are wanted in previous armed encounter and snatching cases. Separate FIRs under the Sindh Arms Act have been registered. SSP praised the police for their efforts, vowing continued action against criminals to ensure public safety.

Syed Fakhar Ali Shah Elected South Asia Baseball & Softball Federation President

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Syed Fakhar Ali Shah of Pakistan has been unanimously elected President of the South Asia Baseball & Softball Federation (SABSF) during its Second General Council Meeting in Bangkok. Perwaiz Ahmed Shaikh was elected Joint Secretary. Shah pledged to strengthen regional cooperation and announced plans to launch the South Asian Baseball League.

Umerkot Hosts Joint Celebration for Diwali and Rural Women's Day

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In Umerkot, a vibrant event was held jointly to celebrate Diwali and International Rural Women's Day, organized by the social organization AWARE in collaboration with Care International Pakistan. The program featured cultural performances, speeches, and dances highlighting the importance of women's empowerment, education, and peace. Local leaders praised religious harmony and the role of women, delivering a message of unity and peace. The organization pledged to continue working for women's rights in the future.

Women in Gharo, Mirpur Sakro Protest Over BISP Non-Payments

By Daim Shah

GHARO: Dozens of women blocked Keti Bandar Road in protest against the non-payment of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) funds. Protesters claimed device holders had kept centers closed for three days, making excuses and refusing payment.

Massive Amazon Cloud Outage Disrupts Major Websites

Amazon's cloud services faced a major outage on Monday, impacting websites and services like Amazon Prime, Fortnite, Alexa, Snapchat, and Duolingo. The disruption, caused by "increased error rates," lasted for over three hours before engineers largely fixed the issue. Some services continued to face disruptions, affecting popular platforms including Reddit and various streaming services, according to DownDetector.—RT

Sindh Secures \$22.9 Million Trade Deals at Indonesia Expo 2025

JAKARTA: A Sindh-based business delegation, coordinated by the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi, secured trade and cooperation agreements worth USD 22.9 million at the Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) 2025 in BSD City. According to the Consulate's press release, several MoUs were signed between Pakistani and Indonesian firms in sectors including natural commodities, textiles, automotive parts, pharmaceuticals, and food products. Key deals include a USD 3 million supply partnership between Mehran Commercial Enterprises and ASTRA Otomotif, alongside multiple MoUs promoting long-term bilateral trade cooperation.—RT

Protest Erupts in Nauabad Over Drug Raids and Home Demolitions

By Imtiaz Laskani

NAUABAD: Residents protested against the police after a drug raid led to a house demolition in Talib Mulla Colony. Families, led by Mangrio community leaders Amir Ali and Deedar Mangrio, accused Nauabad police of disrespecting homes and unjustified destruction of walls and roofs. The protesters condemned the police action and demanded strict action against the officers responsible from higher authorities to ensure justice and prevent further abuses.

Thatta's Schools Crumble as Students Study Under Open Sky

By KB Brohi

THATTA: Negligence by education officials has left government schools in Thatta dilapidated, with roofs collapsed and ceilings crumbling. Unaffordable buildings have forced students to study under trees or in makeshift shelters, endangering lives. Social, religious, and political leaders, along with parents, have urged Sindh Chief Minister and education authorities to take immediate action, demanding school repairs and an inquiry into alleged misuse of millions allocated for education infrastructure.

Larkana Mayor Visits Women's Library, Inspects Facilities

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Mayor Larkana, Advocate Anwar Ali Lohr, visited the Women's Library established by the Municipal Corporation to review available facilities. Acting on the directions of MPA City Larkana, Jameel Ahmed Soomro, the library has already been equipped with air conditioners, books, and a solar power system. Mayor Lohr assured that additional amenities, including water filtration plants and other improvements, will also be provided to further enhance the library environment.

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SEALED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender are invited AS S.P.P Rules 2010 (Amended up-to-date), from the contractors / companies / firms / interested persons on Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) for procurement of the following work.

