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Pakistan Blasts Taliban Regime for Twisting Facts on Istanbul Talks

ISLAMABAD: Amid a fragile ceasefire between Islamabad and Kabul, Pakistan on Saturday rejected the "deliberate twisting of facts" attributed to the Afghan Taliban's spokesperson, Zabihullah Mujahid, regarding the recent Istanbul talks between the two countries.

In a statement posted on X, the Ministry of Information said Pakistan had demanded that terrorists based in Afghanistan and posing a threat to Pakistan either be controlled or arrested.

"When the Afghan side claimed those individuals were Pakistani nationals, Islamabad immediately proposed that they be handed over through



designated border crossings, in line with its long-standing position," it said.

"Any claim to the contrary is false and misleading," the statement added.

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ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Saturday that India wanted to keep Pakistan busy and engaged on the eastern and western fronts amid tensions with Kabul and New Delhi. Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to continue a ceasefire between the two countries following a rapid deterioration of ties and a brief conflict along their shared border last month. The Istanbul talks followed a sharp escalation in tensions that saw Pakistan launch Oct 9 airstrikes on Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan sanctuaries in Afghanistan, triggering Oct 11 border clashes that continued for days before a ceasefire was formalised in Doha

branches, have continued to make aggressive statements, repeating terrorism allegations that Pakistan has repeatedly refuted and also warning of "geographical changes" in the course of any future conflict. "If there is a need for evidence, then we have it, about what involvement India has in terrorism (in Pakistan) and how it wants to keep us busy on two fronts: the eastern and western," said the defence minister while talking. He added that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "silenced" after the defeat led to India during the May conflict and expressed hope that talks with Afghanistan would reach a reasonable conclusion.

"Everyone is onboard — politicians, the establishment and the Pakistani nation — that an immediate solution to the Afghanistan issue is very necessary, which is that terrorism from Afghan soil should be completely stopped," said the minister in reference to the country's western neighbour. Asif said the preferable solution would be for both states to maintain a civilised relationship. The second round of negotiations with Afghanistan produced a three-point understanding — the continuation of the ceasefire, the establishment of a monitoring and verification mechanism to ensure peace, and penalties for violations. —RT/Agency

India Plotting to Keep Pakistan on Edge Across Both Fronts: Khawaja Asif

Pakistani Farmers Take on German Giants in €1m Climate Damage Showdown



PAKISTAN: A group of Pakistani farmers hit hard by the 2022 floods has begun legal action against two of Germany's biggest polluters, German energy firm RWE and cement giant Heidelberg. The Guardian reported. Lawyers for 43 farmers from Sindh have issued formal letters to both companies, signalling their intention to sue later this year. The farmers say their land was submerged for more than a

GB's Freedom Day Rekindles Kashmir's Unfinished Struggle: President Zardari

GB: As Gilgit Baltistan marks its 78th anniversary of independence from Dogra rule, President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday said the region's freedom serves as a reminder of the unfinished struggle of their brothers and sisters in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).



Speaking at a ceremony marking the 78th Independence Day, the president said that over the past seven decades, the people of Gilgit Baltistan had stood shoulder to shoulder with the rest of Pakistan.

"You have guarded the borders, driven progress, and carried Pakistan's flag to the world's highest peaks. This region is not only the crown of Pakistan but also our northern gateway — a symbol of our enduring friendship with China," he added.

President Zardari stressed the need to renew the collective commitment to transforming Gilgit Baltistan into a model of development, justice, and equality. "While you enjoy liberty and rights under the flag of Pakistan, our brothers and sisters across the border continue to face occupation and repression. We stand with them until they attain freedom in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and their aspirations," he added. —RT/Agency

Power Struggle in AJK: PPP Split Over Next Prime Minister

MUZZAFARABAD: A fierce tussle has erupted within the PPP's Azad Jammu and Kashmir chapter as Chaudhry Yaseen and Faisal Rathore emerge as top contenders for the premiership. Despite a marathon meeting, deep divisions persist among party factions led by Sardar Yaqoob Khan, Chaudhry Latif Akbar, and Yaseen.



Sources say Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will personally announce the final decision, with a no-confidence move to follow only on his or-

Mystery in Quetta Skies: Khawaja Asif Dodges Question on 'Secret Missile Test'

ISLAMABAD: A mysterious "lenticular cloud formation" over Quetta early Tuesday sparked widespread speculation about a possible missile test, after Defence Minister Khawaja Asif refused to confirm or deny the event. During an interview on Samaa TV's Mere Sawal on, Asif brushed off a direct question about whether Pakistan had conducted a hypersonic ballistic missile test in Balochistan. "Now don't ask all these questions. Ask such things in private," he remarked, sidestepping the inquiry and fueling intrigue



across social media. The unusual cloud — captured in multiple photos shared online — appeared as a large, disk-shaped formation hovering over Quetta's skyline, prompting both curiosity and conspiracy theories. —RT

Fisherman Caught Spying for Indian Intelligence in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's law enforcement agencies have arrested a fisherman working for Indian intelligence agencies to spy on Islamabad, Information Minister Atta Tarar and Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry said.



Addressing a presser in the federal capital on Saturday, the information minister said that Ijaz Mallah was taken into custody by Indian authorities in September this year, before he was taken to an undisclosed location and was forced to do some task for them.

Indian agencies to procure uniforms of the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Rangers, along with local SIM cards and phone bills, for espionage purposes.

"He [Mallah] was offered greed that he would be compensated and threatened with up to three years imprisonment if he did not comply. He was eventually released by Indian intelligence agencies and sent back to Pakistan with certain tasks," the minister added.

Tarar also said that the fisherman was instructed by Indian agents had threatened him with imprisonment if he refused to cooperate. Tarar said India is reportedly unsettled by Pakistan's recent strategic and diplomatic successes, prompting such attempts at sabotage. The information minister said that Pakistani intelligence agencies had been monitoring the activities of the spy.

Afghan Man with Suspected IS-K Links Arrested in France

UK: French anti-terrorism prosecutors have arrested a 20-year-old Afghan man in Lyon over suspected ties to the Islamic State's Khurasan branch (IS-K). The National Anti-Terrorism

Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) said the suspect was charged with participating in a terrorist organisation and financing terrorism. Authorities believe he maintained contact with IS-K

operatives. The man, detained last week, has been placed in pre-trial custody as investigators probe possible links between the militant group's network and activities in France. —RT

Pakistan Pushes to Take Politics Out of Global Human Rights Debate

NEW YORK: While arguing that the Human Rights Council (HRC) must remain a forum for dialogue and cooperation rather than confrontation or politicisation, Pakistan has linked the establishment of durable peace and the protection of the respect for human rights to addressing all situations of foreign occupation and denial of self-determination. In a national statement during the presentation of the Report of the Human Rights Council in the General



Assembly, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, mentioned Palestine and Jammu and Kashmir, where peoples continue to face oppression and dispossession. He urged the Council to en-

Former Sindh CM Aftab Shaban Mirani Passes Away at 86

KARACHI: Former Sindh chief minister and veteran PPP leader Aftab Shaban Mirani passed away in Karachi on Saturday after a prolonged illness, his family confirmed. His funeral will be held tonight at Masjid Bait-ul-Islam, Defence Phase-IV, with burial at Gizi Graveyard. Mirani, a key figure in Sindh's political landscape, served as chief minister in 1990 and as defence minister under Benazir



Bhutto from 1993 to 1996. He was repeatedly elected to the National Assembly on PPP's ticket. —RT

Torkham Border Reopens After 21 Days as Pakistan Begins Afghan Repatriations

KHYBER: A day after Islamabad and Kabul agreed to uphold a ceasefire during rounds of talks in Istanbul, Pakistan reopened the Torkham border crossing on Saturday to facilitate the repatriation of illegal Afghan refugees.



The repatriation of Afghan families from Pakistan was halted on October 11 due to border clashes between the two neighbouring countries. The clashes, which continued for several days before a ceasefire was brokered in Doha on October 19, had prompted Pakistan to seal all its borders with Afghanistan for trade and travel.

Nigeria Pledges to Crush Extremism After Trump Puts It on Watch List

ABUJA/WASHINGTON: The Nigerian government on Saturday vowed to keep fighting violent extremism and said it hoped Washington would remain a close ally after President Donald Trump added the West African nation to a US watch list over what he said were threats to Christianity. "The Federal Government of Nigeria will continue to defend all citizens, ir-

respective of race, creed, or religion. Like America, Nigeria has no option but to celebrate the diversity that is our greatest strength," its Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. "Nigeria is a God-fearing country where we respect faith, tolerance, diversity and inclusion, in concurrence with the rules-based international order," the ministry added. —RT/Agency

South Korea's Lee Seeks Xi's Help to Reopen North Korea Dialogue

SOUTH KOREA: South Korean President Lee Jae Myung sought Chinese President Xi Jinping's help in efforts to resume talks with nuclear-armed neighbour North Korea on Saturday, while Xi told Lee he was willing to widen cooperation and jointly tackle the challenges they face.

Lee hosted Xi at a state summit and dinner after an Asia-Pacific leaders' forum in the South Korean city of Gyeongju, marking Xi's first visit to the US ally in 11 years. Beijing attaches great importance to relations with Seoul and sees South Korea as an inseparable cooperative partner. Xi said ahead of the summit according to Lee's office. Lee, who was elected president in a snap election in June, has promised to strengthen ties with the United States while not antagonising China and seeking to reduce tensions with the North. "I am very positive about the situation in which conditions for engagement

with North Korea are being formed," Lee said, referring to recent high-level exchanges between China and North Korea. "I also hope that South Korea and China will take advantage of these favourable conditions to strengthen strategic communication to resume dialogue with North Korea." Lee has called for a phased approach to denuclearising North Korea, starting with engagement and a freeze on further development of nuclear weapons. —RT/Agency

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Sharjeel Pledges Relentless Drive for Sindh's Progress and Public Uplift

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Sindh's Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon met residents of his constituency at Rawal House Rahoki, Tandojam, where a large number of PPP workers, local leaders, and citizens attended. People shared various issues, to which the minister gave immediate instructions for resolution. He said the Sindh Government views public service as worship and that the PPP's mission is the welfare and



prosperity of the people. Memon reaffirmed that the government will stand by citizens through all challenges and continue development projects across Sindh. He added that with public trust and cooperation, every problem can be resolved at the grassroots level.

Sindh United Party Hosts Power-Packed Gathering in Nawab Wali Muhammad

By Yousuf Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: A reception was organized by Comrade Ramzan Lakho in Ward No-03 of Sindh United Party's UC Ahmed to honor the newly elected body. The event was attended by a large number of locals, including party leaders Bhai Khan Umrani, Imran Chandio, Zohaib Sindhi, Khameeso Khan Bhind, and Amar



Aakash Lakho. Leaders against drugs and crime will be held on Sunday at 10 a.m., while 17 people joined A peaceful rally SUP during the event.

