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Asif Warns: Pakistan May Strike Inside Afghanistan After Deadly Terror Attacks

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Tuesday warned that Pakistan could carry out strikes inside Afghanistan following recent terrorist attacks in Islamabad and South Waziristan, slamming the Afghan Taliban regime for harbouring militants behind the violence.

Over the past two days, Pakistan has witnessed two major terror incidents — one targeting Cadet College Wana in South Waziristan and another striking Islamabad.

Speaking on media' programme 'Aaj Shahzeb Khanzada Kay Sath', the defence minister said cross-border action inside Afghanistan could not be "ruled out" following the two attacks.

Asif rejected the Afghan Taliban regime's condemnation of the attacks, saying that such expressions of regret could not "be taken as proof of sincerity". "Those sheltered by the Afghan Taliban are repeatedly attacking us," he said.

The defence minister warned India and Afghanistan against any misadventure, saying Pakistan would "pay back in the same coin".

"Pakistan will never initiate any military adventure," he assured. However, he said: "We will not let any act of aggression go unanswered; we will respond forcefully."

It is to be noted here that at least 12 were martyred and over 30 injured in the suicide blast in Islamabad.

Prior to this, Asif warned that Pakistan was fully capable of delivering a befitting response to cross-border terrorism.

"We are in a state of war. Anyone who thinks that the Pakistan Army is fighting this war only in the border areas along Afghanistan or in the remote regions of Balochistan should take the suicide attack in Islamabad as a wake-up call," the defence czar wrote in a post on X.—RT/Agency

President, PM Vow Ruthless Action Against Foreign-Backed Terror After Islamabad Blast

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday vowed continued and decisive action against foreign-backed terrorists after a deadly suicide blast in Islamabad claimed at least 12 lives.

Over the past two days, Pakistan has witnessed two major terror incidents — one targeting Cadet College Wana in South Waziristan and another striking Islamabad.

During their meeting at the President House, President Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz reaffirmed their commitment to continue operations against foreign-backed terrorists and their facilitators until complete eradication.

The president and prime minister also reviewed the overall security and political situation in the country.

Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq were also present, along with federal ministers Mohsin Naqvi, Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Khalid Hussain Magsi, and Abdul Aleem Khan.Their meeting followed a suicide blast near Islamabad's District Judicial Complex that left 12 dead and 36 injured.—RT/Agency

Russia Extends Olive Branch — Offers Nuclear Talks To Ease US Tensions

MOSCOW: Russia on Tuesday offered to discuss with the United States allegations from Washington that it had carried out secret underground nuclear tests, in a bid to ease tensions between the world's top two nuclear superpowers.

Russia has tested its nuclear-powered, nuclear-capable weapons systems in recent weeks, but rejects the accusation by US President Donald Trump that it had secretly detonated a nuclear device.

Trump caused concern and confusion last month when he said he was ordering the United States to test its atomic weapons in retaliation for drills carried out by Russia and China — accusations rejected by both Moscow and Beijing.

None of the three countries has publicly tested a nuclear warhead since the 1990s, and all three have signed — but not ratified — the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) that bans all atomic test blasts, whether for military or civilian purposes.Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov offered on Tuesday to speak to Washington about its concerns."We are ready to discuss the suspicions raised by our American colleagues regarding the possibility that we might be secretly doing something deep underground," he told state media in a televised interview.—RT/Agency

Govt Eyeing 28th Amendment After Sweeping Changes In 27th, Says Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah has said that the government plans to introduce the 28th Constitutional Amendment after the passage of the 27th Amendment.

Speaking on Media programme Capital Talk, Sanaullah said the upcoming amendment would focus on matters related to education, population, and local governments (LGs).

The Senate on Monday passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, which aims to overhaul the military and judicial structures, amid the opposition's walkout and protest.Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar presented the 59-clause Bill, which received the required 64 votes (two-thirds majority in the 96-member House). It will now be presented in the National Assembly for voting today.According to the NA's agenda issued late Monday night, the session will begin at 11am. Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar is scheduled to table the bill in the lower house for approval.Meanwhile, PML-N Senator Sanaullah, speaking on Geo News' morning programme "Geo Pakistan" on Tuesday, stated that efforts were being made to advance local government matters, adding that the process of constitutional amendments would continue as consensus grew.—RT/Agency

Islamabad Shattered: 12 Martyred, Dozens Injured In Ruthless Suicide Attack

ISLAMABAD: A suicide blast rocked the federal capital on Tuesday, leaving at least 12 martyred and 30 injured outside a kachehri court building, said a spokesperson for the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS).

Of the 30 injured brought to the hospital, about five injured are in critical condition, the PIMS spokesperson said.

Speaking to the media, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said the suicide attack took place at 12:39pm today.

The security czar said the suicide bomber was trying to enter the courthouse, but "when he did not get an opportunity, he attacked a police vehicle".

Noting that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed to ensure the best medical assistance to those injured, the Naqvi said that the first priority will be to identify the suicide bomber.

"Those behind the court attack will be brought to light," the minister noted, adding: "There are many links in today's attack; evidence will be brought to light soon".

"There are many messages in this attack. If someone from another country is involved, it will not be forgiven," he warned.

Naqvi further revealed that the suicide bomber remained at the site for 10 to 15 minutes, planning to enter the building before carrying out the attack. He added that the attacker detonated the explosives as soon as a police vehicle arrived.

Earlier, the security czar visited the site of the explosion outside Islamabad's district courts and directed that the search operation be completed swiftly. Inspector General of Islamabad Police (IGP) Ali Nasir Rizvi briefed the minister on the incident.

He also directed authorities to submit a comprehensive investigation report.

Earlier, police said that the explosion occurred in a car parked outside the court. The injured reportedly included the petitioners and lawyers.

The building of the kacheri court was vacated after the explosion. Those present inside the building were being evacuated through the back door of the facility and court proceedings were suspended.—RT/Agency

14 Security Personnel Injured As DI Khan Bomb Attack Rips Through Convoy

D.I KHAN: A bomb attack in the Daraban tehsil of Dera Ismail Khan on Tuesday injured at least 14 security personnel.

The attack, said to be a remotely controlled improvised explosive device (IED), targeted a security forces convoy, said security sources.

The explosion heavily damaged a security forces vehicle. The injured were shifted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) D.I Khan.

The attack came at a time when security forces are battling terrorists who attacked Cadet College Wana in North Waziristan. The military said a clearance operation is underway to neutralise the three terrorists who managed to infiltrate the educational institution.

Security forces added that three of the personnel are said to be in critical condition.

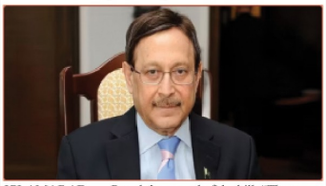
Following the attack, a large contingent of police and security forces reached the incident site and cordoned off the area.

A search operation was launched to sanitise the area.—RT/Agency

Trump Hints At Breakthrough: Says US Nearing Major Trade Deal With India

US: US President Donald Trump said on Monday the United States was getting close to reaching a deal with India that would expand economic and security ties between the two countries, boost US energy exports and promote investments in key US sectors."We're getting a fair deal, just a fair trade deal," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office at the swearing-in of his envoy to India, Sergio Gor. "We're making a deal with India, much different deal than we had in the past."Trump repeated his optimism that a deal was near, saying, "We're getting close."—RT/Agency

Farooq Naek Confident 27th Amendment Will Secure Two-Thirds Majority In NA



ISLAMABAD: People's Party's Senator Farooq H. Naek on Tuesday said that the 27th constitutional amendment bill is expected to pass by two-third majority in the National Assembly today.

Farooq Naek, who has been the chairmen of the Parliament's joint committee for law and justice, in media talk show 'Bakhabar Sawera' clarified that Senator Saif Abro voted for the 27th amendment without any pressure. "Saif Abro said in the house that he has voted for the Field Marshall".

He said the Opposition boycotted the Senate session during the clause-wise approval of the bill. "The opposition should have cast their votes against the 27th amendment instead of boycott", Senator Naek said.

He said the President does not belong to the government but represents the state. "The PM opting not to get the exemption has made a right decision". He also said that the committee's members had reservations over the MQM's proposed local government amendment bill.It is to be mentioned here that the 27th constitutional amendment has been passed from the Senate and now the government has tabled the bill in the National Assembly for approval.—RT/Agency

Ruckus And Rhetoric: NA Session Ends After Fiery Debate On 27th Amendment

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly session was adjourned on Tuesday without the passage of the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, which was expected to be sailed through, a day after its approval by the Senate.

Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar tabled the key legislation in the lower house of parliament, seeking major judicial and military reforms with a two-thirds majority.

The 59-clause amendment, passed by the Senate on Monday, seeks to overhaul the country's military and judicial structures. It was moved by the law minister and secured 64 votes in the 96-member House, with no votes against it, as opposition lawmakers boycotted the proceedings and tore up their copies in protest.

Apart from treasury members, ANP's senators, PTI-backed Saifullah Abro, and JUI-F's Ahmed Khan also supported the bill. In a surprise move, Abro refrained from joining the protest and later announced his resignation from the Senate.

The lower house session, scheduled for 11:00am, began half an hour late with prayers offered for PML-N Senator Irfan Siddiqui, who passed away on Monday night.

Speaking on the floor of the NA, Tarar said: "[The] Senate has passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill with a two-thirds majority. In the joint parliamentary committee, the opposition should also have attended the session."—RT/Agency

Fazlur Rehman Draws Line — JUI-F To Oppose 27th Constitutional Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has directed party members in the National Assembly to vote against the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman stated that the constitutional amendment is currently being presented in the National Assembly. He added that the issue had also been discussed in detail during the party's parliamentary meeting.

After thorough deliberations on all aspects of the proposed amendment, the JUI-F decided to oppose it, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said, instructing all party members to cast their votes against the amendment.

Earlier in the day, the 27th Constitutional Amendment was laid in the National Assembly. It was moved by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar.

The Amendment has already been passed by the Senate.

Sharing main features, the Law Minister said the 27th constitutional amendment envisages the establishment of the Federal Constitutional Court.

He said the federating units will be given equal representation in the constitutional court as per the spirit of Charter of Democracy. Islamabad High Court will also be given representation in the federal constitutional court.

The federal constitutional court will hear cases relating to constitutional matters and interpretation of the constitution. The permanent seat of the Federal Constitutional Court shall be at Islamabad.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Sounds Alarm At UN Over Afghan Arms Fueling Cross-Border Terror

UN: Pakistan cautioned the UN on Monday that the free movement of illegal arms within Afghanistan, many of them modern weapons now used by anti-Pakistan militant outfits, represents a serious regional risk and a key point of friction in its troubled relationship with Kabul.

Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, raised the issue during the UN Security Council Open Debate on Small Arms, stressing that Islamabad remains deeply concerned about developments in Afghanistan."Pakistan is seriously concerned about the presence of stockpiles of sophisticated arms and ammunition in Afghanistan, as noted in the findings of the Secretary General's reports," the ambassador told the members in attendance. "These sophisticated weapons pose a direct threat to neighbouring countries."

The Pakistani and Afghan militaries clashed last month, killing dozens, in the worst violence since the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021.Both sides signed a ceasefire in Doha in October, but negotiations in Istanbul ended without a long-term deal due to a disagreement over militant groups hostile to Pakistan that operate inside Afghanistan.—RT/Agency

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Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad Leads Powerful Dengue Awareness Drive at Isra University

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: A seminar on Dengue Awareness, Prevention and Cure was held at Isra University, Hyderabad, jointly organized by Isra Hospital, the Directorate of Student Activities & Athletics, and the Department of Community Medicine. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi inaugurated the event, stressing the importance of preventive awareness. Chief Guest Mr. Zain-ul-Abdeen Memon, Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, highlighted alarming survey findings showing over 2,500 houses with dengue breeding larvae, emphasizing that prevention must begin at home. Prominent speakers, including Dr. Pir Ghulam Hussain Shah, Dr. Hameed Khaskheli, Dr. Mir Farooq Talpur, and WHO Sindh representative Dr. Mukhtiar Hussain Bhayo, discussed strategies to control the disease through community participation and interdepartmental coordination. Dr. Sajjad Kazi and Prof. Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi also addressed the audience. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Saad Baloch, marking a major step toward dengue prevention awareness in Hyderabad.