S#	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in million)	5% Bid Security (Rs. in million)	Contract Category	Specialized Code(s)	Tender Fee in Rs.	Completion Period
1.	Sindh Infectious Diseases Hospital and Research Centre at NIPA, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi (Construction of Block C&D Civil & Electrical Work) (Remaining Work)	933.226	46.661	C-2 & above	BC02, CE01, CE09, CE10, CE11 (i), CE12 (i), CE13 (i), CE14 (i), CE15 (i), CE16 (i), CE17 (i), CE18 (i), CE19 (i), CE20 (i), CE21 (i), CE22 (i), CE23 (i), CE24 (i), CE25 (i), CE26 (i), CE27 (i), CE28 (i), CE29 (i), CE30 (i), CE31 (i), CE32 (i), CE33 (i), CE34 (i), CE35 (i), CE36 (i), CE37 (i), CE38 (i), CE39 (i), CE40 (i), CE41 (i), CE42 (i), CE43 (i), CE44 (i), CE45 (i), CE46 (i), CE47 (i), CE48 (i), CE49 (i), CE50 (i), CE51 (i), CE52 (i), CE53 (i), CE54 (i), CE55 (i), CE56 (i), CE57 (i), CE58 (i), CE59 (i), CE60 (i), CE61 (i), CE62 (i), CE63 (i), CE64 (i), CE65 (i), CE66 (i), CE67 (i), CE68 (i), CE69 (i), CE70 (i), CE71 (i), CE72 (i), CE73 (i), CE74 (i), CE75 (i), CE76 (i), CE77 (i), CE78 (i), CE79 (i), CE80 (i), CE81 (i), CE82 (i), CE83 (i), CE84 (i), CE85 (i), CE86 (i), CE87 (i), CE88 (i), CE89 (i), CE90 (i), CE91 (i), CE92 (i), CE93 (i), CE94 (i), CE95 (i), CE96 (i), CE97 (i), CE98 (i), CE99 (i), CE100 (i)	5,000/-	24 Months

2. PROGRAMME FOR ISSUE / RECEIPT AND OPENING OF TENDERS

S#	Particulars	1st Attempt	2nd Attempt (in case of un-responsive tender)
1.	Last date of receipt of applications and issuance of tender after Publication of the NIT in newspaper (office hours an working day from undersigned office) up to 09:30 A.M.	14.11.2025	24.11.2025
2.	Tender will be received back up to 10:00A.M. and opened on the same day 10:30 A.M.	14.11.2025	24.11.2025

3. Eligibility / Mandatory:

i) Valid Registration Certificate up-to June -2026 and onwards with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category and specialized codes as mentioned against work.

ii) Experience in similar nature of work(s) executed during the last five years:

iii) At least two similar nature of work having minimum cost 80% of the estimated cost of the work.

iv) At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost. ii) Bio data of Engineering and Technical staff working with the firm.

v) Average Annual Financial Turnover not less than equivalent cost of the scheme / project during last five years. (Turnover will be evaluated from Audit Reports, from (ICAP) registered audit firm. Audit report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.

vi) List of Machinery involved in Buildings Construction and equipment available with documentary evidence its ownership / rented.

vii) At-least or more annual average balance is required in the last five financial year i.e., 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the estimated cost of work applied. Fresh Bank Certificate (in original) must be attached stating annual balance.

viii) Bank Statement must be provided for the last five years i.e., 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 starting from 1st July, to 30th June for each year separately.

ix) Certificate of Closing Balance of last five financial years i.e., 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 must be attached in original.

x) Registration with Income Tax Department NIN certificate with active tax payer status with Federal Board of Revenue. Annual Income Tax returns of last five years i.e., 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 (x) Registration Certificate of Sindh Revenue Board Government of Sindh (SRB) certificate (with Active Status).

xi) Each page of the technical proposal must be numbered and Signed and seal by the authorized representative by the owner of firm.

xii) The evaluation criteria is based on Least-Cost Selection Method Where, the Eligible Bidders, upon qualifying technical responsiveness through scoring 75% in technical evaluation and quoting lowest Financial Cost shall be declared as the lowest evaluated bidder on Package wise basis.

xiii) The Evaluation shall be on knock-down basis, which means that a bid falling at any evaluation Stage shall not be evaluated in further stages of evaluation.

xiv) Method Of Procurement (Single Stage – Two Envelopes)

xv) Bidding / Tender Documents.