Bhai Khan Welfare Organization Sounds Alarm on Dengue Threat at Awareness Seminar

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: A dengue awareness seminar was held at Taluka Office, Gujarati Para, organized by Bhai Khan Welfare Organization, Haji Muhammad Yasin Arain, Founder General Secretary, urged citizens to adopt preventive measures against dengue, including wearing long sleeves, using mosquito repellent, nets,



coils, sprays, and avoiding stagnant water. Taluka Chairman Haji Abdul Hameed Matho and other local leaders also attended, emphasizing the importance of spreading awareness. Participants called for immediate medical attention for dengue symptoms to protect public health.

DEO Khairpur Inspects Revamped Schools, Urges Teachers to Inspire Students

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: DEO Secondary Khairpur, Abdul Samie Bhambhro, visited newly upgraded Government Boys Elementary Schools in Ghulam Akbar Lashari and Sohrab Haji. He assessed students' academic levels, praised their efforts, and guided teachers to engage parents for higher enrollment.



Students were also educated on science, IT, AI, and Islamic teachings including faith, prayer, fasting, zakat, and holistic development.

Kotri Distributes Mosquito Nets in Major Push Against Dengue and Malaria

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, mosquito nets were distributed to residents and affected families in Khuda Ki Basti and Baba Salahuddin areas of Kotri to curb the spread of dengue and malaria. District Health Officer Dr. Pir Manzoor Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner Nadeem Qadir Khokhar, Medical Superintendent Dr. Barkat



Ali Laghari, and other officials were present, raising awareness about precautionary measures. Special wards for dengue and malaria patients have been set up in government hospitals, while municipal authorities were instructed to intensify anti-mosquito spraying and sanitation. Citizens were urged to maintain cleanliness and eliminate stagnant water.

Hyderabad Police Go All Out: Crackdown on Unregistered, Plate-less Vehicles Begins

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: In a sweeping operation launched on November 1, Hyderabad Police have begun a district-wide crackdown on unregistered and plate-less vehicles to tighten law and order. Acting on directives from IGP Ghulam Nabi Memon and DIG Tariq Razaq Dharejo, SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio is



leading the drive. Over 170 vehicles have been seized, six FIRs lodged, and four arrests made. Police say the campaign aims to curb traffic violations and prevent crime.

Extortion Feud Turns Deadly as Armed Men Torch Landlord's Paddy Storage

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Near Thul, an officer of CIA Jacobabad, Umar Banglani, had his paddy storage set on fire by unknown armed individuals over a dispute regarding the payment

of extortion. Hundreds of acres of stored paddy were burned, causing a financial loss of millions of rupees. Despite receiving information about the fire, the fire brigade did not arrive, and villagers had to control the blaze themselves. According to the landlord, the armed men set fire because their demand for extortion was not met. Police stated that a complaint has been filed and the culprits will be arrested.

Angry Farmers Block Roads in Shahdadkot Over Crashing Paddy Prices



SHAHDADKOT: Farmers in Shahdadkot held a protest against the low procurement prices of paddy and unfair deductions by rice millers and traders. The Sindh Hari Abadgar Ittehad, led by Mohsin Qazi and Mir Tanveer Mastoi, organized a rally from the grain market to Koto Moto Chowk, demanding the government raise paddy prices and stop illegal cuts. Leaders said despite a bumper crop in North Sindh, farmers are being forced to sell at minimal rates, incurring huge losses. They warned that unless authorities take immediate action, including strict legal measures against millers, a province-wide agitation of farmers could be launched to protect their livelihoods.

One Shot Dead, Weapon Seized in Fierce Maki Shah Police Encounter

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: On the directives of SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio, Maki Shah Police engaged in an encounter with street criminals near the Football Ground, Cantt Graveyard. When signaled to stop, the suspects opened fire, prompting police to retaliate. One suspect was injured and later died en route to LUMHS Hospital, while his accomplice escaped on a motorcycle. The deceased was identified as Amanullah son of Ali Nawaz alias Deen Muhammad, resident of Farid Elahi Phase 1. Police recovered a 30-bore TT pistol from him. Eight criminal cases were already registered against the suspect. SSP Chandio commended SHO Anwar Khanzada and his team for their swift and brave action.

MNA Dr. Nafisa Shah Tours Kotdiji, Orders Swift Redressal of Public Grievances

By Naz Solangi

KUMB: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) central leader and MNA Dr. Nafisa Shah visited Kotdiji, where she was warmly received by party workers, local leaders, and community representatives. During her visit, she listened to citizens' concerns regarding roads, clean water, education, and healthcare, and directed relevant departments to take immediate action. Dr. Shah reaffirmed PPP's commitment to public service and welfare, guided by the vision of Shaheed



Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. She emphasized that PPP's strength lies in its dedicated workers and assured that the government will prioritize development projects for the betterment of the people.

Hyderabad Activist Demands Judicial Inquiry Into Spiraling Dengue Outbreak

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Prominent social personality Muhammad Naveed Shaikh has demanded an immediate judicial inquiry into the deadly dengue outbreak in Hyderabad, which has claimed over 20 lives and affected thousands. Shakh criticized local officials, including the Mayor, Municipal Corporation, District Administration, and UC Chairmen, for negligence and alleged corruption, claiming millions in public funds were misused. He called for strict legal



action against responsible officials, a mandatory audit of funds, and a continuous mosquito spray campaign, especially in Latifabad Unit 06, to control the epidemic and save lives.

Distraught Family Cries for Justice in Abduction of Young Girl

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: Residents of Nabi Bux Colony, Qazi Ahmed, including Faqir Mubeen Dahri, Sain Bux Dahri, and Atta Muhammad Waheed Dahri, have appealed for justice in the kidnapping of Salma Dahri, Shahnila along with Anila and Khushboo Dahri. The girls were abducted by influential suspects, including Nafees Abbasi, Naseer Abbasi, Mansoor Abbasi, and four unidentified individuals. Police successfully recovered Salma, Anila, and Khushboo, but Shahnila remains missing. The family claimed that the abductors threatened them, used abusive behavior, and pressured them to withdraw the case. They urged Chief Sardar Khan Muhammad Dahri and law enforcement authorities, including the Sindh DIG and SSP Shaheed Benazirabad, to take immediate action to arrest the culprits and safely recover the missing girl.

Sindh Home Minister Lanjar Offers Condolences Over PPP Leader's Bereavement

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar visited Village Mir Khan Laghari near Sakrand to offer condolences to former PPP District Nawabshah General Secretary Ghulam Shah Laghari on the passing of his mother. Prayers were offered for the departed soul's eternal peace. During the visit, both leaders discussed the current political situation in



Sindh. The delegation included PPP District Benazirabad General Secretary Ali Haider Shah, Nawabshah Mayor Qazi Abdul Rasheed Bhatti, Khan Bahadur Bhatti, Shahabuddin Mallah, Javed Nayab Laghari, and other party leaders.

Sohail Anwar Syal Hosts Glittering Musical Extravaganza at His Residence

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Former Sindh Provincial Home Minister and PPP MPA Sohail Anwar Syal hosted a spectacular musical night at his residence, Anwarabad Syal House. The event was at-

tended by MPA Adil Altaf Unar, MPA Burhan Khan Chaudhio, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sharjeel Noor Channa, PPP district leaders, local dignitaries, party workers, and residents from various sectors. Guests were welcomed by PPP leaders

Tariq Ali Solangi Elevated as Director Anti-Corruption Shaheed Benazirabad

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: The Government of Sindh, through the Services, General Administration, and Coordination Department, has assigned Deputy Director (Executive) Anti-

Corruption Shaheed Benazirabad, Tariq Ali Solangi, the additional charge of Director Anti-Corruption Shaheed Benazirabad Division. A formal notification regarding the appointment has been issued, confirming the administrative decision. This move aims to ensure effective oversight and smooth functioning of the Anti-Corruption Department in the division, strengthening efforts to combat corruption in the region.

Hyderabad Ramps Up Anti-Dengue Campaign as Cases Surge

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Under the directives of Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Ali Shoro, the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (HMC) has intensified its fumigation campaign to curb the spread of dengue. Teams from the

Malaria Department are carrying out large-scale fumigation across City, Latifabad, and Qasimbabad using mobile and motorcycle-mounted spraying units. Fumigation has been conducted in Latifabad Units 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11, and around Shah Bhittai Hospi-

Horror on the Highway: Two Children Dead, Five Hurt in Hyderabad Crash

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: A tragic accident occurred near Detha Station in Hyderabad's Rahoki Police jurisdiction when a Kia Sportage (BJ-9154) lost control and hit pedestrians

and vehicles. The car, driven by Niaz Rahmon of Umerkot, was reportedly speeding. Two children, Abdul Zahir (9) and Muhammad Khan (12), died on the spot, while five others Abdul Samad Detho, Abdul Rehman Zaur, Anwar Zaur, Mehrab Ali Detho, and Hazeer Bux Khoso were injured and shifted to LMC Hospital. Rahoki Police arrested the driver at the scene. Investigation is underway to determine the cause and legal action to follow.

Speeding Bus Crushes Motorcyclist to Death in Qazi Ahmed

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: On Nawabshah Link Road near Nurul Shah Brohi Stop, a high-speed bus collided with a motorcycle, resulting in the

death of 25-year-old security guard, Munawar Ali Unar from Baharia Town. Police arrested the bus driver near Rangers Petrol Pump and impounded the vehicle. The victim's body was transferred to Nawabshah Hospital for necessary formalities before being handed over to his family, causing widespread grief upon arrival at his home.

Robbery Rampage Leaves Traders Stunned and Fearful

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD/NAWABSHAH: In a brazen robbery at Moni Bazaar, thieves looted property worth Rs 1.5 million under the cover of darkness, leaving traders and

citizens helpless. The incident highlights growing lawlessness in the city, where criminals operate with impunity while local police and administration remain largely inactive. Trader Irfan Ahmed Chandio suffered significant financial losses, raising concerns about the safety of businesses and public property. Citizens are demanding urgent action from authorities to restore law and order and ensure protection for taxpayers and residents in Nawabshah.

Larkana's Hindu Community Sets Out for Baba Guru Nanak's 556th Birth Anniversary

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Hundreds of Hindu pilgrims from Larkana and Qambar-Shahdadt districts departed for Nanakana Sahib to at-

tend the 556th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak. A special train carried over 234 devotees, including men, women, and children. Local Hindu leaders, including Harish Lal, and Vishal Malani, bade farewell to the pilgrims at Larkana Railway Station. Security arrangements were reportedly in place for the journey.

NATIONAL



Lahore Police Deny Torturing Former MPA Sumera Komal

LAHORE: Punjab police on Saturday denied allegations of torturing former PML-N MPA Sumera Komal at a local police station.