MPA Zubair Ahmed Junejo Extends Heartfelt Solidarity to Sita Road's Qambrani Community

By Zain-ul-Abideen Samo

SITA ROAD: MPA Zubair Ahmed Junejo visited the Otaq of the Qambrani community in Ward No. 7, Sita Road, to offer condolences on the demise of the respected elder, Faqir Muhammad Hassan Qambrani. He expressed heartfelt grief to the bereaved family, offered Fateha, and prayed for the departed soul's eternal peace. MPA Junejo praised the late Faqir Muhammad Hassan Qambrani for his kindness, social services, and noble character. The condolence gathering was attended by Dadan Qambrani, Qamaruddin Qambrani, Muhammad Ali Qambrani, Shamsuddin Qambrani, Ali Raza Qambrani, and several community members, including Muhammad Sharif Chandio, Manthar Ali Rind, and others, who also prayed for the deceased.

Historic Naz Pilot School Khairpur Falls Prey to Land Mafia as Alumni Launch Protest Movement

By Muhammad Dino Lakho

KHUHRA: The historic Naz Pilot Secondary School of Khairpur, which has produced several prominent figures including former chief ministers, ministers, advisers, and secretaries, has reportedly fallen into the hands of land grabbers. According to details, influential encroachers have occupied the school's valuable land and begun constructing illegal buildings and shopping centers. In response, a meeting of the Naz Senior Students Association was held in Gambat, attended by former students, as well as political and social figures. The participants unanimously demanded that the Sindh government and district administration take immediate notice and remove the encroachments. They warned that if action is not taken soon, teachers and students across the district will launch a protest movement.

Thul Hosts Reception Honoring Renowned Writer and Social Activist Manthar Ghanyo

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A reception was held to honor renowned writer, speaker, and social activist Manthar Ghanyo for his literary and social contributions. The event was attended by teachers, social workers, and community members. Speakers including Adil Khan Jakhrani, Junaid Ahmed Khoso, Aabid Ali Sarki, and Tabassum Khoso praised Manthar's intellect, dedication, and service to society. Manthar Ghanyo thanked participants, emphasizing that Sindh faces serious challenges and everyone must play their role to protect it. The event ended with his birthday cake cutting and presentation of gifts.

Farmers Hail PPP's Relief Package and Rollout of Hari Cards

SHAHDADKOT: PPP Taluka Shahdadkot General Secretary and prominent agriculturist Raees Wajid Khan Chandio, PPP Taluka Vice President Mir Darya Khan Mastoi, UC Aitbar Khan Chandio Chairman Raees Abdul Khaliq Khan Chandio, and PPP City General Secretary Sirai Qurban Ali Soomro have jointly praised PPP Chairman's initiative of distributing a relief package and issuing Hari Cards for farmers, calling it a revolutionary step. The leaders said PPP has always represented farmers and laborers, prioritizing their issues and ensuring practical solutions. They added that distributing land among women farmers, issuing Hari Cards, and providing subsidies to small farmers are historic and progressive measures that promote agriculture and are widely appreciated by the farming community.

Excess Teacher Postings Trigger Alarming Concerns in Badin's Education Sector

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Concerns have been raised over teacher appointments in several schools across Badin, where records indicate an unusually high number of staff compared to student enrollment. In some schools, such as Government Girls High School Sadiq Kunbhar, 14 teachers are assigned for just 46 students, whereas only 2 are needed according to standard norms. Other schools in Matli and Badin also show similar patterns, with extra teachers appointed despite existing staff exceeding requirements.Education experts and local residents have requested that the Sindh government review staffing in these schools to ensure a balanced teacher-to-student ratio and improve the quality of education for all children.

Free Medical Camp Brings Relief to Thana Bula Khan Under SACM Gianchand Israni's Directives

By Shoukat Khaskheli

THANA BULA KHAN: Following the special instructions of Sindh Chief Minister's Advisor MPA Gianchand Israni, the Rehabilitation Department organized two mobile medical units at Sher Muhammad Shahno Stop, UC Mol, Thana Bula Khan. Around 200 patients received free OPD treatment, lab tests, ultrasounds, X-rays, ECGs, malaria, and sugar tests. Local residents expressed their gratitude to Gianchand Israni and the Chief Minister for bringing free medical facilities to their area. They highlighted that costly tests, medicines, and diagnostic services were provided without charge, benefiting not only their village but also surrounding communities.

Tando Bago Resident Cries Foul Over Illegal Occupation of Family Land

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: Resident Faqir Allah Jurio Khasakheli has staged a protest in Tando Bago, claiming that his inherited share of land from his late father, Khamiso Khasakheli, is being illegally occupied by his brothers and sister. He stated that he is entitled to 25% of the property, which was officially recorded in his name in 2015 in the revenue records. Despite repeated requests over the past 10 years to vacate the land, the relatives have refused. Faqir Allah Jurio has appealed to the Sindh Chief Minister, Hyderabad Commissioner, and DC Badin to take immediate notice, ensure his 25% share is restored, and take action against those illegally occupying the property.

Senior Politician Syed Noor Muhammad Shah Pledges Rapid Development for UC Pat Sharif

By Abdullah Khan Shahani

PHULJI STATION: Senior politician Syed Noor Muhammad Shah met UC Pat Sharif Vice Chairman Makhdoom Shafiq-ur-Rehman Siddiqui at Makhdoom House, pledging to restore the area's prosperity. He said the public has rejected the 17th constitutional amendment and urged the federal government to take steps benefiting citizens. Shah assured that UC development projects, including the market roofing, will be prioritized, with local leaders actively supporting these initiatives.

PPP's Qazi Imtiaz Ahmed Qureshi Vows Revival and Beautification of Shahi Bazaar

By Abdullah Khan Shahani

PHULJI STATION: Pakistan Peoples Party leader Qazi Imtiaz Ahmed Qureshi visited Shahi Bazaar, where local shopkeepers welcomed him with flowers, caps, and Ajraks. During the visit, shopkeepers, including Abdul Rasheed Pathan, Faheem Jarwar, Abdul Hameed Panhwar, and Sher Khan Mangi, highlighted problems such as waterlogging due to low roads, lack of overhead shelter causing damage to goods, and absence of police patrols leading to security concerns. Qureshi assured that the issues would be addressed promptly, promising improved roads, police presence, and protection for shopkeepers. He emphasized that a town's economy depends on its markets and pledged continued support. Several PPP leaders accompanied him during the visit

Land Grabbing Scandal in Nooriabad Raises Questions Over Weak Enforcement of Court Orders

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Illegal land grabbing near Nooriabad and the Super Highway has emerged as a serious concern, with influential individuals reportedly occupying government and private land for resale. Court rulings, including those by the Sindh High Court in 2015, 2019, and 2023, have repeatedly noted the involvement of local officials and police, yet enforcement remains limited. Political figures, including MPA Haleem Adil Sheikh, have acknowledged the issue publicly. In 2024, a task force registered hundreds of cases across Sindh, mostly in Karachi, but progress on Nooriabad cases remains unclear.

MGM Tando Bago Clinches Hyderabad Division Night Cricket Title in Thrilling Finale

By Sher Ali Khawaja

TANDO BAGO: The final of the Hyderabad Division Night Cricket Tournament was held at the ground of Mir Ghulam Muhammad Talpur High School, Tando Bago, between MGM Tando Bago and Jamshoro teams. Batting first, Jamshoro set a target of 154 runs in 20 overs. MGM Tando Bago achieved the target in 19 overs with the loss of 5 wickets, winning the tournament. The final was attended by special guests including MPA Badin Haji Taj Muhammad Mallah, PPP Badin District General Secretary Dr. Sajad Ali Chandio, journalists, and hundreds of local spectators. In celebration, MGM Tando Bago players danced, and awards were presented to winning and runner-up team captains, best bowlers, and top batsmen. Guests were also presented with traditional Sindhi Ajraks and Longets as souvenirs.

JUI-F Candidates' Papers Restored for High-Stakes Ghari Yasin By-Election

By Adeel Alvi

SHIKARPUR: The nomination forms of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) candidates for the upcoming by-election in PS-9 Ghari Yasin have been restored at the RO office in Ghari Yasin. District Ameer Maulana Abdullah Mahar confirmed that in the first phase, all party candidates' forms have been reinstated. The party's ticket will be awarded to one candidate, to be announced by provincial leader Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro. Maulana Abdullah Mahar expressed confidence that the people will support the JUI-F candidate. The announcement was attended by Hafiz Rafiq Ahmed Shar, Maulana Ghulam Allah Mahar, Maulana Shafiq-ur-Rehman Pathan, Maulana Abdul Qudoos Khoso, and other party leaders.

Hyderabad Police Net Four in Crackdown on Drug and Liquor Supply Rings

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: In a series of operations across the city, Hyderabad Police have arrested four individuals involved in drug and illegal liquor supply. Maki Shah Police recovered 976 grams of hashish from Ishtiaq Anjum alias Dilawar Jutt (Crime No. 160/2025, CNS Act). At Check Post Seri, Habib Bhambhro was arrested with 5 liters of homemade liquor, while his accomplice escaped. Check Post Paban apprehended Lal Chand with 10 liters of liquor; his accomplice also fled. Market Police arrested Amjad Wagan with 4 bottles of liquor (Crime No. 329/2025, PEHO). Further investigations are ongoing. Hyderabad Police continue operations against narcotics and illegal liquor trade.

Govt Girls Degree College Moro Marks Iqbal Day with Patriotic Zeal

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Government Girls Degree College, Moro, organized a special ceremony to commemorate Allama Iqbal Day under the chairmanship of Principal Prof. Afshan Bano Kandhro. Professors and a large number of students attended the event. The national anthem was sung, followed by students reciting Allama Iqbal's poetry, receiving applause for their performances. Principal Prof. Afshan Bano and other faculty members highlighted Iqbal's role as the visionary who inspired the creation of Pakistan. They emphasized his patriotic poetry, widely celebrated nationally and internationally, and acknowledged his lifelong contributions to the country and nation. The ceremony concluded with a tribute to Allama Iqbal's legacy.

Khairpur Gears Up to Welcome RUJ Train March for Journalists' Rights

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: The Regional Union of Journalists (RUJ) Train March, advocating for journalists' rights, is scheduled to reach Khairpur Railway Station on Wednesday, 12th November, at 3:40 PM. A grand reception will be organized at the Press Club Khairpur under the patronage of Khan Muhammad Khan and the leadership of Ghulam Qadir Soomro. Central RUJ leaders Mazhar Naqvi and Afzal Bhatti will distribute informative pamphlets highlighting the rights and challenges of local journalists. Local journalists, including Khan Muhammad Khan, Ghulam Qadir Soomro, Saleem Raza Shaikh, and others, will participate in the welcome. Leaders urged journalists from all eight tehsils of the district to attend the event and assured their full support for the RUJ's mission to protect journalists' rights and strengthen press freedom.