xvi) Contract documents and Other terms and conditions can be seen or downloaded from the omcial website of SPFRA i.e., "https://spfra.gov.pk". The tender fees and the bid security mentioned above in the shape Of Call Deposit/Pay order/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Buildings Division-II, Works & Services Department, Karachi on account of (Name of firm) should be attached with the Technical Bid / Tender, otherwise such tenders will not be entertained / accepted.

xvii) i) 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.

xviii) Bid shall comprise Single Package containing two separate envelopes. Each envelope contain separately the Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal Envelop shall be marked technical proposal and Financial Proposal in bold and legible letters to avoid confusion.

xix) TECHNICAL PROPOSAL opened, shall be evaluated for technical qualification Of the firms. Financial bids / proposals of the technically 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 / proposals of technically non responsive shall be returned to the respective bidders un-opened.

xx) The bid security of the technically responsive bidders but reject due to higher rate will be returned back after the issuance of work order to the successful bidder.

xxi) In case Of any member of procurement committee happens to be out of Head Quarter on the date Of opening bids or Government announce any Public Holiday, the tender will be submitted / opened on the next working day, as per schedule in accordance with rule-41 (B) Of SPFRA 2010 (Amended upto date).

xxii) Fresh affidavit with effect that all the documents/particulars/ machinery information furnished are 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.

xxiii) Details of owner along with CNIC on Judicial e-stamp paper (in original), a representative should have authority on Judicial e-stamp Paper from owner (in original). Authority Other than Judicial Stamp paper will not be accepted and such tender will Not be entertained.

xxiv) In case of Firm, giving full particulars of Directors / Proprietors or other connected along with Power Of Attorney. In case opening sole proprietors such undertaking on fresh Affidavit be furnished.

xxv) Undertaking on e-stamp paper (in original) that firm is not involved in any kind of litigation with, any departmental, abandoned or unnecessary delay in completion of any work.

xxvi) Undertaking on fresh affidavit (in-original) that the firm / company is not currently black listed by any of the Government Department whether Federal or Provincial.

xxvii) The tender should be submitted along with the above required documentation/ information if any of such required documents / information lacking then the tender will not be considered by the procuring committee end no such documents will be accepted after dropping date and time.

Place Of submission, Inquiries and Opening will be at following place.

Address: Office Of the undersigned situated in the premises of office Of The Superintending Engineer, Works & Services Department, Karachi at the 2nd Floor, State life Building No.3, Dr. Zia-ud-din Ahmed Road, Karachi.

Terms & Conditions.

a) Under following conditions bid will be rejected:

i) No conditional electronic and telegraphic bid/ Tender shall be accepted

ii) Bid not accompanied by bid security of required amount and manner.

iii) Bid received after specified date and time.

b) Bid Validity period 90-days.

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Murad Greets Hindu Community, Vows Stronger Minority Rights and Harmony

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah extended heartfelt greetings to the Hindu community across Sindh and around the world on the joyous occasion of Diwali. He described Diwali as a festival of happiness, light, peace, and love, emphasizing that Sindh is a land of harmony and brotherhood where all religions freely celebrate their festivals.



The Chief Minister highlighted that tolerance, love, and coexistence define Sindh's identity, appreciating the Hindu community's valuable role in the province's social and cultural development. He said the Pakistan Peoples Party has always ensured equal representation of minorities in government and administration on the basis of equality.—RT

Haji Nawaz Brohi Reviews Manghopir Culvert Work, Promises Early Completion

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Chairman Manghopir Town Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi paid an emergency visit to Union Committee No. 14, Christian Mohalla, to inspect the construction of small culvert bridges aimed at improving mobility and drainage during rainfall. Acting on public complaints shared by UC-14

Vice Chairman Habibullah Swati, the Chairman reviewed the ongoing work and directed that no delays would be tolerated.

Accompanied by Sub Engineer Junaid Siddiqui and the engineering team, Brohi examined the material quality, design, and water flow capacity, stressing the need for durable and safe structures. He instructed the in-

stallation of protective barriers and emphasized strict adherence to construction standards.

Brohi also interacted with residents, who praised his swift response and dedication. He reaffirmed that, under the PPP leadership's vision, development works in Manghopir are progressing rapidly, with similar projects planned across other areas.