Sumera Komal alleged that police had arrested her son without any charges while he was standing outside their house.

She claimed that when

she and her husband went to the police station to secure his release, police officers subjected them to physical assault. A video of the scuffle later surfaced on social media.

Komal also linked the incident to a previous case involving her other son, who died last month

in an accident, falling from a motorcycle.

However, police have denied all allegations. According to officials, an inquiry ordered by the DIG (Operations) was completed within 48 hours and found the claims to be baseless. —RT/Agency

No Plans for Political Comeback, Says Former PTI Leader Ali Zaidi

Former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Ali Haider Zaidi has ruled out any plans to return to politics, saying "there is no politics left in a country where the corrupt,

land grabbers, and extortionists are gifted with power through a rigged election".

Zaidi, a close aide of PTI founding chairman, had stepped away from the party

and politics amid the crackdown following May 9, 2023, riots, during which military installations were attacked following the arrest of Imran Khan. —RT/Agency

CM Balochistan's Surprise Visit Highlights Quetta's Urban Challenges

Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, made an unexpected appearance at the Pishin Bus Stop on Saturday, sparking attention on the pressing urban concerns in the heart of Quetta.

In a statement from the Chief Minister's Secretariat, it was revealed that Bugti's impromptu visit aimed to scrutinize the prevailing conditions in this bustling area.



His assessment focused on pivotal issues such as sanitation, vehicular congestion, and illegal encroachments. —RT/Agency

PTI Leader Mahmood-ur-Rasheed Hospitalized with Chest Infection

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former opposition leader in the Punjab Assembly, Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed, has been shifted to Jinnah Hospital, Lahore.

Sources stated that Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed was shifted to the hospital due to a chest infection and is currently undergoing various

tests. The test reports will determine whether he will remain in the hospital or be transferred back to the prison after receiving immediate treatment for his diagnosed illness.

Another PTI leader, former Governor Umar Sarfaraz Cheema, is also hospitalized for an infection. On

the other hand, the party Vice-Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi is also hospitalized in Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute (PKLI) Lahore.

Earlier, in the evening today, former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders called on PTI Vice-Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi. —RT/Agency

Shah Mahmood Qureshi Undergoes Gallbladder Surgery

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Vice Chairman

Shah Mahmood Qureshi has been admitted to a hospital for gallbladder surgery. Speaking to a private TV channel from a Lahore hospital, Qureshi revealed that doctors at Adiala Jail had earlier informed him about the

presence of stones in his gallbladder.

He said the condition had worsened as the stones had grown in size, raising the risk of infection, prompting doctors to advise immediate surgery. "I have been admitted for the procedure, and my medical tests are currently

underway.

The operation is expected within a day or two," Qureshi stated. The PTI leader further remarked that he was unjustly imprisoned and expressed faith that only God would pave the way for his release. —RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Nepalese Envoy Calls for Stronger Trade, Investment, and Connectivity with Pakistan

KARACHI: Ambassador of Nepal to Pakistan, Mrs. Rita Dhital, has emphasized the need to strengthen bilateral trade, investment, and direct connectivity between Nepal and Pakistan to boost economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.

Speaking during her



visit to the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), the Ambassador highlighted that

enhanced air links and business partnerships would open new opportunities for both nations. She urged the private sector to take the lead in driving trade and investment, noting that "governments may not always see opportunities the way businesspeople do." —RT



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan, is inaugurating Furni-ture Expo 2025 in Islamabad. Also seen are Nazish Faisal and Dr. Faisal of RF Events, organizers of the expo. —RT

HEARTLAND

Tragic Accident on Jamali Bypass: Woman and Two Children Killed, Three Injured

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: A high-speed vehicle traveling from Balochistan's Sibi district toward Punjab lost control while taking a turn near Shamshay Shah Police Checkpost on Jamali Bypass. The vehicle overturned and fell into a water-filled ditch, killing a woman, Hanifa, and two

young siblings, Anshal and Arsalan, while three others, including Ejaz Ahmed, Irfan, and a woman, sustained injuries. Police and local residents rescued the victims and transferred them to the Civil Hospital for treatment. Authorities confirmed that overspeeding caused the tragic accident. The affected family is reported to be from Lahore.

Vacated Afghan Camp in Karachi Turns into Hotbed of Thefts

KARACHI: The abandoned Afghan Camp near Gulshan-e-Maymar has reportedly become a hub for theft and criminal activity following the departure of thousands of Afghan refugees who returned to Afghanistan under Pakistan's campaign to expel illegal foreigners.

According to local resi-

dents, groups of thieves have been operating in the vacated settlement under the alleged patronage of police officials. Residents said they recently caught a group of thieves red-handed while they were stealing valuables — including brass, copper, and iron rods — from abandoned houses and loading

them into a vehicle. The suspects were handed over to the police, but were allegedly released from custody shortly after being locked up. They alleged that the gang of thieves belonged to a special party associated with the in-charge of the Afghan Camp police check post. —RT/Agency

Sindh Extends Deadline for Ajrak Number Plate Replacement by Two Months

KARACHI: The Sindh Department of Excise and Taxation has extended the deadline for replacing vehicle number plates with the new Ajrak-design plates by two months. The decision was made under the

public interest initiative of Provincial Minister

Mukesh Kumar Chawla. According to an official notification, the earlier deadline of October 31 has now been extended to December 31,

2025. The department stated that the extension aims to facilitate the public and ensure the timely distribution of the newly introduced, modern security-featured number plates. —RT/Agency

Over 4,000 E-Challans Issued in Karachi as Digital Traffic System Expands

KARACHI: The Karachi Traffic Police have issued 4,136 electronic challans in the first five days following the implementation of the city's new e-challan system. According to officials, the digital traffic enforcement mechanism is now fully op-

erational and aims to ensure strict compliance with road safety rules.

As per the data released, 2,737 citizens were fined for not wearing seat belts, while 812 motorcyclists were penalized for riding without helmets. Additionally, 169

drivers were fined for violating red signals, and 157 for using mobile phones while driving. The authorities also reported 116 cases of speeding, 56 vehicles with tinted windows, and 24 parked in no-parking zones. —RT/Agency

BALUCHISTAN HEARTLAND

PML-N Committed to Public Service and Women's Empowerment: Akhtar Bibi

By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Pakistan Muslim League-N's MNA and Women's Wing Balochistan General Secretary Akhtar Bibi said in her statement that PML-N is fully devoted to serving the public, which remains central to the party's vision and mission. She praised the leadership of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, and Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, saying their experience has set Pakistan on the path of progress. She added that PML-N is determined to im-



prove education, health, clean water, and infrastructure in Balochistan while prioritizing women's employment, skills training, and empowerment through active grassroots campaigns.

Former Hockey Players Unite in Gojra to Promote Pakistan's National Sport

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: A historic meeting of senior former hockey players was held at Olympic Village, Gojra, focusing on the development and revival of hockey in Pakistan, particularly in Gojra. Participants pledged to nurture local talent and restore Pakistan's glory in international hockey. Valuable suggestions were shared for the betterment of the sport, and full cooperation was assured



by all former players. The second Ustad Aslam Rooda Memorial Hockey Tournament was announced for the upcoming Ramadan to honor his contributions and inspire young players. Attendees emphasized unity to revive Gojra hockey and elevate Pakistan's name on the global stage.

Toba Tek Singh Schools Celebrate Annual Sports Festival

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Government Girls Elementary School Chak No. 341 GB hosted its annual sports festival, featuring students from ten local schools. Competitions included fancy dress, races, PT shows, and welcome presentations. Chief guest AEO Tayyaba Afzal, along with Dr. Hina Nasir,



Dr. Sajida Naeem, and gratitude to guests, Head Teacher Ms. Riffat Yasmeeen, distributed Mian Muhammad Arif prizes to winners. Parents and local residents attended in large numbers. Headmistress Samina Rasheed expressed goal."

Gujranwala Police Launch Major Crackdown on Drugs and Illegal Weapons

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: During October 2025, Gujranwala Police conducted extensive operations against drug dealers, illegal weapons, and advertising suspects under the guidance of Regional Police Officer Taib Hafeez Cheema. A total of 1,304 suspects in-



arrested, alongside 2,478 advertising suspects. Police recovered over 383.7 kg hashish, 2,705.5 liters alcohol, 19.2 kg ice, 17 Kalashnikovs, 27 rifles, 15 guns, 12 bores, 445 pistols, and 2,165 live rounds. RPO Cheema praised the officers and youth for their role in creating a drug-free, safer society.

Sindh Mourns Former Chief Minister Aftab Shaban Mirani's Passing

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah expressed profound grief over the death of former CM Aftab Shaban Mirani. A close ally of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed

Mohi-ud-Din Mirani was a respected PPP stalwart who also worked with Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Shah lauded his integrity, humility, and dignity, praying for his

place in Jannat-ul-Firdous. He extended heartfelt condolences to Mirani's family, PPP leadership, and party workers, mourning a towering political figure. —RT/Agency



By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: Deputy Commissioner Bolan Kachhi, Captain (Retd) Jumadad Khan Mandokhail, visited the residence of martyred SHO Bhag, Lutf Ali Khosa, in Sohbatpur to offer condolences and Fateha. He said that SHO Khosa embraced martyrdom while bravely confronting ter-

rorists during duty at Bhag Police Station. "His supreme sacrifice will always be remembered; our martyrs are the pride of the nation," the DC said. He announced that the provincial government will appoint the martyr's son in the police and provide Rs 12.2 million compensation within a week under the Shaheed Package.

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Shameful Exclusion: PTI's KP Cabinet Turns Its Back on the Women Who Stood by Imran Khan

The all-male Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cabinet sworn in under Chief Minister So-hail Afridi is not just a disappointment — it's an insult to the very women who have been the backbone of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's political struggle. From the jails to the streets, women have faced harassment, arrests, and vilification while standing firm in their loyalty to Imran Khan. And yet, when it came time to share power, the doors of the KP cabinet were slammed shut in their faces.

How can the PTI claim to represent a new, inclusive Pakistan when its own government excludes half the population from decision-making?

The message this sends is regressive and



reeks of hypocrisy. In a province already struggling with gender inequality, the absence of even a single woman in the cabinet is nothing short of disgraceful. As journalist Mariana Baabar aptly said, these "all-male clubs" are unacceptable — and should be unthinkable in 2025.

PTI cannot hide behind the excuse of "snatched reserved seats." Women can, and

should, be appointed as advisers, special assistants, and ministers. There is no shortage of capable women — Ayesha Bano, Rukhshanda Naz, and countless others stand as living proof of that. The question is not whether they exist, but whether PTI has the will to empower them.

If this is how PTI rewards loyalty, courage, and sacrifice, then its leadership owes an apology to every woman who marched, campaigned, and suffered for the party's cause. This cabinet is not just a political blunder — it's a moral failure. The PTI leadership must rectify it immediately. There can be no true democracy, nor real Naya Pakistan, without women at the table.