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Three Martyred as Terrorists Storm Wana Cadet College, Confirms Naqvi

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi confirmed that three people were martyred in the terrorist attack on Wana Cadet College. He said the attackers attempted to take people hostage inside the college but failed due to the timely response of security forces.Speaking to the media, Naqvi revealed that the assailants were in contact with their handlers in Afghanistan. He stressed that the nation must stand united with its security forces and warned that if cross-border terrorists are not restrained, Pakistan will take decisive action.The minister added that Pakistan had already provided evidence of terrorist training activities being conducted inside Afghanistan.According to media reports, an operation is ongoing against three militants who took refuge inside the college premises. The attackers, believed to be of Afghan origin, are hiding in a building located far from the cadets' residential area.—RT/Agency

Karakoram Highway Buried: Deadly Landslide in Chilas Traps Dozens of Vehicles

GILGIT: A massive landslide struck the Karakoram Highway near Ghandlu in Chilas district of Gilgit-Baltistan, burying six vehicles under debris and sweeping two others into the river. Several passenger vehicles were also affected by the incident.According to government spokesperson Faizullah Firaq, some individuals are feared trapped under the debris, and rescue operations are underway. Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan has taken notice of the incident and directed authorities to expedite rescue efforts, while emergency has been declared in nearby hospitals.Firaq added that no casualties have been confirmed so far. He said that a few passengers managed to escape by jumping out of their vehicles in time. The landslide caused a major disruption in traffic flow on the strategic highway, linking Gilgit-Baltistan with other parts of the country, as rescue teams and heavy machinery were deployed to clear the route and search for the missing.—RT/Agency

Naqvi Draws the Line: Only Evidence — Not Allegations — Will Speak

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said that Pakistan will not level accusations without evidence, unlike India, and will address every issue only with supporting proof. Speaking to reporters, Naqvi emphasized that the government is committed to a transparent, law-based approach and pledged that no individual involved in wrongdoing would be spared once verified evidence emerges.He stressed the importance of relying on facts to preserve credibility in domestic and international affairs and warned that unsubstantiated claims undermine diplomatic discourse. The interior minister added that relevant agencies have been instructed to gather concrete information and carry out thorough investigations before making public accusations.Naqvi underscored the state's resolve to protect national security and pursue legal action against perpetrators when warranted. —RT/Agency

KP Placed on Red Alert After Deadly Strikes Rock Islamabad and South Waziristan

PESHAWAR: Security has been placed on high alert across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa following back-to-back terrorist attacks — one in Islamabad and another targeting the Cadet College in Wana, South Waziristan.According to details, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has issued urgent directives to all Regional Police Officers (RPOs) and other senior officials to strengthen security measures across the province.The IGP instructed that security be tightened at educational institutions, courts, and police installations, emphasizing the need for enhanced vigilance and continuous monitoring to prevent any further incidents.

He further ordered that the security of sensitive departments, judicial complexes, and law enforcement offices be made more effective, directing field officers to maintain strict oversight.—RT

Gang convicted of ATM fraud sentenced by Lahore banking court

LAHORE: The Lahore's Banking Crimes Court has sentenced a group found guilty of withdrawing money through ATM fraud.Judge Tariq Javed Chaudhry delivered the verdict. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Lahore had registered the case in 2013. The offenders had unlawfully withdrawn hundreds of thousands of rupees from citizens' accounts by using counterfeit ATM cards.The court sentenced Mudassar Ghafoor and Waqas Yaseen to seven years' imprisonment each, while Madiha Ghafoor received 16 years in prison. Following the announcement of the verdict, the convicts were taken into custody in the courtroom and sent to jail.—RT/Agency

Mustafa Kamal Confirms 28th Amendment Bill Set to Hit National Assembly Floor Soon

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Mustafa Kamal on Tuesday said that the proposed Article 140-A could not become the part of the 27th constitutional amendment owing to the lack of consensus within political parties over it.MQM legislator was speaking on the floor of the National Assembly during debate over the constitutional amendment."The issued doesn't end here, the 28th amendment would come in this house soon," Kamal said.He claimed that the local government system doesn't exist in the country. "Provinces getting funds from the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award but there is no mechanism to disburse funds to lower level".He said under the powers delegated in the 18th Constitutional Amendment resources freeze at the level of chief ministers. "It is the reason behind the talk about rolling back the 18th Amendment", he said.—RT/Agency

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GLOBAL WATCH

WWII Veteran's Purple Heart Returned to Family in Illinois After Decades in Safe Deposit Box

US: A Purple Heart medal belonging to World War II veteran James Bennett of Illinois has finally been returned to his family after spending decades locked away in a safe deposit box. The medal, awarded to Bennett for his service as a U.S. Army rifleman, was located and returned as part of Operation Purple Heart, a program launched by Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs to reunite unclaimed military honors with veterans' families.Bennett, a longtime resident of Oak Park, passed away in 1990 at the age of 76, and his wife, Ann, died seven years later. Their niece, Patty Knies, who became the legal guardian of their disabled daughter Susan, was unaware of the existence of the safe deposit box until she was contacted by the Treasurer's Office. The box, registered under Ann Bennett's name, was turned over to the state in 2022.

Knies expressed deep gratitude upon receiving the medal. "I knew nothing about the safety deposit box," she told The Reporter. "When my aunt and uncle passed, many things were passed on, but not this. It's exciting — he was a really great guy."Treasurer Frerichs, who personally presented the Purple Heart to Knies during a ceremony on Monday, praised the emotional significance of such returns. "We have to do a bit of detective work," he told FOX 32 Chicago. "The Chicago Tribune and others have helped us track down these families because it's not always easy."Knies said she plans to proudly display the medal at home and share photos of it with surviving relatives. "I hope this also encourages others to look into retrieving their family members' Purple Hearts," she added.Frerichs noted that this marks the 17th Purple Heart successfully returned since he took office — the highest number in the country. "But our work isn't over," he said. "We still have six more medals in our possession that we'd love to place back into the warm embrace of their families instead of our cold vault."—RT/Agency

Escaped Dog Causes Traffic Chaos in Massachusetts Tunnel Before Being Safely Rescued

Traffic came to a standstill inside the Ted Williams Tunnel in Massachusetts after a loose dog made its way onto the busy roadway, sending drivers and authorities into a frantic rescue effort

Surveillance footage released by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) showed a black-and-white dog darting between lanes of fast-moving vehicles, narrowly avoiding collisions as startled motorists tried to slow down. The unexpected sight caused traffic to back up along the Massachusetts Turnpike as drivers attempted to avoid the frightened animal.

Authorities from the Massachusetts State Police quickly responded to the emergency. Troopers coordinated efforts to temporarily stop traffic in both directions, ensuring the dog's safety as officers approached it cautiously. After several tense moments, the officers successfully coaxed the dog into the back seat of a police cruiser, ending the ordeal without any injuries to the animal or drivers.

Officials later confirmed that the same dog had been seen earlier near the economy parking lot of Boston Logan International Airport, located not far from the tunnel's entrance. It remains unclear how the dog managed to travel from the airport area to the tunnel, but police believe it may have wandered off while its owner was nearby.

The animal was taken to Boston Animal Care and Control, where staff checked it for injuries and scanned for identification. Thankfully, the dog appeared unharmed and in good condition. Using the contact information on its microchip, officials were able to trace and reunite the pet with its relieved owner later that day.

Massachusetts State Police praised the quick response of motorists who remained calm and helped avoid further danger. "This could have ended very differently," one trooper said. "We're grateful everyone stayed patient so the dog could be rescued safely."

The incident served as a reminder for pet owners to ensure proper leashing and supervision, particularly in busy urban areas near highways and airports.—RT/Agency

Jaffarabad Municipal Corporation to Improve City Cleanliness

By Inayatullah Hur

JAFFARABAD: Chief Officer of Municipal Corporation Dera Allahyar, Ahmed Nawaz Jattak, inspected the office workshop, reviewing fire brigades, garbage collection vehicles, tractors, and other machinery. He ordered immediate repairs and instructed staff to make all vehicles operational as soon as possible to improve city services. Jattak stated that under Mayor Mir Asfandyar Khan Jamali, the team is actively working to clean the city, remove waste, and enhance the sewage system. He emphasized that these efforts aim to provide citizens with a cleaner, healthier, and more peaceful environment despite limited resources.

GUJRANWALA: DIG Hazara Nasir Mehmood Sati giving shield to retired SP Sardar Jahangir for his outstanding services.--Photo by Dr Mirza MB Qamar

Central Punjab

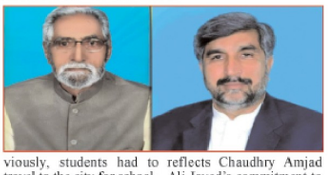
Toba Tek Singh Administration Cracks Down on Illegal Gas Refilling

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Following directives from Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela, Assistant Commissioner Gojra Muhammad Riaz Gujar took strict action against illegal gas refilling in New Lahore, sealing three shops involved in the practice. The Assistant Commissioner emphasized that illegal gas refilling poses serious risks to public safety and property and will not be tolerated. He added that the district administration is actively monitoring such activities and will continue taking strict measures to prevent violations. Residents were urged to report suspicious activities to ensure community safety. The administration reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating illegal gas refilling from the district.

Govt Boys Elementary School Upgraded to High School in Chak No-323 GB

By Abid Mehmood Ch



TOBA TEK SINGH Former District Council Chairman Chaudhry Muhammad Ashraf Jora expressed deep gratitude to MPA Chaudhry Amjad Ali Javed for upgrading Government Boys Elementary School Chak No-323 GB to a High School. He called it a historic step, fulfilling a long-standing wish of village residents and bringing higher education to the children's doorstep. Previously, students had to travel to the city for schooling, causing hardships for parents. This initiative, benefiting Chak No-323 GB and neighboring villages, reflects Chaudhry Amjad Ali Javed's commitment to education and public welfare. Villagers hailed his dedication and developmental vision.

Football Tournament Promotes Youth Engagement in Chak No-289 GB

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Munawar Hussain Kallu, Vice President of PML-Q Punjab and Central Secretary General of the National Peace Council, emphasized the importance of youth engagement, stating, "Nations that fill their playgrounds see their hospitals deserted," while attending a football tournament in Chak No-289 GB as the chief guest. Prominent regional teams participated in the event, fostering sportsmanship and community spirit. Key leaders, including Habib Haris, Naqash Ashraf, Muhammad Javed Kenneth, and Aamir Ghumman, also attended. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winning teams' players, celebrating talent and encouraging active youth participation in sports.

Narowal Launches District-Wide Measles and Rubella Vaccination Campaign

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Syed Hassan Raza, Narowal district will participate in the nationwide Measles and Rubella Prevention Campaign from November 17 to 29. A meeting chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Ghulam Sarwar included officials from Health, Education, and other departments. Chief Executive Officer Health Dr. Muhammad Adnan said that 270,000 children aged 6 months to 5 years will be vaccinated through schools, hospitals, rural centers, and community points. ADC Ghulam Sarwar urged parents and the community to support the campaign, emphasizing that children's health is vital for the nation's future, aiming to make Narowal measles and rubella-free.

Teaching Hospital Gujranwala Honors TB Patients Who Completed Treatment

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: A special ceremony was held at Teaching Hospital Gujranwala under the chairmanship of MS Dr. Atiq Ahmed, awarding certificates to patients who successfully completed treatment under the Punjab TB Control Program with support from MSF (Medecins Sans Frontières). The event was attended by Deputy MS Dr. Maimona, Head of Pulmonology Dr. Mehboob Ahmed, Deputy Director PR Munawar Hussain, Dr. Zain, Ali Rehan Cheema, Zeeshan Ahmed, and other staff. Dr. Atiq Ahmed highlighted that TB is curable if patients complete the treatment and adhere to prescribed medicines. Dr. Mehboob Ahmed added that the hospital's pulmonology department provides modern facilities for timely diagnosis and treatment. Certificates were distributed, patients were advised to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and a commitment was made to continue public awareness for a TB-free Gujranwala.

Punjab Police Promotes 289 Sub-Inspectors to Inspectors

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Inspector General Punjab, Dr. Usman Anwar, has promoted 289 sub-inspectors to the rank of inspector across the province. Among them, 49 were from Lahore, 58 from Rawalpindi, 21 from Multan, 23 from Bahawalpur, 14 from Sahiwal, 33 from Gujranwala, 34 from Faisalabad, 22 from DG Khan, and 17 from Sheikhupura, including 7 from Sargodha. The promotion board meeting, chaired by Additional IG Punjab Sultan Ahmad Chaudhry, evaluated officers based on merit, rules, and regulations. IG Punjab congratulated the promoted officers, urging them to serve Pakistan selflessly and protect citizens fearlessly.