Governor Tessori Extends Diwali Greetings, Renews Pledge to Protect Minority Rights

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori extended warm greetings to the Hindu community on the joyous occasion of Diwali, conveying a message of peace, love, and unity.

In his special message, the Governor said that Diwali embodies the spirit of light, brotherhood, and goodwill, and lauded the Hindu community's significant contribution to the progress and prosperity of Sindh and Pakistan.

Governor Tessori reaf-



firmed that all religious minorities in Pakistan enjoy full freedom to practice their faith, emphasizing that the protection of their rights remains a top priority of the government.—RT/Agency

Government Reports Fresh Progress on Karachi's Green Line Project

KARACHI: Federal Government Spokesperson for Sindh Raja Khaleeq Ansari announced that the Green Line Bus Project will resume shortly. Speaking to a private TV channel, he said all pending issues identified by local authorities are being resolved, with project completion now expected by September 2026. The project will feature new stations near Capri Cinema, Plaza, and



Jama Cloth Market. He clarified that the project's NOC issued in 2017 remains valid, addressing concerns raised by the mayor regarding documentation.—RT

Youth Killed by Stray Bullet in Metroville Shooting

KARACHI: A young man named Ubaidullah was killed in a shooting incident near Frontier Chowk in Metroville. According to police, the initial investigation suggests

the death was caused by a stray bullet fired from an unknown direction. The body was shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for legal formalities. Authorities have begun collecting evidence from the scene and are re-viewing nearby CCTV footage to determine the source of the gun-fire.—RT/Agency

SHC Takes Up Petition Over Tree Massacre on Shahrah-e-Faisal

KARACHI: The Director General Parks informed the Sindh High Court (SHC) on Monday that a detailed reply over cutting of trees along Karachi's Shahrah-e-Faisal being submitted in the court today.



The high court had also directed provincial authorities to submit a detailed report on the cutting of trees along Karachi's Shahrah-e-Faisal.

A division bench of the

SHC was hearing a petition filed against the large-scale chopping of trees on the city's main traffic artery.

The government lawyer said that the written reply with regard to tree cutting will be submitted during the court time today.

The bench adjourned further hearing of the case until December 02.—RT/Agency

OICCI Members Pump Rs2.7 Trillion in Taxes Despite Economic Turmoil

KARACHI: The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI), representing over 200 top foreign investors in Pakistan, has reported a strong financial performance for 2024, reflecting continued investor confidence and resilience despite difficult economic conditions.



According to the OICCI Annual Contribution Report 2024, member companies contributed Rs2.7 trillion in taxes and levies—equivalent to 30

percent of the Federal Board of Revenue's total tax collections, or nearly Rs10 billion per day. The collective turnover of OICCI members exceeded Rs11 trillion, while profit before tax reached Rs1.2 trillion, showing an average growth of 34 percent between 2020 and 2024.—RT/Agency

Political Calm Key to Economic Revival, Says PTI's Mansoor Ahmed Sheikh

KARACHI: Senior Vice President of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Karachi Division and Chairman TMC Saddar Town, Mansoor Ahmed Sheikh, has said that resolving the ongoing political crisis is vital for Pakistan's stability and economic recovery.

He warned that continued political turmoil has gravely harmed the national economy, stressing the urgent need to restore political harmony. Sheikh reiterated that PTI's patron-in-chief and founding chairman Imran Khan has been unjustly imprisoned for over two years

and demanded his immediate release. "True democracy cannot exist without respect for the people's mandate," he asserted, adding that PTI remains the country's largest political party with widespread public support.—RT/Agency

NADRA Unveils Massive Job Openings Across Sindh

KARACHI: The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has announced plans to recruit 200 Junior Executives (Data Entry Operators) across various districts of Karachi and interior Sindh, as part of its expansion and service improvement initiative.



views scheduled to begin on November 3, 2025.

According to official details, the recruitment drive will cover five districts in Karachi and nine in interior Sindh, with walk-in inter-

new regional offices. The districts identified for new offices include Mirpurkhas, Mirpur Sakro, Kotri, Matari, Chachro, Jhuddo, Mirpur Thar, Tando Allahyar, Jamshoro, Thatta, and Su-jawal.