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Tando Allahyar Officials Push Ahead With Ambitious Safe City Project

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A significant meeting on the Safe City Project in Tando Allahyar was held under the chairmanship of SSP Syed Saleem Shah, attended by business leaders, social figures, respected citizens, and

police officials. During the meeting, a detailed plan was presented for installing modern security cameras at major intersections, markets, highways, and commercial centers across the city. SSP Syed Saleem Shah stated that the project, using advanced technology, aims

to make Tando Allahyar safer and more peaceful, improving crime prevention and rapid response. Participants appreciated the initiative and assured full cooperation. The SSP emphasized that public-police collaboration is key to a secure society.

Sindh Bar Council Polls Conclude Peacefully With Strong Turnout

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: Sindh Bar Council elections were conducted across the region, including Matiari, with a large turnout of lawyers participating in the voting. The polling process was peaceful, and lawyers cast their votes for their preferred candidates. After polling concluded, the counting process began. Out of 236 registered male and female lawyer voters, 189 votes were cast. In



Group of District-II candidates from Badin, Thatta, Dadu, Jamshoro, and Hyderabad participated. Enthusiasm was high, with lawyer groups chanting slogans in support of their candidates.

Matiari Launches Aggressive Anti-Dengue and Mosquito Eradication Drive

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: Following the directives of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Yousif Shaikh, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Matiari, in coordination with Municipal Committee Hala, has launched an extensive awareness and mosquito control campaign to prevent dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. The campaign includes regular cleaning, spraying, and public



awareness sessions in urban and rural areas. Teams are conducting morning and evening mosquito sprays at schools, colleges, hospitals, and public spaces to reduce the risk of dengue and related illnesses. Authorities urge citizens to cooperate and maintain cleanliness to ensure community health and safety.

Union Workers in Tando Muhammad Khan Rise Up Against Leader's Arrest



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Workers of the All Psedar Union held a protest and blocked the Hyderabad-Badin Road for two hours against the al-

leged arrest of union leader Ramzan Mallah. Union leaders claimed protests would continue until their leader is freed. Tando Muhammad Khan City Police claimed they have no information regarding the arrest. They demanded immediate release and warned that protests would continue until their leader is freed.

Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq Casts Vote, Urges Fair Play in Sindh Bar Council Elections



By Javed Laghari

DADU: Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, MPA and President of the District Dadu chapter of the Pakistan Peoples Party and Peoples Lawyers Forum, visited the District Bar Council Dadu and met with lawyers to cast his vote for Peoples Lawyers Forum candidates in the ongoing Sindh Bar Council elections. Addressing fellow lawyers, Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq urged them to support the forum's candidates to promote the welfare, development, and strengthening of the legal community, ensuring the grooming of competent future lawyers. Members Shahmir Chehwan and Imdad Dawach also participated in voting.

Tragic Crash Claims Youth's Life in Qazi Ahmed

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: A 35-year-old man, Ghulam Muhiyudin, also known as Major Mahar, sustained fatal injuries after his motorcycle slipped near Chandia Pump on the National Highway a few days ago. He was

initially taken to Qazi Ahmed Hospital, but due to critical condition, he was referred to Nawabshah Hospital, where he died during treatment. His death caused widespread grief and commotion when his body was brought home.

Over 30 Injured as Speeding Bus Overturns on Khairpur-Juso Highway

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A high-speed bus overturned near Khairpur Juso Road, Larkana, while carrying passengers from Shikarpur to visit the shrine of Hazrat Lal Shahbaz Qalandar (RA). The accident claimed the life of the bus conductor, Qamar-ud-Din, on the spot, while more than 30 passengers including

women, children, and men sustained serious injuries. Among the injured were Fahim Samoon (38), Farhan Samoon (30), and several children. Police and local residents rushed the victims to Chandra Hospital, where doctors provided urgent medical care. Two patients remain in critical condition on ventilators. Eyewitnesses blamed the bus driver's high speed for the accident.

Family Suspects Foul Play Behind Mysterious Suicide of Young Man

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: The widow and elder brother of a 20-year-old Parshotam Meghwar, who allegedly committed suicide three days ago in the newly settled area of Nauabad city, have accused community member Ghansham Meghwar of murdering him. They claim Ghansham staged the hanging to cover up the crime. Parshotam's brother, Ameer Meghwar, appeared to senior police officials to investigate the matter thoroughly, alleging Ghansham is threatening their family to remain silent. The family demanded a fresh inquiry to ensure justice is served in this suspicious death case.

Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar Clinches Victory in Sindh Bar Council Nawabshah Seat

By Samad Ayaz Dahri

NAWABSHAH: Like the rest of Sindh, lawyers in Nawabshah also cast their votes in the Sindh Bar Council elections. For the Sindh Bar Council seat, Advocate Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar of the Progressive Panel secured first place by receiving 523 votes,



while Kareem Bakhsh, also known as KB Rand, of the National Panel came in second with 126 votes. For the

Shaheed Benazirabad Bar seat, 795 voters exercised their right to vote. Two separate polling booths were set up in Shaheed Benazirabad, and the polling process is being conducted under the supervision of six judges. Polling continues uninterrupted from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Media Erupts in Protest Over Teacher Absenteeism and School Neglect

By Tahir Javed Panhwar

PIARO STATION: Education at Allama Iqbal Government Boys High School, Pat Sharif, has reached a critical state, with only four out of eight teachers present. Continuous teacher absenteeism has forced students to stop attending classes. Parents' complaints led to media coverage, during which a powerful teacher, Allah Warayo Samo, verbally abused journalist Tanveer Memon, sparking outrage in journalistic circles. Leaders

from Aiwan-e-Sahafat Press Club condemned the incident and demanded that authorities ensure teacher attendance, improve school facilities, provide drinking water, and monitor teacher conduct to protect students' future.

Tando Allahyar Battles Rising Dengue Wave With Intensive Spraying Operation

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Dengue cases are on the rise in Tando Allahyar, with 11 confirmed patients currently undergoing treatment at DHQ Hospital. Additionally, five more individuals are suspected of having

dengue and are under medical examination, with final confirmation pending test results. In response, the Deputy Commissioner has directed the district administration to take preventive measures. Chairman MC Tando Allahyar, Syed Samar Shah, has initiated a phased mosquito spray across the district, prioritizing urban areas. The growing number of dengue patients has sparked concern among residents, while health authorities continue monitoring, testing, and raising awareness to curb further spread.

Gunfire Erupts in Village Feud, One Injured, Four Held by Police

By Mehtab Shar

JHOL: A dispute over livestock in Jhol escalated into an armed attack by the Chando community on the Magsi community, Jhol police station. Local leader Raees Inayatullah Khan

Magsi was attacked with sticks, sustaining serious head injuries, and was taken to Sanghar Civil Hospital for treatment. Following complaints by the Magsi community, Jhol police arrested four suspects, including Alh Bakhsh Chando and Rahim Bakhsh Chando, and placed them in custody. The police are investigating, while the accused reportedly fled the area to avoid arrest.

High Court Denies Bail to Suspect in Railway Track Theft Case

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: The Sindh High Court Circuit Bench, Mirpurkhas, rejected the permanent bail of three accused

Kamran Gondal, Abdul Ghaffar Laghari, and Altaf Laghari linked to a railway track theft case at Daughteri police station. The accused, previously released on interim bail, were taken into police custody and remanded to lockup for three days. The case was filed by railway employee Asad Ali Mahar a few days ago.

Hyderabad High Court Demands Report on OGDCL's Welfare and Hiring Practices

By Mugeem Keerio

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: A constitutional bench of the Hyderabad High Court heard a case filed by Advocate Ismail Khaskheli against OGDCL, highlighting lack of social welfare and em-

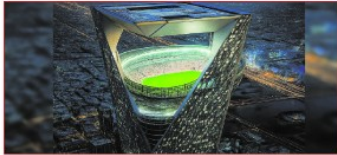
ployment in rural Hyderabad. Khaskheli stated that 95 oil and gas wells and 7 oil fields exist in the area, yet local residents face educational and water supply challenges. Only three schools operate without transport, and local employment is minimal. The court directed the government lawyer to submit a report by November 14 on local jobs and social welfare initiatives by OGDCL. The Deputy Commissioner was also ordered to report on Petroleum Social Development Committee activities.

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Viral Sky Stadium Video for Saudi 2034 World Cup Turns Out to Be AI-Generated



An AI-generated video claiming to show one of the football stadiums for the 2034 FIFA World Cup in Saudi Arabia made waves on social media this week, but it has nothing to do with the kingdom's official plans. The video of glowing arena built atop a towering skyscraper was shared by thousands of social media accounts, with millions of users believing it was the official visual revealed by Saudi Arabia. While Riyadh has unveiled plans to build a football area on top of a

real estate complex in The Line, a futuristic new megacity project, the official plans bear no resemblance to the clip that went viral in recent days. "This design is completely fake and bears no resemblance to anything Saudi Arabia is planning. It appears in no official sources," a source close to the matter told AFP. Several French media outlets, which had referred to the viral video as a representation of the kingdom's official project, have since deleted or updated their articles.—Agency

"My Career Was Destroyed by Waqar Younis," Umar Akmal Alleges in Explosive Interview

Former Pakistan cricketer Umar Akmal has made shocking revelations, claiming that his cricket career suffered the most damage at the hands of his own former head coach, Waqar Younis. Speaking in a recent interview on a private television channel, Akmal did not hold back as he leveled serious allegations against the legendary fast bowler-turned-coach.

According to Umar Akmal, the setbacks in his career were not a result of his performance on the field but were orchestrated by Waqar Younis out of jealousy. "My career was harmed the most by the head coach at the time, Waqar Younis," Akmal revealed. "He used to say that I have already

earned enough money. It wasn't my performance that he had an issue with, but his own envy that led him to sideline me and derail my career."

