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PM Shehbaz Calls for Experts to Boost Regional Connectivity, Launch International Train Links

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday called for the engagement of legal and economic experts of international caliber, particularly for projects related to regional connectivity and Pakistan Railways' international train routes.

During a high-level meeting at the PM House, he emphasised that a modern and efficient rail network is the backbone of any nation's economy and communication system.

He highlighted the need for Pakistan to adopt global best practices to enhance its railway infrastructure and expand its role in regional transport corridors.

PM Shehbaz urged officials to accelerate reforms, improve operational efficiency, and ensure that upcoming mega projects are executed with professional oversight to meet international benchmarks.

He further stressed that a public-private partnership model should be adopted for matters related to railway property and land.

The prime minister also appreciated the steps taken



towards the restoration of the railway system and commenced Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi and his team for their work on the revival and upgradation of Pakistan Railways.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahmad Khan Cheema, and other senior government officials, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The meeting was given a detailed briefing on the measures being taken to improve Pakistan Railways.

It was informed that seven digital portals under the 'Rabta' initiative were operational for the digitalisation of Pakistan Railways, 56 trains

had been shifted onto it, and 54 railway stations had been digitised.

The participants were informed that a free Wi-Fi facility was provided at Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad railway stations, while an additional 48 stations would get free Wi-Fi service by 31 December this year. It was further informed that an online freight booking system had been introduced. A pilot project for a digital weighing bridge was launched at Karachi City Railway Station, whereas in the next phase, this facility would be extended to Pipri, Karachi Cantonment, Port Qasim, Lahore, and Rawalpindi stations.—RT/Agency

President, PM Praise Security Forces for Eliminating 13 Militants in KP Operations

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif commended Pakistan's security forces for successfully eliminating 13 militants affiliated with the India-backed network Fitna al-Khawarij during intelligence-based operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In a statement issued by the President,



President Zardari paid rich tribute to the security forces for their courage, professionalism and steadfastness. He applauded the effective intelligence-driven actions undertaken by the Pakistan Army and law-enforcement agencies, calling them a testament to their operational excellence. President Zardari said that the state was ensuring the complete and uncompromising eradication of militants operating under foreign patronage.

"The elimination of India-sponsored extremists is being ensured with full force and firmness of state authority," he said.

He added that the total defeat of externally backed terrorism was being pursued with national consensus and unity of purpose.

The president reaffirmed that Pakistan's security personnel continued to display remarkable bravery and commitment in safeguarding the nation, earning the gratitude of the entire country.

The Prime Minister's Office, in a separate statement, said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also praised the security forces for carrying out successful operations against Fitna-ul-Khawarij terrorists in

Lakki Marwat and Dera Ismail Khan. He appreciated the elimination of 13 militants and said the actions reflected the successes being achieved under the government's Azm-e-Istehkam vision. Prime Minister said the entire nation stood shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces in the fight against terrorism. He reiterated the government's firm resolve to eliminate every form of militancy from Pakistan, stating, "We remain committed to the complete eradication of terrorism from the country."—RT/Agency

Dubai Investigates India's Tejas Jet Crash for Possible Breach of Flying Rules

DUBAI: Investigators are examining whether the pilot who died in India's Tejas fighter jet crash at the Dubai Airshow descended below the mandatory 300-foot minimum altitude for aerobatic manoeuvres or breached any approved flying protocols, aviation officials said on Saturday.



The inquiry is being led jointly by the UAE's civil aviation authority, the country's armed forces aviation division, and the Dubai Airshow's Flying Control Committee (FCC), which is reviewing all available technical data and display-routine documents.

Officials said investigators are analysing radar tracks, flight-path recordings, and high-resolution video

footage to determine the jet's altitude profile and maneuver sequence in the moments before impact. The FCC is also assessing whether the pilot performed any aerobatic manoeuvres that had not been formally cleared for the show.

A parallel technical investigation is examining whether the aircraft experienced a sudden loss of power, a control-system malfunction, or another mechanical failure that may have pre-

vented recovery. The Dubai Airshow, held every two years since 1989, had not recorded a fatal flying-display accident until Friday's crash, which killed the pilot and brought the day's demonstrations to a halt.

Authorities say no determination will be made until all evidence—including cockpit-related data, maintenance logs, and approved display documentation—has been fully examined.—RT/Agency

17 Terrorists, Including Three Key Commanders, Neutralized in KP Operations

PESHAWAR: Security forces have killed 17 terrorists, including three key commanders, during joint operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The operations were conducted by the police, Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) and military in different areas of Bannu and Lakki Marwat.

A large amount of weapons and ammunition was recovered from the terrorists, and significant blows were dealt to local factions of the "Khawarij" (extremist) group, with the killing of top commanders.

In a separate operation in the SheriKhel and Paka



Pahar Khel areas, 10 militants were killed, and five others were injured. Additionally, a facilitator was arrested during the operation.

Although seven terrorist bodies were recovered, three others could not be retrieved due to their loca-

tion in a difficult mountainous area.

Among the killed terrorists were key commanders, including Niaz Ali, also known as Akasha, and Abdullah, known as Shapankoi, both of whom were wanted by security forces.

Further operations in Nasarkhel area of Lakki Marwat led to the killing of one more terrorist in a joint action by police, CTD, and the local peace committees. The local community also actively participated in the operations, showing strong support for law enforcement.

In the Hawaid area of Bannu, police and local peace committees engaged in a confrontation with terrorists, but the militants managed to escape.

Additionally, in Doda, militants from the Khawarij group fired on a police party. In response, Bannu police, CTD, and security forces launched an eight-hour operation, resulting in the death of six militants and the injury of dozens. Notably, notorious terrorist commander Rasool, also known as Commander Aryana, was killed in the operation. A large cache of weapons and ammunition was seized. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Inspector General of Police Zulfiqar Hamid praised the successful operations carried out by the Bannu region police, CTD, and security forces. He assured that efforts to rid the region of extremist elements would continue.—RT/Agency

Online Crowd Mocks Mercurial Trump After Warm Meeting with Mamdani



US: Following months of exchanging barbs, US President Donald Trump and New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani shared smiles and exchanged compliments during an unexpectedly cordial meeting at the White House.

Trump and Mamdani vowed to work together on addressing crime and affordability issues in the largest city in the US. Photos from the meeting showed Mamdani, a 34-year-old state legislator, positioned by Trump's desk while the 79-year-old president looked up at him with a smile. During their media interaction after the meeting, Trump stopped Mamdani from replying to a query pertaining to his earlier remarks calling the US

president a fascist. "Are you affirming you think President Trump is a fascist?" a reporter asked. Just when Mamdani was about to respond, he was interrupted by Trump. "That's okay. You can just say yes. It's easier than explaining it, I don't mind," the US president said as he pats Mamdani on the arm.

Netizens flooded social media with mixed reactions after photos of the meeting went viral. Many expressed surprise at the cordial tone between the two leaders, with some praising the rare display of political civility and cooperation.

Several users also joked about the contrasting body language between Mamdani and Trump.—RT/Agency

PTI's Hammad Azhar Claims Missing Forms in NA-129 By-Election Materials

LAHORE: PTI leader Hammad Azhar raised concerns on Saturday about missing Form 45s in the election materials provided to presiding officers by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for tomorrow's by-election in Lahore's NA-129 constituency. Azhar, whose father Mian Azhar's death in July led to the seat's vacancy, alleged that several presiding officers have reported the absence of Form 45s, a crucial document in the



electoral process. In a post on social media platform X, Azhar called the situation a "serious violation" of the electoral process, highlighting the potential implications for the transparency and integrity of the election. Form 45 is essential for recording the vote count, and its absence could lead to complications in verifying the election results.—RT

Dr. Yasmin Rashid Gets Bail in May 9 Arson Case, Despite Multiple Convictions

LAHORE: PTI leader Dr. Yasmin Rashid has been granted bail in the May 9 arson and vandalism case by a special anti-terrorism court in Lahore. The case was filed under the jurisdiction of the Mughalpura Police Station.



Dr. Rashid, currently detained in Kot Lakhpat Jail, had her bail petition heard by Judge Manzoor Ali. Her legal team argued that several co-

accused, including Ejaz Chaudhry, had already been granted bail in the same case, strengthening her case for re-

lease. After reviewing the evidence and hearing the arguments, the court approved her bail. Dr. Rashid, who has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for each of three separate May 9 cases, still faces hearings for bail pleas in three additional cases scheduled for November 27. Notably, she has already been cleared in the Jinnah House attack case.—RT/Agency

Foreign Minister Dar, Croatian FM Discuss Regional and Global Developments

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Saturday held a meeting with Foreign Minister of Croatia, Gordon Radman, at the 4th EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum.



They discussed regional and global developments, advancing political and economic cooperation, enhancing Pak-Croatian engagement bilaterally and at multilateral forums. Foreign Office spokesperson said in a press release. Dar also invited the Croatian foreign minister to visit Pakistan.

A day earlier, the deputy prime minister warned that India's illegal and unilateral decision to place the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) in abeyance poses a serious threat to regional stability.

He made these remarks while addressing the Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum Roundtable in Brussels on Friday. Ishaq Dar recalled that New Delhi suspended its participation in the treaty in April following an attack in occupied Kashmir's Pahal-gam, which killed 26 people—an incident India blamed on Pakistan without providing evidence.

Islamabad condemned the move as an attempt to undermine its water rights, describing any unilateral suspension as an "act of war" and noting that the treaty contains no provision for such action. Pakistan has since said it is considering legal recourse, arguing the step violates the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.—RT/Agency

Pakistan, IMF Agree on Major Tax Policy Reforms and Budget Management Overhaul



ISLAMABAD: The government has agreed with the IMF on changes to tax policy, budget-making, and public finance management for the upcoming budget.

Sources said that, according to the Ministry of Finance, the technical report on budget proposals for the next fiscal year will be submitted to the ministry in January. The IMF's technical mission has returned after giving recommendations for major changes in the budget.

It was further revealed that the Ministry of Finance will prepare and share final proposals with the IMF next month regarding changes in the budget implementation process. Fifteen proposals were discussed with the

IMF technical mission to improve the budget execution process.

Recommendations from the IMF delegation include creating a digitized public finance management (PFM) plan, forming a committee to oversee the digitized PFM plan, implementing full e-office and e-PADs for budget preparation, and eliminating data inconsistencies.

Sources added that preparing the budget on the basis of updated data and expanding consultations with all ministries during budget formulation were also part of the technical mission's proposals. The mission also provided recommendations for significant changes in tax policy for the new budget.—RT/Agency

Massive Blaze Threatens 50 Million-Year-Old Forests: Iran Calls for International Aid

IRAN: A raging fire in Iran's UNESCO-listed Hyrcanian forests, a site of extraordinary biodiversity, has prompted urgent international assistance. Iran has requested help from Turkey, which is sending fire-fighting planes and helicopters to aid in controlling the blaze.