Eligibility criteria for applicants include at least an Intermediate-level qualification, while the maximum age limit is 25 years.—RT/Agency

Speaker Awais Qadir Shah Extends Diwali Greetings, Praises Sindh's Religious Harmony

KARACHI: Speaker Sindh Assembly Syed Awais Qadir Shah has extended warm greetings to the Hindu community on the occasion of Diwali, describing it as a festival of light, hope, and joy that spreads the message of peace and love.

In his message, the Speaker said the land of

Sindh has always stood as a symbol of harmony, tolerance, and mutual respect. He emphasized that minorities in Sindh enjoy equal rights and that the Constitution of Pakistan guarantees their protection.

Shah noted that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has ensured fair representation of

minorities in both government and administration on the basis of equality.

He added that promoting unity and brotherhood among all communities is a shared responsibility, underscoring that the spirit of Diwali reflects the values of humanity, solidarity, and hope.—RT/Agency

Khoso National Alliance Pledges to Advance Peace and Education

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A reception was held at Johar Complex in honor of Abdul Rauf Khoso, Chairman of the Khoso National Alliance Pakistan. Prominent figures including Abid Ali Khoso, Advocate Waqar Ahmed Khoso, and Sherjan Khoso attended. Speaking to media, leaders pledged to promote peace



and unity, stressing the need to end tribal conflicts in Sindh. They emphasized the importance of education, urging Khoso com-

munity parents to educate their children, especially daughters, to build a progressive and educated nation.

Targeted Attack in Karachi: ASWJ Workers Gunned Down in Cold Blood



KARACHI: Two workers of the banned Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ) were shot dead in a suspected targeted attack at Karachi's Nagan Chowrang on Monday evening. The victims, a religious scholar and his em-

ployee, were killed near an ASWJ office. This marks the latest in a series of deadly attacks on ASWJ members, following a similar incident last week and another in March.—RT/Agency

Tragedy in Landhi: Newborn Thrown from Fourth Floor

KARACHI: A tragic incident occurred in Landhi's Zaman Town, where the body of a newborn baby girl was found. According to police officials, the infant was wrapped in cloth and allegedly thrown from the fourth floor of a building. The baby was found dead when recovered by the police, and the body has been shifted to a hospital for legal procedures.

Initial investigations suggest that the parents themselves threw the baby, reportedly because they were unhappy over the birth of a daughter. Police have taken both parents into custody for questioning. Authorities are also reviewing CCTV footage from nearby cameras to gather further evidence and determine the full circumstances surrounding the incident.—RT/Agency

PIA Strikes Landmark Codeshare Deal with Etihad Airways

KARACHI: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has secured a major codeshare agreement with UAE's Etihad Airways, effective from October 31. The deal includes both passenger and cargo services, alongside a frequent flyer program for passengers within the codeshare net-

work. A PIA spokesperson called the agreement a significant milestone for the national carrier, opening new opportunities for both airlines in terms of connectivity and services. The collaboration marks a key development in PIA's international expansion efforts.—RT

SHC Rejects Bail Plea of Uzair Baloch's Key Aide

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court has dismissed the bail plea of Abdul Aziz, a close associate of Lyari gang leader Uzair Baloch, in six criminal cases. During the hearing, Special Public Prosecutor Rana Khalid argued that the accused had been absconding for 13 years and

was involved in an attack on a police armoured vehicle, killing one officer. Forensic reports confirmed that the recovered weapon matched bullet casings from five cases. The court, agreeing with the prosecution, denied bail and ordered continued custody.—RT/Agency

KATI Hails \$3 Billion Trade Target with Vietnam, Eyes Major Growth



KARACHI: KATI President Muhammad Iqbal Rajput has welcomed the decision to boost bilateral trade between Pakistan and Vietnam to \$3 billion, highlighting key sectors like textiles, food, chemicals, and engineering for potential cooperation. He stressed that expanding trade would create new economic opportunities and strengthen Pakistan's industrial presence globally. Rajput urged the government to support industries through stable energy prices, raw materials availability, and improved logistics, aiming to enhance exports and industrial growth for Pakistan's economic stability.—RT

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China Hits Back: Adopts US-Style Tactics in Escalating Trade War with Washington

WASHINGTON: China likes to condemn the United States for extending its arm too far outside of its borders to make demands on non-American companies. But when it sought to hit back at the US interests this month, Beijing did exactly the same.

