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PML-N's Sanaullah Calls PTI for Dialogue After CM Afridi Signals Cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Senator Rana Sanaullah on Sunday reiterated his party's offer to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for talks, emphasising that democracy thrives through dialogue.

Speaking to the media in Faisalabad after casting his vote in the by-elections, he assailed jailed PTI founder Imran Khan, who "never engaged in politics".

"Democracy advances through dialogue, but they [PTI] created a deadlock," he said.

His comments came just a day after Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi assured the PML-N-led federal government of his support for the "sake of peace" in the country.

In a statement, Afridi said that no meeting of the National Security Committee (NSC) had taken place since his election as the KP chief minister.

"I will attend a meeting of the National Security Committee," the KP CM said, adding that he would participate in any meetings con-



vened by the Centre to "speak up" for the rights of the province.

Meanwhile, Sanaullah — while recalling Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's offer to the PTI for talks on the Charter of Democracy during and after the PTI's government in the Centre — said that his party was still in favour of sitting with politicians to resolve issues.

He lamented that the PTI founder was "solely focused" on filing cases against the opposition leaders, rather than engaging them in dialogue.

The PML-N leader asserted that his party would emerge victorious in the by-elections, stating that "the public will support the PML-N". On the voter turnout for

the by-elections, Sanaullah said that the figure usually remains between 25% and 30% in the by-polls.

The PML-N leader stated that the by-elections were conducted in a peaceful manner, saying "no one was arrested or stopped anywhere in the entire constituency". "Development projects were stopped due to the election. The planning for the development project has already been done," he added.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) held by-elections in six National Assembly constituencies — NA-18 (Haripur), NA-96 (Faisalabad), NA-104 (Faisalabad), NA-129 (Lahore), NA-143 (Sahiwal) and NA-185 (Dera Ghazi

Khan). —RT/Agency

Mercurial Trump Slams Ukraine Over 'Ingratitude' Amid Geneva Peace Talks

US: Ukrainian, US and European officials met in Geneva on Sunday to discuss a draft plan presented by Washington to end the war in Ukraine, after Kyiv and its allies voiced alarm over what they saw as major concessions to the aggressor Russia.

United States President Donald Trump, who has championed the 28-point plan, said on Sunday that Ukraine had not been grateful for American efforts over the war, even as US weapons continue to flow to Kyiv via Nato and Europe keeps buying Russian oil.

On Friday, Trump said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had until Thursday to approve the



plan, which calls on Ukraine to cede territory, accept limits on its military and renounce ambitions to join Nato. For many Ukrainians, including soldiers fighting on the front lines, such terms would amount to capitulation after nearly four years of fighting in Europe's deadliest

conflict since World War Two. On Saturday, Trump said the current proposal for ending the war is not his final offer. With the US delegation led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the main talks between US and Ukrainian officials got under way in Geneva on Sunday afternoon

in a stiff atmosphere at the US mission, soon after Trump complained in a Truth Social post that Ukraine's leadership had shown "zero gratitude" to the US for its efforts and Europe continued to buy Russian oil.

in the next few days," Merz said on the sidelines of a G20 meeting in Johannesburg.

Before heading to Geneva, Rubio insisted on X that Washington had authored the plan after remarks from some US senators suggesting otherwise.

Senator Angus King said Rubio had told senators the plan was not the administration's position, but "essentially the wish-list of the Russians." Europeans have submitted a modified version of the US plan for Ukraine that pushes back on proposed limits to Kyiv's armed forces and territorial concessions, according to a document seen by Reuters on Sunday. —RT/Agency

Pakistan Condemns Israeli Attacks on Gaza Civilians



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned the attacks by Israeli occupying forces on innocent Palestinians in Gaza. Foreign Office spokesperson, Tahir Hussain Andrabi, stated that the Israeli attacks have killed and injured innocent children and women, and Israel is committing a serious violation of international law and the recent peace agreement.

He said these attacks are sabotaging peace efforts and constitute a clear violation of the peace agreement reached in Sharm el-Sheikh. The government of Pakistan urges the international community to end Israeli impunity and violations of the ceasefire.

The Foreign Office emphasised that immediate steps should be taken to uphold international human rights and humanitarian law. The spokesperson reiterated Pakistan's principled position in support of the establishment of a free, sovereign, and contiguous State of Palestine. —RT/Agency

Hamas, Egypt Hold Crucial Talks on Ceasefire Amid Rising Tensions

HAMAS: A senior Hamas delegation met with Egypt's intelligence chief in Cairo on Sunday to discuss the fragile ceasefire agreement and the deteriorating situation in Gaza. The ongoing tensions between Israel and Hamas have seen both sides accuse each other of violating the truce that was brokered by Egypt, Qatar, and the U.S. last month.

In a statement following the meeting, Hamas reaffirmed its commitment to the ceasefire's first phase but accused Israel of continuing violations that could jeopardise the peace deal. The group, led by exiled Gaza chief Khalil Al-Hayya, called for a "clear and defined mechanism" to monitor and prevent further breaches.



under the supervision of international mediators. The talks also focused on resolving the issue of Hamas fighters trapped in Rafah tunnels, with communication reportedly severed with them. Mediators have been working to address the fate of these fighters, holed up in tunnels in Israeli-controlled areas of Gaza. The meeting comes on the heels of rising military tensions. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed that Israel's military had killed five senior Hamas members on Saturday after a fighter infiltrated Israeli-controlled Gaza territory and attacked Israeli soldiers. As the ceasefire teeters on the brink of collapse, the situation remains volatile, with both sides watching closely for any sign of escalation or compliance. —RT/Agency

Iran Warns of Threats Targeting Supreme Leader Khamenei

IRAN: Iran's intelligence ministry has warned of attempts by foreign adversaries, including the United States and Israel, to target supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and destabilise the Islamic republic.

The country's ISNA news agency reported on Sunday that intelligence minister Esmail Khatib cautioned "the enemy seeks to target the supreme leader, sometimes with assassination attempts, sometimes with hostile attacks." While it was not immediately clear if the minister was referring to a specific incident, and Iranian officials often allege foreign plots, statements on threats against Khamenei's life had been rare prior to a 12-day war between Israel and Iran in June.

"Those who act in this direction, knowingly or unknowingly, are the infiltrating agents of the enemy," Khatib added, referring directly to Israel and the United States.

During the conflict earlier this year, Israel targeted senior Iranian military officials, nuclear scientists and sites as well as residential areas, with the US later join-



ing with strikes on key nuclear facilities.

Asked about reports during the war that US President Donald Trump vetoed an Israeli plan to kill the supreme leader out of concern it would escalate the Iran-Israel showdown, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was dismissive but said the move would "end the conflict".

At the time, Trump had also said that Iran's supreme leader was a "very easy target" and that "we are not going to take him out, at least not for now."

He later said in a post on Truth Social that he had saved Iran's supreme leader from "A VERY UGLY AND IGNOMINIOUS DEATH".

The 86-year-old Khamenei has been Iran's

supreme leader since 1989 and has the final say on all state affairs.

Earlier this month, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said he was particularly concerned for Khamenei's life during the war and feared that the country's institutions "would start fighting among each other."

In July, Khamenei said Israel's attacks during the war were intended to weaken the Islamic republic, sow "unrest and bring people into the streets to overthrow the system."

A ceasefire between Iran and Israel has been in place since June 24, but both Israel and the United States have threatened new strikes if Tehran revives its nuclear programme. —RT/Agency

Trump Demands Jail for Democrats Over Military Message Controversy



WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump said that six Democrats involved in a video calling on military officers to refuse illegal commands "should be in jail."

The Republican leader's remarks came after he accused the Democratic lawmakers on Friday of "seditious behaviour, punishable by death." Democrats slammed Trump's comments as "absolutely vile" threats against the six senators and representatives, all of whom have served in the military or intelligence community.

The video posted on social media called on the military to "refuse illegal orders" and featured Arizona's Mark Kelly, Michigan's Elissa Slotkin, along with Jason Crow of Colorado, Chris Deluzio and Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania and Maggie Goodlander of New Hampshire. They did not specify which orders they were referring to, but

Trump has ordered the National Guard into multiple US cities, in many cases against the wishes of local officials, in a bid to bring alleged rampant unrest under control.

Abroad, Trump has also ordered strikes on a series of alleged drug-smuggling vessels in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean that have left more than 80 people dead and which experts say are illegal.

Trump has alluded to the death penalty on previous occasions.

In 2023, former US military officer Mark Milley told a journalist he had secretly called his Chinese counterpart after the January 6, 2021 riots at the US Capitol to reassure Beijing that the United States remained "stable" and had no intention to attack China. Trump subsequently wrote on social media that "in times gone by, the punishment would have been DEATH!" —RT/Agency

Pakistan, EU Press Kabul's De Facto Rulers to Combat Terrorism

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the European Union (EU) called on Afghanistan's de facto authorities to play a constructive role in achieving the shared objective of rooting out terrorism from Afghan soil. The demand came as Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar and EU High Representative and Vice President Kaja Kallas co-chaired the seventh Strategic Dialogue in Brussels on November 21.

According to a joint statement issued by the Foreign Office (FO), the two sides also discussed Pakistan-Afghanistan relations amid



October 2025 cross-border tensions and reaffirmed their commitment to regional peace, stability, prosperity, and resolving issues through dialogue between neighbours. "The two sides called

on Afghanistan's de facto authorities to play a constructive role in achieving the shared objective of rooting out terrorism from Afghan soil," the joint statement read. —RT/Agency

Dar Reaffirms Government's Commitment to Women Empowerment

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar said that the government is committed to empowering women and advancing welfare initiatives aimed at improving their socio-economic well-being. He said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Annual Charity Bazaar 2025, organised by the Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association, in Islamabad on Sunday.

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Israel Strikes Gaza Again, 24 Killed as Hospitals Struggle

DEIR AL-BALAH: Gaza Strip Israel's military on Sunday launched airstrikes against Hamas militants in Gaza in the latest test of the ceasefire that began on Oct. 10, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said five senior Hamas members were killed. Health officials in Gaza reported at least 24 people killed and another 54 wounded, including children.

The strikes, which Israel said were in response to gunfire at its troops, came after international momentum on Gaza, with the U.N. Security Council on Monday approving the U.S. blueprint to secure and govern the territory. It authorizes an international stabilization force to provide security, approves a transitional authority to be overseen by President



Donald Trump and envisions a possible future path to an independent Palestinian state. Israel has previously carried out similar waves of strikes after reported attacks on its forces during the ceasefire. At least 33 Palestinians were killed over a 12-hour period Wednesday and Thursday, mostly women and children, health officials said. One of Saturday's strikes targeted a vehicle,

killing 11 and wounding over 20 Palestinians in Gaza City's Ramei neighborhood, said Rami Mhanna, managing director of Shifa Hospital, where the casualties were taken. The majority of the wounded were children, director Mohamed Abu Selmiya said.

Associated Press video showed children and others inspecting the blackened vehicle, whose top was blown off. —RT/Agency

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Police Restore Power After Villagers' Protests in Nawab Wali Muhammad

By Yousuf Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: The residents of Village Wareel Chandio and activists of the Sindh Tarqee Passand Party (STP) staged continuous protests against the police for releasing a transformer thief. As a result of their persistent demonstrations, the police finally repaired the transformer and delivered it back to the affected village. This development brought a wave of happiness among the locals.



Speaking to the media, STP leader Ali Nawaz Brohi, Ali Chandio, and other residents of Village Wareel Chandio said that nine months ago, coils were stolen from their 50 kV transformer. The Nawab Wali Muhammad police had arrested the thief, but later released him allegedly in exchange for a bribe. In response, the villagers and STP workers continued their protests against the police. They later filed a petition at the Additional Model Court in Nawabshah. Following the legal action, the police repaired the villagers' transformer and returned it to their village. They added that their success was made possible due to the consistent media coverage by the Nawab Wali Muhammad Press Forum team.