The fire, which reignited after a brief period of calm, is endangering the ancient forests along the Caspian Sea, home to over 3,200 plant species, some of

which are found nowhere else on Earth. The Hyrcanian forests, recognized as a World Heritage site in 2019, date back 50 million years and are considered a living museum of plant diversity. The fire, worsened by a severe drought that has left rainfall in the region 85% below average, is being fought by Iranian forces, including two flyfisher firefighting planes, seven helicopters, and 400 firefighters. Iran's Vice-President Shima Ansari confirmed that Turkey had mobilized two firefighting aircraft and a helicopter, with Russia also offering assistance if necessary.—RT/Agency

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LARKANA: Artists captivate the audience during a performance of the drama Reshmi Jaal at the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Open Air Theater, Arts Council Larkana. — Photo by Ahmed Raza Soomro

Acting Chief Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput Unveils New Family and Civil Courts in Sujawal

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: Acting Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput, inaugurated the newly-established Family Court at District and Sessions Court Sujawal. The ceremony was attended by Registrar Sindh High Court Asif Majeed, District & Sessions Judge Sujawal Zahida Parveen, District & Sessions Judge Thatta Mushthari Khanum, Project Director Suhail Ahmed Mashori, Deputy Commissioner Sujawal Zahid Hussain Rind, SSP Aleena Rajpar, and leaders of the



District Bar, along with lawyers and officers. During the event, Justice Rajput planted a sapling to support the court's plantation campaign and highlighted the importance of fair scrutiny and transparent judgments. He also expressed concern over rising oral cancer cases due to drug and gutka use, urging bar associations to launch awareness campaigns. Later, he visited Mirpur Bathoro and inaugurated the newly constructed Civil Court building. Solar systems and library facilities are planned for both courts to improve services.

Tando Bago Bypass Bridge Deteriorates as Heavy Traffic Comes to a Standstill

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: According to reports, the bypass road bridge on the Tando Bago-Talhar-Badin route has deteriorated severely. Due to its extremely poor condition, the movement of

heavy vehicles coming from Talhar and Badin has been completely stopped. Traffic entering the city is also facing serious difficulties. Despite several reports being aired in the media, the administration has not taken any notice. The residents

of the area and social leaders have strongly appealed to the Chief Minister of Sindh, as well as the local MNA and MPA, to immediately take notice of the severely damaged bypass bridge and ensure its reconstruction without delay.

Matli Hosts Powerful Seminar to Train Teachers and Strengthen Child Protection

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: The Social Welfare Department Badin, in collaboration with the Education Department, organized a child protection seminar at Government Boys High School Matli to guide teachers on preventing abuse and ensuring student safety. Additional Director Social Welfare Abdul Ghaffar Khoso said child protection is a collective responsibility and highlighted violence, exploitation, neglect, and abuse as key challenges.



He urged enrolling out-of-school children and stressed that teachers must act as positive role models. District Officer Ahmad Khan Zaur emphasized teachers' frontline role, while Child Protection Officer Din Muhammad Dero urged reporting cases to helpline 1121. Appreciation certificates were distributed.

Ayam-e-Fatimia Azadari Draws Devotees to Masooma-e-Sindh Shrine

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: As part of the Ayam-e-Fatimia commemorations, large mourning gatherings were held on Friday at the sacred shrine of Masooma-e-Sindh, Syeda Khadija Maham bint Imam Musa Kazim (AS) in Agham Kot. The event was organized by the Momin-een of Badin and Tando Bago with support from the Zaireen Khidmat Committee Agham Kot. Allama Muhammad Murtaza Mahdavi Laghari addressed the



Majlis-e-Aza, while renowned reciter Saleem Raza Sahar and his team recited nohas. Azadari continued from morning till evening with deep devotion. Thousands of

men, women, and children attended, where arrangements for nazar, niyaz, and saabel were provided. Security was effectively managed by Al-Hussaini Scouts.

Tando Allahyar Police Launch Major Offensive Against Drugs, Liquor and Gutka

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Tando Allahyar police conducted a series of operations targeting drug peddlers, habitual offenders, and illegal sales of local liquor, gutka, and "mainpuri." During the raids, authorities recovered 40 liters of local liquor, 330 packets of "mainpuri," and 200 packets of gutka, arresting five suspects. Four FIRs were registered under government prosecution. Arrested individuals include: Nanji son of Mansingh (Crime No: 85/2025), and Shahbaz son of Shafiq Pervez and Khushi son of Abdul Rasheed (Crime No: 409/2025).



Bakhsh (Crime No: 85/2025), and Shahbaz son of Shafiq Pervez and Khushi son of Abdul Rasheed (Crime No: 409/2025).

Cantonment Board Hyderabad Intensifies Oversight of Dengue Spray Operations



By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Member Cantonment Board Hyderabad Muqem Keerio and Board Member Kazi Ashad Abbasi supervised the ongoing dengue spray campaign in Peon Colony, Ward-4. The monitoring visit was conducted along with Syed Amjad Shah, Head

of Sanitation, Cantonment Board Hyderabad, following instructions from Cantt Executive Officer Mushtaq Ahmed Chachar. The team reviewed the spray work to ensure effective prevention measures and maintained that anti-dengue efforts would continue across all areas.

Collapsed Drain Severely Disrupts Access to Haji Hami Khan Kaloi Village



By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: The main drain on the road leading from the National Highway to Haji Hami Khan Kaloi village has remained damaged for two years, causing serious problems for residents. The drain collapsed during the 2022 rains, blocking smooth access for commuters. Village elder Ghulam Sarwar Kaloi said that despite repeatedly informing the PPP taluka president, district councilors and other elected representatives, no action has been taken. He added that large vehicles cannot pass through. Residents have urged authorities to repair the drain immediately to restore safe travel.

Larkana Bids Emotional Farewell to Muhammad Alam Marfani



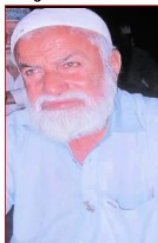
By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A grand farewell party was organized at Sambara Hotel Larkana in honor of Muhammad Alam Marfani, CCO-COM-Net Larkana, attended by senior officials from the Health Department, Education Department, and NGOs. The event saw participation from District Health Officer Dr. Shaikat Ali Abro, Dr. Azizullah Mangi, Junaid Ahmed (District Manager PPHI), Sultan Ahmed (District Manager SRSO), Dr. Amanullah Abro (Taluka Health Officer Ratodero), Dr. Rawal Insaf Ahmed (NSTOP Officer), Dr. Liaquat Noonari (Immunization Officer IO-WHO), Irshad Ali Magasi, Mahmood Ali Magasi, and Muhammad Salar (Polio Officer). Participants appreciated Marfani's leadership, dedication, and service, offering best wishes for his future.

Ghulam Muhammad Khati, Respected Community Figure, Passes Away in Sujawal

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: Ghulam Muhammad Khati, a respected figure of the Khati community and nephew of senior Jamaat Ahle Sunnat leader late Haji Muhammad Musa Khati, passed away at the age of 63 due to a heart attack. His funeral was led by Hafiz Ghulam Mustafa Qadri and attended by prominent leaders including former District Nazim Thatta Syed Sharqat Hussain Shah Sheerazi, Syed Nasir Shah Sheerazi, Chairman Town Committee Sujawal Syed Atif Shah Sheerazi, elders Muhammad Baran, Ghulam Nabi Khati Rais Mills,



Haji Muhammad Qasim Khati, traders Abdul Rasheed Khati, Ayaz Niaz Memon, Ghulam Sarwar Babu, Jaman Khati, and journalists including Hidayatullah Khati and Nadeem Shehzad Khati.



THUL: JUI-F leaders offer heartfelt condolences to the family of Imtiaz Ahmed Noonari, a youth slain by extortionists. — Photo by Khair Muhammad

Sakrand Celebrates 151st Urs of Sufi Poet Hamal Faqir Laghari with Devotional Fervor

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: The 151st Urs of renowned Sindh and Siraiki Sufi poet Hamal Faqir Laghari was celebrated in Sakrand with traditional zeal. The inauguration was performed by MPA Ghulam Qadir Chandio and Commissioner SBA Division Shahmir Khan Bhutto, accompanied by Haji Ali Nawaz Chandio, Ghulam Shah Laghari, Muhammad Saleh Keerio, and Imam Din Jalbani. Guests were presented with Sindh caps, Ajraks, and lungis. The two-day festival



featured various stalls, including livestock exhibitions, where owners were honored with ajraks and shawls. Speakers highlighted Sindh's rich Sufi heritage and urged authorities to elevate the Urs to a provincial-level celebration, similar to past traditions. Local leaders and notable personalities, including Ghulam Abbas Magasi, Nasrullah Mallah, Dr. Barkat Lakho, and others, were also present.

IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon Graces Grand Gathering in Hyderabad

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Inspector General of Sindh Police, Ghulam Nabi Memon, attended a grand dinner organized in honor of police officers and personnel at Hyderabad Police Headquarters. Upon arrival, he received a General Salute and a warm welcome from DIG Hyderabad, Commissioner Hyderabad, SSPs of multiple districts, retired officers, and staff. The event featured performances by comedian Ali Gul Mallah and Alghoza maestro Nawaz



Arbab Allah Bachayoo Block, and praised the modernization, digitalization, and welfare reforms under his leadership, highlighting improvements in public safety, investigations, and community policing.

High Court Presses for Swift Progress on Mirpurkhas Drainage and Sewerage Works

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: The Sindh High Court, Circuit Bench Mirpurkhas, has summoned key officials to report on the ongoing drainage and sewerage project in Mirpurkhas. Acting on constitutional petition No. D-726/2025 filed by Haji Noor Elahi Mughal, the court issued

notices to six respondents, including the Secretary Local Government Abdul Rauf Ghori, Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas Muhammad Yunus Ghori, Project In-Charge Muhammad Sharif Baloch, and Chairman UC Mir Sher Muhammad Talpur. The initial hearing was held on 12 November 2025, and the court directed all respondents and the Additional AG Sindh to appear on 3 December 2025 at 8:30 a.m. The petition highlights irregularities, lack of transparency, and public difficulties caused by the project. Citizens hope judicial intervention will ensure accountability and timely project completion.

Civil Hospital Hyderabad MS Conducts Surprise Rounds to Review Services

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Medical Superintendent Dr. Irshad Hussain Kazmi paid a surprise visit to several departments of Civil Hospital Hyderabad and reviewed both administrative and medical services in detail.

He inspected the Nephrology Ward, Gastro Endoscopy Unit, RMO Office, Zakat Office and the CCTV Control Room, checking patient facilities, cleanliness, staff attendance and overall management. Dr. Kazmi Ajan accompanied him during the inspection.

Foundation Assisted Khan Public School Hosts Vital Life-Saving Skills Training

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: An important training session on emergency response and first-aid during accidents was organized today at foundation-assisted Khan Public School. The session was led by renowned Dr. Azam Akhtar Qaimkhan, who provided practical guidance with professionalism, empathy, and a humanitarian approach. Participants learned calm handling, initial steps for life-saving techniques, and CPR in an easy-to-understand and actionable manner. The program was at-



tended by CEO Muhammad Asim Arain, senior journalist Ashfaq Ahmed Ashfi, and Muhammad Kashif. Teachers, operators, and 9th and 10th-grade students actively participated. The school administration thanked Life Foundation Pakistan for their valuable support in strengthening practical training for staff and students.