The former batsman also claimed that he was not the only one whose professional journey was negatively impacted. "It's not just me. Several senior cricketers also suffered because of his actions. Waqar Younis didn't just target individuals, he systematically affected the careers of multiple players," Akmal said, raising eyebrows across the cricketing community. In a dramatic twist, Akmal suggested that he possesses evidence to substantiate his claims.—Agency

Arsenal legend Willie Young dies aged 73



Arsenal legend and former Tottenham Hotspur star Willie Young has died at the age of 73, the club confirmed on Friday. In an official statement on X, Arsenal confirmed, "We are saddened to learn of the passing of former player Willie Young." Making 236 appearances and winning the FA Cup in 1979, the Scottish defender was a cult hero at Highbury. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time "Rest in peace, Willie." Born in Edinburgh, Young began his career at Aberdeen in 1970 before joining Tottenham Hotspur in 1975. Two years later, he made a controversial move across North London to Arsenal, where he made over 230 appearances. He also played

more than 180 games for the Dons before going on to lift the FA Cup with the Gunners in 1979. He collected a winner's medal in Arsenal's dramatic 3-2 triumph over Manchester United in the iconic "five-minute final" of 1979. The following year, however, Young became infamous for his foul on Paul Allen during the 1-0 FA Cup final defeat to West Ham. As the 17-year-old Allen raced through on goal in the closing stages, Young brought him down on the edge of the area. Although he was shown only a yellow card, the incident provoked nationwide debate about professional fouls and ultimately led to the introduction of a rule mandating red cards for denying a clear goalscoring opportunity two years later.—Agency

Kids' Corner



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Babar Azam Shines Bright as Pakistan Crush South Africa to Seal T20I Series in Style

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan clinched the T20I series against South Africa in thrilling fashion as Babar Azam's graceful half-century led the hosts to a four-wicket victory in the final match at Lahore's iconic Gaddafi Stadium on Saturday. The former skipper's class and composure anchored Pakistan's successful chase of a modest 140-run target, sealing the series with confidence and authority. The home side faced early jitters when young opener Saim Ayub departed for a six-ball duck in the second over, leaving fans momentarily uneasy. With just eight runs on the board, Babar Azam walked in under pressure but quickly took charge of the innings. Partnering with Sahibzada Farhan, he stabilized Pak-



istan's chase with a vital 36-run stand before Farhan fell for 19, having struck two boundaries and a six. At 44 for 2, Babar joined skipper Salman Ali Agha in a momentum-shifting 76-run partnership that put Pakistan firmly in control. The pair combined elegance and aggression, rotating strike smartly and punishing loose deliveries. Agha contributed a fluent 33 off 26 balls, while

Babar played the role of the anchor, crafting a classy 68 off 47 deliveries laced with nine exquisite fours. However, South Africa briefly clawed back into the contest. Lizaad Williams and Corbin Bosch struck in quick succession, removing Agha and Babar within five deliveries, sparking a mini-collapse. Pakistan suddenly found themselves losing four wickets for just 20 runs, including

the cheap dismissals of Hasan Nawaz (5) and Mohammad Nawaz (0). With the crowd on edge, Faheem Ashraf and Usman steaded the nerves, guiding Pakistan home with six balls to spare. Their calm approach ensured the hosts wrapped up the series in style, finishing on 142/6. Earlier, Pakistan's decision to bowl first paid off handsomely. The returning Shaheen Shah Afridi struck twice in his opening over, dismissing Quinton de Kock and Lhuan-dre Pretorius for ducks. South Africa never fully recovered from the double blow, managing just 139/9 in their 20 overs. Devdew Bavis off brief resistance with 21 off 22 balls, including two sixes, while Reeza Hendricks contributed 26.—Agency

Blair Tickner, Zak Foulkes Seal Tense Win to Complete 3-0 Sweep of England

New Zealand 226 for 8 (Ravindra 46, Overton 2-22) beat England 222 (Overton 68, Tickner 4-64, Duffy 3-56) by two wickets

New Zealand scrambled to a tense two-wicket victory in Wellington to seal a 3-0 sweep of the ODIs after England's top-order was felled once again. Jamie Overton slammed 68 off 62 from No. 8 to help England make a game of it but the armchair Ashes critics were given plenty more ammunition by another misfiring display before they hop across the Tasman.

It had appeared New Zealand would get the job done in routine fashion, as Daryl Mitchell anchored their chase of 223. But from 188 for 5 they slid to 196 for 8, with Mitchell the eighth man out for 44, edging Sam Curran behind. With more than 10 overs still to be



bowled, however, there was time enough for Blair Tickner and Zak Foulkes to tick off the runs required in an unbroken ninth-wicket stand. Tickner had earlier claimed his second consecutive four-wicket haul after new-ball pair Jacob Duffy and Foulkes had knocked over the England top five inside 10.1 overs.

New Zealand's chase was given a solid start by a 78-run opening stand between Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra. The run-out of

90mph/145kph during his opening spell. A checked drive for six over extra cover got him going, while Ravindra eased into gear with a series of boundaries off Brydon Carse. When Archer switched ends for the final powerplay over and saw it disappear for 24, New Zealand were 64 for 0 and coasting.

The stand was broken by a moment of fortune for England, with Overton again the catalyst as he attempted to field a drive from Ravindra only to see the ball deflect off his wrist, through his legs and into the non-striker's stumps with Conway stranded. Ravindra was then bowled through the gate by Curran, before Overton ended Will Young's unproductive series by having him caught behind off a steeping top edge.—Agency

Vaughan: "Stokes Will Expect to Win the Ashes — That's His Mentality"

Michael Vaughan believes winning the Ashes would vindicate Ben Stokes' work as Test captain, adding the allrounder may prove to be England's most valuable bowler on "very English" Australian pitches.

With the first Test in Perth just three weeks away, the majority of England's Test squad are in New Zealand, either involved in the ongoing ODI series or training alongside it. The Ashes group will come together in Western Australia on Monday, where they will be joined by the England Lions who will help them prepare with a three-day game starting on November 13, eight days before the series opener at Optus Stadium.

Despite their last Test win



on Australia soil coming in January 2011 - confirming a historic 3-1 success - and an aggregate 14-0 scoreline in the three tours since, England are optimistic. Much of that is down to the belief and more confrontational style instilled in the group by Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum.

Results have dramatically improved under Stokes. He

has personally overseen 22 wins in 36 Tests as full-time skipper, flipping a slump of one win in 17 prior to his appointment. However, England have yet to win a five-match series since he and McCullum took the reins at the start of the 2022 summer, which includes a 2-2 draw in 2023's home Ashes. They have also failed to make

an impression in the World Test Championship, sitting sixth in the current cycle after drawing with India this summer.

Speaking at a Viago event, Vaughan, who marshalled England's 2005 Ashes success, ending an 18-year drought, feels the time has come for Stokes to mark his captaincy with some tangible success.

"I think they need a trophy," he said.

"I mean, would I take two-all now? Probably, let's be honest. In the last few series, 2010-11 is the only time that I've seen England have success. We won one Test match in 2002-03, we won three Test matches in 2010-11.—Agency

Liton: "Players Need Rest" — Cites Crowded Calendar After T20I Series Defeat



Liton Das has words of support for his players despite West Indies' trouncing Bangladesh 3-0 in the home T20I series over the past week, only the second time in 12 bilateral home series where Bangladesh have been swept away. It came on the back of Bangladesh winning four consecutive bilateral T20I series since July this year.

Bangladesh couldn't chase down 166 and 150 in the first two matches, and West Indies then chased down a 152-run target quite convincingly in the third game on what Roston Chase said was the best pitch in the series.

"We have proven players in the current squad," Liton said after the game. "One or two series, we can play like this. A

player can go through a bad time for four or five matches. A batter knows where he has to improve. I am sure the batters will consult on those areas and focus the batting coach to make a comeback. If you change players every day, the results will be the same. A new player is unlikely to give you much more. So those who are playing cricket for a long time, it is better to go ahead with them to expect better results."

Bangladesh's batting was woeful in this T20I series, with only Tanzid Hasan hitting consecutive fifties. In the third game, only Tanzid (89) and Saif Hassan (23) crossed double-digits as they collapsed from 107 for 2 to be bowled out for 151 in 20 overs.

Liton suggested that the T20I players needed some rest.—Agency

Relief for India: Shreyas Iyer Discharged from Sydney Hospital — Stable and Recovering Well



Shreyas Iyer has been discharged from the Sydney hospital he had been admitted to for the spleen laceration, with internal bleeding, he suffered during India's third ODI against Australia on October 25, and "is now stable and recovering well", the BCCI said in a statement on Saturday morning.

"The injury was promptly identified, and the bleeding was immediately arrested following a minor procedure. He has undergone appropriate medical management for the same," the statement, quoting secretary Devajit Saikia, said. "He is now stable and recovering well. The BCCI medical team, along with specialists in Sydney and India, are pleased with his recovery, and he has been discharged from the hospital today."

Iyer was treated by Dr Korush Haghighi and the team in Sydney with help

from Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala in India. The BCCI added, "Shreyas will continue to stay in Sydney for his follow-up consultations and will return to India once he is deemed fit to fly."

The injury took place when Iyer took a catch running backwards from point to dismiss Alex Carey in the Sydney ODI. He immediately clutched his rib cage and signalled for medical attention. He was taken off the field and did not return for the remainder of Australia's innings.

India won the third ODI by nine wickets, lost the three-match series 2-1 after going down in the first two games in Perth and Adelaide. They are currently 1-0 down after two matches in the T20I series that has followed the ODIs.—Agency

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Cardi B Makes Hilarious Admission About Personal Hygiene



Cardi B has gotten honest about her hair hygiene. In a recorded clip from her recent livestream shared to X, the rapper admitted she has not "washed my s***" in nearly two or three months while detailing her plans to finally give her scalp some TLC. "I probably got all types of roach eggs, mosquito eggs, everything in this," Cardi joked as she tapped her head, which appeared to be covered with a wig cap. She added that she plans to oil her scalp, wash her hair, and braid it in the coming days.

For those unversed, the Bodak Yellow hitmaker has been candid about her natural hair journey over the years. Back in 2021, she shared throwback photos on Instagram while clapping back at critics who made comments about her hair texture as someone of mixed heritage, her mother is from Trinidad and her father from the Dominican Republic. "Since I was a child I have problems with managing my hair and couple years ago I find different methods that work for me and look at my length now."

Had to Run": Kathy Griffin Recalls 'Controversial' Joke Incident



Kathy Griffin has been cracking jokes on her tours, which sometimes do not amuse people. However, in a recent interview, she recalls a joke that forced her to run out of the theatre. "In a chat with People, she remembers, 'I change my act every night and always start with local jokes.' The star continues, 'Once, I read out the local offender list during a show and had to run out of the theater. I called Cher after, and she just said, 'Get home, bitch. Get back to Malibu.'"

Elsewhere in the interview, Kathy shares that she contacted Jimmy Kimmel after his suspension over Charlie Kirk's comments. "It's been triggering for me because Jimmy was the only one who still had me on his show when everyone else said I was too dangerous," she says, referring to her incident back in 2017 when she posted a fake severed head of Donald Trump. It is worth noting that her latest comedy tour, New Face, New Tour, will kick off on November 8.

ASAP Rocky and Rihanna Fuel Fresh Marriage Speculations



ASAP Rocky may have just confirmed what fans' speculations that he and Rihanna are secretly married.

The 37-year-old rapper, born Rakim Mayers, recently referred to himself as a "loving husband" in a new interview as he reflected on family life with Rihanna and their three children: RZA, 3, Riot, 2, and one-month-old Rocki.