CPO Orders Arrest in Child Exploitation Case

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: City Police Officer Muhammad Ayaz Saleem has ordered immediate legal action after a video involving a 12-year-old child went viral on social media. The video allegedly showed indecent acts with the minor. Following the CPO's directives, the accused transgender individual was taken into custody by the Police Protection Center. The Dhulley police have registered a formal case and successfully recovered the child. CPO Saleem emphasized a strict zero-tolerance policy towards crimes exploiting minors.

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Time to Strike Back: Pakistan Must Dismantle Terror Havens Across the Afghan Border

The blood-soaked streets of Islamabad's G-11, where 12 innocent souls were torn apart and 36 others wounded in a savage suicide bombing, mark yet another grim chapter in Pakistan's long war against terrorism. The attack — carried out brazenly outside a district court in the heart of the capital during major international events — was not random. It was a message, orchestrated by the deadly nexus of India and Afghanistan-based terror outfits determined to destabilize Pakistan.

For too long, Pakistan has exercised restraint in the face of repeated betrayals and hollow assurances from Kabul. The Taliban government's continued refusal or inability to rein in groups like the TTP has emboldened these bloodthirsty networks to strike at will. This stubborn negligence mirrors the Taliban's fatal mistake before 9/11 — harboring extremists until the world turned against them. History, it seems, is repeating itself.

It is time for Pakistan to take off the gloves. Diplomatic niceties and empty condemnations have failed. The Afghan regime must be held accountable, and the sanctuaries nurturing cross-border terrorism must be neutralized — decisively and preemptively. Pakistan's patience must not be mistaken for weakness. The sacrifices of our soldiers, police, and civilians demand justice — not mere statements.India's toxic hand in fueling these horrors through proxies has also become undeniable. From Wana to Islamabad, the pattern is clear: coordinated attempts to ignite chaos and demoralize the Pakistani state. But they will fail.

This is not the time for hesitation. The Islamabad bombing is not just an attack on Pakistan — it is an attack on peace, sovereignty, and regional stability. The message to Kabul must be unequivocal: if you cannot dismantle the terror networks on your soil, Pakistan will. For the blood of our martyrs demands nothing less.

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THE HEARTLAND

SEHWAN SHARIF: Former Senior Sindh Minister and PPP Stalwart Pir Mazharul Haq, former MNA and Chairman of the Ibrat Group Kazi Asad Abid, and Editor-in-Chief of Daily Regional Times Kazi Sajjad Akbar are laying a chadar on the shrine of Hazrat Lal Shahbaz Qalandar (RA). — Photo by Qaimuddin

Qazi Ahmed Woman Pleads for Police Protection Amid Intensifying Family Feud

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: In Qazi Ahmed city's Unar Mohalla, local resident Ms. Kareema Jokhio, accompanied by her children Malook Zadi and Noor Muhammad, approached the Press Club to lodge a complaint against her son, Habibullah Jokhio. She alleged that her son has become disobedient, frequently assaults family members, and today attacked his elder brother Noor Muhammad, leaving him injured. Ms. Kareema stated that Habibullah, who has been receiving pension for 14 years, refuses to contribute financially to the household and continues to commit acts of violence. She urged police to take action, evict her son, and provide protection from further abuse. Habibullah, however, claimed that his brother and sister-in-law are falsely accusing him over property disputes.

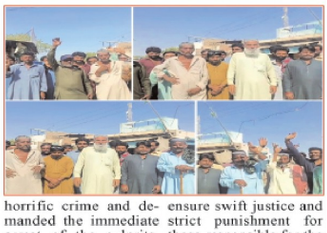
Pakistani Innovators Shine as Carbon Emission Tracker Wins Climate Governance Award

By Adeel Alvi

SHIKARPUR: The Youth Climate Education & Fellowship Program 2024 concluded at Shaikh Ayaz University Shikarpur with a landmark event showcasing innovative climate governance solutions. Organized by Transparency International Pakistan, the Climate Governance Innovation Challenge brought together youth leaders, environmental experts, and university faculty to promote sustainable climate initiatives. The fellowship, launched in May 2024, trained 30 students in climate policies, advocacy, climate finance, and social accountability. During the challenge, ten student groups presented projects, evaluated for creativity, feasibility, and impact. The winning idea, a website tracking carbon emissions was praised for its practical, community-driven approach to climate accountability. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to all participating fellows, recognizing their dedication to climate action and good governance.

Public Outrage in Shadi Palli as Residents Protest Murder of Minor Aamna Kandani

By Muhammad Bachal



UMERKOT: In Shadi Palli, citizens staged a protest at Station Chowk demanding justice for Aamna Kandani, the innocent minor girl brutally murdered in Jhalori. The demonstration was led by Bhanjhi Mal Kolhi, Vice Chairman Bhoro Mal Kolhi, journalists Ashraf Lashari, Muhammad Bachal Shar, and Shoaib Malik. Protesters condemned the horrific crime and demanded the immediate arrest of the culprits. They urged authorities to ensure swift justice and strict punishment for those responsible for the tragedy.

SAC Mobilizes Massive Protest in Naushehro Feroze Against 27th Amendment

By Hassnain Shahid Channa

NAUSHEHRO FEROZE: A protest rally was held from Allah Waro Chowk to the Press Club against the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment and the plan to divide Sindh into units, organized by the Sindh Action Committee and national parties. The rally was led by leaders including Dr. Niaz Kalani, Punhal Sario, Mujeeb Machhi, Jam Aslam Korejo, Raza Muhammad Bhan, Imtiaz Khoso, and others. Participants condemned the amendment, calling it a threat to Sindh's unity and resources, and warned that if the amendment is not withdrawn, Sindhi people would intensify protests, blocking roads, railway tracks, and key routes. The rally ended at the Press Club.

FFC Empowers Farmers with Wheat Cultivation Awareness Seminar in Tando Allahyar

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAH YAR: A seminar on profitable wheat cultivation was organized at Tando Allahyar community hall under Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC). The event was attended by farmers, agricultural experts, dealers, and stakeholders. Speakers including Abdul Hameed Lodhi, Shams-uz-Zafar, Muhammad Sabir Khan, and Dr. Shoaib Ismail highlighted challenges in wheat production and rising flour prices. They emphasized that FFC provides nationwide support to farmers, including over 100 "Sona Centers" for small farmers to register and benefit. Senior Scientist Danish Riaz urged modern farming practices and enriching soil with organic matter. Sindh government's wheat subsidy scheme provides cash assistance for urea and DAP. Several FFC officials and researchers participated.

Sports Gala 2025 Ignites at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University

By Samad Ayaz Dahri

NAWABSHAH: The Directorate of Student Affairs at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad, inaugurated the Sports Gala 2025 under the theme "Sports for Peace" at the University Sports Complex on November 11. The event was formally opened by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Madad Ali Shah in a colorful ceremony attended by students from various university departments. Competitions in cricket, sack race, tug of war, and other sports will be held. Director Sports Dr. Altaf Khaskheli said the students are participating with great enthusiasm. Vice Chancellor Dr. Madad Ali Shah emphasized that both the government and private institutions should play their role in promoting sports, as it encourages discipline, unity, and physical fitness among youth.

LARKANA: SACM Khair Muhammad Shaikh, Chairman District Council Aijaz Ahmed Laghari, Mayor Larkana Advocate Anwar Ali Luhur, and Regional Director Colleges Prof Altaf Hussain Abro are handing over the keys of a new bus to the Principal of the Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Government Girls Degree College Naudero. — Photo by Ahmed Raza Soomro

Feroza Abbasi Health Center Inaugurated for the Underprivileged under Shine Humanity's Supervision

By Qaimuddin Memon

SEHWAN SHARIF: A grand inauguration ceremony of the Feroza Abbasi Health Center, established for the underprivileged under the supervision of renowned social organization Shine Humanity, was held in Sehwan. The center was formally inaugurated by Ms. Fouzia Saeed Abbasi, grandniece of Late Feroza Sattar Abbasi. The ceremony was attended by former Senior Sindh Minister Pir Mazhar ul Haq, former MNA and Feroza Abbasi's Brother, Kazi Asad Abid, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Daily Regional Times, Kazi Sajjad Akbar, former Chief Engineer of the Irrigation Department Pir Munawar ul Haq, Pir Moazam ul Haq, Pir Vicky, Kazi Mustafa Abbasi, the Health Center's management, and a large number of local citizens and members and leaders of Shine Humanity including Shine Humanity's CEO Faheem Khan, Dr Farwa Shahid, Humair Mumtaz, Dr. Farzana Naqvi and her husband Dr. Salman Naqvi of Los Angeles, Naila Ahmad as well as other distinguished dignitaries.

The health center, established through the support of prominent Los Angeles–based cardiologist and Late Feroza Abbasi's husband, Dr. Sattar Abbasi and his family — Robert Abbasi, Nicholas Abbasi, Rez Abbasi and his wife Kiran — aims to provide quality healthcare to the needy. Guests were presented with traditional Sindhi Ajraks and flower showers in appreciation.

Ms. Fouzia Saeed Abbasi and her grandfather, Kazi Asad Abid and Uncle, Pir Mazhar expressed that the project fulfills Feroza Abbasi's lifelong wish to serve humanity and hoped that the initiative will expand further.Former Senior Minister Pir Mazhar ul Haq lauded the Abbasi family's contribution to healthcare and their commitment to improving medical services in Sehwan. Following the ceremony, guests toured the facility, including its OPD and pharmacy, and commended the dedication of the staff.

The event concluded with a grand lunch hosted by Pir Mazhar ul Haq and his brothers at Hotel Sehwan Divine. Later, the family members led by Pir Mazhar and Kazi Asad visited the Dargah of Hazrat Lal Shahbaz Qalandar (RA), offered prayers, and laid a chadar on the illustrious Saint's grave.

Drug Inspector Conducts Surprise Raid on Medical Stores

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Drug Inspector Shayan Shaikh, accompanied by his team, conducted a surprise inspection of various medical stores in Tando Allahyar. During the raid, medicines, expired drugs, licenses, and cleanliness standards were checked. Upon receiving the news, several store owners closed their shops and left. According to sources, the Drug Inspector issued strict warnings to multiple store owners and threatened legal action if improvements were not made. The operation aimed to ensure the quality of medicines and safeguard public health in the city.

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SPORTS

Cristiano Ronaldo Drops Bombshell Hint on When He'll Hanga Up His Boots

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo has confirmed that the 2026 FIFA World Cup will mark the end of his illustrious international career, as he prepares to draw the curtain on one of football's greatest journeys.

Speaking via video link at a Saudi forum on Tuesday, the 40-year-old forward—who has scored over 950 goals for club and country—said he plans to retire from football within "one or two years."

"Definitely, yes," Ronaldo said when asked if the 2026 edition would be his final World Cup. "I'm gonna be 41 years old, and I think it will be the moment."

The Al Nassr star, who joined the Saudi club in 2023, also elaborated on his recent remarks about retiring "soon."

"Let's be honest, when I say soon, it's probably one or two years. I'll still be in the game," he added.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner hopes to feature in a record sixth World Cup next year. His closest attempt to lifting the trophy came in 2006, when Portugal reached the semi-finals before losing to France.

Portugal are yet to confirm their qualification for the 2026 tournament in the USA, Canada, and Mexico, but can secure their spot with a win over Ireland on Thursday.

Ronaldo recently became the all-time top scorer in World Cup qualifying history, netting twice against Hungary to reach 41 goals and surpassing Guatemala's Carlos Ruiz (39).

He also holds the record for most international goals, with 143 strikes for Portugal.