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Pakistan's Jobless Rate Expected to Climb to 7 Percent Amid Deepening Economic Strain

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's unemployment rate is expected to rise to nearly 7%, according to the latest Labour Force Survey for 2024-25. Geo News reports that the rate had dropped to 6.3% in 2022-21, but recent figures show an alarming increase. The survey also revealed that the country's labor force grew to 71.76 million during the same period. Pakistan's Bureau of Statistics presented preliminary findings at the recent "Data Fest" conference, though experts raised concerns over data from ICT and other sectors. —RT/Agency



Initial Inquiry Completed Into Deadly Faisalabad Factory Blast

FAISALABAD: An initial report of Faisalabad chemical factory blast suggested that it didn't have the NoC from the federal government. According to the report, explosive material was stored in the factory premises, "negligence and unskilled staff" likely caused the deadly disaster. "The gas cylinder leakage and electric short circuit might have ignited the chemical," according to the report. Director General Industries Punjab has constituted a four-member inquiry committee comprising of chief inspector boiler, DO Industries, deputy chief inspector boiler and a representative of boiler engineers. The deadly incident took place at the chemical factory in Malikpur, Faisalabad. The DC said that the deceased include children, women, elderly individuals, and factory workers. Initial findings suggest that the chemical caught fire due to a gas leakage. —RT/Agency



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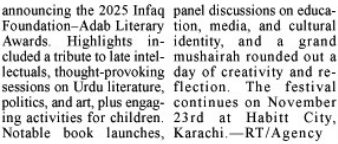
Nasir Shah Unveils Major Salary Boost and Green Sanitation Revolution Across Sindh

KARACHI: In a significant move, the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) meeting chaired by Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah approved a salary hike for contract employees. The session also saw the approval of key strategies for a sustainable sanitation system, including recycling waste and creating modern waste treatment facilities to cut environmental pollution. Plans for new technical positions at Garbage Transfer Stations (GTS) and a new office relocation were also discussed. —RT



10th Adab Festival Sets Karachi Ablaze with Literary Brilliance and Artistic Power

KARACHI: The 10th Adab Festival kicked off in Karachi with an electrifying day of literature, culture, and vibrant discussions. Inaugurated by Zehra Nigah and hosted by Ameena Saiyid, the festival celebrated literary excellence, announcing the 2025 Infaq Foundation-Adab Literary Awards. Highlights included a tribute to late intellectuals, thought-provoking sessions on Urdu literature, politics, and art, plus engaging activities for children. Notable book launches, panel discussions on education, media, and cultural identity, and a grand mushairah rounded out a day of creativity and reflection. The festival continues on November 23rd at Habib City, Karachi. —RT/Agency



PPP Karachi Mobilizes for Massive Yaum-e-Tasees Jalsa at Korangi Stadium

KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Karachi Division is finalizing preparations for a monumental Yaum-e-Tasees Jalsa at Korangi Stadium. Led by Saeed Ghani, the meeting highlighted the party's commitment to the vision of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto. Nisar Khuhro and Waqar Mehdi of PPP Sindh praised the preparations and reaffirmed the party's dedication to democratic values. The Jalsa, set for 1:00 PM, will feature Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing supporters via video link. A district-wide marsh rally will also be held on November 29 to build momentum for the event. —RT



Al-Jannat Paint Center Launches Madiha Multi Color Center in Defence Expansion Drive

KARACHI: Al-Jannat Paint Center has unveiled its fourth branch, "Madiha Multi Color Center," in Defence, marking a significant milestone in its expansion. The inauguration ceremony was attended by prominent business leaders, social figures, and city elites. The ribbon was cut by Madiha Liaquat Sheikh, daughter of CEO Haji Liaquat Sheikh, alongside notable figures like Haji Akbar Sheikh and members of the FPCC. Addressing the gathering, Haji Liaquat Sheikh emphasized the company's resilience, despite the country's challenges, and its commitment to high-quality products and customer satisfaction. —RT



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Gold Prices Jump by Rs 2,300 per Tola as Global Markets Surge

KARACHI: The price of gold has surged by Rs 2,300 per tola, reaching a new high of Rs 428,862, according to the All Pakistan Gems and Jewelers Association. Similarly, the price of 10 grams of gold has increased by Rs 1,972, now standing at Rs 367,680. On the global front, the price of gold has risen by \$23 per ounce, reaching \$4,065. The significant increase in gold prices is stirring concerns and prompting a closer look at global market trends. —Agency



Maryam Nawaz Declares War on Corruption in Punjab, Hits Back at Critics



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz declared she could resign if proven guilty of favoritism. Speaking to participants of the 27th National Defense Security Workshop in Lahore, she asserted that despite running multi-billion rupee projects, there have been no corruption complaints. She promised that Punjab would be corruption-free within five years. Maryam also highlighted the reduction in inflation from 40% to 4%, boasting a 2400 MW power supply and aiming to lower electricity costs. Defending her actions, she criticized those who attacked her over wheat procurement and personal attacks, vowing to respond with performance, not insults. —RT/Agency

Punjab Issues Notices to Ten Sugar Mills Over Crushing Season Delays



LAHORE: Cane Commissioner Punjab has issued notices to 10 sugar mills of the province over delay in commencement of the sugarcane crushing season by November 15 this year. The sugar mills managements have been summoned to the office of the provincial Cane Commissioner on November 26. "In case of their failure to submit a satisfactory reason in delay of the crushing, they could be imposed Rs one million per day fine," sources at the Cane Commissioner's office said. —RT/Agency

Abbottabad Tragedy Leaves Father and Son Among Five Dead in Heartbreaking Van Collision

ABBOTTABAD: A tragic accident occurred near Bairan Gali, Abbottabad, when a passenger van plunged into a ravine, resulting in the deaths of five people, including a father and son. According to media reports, the crash also left one person injured. Rescue teams were immediately dispatched to the scene following the incident. The heartbreaking accident has left the local community in shock, as authorities continue their efforts to provide assistance and investigate the cause of the crash. —RT/Agency

Polish Woman Embraces Islam and Marries Sargodha Man in Cross-Cultural Love Story



SARGODHA: A Polish woman embraced Islam and the Jamia Masjid Hamid Shah in Sargodha and officially converted, adopting the name Maryam. She then married the young man, marking a significant step in their cross-cultural love story. —RT/Agency

Deadly Super Highway Crash Leaves Karachi Reeling as Dumper Claims One Life, Injures Another

KARACHI: Karachi's traffic crisis claimed yet another life as a dumper ran over a motorcycle on the Super Highway near Zikriya Goth. Forty-five-year-old Shahid died instantly, while 70-year-old Ghulam Nabi was injured and rushed to the hospital. The dumper driver was arrested. With hundreds of fatalities each year from accidents involving heavy vehicles like dumpers, trailers, and buses, Karachi's roads have become increasingly dangerous. In just 30 days, heavy vehicles have killed 219 people, highlighting the city's growing road safety crisis and the urgent need for better enforcement and infrastructure. —RT/Agency

Karachi's Parking Mafia Laid Bare as Citizens Urged to Expose Illegal Fee Collectors



KARACHI: Karachi's does not charge for parking anywhere and taking action when complaints arise. Murad also revealed that the Sindh Chief Minister has ordered an end to illegal parking practices. —RT/Agency

Central Punjab

Senior Leaders Gather in Toba Tek Singh to Promote Interfaith Harmony



By Abid Mehmood Ch
TOBA TEK SINGH: A dinner was hosted at the residence of Mian Furqan Ashfaq, District Senior Vice Chairman of the National Peace Committee for Interfaith Harmony, bringing together political, social, religious, and business leaders. Prominent attendees included Muhammad Rafiq Gujar (PP-120 candidate), Chaudhry Shaikat Ali (Chairman, National Peace Committee Toba Tek Singh), Qari Bilal Khan, Sardar Tajinder Singh, Neer Das, Chaudhry Saqib Bajwa, Rana Muhammad Arsalan Khan Manj (NA-105 candidate), and Muhammad Maulana Professor Muhammad Ihsan Alam Chauhan, and Dr. Muhammad Nasir Chaudhry. The participants discussed social, political, and community issues and emphasized promoting interfaith harmony and cooperation in the district.

Commissioner Gujranwala Inspects Health and Education Facilities During Daska Visit



By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar
GUJRANWALA: Commissioner Gujranwala Division Syed Naveed Hyder Sheerazi, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Saba Asghar Ali, visited Tehsil Headquarters Hospital (THQ) Daska to inspect health facilities. He reviewed the emergency ward, OPD, and other departments, inquiring about medicine availability, quality of treatment, and cleanliness. The commissioner emphasized that negligence in public healthcare would not be tolerated and instructed hospital administration to ensure full attendance of doctors and staff. Later, he visited Quid-e-Azam Divisional Public School (QDPS) Daska, praising completed renovations, revamped classrooms, improved architecture, and installed CCTV cameras, stressing the importance of a better educational environment for students.

Toba Tek Singh Authorities Accelerate Settlement of Long-Standing Land Disputes

By Abid Mahmood Ch
TOBA TEK SINGH: After the Punjab Chief Minister's new Property Ownership Ordinance, Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela chaired a meeting attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioners, and police officers. Each land dispute application was individually reviewed, and decisions were issued on the spot. Joint field operations were assigned to ensure rightful possession for citizens. The DC instructed strict action against land grabbers and emphasized accountability, promising swift justice and effective implementation of the ordinance to benefit the public and resolve land-related disputes promptly.

Gujranwala Deputy Commissioner Chairs 156th District Quality Control Board Session



By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar
GUJRANWALA: The 156th meeting of the District Quality Control Board, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Naveed Ahmed, reviewed 62 cases of drug and health violations. Nineteen cases were referred to the Drug Court, 30 received warnings with compliance assurances, one case was de-sealed, and 12 hearings were adjourned. CEO Health Authority Dr. Irshadullah Gurayah and Secretary Sonia Irshad briefed the board. DC Naveed emphasized strict enforcement of Punjab Health Department rules, mandatory health providers, and a zero-tolerance policy against violations. Assistant Commissioners were directed to take strict action against non-compliance.

Toba Tek Singh Administration Steps Up Public Service Delivery Under CM's Directives

By Abid Mehmood Ch
TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the guidance of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the district administration is taking practical steps to enhance good governance and public service. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela instructed to act immediately. The DC emphasized citizens daily from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM under an open-door policy to resolution are top priority and resolve complaints promptly. All issues are formally recorded, and relevant departments are instructed to act immediately. The DC emphasized citizens daily from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM under an open-door policy to resolution are top priority and resolve complaints promptly. All issues are formally recorded, and relevant departments are instructed to act immediately.

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Nasirabad Division Hit by Severe Water Shortage as Mir Khan Jamali Calls for Enhanced Security Focus



By Inayatullah Hurr
JAFFARABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-N central leader and National Assembly member Mir Khan Muhammad Khan Jamali highlighted growing unrest in Balochistan, saying no national highways are fully secure and urging the provincial government to prioritize public safety. Speaking to journalists at his residence, he noted that Nasirabad Division, part of the "green belt," suffers from water shortages in the tributaries of the Pat Feeder Canal, leaving thousands of acres barren. He pressed confidence under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan's economy is moving toward stability.