"Being a father and a partner and a loving husband in my family is what makes me really, really happy," he told Perfect Magazine. He added that fatherhood and creativity now define his sense of purpose. "That's what honestly does get me going; being able to express myself creatively, being able to be a family man and being

able to be an artisan." Both he and Rihanna, also 37, have dropped hints before as well. When asked by Elle last month if he was "ready to be a husband," Rocky teased, "How you know I'm not already a husband? I'm still not gonna confirm it."

The couple, who began dating in 2020 after years of friendship and music collaboration, first sparked engagement rumors in 2022 after being spotted with a diamond ring on her left hand. The couple then welcomed son RZA in May 2022. Riot following in August 2023, and later a daughter Rocki Irish Mayers on Sept. 13, 2025.

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Devotees Flock to Sukkur for 129th Annual Urs at Dargah Pir Zakri

By Zeeshan Soomro

SAKRAND: The 129th spiritual gathering at Dargah Pir Zakri in Sakrand concluded successfully, attended by thousands of devotees from across the country. Security was tightened by police and Rangers. Syed Muhammad

Munir Shah Zakri, the spiritual leader, emphasized that dargahs promote peace, love, and spiritual solace. He urged society to reject extremism, embrace humanity, and follow the path of truth and morality. The event included devotional recitations, prayers at the shrines of Seyyed

Muhammad, Shah Zakri and Syed Ahmed Shah Zakri, and a blood donation camp for children with thalassemia. Recognition awards were given to those serving these children. Book stalls were also set up, and the gathering concluded with prayers by Syed Munir Shah Zakri.

Sharjeel Extends Heartfelt Condolences Over Aftab Shaban Mirani's Passing

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon expressed deep grief over the passing of former Federal Minister and senior PPP leader Aftab Shaban Mirani. He remembered Mi-



rani as a dedicated, compassionate, and principled politician who remained loyal to the party and the public, even in difficult times. Memon prayed for the departed soul's place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and strength for the bereaved family.

Ali Hassan Zardari Mourns Death of Sardar Ali Gohar Mahar's Mother

By KB Brohi

THATTA: Sindh Minister for Works & Services and Prisons, Ali Hassan Zardari, expressed deep grief over the passing of

Sardar Ali Gohar Khan Mahar's mother and Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar's aunt. Speaking from Saudi Arabia, where he attended a wedding, he extended

condolences to the bereaved family, prayed for the departed soul, and stood in solidarity with the Mahar family during this difficult time.

PPP MNA Dr. Mehreen Razaq Bhutto Distributes Aid, Vows Unwavering Public Service

By Muhammad Dino Lakhro

KHUHRA: Dr. Mehreen Razaq Bhutto, MNA of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), addressed a public gathering while distributing aid checks to the needy, stating that PPP is a people's party

committed to serving citizens. She emphasized that public support is earned through service, not force, and highlighted ongoing efforts to assist the poor during rising inflation. The event was attended by District Council Vice

Chairman Syed Fahad Ali Shah Jilani and other local leaders, who praised the party's welfare initiatives and Sindh government's public service projects, stressing the importance of ensuring aid reaches deserving citizens.

Kazi Ashhad Abbasi Lauds Load-Shedding-Free Status for Defence Feeder in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: PPP leader and Cantonment Board Opposition Leader Kazi Ashhad Abbasi has hailed HESCO Chief Faizullah Dahri and his team for making the Defence Feeder in Cantt Sub-division load-shedding-free. Abbasi congratulated the area's residents and traders, praising their unity, timely bill payments, and rejection of electricity theft. He said this joint effort



symbolizes civic responsibility and patriotism. The decision followed a meeting between Defence offi-

cials and the HESCO leadership, marking a major relief for households and businesses alike.—RT

PPP MNA Rafique Jamali Mourns Passing of Former CM Sindh Aftab Shaban Mirani

DADU: PPP's MNA and Deputy Secretary General Sardar Rafique Ahmed Jamali expressed profound grief over the death of former Sindh Chief Minister Aftab

Shaban Mirani. Paying tribute, he described Mirani as a principled leader who dedicated his life to the nation and the party, and a loyal companion of Shaheed Zul-

fikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. Jamali prayed for Mirani's soul to rest in Jannat-ul-Firdous and offered condolences to the bereaved family.—RT

METRO KARACHI

North Karachi Faces Month-Long Water Nightmare!

KARACHI: Residents of North Karachi's Sector 11-A and nearby areas have endured over a month without water after a fire, caused by a short cir-

cuit at the local pump station, destroyed vital equipment. Despite the crisis, authorities have yet to repair the damage. Water tankers are running out, leaving

citizens desperate. The long-neglected problem has sparked outrage, as locals demand urgent action to restore supply and prevent further hardship.—RT

Dengue Surge Hits Sindh: 1,411 New Cases in 24 Hours!

KARACHI: Sindh Health Department reports a sharp spike in dengue cases, with 1,411 positive results from 5,180 tests in the past 24 hours. Karachi saw 618 cases, Hyder-

abad 793. Over 199 new patients were admitted to government and private hospitals, while 174 recovered. Three deaths were recorded. Currently, 464 patients remain hos-

pitalized across the province. Authorities have allocated 1,345 beds for dengue cases and are conducting widespread testing in 49 active laboratories to contain the outbreak.—RT

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GLOBAL WATCH



Ohio Man Forgets Winning Lottery Ticket at Home — Wins Another \$500,000



ZANESVILLE: An Ohio man who forgot his \$50 winning lottery ticket at home decided to buy another of the same scratch-off game and scored a \$500,000 prize. The Roseville man told Ohio Lottery officials he went to the South 60 Market in Zanesville, intending to cash in his \$50 winning Best of 7's scratch-off, but he arrived and realized he had forgotten the ticket at home.

He decided to go into the store anyway and bought another ticket from the same game and scratched it off in his car. The ticket turned out to be a \$500,000 winner. The player said his winnings will go toward paying off his house, buying a new car and cutting back his workdays so he can spend more time with his family.—RT/Agency

Lost Dog Found Five Years Later, 520 Miles From Home

A pint-sized pooch who went missing from her family's Mississippi home about five years ago was reunited with her owners after turning up in a Florida city about 520 miles away.

Kristy Taylor and Josh Craig said their dog, a Chihuahua and dachshund mix named Penny, went missing from their home in Lucedale.

They never found out what happened to Penny until the canine was found wandering the streets of Deland, Fla., five years later.

Briana Rideout found Penny riding traffic on a city street and coaxed her inside the home she shares with her boyfriend, Daniel Lenoci. The couple cared for Penny while they posted on Facebook about the found pet.

The couple took Penny to a local shelter a few days later and a microchip scan showed she had been reported missing 520 miles away in Lucedale.

"I immediately said, 'How? How in the world does that happen?'" Rideout told the Daytona Beach News Journal. Taylor and Craig made the drive to Florida on Wednesday and were reunited with Penny.—RT/Agency

Ozzy Osbourne Pumpkin Mosaic Breaks Guinness World Record



ENGLAND: A British farm celebrated the life of legendary rock singer Ozzy Osbourne by breaking a Guinness World Record with a massive squash mosaic in the musician's image.

Sunnyfields Farm in Southampton, England, arranged hundreds of pumpkins and squashes into an image of Prince of Darkness measuring 2,281 square feet. The end result earned the Guinness World Record for the largest cucurbita mosaic (image). The mosaic was unveiled at a ceremony attended by Osbourne's wife, Sharon, and daughter Kelly. Osbourne, the lead singer of legendary metal band Black Sabbath, died on July 22 at the age of 76.—RT/Agency

International Outcry: JSQM USA Holds Protest in Virginia Over Missing Sindh Leader Ghani Aman

By Zia Qureshi

VIRGINIA: The disappearance of Sindh student leader Ghani Aman Chaudhio from Karachi has sparked international outrage, with JSQM USA organizing a major protest in Petersburg, Virginia. Led by Habib Bhutto, demonstrators held placards demanding "Release Ghani Aman" and "Stop Enforced Disappearances."



Prominent Sindh journalists and activists joined the rally, condemning human rights violations and urging the U.S. government and global organizations to pressure Pakistan for Ghani Aman's safe recovery and an end to enforced disappearances.

World's Most Expensive Coffee Goes on Sale in Dubai — Priced at \$1,000 a Cup

DUBAI: Selling for nearly \$1,000 a cup, a cafe in Dubai is offering the world's most expensive coffee, brewed from Panamanian beans sold at a premium price.

The wealthy emirate is known for its extravagant ventures including an enormous mall with an indoor ski area, the world's tallest building and an artificial island dotted with five-star hotels.

"We felt Dubai was the perfect place for our investment," said Serkan Sagsoz, co-founder of the Julith cafe



with the pricey offering. Located in an industrial neighbourhood that has become a hotspot for coffee lovers, Julith plans to serve "around 400 cups" of the precious beverage starting on Saturday, Sagsoz told AFP. For a price tag of 3,600 dirhams (around \$980), the brew offers an experience of floral and fruity flavours of the reminiscent tea.—RT/Agency

Picasso's Portrait of Muse Dora Maar in Vivid Hat Sells for €32 Million

PARIS: A vividly hued Picasso portrait of longtime muse and partner Dora Maar that had remained hidden from public view for more than eight decades sold Friday at auction for 32 million euros (about \$37 million), including fees — surpassing expectations but far from the artist's most expensive work ever auctioned.

Painted in July 1943, "Bust of a Woman with a Flowered Hat (Dora Maar)" depicts Maar in a brightly coloured floral hat. Maar, an artist and photographer herself, had been Picasso's partner and muse for about seven years, and the relationship was coming to a painful close. The work was purchased in 1944 and had not been on the market since, re-



adding buyer fees to the 27-million hammer price — was not only well above estimates but also the highest paid at auction this year for any artwork in France. Lucien called the painting "a little piece of the story of love" — albeit a bittersweet one — between Picasso and Maar.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Eyes Central Asian Markets as Fruit and Vegetable Export Boom Looms!

KAZAKHSTAN: A 12-member TDAP-sponsored fruit and vegetable delegation is touring Central Asia from October 29 to November 4, 2025, aiming to boost Pakistan's Kinnow and potato exports. The team will visit Kazakhstan's trade bodies and markets, followed by meetings organized by Pakistan's Trade Mission in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. In Uzbekistan, the delegation will engage with regulatory



authorities, conduct B2B sessions, and explore local markets. This initiative targets untapped opportunities in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, signaling a bold push for Pakistan's F&V export growth.—RT

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METRO KARACHI



Sindh Approves Rs55 Billion Package to Support Wheat Cultivation on 2.2 Million Acres

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has announced that wheat will be cultivated on 2.2 million acres of land across the province this year, for which the government has approved a special package worth Rs55 billion.