In an emotional interview with Piers Morgan Uncensored last week, Ronaldo spoke candidly about the challenges of retirement.—Agency

Faham and Awais Smash Centuries as Faisalabad Dominate Islamabad Early

ABBOTTABAD: Opener Faham-ul-Haq and middle-order batter Muhammad Awais Zafar scored vital centuries to power Faisalabad to a formidable total on the opening day of their seventh-round Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (QEAT) 2025-26 match against Islamabad at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

Faisalabad captain Ali Shan's decision to bat first proved beneficial as his team finished day one at 322/4 in 81 overs, with centurion Awais unbeaten in the middle.

Shan-led side, however, had a contrasting start to their innings and thus had been reduced to 111/3 as opener Hasan Raza (15), Asim Ali Nasir (27) and Atiq-ur-Rehman (18) fell after making meagre contributions.

Following the slump, Awais joined Faham in the middle, and the duo put Faisalabad in control by putting together 188 runs for the fourth wicket.

Jawad Ali eventually broke the monumental partnership by getting rid of Faham, who scored 109 off 232 deliveries with the help of 18 fours.

Awais, on the other hand, remained firm and knitted an unbeaten 23-run partnership for the fifth wicket with Raees Ahmed, unbeaten on three, to ensure there were no further setbacks.

He remained the top-scorer for Faisalabad with an unbeaten 138 off 139 deliveries, studded with 16 fours and five sixes, and will resume their innings on the second day, alongside Raees.

For Islamabad, Jawad Ali picked up two wickets, while Arsal Sheikh and Hunain Shah could take one apiece on the first day's play.

At the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi, a collective bowling effort helped Abbottabad book Karachi Blues for a modest total on the opening day of their seventh-round QEAT match.

Opting to bat first, Karachi Blues could accumulate 258 runs before being bowled out in 80 overs despite Danish Aziz's gutsy half-century.

Danish waged a lone battle for Karachi Blues with an unbeaten 89 off 152 deliveries, featuring seven fours and two sixes. Top-order batter Shan Masood was the other notable run-getter with his 48-ball 43.—Agency

Carlos Alcaraz Outguns Taylor Fritz in ATP Finals Epic to Keep Dream Run Alive

World number one Carlos Alcaraz came under extreme pressure before overcoming American Taylor Fritz 6-7(2) 7-5 6-3 in a thrilling round-robin match at the ATP Finals on Tuesday, leaving the Spaniard on two wins from two.

Last year's finalist Fritz played the tennis of his life, as both men served up the best encounter of the season-ending championships so far, but the American ran out of steam as Alcaraz turned on the style and took the deciding set with ease.

Carlos Alcaraz and Fritz had won their opening Jimmy Connors Group matches, and the Spaniard looked in real trouble when the American took the opening set in a tiebreak. Alcaraz faced break points in the second set but rallied back to draw level.

Fritz began to tire, and Alcaraz broke to lead 4-2 in the final set before wrapping up the win in two hours and 48 minutes by serving out to love.

"It was pretty tight, I was struggling more than him in the first set," Alcaraz said. "I wasn't serving well, and I think he was pretty comfortable from the baseline, from everywhere."

Carlos Alcaraz will be assured of a semi-final place if Alex de Minaur defeats Lorenzo Musetti in the evening match.—Agency

Shadab Khan Nears Long-Awaited Return as Pakistan Eye Squad Boost

Pakistan's T20I vice-captain, Shadab Khan, is set to make a comeback to the national team ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup, scheduled to be held in India and Sri Lanka in February-March.

According to the sources, the selection committee, along with white-ball head coach Mike Hesson, is considering Shadab's return to help boost his momentum ahead of the major tournament.

The 27-year-old's fitness has reportedly satisfied both the medical panel and the team physiotherapist, as he recovers quickly and is already bowling full spells.

On Monday, Shadab, along with emerging pacer Ali Raza, participated in a practice match at the LCCA Ground after completing their rehabilitation programs.

A video shared by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) showed Ali Raza bowling at full pace, troubling the batters, while Shadab appeared in control with both bat and ball.

The duo's performance was closely monitored by the academy coaches, with Director of the National High-Performance Centre, Aqib Javed, also in attendance.

Shadab had undergone surgery in the United Kingdom a few months ago to address persistent discomfort in his right shoulder, an issue that had troubled him prior to Pakistan's T20I series against Bangladesh in Dhaka in July.

Following medical consultations, surgery was deemed necessary to fully resolve the problem.The leg-spinner resumed training at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) last month, taking part in fielding and bowling sessions under the guidance of the academy's coaching staff.Shadab, who served as Pakistan's vice-captain during the white-ball tour of New Zealand earlier this year, missed several key assignments during his recovery, including the away T20I series against Bangladesh, the white-ball tour of the West Indies, the tri-nation T20I series involving UAE and Afghanistan, the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025, and the white-ball home series against South Africa.—Agency

Judd Trump Storms Into Champion of Champions Semifinals With Commanding Win

LEICESTER: Judd Trump has secured his place in the semi-finals of the Champion of Champions for the seventh time, defeating Bai Yulu 4-1 and Lei Peifan 6-2 on Monday.

Trump dropped the opening frame to Women's World Champion Bai Yulu but quickly regained control, winning the next four frames with impressive breaks of 50, 84, and 71 to advance to the group final.In his clash with debutant Lei Peifan—who had earlier defeated Masters champion Shaun Murphy 4-1—Trump started strong with a 60-break, but Peifan responded with a stunning 101 to level the match.Despite opportunities to claim more frames, Peifan was unable to capitalise, allowing Trump to pull ahead to a 5-1 advantage.Peifan briefly fought back with a 72 in frame seven, but Trump sealed his victory in frame eight with a 71.World number one Trump, who won this event in 2021, praised his strong start and expressed confidence in maintaining his form throughout the week."It's always a great feeling to get off to a strong start in this event. Every player in the field is capable of beating anyone, so you have to be sharp from the very first frame," Trump said."I felt good out there today, found my rhythm early, and hopefully I can carry that form through the rest of the week. I just tried to play my best, and I feel like I did that today," he added.In Tuesday's highly anticipated matches, Mark Allen will face current World Champion Zhao Xintong, while 2024 World Champion Kyren Wilson will take on in-form Jack Lisowski.—Agency

Marcus Trescothick Fires Back at Critics Over England's Ashes Build-Up

England assistant coach Marcus Trescothick has defended the team's streamlined preparation ahead of their three-day warm-up match against the Lions at Lilac Hill in Perth on Thursday.

The match serves as England's only on-field practice before the first Ashes Test at Optus Stadium next Friday.

Trescothick described the approach as "the way of the modern game," noting that Ashes tours have historically begun with multiple warm-up fixtures against domestic or invitational teams.

However, in recent series, such matches have been reduced as boards aim to streamline schedules.

"It's the way that series are generally done nowadays—for us and other opposition teams around the world,'' Trescothick told reporters on Tuesday.

"With the volume of cricket that's played elsewhere, you don't always have the time for two or three first-class games like in the past. You make the most of a prep game or training facilities, and that's the approach we've taken," he added.

Since Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes took over as head coach and captain, England have largely moved away from traditional warm-up matches, favoring training camps and intra-squad games—a strategy that has still seen them start series strongly.

They have won the first Test in each of their last five overseas tours, including India, Pakistan, and New Zealand last year.

Michael Vaughan, who opened the batting alongside Trescothick during England's 2002-03 Ashes tour, questioned the value of preparing on a club ground, warning it may ''bounce really low'' ahead of a first Test at Optus Stadium, which is expected to be fast with steep bounce.

Trescothick, however, said England were ''very happy'' with their preparation.

''We've had facilities here with the nets and out in the middle, plus the prep game. In my day, playing at the WACA was unique, but you adapt to different pitches and facilities. We'll have three days of prep at Optus and go from there. We're very happy at the moment.''—Agency

Trevoh Chalobah Drafted In to Replace Injured Marc Guehi in England Squad

LONDON: Chelsea defender Trevoh Chalobah has been called up to the England squad as a replacement for Marc Guehi, who suffered a foot injury during Crystal Palace's UEFA Conference League clash against AZ Alkmaar last week.Chalobah will link up with the Three Lions ahead of their final World Cup qualifying fixtures against Serbia and Albania, reuniting with former Chelsea boss and current England manager Thomas Tuchel.The 25-year-old earned his first senior England call-up under Tuchel in May, making his debut against Senegal.However, he was overlooked for the last two international breaks before earning a recall this month.Chalobah has been a consistent presence for Chelsea this season, stepping in for the injured Levi Colwill and impressing with his versatility across the backline.Despite this, Tuchel — who has attended several Chelsea matches this season — had previously admitted the defender was "unlucky" to miss out on the September squad to face Andorra and Serbia.Tuchel played a key role in Chalobah's development, having handed him his Chelsea debut in 2021.This season, Chalobah has featured in all but four matches for the Blues, who currently sit third in the Premier League, have reached the Carabao Cup quarter-finals, and are competing in the Champions League league phase.—Agency

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Kelly Clarkson Slams Music Industry, Says It Feels Like 'The Hunger Games' Arena

Elites in The Hunger Games' Capitol are seen to wear over-the-top makeup and flashy wardrobes. Now, Kelly Clarkson claims the entertainment industry has likewise set these, what she describes as 'crazy,' beauty standards.

This criticism comes during her Studio Sessions residency in Las Vegas, where she recalls her ex-manager in her career's early days advised her to get plastic surgery for her breasts.

"I had some *i** manager one time tell me to get a *o**job," she tells the crowd. "I was like, 'Why don't you get a *i**job?' Like, what? I'm fine with my itty-bitty ****i**! Get out of here."

The Stronger hitmaker continues her criticism, "People say that **i*. They say it all the time to people in the industry. They say the craziest **i*. I'm like, 'This is not normal. You've normalized crazy'… Everybody's out here looking like they're in The Capitol in 'The Hunger Games.'"

The daytime talk show host also airs her views on plastic surgery to make her stance clear on it. "Do you. Don't make me do you. I like my itty-bitty ****i**. They've served me well."

It is worth noting that Kelly previously postponed her shows after her former husband, Brandon Blackstock, was terminally ill.

Florence Pugh Opens Up on How Her Perspective on Intimacy Scenes Has Evolved

Florence Pugh has finally spoken about the positive and negative aspects of working with intimacy coordinators.

For those unaware, intimacy coordinators garnered widespread attention after the #MeToo movement started in Hollywood in 2017. Many top-tier celebrities, such as Mikey Madison and Jennifer Lawrence, have also been vocal about if they wanted to collaborate with one or not.

Pugh appeared on a new episode of The Louis Theroux Podcast, where she highlighted both positive and negative experiences working with intimacy coordinators.

She explained, "It's not to get in the way, it's not to confuse, it's not to make things more complicated or make things more awkward. It's simply to make sure that everybody is happy with what they're creating and also that you're creating things that have meaning to them."

Referring to intimacy coordinators, the Oscar-nominated actress added, "I've had good ones and bad ones. I did a lot of my s*x scenes before that was even a job, and I think I'm quite confident and quite happy in my skin, and I've always been able to make sure that I'm heard. That being said … there are plenty of things that I remember where it was just completely inappropriate to have asked me to do that, to have directed me in that way."

Jennifer Lopez Believes Fate Will Reunite Her and Big Ben Affleck Forever

Jennifer Lopez is reportedly trying hard to win the love of her fourth ex-husband Ben Affleck.

According to Radar Online, the Shotgun Wedding star is taking desperate measures to win back Affleck but his inner circle has informed him about the consequences of Bennifer 3.0.

During the promotion of their new film, Kiss of the Spider Woman, in New York City, the former high-profile couple of Hollywood showed warmth for each other.

For those unaware, Affleck served as an executive producer while Lopez played the role of Ingrid Luna in the Kiss of the Spider Woman.

They two, who dated each other from 2002 to 2004, rekindled the romance in 2021 and finally tied the knot in July 2022. Following two years of their marriage, Lopez filed for divorce which was finalized in January 2025.

Referring to the red carpet premiere of their newly released film, an insider told the outlet, "J.Lo had a wonderful time with Ben and says he's as s**y and wonderful as ever."