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Trump's Whiplash Politics: From Piggy Insults to Mamdani Admiration

Donald Trump, the mercurial commander-in-chief, continues to astonish the world with his unpredictable whims. Once a relentless critic of Zohran Mamdani, labeling him a "radical socialist" and even threatening to cut NYC funding, Trump performed a jaw-dropping U-turn during their Oval Office meeting. Within 30 minutes, he went from public adversary to effusive admirer, calling Mamdani a "great guy" and promising support rather than opposition.

From mocking female reporters as "Piggy" to gushing over a mayor-elect he previously demonized, Trump's behavior is unparalleled.

Observers were left both baffled and amused



as the president exhibited an almost tender affection toward Mamdani, shrugging off past insults and embracing a surreal cross-ideological bromance. Memes erupted online capturing Trump's adoration, cementing the spectacle in American political folklore.

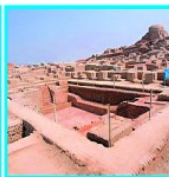
While some see this as mere theatrics, others hope it signals a more inclusive and stable approach. The U.S. and the world have long

needed a presidency capable of bridging divides rather than exacerbating them. Whether this newfound warmth toward Mamdani is lasting policy pragmatism or fleeting charm remains to be seen, but for now, Trump has reminded the world that expecting consistency from him is futile.

As the globe watches, the question remains: can this mercurial president channel his unpredictability into governance that benefits all, or will whimsical admiration continue to overshadow serious leadership? The Trump-Mamdani episode is a vivid reminder that in American politics, anything—even affection for a former foe—is possible.

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Minister Nasir Shah Unveils Advanced Single Window Automation in Hyderabad

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Provincial Minister for Local Government Syed Nasir Hussain Shah inaugurated the Automated Single Window Facility Hyderabad Chapter at the Sindh Building Control Authority's Civic Centre office. The system, following Karachi, will soon expand to Sukkur and other SBCA regional offices. The facility aims to save time, improve transparency, and accountability, and service delivery, providing approvals for buildings up to 400 square yards quickly. Minister Shah highlighted efforts to modernize services, Deputy Mayor, and PPP align the construction industry with international standards, and strengthen local councils. The event was attended by Mayor Tariq Shah Jamot, Member Advocate Syed Jaffar Ali Shah to attend the "Protection of the



Constitution Lawyers' Convention" in Karachi. Speaking to journalists before departure, Syed Jaffar Ali Shah said they are committed to protecting the country's Constitution and will not let anyone undermine it.

Khairpur Lawyers' Caravan Sets Out for Major Karachi Convention



By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: A large caravan of hundreds of lawyers left Khairpur under the leadership of Sindh Bar Council Member Advocate Syed Jaffar Ali Shah to attend the "Protection of the

Key Reforms Rolled Out to Uplift Healthcare Services at Samaro Tehsil Hospital

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A delegation addressing issues at Samaro Tehsil Hospital held a productive meeting with District Health Officer Dr. Muhammad Ali Nohri. The DHQ assured that doctors belonging to Samaro will be posted locally, while new recruits' postings will be coordinated with senior authorities. Medicine supplies have commenced, and nearly Rs 2 crore worth of additional medicines



have been provided. Despite staff shortages, 12 employees sent for hospital from other district building construction. The delegation expressed gratitude for 1122 services are the DHQ's full cooperation and support.

Ahle Sunnat Pakistan Urges Strong Muslim Unity Against Global Oppression

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Muhammad Ahmed Ludhianvi, head of Ahle Sunnat Pakistan, said Muslims worldwide must unite and organize against forces hostile to Islam and stand against oppression, including in Palestine. Addressing the Seerat-un-Nabi Conference, he criticized repeated amendments to the 1973 Constitution, saying they undermine its spirit, benefit a few individuals, and grant undue



privileges to two persons, contrary to Islamic law. Ludhianvi emphasized following the path shown by Allah and His Prophet (SAWW), also spoke at the conference. Prominent scholars, including Maulana Abdul Samad, Maulana Abdul Karim, Maulana Sanaullah, and Maulana Abdul Jabbar Hyderi, also spoke at the conference.

DEO Abdul Sami Bhambhro Inspects Govt Boys High School Wilidad Lund



By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: DEO Secondary Khairpur Abdul Sami Bhambhro and Assistant Education Officer Zahoor Ahmed Jagirani visited Government Boys High School Wilidad Lund and observed very low student attendance. STEAM activities were also found below the prescribed standards, and the focal person was instructed to ensure full compliance with guidelines. During the inspection, officials assessed students' learning by asking questions and provided knowledge on science, as well as the life, education, and teachings of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai and Sachal Sarmast, aiming to enhance both academic and cultural awareness.

Sudhar Sangat School in Kotri Marks International Children's Day with Vibrant Celebrations



By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: A grand celebration of International Children's Day was held at Sudhar Sangat School in Amir Town, Kotri. Special guests included provincial leaders of Pakistan United Workers Federation Sindh, Haji Gulam Murtaza Khaskheli and Aijaz Mughal. Students showcased their talents through colorful tableaux, speeches, and various activities. Guests, along with Principal Gulam Mustafa Abbasi and teachers, highlighted the importance of children's education, training, and basic rights. At the end, the guests appreciated the students' performance, praised the teachers' efforts, and awarded shields to honor their contributions.

IG Sindh Opens Digital Driving License Branch in Badin as Street Crime Decline Noted

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Inspector General Sindh Police Ghulam Nabi Memon inaugurated the province's first district-level Digital Driving License Branch at Badin Police Headquarters, benefiting citizens from Badin and surrounding districts including Thatta, Sujawal, Tando Muhammad Khan, and Thar. Addressing the event, IG Memon highlighted effective measures against street crime and drugs, reporting a



54% drop in robberies also emphasized strict enforcement of traffic brought to justice in the laws, transparency in e-past year. He urged the establishment of rehabilitation centers for drug addicts. The IG killings.

Qaiser Khan Chandio Hosts Blood Drive to Support Thalassaemia-Stricken Children

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: Action Alliance Chairman Aftab Ahmed Chandio, in collaboration with Thalassaemia Patients Welfare Society, organized a blood donation camp in Qaiser Khan Chandio for children suffering from thalassaemia. Many youths donated blood to support over 270 registered patients at Nawabshah Thalassaemia Centre. Speaking on the occasion, Chandio



highlighted his commitment to the cause. Dr. Muhammad Sadiq Siyal and Ghulam Nabi Channa reviewed arrangements and praised Chandio's continuous support. Donors received appreciation certificates, and a communal lunch was arranged. The camp was efficiently managed by Field Manager Mashooq Chandio and his team.

Storm of Solidarity as Mirpur Mathelo Honors Abdul Aziz Abbasi

MIRPUR MATHELO: At Jamshed House Mirpur Mathelo, the Watan Dost Mazdoor Federation marked the fourth anniversary of Abdul Aziz Abbasi under Advocate Jamshed Ahmed Faiz. Leaders Abdul Haq Katran, Rais Fatah Muhammad Lakhan, Ghulam Sarwar Abbasi, Sadiq Laghari, Ali Samejo, Khadim Hussain Bhutto, Nawab Ali Samejo, Chacha Mazhar Ali Samejo, Muhammad Umar Shar,



Shaukat Awan, Rabnawaz Samejo, Ali Nawaz Aribani, Manzoor Ahmed Samejo, Abdul Sattar Sial, Wazir Ahmed Bhambhro, Feroz Ahmed, Ghulam Murtaza Malik, Abdul Aleem Mahr, Haji Liaquat Chhajan, Allah Dino Mehr and Ghulam Ali Qazi paid tribute and urged unity.—RT

Nauababad Continues Reverence with Ongoing Three-Day Urs of Syed Sanhro Shah

By Intiaz Ali Laskani

NAUABAD: The three-day Urs festival of the revered saint Syed Sanhro Shah is currently underway. During the festival, top wrestlers competed in matches, entertaining the public. Notable participants included Mir Hassan Bhambhro, Rashid Ali Katian, Rahib Shedi, Badal Marri, Zameer Shed, Gul Bahar Bhambhro, and Balam Bheel. Wines were awarded cash prizes and garlands. The festival also featured Jaffar Khan Laskani, stalls offering raisins, sweets, and handicrafts, Sindh cultural items and traditional Ajraks as gifts for visitors. The festival organizer, Raees Magso, after initial treatment, two seriously injured, medical attention. Among those hurt were Wazir Mal-Magso, Naveed Maki Hospital for further care.



Six Injured in Violent Road Accident Near Darro as Two Shifted to Hospital

By Samiullah Memon

DARRO: Near Darro, a coaster from Hyderabad suffered brake failure, colliding with a rickshaw and a motorcycle, leaving six people injured. The injured were taken to the Rural Health Center in Darro for medical attention. Among those hurt were Wazir Mal-Magso, Naveed Maki Hospital for further care.

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Pocognoli Backs Pogba for Dramatic Monaco Return After Two-Year Exile



Monaco coach Sebastien Pocognoli lauded Paul Pogba's enduring "vision and technique" on Friday and hinted that he may hand the 2018 World Cup winner his club debut, despite the midfielder not having played for more than two years.

When Monaco visits Rennes on Saturday, it is widely expected that the 32-year-old will play on a football ground for the first time since September 2023.

Due to injuries, a doping suspension, and an extortion case in which he was the victim, the 2018 World Cup winner has participated in only 12 games over the past three seasons.

He signed with Monaco in June, and the club has taken a cautious approach in preparing Pogba for a return to competitive action.

Pogba was originally expected to return in October but was delayed by several injuries, including a sprained ankle.

Monaco's coach shared that Pogba is making encouraging progress, having completed several positive training sessions. He will be assessed after today's session to see if he is ready to join the squad.—Agency

South Africa Sets Challenging Total in Guwahati; India Fights Back on Day One



South Africa's top order produced solid cameos to reach 247 for six on day one of the second Test against India in Guwahati. Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickleton gave the visitors a strong start with an 82-run opening partnership. Skipper Temba Bavuma and Tristan Stubbs added 84 for the third wicket, though neither reached fifty. India fought back through spinner Kuldeep Yadav, controlling the run rate. Despite several promising starts, the South African batter could convert to a big score. Senuran Muthusamy (25) and Kyle Verreynne (1) at the crease, South Africa aims for a 300-plus total. Stubbs lamented missed opportunities, saying, "We got in but no one made that big one." India will need a strong effort to break the partnership and limit the total on Sunday.—Agency

Tsarukyan Hails Chimaev's Fearless Mindset as UFC's Most Dangerous Force



Arman Tsarukyan has praised Khamzat Chimaev for his uncompromising and fearless mindset in the cage, saying the undefeated star's ability to focus solely on his own strengths makes him one of the most dangerous fighters in the UFC.

Speaking ahead of his lightweight clash with Dan Hooker at UFC Qatar this weekend, Tsarukyan said Chimaev's mental approach sets him apart from other contenders, stressing that such a mindset is crucial at the elite level.

"The best thing is he doesn't think about his opponent. He just thinks about what he's going to do. That mindset is very important. You have your game plan, but he doesn't care what you're going to do," Tsarukyan said.

