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PM Shehbaz Hails Passage Of 27th Amendment As 'Milestone For National Unity'

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the passage of 27th Constitutional Amendment is a historic day for national unity.

Addressing the National Assembly on Wednesday, he said that the dream of establishing constitutional courts envisioned in the Charter of Democracy has now been materialised.

The prime minister expressed heartfelt gratitude to lawmakers, congratulating them for supporting what he called a landmark reform.

Referring to the inclusion of the Field Marshal title for Army Chief General Asim Munir, the prime minister said, "After the Marka-e-Haq, when we honoured General Asim Munir as Field Marshal, the entire nation appreciated it. Now that we are incorporating it into the Constitution, what is wrong with that? Nations honour their heroes in this way."

He added that Pakistan now enjoys exceptional respect internationally, something that had been unimaginable before.Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed his stance against any step that could weaken the federation, saying, "The Kalabagh Dam may be in the national interest, but if it risks undermining the federation, I cannot support it."—RT/Agency

NA Endorses All 59 Clauses Of Landmark 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly on Wednesday approved all 59 clauses of the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill amid the opposition's boycott, completing the clause-by-clause voting process.

The Bill has been approved in the Lower House, two days after the Senate approved the key legislation, which seeks major judicial and military reforms.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif also attended the session in the Lower House of Parliament.

Following a two-day-long debate, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar moved the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill in the National Assembly.

Speaking on the NA floor, Tarar said that the key features of the 27th Constitutional Amendment had already been presented in the Senate. He added that amending the Constitution and laws was an evolutionary process.

The law minister added that all stakeholders were consulted regarding the proposed constitutional changes. He further clarified that Justice Yahya Afridi will continue to serve as the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

The key legislation — tabled by Law Minister Tarar after approval from the Senate on Monday — requires a two-thirds majority in the 336-member National Assembly for passage.

The ruling coalition appears well-positioned to secure the numbers, with the PML-N holding 125 seats, the PPP 74, MQM-P 22, PML-Q four, Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party four, and one seat each held by the PML-Z, Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), and National Peoples Party.

The 59-clause amendment 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.—RT/Agency

Bilawal Asserts: 'No Force Can Undo The 18th Amendment' In NA Speech

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday strongly reaffirmed his party's unwavering commitment to the 18th Constitutional Amendment, declaring that no force or authority could reverse it. Speaking during the National Assembly session, Bilawal said the 18th Amendment had empowered provinces by granting them constitutional autonomy and rights that were achieved through decades of democratic struggle.

"The 18th Amendment gave provinces their due rights and strengthened the federation. No one's father can undo it," Bilawal asserted, emphasizing that the amendment bore signatures from all political parties, reflecting a rare national consensus.

The PPP chairman said his party had always worked toward consensus-based legislation, citing the example of the 26th Amendment, which took months of deliberation to finalize with agreement among all stakeholders. He claimed that even Maulana Fazlur Rehman had sought permission from the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership to vote in favour of that amendment.Bilawal further revealed that the PPP's Central Executive Committee (CEC) had decided to support the government in the passage of the 27th Constitutional Amendment, underscoring his party's resolve to uphold democratic and constitutional values. "We have decided that we will establish the Constitutional Court at all costs," he added, stressing the importance of institutional reforms that ensure the supremacy of the Constitution.Concluding his speech, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said the PPP's struggle has always centred on safeguarding the Constitution, strengthening democracy, and protecting the rights of provinces.

Pakistan Receives Second Shipment Of U.S. Crude Oil — Energy Ties Strengthen

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy landscape is undergoing a strategic recalibration with the arrival of its second shipment of American crude oil, signalling a pivotal shift in the nation's quest for energy security and economic efficiency.

The tanker MT Albany, laden with one million barrels of premium West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude, successfully berthed at Cnergyico's offshore Single Point Mooring (SPM) terminal near Hub, Balochistan, on November 10, 2025.

This delivery is not an isolated event but part of a carefully structured energy corridor between Pakistan and the United States.

It follows the landmark first shipment in October and precedes a third cargo scheduled for January 2026.

Cumulatively, these three shipments represent a strategic investment of over $200 million, moving Pakistan beyond its traditional reliance on Middle Eastern suppliers like Saudi Arabia and the UAE. This diversification is a core component of a broader US-Pakistan trade agreement aimed at strengthening bilateral economic cooperation.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Convenes Emergency Cabinet Huddle Amid Soaring Security Fears

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to convene an emergency meeting of the federal cabinet.

According to sources, the meeting is expected to take place at any time today. It will focus on the country's overall security situation, with key decisions anticipated in light of recent developments.

Cabinet members have been instructed to remain available and prepared for participation, though they have not yet been formally informed about the meeting's agenda.It is worth mentioning that a day earlier, a suicide blast in Islamabad claimed 12 lives and injured 27 others. Pakistan has recently witnessed a surge in terrorist incidents reportedly orchestrated by militant groups based in Afghanistan.—RT/Agency

Islamabad Blast Probe: Motorcycle Courier Who Aided Suicide Bomber Arrested

ISLAMABAD: Police have arrested the motorcyclist who transported the suicide bomber to the District Judicial Complex in Islamabad's G-11 area ahead of Tuesday's deadly blast, it emerged on Wednesday.

The suicide explosion targeted the Islamabad District Judicial Complex, leaving 12 people martyred and at least 36 wounded.

The victims included lawyers and petitioners who came to the court.

Police said the attacker blew himself up as he approached a police vehicle, setting nearby cars ablaze and scattering debris across the area.

The rider — employed with an online service — dropped the attacker near the court, also known as G-11 kachehri, for a fare of Rs200, police sources told Media.