7th All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest 2025 Concludes at Cadet College Sanghar



By Hakim Ali Baloch

JAM NAWAZ ALI: The 7th All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest 2025 was held at Cadet College Sanghar (CCS). Honourable Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister for Local Government & Housing and Town Planning Department, Government of Sindh, graced the mega event as the Chief Guest.

The event was also attended by BoGs Member

Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri, Nawabzada Jam Shabir Ali Khan, MPA Jam Nawaz Ali, along with other distinguished guests and notable personalities of the area.

Upon arrival, the Chief Guest was presented with a Guard of Honour by the smartly turned-out cadets. He then inaugurated the 400 KW Solar Energy System installed at the College through the support of the Government of Sindh.

MNA Salahuddin Junejo Launches Development and Road Projects in Shahdadpur and Tando Adam, Highlights PPP's Commitment to Public Welfare

By Sajam Jani

SHAHDADPUR: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) MNA Salahuddin Junejo inaugurated various development schemes and road projects across different villages of Shahdadpur and Tando Adam tehsils. He declared the provision of basic facilities as his foremost priority.

According to the report, MNA Salahuddin Junejo said that the PPP government has always prioritized public welfare, as serving the people is the core mission of the party. He expressed these views during the inauguration of new



road schemes in the villages of Mohammad Bakhsh Makorani, Ranjho Khaskheli, Ali Muhammad Makorani, Chhabhar Makorani, Muhammad Thoro Khaskheli, Peeral Makorani, Ghulam Muhammad Makorani, Sityani, and Syed Shah Jehan Shah.

Ceremonies were held in honor of MNA Salahuddin Junejo in these villages. In his address, he reiterated that the Pakistan Peoples Party has always remained a truly public-oriented party.

Sindh Social Protection Authority Holds Key Stakeholder Meeting for Mamta Program in Badin



By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: An important post-stakeholder meeting of the Sindh Social Protection Authority's Mamta Program was held at the Mamta Program Office. The participants held detailed consultations regarding various aspects of the Mamta Program.

On the occasion, Addi-

tional Director of Social Welfare Abdul Ghaffar Khoso stated that the primary objective of this post-stakeholder meeting is to work in collaboration with NGOs and, with their support, spread awareness about the Mamta Program among the general public. He added that through an effective awareness campaign, the registration of

all pregnant and breast-feeding mothers in District Badin can be ensured.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that some women are unable to enroll in the Mamta Program due to the lack of a national identity card and insufficient basic information regarding maternal and child health.

Grand PPP Reception Hosted During Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhri's Thul Visit



By Muhammad Khair Golo

THUL: President of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Larkana Division and Member of the National Assembly Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhri paid an important visit to various areas of Thul. As part of his visit, he arrived at the residence of Aftab Majeed Panhiyar, where a grand reception ceremony was organized in his honor.

District Council Jacoba-

bad Chairman Mir Tahir Hussain Khoso, PPP District President Mir Liaqat Ali Khan Lashari, and Sardar Shafiqat Khan Jakhri were also present during the visit.

Upon Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhri's arrival, party workers—led by Engineer Abdul Majeed Panhiyar—accorded him a warm and enthusiastic welcome, reflecting strong party unity and public support in the region.

Mehar Youth Zohaib Ali Abbasi Battles Critical Heart Disease, Appeals for Urgent Financial Aid

By Zain-ul-Abideen Samoon

MEHAR: Zohaib, son of Huzoor Bakhsh Abbasi and a resident of New Civil Court area in Mehar, is suffering from a severe heart condition and is struggling for his life. According to doctors, only 25% of his heart is functioning, due to which his condition has be-

come extremely concerning. Zohaib had been employed at a private organization, but as his illness worsened, he not only lost his job but also became unable to continue his medical treatment and medication due to financial hardship. His family is deeply worried as the situation becomes increasingly difficult.

Residents of the area, social welfare organizations, and philanthropists have been urged to come forward and help this young man on humanitarian grounds so that his life can be saved through timely treatment. Even small contributions from individuals can collectively make a significant difference.

Protest Camp Set Up in Thul Demands Arrest of Imtiaz Noonari's Killers

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: In Village Waryam Noonari of Bahu Khosa near Thul, a protest camp has been set up by political and social organizations, heirs of the deceased, and local residents, including Mukhtiar Noonari, Jamal Josh, Burao Raheem Noonari, Comrade Basheer Sarkhi, and Comrade Shoaib Ahmed Noonari. The protest is being held against the failure to arrest the killers of Imtiaz Noonari, who was martyred in firing by extortionists.

Speaking to the media at the protest camp, the



leaders said that extortionist terrorists have spread fear in the area by killing an innocent young man, while the police have still not reached the perpetrators. They termed this a grave injustice and negligence. The leaders de-

manded that the Sindh government, IG Sindh, and SSP Jacobabad immediately arrest the killers and provide justice to the family. They warned that if action is not taken, the scope of the protest will be expanded.

Family of Missing 13-Year-Old in Tando Muhammad Khan Suspects Abduction



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Residents of Ahmed Shar Colony in Tando Muhammad Khan staged a protest outside the press club over the disappearance of 13-year-old seventh-grade student Anis Arain, who went missing three days ago. The family suspects abduction and demanded immediate action from authorities.

Anis Arain was reportedly playing in front of his home when he went miss-

ing. His father, Sajid Arain, along with neighbors including Muhammad Ishaq Sheikh, Daniyal Sheikh, Faizan Shah, and Jabbar Wasan, expressed concern over the lack of progress in the investigation. They alleged that although the police were informed, the case has not yet been registered or properly investigated. The protesters urged the Tando Muhammad Khan police to take swift action to locate the missing child and ensure his safe return.

Lightning-Struck Youth Receives Rs. 2 Million Aid from PM House and NDMA



By Farooq Randhawa

DIGHRI: A few months ago, during heavy rains, a tragic lightning strike claimed the life of 18-year-old laborer Tharoor Kolhi in village Deh 170 near Dagri. To support the bereaved family, the Prime Minister's House and NDMA issued a financial assistance check worth Rs. 2 million, which was handed over to the father of the deceased, laborer Chhanji

Kolhi, by Provincial Minister Murtaza Ali Khan Talpur.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Talpur expressed deep sorrow over the loss of a precious human life, stating that no compensation can replace the young life lost. However, he added, the Sindh government stands with the affected family during this difficult time and has provided financial assistance to help them cope with the tragedy.

All Pakistan Traders' Union Holds Massive Power Show Honouring Shaheed Makhdoom Bilawal in Dadu

By Javed Laghari

DADU: The All Pakistan Tajran (Traders) Union organized a massive power show in Dadu, adorning the entire city with Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) flags, banners, and placards. Thousands of people attended the rally, where Sardar Rafiq Ahmed Jamali, MNA Dadu Johi, was felicitated on being appointed Central Deputy



General Secretary of PPP Sindh and Chairman of Social Welfare.

During the event, Chairman Abdul Hakam Jamali, presenting traditional Sindhi Ajrak and Patko, praised Sardar Rafiq Ahmed Jamali as a renowned ambassador of

peace in Sindh and across Pakistan. He highlighted Jamali's significant role in promoting peace and education in Dadu, stating that citizens, workers, and marginalized communities deeply respect him. His political influence has reportedly marginalized opponents, compelling some

to leave their homes in the Dadu district.

Chairman Abdul Hakam Jamali also stated that the Traders' Union remains committed to supporting leadership that promotes peace, education, and development, while strengthening PPP's presence across Sindh.

Political Leaders Convene in Pithoro to Tackle Public Issues

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Renowned and respected former President of Taluka Pithoro, Ashiq Hussain Chhoro, along with his son, Town Chairman Asif Hussain Chhoro, held an important meeting with Ms. Faryal Talpur, Central President of Pakistan Ladies Wing and MPA, and MNA Nawabzada Mir Munawar Ali Khan Talpur.

During the meeting, participants exchanged valuable ideas on the current political situation in a cordial environment.

Town Chairman Asif Hus-



sain Chhoro provided de-

tailed insight into public issues in Pithoro, particularly the administrative challenges arising due to the absence of a Town Officer.

Ms. Faryal Talpur listened attentively and assured that a Town Officer

would be appointed soon, promising full cooperation to resolve local issues.

The meeting marks a positive step forward for Taluka Pithoro, offering hope for significant benefits to the local community.

Residents Continue to Lack Clean Drinking Water Despite Government Promises

By Muzammil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Residents of UC-2, Pathan Gali in Mirpurkhas are facing severe hardships due to a chronic lack of clean drinking water. What should be a basic necessity has become a rare commodity in this area. Locals accuse public representatives of criminal negligence, highlighting that promises made to improve water supply have gone unfulfilled for years.

In video statements to the media, affected residents explained that for the past four to five years, they have endured water shortages, poor



drainage, overflowing places due to water-sewers, and streets filled

with dirty water. Households lack access to safe drinking water, children's health is at risk, and students face filthy conditions on their way to school. Similarly, residents struggle to access mosques and other public health.

The community expressed intense frustration over the authorities' repeated unkept promises, stressing that the neglect has turned daily life into a struggle and endangered public health.

Stagnant Drain Water Floods Old Cemetery in Jacobabad, Residents Demand Immediate Action

By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: The old cemetery at the Exhibition Ground in Jacobabad has been submerged due to stagnant drain water, causing serious difficulties for residents in carrying out funeral processions. Citizens report that the drainage water has been standing over the passage

leading through the cemetery for a long time, creating obstacles in transporting the deceased.

Local residents, including Imran, Gul Hassan, Ali Gul, Junaid, Waqar, and Akbar, informed journalists that despite the persistent problem, the municipal administration has taken no action to address it. They stressed that if proper

cleaning and maintenance are not carried out, the drainage water could further infiltrate the cemetery. Residents have demanded that the Chairman of Jacobabad Municipal Committee, Mir Ghulam Abbas Jakrani, take immediate notice and ensure proper sanitation measures to prevent further disruption and health hazards.

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CM KP Sohail Afridi Warns: Pashtun, Muslim, Neighbour — The Bloodshed Must End

KP: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sohail Afridi has said that if he visits Afghanistan, he will clearly convey that Pashtuns on both sides are Muslim neighbours*, and that the cross-border attacks must end. Speaking to defence correspondents, he affirmed that



Pakistan is our country, and the province's loyalty

lies firmly with the state. He stressed that Parliament, the federal government, and all institutions must frame policies in the interest of Pakistan, adding that every issue can only be resolved through. —RT/Agency

SECP Flags Surge in AI-Driven Fake Trading Apps Targeting Innocent Investors

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has issued a strong warning to investors after uncovering illegal trading platforms posing as licensed brokerage firms to defraud citizens through

social media and WhatsApp groups. The Commission revealed that a web and mobile application named "TSLWEA/TSL WEALTH" is falsely impersonating Topline Securities Limited to gain public trust.

SECP officials further identified a WhatsApp group titled "A103-Topline Stock Strategies Hub," which is promoting a fake AI-based trading system linked to the fraudulent app. —RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Murad Unveils Family Park in Ahsanabad with Land Donated by Jamia Al-Rashid

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has announced the development of a family park in Ahsanabad, for which Jamia Al-Rashid has pledged 6,500 square yards of land. Speaking at the university's annual convention, Murad Ali Shah expressed his pleasure at the event's objectives and emphasized the need to prepare religious scholars capable of understanding and solving contemporary challenges.



He highlighted the historic role of madrasas in Islamic history, noting that many of the world's earliest scientists, thinkers, and historians emerged from such

institutions. Murad Ali Shah pointed out that while Islamic scholars laid the foundations of knowledge through discoveries and research, the West advanced in science by building on these contributions. He stressed the importance of leveraging historical Islamic achievements to inspire modern learning and development, while also benefiting society through initiatives like the Ahsanabad family park. —RT

Tabish Hashmi Says Karachi's Woes Span 35 Years, Not the Fault of Mayor Murtaza Wahab Alone

KARACHI: Stand-up comedian and TV host Tabish Hashmi commented on Karachi's longstanding issues, saying the city's problems have persisted for 35 years, and while Mayor Murtaza Wahab has recently taken office, he cannot be held solely responsible.