Chimaev, who is 15-0 and recently claimed the middleweight title with a victory over Driscus du Plessis at UFC 319, has also defeated high-profile fighters such as Robert Whittaker, Kamaru Usman, and Kevin Holland.

The 29-year-old previously joined Chimaev's UFC 319 training camp at The Training Lab in California, strengthening their connection. However, Chimaev will now corner Tsarukyan in Doha for this weekend's event.—Agency

Kids' Corner



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Pakistan and India Poised for High-Voltage Clash in T20 World Cup 2026 Grouping

LAHORE: The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 is likely to feature the blockbuster Pakistan-India clash as the two arch-rivals are expected to be slotted in the same group, international media reported on Saturday.



According to a report by a renowned cricket news website, the 20 participating teams will be divided into five groups of four, with the top two teams after the league stage advancing into the Super Eight. This stage will further see the sides split into two contingents of four.

The report further suggested that defending champions are likely to be placed in the same group as their fierce rivals Pakistan, which may further include Netherlands, Namibia and the United States of America.

ported earlier this week that the complete match schedule for the T20 World Cup 2026 will be announced during a ceremony in Mumbai, which, according to Indian media, will be attended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) Chairman Jay Shah, while several former and current cricketers will also be invited to attend the event.

The 10th edition of the men's T20 World Cup is likely to be played between February 7 and March 8. The final is likely to be held in Ahmedabad or Colombo, depending on whether Pakistan qualifies, given that India and Pakistan are currently not playing bilateral cricket due to political tensions.—Agency

Meanwhile, the high-octane clash between two former champions is likely to be played at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on February 15, with the complete match schedule of the tournament reportedly set to be announced on November 25.

Unlike fellow hosts India, Sri Lanka will be slotted in a tougher group, featuring three full-member nations — Australia, Zimbabwe and Ireland, besides Oman.

England, West Indies, Bangladesh, Italy and Nepal will form one group, while the remaining will be comprised of South Africa, New Zealand, Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Canada.

Notably, it was re-

Rashid Latif Apologizes, Ends Controversy with PCB Over Fiery Comments



Former Pakistan Test captain Rashid Latif has apologized for his controversial comments regarding the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) policies, calling his remarks an "error of judgement." Latif's earlier criticisms, particularly on surrogate advertising and the removal of Mohammad Rizwan as ODI captain, had led to the PCB filing a complaint with the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA).

Latif was summoned for questioning in Lahore on Nov 17, prompting him to challenge the inquiry in the Islamabad High Court, calling it illegal.

In a statement on X, Latif clarified that his primary concern was with possible violations of government advisories, not with implying any individuals or stakeholders in wrongdoing. His apology ends the legal and public dispute, bringing closure to a saga that had escalated tensions between the former captain and the cricket board.—Agency

Lauren Davis Calls Time on a Memorable 15-Year Tennis Journey

Lauren Davis has announced her retirement from professional tennis at the age of 32 in a heartfelt, featuring a carousel of photographs highlighting key moments from her career.



In her Instagram post, Davis reflected on her 15-year career and expressed gratitude for the experiences tennis has given her.

"Tennis has given me so much, and I'm endlessly grateful for the memories, the lessons, and the friends I've made," she wrote.

"I'm deeply proud of myself for showing up day after day, and I can truly say I have no regrets—I left my heart out there every single time."

The 32-year-old, a two-time WTA Tour title-winner, also recounted her journey from Gates Mills, Ohio, to the top of the sport. She moved to Florida at 16 to train at Chris Evert's Evert Tennis Academy and turned professional less than a year later.

Standing just 5 ft 2 in, Davis described herself as "one of the shortest players on tour," but said she "never let that limit me" and hoped to inspire others along the way.

"I saw it as an opportunity to be an anomaly, and hopefully to inspire others—I hope I did just that," she added.

Over her career, Davis reached the third round of a Grand Slam six times, including at the 2018 Australian Open, and recorded five wins over top-10 players, most notably defeating defending Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber in 2019.

She represented the United States in three Billie Jean King Cup ties, including the 2017 semifinals, the year the Americans last won the title.

For now, Davis leaves behind a 15-year legacy of dedication, resilience, and inspiration in women's tennis.—Agency

Erik Swanson Ends Seven-Year MLB Run With Retirement Announcement



Former Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Erik Swanson announced his retirement from professional baseball in an Instagram post on Thursday, marking the end of his seven-year career.

The right-handed pitcher spent four seasons with the Mariners from 2019 to 2022 before being traded to the Toronto Blue Jays in 2022 in a deal that sent outfielder Teoscar Hernandez to Seattle.

In his heartfelt farewell message, Swanson expressed deep gratitude to everyone who supported him throughout his career.

"My time in this sport has been incredible. Thank you to everyone who helped me along the way. These 12 years have truly been unforgettable," he shared.

32 years old, Swanson was an eighth-round draft pick by the Texas Rangers in 2014 and was involved in two major trades before making his MLB debut.

He was part of the trade that sent him from Texas to the Yankees in 2025, a 25% strikeout rate in 33 appearances.—Agency

Initially pitching out of the bullpen in the Rangers' organization and starting games with the Yankees, Swanson made his major league debut with the Mariners in 2019 as a versatile reliever.

Swanson emerged as one of the top relievers in the American League during the 2022 and 2023 seasons, posting a 2.39 ERA and striking out 145 batters while walking 31 over 120.1 innings.

However, his performance declined somewhat in recent years, partly due to arm injuries. Over his career, he compiled a 4.20 ERA across parts of seven MLB seasons.

His most successful season came in 2021, when he pitched just over 35 innings and posted a 3.31 ERA with nearly a 25% strikeout rate in 33 appearances.—Agency

Cobolli Stages Stunning Revival to Fire Italy Into Davis Cup Final

BOLOGNA: Flavio Cobolli clinched a stunning comeback to beat Belgium's Zizou Bergs 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (15) in Bologna on Friday, saving seven match points and advancing reigning champions Italy to their third consecutive Davis Cup final.



The 23-year-old gave Italy an unassailable 2-0 lead, avoiding the need for a doubles contest. Earlier, Matteo Berrettini had set Italy on course with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Raphael Collignon, giving the hosts an early advantage.

Cobolli's victory came after a 17-15 final-set tiebreak, the sixth-longest in Davis Cup history, in which he missed six match points before clinching the win with a service winner.

The Italian praised his team's effort and the country's support for the country, calling it a dream realized.

"We fought for our country, for this win, but in the end, I realised my dream," Cobolli said.

"I played for all of my team, my family, and it's one of the best days of my life."

Team Captain Filippo Volandri described the performance as an exceptional example of leadership.

"In my five years as a captain, I've never seen anything like that. It's 5% tactics and 95% heart," Volandri said.

Despite never having won a singles championship, Bergs, ranked 43rd, challenged Cobolli point for point and gave everything on court in front of a boisterous Bologna crowd.

Cobolli, ranked 22nd, remained composed under pressure, celebrating joyfully while consoling the distraught Belgian afterwards.

Italy, riding a 13-tie winning streak, will next face the winner of Saturday's semi-final between Germany and Spain in the Davis Cup Final 8, to be staged at a neutral venue. The team aims to secure a third consecutive title in the revamped tournament.—Agency

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Paris Jackson Honors Michael Jackson's Legacy Amid Intensifying Legal Battle



Paris Jackson is reportedly overwhelmed as her legal battle with the executors of Michael Jackson's estate intensifies.

According to documents obtained by Star Magazine, the singer's legal team filed an updated motion on November 18 after a judge struck down parts of her previous attempt to hold estate attorneys John Branca and John McClain accountable for financial irregularities.

"This legal fight is something she feels she has to see through — she won't just roll over," a source told the outlet, adding that the emotional burden has begun to take a toll.

"She's under enormous pressure right now but she believes her dad would want her to protect his legacy, and if people don't agree with her, so be it."

The source even claimed that Paris is reportedly hoping her brothers Prince and Bigi will stand beside her as the dispute escalates.

While tensions have risen between Paris and Prince due to the upcoming biopic he is executive producing, the insider disclosed that she wants those differences set aside so the siblings can present a united front.

The lawsuit "has caused her a lot of stress," the source added, warning that the emotional strain "could put her into a vulnerable headspace" without the support of family.

Miss Jamaica Remains in ICU a Week After Devastating Miss Universe Fall



Miss Jamaica Gabrielle Henry remains in intensive care three days after falling off the stage during the Miss Universe preliminary evening gown round in Thailand.

Henry, 28, slipped on November 19 while walking in a sequined orange gown and heels, missing a step and tumbling off the edge of the stage.

Henry was immediately shifted to Paolo Rangsi Hospital, where doctors initially reported no life-threatening injuries. Raul Rocha, owner of Miss Universe, also visited her and said she had no broken bones and was receiving "good care."

In a statement shared on Friday, the Miss Universe Jamaica organisation said Henry is still hospitalised, with her sister, Dr. Phyllicia Henry-Samuels, and their mother at her side.

According to Dr. Henry-Samuels, "Gabby isn't doing as well as we would have hoped, but the hospital continues to treat her accordingly." Doctors have decided she must remain in the ICU for at least seven days for close monitoring and specialised care.

Lily Allen Opens Up About Her Deepest Moments of Desperation in New Music



Lily Allen just shockingly admitted her latest album was "an act of desperation."

The Smile Singer released her long-awaited fifth LP West End Girl last month, just days after announcing the surprise project.

King Charles set to spend lonely Christmas without Queen Camilla King Charles will have a lonely Christmas this year as his beloved wife, Queen Camilla, plans to spend part of the holiday with her own family. As per Entertainment Daily, the Queen Consort will only join the King and other members of the Geo TV Pakistan - Break- ing News, World, Business, Sports, Entertainment, and

Lily also revealed that she wasn't thinking about the record — which she wrote and recorded in 10 days following the end of her marriage to David Harbour, as a "commercial endeavour."

She told CBS News: "At the time I wasn't really thinking about it as a commercial endeavour, it was just, it was an act of desperation actually." "While I was writing it I wasn't really sure whether it was going to see the light of day up until relatively close to its release. It was always thinking, 'Is this something I want to share with the world?' But not when I was writing it because the writing was very much...

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PTI Rises in Fierce Protest Against the 27th Amendment

By Muhammad Ali Surtio

JACOBABAD: PTI Sindh leader Raz Khan Pathan led a protest against the 27th Constitutional Amendment, joined by Abdul Nabi Unar, Hameed Jatoti, Kalu Khan, Abu Bakar Unar, Nooruddin Gorchani, and Shaban. Holding black flags, the workers staged a sit-in. Raz Khan Pathan demanded the withdrawal



of the amendment and other political prisoners called for the release of Imran Khan and false cases.

Phulji Shop Stripped Clean as Police Stand Idle

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULJI STATION: Unknown thieves broke into blacksmith Zamir Ahmed Soomro's shop on Dawach Road, Phulji, and stole goods worth millions, including iron rods, solar panels, batteries, and other items. Despite the alert, police did not arrive on the scene. The shopkeeper, a blacksmith who supports his family through his work, filed an



FIR at Phulji Police Station. He criticized the police for negligence, stating that the station is nearby yet thieves are let off, leaving citizens and shopkeepers anxious. He demanded that SSP Dadu Ameer Saud Magso and other authorities ensure recovery of the stolen items.