Chairing a high-level meeting, the Chief Minister was briefed that 412,000 small farmers are being provided with urea and DAP fertilizers to ensure timely sowing. He



Murad Ali Shah

ther informed the meeting that a special mobile application has been developed to verify farmers' land records, while a dashboard integrated with an automated SMS system has also been launched to enhance transparency and efficiency in the distribution process. The initiative aims to strengthen Sindh's agricultural output and support small-scale farmers across the province.—RT

Woman Protests Police Raid, Demands Action

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Hamida Johkio of Allah Bakhsh Johkio Goth protested outside District Press Club Malir against SHO Javed Abro and police for allegedly raiding her home without justification. She claimed police assaulted her, seized Rs 150,000, solar batteries, documents, and valuables. Police stated a stolen motorcycle, pistol, and ammunition were recovered, linking her and others to harboring criminals. Hamida has filed a petition seeking justice and protection.



Hamida Johkio

Yousafzai National Alliance Pakistan Announces Expansion of Activities in Sindh

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Yousafzai National Alliance Pakistan will be activated in Sindh, including Karachi, with committees being formed to strengthen unity and co-ordination. At a meeting hosted by District Malir President Ubaidullah Yousafzai, central leader Liaquat Madakhel Yousafzai highlighted the community's role in national development and



Yousafzai leaders

Karachi Hosts Annual Sindh Malakhro Festival in Sachal Village

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The Sindh Sports and Youth Affairs Department organized the annual Sindh Malakhro Festival at Sachal Village Ground, Safaora Town, celebrating the historic and cultural sport of Sindh. Famous Malh wrestlers from across Sindh participated, entertaining the audience with their skills. Special guests included UC Chairman Taj Muhammad Weesar, PPP leader Hussain Bakhsh Narejo, Ismail Shah,



Wahab Soomro, and others. Political, social, and sports enthusiasts attended in large numbers. Guests were presented with Ajrak, a symbol of Sindhi culture. Leaders praised the Sindh Government and highlighted Malakhro's cultural significance and continued popularity in Sachal Village.

Innocent Doctor Killed in Police Firing in Gulshan-e-Iqbal

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: Dr. Mehar Tunio, a resident of Naushehro Feroze, was allegedly shot dead by police in Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi. As per reports received police stopped him under the pretext of checking, and when he resisted an attempted snatching of cash meant for purchasing medicines, officers opened fire, killing him instantly. Police later claimed it as a "police encounter" and handed



Alam Odho has ordered DIG East Zone to complete a transparent probe within three days. Civil society has condemned the incident, calling for impartial enquiry and arrest of murderers.

Assistant Commissioner Launches Anti-Encroachment Drive in Gulzar-e-Hijri

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: A strict operation against encroachments was conducted in Gulzar-e-Hijri under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Nizam. During the drive, three hotels and

one shop were sealed for illegal seating, parking, and placing chairs and tables on roads and footpaths. The operation was assisted by Assistant Commissioner Mukhtiar Arbab Mazari Shopkeepers and hotel owners were warned that public pathways and

Journalist's Nephew Injured in Robbery Attempt; Suspects Flee Scene

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: In the jurisdiction of Ajmer Nagri Police Station, two armed men opened fire during a robbery attempt, injuring journalist Abdul Hakim

Bajoi's nephew, Abdul Baqi Bajoi. The incident occurred around midnight in Sector 2 while the victim was riding a motorcycle home. He was shot in the leg but bravely escaped the attackers. Police reached the scene, collected evidence, and shifted the injured to the hospital. The journalistic community condemned the incident, urging authorities to apprehend the suspects immediately.

Karachi University Students Develop Healthier Alternative to Sugary Candies

KARACHI: Female students of the University of Karachi have successfully developed a healthier alternative to traditional toffees and candies. The innovative product aims to offer consumers a nutritious substitute made from natural ingredients, reducing the reliance on artificial sweeteners and preservatives commonly found in conventional confectionery. According to university officials, the project was carried out as part of a food science research initiative encouraging students to create health-conscious and locally sustainable food products. The students emphasized that their candy substitute is not only safer for children but also suitable for people seeking low-sugar or natural dietary options. Experts at the university praised the innovation, noting that such research-based projects contribute to Pakistan's growing focus on food technology and entrepreneurship.—RT/Agency

CTD Claims Arrest of Sindh Revolutionary Army Operatives in Karachi

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has claimed the arrest of two alleged operatives of the Sindh State Army (SRA), Ghani Aman Chandio and Sarmad Mirani, during an intelligence-based operation in Machhar Colony, under the jurisdiction of Dasu Police Station. According to a CTD spokesperson, Ghani Aman Chandio was reportedly involved in recruiting youth, especially students, into the SRA and inciting them towards terrorism. Both suspects provided key information about another associate, Noor Chandio, prompting further investigations. Ghani Aman Chandio had gone missing a few days earlier, triggering protests by his family and legal representatives.

Protest Held Against Forced Layoffs

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Labor Federation and Awami Raj Tehreek leaders, including Waheed Majid, Bilawal Lakho, Salar Barfat, Rafiq Khokhar, Tufail Ahmed Palejo, and Fida Hussain Johkio, held a press conference at District Press Club Malir against forced layoffs by Avitronics Ltd. The leaders criticized the company's administration for dismissing numerous workers without justification, causing poverty and hardship among laborers. They warned that exploitation of workers will not be tolerated. A one-week ultimatum was issued to reinstate all dismissed employees; otherwise, mass protests and sit-ins will be launched against the company's anti-labor policies.

Residents of Sohrab Goth Demand Action Against Worsening Mosquito Problem

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Residents of Fqera Village, UC-7, Sohrab Goth Town, have raised concerns over poor sanitation and a growing mosquito problem. Stagnant water in open drains and scattered garbage are increasing the risk of dengue, malaria, and other diseases. Locals told journalists that roads and drains have not been cleaned for days, causing foul odors in homes. They have urged the Sindh Government and Town Administration to clean the area and conduct mosquito spraying immediately.

Burst Water Line at Nagan Chowrangi Wastes Drinking Water; Citizens Urge Urgent Repairs

KARACHI: A citizen has reported a burst water line at Nagan Chowrangi, causing a large amount of clean drinking water to flow into nearby drains. The continuous leakage has raised concerns over water wastage at a time when several areas of Karachi are already facing water shortages. The complainant has appealed to Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab and the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) to take immediate notice of the issue and repair the damaged pipeline without delay. Residents of the area have urged authorities to deploy repair teams promptly to prevent further loss of water and restore proper supply to affected neighborhoods.—RT/Agency

Karachi Students Shine in MDCAT 2025 Preliminary Results Across Sindh

KARACHI: Students from Karachi have outperformed their peers from other Sindh districts in the preliminary results of the MDCAT 2025 examinations. According to media reports, all top three positions have been secured by students from Karachi. Mahmood Khan from Karachi's West District clinched the first position with 175 marks out of 180. Faissal Ashraf Khan from Korangi District and Shiraz Hussain from Qambar-Shahdada shared the second position with 174 marks each. Meanwhile, Muhammad Rayan from East Karachi, Mahmood from Korangi, and Hira Abid from Hyderabad jointly secured the third position with 173 marks. Overall, 124 students made it to the top 10 merit bracket, with 41 of them belonging to Karachi, reflecting the city's continued academic dominance in medical entrance examinations across Sindh.—RT/Agency

Karachi Ranks as World's Third Most Polluted City Amid Alarming Air Quality Levels

KARACHI: A sharp rise in air pollution has been recorded in Karachi as changing wind patterns push the city's air quality to hazardous levels. According to the Air Quality Index (AQI), the concentration of particulate matter in the city's atmosphere has reached 209, placing Karachi among the world's most polluted cities.—RT/Agency

Nasir Shah Launches Urgent Fire Safety Drive Across Sindh Ahead of Major Conference

KARACHI: Sindh Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has ordered an immediate overhaul of fire safety measures across the province, warning of rising fire incidents in homes, industries, and commercial buildings. Speaking at the National Forum for Environment and Health, he announced his role as Chief Guest at the 15th Fire Safety Conference & Awards on November 4



Nasir Shah

First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari's Role in Polio Eradication Praised

KARACHI: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader and Orangi Town Chairman Haji Jameel Zia has praised First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari for her outstanding services in the fight against polio, calling her efforts a source of pride for the entire nation. He said that Aseefa Bhutto Zardari has carried forward the mission of



Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto

Petition in Sindh High Court Seeks 40% Tax Exemption on Sanitary Napkins

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) has issued notices to the Attorney General of Pakistan and other respondents over a petition challenging the 40% tax on sanitary napkins. A two-member bench, comprising Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry and Justice Jaffer Raza, heard the petition filed by Alisha Shabbir and directed all parties to submit their responses within two weeks. The petitioner argued that the government's heavy taxation on raw materials for sanitary napkins has made them unaffordable for millions of women and girls. She contended that under Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution, every citizen has the right to health and life. The petition seeks the inclusion of sanitary napkins as essential items and requests exemption from the Sales Tax Act 1990. It also proposes that raw materials for sanitary napkins be placed under the Eighth Schedule to ensure that tax relief benefits reach consumers effectively.—RT/Agency

Governor Sindh Pays Tribute on Gilgit-Baltistan's Accession to Pakistan Day

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, in his special message marking the anniversary of Gilgit-Baltistan's accession to Pakistan, said that the region's historic decision on November 1, 1947, remains a shining chapter in the nation's history. He noted that on this day, the brave people of Gilgit rose against Dogra rule and chose to unite with Pakistan, embodying the true spirit of freedom, unity, and sacrifice. Governor Tessori added that the people of Gilgit-Baltistan have always demonstrated deep love and devotion to Pakistan. He further highlighted the region's unique strategic, cultural, and tourism significance, describing it as a "gateway of beauty and resilience" within the country.—RT/Agency

Sindh Government Posts First Job Advertisement for Junior Clerks on Sindh Job Portal

KARACHI: The Sindh government has released the first official job advertisement for the recruitment of junior clerks through the newly launched Sindh Job Portal. According to a government spokesperson, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed the province's youth to apply online via the portal. To facilitate applicants, the Sindh government has issued a detailed instructional video explaining the application process. The initiative aims to ensure a transparent and merit-based recruitment system across the province. It may be recalled that Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the Sindh Job Portal in Karachi earlier, where he announced that recruitment for Grade 1 to 5 positions would commence within the next 15 days. The portal represents a significant step toward digital governance and employment accessibility for the youth of Sindh.—RT/Agency

Unregistered Vehicles on Shahrah-e-Faisal Raise Concerns Over E-Challan Enforcement

KARACHI: Citizens have expressed growing concern over the effectiveness of the newly introduced e-challan system after several unregistered and number plate-less vehicles were seen moving freely along Shahrah-e-Faisal at night. Eyewitnesses reported that heavy traffic, including cars and motorcycles without visible number plates, continues to pass through the city's main artery without any apparent monitoring or action by traffic authorities. The situation has raised doubts about the system's ability to detect and penalize such violations automatically. Residents have urged the Karachi Traffic Police and relevant departments to enhance surveillance and ensure that all vehicles display proper registration plates to maintain accountability and improve road safety.—RT/Agency



FBR Faces Rs274 Billion Four-Month Shortfall Despite Record Return Filings

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) missed its October target, collecting Rs950 billion against a goal of Rs1,026 billion, a Rs76 billion shortfall that pushed the four-month (July-October) gap to Rs274 billion. The News reported on Saturday. Provisional data show the first-quarter shortfall of Rs198 billion widened by Rs76 billion in October. FBR Chairman Rashid Mahmood Langrial told The News on Friday night that October's tally could edge up to Rs952 billion after final adjustments. Over the first four months of FY26, the FBR has raised Rs3.84 trillion against a target of Rs4.109 trillion, leaving a cumulative gap of Rs269 billion on these figures.—RT/Agency

It always seems impossible until it's done."