Addressing a question from a journalist about the Mayor's potential appearance on his show, Tabish Hashmi

emphasized that the Mayor represents a political party. He added that even if a journalist asks tough questions or edits portions of the conversation, the Mayor has not objected or reacted negatively. Hashmi highlighted that the issues facing Karachi are deeply rooted and systemic, implying that accountability cannot be placed entirely on current leadership. He urged the public to understand the historical context behind the city's challenges rather than attributing blame to a single individual. —RT

Pakistan Expands Global Digital Reach with Southeast Asia–Middle East–Europe Submarine Cable Link

KARACHI: Pakistan has significantly boosted its global digital connectivity with the deployment of the Southeast Asia–Middle East–Europe submarine cable system, which has reached Hawks Bay, Karachi. A formal cable-laying ceremony was held at the coastal site, attended by Federal Secretary IT, Zafar Ahmed Khan, among other officials.



As a strategic landing point, the cable-laying operations are progressing rapidly, and once completed, the CMV-6 vessel will link Pakistan with multiple countries through en-

hanced data connections. Under this initiative, Pakistan has been allocated a total bandwidth of 13.2 Tbps, of which 4 Tbps will be immediately activated. Authorities say this new infrastructure will not only improve internet speed and reliability but also strengthen Pakistan's position in global digital networks, facilitating international trade, communication, and technological growth. —RT/Agency

Azeem Qureshi Joins OIC Advisory Panel to Champion Sustainable Tourism

KARACHI: Renowned hospitality expert M. Azeem Qureshi has been appointed as a member of the OIC Advisory Committee for the Sustainable Tourism Forum. His extensive experience and expertise are expected to play

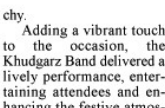


a key role in promoting sus-

tainable tourism and highlighting Pakistan's vast potential on the OIC platform. This prestigious appointment underscores Qureshi's growing influence in shaping global tourism initiatives. —RT

King Charles III's Birthday Marked with Ceremony at British Deputy High Commission Karachi

KARACHI: The British Deputy High Commission in Karachi hosted a grand celebration to mark King Charles III's birthday, attended by prominent political, social, and business personalities from across the city. The event provided an opportunity for dignitaries and guests to engage in cultural exchange while honoring the British monarch.



Adding a vibrant touch to the occasion, the Khudgarz Band delivered a lively performance, entertaining attendees and enhancing the festive atmosphere. Guests appreciated the musical presentation, which blended traditional and contemporary styles, creating an engaging experience for all.

Representatives from the UK in Pakistan emphasized the importance of strengthening cultural and diplomatic ties between Pakistan and the United Kingdom, highlighting events like this as a platform for mutual understanding and collaboration. The celebration concluded on a cheerful note, reflecting goodwill and camaraderie. —RT/Agency

PM's KP Coordinator Drops Bombshell Allegation of Drug Factories in CM's Stronghold



KP: Prime Minister's Coordinator for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ikhtiar Wali, has accused Chief Minister Sohail Afridi's constituency of hosting drug manufacturing operations, claiming that PTI members are involved in the narcotics trade. In a video statement, Wali said drug factories are operating in Wadi Tirah, and narcotics from Khyber District are being smuggled across the country. He criticized CM Afridi

for denying the allegations, calling it a negation of facts. Wali added that the money generated from drugs crosses borders and is used to finance terrorism and undermine the state. He emphasized that as CM Afridi's constituency is producing narcotics, he should take responsibility and resign immediately. Wali also demanded strict action against drug operations in Khyber District to curb the growing narcotics network. —RT/Agency

Pakistan Airport Authority Discloses Fresh Details on New Overflight and Airport Charges

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Airport Authority has disclosed fresh details regarding overflight and airport charges, confirming that the authority manages 400 to 450 overflights daily through Pakistani airspace. Overflight fees range from \$0.44 to \$1.3 per kilometre, depending on an aircraft's weight, with no tax imposed on passengers. The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) collects excise duties separately.

According to media reports, the Authority stated that domestic flight charges are set at Rs600, while international flights are charged Rs4,600. Revenue generated from airport fees is used for terminal upgrades, expanding facilities, and acquiring modern equipment to improve passenger services.

The Authority added that landing charges are weight-based, and parking fees are calculated per ton per hour, although the first two hours remain free of cost. Notably, no increase has been made in domestic tariffs for the past 10 years, underscoring the Authority's effort to maintain affordability. —RT/Agency

PML-N Minister Accuses PPP of Sabotaging Crucial Privatization Push

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and PML-N leader Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh has accused coalition partner Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) of obstructing the government's privatization agenda. According to media reports, the Federal Minister for Investment, while addressing a ceremony, said that ongoing negotiations with the PPP on the privatization issue have become a constant challenge, adding that upstaging the PPP could threaten the stability of the ruling coalition.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh noted that the PPP has long

Health Minister Khawaja Imran Nazir's Midnight Clinic Raid Exposes Serious Lapses

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Provincial Minister for Health and Population, Khawaja Imran Nazir, paid a surprise late-night visit to the Maryam Nawaz Health Clinic (MNHC) in Toba Tek Singh to review hospital operations.

During the visit, he inspected various departments and conducted a detailed check of the pharmacy, including verification of medicine expiry dates. He also interacted with patients and their attendants to understand their concerns and experiences. The minister inquired

about the hospital's medicine distribution system and expressed appreciation for Dr. Huma, in-charge of MNHC, awarding her a commendation certificate for efficiently managing administrative affairs. He highlighted that under her supervision, staff salaries were paid on time, including wages for high-performing personnel.

Khawaja Imran Nazir emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of healthcare services, ensuring timely provision of medicines, and strengthening patient care at public health facilities.

Encroachments and Street Vendors Trigger Public Fury as Traders Block Roads in Toba Tek Singh



By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The increasing dominance of street vendors, the spread of temporary stalls, and the unchecked collection of shopkeepers have created serious inconvenience for the public, while traders continue to protest against persistent road blockages.

According to details, a consultative meeting of Anjum Tajran Main Bazaar was held in a local hall under the chairmanship of Muhammad Saleem Baig. A delegation from the Traders Association Gojra, led by founding chairman and president Rana Muhammad Saeed Rashid Manj, also participated.

Central Punjab

Gujranwala Cracks Down on Overloaded Trucks, Marking a Major Road Safety Shift

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Following directives from Additional IG North Region, Muhammad Waisal Fakhra Sultan, police have launched strict enforcement against overloaded trucks. All such vehicles are being denied road entry to ensure adherence to transport and safety regulations.

This enforcement has already led to a significant



smoother traffic flow across the region.

The National Highway & Motorway Police (NHMP) has warned that no overloaded vehicle will be allowed to operate, and legal action will be taken against violators. Authorities have urged transporters to comply with weight regulations to prevent penalties and ensure public safety.

Punjab Education Minister Launches Country's First AI Lab at University of Kamalia

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Punjab's Provincial Minister for Education, Rana Sikandar Hayat Khan, officially inaugurated Pakistan's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based laboratory at the University of Kamalia.



Addressing the media after the inauguration, the minister stated that the government is committed to fulfilling all its promises. He criticized the previous tenure of former Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, saying educational institutions were neglected and plans to bring foreign experts did not materialize. Today, he noted, for-

350 million to strengthen infrastructure, acquire a new bus, and enhance research programs. Education specialists from China and the United Kingdom have reviewed departments and are supporting strategic development. He added that vice chancellors are being appointed on merit, not connections.

Rana Manan Khan's Surprise Jail Inspection Unveils Ground Realities in Gujranwala Central Prison

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Chairman of the Chief Minister's Task Force on Jails, Rana Manan Khan, conducted a surprise visit to Central Jail Gujranwala to assess the conditions and facilities provided to inmates.



During the visit, he toured various sections of the jail, including the kitchen, prison hospital, and the mental health ward, inquiring about the quality of food, medical care, and treatment provided to the prisoners. He described the food and treatment facilities as satisfactory.

Rana Manan Khan also reviewed the medical examination charts of prisoners working in the kitchen and personally ensured that all inmates were in good health. Additionally, he expressed satisfaction with the availability and administration of medi-

cines for prisoners suffering from mental health issues. The Chairman emphasized the importance of maintaining proper care and facilities for inmates, ensuring their physical and mental well-being, and continuing regular monitoring to uphold standards in the prison system.

FIA Foils Dubai Route Escape Attempt as Nine Europe-Bound Passengers Offloaded in Sialkot

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) successfully intercepted an attempt by nine individuals to travel to Europe illegally under the pretext of a visit visa. The operation was conducted by FIA Immigration Sialkot, where the passengers were offloaded after raising suspicions during immigration clearance.



The passengers, identified as Fanwat Abbas, Muhammad Siddique, Babar Hussain, Muhammad Salim, Akhlaq Ahmed, Makrabul Hasan, Muhammad Talha, Imran Sikandar, and Usman

Ali, hail from Faisalabad, Gujrat, Sialkot, Sheikhupura, and Narwal. They were attempting to travel from Dubai to Djibouti, an African country, via Flight FZ316.

During routine immigration checks, FIA officers found discrepancies in their documentation and travel intentions. The passengers

were questioned and subsequently prevented from continuing their journey. The FIA has emphasized that such operations are part of ongoing efforts to curb illegal migration and human trafficking, ensuring the safety and legality of international travel.

Punjab's Special Operations Cell Brings Back Seven Alleged Murderers from UAE

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Special Operations Cell (SOC) of CCD Punjab has successfully arrested seven alleged criminals involved in murders abroad and brought them back to Pakistan from the UAE. The operation was conducted under the special instructions of Additional IG

Sohail Zafar Chattha, head of CCD Punjab.

The SOC team, led by Khalid Nawaz Warra, coordinated with the UAE government and Interpol to locate and apprehend the fugitives. Among those arrested is Ghazanfar Farooq Khabeek of Gujranwala, accused of killing his brother over property disputes.

Service to Humanity Wing Holds High-Stakes Departmental Huddle in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A departmental meeting of the "Service to Humanity Wing" of District Toba Tek Singh was held under the leadership of Chaudhry Shafiq ur Rehman Mahood Gujar. Present at the wing, along with Chaudhry Hameed-ul-Hasan Gujar, President of Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (Central Punjab),

by senior party and organizational leaders, including Mian Sohail Ahmad, General Secretary of Pakistan Markazi Muslim League District Toba, Abdul Majeed Salik, President of the District Toba chapter, Chaudhry Taj Mahood Gujar, President of Milli Labour Federation Punjab, Imran Gariwal, President of Service to Humanity Wing District Toba, along with Tehsil Presidents and other organizational members. During the meeting, participants discussed various initiatives and programs aimed at serving humanity, enhancing organizational coordination, and implementing welfare projects for local communities. The leaders emphasized the importance of collective efforts, social service, and active engagement to address the needs of the public.

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A Quiet Triumph at the Ballot Box

In a political climate where tension often simmers just beneath the surface, yesterday's high-stakes by-elections across 13 constituencies in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa delivered something truly remarkable: peace, order, and an electoral process free of the violence and controversy many had feared. In a deeply divided political environment, this calm was not accidental—it was earned. And it deserves to be celebrated.

The credit for this collective democratic success rests squarely with all stakeholders who worked tirelessly to ensure stability. The Punjab and KP governments played their part with diligence, but the true anchor of the day was the Election Commission of Pakistan. Under the stewardship of Chief Election Commissioner

Sikandar Sultan Raja, alongside the Provincial Election



Commissioners and the wider ECP team, the by-polls ran with a professionalism that inspires confidence. Their coordinated efforts, monitoring vigilance, and transparent procedures turned what could have been a flashpoint into a model exercise.

CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja's visit to the monitoring centre and his commendation of provincial cooperation underscored a rare moment of administrative harmony. With over 2,792 polling stations—408 declared highly

sensitive and 1,032 sensitive—the deployment of more than 20,000 security personnel ensured that every voter who walked in from Lahore to Haripur, Faisalabad to Dera Ghazi Khan, did so without fear.