"In her mind, they're destined to be together again, plain and simple. She's believed that all along and now she's even more convinced that it's a case of when, not if, it's going to happen," the source claimed.

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PPP District Dadu President Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq Intensifies Public Outreach Campaign

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) President Barrister Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq MPA visited Pir House in Dadu, where he met with local residents to hear their concerns and engage directly with the community. Addressing the people, he emphasized that the PPP remains committed to solving every issue faced by the citizens of Dadu in line with the party's manifesto. During the visit, he was accompanied by leaders including Imdad Hussain Dahooch, Raees Ghulam Haider Khoso, Shahmir Khan Chhawan, PA Pir Amir, Syed Ghazanfar Shah, Syed Asadullah Shah, Syed Owais Shah, Nazir Ahmed Qambrani, Qurban Chandio, Tahir Laghari, Aslam Chehwan, and others, with whom he discussed key challenges and development needs of Dadu city.

PPP Reaffirms Unyielding Stance on 27th Amendment and Provincial Autonomy

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Speaking at a press conference in Larkana, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh President Nisar Ahmed Khuhro stated that whether it is the 27th or 28th Amendment, PPP will not compromise on the 18th Amendment, provincial autonomy, or provinces' share in the NFC. He said objections raised by the higher judiciary regarding the 27th Amendment are baseless and emphasized that the establishment of the Constitutional Court is a need of the time. According to Khuhro, the amendment will not affect the general public, and PPP supports the establishment of the Constitutional Court. He also highlighted measures taken in Sindh, including providing subsidies for wheat crops to 400,000 registered farmers and recovering 26 billion rupees from government departments into the provincial treasury. He stressed that PPP will not compromise on provincial autonomy, agriculture, or public welfare and has demanded the federal government set the support price of wheat at Rs 4,000 per maund.

Larkana Seminar Empowers Women Through Workplace Harassment Awareness

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A seminar on "Harassment of Women at the Workplace" was organized at the Public Health School, Larkana, emphasizing awareness, courage, and legal recourse for women facing harassment. Syed Shakeel Haider, Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, highlighted that harassment includes delaying promotions, negative remarks, and other workplace injustices, urging women to report incidents bravely. He stressed forming Harassment Support Groups and treating all employees, including the disabled, with respect. Consultant Apa Sakina Gad advised young women to stay vigilant and dedicated. Books were distributed to trainee students. Attendees included Dr. Fareeda Sheikh, Dr. Shazia Sodhar, Mansoor Ali Mangi, and others.

Sindh Government Steps Forward with Financial Assistance for Disaster Victims

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Additional Deputy Commissioner I, Umerkot, Javed Ahmed Dahri, stated that the Sindh Government always stands with the people during times of hardship. Speaking at a ceremony at the Deputy Commissioner Office, he distributed financial aid cheques to families of those who lost their lives due to lightning strikes and other natural disasters during recent rains. Javed Dahri said, under the guidance of Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah, the provincial government is ensuring timely relief for affected citizens. Each of the three victim families received PKR 2 million, expressing gratitude for the government's support during this difficult period.

Mashooque Birhamani Named Focal Person to Combat Child Marriages in Sindh

By Roshan Memon

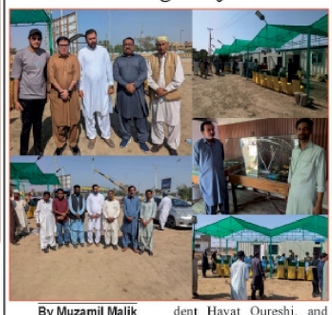
JOHI: Mashooque Birhamani, CEO of Sujag Sansar Organization (SSO), has been appointed as the focal person for the Child Marriage Prevention Initiative (CMPI) by the Directorate of Human Rights, Sindh. Birhamani thanked Director Agha Fakhur Hussain and pledged to work with stakeholders to prevent child marriages across the province. The appointment, under Special Assistant Rajveer Singh Sodha, is honorary and aims to strengthen the implementation of the Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act 2013. Birahmani's two decades of experience in social development and human rights will help protect children's rights in Sindh.

Tando Allahyar Municipal Committee Rolls Out Citywide Anti-Mosquito Campaign

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Under the special instructions of Chairman Municipal Committee Tando Allahyar, Syed Samar Hasan Shah Rizvi, the municipal administration has relaunched a city-wide anti-mosquito spraying campaign to prevent mosquito breeding in stagnant water and garbage areas. The administration urged residents to take preventive measures, including covering water tanks, drums, and containers, adding a little kerosene to standing water, using mosquito sprays, coils, or nets at home, and keeping surroundings clean. Authorities emphasized that with citizens' cooperation, the city can be made mosquito-free and healthier.

Haji Muhammad Ali Unveils Zubaida Residency in Mirpurkhas as Modern Housing Project



By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Following the success of "Zubaida Heights," Haji Muhammad Ali has launched a new residential project, "Zubaida Residency," in Mirpurkhas. The inaugural ceremony began with a Quran recitation and was attended by prominent social and business figures, including MPA's son Karan Hari Ram, National Press Club President Hayat Qureshi, and local dignitaries. Haji Muhammad Ali, the visionary behind both projects, said the residency will become the city's premier housing project, offering residents all essential facilities. He also announced that road construction will commence from Monday. The event concluded with a grand feast for all attendees, marking a celebratory start for the project.

Educationist Raja Mazhar Jatoi Receives High Honor in Khairpur Ceremony

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

SEHWAN SHARIF: At Bismillah Marriage Hall, senior journalist Saleem Raza Shaikh honored renowned educationist Raja Muhammad Mazhar Jatoi with a Sindhi cap and loungey. The event, attended by Babar Baba Chishti, Waheed Joyo, and Engineer Mohsin Raza Shaikh, highlighted Jatoi's remarks that IESCO Islamabad is upgrading power plants nationwide and establishing complaint cells to promptly resolve public issues.

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i. The procurement shall be conducted under **Single Stage — One Envelope Procedure** as per **Rule 46(1)** of the **SPP Rules, 2010 (Amended).**

ii Bidders are required to submit **Technical and Financial Proposals in a Single envelope** through EPADS **(E-Procurement Portal).**

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c. **Date of opening of bids** (online via EPADS): 15/12/2025 at 2:30 PM (PST).

d. Bids shall be opened electronically in presence of the bidders (or their authorized representatives) through EPADS system at the same time and date.

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ii. Physical submission of bids is **not permitted.**

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Sita Road Traders Fined for Manipulating Prices Amid Inflation Woes

By Zain-ul-Abideen Samo

SITA ROAD: Complaints from citizens about artificially increased prices reached Sita Road Town Committee Chairman Raees Qambar Ali Khan Laghari. Acting swiftly, he contacted the Deputy Commissioner of Dadu, who took notice of the issue. DC Dadu instructed officers Khairpur Nathan Shah and Zahid Hussain Abro to visit Sita Road and take action against vendors violating price regulations. Following the orders, raids were conducted, fines imposed on offenders, and strict warnings issued that selling goods above official rates will result in legal action.

University of Sindh Concludes Breast Cancer Awareness Drive with Impactful Sessions

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: A successful Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign concluded at Sheikh Ayaz Auditorium, University of Sindh, marking a collective effort to promote early detection and education. The campaign, conducted in schools and colleges across Sindh, was organized by the Departments of Physiology and Public Health in collaboration with the Innovative Leadership and Management Council (ILMC). Key speakers included Dr. Shifa Parihar, highlighting early detection, and a student survivor sharing her inspiring journey. Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Misbah Bibi Qureshi emphasized that women's health strengthens society. Participants pledged to continue spreading awareness and saving lives.

IPP Agreement Cancellations is a Game-Changing Economic Reform, Says HCSTSI Chief

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Saleem Memon, President of the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI), has welcomed the Government of Pakistan's decision to cancel and revise Independent Power Producer (IPP) agreements, calling it historic and economically positive. He stated that the move is expected to save approximately Rs. 3,600 billion, reduce electricity costs, and ease financial burdens on industries and citizens. Memon emphasized that revising costly IPP contracts will stabilize tariffs, promote alternative energy, and improve fiscal discipline, marking a major step toward national economic recovery and sustainable growth.

Police Brutality Allegation Rocks Shahdadpur as Headmaster's Death Sparks Protest

By Sajan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: Jam Aziz Jakhro, a Grade 17 Middle School Headmaster, was allegedly tortured to death by Shahdadpur police. His body, showing clear signs of violence, was abandoned at SIMS Hospital, sparking outrage. Hundreds of citizens, teachers, and political leaders staged a sit-in at the city's main square, blocking transport to Hyderabad, Karachi, Nawabshah, and Sanghar. The family demanded the immediate arrest of SHO and his team. The DIG of Shaheed Benazirabad Range has suspended the accused officers, while protest continues.

Massive Turnout in Jamshoro as Citizens Rally Against 27th Constitutional Amendment

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The Sindh Action Committee organized a large protest in Jamshoro on November 11, 2025, opposing the 27th Constitutional Amendment and perceived federal injustices. Led by Roshan Ali Buriro of the Sindh United Party, participants marched from Mehar Dairy to the Press Club, staging a sit-in. Leaders criticized the amendment for granting life-long immunity to the Field Marshal and President and weakening the Supreme Court via new constitutional courts. Protesters demanded protection of Sindh's rights and resources and pledged to launch a strong public resistance against anti-people policies.

Khalid Qadri Urges Urgent Measures to Tackle Dengue and Hospital Malpractices

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Muhammad Khalid Qadri, Senior Central Vice President of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek, has urged authorities to take stronger measures to curb dengue and eliminate mosquitoes. During his visit to Hilal-e-Ahmer Hospital, Latifabad No. 6, he criticized the commercialization of plasma and white blood cell treatments and called the hospital a disgrace for charging Rs 2000 per day for standard rooms. Qadri highlighted poor hygiene, lack of mosquito spraying, and illegal parking fees. He demanded free dengue treatment, expanded fumigation, fund audits of charitable hospitals, and reduced medical fees to make treatment affordable for the poor.

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Sindh Home Minister Orders Statewide Security Alert After Islamabad Suicide Blast

KARACHI: Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar has alerted police across the province, including Karachi, following the Islamabad suicide blast on Tuesday.

At least 12 people were martyred and over 20 were injured in a suicide blast outside Islamabad Katcheri.

At the time of the explosion, between 35 to 40 people were present in the vicinity, the preliminary report added.

The explosion also damaged nearby parked vehicles and motorcycles, officials confirmed. The fire has since been brought under control.

Lanjar in his statement, strongly condemned the suicide blast outside Islamabad's district court and stated that suicide bombers and terrorists have no religion and are enemies of humanity.He said that Sindh Police have been placed on high alert until further notice. The home minister directed that security checks and surveillance at all provincial entry and exit points be further intensified.—RT/Agency

PML Moves Court to Challenge Sky-High e-Challan Penalties in Karachi

KARACHI: The central leadership of Pakistan Muslim League (PML) has filed a petition in the Sindh High Court challenging the hefty e-challan fines imposed on motorists in Karachi.

The petition argues that the city's infrastructure is in complete disarray, with roads in poor condition and traffic management systems ineffective. It contends that imposing exorbitant fines on citizens is akin to a form of punishment and that threats to block national identity cards under the guise of e-challans are unacceptable.