—Nelson Mandela

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Trump Returns to 60 Minutes After Ending Legal Battle with Network

US: President Donald Trump is returning to "60 Minutes" this weekend, his first appearance on the show since he settled a lawsuit this summer with CBS News over the newsmagazine's interview with Kamala Harris. Trump was interviewed by CBS' Norah O'Donnell at Mar-a-Lago for the appearance, which will air this Sunday.

The president has an uneasy history with television's most popular newsmagazine. But he has signaled friendlier relations with CBS News after the takeover of its parent company this summer by new Paramount CEO David Ellison, the son of wealthy



supporter Larry Ellison. CBS News offered few details on how the interview came together, or whether there were any ground rules put in place. O'Donnell, the former "CBS Evening News" anchor, is not one of the

show's regular correspondents. Trump walked out of a "60 Minutes" interview with correspondent Lesley Stahl shortly before the 2020 election, complaining of bias, and his team released an unedited transcript of the conversation.

Despite invitations, he did not agree to a "60 Minutes" interview during the 2024 election campaign. But he complained that the newsmagazine's interview with Harris, his Democratic opponent, was edited deceptively in order to make her look good.

son's Skydance Media.

In the wake of the Trump lawsuit, "60 Minutes" executive producer Bill Owens resigned this past spring, saying that it was becoming clear that he could no longer run the program independently. Since taking over at Paramount, Ellison has sent signals of a closer relationship with Trump. He hired Kenneth Weinstein, the former head of a conservative think tank and a donor to Trump's 2024 campaign, to serve in a role investigating complaints that the network had shown bias in its reporting.—RT/Agency

CM Afridi Defies Imran's Call for Leaner KP Cabinet



of Shahram Tarakai), and former provincial minister Shakeel Khan—yet they were added to the final list. A senior PTI leader told The News that Imran had further recommended inclusion of senior members who had been previously overlooked, but those suggestions too were not implemented. Provincial Minister Meena Khan, however, denied any formal instructions from the PTI founder, clarifying that Imran Khan had only conveyed a message to keep the cabinet small and allow CM Sohail Afridi to choose his team freely.—RT/Agency

Trump Slashes Immigrant Visa Quota for 2026 in New Restriction Move

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has set a new cap on the number of immigrant visas for 2026, allowing only 7,500 immigrants to enter the United States next year—the lowest limit since the enactment of the Refugee Act of 1980.

President Trump stated that his administration is reducing the number of immigrants in US history, emphasizing that immigration should not harm the country's national interests.

He further claimed that



"white Africans in South Africa are facing the threat of genocide," while noting that the current annual refugee cap stands at 125,000. The Trump administration also announced preferential treatment for white South Africans, a move that critics say echoes past discriminatory immigration laws in US history.—RT/Agency

Hidden Bombs Haunt Gaza Despite Fragile Ceasefire

GAZA CITY: Moein al-Hattu's home has been ripped apart, its cinder block walls blown out into the street and a dusty grey bomb hangs menacingly from a damaged pillar, its tip resting on a crushed chest of drawers. Weighing more than a tonne, the munition was dropped during an airstrike on Gaza City during fighting between Israel and Hamas but has not exploded—yet.

"I'm living in terror and unable to remove it," al-Hattu told AFP, as children wandering through the rubble paused to marvel at the



threatening intrusion. The grey-bearded Palestinian wants to hang tarpaulins from the shell of his bombed-out home and move back in, but has been unable to find anyone in Gaza with the skills or

equipment to remove the giant bomb. "The relevant authorities, whether the civil defence or the municipality, say they can't remove it. Who can I go to and complain to?" he demanded.—RT/Agency



US: FBI Director Kash Patel said that the agency had thwarted a "potential terrorist attack" planned in the northern US state of Michigan over Halloween weekend.

Patel did not provide any details about the alleged plot but, citing law enforcement sources, said it was "inspired" by Daesh. "This morning the FBI thwarted a potential terrorist attack and arrested multiple subjects in Michigan who were allegedly plotting a violent attack over Halloween weekend," Patel said in a post on X.

"Through swift action and close coordination with our local partners, a potential act of terror was stopped before it could unfold." CBS said five people between the ages of 16 and 20 were arrested Friday, and one or more of them may have known a former member of the Michigan National Guard who was arrested in May for planning an IS-inspired attack on a US Army site in suburban Detroit.—RT/Agency

Gazans Find Banks Empty Even as Guns Fall Silent

GAZA: The ceasefire in Gaza has eased the trauma of Israel's air strikes and blockades, but a shortage of cash has left Palestinians unable to spend what little money they have without falling victim to wartime profiteers. Banks

in many damaged or destroyed along with homes, schools and other institutions across Gaza during two years of war, began reopening on October 16, six days after the ceasefire was announced. Queues soon formed but people came away disappointed. "There is no money, liquidity at the bank," said father-of-six Wael Abu Fareh, 61, standing outside the Bank of Palestine. "You just come and do paperwork transactions and leave."—RT/Agency

Fawad Warns: Storming Islamabad Won't Cool Political Heat

ISLAMABAD: Former PTI minister Fawad Chaudhry has said that running over Islamabad would not bring the political temperatures down adding that the best PTI people to talk with, have currently been in jail.

"We want to play a role for release of the PTI's founder," Fawad Chaudhry said while talking to media. "Those in jail have also been views similar to us," Fawad



Chaudhry said, Shah Mahmood Qureshi is standing alongside with the PTI's N ministers, they have also founder but also supporting dialogue. "He wants bringing

temperatures down to begin the dialogue" He said some government people have fears they have leaked the news yesterday. "We want to play the role for the PTI founder's release. His remaining in jail benefits some people," Fawad Chaudhry said. "We have talked to the key PML-N ministers, they have also supported truce," he said.—RT/Agency

Asif Hints at Breakthrough from Qatar-Turkiye Mediation Amid Pak-Afghan Tensions

SIALKOT: As Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to uphold ceasefire following days-long talks in Istanbul to ease tensions, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif expressed optimism that mediation efforts by Qatar and Türkiye will yield positive results. Asif revealed that the issue of Afghan nationals has, for the first time, been raised at the international level, adding that Türkiye and Qatar are playing a constructive mediatory role in the dialogue.

Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban regime agreed to uphold ceasefire after multiple rounds of talks in Istanbul, read a joint statement issued on late Thursday, further stating: "Further modalities of the implementation will be discussed and decided in a principal level meeting in Istanbul on 6 November 2025."



Pakistan and Afghanistan resumed peace talks in Istanbul after Islamabad said the earlier four-day discussions had collapsed without a breakthrough. The talks had broken down when the Taliban refused to provide verifiable guarantees that groups such as the TTP would not use Afghan territory to launch attacks on Pakistan. Pakistan had recommenced talks at the request of mediators Turkey and Qatar to give peace another chance, while repeatedly urging Kabul to act against

militants using its territory as a safe haven.

"Previously, Afghanistan refused to acknowledge responsibility for its nationals residing illegally in Pakistan, calling it Pakistan's issue," the minister told Geo News. "Now, the matter has gained international ownership."

He further noted that under the ongoing negotiations, a clause has been included stipulating that if any illegal activity originates from Afghan soil, Afghanistan will be held accountable.—RT/Agency

Indian Temple Stampede Leaves Nine Dead, Many Injured

INDIA: A stampede at a temple in India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh killed at least nine people early on Saturday, government officials said, with several injured. The stampede occurred as worshippers crowded into the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in the city of Srikulam on Ekadashi, a day Hindus consider auspicious, said Pawan Kalyan, the state's deputy chief minister. "An inquiry will be conducted into the tragic incident," Kalyan said in a statement, adding that the temple was run by private individuals. He put the death toll at nine.—RT/Agency

Canada's Carney Offers Rare Apology to Trump Over Reagan Ad Controversy



US: Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said on Saturday he had apologised to US President Donald Trump over an anti-racist political advertisement and had told Ontario Premier Doug Ford not to run it. Carney, speaking to reporters after attending an Asia-Pacific summit in South Korea, said he had made the apology privately to Trump when they both attended a dinner hosted by South Korea's president. "I did apologise to the president," Carney said, confirming comments by Trump made.—RT/Agency

Washington Turns to Pakistan to Counter China's Mineral Dominance

ISLAMABAD: A leading US delegation met with Pakistani officials in Islamabad, seeking to build secure and transparent mineral supply chains for American industry amid Washington's growing concerns over China's upper hand in global rare earth materials.

The delegation led by Robert Louis Strayer II, president of the US government-funded Critical Minerals Forum (CMF), "discussed avenues of cooperation in the minerals and mining sector, strengthening supply-chain security, and encouraging responsible and sustainable investment in Pakistan's critical minerals landscape" with a Pakistani team headed by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, according to an official statement.

The meeting took place as the US and India an-



nounced a 10-year defence framework agreement. The CMF's focus is driven by the strategic threat posed by Beijing's control over key resources. "China's dominance of critical mineral supply chains has become a well-known threat to US national security, economic competitiveness, and long-term strategic objectives," Strayer wrote in his only article on the CMF website. Mr Strayer told Pakistan that the CMF is working

globally to support reliable supply chains for US industry, particularly in emerging markets.

The forum, he said, "focused on rare and niche metals, including copper and antimony, and aims to de-risk investments from both financial and security perspectives." He also promised a commitment to support technology transfer, intellectual property protection, and US private-sector investor confidence.—RT/Agency

Deep sorrow and grief are expressed over the sad demise of former Chief Minister of Sindh & Defence Minister former Member National & Provincial Assembly

Aftab Shaban Mirani

The late Aftab Shaban Mirani was a distinguished political worker and a valuable asset of the Pakistan Peoples Party. His remarkable political and public services in the Sindh Assembly and across the province are highly commendable and will always be remembered.

May Almighty Allah grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdaus and bestow patience and strength upon the bereaved family. (Ameen)



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