While voter turnout was predictably lower—by-elections rarely energize the public—the integrity of the process remained intact. And though results are still trickling in from NA-18 Haripur, NA-96 and NA-104 Faisalabad, NA-129 Lahore, NA-185 DG Khan, NA-143 Sahiwal, and the seven Punjab Assembly seats, the real victory has already been secured. Yesterday proved that Pakistan can hold peaceful, transparent elections when institutions work together. Regardless of who wins the seats, democracy itself emerged stronger—and that is the success story worth celebrating.

THE HEARTLAND



PPP Shaheed Day Celebration Scheduled in Sujawal for November 30

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: The Executive Committee of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sujawal District held a meeting at the party camp office under the chairmanship of District President and Provincial Minister for Fisheries and Livestock, Rais Muhammad Ali Khan Malkani. During the meeting, it was decided that the party's 58th Foundation Day will be celebrated on November 30 with great enthusiasm, energy, and full participation.

Rais Muhammad Ali Khan Malkani said that party office-bearers, workers, voters, supporters, and the general pub-

lic from across the district will attend the event in large numbers. The meeting was attended by General Secretary MPA Rehana Laghari, District Information Secretary Manzoor Rahim Palejo, Deputy Information Secretary Zahid Hassan Khado, Sagar Abdul Rehman Memon, Dr. Iqbal Ahmed Memon, Haji Muhammad Qureshi, Sardar Rameez-ul-Haq, Zaeer Muhammad Yusuf Jamali, Sajad Ali Shoro, Abdul Ghani Rahimoon, Firdous Aziz Mirbahar, Dr. Harish Kumar, Shamir Gabol, Ali Nawaz Khaskheli, and Advocate Liaqat Ali Jamari.

Tando Allahyar Celebrates Young Journalist Nihal Abbasi's Birthday with Enthusiasm



By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: At Tando Allahyar Press Club, the birthday of young journalist and social activist Nihal Abbasi was celebrated in a grand, warm, and vibrant atmosphere. Dozens of distinguished personalities from journalistic, social, and literary circles attended the event, making it not just a birthday celebration but also a key social and journalistic gathering of the city.

Special guests included President of Tando Allahyar Press Club Abdul Rashid Jafri, prominent

journalist Ghulam Rasool Dars, President of Tando Allahyar Union of Journalists Abdul Latif Qaim Khani, well-known political and social figure Tahir Qaim Khani, senior reporter Muhammad Arif Arain, literary figure Haseer Laghari, journalist Haseer Faraz Qureshi, Syed Ishtiaq Shah, Fahad Tahir Qaim Khani, Habib Muhammad, and other journalists and respected citizens. Attendees expressed heartfelt wishes and appreciation for Nihal Abbasi's contributions to journalism and social work, making the occasion memorable.

Former IG Ghulam Qadir Thebo Highlights Girls' Education During School Inauguration in Gul Muhammad Thebo

By Khadim Hussain Sheikh

GUL MUHAMMAD THEBO: During the inauguration ceremony of a primary school in Gul Muhammad Thebo, former Sindh IG and local community leader Ghulam Qadir Thebo highlighted the importance of education, especially for girls, calling it a critical need of the time. He urged the youth to stay away from addictive habits and focus on learning. Ghulam Qadir Thebo praised the region of Laar as a land of royalty and knowledge, noting that prominent personalities like Mir Ghulam

Muhammad Talpur, Qazi Muhammad Ibrahim Thebo, and Muhammad Ashraf Thebo are recognized for their scholarly contributions. He also mentioned encountering individuals in the United States who proudly said they received their education from Thebo schools in Laar.

He advised villagers that instead of relying solely on elected representatives, they should take the initiative to establish and manage their own educational institutions to make education accessible to all and promote academic growth in the community.

Civil Hospital Thatta Staff Allegedly Force Woman to Deliver Outside Ward

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: A shocking incident occurred at the Gynaecology Department of Civil Hospital Thatta, where alleged misconduct by hospital staff and doctors forced a pregnant woman to deliver outside the ward. The woman, belonging to the Mallah community, was reportedly denied entry to the gynecology ward despite being in active labor. She gave birth to her child outside the ward. The situa-

tion was only resolved after relatives of other patients arrived, protested strongly, and intervened, after which the mother and newborn were finally admitted to the ward.

Witnesses stated that they had repeatedly informed the lady doctors about the woman's critical condition, but their pleas were allegedly ignored. The incident has sparked outrage among local residents, highlighting serious concerns over patient care and staff behavior at the hospital.

Johi Farmers Protest Closure of Water Channel

By Roshan Ali

JOHI: Farmers from the area, including Pirel Khoso, Ali Nawaz Lund, Mumtaz Ali Panhwar, Gul Hassan Khaskheli, Khadim Hussain Rand, and others, staged a protest in front of the Chanjani water channel on Bhan Road against the closure of the water channel. The demonstration was directed at contractor Umar Jan Pathan of MAC Company, irrigation engineer Viji Kumar SDO, and Ahmed Ali Channa.

The protesting farmers stated that after the 2022 floods, during road construction, the contractor



historical water channel following the instructions of opposing parties. For the past 40 years, this government water channel has irrigated over 300 acres of agricultural land. Due to its closure, crops could not be sown this year.

The farmers further accused the contractor of

tampering with the channel, adding extra soil and stones instead of removing them, causing further obstruction of the water flow. They demanded immediate reopening of the water channel to save their crops and ensure proper irrigation for the community's farmland.

Officials Visit Government Primary School in UC Mithi to Address Education Concerns

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: District officers from MDF and MDC, including District Manager Parvez Ali Memon, visited the Government Main Primary School Mohabbat Khan Qabaili in UC Mithi, Badin, to hold an important meeting regarding educational matters. The visit aimed to identify challenges faced by the school and ensure that these issues are conveyed to the Education Department authorities for timely resolution.

The team, including Syed Ali Raza Shah (Social Mobilizer Officer), guide teachers Akhtar Memon and Rabdano



Dasti, conducted a cluster meeting with students, parents, and local residents. Officials emphasized prioritizing backward rural schools to improve educational standards. The initiative reflects the department's commitment to enhancing learning opportunities in remote areas, addressing infrastructure and resource gaps, and ensuring that children in underserved communities receive quality education.

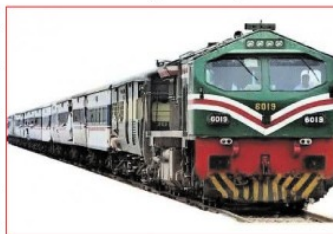
Efforts like this aim to strengthen school-community coordination and provide practical solutions for academic development in rural Badin.

Railway Mismanagement Strands Passengers as Mehran and Shah Latif Express Face Daily Delays

By Muzammil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Passengers traveling from Karachi to Mirpurkhas are facing severe inconvenience due to Pakistan Railways' mismanagement and lack of interest from officials. The Mehran Express and Shah Latif Express are consistently delayed from their scheduled departure and arrival times, causing frustration and anger among commuters.

According to passengers, the official timetable exists only on paper, while the actual situation is far worse. For instance, the Mehran Express



is scheduled to depart Karachi at 3:55 PM, but there is no clear time for its arrival in Mirpurkhas, with delays often stretching for several hours. Despite repeated complaints, senior railway authorities have taken no notice, leaving passengers to endure daily hardships. Travelers are urged to take action to restore punctuality and accountability within Pakistan Railways, as the current situation has turned daily commuting into a source of anxiety and distress.

Barrister Sarfaraz Metlo Wins Massive Support at Khairpur Lawyers' Convention

By Sajjad Chang

KHAIRPUR: The Khairpur District Bar Association organized a grand lawyers' convention and felicitated in honor of Barrister Muhammad Sarfaraz Metlo, President of the Sindh High Court Karachi Bar Association. Thousands of lawyers attended the event and announced their support for Barrister Metlo in the upcoming presidential elections of the Karachi Bar Association.

Addressing the convention, Barrister Metlo emphasized that while some politicians are using the 26th and 27th Constitutional Amend-



ments for political gains, he would never compromise on the interests of Sindh. He stated that he strives to uphold the province's welfare and that even the smallest voice of Sindh would be heard under his leadership. He also criticized attempts to obstruct the bar elections.

The event highlighted overwhelming backing from the legal community, reinforcing Barrister Metlo's position and commitment to protecting Sindh's rights and interests.

Rajveer Singh Sodha Showcases eSports at Sindh Championship 2025

UMERKOT: Rajveer Singh Sodha, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh on Human Rights, participated in the Sindh Championship 2025 held last night at the Marriott Hotel, Karachi. The event was organized by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sindh to encourage and promote eSports among the youth.

The chief guest, Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Sardar Muhammad Bakhsh Khan Mahar, presented a commemorative Guest of Honor shield to



Sodha. The event drew a large audience, including MPAs, government officials, sports personalities, and enthusiastic youth.

The main objective of the ceremony was to highlight eSports as a platform for modern mental training, strategic thinking, and team-

work for the younger generation. Participants praised the initiative, emphasizing its role in developing digital and cognitive skills among Sindh's youth, while fostering interest in competitive gaming and sportsmanship.

SPORTS



Pakistan–Australia ODI Series Poised for Major Rescheduling

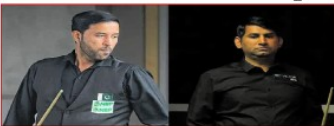


LAHORE: Australia's upcoming tour of Pakistan for the three-match ODI series may undergo potential changes, sources told Geo Super on Sunday.

According to the sources, the ODI series, initially scheduled for March 2026, is now unlikely to take place at that time, with discussions between the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Cricket Australia (CA) ongoing to finalise a revised schedule.

Sources also suggested the ODIs are now expected to be played after the conclusion of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) season 11. The Future Tours Programme had originally listed the series for 13–19 March.

Pakistan Stuns Hong Kong to Win IBSF Snooker World Cup



In a thrilling comeback, Pakistan claimed the IBSF Snooker World Cup Team Championship on Sunday, overcoming a 2-1 deficit to beat Hong Kong 2-3, 2-3, in a gripping final. The match, a best-of-five frames showdown, saw the Pakistani duo of former world champion Muhammad Asif and Asjad Iqbal deliver a stunning performance. With the score tied at 2-2, Asif and Iqbal each hit exceptional century breaks to clinch the title in dramatic fashion. Hong Kong's Chau Hon Man and Nansen Wan fought hard but couldn't stop the Pakistani pair's electrifying run. The victory marked a remarkable achievement for Pakistan in the world of snooker, showcasing the skill and resilience of its top players. —Agency

Usman Tariq's Hat-Trick Powers Pakistan to Dominant 69-Run Win Over Zimbabwe



Usman Tariq produced a sensational maiden hat-trick as Pakistan crushed Zimbabwe by 69 runs in the fourth T20I of the tri-series at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Sunday. Chasing a challenging target of 196, Zimbabwe's hopes were dashed early when opener Tadiwanashe Marumani was dismissed for just four runs by Naseem Shah in the opening over. The highlight of the match came from spinner Usman Tariq, whose brilliant hat-trick shattered Zimbabwe's batting order. His magical spell left the visitors reeling, as Pakistan tightened their grip on the game. Pakistan's total of 195/4 was built on solid contributions from their top order, setting Zimbabwe a mountain to climb. Despite a valiant effort from the Zimbabwean batsmen, Tariq's heroics and disciplined bowling from the rest of the Pakistani attack ensured a comfortable victory for the hosts. —Agency

Maaz Sadaqat Sets His Sights on Batting Beside Babar Azam

DOHA: Pakistan Shaheens opening batter Maaz Sadaqat has expressed his dream of playing alongside star batter Babar Azam, calling it the best day of his life.

The 20-year-old all-rounder shared his excitement ahead of Pakistan's clash against Bangladesh 'A' in the ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars final on Sunday at the West End Park International Cricket Stadium.