Highlighting a disparity, the petition questioned why fines in Lahore are Rs200 while Karachi motorists are being charged Rs5,000. It criticized Sindh's rulers for competing in imposing fines instead of addressing infrastructure issues, terming the situation as "two laws in one country, which amounts to injustice."—RT/Agency

Inferno Engulfs Gul Ahmed Textile Warehouse, Karachi Firefighters Battle Massive Blaze

KARACHI: A massive fire broke out at Gul Ahmed Textile Mills Limited's warehouse in Karachi, causing extensive damage to inventories and fixed assets, the company confirmed in a statement to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).While the blaze led to substantial material losses, Gul Ahmed assured stakeholders that all affected inventories were fully insured under comprehensive coverage, minimizing the financial impact.The company stated that it is working closely with insurance providers, safety authorities, and regulators to assess the extent of the damage and ensure operational continuity.Reaffirming its commitment to transparency and compliance, Gul Ahmed pledged to keep shareholders and the public informed with timely updates as investigations into the cause of the fire continue.—RT/Agency

Altaf Shakoor Calls for Public Referendum on Controversial 27th Amendment

KARACHI: Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor has suggested that the government hold a referendum on the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment to gauge public sentiment directly, amid concerns that the parliament is increasingly being treated as a rubber stamp.Speaking on Tuesday, Shakoor acknowledged the need for constitutional amendments, particularly to facilitate the establishment of a megacity government system. However, he emphasized that public participation through a referendum would ensure legitimacy and transparency.He also highlighted the growing demand for the creation of new administrative units in Pakistan and urged that this be properly addressed in any amendment. Criticizing the elite-dominated parliament, Shakoor called for the introduction of a proportionate electoral system to give ordinary citizens a stronger voice in governance.—RT/Agency

Nationwide Flight Chaos as Airlines Grapple with Major Operational Turmoil

KARACHI: Operational issues in several airlines have led to the cancellation of six flights and delays in 38 others, while one flight was diverted for an alternative landing.According to Jang News, a private airline cancelled two Karachi-Islamabad flights and two Lahore-Dubai flights, while the national carrier called off two Karachi-Skardu flights. Meanwhile, a foreign airline's flight to Islamabad was diverted back to Tehran.

Flight delays ranged from one hour to over ten hours across various airports. Islamabad saw delays of 1 to 6.5 hours in ten flights, while nine other flights faced delays between 1 to 10 hours. At Lahore Airport, eight flights were delayed between 1 to 2 hours, and at Karachi Airport, ten flights experienced delays from 1 to 8.5 hours.—RT

Karachi Traffic Snarls as Key Section of University Road Shut for Development Drive

KARACHI: A portion of University Road has been closed to traffic due to ongoing development and repair work, officials confirmed on Monday.

According to Karachi Traffic Police, the closure is part of the city's infrastructure improvement plan aimed at easing long-term congestion and upgrading the road network. To facilitate commuters, the traffic department has issued an alternative route plan, advising motorists to follow designated diversions and comply with traffic instructions displayed along the route.Police officials have urged citizens to plan their travel accordingly and cooperate with traffic personnel to avoid inconvenience. —RT/Agency

CEO of PIMC 2025 Receives Prestigious Shield for Outstanding Leadership

KARACHI: In a memorable ceremony, Syed Daim Ali Shah, President of Aquaculture Agriculture and Agri-Plus Industry and CEO of PIMC 2025, was honored with a shield in the presence of Sindh's Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Muhammad Ali Khan Malkani, Sindh Minister Kazim Hassan Jatoi, Secretary Sindh, and former DG Marine Fisheries Ali Muhammad Mastoi. Expressing his gratitude, Syed Daim Ali Shah thanked the entire team and described the honor as recognition of hard work and teamwork.

Governor Sindh Denounces Dastardly Terrorist Attacks on Cadet College Wana and Islamabad

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has strongly condemned the recent attacks on Cadet College Wana and the suicide bombing in Islamabad, praising the bravery of security forces and expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives.

Regarding the Cadet College Wana attack, the Governor lauded the timely and courageous response of security personnel, stating that their actions foiled the terrorists' plot and made the nation proud. He paid tribute to the martyred personnel, emphasizing that their sacrifices will not go in vain, and reaffirmed the government's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism. He added that unity between the security forces and the public will remain strong to ensure lasting peace and stability.

On the Islamabad suicide attack, Governor Tessori expressed grief over the deaths and injuries caused. He prayed for the elevation of the martyrs' ranks, strength for bereaved families, and the swift recovery of the injured. —RT/Agency

Deadly Clash at Korangi Estate Agency Leaves Two Shot Dead Over Dispute

KARACHI: At least two people were killed and one injured in a shooting incident during a dispute at a estate agency in Korangi's Zaman Town area, officials confirmed on Monday.

According to SSP Korangi Tariq Nawaz, the firing occurred in Sector 51-C of Zaman Town. Three individuals were injured in the exchange, but two of them succumbed to their injuries while being transferred to the hospital. The third person is reported to be receiving medical treatment.—RT/Agency

Sri Lanka Eyes New Horizons to Deepen Trade and Investment with Pakistan

KARACHI: Sri Lanka's Consul General P.K. Sanjeewa Pattiwila met with officials at the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) to discuss expanding bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation. He highlighted untapped sectors, including agri-based industries, seafood, spices, animal feed, construction, IT, and value-added products, urging private sectors of both countries to explore these opportunities.The Consul General noted that while Pakistan currently enjoys a trade surplus, Sri Lankan entrepreneurs can benefit under the FTA framework. —RT/Agency

Rwanda's Envoy and Governor Sindh Explore New Frontiers in Trade and Investment

KARACHI: Rwanda's High Commissioner Harerimana Fatou called on Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori at the Governor House on Monday to discuss bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest.

During the meeting, both sides held detailed discussions on enhancing trade, exploring investment opportunities, and strengthening economic cooperation between Pakistan and Rwanda. Governor Tessori highlighted that relations between the two countries are steadily improving and emphasized the potential for collaboration in trade and regional development. He noted that the government is providing maximum facilitation to international investors, and promoting economic ties with African nations remains a top priority.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Navy Brings Hope to Pishukan with Free Medical Camp for Locals

KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy, in collaboration with the Sahil Welfare Association, organized a free medical camp at Government Boys School, Pishukan, to provide quality healthcare facilities to the local coastal community. The initiative aimed to assist underprivileged residents by offering free medical treatment and medicines donated by the Sahil Welfare Organization.

Rear Admiral Faisal Amin (HI(M)), Commander Coast and Chairman Sahil Welfare Association, graced the occasion as chief guest. According to a Sahil Welfare Association press release, around 1,003 patients — including men, women, and children — were examined and provided free consultations, diagnostic tests, and medicines.

A team of Pakistan Navy doctors and paramedics delivered professional medical services, while awareness sessions on maternal and child health, hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention were also held. The Pakistan Navy reaffirmed its commitment to improving the wellbeing and socio-economic development of coastal communities through such initiatives.—RT/Agency

Major Crackdown on Encroachments in Gulzar-e-Hijri, Dozens of Shops Sealed

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: A large-scale operation against illegal encroachments was conducted on Abu al-Hassan Isfahani Road in Gulzar-e-Hijri Scheme 33 under the leadership of Assistant Commissioner Irfan Nizamani. The operation included staff from KMC Gulshan-e-Iqbal, TMC Safoora Town, and the Encroachment Cell. During the sweep from Paradise Bakery to Gulshan View Mobile Mall at Faria Chowk, illegal chairs, tables, carts, stalls, and other encroachments were removed. UC Abbas Town Chairman Badshah Din Mehsud and KMC Encroachment Inspector Aqeel Ahmed Hangorjo also participated. Several shopkeepers were fined, and five shops were sealed. Irfan Nizamani stated that daily operations against encroachments will continue to make Karachi cleaner and more accessible for citizens.

Iqbal Day Reverberates with Faith: Grand Quranic and Naat Gathering Held at Aram Bagh

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Under the auspices of the Sindh Basketball Association, a grand Quranic gathering and Naat ceremony was held at the International Abdul Naseer Basketball Court, Aram Bagh, to mark Iqbal Day and pray for the successful and peaceful organization of the National Games. The special guest, Rizwan Sami, Chairman Jinnah Town, announced full cooperation for the event's success and the reconstruction of the Nishtar Park Basketball Court. The ceremony was attended by sports officials, educationists, journalists, and social leaders. Renowned Naat Khawan Muhammad Arsalan presented Naats, while prayers were offered for national unity and the success of Pakistan's athletes.

Steel Mills Workers' Revolt Hits Day 100 as CEO Trapped Amid Fiery Protests

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The sit-in protest by Pakistan Steel Mills employees outside the CEO's residence has now completed 100 days. The employees demand payment of salaries, pensions, and restoration of water and electricity in the residential colony. On Tuesday, upon learning that the CEO had arrived at the guest house, hundreds of employees, led by Peoples Labor Bureau leader Dhani Bakhsh Samoon, UC Steel Town Chairman Raza Jatoi, Gulshan Chairman Safdar, and PPP Deputy Information Secretary Tariq Pahhan, closed the gates and staged a sit-in. The Malir administration, police, and Rangers arrived to control the situation. Protesters criticized the administration for inaction and vowed to continue until their demands are met.

Sindh and Oman Strengthen Bonds as Lanjar, Omani Envoy Pledge Security and Investment Boost

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hasan Lanjar met Omani Consul General Sami Abdullah Salim Al-Khanjari to strengthen bilateral relations and boost cooperation in security, trade, and investment. Additional Chief Secretary Home Muhammad Iqbal Memon also attended. Lanjar welcomed Omani investments, assuring a safe and transparent business climate in Sindh. The Consul General conveyed Oman's commitment, on behalf of His Majesty the Sultan, to deepen collaboration with the Sindh Government. Both sides discussed security, investor protection, tourism, and joint efforts for lasting regional development and prosperity.

Rising Stars Dazzle at National Inter-School Padel Championship Showdown

KARACHI : The Tristar Education National Inter-School Padel Championship 2025 ended with thrilling finals at Neo Maidan KMC Karachi. Organized by the Pakistan Padel Federation under the International Padel Federation, the event saw 72 players from 14 schools battle across age categories. American School triumphed in U-18, Bayview Academy in U-16, and Humanitas Education School in U-14. Prizes worth Rs 300,000 were awarded, with winners earning Rs 50,000 each. Chairman Tahir Ahmed, along with Federation President Muhammad Mateen and officials, lauded the tournament as a milestone in promoting padel among youth nationwide.—RT

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Gold Prices Skyrocket Nationwide Amid Global Market Jitters

KARACHI: The price of gold in Pakistan witnessed a significant increase on Monday, continuing its upward trend amid a surge in international rates.According to the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association, the price of gold rose by Rs5,900 per tola, reaching a new record of Rs435,762 per tola. Similarly, the price of 10 grams of gold increased by Rs5,065, bringing it to Rs373,595.

The association further reported that in the international market, gold prices soared by $495 per ounce, pushing the global rate to $4,134 per ounce.Traders attributed the sharp rise to fluctuations in the international bullion market, a weakening rupee, and heightened global economic uncertainty. Market analysts said the continued increase in gold prices reflects investors' growing shift towards safe-haven assets amid volatile economic conditions and inflationary pressures.—RT/Agency

"To be or not to be, that is the question."

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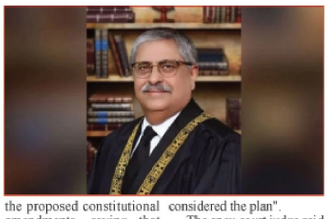
'Moment Of Reckoning': Justice Minallah Urges CJP To Convene Judicial Conference On 27th Amendment



ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court's Justice Athar Minallah has written a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi on the 27th Constitutional Amendment, terming it a "moment of reckoning" for the judiciary and seeking a judicial conference to discuss the matter.

In a seven-page letter — also circulated to all judges of the Supreme Court, dated October 8, 2025 — Justice Minallah also expressed deep concern over what he described as the "continued capture" of the institution.

Justice Minallah opposed the proposed constitutional amendments, saying that preparations are being made to house a new Constitutional Court within the building of the Federal Shariat Court "even before Parliament had considered the plan".

The apex court judge said he was recording it as "a solemn duty to the Constitution" to place on record how "destiny was being shaped behind the marble walls of the last resort of justice."