In expanding export rules on rare earths, Beijing for the first time announced it will require foreign firms to obtain approval from the Chinese government to export magnets containing even tiny amounts of China-originated rare earth materials, said James Greer, the US trade representative. "This rule gives



rean smartphone maker must ask for Beijing's permission to sell the devices to Australia if the phones contain China-originated rare earth materials, said James Greer, the US trade representative. "This rule gives

direct product rule. It extends the reach of U.S. law to foreign-made products, and it has been used regularly to restrict China's access to certain U.S. technologies made outside of the United States, even when they are in the hands of foreign companies.

It is the latest example of Beijing turning to U.S. precedents for tools it needs to stare down Washington in what appears to be an extended trade war between the world's two largest economies.

"China is learning from the best," said Neil Thomas, a fellow on Chinese politics

at Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis. "Beijing is copying Washington's playbook because it saw firsthand how effectively U.S. export controls could constrain its own economic development and political choices."

He added: "Game recognizes game."

It was in 2018, when President Donald Trump launched a trade war with China, that Beijing felt the urgency to adopt a set of laws and policies that it could readily deploy when new trade conflicts arise. And it looked to Washington for ideas.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Heads to Saudi Arabia for Crucial Talks

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is gearing up for a pivotal three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia next week, underscoring Pakistan's strategic partnership with the Kingdom. Accompanied by senior members of the federal cabinet and top military officials, the visit is poised to strengthen ties across political, defense, and economic fronts.

This high-profile diplomatic mission highlights Pakistan's commitment to its long-standing relationship with Saudi Arabia, with an emphasis on bolstering cooperation in trade, security, and investment. According to the diplomatic sources, Sharif's delegation will bring together key figures from both the political and defense sectors, signaling the broad scope of



collaboration.

One of the key events during his visit will be Sharif's address at the prestigious Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh. This global platform, attended by prominent business leaders, investors, and policymakers, offers an ideal opportunity for Pakistan to showcase its investment potential and forge new economic alliances with the Kingdom.

In addition to the FII, the Prime Minister is expected to hold high-level talks with Saudi Arabia's leadership, focusing on strengthening bilateral relations, regional security, and exploring new avenues for economic cooperation. The timing of the visit is significant, with both countries working to deepen collaboration in key sectors like trade, energy, and investment.—RT/Agency

Shehbaz's Bold Call: PM Pushes Sweeping Energy Reforms to Power Industry & Farms

ISLAMABAD: In a high-stakes meeting on Monday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took charge of the country's energy reform agenda, pushing for a comprehensive policy overhaul aimed at revitalizing key sectors like industry and agriculture. At the heart of the meeting was the Prime Minister's call to empower industrialists and investors, ensuring they receive the support they need to thrive.

"The government's primary focus is to facilitate the industrial and agriculture sectors, as they are the backbone of the economy," Sharif asserted, emphasizing that the success of these sectors directly impacts the nation's prosperity.



With the energy crisis in full swing, Sharif's remarks were aimed at improving the efficiency and utilization of electricity. "An effective use of electricity can drive up industrial and agricultural productivity," he stated, signaling a commitment

ment to reducing waste and optimizing resources. The Power Division briefed the Prime Minister on the ongoing energy reforms, which are focused on improving power generation and ensuring its maximum utilization.—RT/Agency

Bloodbath in Shahdadt: 4 Killed in Brutal Gunfight



SHAHDADKOT: As many as four more people were killed in a gun battle between two groups in a Jatoli village of Shahdadt, the police said.

The police said that, owing to the exchange of firing between the two groups, the total number of deaths has surpassed seven.

Veil-clad assailants fled after opening fire on a house in the area this evening, the police added.

Three people, including two passers-by, were killed in the firing incident by the veil-clad accused in Sujawal Junjo. The police further apprised that the deceased group conducted retaliatory firing at night to take revenge for the evening incident.

Following the incident, the area's Station House Officer (SHO) was removed, and a new SHO has been appointed, the police added.

Earlier this month, as many as five people were killed in a gunfight between armed men and tribal in Mangocher area of Kalat.

According to the district administration, two people were also wounded in the firing between two groups.

An investigation over the armed clash is underway, the district administration said.