In a video released by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on their official social media handle, Sadaqat reflected on what representing Pakistan at the highest level would mean for him.

"My best day in life will be when I play in the Pakistan team alongside Babar Azam," Sadaqat said.

The all-rounder further elaborated on what this opportunity would mean for him personally and professionally.



"For me, it's a huge dream because to play with the number one batsman, to talk with him, learn from him, and then be part of the same match—it's a great honour for me," he stated.

It is pertinent to mention that Sadaqat previously shared the field with Babar Azam during Pakistan Super League (PSL) Season 10 while playing for Peshawar Zalmi.

In that season, the left-handed batter featured in four matches, scoring 78 runs at a

strike rate of 165.95, including a fifty.

Currently, Sadaqat is the second-highest run-scorer in the ongoing ACC Rising Stars tournament, amassing 235 runs in four matches at a strike rate of 185.03, including two fifties.

He has been instrumental in Pakistan's journey to the final.

In Pakistan's opening match against Oman, Sadaqat started with 96 off 54 balls, including five fours and nine sixes, helping

Virgil van Dijk Admits Liverpool Squad Is Letting Arne Slot Down



Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk has said that players are letting down head coach Arne Slot and called on the team to start taking more responsibility.

Liverpool was defeated 3-0 by Nottingham Forest on Saturday at Anfield, which was their sixth defeat in seven league matches and left the defending champions 11th on the table. This is the first time in more than a decade that the Reds have fallen to the bottom half of the table.

Usually, Van Dijk reacts calmly to the results of the matches, even if it is not in their favour, but the latest defeat prompted a more apt response.

"We are definitely letting him [Slot] down but we've let ourselves down as well," Van Dijk said.

"You look at yourself first and then you help each other, you help each other get out of this mess because everyone is taking responsibility on the pitch. We have to do that in order to push each other, to make each other better. It's easy to maybe just think about your own situation rather than the collective side when things are not going well. —Agency

QEAT Drama: Hayatullah's Seven-Wicket Burst Puts FATA on Top Against Lahore Whites

PESHAWAR: Spinner Hayatullah delivered a superb seven-wicket haul as FATA dismissed Lahore Region Whites for a modest total on the opening day of the final round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2025-26 at the Imran Khan Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Batting first, Lahore Whites were skittled out for 205 runs in 53.4 overs, with middle-order batter [Name missing in provided text] top-scoring with 54 off 67 balls, hitting six fours and two sixes.

Amir Jamal contributed a valuable lower-order runs, scoring 32 off 31 deliveries with five boundaries, while openers Mohib Bhatti (28) and Ali Zaryab (26) also provided starts.

Hayatullah ripped through Lahore's batting lineup, finishing with impressive figures of 7 for 78 in 20.4 overs. Asif Afridi claimed two wickets, while Arshadullah picked up one.

In reply, FATA closed the opening day at 86 for 3 in 23 overs, trailing by 119 runs. Noman Ali starred with the ball for Lahore, removing



Mohammad Usman for 15 and dismissing Hayatullah for 2.

Opening batter Mohammad Farooq made 28 off 45 balls, hitting three fours and a six.

Salman Khan Jr and Sirajuddin will resume FATA's innings on day two, unbeaten on 2 and 5 runs, respectively. Meanwhile, Multan Region's opening batter Imam-

ul-Haq continued his fine run of form, smashing another century in the final round match of the QEAT against Abbottabad Region here at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium.

Batting first, Multan dominated the opening day and piled up 360-5 in 84 overs, with Imam leading the charge through a magnificent 181 off 232 balls, studded with 21 fours and one six.

Imam's marathon knock eventually came to an end at the hands of Adil Naz, but not before he had put his side in a commanding position.

Shahroon Siraj further strengthened Multan's innings with a valuable 83 off 132 balls, hitting nine fours. —Agency

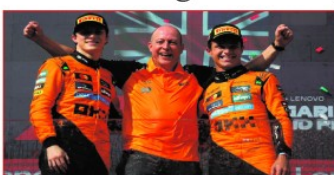
McLaren Duo Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri Break Silence on Las Vegas GP Disqualification

McLaren's Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri have reacted to the disqualification of the Las Vegas Grand Prix, describing it as a disappointing end to the race. However, they have now shifted their focus to Qatar.

The post-race development means Max Verstappen, who succeeded in Vegas, is now 24 points behind championship leader Norris and levelled with Piastri on 366 points with two rounds remaining.

Norris originally extended his lead over Piastri to 30 points by finishing second behind championship rival Verstappen, while Piastri came in fourth place on the streets of Las Vegas.

Piastri was hit by Liam Lawson on the opening lap, but did not suffer major damage.



However, he was not good enough to find a way past Andrea Kimi Antonelli to try and catch George Russell, who finished second after McLaren drivers disqualification.

FIA found excessive skid plank wear on both cars of McLaren in post-race analysis, with the minimum thickness allowed for a car after use being 9mm. As a result, the matter was referred to the stewards, who decided to dis-

some issues with our car, which have unfortunately resulted in us being disqualified," Lando Norris said.

"It's frustrating to lose so many points. As a team, we're always pushing to find as much performance as we can, and we clearly didn't get that balance right today."

"Nothing I can do will change that now; instead, full focus switches to Qatar, where we'll aim to go out and deliver the best possible performance in every session."

Piastri was also disappointed, saying they did not get it right in Las Vegas and will now try to get some points in the final two rounds. —Agency

Westbrook and Schroder Ignite Kings to Thrilling Win Over Denver Nuggets



DENVER: Russell Westbrook and Dennis Schroder played without Aaron Gordon due to a right hamstring injury sustained in Friday night's victory in Houston, were led by Nikola Jokic in the Kings' 128-123 win in a high-scoring NBA thriller here at Ball Arena.

In just 18 minutes, Schroder scored 21 points off the bench. His relentless drives and timely shot-making kept the Kings afloat whenever Denver threatened to shift momentum.

Schroder's ability to control the pace was on full display, as he added seven assists and knocked down three field goals while committing no turnovers.

Westbrook, on the other hand, impacted the game on both ends with his trademark intensity, scoring 21 points, grabbing six rebounds, and dishing out 11 assists in 30 minutes. His physicality and tempo set the tone for the entire game, even though Sacramento's offense had several contributors.

Conversely, the Nuggets, who played without Aaron Gordon due to a right hamstring injury sustained in Friday night's victory in Houston, were led by Nikola Jokic with 44 points and 13 rebounds. Jamal Murray with 23 points, Cameron Johnson with 20, and Peyton Watson with 15.

The game was a back-and-forth affair, with the Kings holding a nine-point lead in the first half. Sacramento gradually chipped away, closing the half at 65-61. In the third quarter, a 15-3 run sparked by Keegan Murray tied the game at 84-84, and Schroder's late-quarter three-pointer gave the Kings a 91-90 lead.

In the fourth, Westbrook hit crucial late baskets, and DeRozan's three-point play with 12 seconds remaining sealed the victory. The Sacramento Kings will next face the Minnesota Timberwolves on November 25th. —Agency

ENTERTAINMENT



Taylor Swift Begins Wedding Preparations with Full Venue Redesign



Taylor Swift is reportedly turning her \$17 million Rhode Island mansion into a custom wedding venue as she and fiancé Travis Kelce move ahead with planning.

Swift is said to be creating an entirely new garden on the property, envisioning a home-based ceremony after previously considering a destination wedding in Italy, per the US Sun.

Sources say the choice gives the couple more flexibility as they prepare for their nuptials. The Grammy winner also plans to gift attending girlfriends bouquets of red eternity roses.

One insider claimed Swift wants to be "fully surrounded by flowers" on

her wedding day. "She's dreamed of marrying in a sea of flowers since she was a teenager," the source added.

The venue update comes shortly after reports that Swift chose longtime friends Selena Gomez and Gigi Hadid as bridesmaids. An insider previously said Swift wants the lead-up to the wedding to feel collaborative and fun, with group activities, trips, and shared planning.

Kelce, 36, proposed to Swift, 35, in August after two years of dating. While the couple has not publicly confirmed a date, a source told Page Six they plan to marry next summer as Swift is eager to start a family.

Jennifer Metcalfe Reveals the Secret Behind Her Picture-Perfect Figure



Jennifer Metcalfe has finally shared what she does to maintain a picture-perfect figure.

The 42-year-old American actress and soap star conversed with The Daily Mail, where she opened up about her love for food that is rich in fat and stated that it is "really good for you" as you age.

Metcalfe also told the outlet that she stays fit with a healthy diet and regular exercise. "I try to eat high-fat. So if I get a steak, it'll be ribeye steak. I love the fatty bit."

She added, "Thighs and wings of chicken, high-fat as you get older, are really good for you."

The Hollywood star went on to disclose that her cholesterol level is pretty higher than the nor-

Sabrina Carpenter Breaks Down Emotionally Before Final 'Short n' Sweet' Tour Shows



Sabrina Carpenter is all set to say goodbye to her Short n' Sweet tour.

The tour, Carpenter kicked off in September 2024, is nearing its end.

After wrapping up four shows in Los Angeles, the songstress took to Instagram and penned expressed her thank you for the crowd.

Sharing a carousel of photos from the concert, Carpenter penned in the caption, "LA Nights 3 & 4 I didn't know LA crowds could be this good."

She went on to add, "how fitting I got to lock down the gorgeous @jsza during cuffing szn."

Further she recalled arresting R&B singer Ravyn Lenae, as part of an onstage

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Experts Push Balanced Fertilizers as Key to Supercharging Hyderabad's Wheat Yield



By Mueqeen Keorio

HYDERABAD: Agricultural experts have highlighted the importance of using balanced fertilizers to drive an agricultural revolution and significantly enhance crop yields.

Addressing a seminar titled "Profitable Wheat Production," Fatima Fertilizer Development Manager Abdul Samad Abro emphasized that achieving higher

wheat yields requires the use of SarSaz Nitro-Phos and SarSaz Calcium Ammonium Nitrate fertilizers, which not only increase production but also improve soil health.

Speaking at the seminar, Additional Director of Agriculture Extension Department Muhammad Saleem Jokhio stated that fertilizers play a crucial role in boosting wheat

production. He stressed that using standard and quality fertilizers is essential for improving crop yield and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices.

The seminar concluded with a call for farmers to adopt modern fertilizer techniques to maximize productivity while maintaining soil fertility.

Pagh Ceremony in Pithoro Honors Legacy of Late Haji Abdul Haq Arisar's Son

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: A traditional pagh ceremony was held to honor Jahangir Arisar, son of the late PPP District Vice President Haji Abdul Haq Arisar, in Pithoro. The event was attended by Provincial Education Minister Syed Sardar Shah Nawab Taimoor Talpur, Haji Baqar Pali, Mian Khalid Wihari, along with numerous political, social figures, relatives, and community members.

The first turban was presented by Syed Sardar Ali Shah. Speaking at the occasion, Provincial Education Minister Syed Sardar Shah praised the late Haji Abdul Haq Arisar as a truthful, sin-



cere, and committed politician, describing him as a person of authority who always spoke the truth boldly. He added that he had learned a great deal from Arisar's guidance in politics and that his passing left a significant void in local political circles,

which would take time to fill. The ceremony reflected respect and admiration for the late leader's contributions to politics and the community, while honoring his family in a traditional Sindhi manner.

Kohistan's Fearless Journalist Aziz Palari Dies; Region Plunged into Deep Mourning

By Shams Palari

NORIABAD: Kohistan lost one of its brave journalists, Aziz Palari, whose funeral prayer was performed in Badal Palari village. The ceremony was attended by political, social, tribal, academic, literary figures, and citizens from across the region.

Political and social leaders described Aziz Palari's death as a major loss to Kohistan's journalism, leaving the region in deep mourning. They praised his fearless and principled approach, stating



that his contributions and dedication to truthful reporting will never be forgotten.