"Regrettably, the Supreme Court chose to stand beside the forces that had attacked the independence of a constitutional court trusted by the people, so much so that the minutes of two full court meetings, for obvious reasons, remained concealed from public view," Justice Minallah added.He warned that institutions "can be destroyed in no time through fear, surrender, or submission to the powers."“Our jurisprudence has too often bowed before might and power instead of standing on the side of the people," he wrote, recalling that the "unconstitutional" removal and subsequent "judicial execution" of the elected prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto remains one of the gravest and most unpardonable betrayals of our oath and of the people's trust."Justice Minallah said the persecution of Benazir Bhutto, disqualification and "humiliation" of Nawaz Sharif, and the "victimisation" of Imran Khan were "not isolated events but a continuation of a pattern of suppression of the people's will when the interests of the unelected elite were threatened."—RT/Agency

Cadet College Wana Attack: All Students, Teachers Safe As Operation Continues

WANA: Pakistan security forces are conducting an 'operation' against three Afghan militants hiding inside the Wana Cadet College, who are reportedly receiving continuous instructions from Afghanistan via telephone, ARY News reported on Tuesday, citing security sources.

According to security sources, the three militants—identified as Afghan nationals—are entrenched inside one of the college's buildings located at a considerable distance from the cadets' residential quarters.

To ensure the safety of the cadets, the clearance operation is being carried out with exceptional skill and caution.

A day earlier, the militants had rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into the main gate of the college, completely destroying the entrance and damaging nearby structures.

Security officials confirmed that Pakistan Army personnel bravely neutralized two militants on the spot during the initial exchange.

Authorities asserted that attacking innocent tribal students has no link to Islam or the prosperity of the people of Pakistan. The security forces reaffirmed their resolve to continue the operation until the elimination of the last terrorist.

Earlier, ISPR reported that security forces conducted multiple intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, killing 20 militants linked to the banned outfit "Fitna al-Khawarij."

According to the military's media wing, on 8-9 November, twenty khwarij belonging to Indian Proxy, Fitna al Khawarij were killed in two separate engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.—RT/Agency

IMF Demands Special Audit Into Pakistan's Supplementary Spending

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has demanded a special audit of supplementary grants issued by Pakistan over the past ten years.

An IMF technical mission has arrived in Pakistan to review progress on targets related to the budget process and public finance management reforms.

The mission will assess implementation of goals set for improving the budgetary framework and modernizing public finance management (PFM).

According to sources, the IMF has also proposed limiting the federal government's powers to issue supplementary grants without parliamentary oversight.

Sources further said that a high-powered committee will be established to oversee the digitized Public Finance Management Master Plan.

The International Monetary Fund delegation is expected to stay in Pakistan for over a week to provide technical assistance to relevant ministries.

As part of the reforms, the Finance and Planning Ministries of Pakistan will jointly issue the Budget Call Circular before the upcoming fiscal year's budget preparations.

In addition, the Auditor General of Pakistan will conduct an audit of the supplementary grant mechanism to ensure greater transparency and efficiency.

According to the Finance Ministry sources, the Public Finance Management Act may also undergo certain amendments as part of the ongoing reform process.—RT/Agency

Veteran PML-N Senator Irfan Siddiqui Passes Away — Nation In Mourning

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senator Irfan Siddiqui passed away in Islamabad on Monday after battling illness for the past two weeks.

Siddiqui had been receiving treatment at a private hospital in the federal capital, where his condition deteriorated before his demise.

He served as the PML-N's parliamentary leader in the Senate and was known as one of the closest aides to party president Nawaz Sharif.

The veteran lawmaker was also a member of committees on Business Advisory, Human Rights, Information and Broadcasting, Interior and Narcotics Control, and National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

He was also a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. The PML-N stalwart was elected to the Senate on a general seat from Punjab.

The PML-N lawmaker was also a columnist for Daily Jang.—RT/Agency

PTI Chief Gohar Rejects 'Baku Amendment', Labels It A Betrayal Of Democracy

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan strongly criticized the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, referring to it as the "Baku Amendment" and rejecting it outright. Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, he accused the country's leadership of attempting to alter the Constitution while sitting abroad, saying that such actions undermine the democratic process and the sanctity of Parliament.

"A nuclear state's leader is sitting overseas and approving constitutional changes — this is unacceptable," Barrister Gohar said, expressing deep concern over what he termed as an erosion of parliamentary sovereignty. He said the 27th Amendment was being pursued to serve personal and political interests rather than the public good.

He further remarked that the buildings and institutions established for personal gain would be remembered as symbols of servitude, not democracy. "Constitutional amendments are sensitive matters that require serious national consensus, not backdoor approvals," he added.

Calling the current day a "day of mourning for democracy," the PTI chairman said that the process underway was tantamount to burying democratic values. He lamented that instead of strengthening democratic institutions, those in power were weakening them through unconstitutional maneuvers.

Barrister Gohar reiterated that his party would never accept any amendment made without parliamentary debate and transparency.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Defeat Sri Lanka By Six Runs In ODI Series Opener

Pakistan grabbed a six-run victory over Sri Lanka following Salman Ali Agha's century and Haris Rauf's four-wicket haul in the first ODI match at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

Chasing a daunting 300-run target, Sri Lanka could accumulate 293/9 in their allotted 50 overs despite Wanindu Hasaranga's gutsy half-century.

Hasaranga remained the top-scorer for the touring side with a valiant 59 off 52 deliveries until falling victim to Naseem Shah in the penultimate over when Sri Lanka needed 21 runs in nine balls.

Besides the all-rounder, middle-order batter Sadeera Samarawickrama (39), debutant opener Kamil Mishara (38) and captain Charith Asalanka (32) made significant contributions, but their efforts eventually proved insufficient to lead Sri Lanka to glory.Haris led the bowling charge for Pakistan with figures of 4/49 in his 10 overs, followed by Faheem Ashraf and Naseem Shah with two each, while Mohammad Nawaz chipped in with one.

Put into bat first, the Green Shirts accumulated 299/5 in their allotted 50 overs, courtesy of a vital fifth-wicket partnership between Agha and Talat.

The home side got off to a shaky start to their innings as in-form opener Saim Ayub (six) fell victim to Asitha Fernando in the fifth over with just 18 runs on the board.Following the early stutter, star batter Babar Azam and Fakhar Zaman added valuable runs to the total by putting together 54 runs for the second wicket.

With Babar and Fakhar in the middle, Pakistan were comfortably placed at 68/1 in 17.4 overs, before Wanindu Hasaranga forced Sri Lanka's comeback by taking three wickets in quick succession.

The spinner dismissed Fakhar, Mohammad Rizwan (five) and Babar as Pakistan slipped to 95/4 in 23.2 overs.

Fakhar and Babar made notable contributions to Pakistan's total with 32 and 29, respectively.Following the brief collapse, the all-rounder duo of Agha and Talat scripted an astounding turnaround by putting together 138 runs during their fifth-wicket partnership.—RT/Agency

Modi Vows Retribution, Promises To Hunt Down Culprits Of New Delhi Car Blast

DELHI: Indian police are investigating a deadly car blast in New Delhi under a law used to fight "terrorism", an officer said on Tuesday, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed to bring to justice all those responsible.

The explosion near the historic Red Fort on Monday evening killed at least eight people and injured 20. It was the first such blast in the heavily guarded city of more than 30 million since 2011.

"Today, I have come to Bhutan with a very heavy heart," Modi said in Thimphu, the capital of the neighbouring Himalayan nation, as he arrived on Tuesday for a scheduled visit.

"The horrific incident that happened in Delhi last evening has deeply disturbed everyone," Modi told a public meeting.

"Our agencies will get to the very bottom of this conspiracy. The conspirators behind this will not be spared. All those responsible will be brought to justice."—RT/Agency

ATC Orders Passport Block For PTI Leaders In Sangjani Rally Case

ISLAMABAD: The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has ordered the blocking of passports of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders Omar Ayub and Zartaj Gul in connection with the Sangjani rally case.

According to media reports, Judge Tahir Abbas Supra of the Islamabad ATC conducted the hearing of the case related to the controversial Sangjani public gathering. During the proceedings, the court directed that the passports of the two PTI leaders be blocked immediately and reports on the action be submitted to the court.

In addition to the passport orders, the ATC also issued arrest warrants for Sheikh Waqas Akram, another accused in the case. The court postponed the next hearing until December 3 to allow law enforcement agencies to execute the warrants and comply with the court's directives regarding the passports.The Sangjani rally case has been a subject of intense political and media attention, with authorities investigating alleged violations of law and security protocols during the public gathering. By ordering the blocking of passports, the court aims to ensure that the accused remain within the country and are available for ongoing investigations and trial proceedings.—RT/Agency

US Senate Passes Bill To End Shutdown, Awaits House Nod

US: The United States Senate on Monday approved a compromise that would end the longest government shutdown in US history, breaking a weeks-long stalemate that has disrupted food benefits for millions, left hundreds of thousands of federal workers unpaid and snarled air traffic.

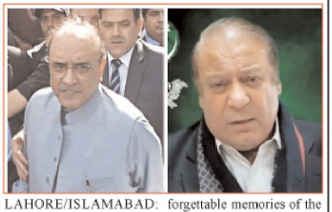
The 60-40 vote passed with the support of nearly all of the chamber's Republicans and eight Democrats, who unsuccessfully sought to tie government funding to health subsidies that are due to expire at the end of the year. While the agreement sets up a December vote on those subsidies, which benefit 24 million Americans, it does not guarantee they will continue.

The deal would restore funding for federal agencies that lawmakers allowed to expire on October 1 and would stall President Donald Trump's campaign to downsize the federal workforce, preventing any layoffs until January 30.

It next heads to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, where Speaker Mike Johnson has said he would like to pass it as soon as Wednesday and send it on to Trump to sign it into law. Trump has called the deal to reopen the government "very good".

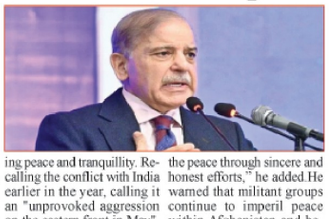
The deal would extend funding through January 30, leaving the federal government for now on a path to keep adding about $1.8 trillion a year to its $38tr in debt.—RT/Agency

Nation Grieves Passing Of Senator Irfan Siddiqui — Tributes Pour In



LAHORE/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is mourning the loss of Senator Irfan Siddiqui, as prominent leaders from across the political spectrum expressed deep grief over his passing.Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif described Siddiqui as a sincere, trusted, and loyal companion. In a condolence message, he recalled countless fond and unforgettable memories of the late senator, saying his death felt like losing a beloved brother. Nawaz Sharif paid tribute to Siddiqui's integrity and his contributions to journalism and politics, noting that his pen had always defended truth and justice. He prayed that Almighty Allah grant Siddiqui the highest ranks in Jannah and provide strength to his bereaved family.—RT/Agency

PM Warns Kabul: Lasting Peace Hinges On Crushing TTP And Cross-Border Terror Groups



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged Kabul to rein in militant groups including the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) operating from Afghan soil, framing it as the prerequisite for durable peace in the region. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Parliamentary Speakers' Conference on Tuesday, he said a stable Afghanistan is essential for connectivity, growth and prosperity."Afghanistan must realise that lasting peace can only be realised by reining in TTP and other terrorist groups operating from Afghan territory," he said.The prime minister noted Pakistan has faced disturbances "both internally and externally" but remained steadfast in pursuing peace and tranquillity. Recalling the conflict with India earlier in the year, calling it an "unprovoked aggression on the eastern front in May", he said Pakistan's "highly professional armed forces" mounted swift land and air operations that thwarted enemy designs and demonstrated an "iron resolve" to defend sovereignty and territorial integrity. "Having won the war, we now need to win the peace through sincere and honest efforts," he added.He warned that militant groups continue to imperil peace within Afghanistan and beyond its borders. Referring to last month's attacks on Pakistani border posts from the Afghan side, he said the response was "firm and decisive," intended to deliver an unforgettable lesson to those who targeted Pakistan.—RT/Agency

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