The district further apprised that four of killed are unidentified armed men while one of deceased is belonged to tribal.—RT

Ruthless Man Arrested for Throwing Child into Brick Kiln Fire

SHEIKHUPURA: The police have arrested a ruthless culprit who had thrown a five-year-old child into a brick kiln's fire, the police said.

According to the District Police Officer (DPO), the police have made progress in the investigation of the horrific incident wherein the cruel landowner threw the child in a brick kiln yesterday in Sharaqpur Sharif in Punjab's Sheikhupura district. In the heart-wrenching incident, the landowner allegedly had thrown the child into a brick kiln. The child's



father transported his son to a Teshil Headquarter Hospital (THQ) in critical condition. The hospital administration, on the other hand, stated that the child suffered

severe burns and that they are doing their best to save his life. Details suggest the landowner was eating a corn cob when the child begged for it.—RT

Trump Escalates War of Words: Calls Colombia's Petro "Drug Leader" After US Strike

US forces attacked a vessel associated with a Colombian leftist rebel group, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said, the same day President Donald Trump called Colombian President Gustavo Petro an "illegal drug leader" and said payments to the South American nation would cease.

Trump's comments marked a new low in relations between Bogota and Washington, which have frayed since Trump returned to office in



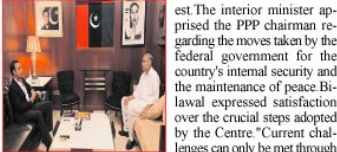
January and since his administration launched a series of strikes on vessels allegedly transporting drugs in the Caribbean. Hegseth wrote on X that the

Pentagon had destroyed a vessel and killed three people on Friday "in the US-SOUTHCOM area of responsibility," which includes the Caribbean.—RT/Agency

Naqvi, Bilawal Unite: Political Forces Urged to Rally for Pakistan's Stability

KARACHI: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Monday emphasised unity among political parties to cope with the national challenges and internal stability.

Naqvi held a meeting with Bilawal at Karachi's Bilawal House on Monday, where they discussed the country's political



situation, law and order, and matters related to mutual inter-

est. The interior minister apprised the PPP chairman regarding the moves taken by the federal government for the country's internal security and the maintenance of peace. Bilawal expressed satisfaction over the crucial steps adopted by the Centre. "Current challenges can only be met through unity and consensus," said Bilawal.—RT

Financial Boost as SBP and IFC Partner to Strengthen Local Currency Lending



ISLAMABAD: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has signed an agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to strengthen local currency financing and support Pakistan's private sector. The deal, signed under the ISDA

framework, aims to mitigate risks of foreign currency borrowing by enabling the IFC to manage currency fluctuations more effectively. The partnership will unlock financing for key sectors and drive job creation, according to the SBP.—RT

Xi's Vision Unveiled: Chinese President Charts Bold 5-Year Roadmap

BEIJING: Chinese leader Xi Jinping delivered a speech Monday on the opening day of a major meeting of the ruling Communist Party to approve a draft plan laying out its goals for the country over the next five years. A short dispatch from the official Xinhua News Agency said Xi "expounded on the Party leadership's draft proposals" for the next five-year plan for national economic and social development, which will cover



2026-2030. It did not provide any details. The latest plan comes at a time of growing challenges and uncertainty for China, including a persistently sluggish economy, foreign restrictions on its access to the latest technologies and high tariffs imposed on its exports to the United States.—RT/Agency

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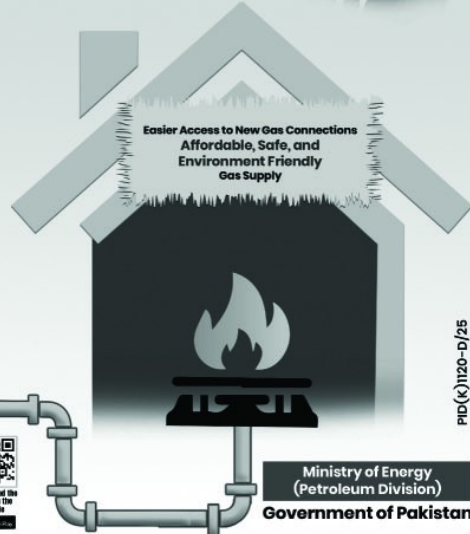
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