Aziz Palari began his journalistic career in the early days of Kohistan, during a period when speaking

and writing the truth was considered audacious. His courageous reporting inspired many young journalists, and he was known not only for his journalism but also for his resistance and advocacy for justice.

His burial took place at the Abani Cemetery in Sarkan, while his memorial prayer was held in his ancestral village, Badal Khan Palari. The journalist leaves behind a legacy of integrity, bravery, and mentorship that will continue to inspire generations in Kohistan.

Acting Chief Justice of Sindh High Court Makes Rare Visit to Badin on Bar Association Request

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Acting Chief Justice of Sindh High Court, Justice Zafar Ahmed Rajput, visited Badin upon the invitation of the District Bar Association. The event was attended by retired Justices Abdul Rasool Memon and Ghulam Rabbani, Registrar Sindh High Court Asif Majeed, District & Sessions Judges Enayatullah Bhutto (Badin) and Inam Ali Kalhoro (Tando Muhammad Khan), Deputy Commissioner Yasir Bhatti, SSP Qamar Raza Jaskani, District Bar Association President Lala Dildar Pathan, General



Secretary Amir Azad Panhwar, Vice President Mashooq Bhargari, District Attorney Syed Ajmal Kazmi, and a large gathering of judges and lawyers.

In his address, Justice Rajput emphasized that justice is not a policy but a fundamental right of

every oppressed person. He stated that laws, not personal policies, govern society, and where relief exists under the law, it must be accessible to the people. The visit highlighted the importance of judicial guidance and engagement with the local legal community.

13 Hurt as Fierce Land Dispute Erupts into Violence in Piaro Station

By Abdullah Khan Shahani

PHULJI STATIONS: A violent clash erupted between two factions of the Chando community over a land ownership dispute of Piaro Station, resulting in injuries to 13 people. The injured include Zulfiqar Chando, Imdad Chando, Fida Chando, Irfan Chando, Arman Ali Chando, Nadi Chando, Ali Sher Chando, Dildar Chando, Bachal Chando, Gulshir Chando, Waseem Chando, Intiaz Chando, and Dilbar Chando.

Police arriving at the scene provided medical let-



ters to all the injured and sent them to Dadu Civil Hospital for treatment. According to OF Piaro Police, the land dispute had been ongoing, and the clash escalated unexpectedly, with sticks and

machetes used by both sides. The timely intervention of police prevented further casualties. No formal complaints or legal cases have been registered by either party at this time.

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PPP Showcases 'Roti, Kapra, Makan' Delivery as Rafique Jamali Hails Fast-Track Housing and Farmer Support

KARACHI: PPP Deputy General Secretary Sardar Rafique Ahmed Jamali praised the party for fulfilling its core slogan "Roti, Kapra aur Makan" by rapidly constructing houses for flood-affected families. Speaking at the Anjuman-e-Tajirani oath-taking ceremony in Makhdom Bilawal, Jamali highlighted that financial aid, including seeds

and fertilizers, is being directly transferred to farmers' bank accounts, ensuring transparency. He emphasized that despite the opposition's dwindling influence, PPP's commitment to the people remains strong, particularly in times of crisis like the recent floods. The ceremony also featured speeches from other local leaders.—RT

PPP Mobilizes for Massive 58th Foundation Day Showdown in Karachi

KARACHI: Senior PPP leaders in Karachi inspected the venue for a major rally marking the party's 58th Foundation Day, set for November 30 at Eidgah Ground, Korangi. PPP Karachi President Saeed Ghani, alongside other key figures, expressed satisfaction with the event's preparations. The rally will unite all city districts under one banner, with PPP Chairman Bi-



lawal Bhutto Zardari addition to ensure the event's success, signaling a significant political moment for the party.—RT

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The Crafter's Expo Sparks Creativity, Celebrates Women, and Strengthens Community Spirit

KARACHI: The Crafter's Guild, celebrating local artisans since 2012 under the Firefly brand, hosts its annual Crafter's Expo, featuring 135 businesses. This year, 90% of exhibitors are women-led. Partnering with the Kiran Foundation, the event supports women in Lyari and gives five women a platform to scale their food ventures. Artisans from Balochistan and individuals with special needs are also showcased. Notably, Expo champions local young crafters under 16 will display their talents. With sponsorships and a vibrant, family-friendly focus on inclusion, the event.—RT



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Altaf Shakoor Sounds Alarm as Corruption Threatens Pakistan's Core Institutions

KARACHI: Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor condemned widespread corruption in Pakistan, citing the IMF's report that labels it a persistent, systemic issue. He warned that corruption is eroding the state's foundations, impacting public spending, revenue collection, and trust in institutions. Shakoor highlighted the



influence of corrupt elites in sectors like sugar and real estate, which distort policies for personal gain. He called for urgent reforms to curb corruption, strengthen institutions, and improve governance, stressing that without these changes, Pakistan's economic potential will remain stunted.—RT

10th Adab Festival Concludes with Impactful Dialogues, Major Book Launches, and Cultural Glitter

KARACHI: The 10th Adab Festival in Karachi concluded on a high note with a packed second day of thought-provoking sessions, book launches, and cultural showcases. Highlights included discussions on

AI, women's leadership, and Pakistani film & TV. Samejo brought the two-day festival to a vibrant close, reaffirming its role as a vital platform for literature and cultural exchange in Pakistan.—RT

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Nasir Shah Calls on Youth to Champion Pakistan's Strengths at National Declamation Contest

KARACHI: Sindh Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah emphasized the importance of showcasing Pakistan's positive aspects in speeches during the 7th All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest at Cadet College Sanghar. With over 60 top speakers from across the country, the event featured compelling speeches in both English and Urdu across school, college, and university categories. Shah praised the participants



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Pakistan's Rising Generation: A Cultural, Career, and Digital Transformation in Motion

By Muhammad Anas Ilyas

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Modern Pakistani youth culture reflects a dynamic mix of traditional values, digital influence, and global exposure. Today's young generation is more connected than ever, reshaping how we communicate, learn, and participate in society. Despite social and economic pressures, they continue to preserve cultural identity while actively creating their own space in a rapidly changing world. Technology has become the strongest driving force behind this transformation. Platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube are no longer limited to entertainment. They serve as powerful outlets for creativity, self-expression,

and income generation. Teenagers / Youngsters are emerging as vloggers, influencers, freelancers, and small-business owners, proving that digital entrepreneurship is now a key part of youth lifestyle.

In this shifting landscape, the role of Human Resources (HR) is becoming increasingly important. Modern organizations are reassessing their hiring strategies to attract young talent skilled in digital literacy, content creation, data handling, and online marketing. HR departments are redesigning training programs, promoting flexible work environments, and encouraging innovation to match the expectations of this tech-driven generation. Education and career

choices also highlight the ongoing tension between traditional aspirations and modern opportunities. While families still emphasize careers in medicine, engineering, and government service, many young people are drawn toward startups, tech careers, and freelancing. This gap creates both pressure and possibilities for growth.

Yet challenges persist. Unemployment, economic uncertainty, and political instability continue to limit youth development. As a result, many young individuals seek opportunities abroad, hoping for stability and recognition. Pakistan's youth stands at a crucial point full of ideas, resilience, and potential to shape the nation's future.

Sindhi Adabi Sangat Thul Moves Strong Resolution Against 27th Constitutional Amendment

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: The weekly constitutional meeting of Sindhi Adabi Sangat Thul Branch was held at Shah Abdul Latif Library, chaired by young poet Shaheer Barro. During the session, young poet Irfan Karim Mughal presented a poem for critique. The critique panel included Acting President, Asghar Sajag, Javed Sagar, Soheil Dayo, Nisar Tanyu, Barkat Azad, Nadir Mangi, and others.

At the meeting, Soheil Dayo, Liaison Secretary of the Sangat Jacobabad, presented a resolution against

the 27th Constitutional Amendment, which was unanimously approved. The resolution declared the amendment a violation of the Constitution, a threat to judicial independence, and an attack on democratic values. Members demanded the complete repeal of the amendment to safeguard the Constitution and protect democratic principles in the country.

The session highlighted the active participation of youth in literary critique and their engagement with contemporary political and constitutional issues.

Provincial Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho Offers Heartfelt Condolences in Nawabshah



By Samad Ayaz Dahi

NAWABSHAH: Provincial Health Minister, Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, visited the residence of Mazhar Ali Mehmar to offer condolences on the passing of his brother-in-law. During her visit, she prayed for the departed soul's elevation in the hereafter.

The condolence gathering was also attended by notable figures including Khan

Bahadur Bhatti, PPP City President Nawabshah Sherbakh Khan, Muhammad Hayat K. Potoh, Aghaz Mir Pathan, Tausif Ilyas Damrah, Amanullah Solangi, Ijaz Sheikh, and other respected members of the community. The visit reflected solidarity with the bereaved family and underscored the minister's commitment to supporting citizens during times of personal loss.

Sindh Artists Welfare Trust Mourns the Passing of Hamid Bhutto's Brother

By Sajjan Jani

SHAHADAPUR: The Sindh Artists Welfare Trust and Excellence Club expressed deep sorrow over the sudden death of renowned journalist Salim Ahmed Bhutto, younger brother of veteran actor, director, and anchorperson, and senior journalist Hamid Bhutto. A meeting of the Sanghar district chapter of the Sindh Artists Welfare Trust was held in Shahadapur under the chairmanship of Niyaz Jani to pay tribute to the late journalist.

The gathering saw partici-

ipation from a large number of artists, writers, and poets including J.R. Bhanbhro, Bashir Ji Abro, Salim Rao Haji Allah Bachayo Khaskheli, Bashir Malah, Sajjan Jani, and Bashir Gul. Attendees offered special prayers for the departed soul and expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, emphasizing solidarity with them during this difficult time.

The meeting highlighted the late journalist's contributions and the collective grief of the artistic and literary community.

Al-Ehsan Welfare Foundation Delivers Winter Relief with Warm Clothes Across Rural Sindh

HYDERABAD: Al-Ehsan Welfare Foundation Hyderabad, in collaboration with Salfia Welfare Society, has launched its annual winter campaign to provide warm clothes, blankets, and other essentials to the poor and underprivileged living in rural Sindh. As winter approaches, the foundation's team has started distributing aid in villages, beginning with the residents of Sheikh Teer in Matari.

Speaking on the occasion, Al-Ehsan Welfare Foundation Hyderabad

President, Hakeem Muhammad Soomro, said that for many years, the foundation has actively served humanity, responding to floods, earthquakes, COVID-19, and other natural disasters. With the onset of winter, the foundation continues its mission of helping the needy. He added that the distribution campaign aims to reach the most vulnerable communities in rural areas, ensuring they remain protected and warm during the harsh winter months.

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Sharjeel Rolls Out Karachi's Mega Makeover with 756 Development Projects

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon announced that 756 development projects are currently underway in Karachi as part of the provincial government's plan to modernize the city's infrastructure. With Rs. 13 billion allocated for 76 Karachi Development Authority schemes and Rs. 18.36 billion for 200 projects by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Memon



emphasized the government's commitment to upgrading facilities and ensuring the city meets contemporary needs. He assured the public that these projects would be completed on time, bringing much-needed relief to Karachi's citizens.—RT

Green Line Extension Revival Sets Karachi Up for a Major Transit Leap

KARACHI: Karachi's Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) extension is finally advancing after authorities resolved earlier disputes and approved a revised construction strategy. Officials from the Pakistan Infrastructure Development Company Limited (PIDCL) met Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab to share updated project plans, including alterations prompted by concerns from the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC).



Under the revised design, the extension will cover a 1.8-kilometre span from Numaish Chowrang to Municipal Park, featuring three new bus stations to enhance passenger accessibility across central Karachi. A modern Traffic Signal Priority system will be implemented to ensure faster bus movement, reducing delays during peak hours and boosting operational efficiency. The first phase of the Green Line already serves around 80,000 passengers daily, and officials anticipate a significant rise in ridership once the extension opens—offering thousands more commuters a quicker, more reliable transit option.—RT/Agency

Power Cuts Drain Karachi's Lifeline as City Loses 884 Million Gallons of Water in One Month

KARACHI: Karachi faced a staggering 884 million-gallon water shortfall in November as the city's major pumping stations repeatedly shut down due to prolonged power outages by K-Electric, the Water Corporation spokesperson revealed. According to official data, the Dhabaji Pumping Station suffered 132 hours and 20 minutes of electricity suspension, causing a loss of 424 million gallons of water. The Dumloti Station, hit by 146 hours of outages, recorded a deficit of 111 million gallons.