PPP Minority Wing Leader Storms Over Mirpur Sakro Outrage

TALHAR: Pakistan Peoples Party Minority Wing district leader, Sunil Kumar, led a protest against the Mirpur Sakro incident. Speaking on the occasion, he condemned any attempt to forcibly change students' religion, calling it unacceptable. He demanded strict legal action against the school principal if found guilty and urged the Sindh government to form a committee including minority com-



munity members for a transparent investigation. Sunil Kumar emphasized that punishing innocent individuals is con-

Family Demands Answers in Youth's Killing at Hands of Diplo Police

By Khadem Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: The funeral of Muhammad Ramzan Khoso, a youth allegedly killed by Diplo police, was held in his native village, Pir Bakhsh Khoso. Speaking to media, grieving family members condemned the police for their "brutal" actions and demanded the immediate arrest of the culprits. Despite the SSP of Mirpurkhas taking two days to respond, the killers remain at large. The family announced a sit-in at Mirpurkhas Fingario Stop until justice is served. Human rights representatives, including Muhammad Aslam Jamali and Gul Muhammad Gurgej, visited the funeral to express solidarity.

Ghazali High School Honors Women's Freedom and Sindh's Bright Future



By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: Ghazali High School, assisted by SEF, organized a colorful cultural event in Shiam Sundar City under the theme "Women's Freedom-Sindh's Prosperity." The event, arranged by owner Advocate Shahvez Alam Arain, Adil Shehzad Arain, and school teachers, featured Sindh cultural models, speeches, poetry, and tableaux, including a traditional wrestling tableau that drew applause. Students and teachers performed "Ho Jamalo," showcasing Sindh's heritage. The school announced that on December 7, a grand cultural celebration with a motor-cycle awareness rally by students will mark Women's Freedom and Sindh's Prosperity Day.

JSQM and JSSF Long March Powers Into Laghari Bijarani Village



By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: The long march organized by Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM) and JSSF from Dadu to Laghari Bijarani village broke through police blockades and reached the hometown of Moro tragedy martyrs Irfan Laghari and Zahid Laghari. They vowed not to bow down and demanded justice. More vehicles, had sealed all routes to stop the march. Martyrs' families accused the Sindh government, a provincial minister, and police of continued oppression, saying over 60 Laghari and nationalist activists remain jailed for six months without fair trial or bail. They vowed not to bow down and demanded justice.

Solar Systems Installed in Mosques to Battle Brutal Load Shedding

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Shahrukh Anwar Syial, Chairman of Darri Town and brother of PPP MPA Suhail Anwar Syial, inaugurated solar systems in various city mosques to ensure uninterrupted electricity for worshippers. Alongside PPP leaders Ghulam Rasool Laghari, Muhammad Yousif Detho, and Ali Raza Soomro, he launched solar panels at Anwar Mustafa Mosque in Rehmatpur and Madani Mosque in Alhabad. Shah Rukh Anwar Syial stated that, following the vision of party leaders including Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Asif Ali Zardari, solar systems are being installed in mosques, educational institutions, and public places to alleviate hardships caused by prolonged load shedding, with plans to continue the initiative.

PPP Leaders Renew Pledge to Stand with the People of Godhyar

By Ghazi Nohrio

MITHI: PPP MPA Arbab Lutfullah, addressing a large public gathering near Godhyar village, emphasized the party's commitment to serve the people without discrimination or personal gain. He criticized local officials for alleged oppression, land grabs, and false cases against villagers, promising to stand against such injustices. Arbab Lutfullah assured residents of continuous support and condemned politicians who



exploit power for personal gain. Highlighting the recent PPP organizational reshuffle, leader Rahul Jiyoon stated that ideological workers were overlooked for key positions and vowed to address local grievances. The event was attended by thousands, with other PPP leaders including Khalid Siraj Soomro, Advocate Abdul Subhan Samijo, and Syed Fida Hussain Shah addressing the crowd.

MPA Rukhsana Shah Slams Closure of Critical Unit at Civil Hospital Thatta

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare and NICVD Board member, MPA Syeda Rukhsana Shah, conducted a surprise visit to Civil Hospital Thatta on Saturday, expressing serious concern after finding the NICVD unit closed during official hours. She questioned the delay in making the unit fully operational despite repeated directives and instructed officials to remove all ad-



ministrative hurdles immediately. Shah also directed the District Health Officer and MERF representatives to improve the hospital environment and ensure patient-friendly services. Visiting other departments, including the laboratory, she emphasized that all units must remain fully functional, warning that negligence in public health care would not be tolerated.

Corruption Storm Engulfs Mirpurkhas Building Department

By Narain Das

Mirpurkhas: Allegations of corruption have surfaced in the Mirpurkhas Building Department, raising public concern. Sources report that 28 development projects, worth approximately Rs 32 crore,

were awarded to contractors on the condition of paying a seven percent advance commission. Clerks close to the engineers allegedly facilitated the collection of these commissions. Sources claim that the practice continued from work order issuance to final payment. Civil society and social organizations have urged the Sindh Chief Minister, concerned provincial minister, and secretary to take immediate action against the alleged malpractice.

PPP Leaders in Dadu Launch Drive to Crush Illegal Land Grabs

By Javed Laghari

DADU: PPP CEC member and former senior provincial education minister Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, PPP Dadu president and MPA Barnister Pir Majheeb-ul-Haq, and Municipal Committee Dadu Chairman Pir Danish Ali stated that illegal occupations in Dadu will never be tolerated, regardless of the occupiers' influence. They high-



lighted their family's efforts in reclaiming land for public welfare, citing examples such as IBA Sukkur University campus, 50 acres for Sindh University Dadu, DHQ Hospital, Benazir Bhutto Town, and Shahjahan Parks. Leaders urged residents to stay alert and warned that social media ensures such activities are noticed and exposed.

Mehran Model School Hosts Major Children's Vaccination Success

By Munawar Shah

GAMBAT: With the support of the Sindh Education Foundation, Mehran Model School in Qaimuddin Kalhoro successfully completed a six-month vaccination campaign for children aged five and under against measles and rubella. The initiative aimed to protect local children from dangerous diseases and ensure a healthy future. According to health officials, including Intiaz



Mahesar and Madam Shabnam Abbasi, hundreds of children were vaccinated under medical supervision. Teachers and staff also educated parents about the importance of timely immunization, emphasizing that vaccination is the most effective way to prevent these fast-spreading diseases.

Al-Wahab Foundation and Coast Guard Bring Free Eye Care to Baghan

By Sajid Ali Janyaro

KETI BANDAR: A free eye camp was organized in Baghan through the joint efforts of the Al-Wahab Foundation and Pakistan Coast Guard, providing eye-care services to nearly 200 under-

privileged residents. Patients were diagnosed with weak eyesight, cataracts, and other vision issues. Free medicines and eyeglasses were distributed, while those needing surgery were referred to Karachi hospitals for free treatment. Abdul Wahab, Chairman of Al-Wahab Foundation, emphasized serving humanity as the organization's priority. Pakistan Coast Guard officials Faheed Ahmed and Naveed Dinari assisted in managing the camp successfully.

Naushehro Feroze Residents Press Authorities to Halt Rampant Tree Felling

By Hasnain Shahid Channa

NAUSHEHRO FEROZE: Early yesterday morning in SCARP Colony, several trees were cut down and the incident raised concerns among local residents and journalists. Following social media

reports, Forest Department staff visited the site, marked the felled trees, and carried out necessary procedures. Journalists highlighted that illegal tree cutting has been occurring in the area for some time. Citizens have appealed to Sindh government authorities, including the provincial Ministers for Home, Law, and Parliamentary Affairs Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, to take prompt and fair action to prevent further incidents.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community Demands Justice After the Tragic Death of Teacher Shumaila Bhutto

By Sonia Magsi Larkana

The tragic death of Primary School Teacher Shumaila Bhutto in a horrific Chingchi-tractor collision in Ratodero on 15 November 2025 has shaken the people of District Larkana to the core. She was on her way to GGPS Thango Bozdar, serving her community with dedication, when reckless driving stole her life. Her two colleagues survived with minor injuries, but the grief remains immeasurable. Ratodero's roads have long been plagued by dangerously speeding Chingchi and tractor drivers. This tragedy must be our final warning. I urge the Chief Minister of Sindh, Education Minister, Acting Chief Justice SHC, IGP Sindh, and Mayor Larkana to ensure justice, provide financial support—including job—to Shumaila's family, and enforce strict laws to prevent such heartbreaking losses forever.

REGIONAL TIMES GLOBAL WATCH

The Enduring Significance of the Black Sea and Sea of Marmara

By Fawad Mehmood, Turkey

The Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara have long been more than just bodies of water for Turkey—they are lifelines that have shaped Istanbul's history, culture, and economy. The Black Sea, historically known as Pontus Euxinus, served as a gateway for ancient civilizations, including the



Greeks and Romans, enabling trade, settlement, and cultural exchange along its fertile

coasts. Its abundant fishing grounds and strategic maritime routes established it as a hub of commerce, culminating in the founding of Byzantium, later Constantinople, in 657 BC. The Sea of Marmara, linking the Black Sea to the Aegean via the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, has historically acted as both a natural barrier and a trade corridor.

Qazi Atif Ali Secures PhD in Refugee Law from UK University

NORTHAMPTON: Qazi Muhammad Atif Ali has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of Northampton after successfully defending his thesis on the limitations of the UNHCR and interna-

research, titled "They will continue to come, the question stands how are we going to help them," earned high praise from the university's academic panel. The PhD was formally conferred on April 7, 2025.—RT

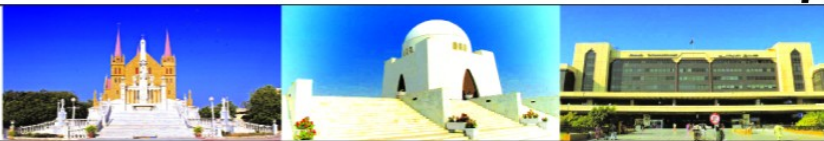
Ancient Crocodile-Like Predator Roamed Before Dinosaurs With Ruthless Killing Method

An ancient predator that lived before the dinosaurs was a "precursor" of the modern crocodile. Experts have shed light on the "extremely rare" discovery of a new armoured-plated carnivore that lived 240 million years ago.