The North East Karachi Station reported a further 335 million-gallon shortage, while Hub and Pipri stations lost 6 million gallons each, and Ghoro Station saw a 2 million-gallon reduction. Water Corporation officials have urged citizens to conserve water and called on K-Electric to ensure stable and uninterrupted power supply to all major pumping stations. They also demanded immediate action regarding repeated cable faults, which they say are damaging critical pumping machinery and worsening the city's water crisis.—RT/Agency

FIA Karachi Nabs Bangladeshi National Living Illegally on Fake Pakistani Identity

KARACHI: The FIA Anti-Human Trafficking Circle Karachi has arrested a Bangladeshi national who was unlawfully residing in Pakistan using forged identification documents. According to FIA officials, the suspect had obtained a Pakistani national identity card through fake paperwork, enabling him to remain in the country illegally.

An FIA spokesperson confirmed that the fraudulently issued ID card has been blocked and a formal investigation has begun to determine how the suspect managed to secure official documentation. Authorities are also probing potential links to wider human-trafficking networks or facilitators involved in preparing the forged documents. The arrest marks another significant step in FIA's ongoing crackdown against illegal immigrants and document fraud, as the agency tightens efforts to curb identity-related crimes across Karachi.—RT/Agency

Rangers Capture Key Frontman of Lyari Gang in High-Stakes Extortion Case

KARACHI: Karachi Rangers have arrested a key operative of Samad Kathiyawari's extortion gang during a raid in New Karachi. According to a Rangers spokesperson, the suspect Ameer Hamza was found in possession of a mobile phone, which helped investigators trace his connections to the gang. During interrogation, Hamza revealed that since 2019, he had been linked to Lyari gang commander Abdul Samad through frontman Yousuf alias Mota. He admitted to providing phone numbers of various factory owners to Yousuf and Abdul



Hamza; however, Hamza was released on bail after three months, and Yousuf returned to his native village Phulji, Dadu, staying there for a week. Operations continue to apprehend additional gang members involved in extortion.—RT/Agency

Motorcyclist Dies and Another Injured After Deadly Collision with Truck in Karachi

KARACHI: In Karachi's Malir Memon Goth, a tragic accident occurred when a truck collided with a motorcycle, resulting in the death of one rider and injuries to another. Police reached the scene promptly and seized the truck, while the driver fled the spot.



Authorities confirmed that the deceased has not been identified, whereas the injured motorcyclist has been named Wahid Bakhsh. The incident highlights ongoing road safety concerns in the city and the urgent need for stricter traffic enforcement.—RT/Agency

Murtaza Wahab Challenged to Deliver Results Before Launching Criticism

KARACHI: New Karachi Town Chairman Muhammad Yusuf has fiercely responded to Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab's press conference. Yusuf emphasized that regardless of whether he's in Hyderabad or Lahore, the development of roads and 600 streets is actively progressing in New Karachi. In sharp contrast, he pointed out that Wahab's mega projects have shown no real results. Addressing the Mayor directly, Yusuf stated, "Before you criticize me next time, show me one successful project. Then we can have a conversation." His remarks underscore growing frustration with the lack of tangible progress on major city initiatives.—RT

Anjuman Taraqi Pasand Musannifeen Karachi's Mushaira Puts Spotlight on Mother Tongue Rights and Literary Innovation



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Renowned lawyer and writer Fahim Noonari emphasized that all languages—including Sindhi, Urdu, Seraiki, Pashto, and Balochi—are valuable, but expressing oneself in one's mother tongue is a fundamental human right. He shared these views at the monthly mushaira organized by the Anjuman Taraqi Pasand Musannifeen Karachi, with support from the Sindhi Language Authority, held at the Authority's Hall in Sea Breeze Plaza. Special guests Professor Altaf Aseem and poetess Qamarunissa Qamar praised the Anjuman for introducing progressive trends in literature. Anjuman President Syed Karam Ali Shah highlighted the organization's historical role in giving voice to the joys and sorrows of common people and presented his own poetry. Feroz Naatis Khuro noted that such gatherings provide young poets a platform to learn and innovate, while Secretary Naem Sheikh conducted the proceedings. Professor Sajida Chanaah Azeem paid poetic tribute to revolutionary Shah Inayat Shaheed.

Sindh Sheikh Alliance Rises in Protest Over Violent Attack on Lawyer Amjad Sheikh in Shikarpur



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The Sindh Sheikh Alliance, Karachi Division, held a protest in front of the Karachi District East Press Club, Shikarpur, condemning the failure to apprehend those responsible for the violent attack on lawyer Amjad Sheikh. The lawyer was injured two days ago in an assault allegedly carried out by members of the Shikarpur Municipal Corporation. During the demonstration, alliance leaders and members demanded immediate action against the perpetrators and highlighted the need for protection of legal professionals. Speaking to journalists, the central leadership of the Sindh Sheikh Alliance emphasized that such attacks threaten the rule of law and the safety of citizens, urging authorities to ensure swift justice. The protest reflected widespread outrage over continued impunity and the lack of accountability for those involved in the violent incident.

Karachi Social Leader Commends Police for Swift Recovery of Stolen Valuables



By Fida Hussain Panhwar

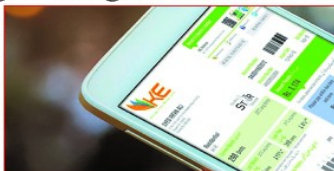
KARACHI: In Karachi's PIDC Society, social leader Iqbal Hussain Channa honored the Sukhan Police personnel for their outstanding performance by presenting them with traditional Sindhi topis and ajraks. The ceremony recognized the efforts of the SHO, DSP, and other officers of the Sukhan Police station. The recognition came after the successful recovery of valuable items stolen from the home of renowned artist and writer Bedil Misrar within the Sukhan Police jurisdiction. Earlier, Iqbal Hussain Channa had promised a reward of Rs 200,000 to the police if they recovered the stolen items promptly. The event highlighted the strong collaboration between the community and law enforcement, acknowledging their dedication, swiftness, and commitment to public safety.

22-Year-Old Woman Found Dead in Memon Goth in Suspected Suicide Case

KARACHI: Police reported that the body of a young woman was discovered in her apartment on the third floor of a residential building in Memon Goth. The deceased has been identified as Samreen, 22, who allegedly took her own life using her father's pistol. Authorities noted that Samreen was reportedly suffering from mental stress prior to the incident. The police have registered the case and confirmed that further investigation is underway to determine the circumstances surrounding her death. Residents and neighbors expressed shock over the tragic event, highlighting the importance of addressing mental health issues and providing support to vulnerable individuals.—RT/Agency

K-Electric Claims Supply Stable, Blames Water Board Leaks for Damaging Underground Cables

KARACHI: A spokesperson for K-Electric stated that electricity supply at all water pumping stations is functioning normally. However, leakages from pipelines and water board lines are creating obstacles in repair work. Continuous water seepage causes underground electricity cables to become submerged, leading to damage to the power infrastructure. The spokesperson noted that formal notifications regarding water leaks were sent to the relevant authorities on November 10, 2025, while a similar report was made in June 2025. Despite these warnings, no corrective measures have been taken, and the water leakage continues unabated.—RT/Agency



Awami Jamhuri Party Slams Constitutional Amendments, Pledges to Defend Sindh's Rights

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: A key meeting of the Awami Jamhuri Party was held in Sachal Goth, Karachi, with central president Nuranbi Rahujo in attendance. Speaking at the gathering, Rahujo criticized the ongoing constitutional amendments, describing them as a guise for imposing a practical dictatorship in the country. He reaffirmed the party's commitment to resisting attempts to divide Sindh and exploit its resources. Rahujo emphasized that the nation must be governed with justice, equality, and tolerance. He urged lawyers, journalists, and political parties to unite in a collective struggle to strengthen democracy. Rahujo called for the formation of a broad-based alliance to safeguard the country's democratic framework and ensure Sindh's rights are protected. The meeting also highlighted concerns over the 26th amendment, which, according to party leaders, threatens provincial autonomy and public trust in democratic institutions.



Condolences Pour In as Ali Dino Tanori Mourns Brother's Passing in Shahnawaz Shar Goth

KARACHI: Condolence visits continue for Ali Dino Tanori, a respected local worker of the Pakistan Peoples Party, following the death of his brother in Shahnawaz Shar Goth, Safora Town. Prominent political and social figures, including Chairman Safora Town Rashid Khaskheli, Councillor Parvez Raper, UC-3 PPP Chairman Taj Muhammad Wasan, and notable journalists Baghi Sagar Panhwar, Dildar Sairlo, and Shafi M. Shad, visited Tanori's



residence to express deep sorrow and sympathy over the loss. During the visits, leaders prayed for the departed soul's peace and forgiveness and offered patience and strength to the bereaved family. The local community continues to participate in condolence visits, paying respects and supporting the family during this difficult time.—RT

Anti-Encroachment Drive Pushes Ahead Relentlessly in Safora Town

By Dildar Sairlo

KARACHI: In Safora Town, daily operations to remove encroachments are ongoing under the supervision of Chairman Safora Town Rashid Khaskheli and Municipal Commissioner Alamgir Junejo. The campaign is being executed by Deputy Director Muhammad Kamran, Assistant Director Syed Hussain Shah, and relevant staff. During the operations, encroachments obstructing green belts, footpaths, and traffic flow are being removed. Although staff faced stiff resistance at multiple locations, the operations continue steadily with the support of the district administration. Chairman Rashid Khaskheli emphasized that complete removal of encroachments is the top priority. Notices are issued to violators beforehand, but in cases of non-compliance, strict legal action is enforced to ensure public spaces remain accessible and traffic flows smoothly.



One Killed and One Injured in Devastating Traffic Crash Near Karachi's Super Highway

KARACHI: A traffic accident occurred near the Super Highway in Karachi, resulting in one death and one injury. According to rescue officials, the deceased has been identified as 45-year-old Shahid, while the injured is 70-year-old Ghulam Nabi. Both victims were immediately transported to the hospital by ambulance. Malir Police spokesperson stated that the accident took place near Zakriya Goth within the jurisdiction of Malir Cantt Police Station, involving a dumper and a motorcycle. The police took swift action, seizing the dumper and arresting the driver.—RT/Agency

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BORDER CLOSURES CRUSH AFGHAN ECONOMY AS MONTHLY LOSSES SURGE TO 200 MILLION DOLLARS

KABUL: The Afghan Chamber of Commerce has warned that recurring Pakistan-Afghanistan border closures are inflicting massive economic damage, with losses estimated at \$200 million per month. Due to Afghanistan's heavy reliance on Pakistani trade routes, officials say the shutdowns are causing the country the greatest economic harm. According to Afghan media reports, prices of essential goods in Afghanistan have surged to alarming levels following the latest border restrictions. Economic experts caution that sharply rising food and fuel prices could make life even harder for Afghan citizens during the harsh winter months. They warn that if the border does not reopen soon, both humanitarian and economic losses will escalate. Data shows that Afghan transit trade witnessed a 78% annual decline in October, while the first four months of the current fiscal year recorded a 10% drop. From July to October 2025, transit trade totaled \$366.6 million, down from \$1.082 billion in September 2025. Over the past two fiscal years, Afghanistan's transit trade with Pakistan has fallen by \$6.7 billion, highlighting a deepening economic crisis.—Agency



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FO Slams Indian Defence Minister's 'Revisionist, Delusional' Sindh Remarks

INDIA: The Foreign Office (FO) issued a strong condemnation on Sunday, denouncing Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's "delusional and dangerously revisionist remarks" about Sindh.