This long-lost lizard might look like a dinosaur just before dinosaurs truly arrived.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI



Sindh CM Leads Powerful Walk for Children's Rights on World Children's Day

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah made a powerful statement on World Children's Day, declaring that safeguarding children's rights is a top priority for his government. During his visit to Sea View, he led an awareness walk aimed at promoting children's rights, safety, and welfare. The event, which was attended by Provincial Minister for Social



Welfare Tariq Ali Talpur and Secretary Agha Sohail, saw the CM interact with chil-

dren, emphasizing that they are the future of the nation. "We want a society where every child is safe, empowered, and happy," he said. The CM urged collective efforts to create a safer environment for children. The public praised the Sindh government's initiatives, while the Social Welfare Department continues its ongoing efforts to raise awareness about children's rights.—RT

Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar Celebrates Sindh Police Games, Boosting Karachi's Security and Spirit

KARACHI: Karachi's peace is directly linked to business growth, with the Sindh Police playing a pivotal role in securing the city, said Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar. At the grand conclusion of the Sindh Police Games 2025, he celebrated the victory of Karachi Range, SSU, and Telecom Police, while emphasizing the importance of sports in



building strength for crime-fighting. Lanjar also announced a new recruitment system for athletes. The IGP confirmed the

games will now be held annually, with medals awarded and a spectacular fireworks display marking the event.—RT

Lawyers Defy SHC Ban as Violent Clashes Rock Convention Grounds

KARACHI: Karachi was rocked by violent clashes between lawyers and police on Saturday after a standoff over a planned convention against the 27th Constitutional Amendment at the Sindh High Court (SHC). The event, initially planned to be held inside the SHC, was denied permission by the court

administration. In response, Sindh High Court Bar Association President, Barrister Mohammad Sarfaraz Ali Metlo, formally called off the event. However, the lawyers, undeterred, announced they would hold the convention outside the courthouse. Tensions escalated as a heavy police

presence was deployed to prevent their entry, leading to fierce clashes. The standoff highlights the growing discontent among legal professionals over the controversial constitutional amendment, sparking a volatile confrontation with authorities.—RT/Agency

FIA Stops Saudi-Bound Passenger at Karachi Airport Over Fake Licence

KARACHI: Immigration authorities at Karachi Airport offloaded a Saudi Arabia-bound passenger after his Heavy Transport Vehicle (HTV) driving licence was found to be fake, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) said on Saturday. According to the FIA spokesperson, the passenger, Muhammad Asif, was traveling to Saudi Arabia on an international flight for employment as a truck driver. During immigration checks, he presented an HTV licence purportedly issued by the FIA licensing branch, which was later confirmed to be forged. The spokesperson said the passenger admitted



he had obtained the fake licence through an agent for Rs 127,000, and further disclosed that he had never visited the Clifton licensing branch himself. FIA officials said the agent had prepared and provided the counterfeit licence to the passenger. Following the discovery, Muhammad Asif was handed over to the Anti-Human Trafficking Circle for further legal action. Earlier, Pakistan Customs foiled an attempt to smuggle a significant quantity of gold and foreign currency at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport, resulting in the arrest of two sisters.—RT/Agency

ABAD Chief Warns of Massive USD 20 Billion Capital Flight Abroad

KARACHI: Chairman ABAD Hassan Bakshi on Saturday said that around 15 to 20 billion dollars have been transferred to the UAE and apprehended more capital to shift over there. Addressing the 8th Pakistan International Property Expo and Tourism Investment Opportunities Conference here, the Chairman Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) said that this system could not run owing to existing



financial and taxation policies in the country. He said there is 60 percent tax in Pakistan which is not even in Europe. "In Karachi's South district 100 construction projects have been prepared for building", he said. He said there is four percent property transfer tax in Dubai, while it is 40 percent in Pakistan.—RT/Agency

Karachi Comes to a Standstill as Transporters Block Roads in Customs Protest

KARACHI: Thousands of vehicles were stranded on the Northern Bypass on Saturday as transporters staged a sit-in protest against Pakistan Customs, blocking the key route for several hours. According to reports, the protest—led by the Transporters Association—has continued for more than 10 hours, causing long queues of traffic on the busy artery of Karachi. The road has been closed to all types of



traffic. The demonstration erupted following an alleged altercation between transporters and customs officials. Protesters accused customs personnel of smashing the windows of 20 to 25 vehicles, using abusive language during an argument, and even opening fire and using batons against transporters over a petty issue.—RT/Agency

Edhi Foundation Reunites Missing Girl with Family After Fifteen Long Years

KARACHI: The Edhi Foundation has reunited a girl with her parents after 15 years. According to Edhi officials, the girl was found

abandoned and separated from her family in Karachi's Landhi area. Thanks to the Safe City Project, her parents were

located in Faisalabad. The girl, who was lost as a child, is now back with her family after an emotional reunion.—RT/Agency

Governor Sindh Takes Center Stage at King Charles III Birthday Reception



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori attended a special reception hosted by the British Consulate to celebrate King Charles III's birthday, where he served as the chief guest. During the event, Tessori extended his warm congratulations to the British monarch and conveyed best wishes to the UK's government and people. He presented bouquets to British High Commissioner Jane Marriott and Deputy High Commissioner Lance Domm. The Governor emphasized his commitment to strengthening Pakistan-UK relations and enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two nations.—RT/Agency

Mayor Murtaza Wahab Hits Out at Jamaat-e-Islami's Lahore-Centric Politics

KARACHI: Mayor Murtaza Wahab sharply criticized Jamaat-e-Islami, advising the party not to focus on the Minar-e-Pakistan event, as cranes were leaving Karachi for Lahore. Speaking to the media, Wahab mocked party leader Naeem ur Rehman for attending the event while his posters remained in Karachi. The Mayor urged Jamaat-e-Islami to focus on the city's development instead. He also pointed out that during Jamaat's tenure, the city's master plan was altered in 2003,



leading to the commercialization of roads and changes to the master plan again in 2007, actions he believes harmed Karachi's growth.—RT

Sindh CM Rebukes Street-Protesting Teachers, Announces Action Against Child Abuse

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah criticized government teachers for frequently protesting on the streets, which the government stresses their primary responsibility is to educate children. In a media briefing, he highlighted poverty as the region's biggest issue and announced the recruitment of new teachers through competitive exams to improve public school standards. Regarding child abuse, Shah emphasized the seriousness of such cases, noting that strict punishments are essential for reduction. He proudly stated that Sindh is the only province offering training to children on how to protect themselves from abuse.—RT

Karachi Railway Station Emerges as Flagship of Railways' Modernization Push

KARACHI: Karachi Railway Station is spearheading Pakistan Railways' ambitious modernization, with solar energy, digitization of 54 stations, and the introduction of 56 trains on the RABTA system. AI-powered surveillance cameras, ATMs, and major rail line pilot digital weighing upgrades are also part of the overhaul, with new projects like Thar Railway underway in collaboration with Sindh.—RT/Agency

Karachi Dumper Association President Denied Bail in High-Profile Terror Case

KARACHI: The court has rejected the bail plea of Lieutenant Mehsud, President of the Dumper Association, in a case related to violent protests following the death of a young man in a dumper truck accident in Ramsawi. The court ruled that Mehsud's actions fall under terrorism charges, emphasizing that his security guard's direct firing at protesters and spreading fear was a clear criminal act.—RT/Agency

Suspect Arrested for Stealing Rs 7 Million from Artist Baidil Masroor's Home

KARACHI: The thief who stole Rs 7 million from renowned poet and singer Baidil Masroor's house has been arrested. According to investigative officials, the culprit is the brother of a man who had purchased a plot from Masroor. The thief knew Masroor kept a large sum of money at home. The stolen amount was Rs 7 million, and authorities have recovered Rs 2 million from the suspect's possession.—RT/Agency



KARACHI: PPP Karachi Division held an extensive meeting chaired by Nisar Ahmed Khuroo, President PPP Sindh, and Saeed Ghani, President PPP Karachi, to finalize arrangements for PPP's Foundation Day celebrations on 30 November in Karachi and the 27 December commemoration of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's Death Anniversary in Garhi Khuda Bakhs. Senator Waqar Mehdi, MNAs Sharmila Farooqui and Dr. Mirza Ikhitar Baig, and a large number of party office bearers attended.—RT

Karachi Chokes Under Very Unhealthy Air Quality as Haze Thickens

KARACHI: Karachi is set to experience a sharp decline in air quality, with meteorological authorities issuing a "very unhealthy" air quality warning. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) reports hazy conditions on Saturday with temperatures reaching 31°C, but air quality remains within safe limits. However, levels of pollution that could impact health, particularly for sensitive groups. The haze is predicted to intensify over the next 48 hours, creating dangerous atmospheric conditions.—RT/Agency



Korangi Factory Fire Brought Under Control as Probe Begins

KARACHI: A fire that broke out at a factory near the Driving License Branch in Korangi Mehraan Town has been successfully extinguished. Fire brigade officials reported that eight

fire tenders and two water bowsters were involved in the operation. The factory's structure was severely damaged, with parts of it fiber reported to have collapsed. Fortunately, no one was inside the factory blaze.—RT/Agency

Woman Dies in Tragic Mishap Near Nazimabad Flyover

KARACHI: A tragic accident near the Nazimabad Metric Board office saw a car collide with a motorcycle, sending a woman falling from the

flyover to her death. The incident also left a motorcyclist injured. The bodies of the woman, identified as Toba, and the injured man were transferred to Abbasi Sharheed Hospital. The incident has sparked concern over road safety in the area.—RT/Agency

PML-N and PPP Clash Over Privatization in Political Showdown

KARACHI: Tensions rise within Pakistan's ruling coalition as Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh reveals a deep rift between the PML-N and PPP. While PML-N pushes for privatization of loss-making state enterprises, PPP firmly opposes it, citing the critical economic plan at stake. The showdown over privatization may determine the fate of the current Pakistan.—RT



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PPP Malir Gears Up for Grand 58th Foundation Day Festivities

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: People's Party Malir, under District President and MPA Raja Abdul Razaq Baloch, will celebrate its 58th Foundation Day on November 30 at Korangi No-2.5. The executive board meeting included leaders such as General Secretary Imdad Jokhio, Senior Vice President Adeel Akhtar Sheikh, Deputy Mayor Salman Abdullah Murad,



MNA Agha Rafiullah, and officials, and workers to inaugurate MPA Mahmood Alam stall banners, promote the event, and ensure full participation.

Karachi Students Mark International Children's Day with Senior Citizens

By Zafar Alam Malik

KARACHI: International Children's Day was celebrated with a heartwarming initiative at Dar ul Sukoon Welfare Society-House for Senior Citizens. Students from Happy Palace Group School, under the leadership of Principal Ms. Samina James, spent meaningful time with elderly residents, promoting respect, love, and intergenerational bonding. Rev. Sr. Venus Bachchan FSCPP welcomed the children, highlighting the importance of cherishing elders, strengthening family ties, and sending a powerful message to society: no parent and promised to turn regularly. The event behind.



while Ms. Jennifer Kennedy and her team coordinated the program, Children expressed their desire to "adopt" a grandparent and promised to turn regularly. The event behind.

Docdz Academy Karachi Hosts Grand Eid Milad-un-Nabi Celebration

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A vibrant and soul-stirring Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) ceremony was held at Docdz Academy School, Ayub Goth, Sohrah Goth Town. The event was attended by Chairperson NIPS A Madam Seema Hussain, teachers, students, and parents. Students recited Naats and poetic tributes, highlighting the Saeed Tayaba (PBUH) with devotion and enthusiasm. Seema Hussain emphasized that following the Holy Prophet under her guidance, the (PBUH) ensures success in school has achieved high educational standards. This promoting love, peace, and brotherhood. Parents praised her leadership, noting that for the nation's safety.



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"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

—Albert Einstein

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Pakistan Warns UN: Veto Power Paralyzes Security Council, Calls for Urgent Reforms

NEW YORK: Pakistan has told the UN General Assembly that the issue of the veto power, which gives the Security Council's five permanent members disproportionate sway in matters of international peace and security, should be tackled as part of the 15-member body's reform aimed at making it more effective.

Speaking in a debate on the use of the veto, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, said the Security Council has often been paralyzed by the strategic rivalries of its permanent members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the US — and the exercise



of the veto.

"It comes as no surprise therefore, and past and recent experiences have confirmed that the abolition, or restraint on the use of veto, will have to be an integral part of the reform of the Security Council," he added.

"We note that their proposals are designed to re-invigorate the Charter functions of the General Assembly, and are not related to, or impinge upon the IGV's (Inter-Governmental Negotiations) consideration of

Security Council reform."

The 2022 Assembly's resolution, adopted by consensus, calls for the General Assembly to automatically meet within 10 days if any of the five permanent members uses their right of veto.

The aim is to hold those countries accountable for exercising this special voting power, which allows them to block any Council resolution or decision.

This right is enshrined in the UN Charter, the Organization's founding document, because of their key roles in establishing the global body eight decades ago. In his remarks, Ambassador Asim Ahmad said that Pakistan — together with

the UFC (Uniting for Consensus) Group — remains opposed to the creation of new permanent members on an expanded Security Council.

"More permanent members and more vetoes will only aggravate the problem, and multiply the likelihood of paralysis or inaction by the Security Council," he told the 193-member Assembly.

"Let us be clear: The problem cannot be the solution," the Pakistani envoy added.

Progress towards restructuring the Security Council remains blocked as the so-called Group of Four — India, Brazil, Germany and Japan — continue pushing for permanent seats. —RT/Agency

Pakistan, EU Pledge Stronger Economic Ties via GSP Plus Scheme

BRUSSELS: Pakistan and European Union (EU) have emphasised the importance of further deepening trade and investment ties, including through the EU's GSP+ arrangement.

The emphasis was laid during 7th Strategic Dialogue co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and Vice-President of the European Commission Kaja Kallas in Brussels.

The meeting provided a comprehensive review of the full spectrum of Pakistan-EU relations, building on the positive momentum of recent high-level engagements and sustained institutional interactions. Both sides reaffirmed their



commitment to a broad-based, multidimensional and forward-looking partnership anchored in shared values, the UN Charter, multilateralism, and the principles of mutual respect and cooperation. The dialogue also offered an opportunity to exchange views on regional and global developments, including South Asia, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and broader geopolitical developments. The two sides un-

Tensions Escalate: Air Strikes Kill 21 in Gaza After Ceasefire Breach

GAZA: In a dramatic escalation, Israeli air strikes killed 21 people in southern Gaza, following a reported ceasefire violation by Hamas. The violence erupted after an attack on Israeli soldiers in southern Israel, which Israel's military described as a breach of the truce. In retaliation, Israel launched a series of air strikes targeting what it called "terrorist positions" across Gaza. The strikes hit



multiple locations, including the Nuseirat refugee camp, where seven people were killed, and a residential building in Al-Nasr district, leaving at least four dead and several others injured. —RT/Agency

Tragedy Strikes: Roof Collapse in KP Kills 5, Including 4 Children

KP: A devastating roof collapse in Pabbi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, claimed the lives of five family members, including four children, on Saturday. The incident occurred in the Dagg Jadedee area of Nowshera, trapping eight people under debris. Rescue 1122 teams, along with local residents, managed to recover the victims, but



three others were injured. This tragedy follows a similar incident earlier in the month, where a gas explosion in Harbanspura killed three and injured seven. —RT/Agency

Jamaat-e-Islami Chief Hafiz Naeem Vows Movement for Systemic Change Will Continue



LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami emir Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman has said that their movement will continue until the system is transformed.

He said the rulers fear the powerful but crush the weak, adding that no politician deserves immunity and that everyone must be treated equally.

Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman stated that neither a feudal nor a capitalist order will be allowed to prevail, and that public awareness about changing the system will be

strengthened.

The Jamaat-e-Islami chief remarked that any party that does not respect the people's mandate can never bring real change.

He added that Jamaat-e-Islami represents ordinary citizens, not feudal lords or capitalists, and accused the country's rulers of bargaining away the blood of Palestinians.

Hafiz Naeem further said that those who deprive the public of their rights are given positions in Parliament. —RT/Agency

Ukraine to Meet US in Switzerland to Discuss Ending War



KYIV: Kyiv will hold consultations with the US in Switzerland on ending Russia's war in Ukraine, a top Ukrainian security official said on Saturday.

"...we are starting consultations between high-ranking officials of Ukraine and the United States on the possible parameters of a future peace agreement," Rustem Umerov, Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council, wrote on Telegram.

The announcement of talks comes as Ukraine and European allies scrambled to coordinate a response to the 28-point plan to end the war presented by the US this week.

US President Donald Trump told journalists he believed Thursday was an appropriate deadline for Kyiv to accept the plan.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned the nation that Ukraine risked losing its dignity and freedom if Washington's backing over the plan. Ahead of the upcoming talks he said peace was always based on guaranteed security and justice. —RT/Agency

IHC Judges Challenge Transfer of Intra-Court Appeal to Federal Constitutional Court



ISLAMABAD: Judges of the Islamabad High Court have challenged the hearing of their intra-court appeal in the Federal Constitutional Court.

In a petition filed by four IHC judges, they requested that the intra-court appeal be sent back to the Supreme Court. The judges argued that the appeal was transferred to the constitutional court due to the 27th Constitutional Amendment, but the amendment itself is contrary to the Constitution.

They stated in their petition that the legislature, executive, and judiciary were established under the Constitution of 1973, which is based on three pillars. The Constitution clearly defines the separation of powers and limits of each organ. They added that the power to amend the Constitution cannot be used to abolish or undermine the judiciary.

The judges further argued that Supreme Court judgments clearly outline the principles governing the separation of powers. —RT/Agency

Indian Media Blames US-Made Engine for Tejas Crash at Dubai Airshow

NEW DELHI: The Indian media once again attempted to deflect blame for a recent Tejas aircraft crash by attributing the incident to the American-made engine, instead of acknowledging domestic shortcomings.

General (ret'd) Bakshi and Indian journalist Amab Goswami repeatedly claimed that the crash was linked to the US-supplied engine, portraying it as the root cause while downplaying India's own defence issues.

Goswami alleged that delays in the delivery of GE-404 engines by the United States had created a dangerous gap in India's defence preparedness.

He said the Tejas fighter jet operates on US-made General Electric engines, insisting that "General Electric has never been a friend to



India."

He further claimed that the US government had intentionally slowed deliveries of next-generation engines for the Tejas programme. Gen Bakshi echoed these accusations, stating India should have received the GE-404 engines two years earlier despite having paid \$1 billion.

He asserted that India had received only two engines to date and warned that tensions could flare up again at any time.

Critics argue that such narratives by the Indian government and its supportive media not only damage credibility but also distract the public from genuine defence and governance issues.

A day earlier, a dramatic crash occurred at the Dubai Airshow when an Indian Air Force Tejas fighter jet went down during an aerobatic display, killing the pilot. —RT/Agency

Frida Kahlo Painting Sells for \$54.7m, Sets Record for Female Artist

NEW YORK: A self-portrait by celebrated Mexican artist Frida Kahlo sold for \$54.66 million in New York, setting a record for the price of a painting by a woman, the auction house Sotheby's said.

The sale of Kahlo's 1940 artwork, titled "El sueño (La cama)" — which translates to "The dream (The bed)" — broke the previous record set by American artist Georgia O'Keeffe, whose 1932 painting "Jimson Weed/White Flower No 1" sold for \$44.4 million in 2014. Kahlo's painting is "the most valuable work by a woman artist ever sold at auction," Sotheby's said in a post on social media platform X.

The artwork depicts Kahlo sleeping in a bed that appears to float through the sky, beneath a skeleton with its legs wrapped in sticks of dynamite.



The work was painted during a pivotal decade in Kahlo's career, marked by her turbulent relationship with Mexican painter Diego Rivera, the auction house said on X.

The painting went on the auction block with an estimated price range of \$40 million to \$60 million.

The buyer's name was not disclosed. The work is a "very personal" painting, in which Kahlo "merges folkloric motifs from Mexican culture with European surrealism," Anna Di Stasi, the head of Latin American art at Sotheby's, told AFP. The Mexican artist, who died in 1954 at the age of 47, "did not completely agree" with her work being associated with the surrealist movement, Di Stasi said. However, "given this magnificent iconography, it seems entirely appropriate to include it," she said. —RT/Agency

CM Afridi Assures Centre of Support, Pledges to Attend All Federal Meetings

KP: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi has apparently lowered his rhetoric against his political rivals as he assured the PML-N-led federal government of his support for the "sake of peace" in the country.

"I will attend a meeting of the National Security Committee," the KP CM said in a statement on Saturday, adding that he would also participate in any meetings convened by the Centre to "speak up" for the rights of the province.

The ruling PML-N leaders have accused the KP Chief Minister of having sympathies for extremists due to his objections to counterterrorism operations in the province.

However, CM Afridi in today's statement, said he would cooperate with the federal government "for the sake of peace," emphasising that there would be no compromise on law and order.

"Terrorism has affected every sector of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Anyone who martyrs our soldiers is a terrorist," he added.

During today's meeting, the KP CM asserted that KP police were fully capable to deal with terrorists, saying that the Counter Terrorism Department "has made many sacrifices" in the fight against terrorism.

CM Afridi lamented the shortage of resources, which he said prompted the provincial government to slash development budgets to divert



funds to law enforcement agencies.

On reports about his absence from a National Security Council (NSC) meeting after his election as the KP chief minister, Afridi said that the meeting was related to wheat.

"I will now attend the National Security Council meeting. However, no such meeting has taken place since my arrival," added Afridi.

He also denied receiving an invitation to the National Finance Commission (NFC) meeting scheduled for December 4. —RT/Agency

Farhan's 80 Guides Pakistan Past Sri Lanka in T20I Tri-Series Thriller

RAWALPINDI: Sahibzada Farhan scored an unbeaten 80-run knock as Pakistan defeated Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the third T20I of the tri-series, also featuring Zimbabwe, at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

The victory, which was Pakistan's second in the ongoing series, helped them replace Zimbabwe at the top of the standings, having four points in two matches. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, succumbed to the bottom after suffering back-to-back defeats.

Set to chase a modest 129-run target, the home side comfortably knocked out the winning runs for the loss of just three wickets and 27 balls to spare.

Farhan spearheaded Pakistan's pursuit with an un-



beaten 80 off just 45 deliveries, studded with five sixes and six fours.

He received notable support from fellow opener Saim Ayub and star batter Babar Azam, who contributed with 20 and 16, respectively.

For Sri Lanka, Dushmantha Chameera bagged two wickets, while skipper Dasun Shanaka could take one. Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka's decision to bat

first backfired as his team could accumulate 128/7 in 20 overs despite Janith Liyanage's gutsy knock.

The visitors got off to a brief flying start to their innings, with opener Kamil Mishara taking on Pakistan bowlers for two sixes and as many fours during his 12-ball 22 until Faheem Ashraf drew curtains on his blazing knock in the fourth over. —RT/Agency