The FO's rebuke came after the Indian media quoted Singh as saying: "Today, the land of Sindh may not be a part of India, but civilisationally, Sindh will always be a part of India. And as far as land is concerned, borders can change. Who knows, tomorrow Sindh may return to India again."

According to Indian media outlets, Singh maintained that Sindh Hindus from his generation never



fully accepted the accession of the province to Pakistan.

The FO said in its response that such statements

revealed an "expansionist Hindutva mindset that seeks to challenge established realities and stands in clear vio-

lational peace and stability. It would be far more constructive for the Government of India to focus on ensuring the security of its own citizens, particularly vulnerable minority communities.

"It should hold accountable those who incite or perpetrate violence against them and address discrimination rooted in faith-based prejudice and historical distortions," the FO statement read.

It added that India would also "do well to address the persistent grievances of the peoples in its northeast, many of whom continue to face systematic marginalisation, identity-based persecution, and cycles of state-enabled

violence". "We call on India to take credible steps toward the genuine resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people under occupation."

"Pakistan remains committed to [a] peaceful resolution of all disputes with India on the basis of justice, equity and established international legal norms. At the same time, as in the past, Pakistan is firmly resolved to safeguard its security, national independence and sovereignty," the FO statement said.—RT/Agency

Israel Claims Beirut Strike Killed Hezbollah Military Commander

ISRAEL: Israel claimed to have killed Hezbollah's top military official in an airstrike on a southern suburb of Beirut on Sunday, despite a US-brokered truce a year ago.

The strike, the first on the outskirts of the Lebanese capital in months, targeted Hezbollah's acting chief of staff, Ali Tabatabai, the military claimed in a statement.

There was no immediate confirmation of his killing from Hezbollah, although senior Hezbollah official Mahmoud Qamati confirmed a central figure from the group had been targeted.

Speaking near the bombed-out building in the Haret Hreik suburb, he said Israel's strike crossed a "red line". Qamati said Hezbollah's leadership would decide on whether and how the group



would respond. Five dead in the strike, the US said. It imposed sanctions on Tabatabai in 2016, identifying him as a key Hezbollah leader and offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information on him.

The Israeli military statement claimed Tabatabai "commanded most of Hezbollah's units and worked hard to restore them to readiness for war with Israel". Lebanon's health ministry

said the strike killed five people and wounded 28 more. It hit a multi-storey building, sending debris crashing into cars on the main road below. People rushed out of their apartment buildings out of fear of further bombardment, a Reuters reporter said. Following the strike, Lebanese President Joseph Aoun urged the international community to intervene to halt Israeli attacks.—RT/Agency

Government Denies Plans for 28th Constitutional Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Despite recent statements by some cabinet members, top government figures now insist that no proposal for a 28th Constitutional Amendment is currently under consideration.

Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, categorically denied reports suggesting that the government was working on the 28th amendment package. Speaking to The Media, both on his own behalf and on behalf of Law Minister Azam Nizar Tarar, he said: "There is no 28th Amendment under consideration."

A key official in the Prime Minister's Office also said that nothing related to a new constitutional amendment is being examined at the PMO. "There is no such proposal under review," the source said.

Dr Tariq clarified that no meeting has been held on the matter and termed the current discussion "a media-amplified issue." He explained that while some proposals, originally part of the 27th Amendment package but dropped due to lack of con-



sensus, might be revisited in the future, there is presently no move towards initiating a 28th Amendment.

"Right now, there is no consideration for a 28th Constitutional Amendment," he stressed, adding that he had confirmed this with the law minister. "Anyone asking about the 28th Amendment is being told the same. There is no such thing under consideration."

Speculation intensified after a few cabinet members talked about the 28th Amendment. Prime Minister's Adviser on Political and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaullah, was quoted a few days earlier saying that the government would "soon introduce the 28th Constitu-

Western Powers Seek Revisions to US Peace Plan Amid Ukraine's Review



UKRAINE: Ukrainian and US envoys will meet in Switzerland on Sunday along with European security chiefs to discuss Washington's plan for ending the war with Russia, officials said, after Kyiv pushed back on proposals seen as favourable to Moscow.

US President Donald Trump has given Ukraine until November 27 to approve the plan to end the nearly four-year conflict, but Kyiv is seeking changes to a draft that accepts some of Moscow's hardline demands.

Trump's 28-point plan would require the invaded country to cede territory, cut its army, and pledge never to join NATO. He told reporters on Saturday it was not his final offer and he hoped to stop the fighting "one way or the other".

Ukraine's European allies, who were not included in drafting the

JI Emir Declares Kashmir and Palestine 'Red Lines' for Pakistan

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami emir Hafiz Naeem Rehman has said that until the schedule for national elections is announced, his party will not field any candidates. He added that Kashmir and Palestine are their red lines.

Addressing the final day of the "Badal Do Nizam" public gathering organised by Jamaat-e-Islami at Minar-e-Pakistan in Lahore on Sunday, Hafiz Naeem Rehman said that political parties in Pakistan are suffering from a crisis of discipline, but in his party, everyone must follow the system.

The JI chief said that actions taken to please US President Donald Trump are completely wrong. He said Pakistan has suffered greatly by choosing servitude to America. Pakistan's foreign policy must be independent, and no country, including the US, has the right to exploit others. Even our disagreements should be expressed with dignity.



He said that millions have sacrificed their lives for Kashmir.

"Kashmir belongs to Pakistan, and Pakistan belongs to Kashmir. Kashmir and Palestine are our red lines. We cannot abandon the Kashmiris. A free Palestinian state is the only solution to the Palestine issue. Pakistan's leaders must support Palestine and take the entire nation along," he added.

Hafiz Naeem said that Jamaat-e-Islami will not announce any candidate until the national election schedule is issued. He said they work to unite the nation, not divide provinces against each other.

He added that those sitting in Parliament do not speak about women's rights. If given the opportunity, every woman will be granted her rightful share in inheritance. Under the current contractor system, women are deprived of their rights, and the rulers have no concern for public issues.

The JI chief said that the current system gives respect only to landlords and capitalists. Local body elections have not been held in Punjab since 2015. Those calling for non-party elections want horse-trading in every union council.—RT/Agency

PTI Leader Salman Akram Raja's Election Tribunal Plea to Be Heard by 5-Member FCC Bench

ISLAMABAD: A larger bench of the newly established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) is scheduled to take up on Tuesday a petition filed by PTI's Salman Akram Raja, who has sought the reversal of a court order on elections tribunals, which were formed to settle disputes of last year's general elections. According to a supplementary cause list on the FCC's website, Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan has constituted a five-member bench comprising Justices Aamer Farooq, Ali Baqar Najafi, Muhammad Karim Khan Agha, Rozi Khan Barrech and Arshad Hussain Shah to hear the petition that was originally filed in the Supreme Court (SC) on July 22, 2024.

However, the revision petition has now been fixed before the FCC, which was established under the 27th



Amendment, on November 24. In his petition, Raja requested the SC to revisit its earlier order suspending the Lahore High Court's (LHC) notification of constituting eight election tribunals in Punjab. He pleaded before the court that it should on July 4, 2024 had exposed the entire process of adjudication of election disputes in Punjab to the whims and arbitrary desires of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

On July 4, a five-judge SC bench, headed by then-Chief Justice of Pakistan

Pakistan Shaheens Retain Asia Cup Rising Stars Title in Super Over Thriller vs Bangladesh 'A'



DOHA: Pakistan Shaheens defended a modest 125 to beat Bangladesh 'A' in a nerve-shredding Super Over thriller and successfully defend their Asia Cup Rising Stars title at the West End Park International Cricket Stadium in Doha on Sunday night.

In a final that swung wildly in the space of 40 minutes, Pakistan were bowled out for 125 after yet another top-order meltdown, only for their spinners to rip through Bangladesh 'A' and leave them reeling at 53 for 7.

A gritty 43-run eighth-wicket stand between Rakibul Hasan and SM Meherob threatened the unthinkable, before three huge sixes in the 19th over from Abdul Gaffar Saqlain took the game to a Super Over.

Ahmed Daniyal leant-bowled both batters in the first four balls of the Super Over to restrict Bangladesh to just six.

Ripon Mondol, Bangladesh's hero with the ball in the main game, started superbly with two yorkers but Saad Masood's flicked fourth off the third legitimate delivery sealed a famous victory for Pakistan.

Five IHC Judges Challenge Hearing of Judges' Transfer Case by FCC

ISLAMABAD: Five sitting judges of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) have filed a petition challenging the hearing of their intra-court appeal (ICA) scheduled before the newly formed Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) next week. Media reported on Sunday.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani, Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, Justice Babar Sattar, Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan and Justice Saman Riffat Imtiaz filed an application before the FCC, challenging its hearing of their ICAs. A six-member larger bench, headed by Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan, will hear the case, comprising Justice Syed Hassan Azhar Rizvi, Justice K K Agha, Justice Aamer Farooq, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, Justice Rozi Khan Barrech and Justice Arshad Hussain Shah.



The five sitting IHC judges, while challenging the hearing of their ICA, contended that the titled appeal does not fall within Articles 175E or 175F, and consequently could not have been transferred to the FCC. They prayed the FCC that the ICA may be returned to the Supreme Court for determination.

"Without prejudice to aforesaid objections on the

constitutionality of the 27th Amendment, the titled appeal could not have been transferred to the Federal Constitutional Court under Articles 175E or 175F of the Constitution," the five judges submitted. They contended that the titled appeal was filed under Section 5 of the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023 (Act) before the Supreme Court.—RT/Agency

New York Mayor-Elect Mamdani Still Labels Trump a 'Fascist'

NEW YORK: New York's incoming leftist mayor Zohran Mamdani said on Sunday he still believes US President Donald Trump is a fascist, even after the two had a warm meeting at the White House.

"That's something that I've said in the past, I say it today," the mayor-elect said on NBC news.

The self-described Democratic Socialist on Friday met the Republican leader, setting aside months of mutual recriminations and promising to cooperate on the city's future.

Trump, who had previously suggested the conversation that I had with the president was that we were not shy about the places of disagreement about the politics that has brought us to this moment," he said.

He added: "I found in the



view Trump as a fascist, the president stepped in.

"That's OK. You can just say it. That's easier," Trump told Mamdani. "It's easier than explaining it. I don't mind."

In his NBC interview Sunday morning, Mamdani elaborated.

"I appreciated about the conversation that I had with the president was that we were not shy about the places of disagreement about the politics that has brought us to this moment," he said.

He added: "I found in the

meeting that I had with the president a productive one and a meeting that came back again and again to the central themes of the campaign that we ran: the cost of housing, cost of child care, the cost of groceries, the cost of utilities."

After threatening to cut federal funding to the United States' biggest city and sending the president was that we were not shy about the places of disagreement about the politics that has brought us to this moment," he said.

He added: "I found in the

Los Angeles Cargo Ship Fire Almost Contained After Shelter-in-Place Lifted

NEW YORK: A fire on a container ship docked at the Port of Los Angeles was nearly contained, though authorities were still assessing whether enough hazardous material burned to cause significant contamination.

The blaze, which broke out Friday night, prompted a shelter-in-place order for surrounding communities over concerns about hazardous materials in the One Henry Hudson's cargo.

The order was lifted in the morning, and the ship was moved out to sea. Fireboats sprayed water on the vessel to tame "a small section" that was still on fire. Los Angeles Fire Department spokesperson Adam



Van Gerpen said the electrical fire apparently started below deck before spreading to several levels of the ship, leading to an explosion mid-deck, according to the fire department. The cause was under investigation. Roughly 100 cargo containers burned, and many of them carried dangerous materials, Van Gerpen said. Officials said some included lithium-ion batteries and other hazardous waste, though it was not clear if they caught fire. "We don't know specifically which ones burned," Van Gerpen said. A Coast Guard spokesperson did not immediately have more information on the hazardous materials and said the extent of potential contamination was not yet known.—RT/Agency