They also said that efforts are continuing to track the bomber's movements from Golra to the G-11 sector via Safe City cameras.

A report prepared by the investigation institutions had stated that the suicide bomber reached Islamabad on Friday and travelled to the court from Pirwadhai on a motorcycle.—RT/Agency

Nawaz Attends NA Session As Bilawal Extends Warm Greeting During Pivotal Debate

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attended the National Assembly session on Wednesday, marking a significant political moment as lawmakers gathered to deliberate on crucial legislative matters, including the anticipated passage of the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill.

Nawaz Sharif's arrival at Parliament was met with enthusiasm by party members, who warmly received him outside the Assembly hall. Inside the chamber, he exchanged greetings and handshakes with fellow lawmakers, reflecting a cordial and cooperative atmosphere among parliamentary members.

In a symbolic and friendly gesture, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari walked up to Nawaz Sharif's seat and shook hands with him, drawing attention from both benches and signaling a moment of mutual respect amid ongoing political discourse.—RT/Agency

Macron Draws Red Line: Warns Israel Against Any West Bank Annexation Plans

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron warned on Tuesday that any Israeli plans for annexation in the West Bank would be a "red line" and would provoke a European reaction.

He spoke as Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas visited Paris one month into a fragile truce between Hamas and Israel, following two years of war triggered by the militant group's October 7, 2023, attack against Israel.

Abbas, 89, is the longtime head of the Palestinian Authority, which exercises limited control over parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and is being considered to possibly assume governance in Gaza under the deal.

Macron, whose country in September recognised a Palestinian state, warned against any Israeli plans for annexation in the West Bank following an uptick in violence in the Palestinian territory.

"Plans for partial or total annexation, whether legal or de facto, constitute a red line to which we will respond strongly with our European partners," Macron said at a joint press conference with Abbas.

"The violence of the settlers and the acceleration of settlement projects are reaching new heights, threatening the stability of the West Bank and constitute violations of international law," the French president said.

Violence in the West Bank has soared since the war in Gaza broke out in October 2023.

At least 1,002 Palestinians, have been killed in the West Bank by Israeli forces or settlers since the start of the war in Gaza, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

During the same period, 43 Israelis, including soldiers, have been killed in Palestinian attacks in the West Bank, according to official Israeli figures.—RT/Agency

Afghan Government Condemns Islamabad Blast And Wana Cadet College Terror Attack

KABUL/ISLAMABAD: The Afghan government has strongly condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Islamabad and Wana.

According to media reports, the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement expressing deep sorrow over the tragic incidents. The statement described the Islamabad G-11 Court blast and the attack on the educational institution in Wana as "regrettable" and firmly condemned both acts of terrorism.The Afghan government extended condolences to the families of the victims and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. The statement highlighted the loss of precious lives and reiterated Afghanistan's support in condemning such violent acts.It is reported that the Islamabad blast on November 11 resulted in 12 fatalities and 30 injuries, while the attack on the Cadet College in Wana two days earlier was foiled by security forces, who successfully neutralized all four terrorists of the Fitna al-Khawarij group.

The Afghan Ministry emphasized the importance of regional cooperation in combating terrorism and called for continued efforts to ensure the safety and security of civilians in the region.—RT/Agency

Trump Highlights Vital Role Of International Students In Powering U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Donald Trump has highlighted the crucial role of international students in sustaining American universities and the broader economy.

According to international media reports, Trump stated that students from abroad significantly strengthen the financial framework of U.S. educational institutions. He warned that without these students, dozens of universities could face closure, and a sharp decline in their numbers could "destroy half of the American university system."

Trump emphasized that the U.S. hosts students from China and many other countries. Limiting their enrollment, he said, would harm not only educational institutions but also the economy.—RT/Agency

Khawaja Asif Hits Back At Critics Of Judicial Reforms

ISLAMABAD: Federal Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has strongly criticized those sending letters opposing parliamentary decisions on judicial restructuring, urging them to remember the history of their own institutions.

Speaking to the media, Asif remarked that the judiciary has, in the past, been involved in controversial decisions, including the execution of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and has repeatedly undermined the Constitution. He questioned whether those raising objections had forgotten these historical instances or were "suffering from selective amnesia."

The Defence Minister clarified that the current judicial restructuring does not limit judicial independence, nor does it transfer powers to any other institution. Highlighting past judicial controversies, he referenced cases involving Justice Munir, Nasim Hasan Shah, Irshad Hasan Khan, and the Panama case judges, claiming these instances demonstrated abuses of authority.

Asif emphasized that those who advocate for justice must also ensure their actions are fair and consistent. "Before writing letters, they should first examine themselves," he added, urging accountability and reflection among critics of the judicial reforms.The remarks come amid ongoing debates over the scope and impact of proposed changes to Pakistan's judicial framework.—RT/Agency

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Hydro Union Threatens Nationwide Showdown Against Privatization Drive

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Central President of the All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro Electric Workers Union (CBA) and Chairman of the Trade Union Federation Pakistan, Abdul Latif Nizamani, has announced a strong movement against the federal government's plan to privatize four electricity distribution companies. Addressing a labor convention in Larkana, he said the policy, dictated by the IMF and World Bank, is anti-labor and will increase unemployment and electricity costs. Nizamani warned that workers nationwide will stage sit-ins in Islamabad if privatization continues. He criticized unsafe working conditions, halted recruitments, and vacant posts, demanding reinstatement of dismissed employees and benefits for families of martyred workers. Later, he inaugurated the renovated Larkana Labor Hall and honored regional union leaders.

21 Acres of State Land Reclaimed in Hyderabad Anti-Encroachment Blitz

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abideen Memon said that a major anti-encroachment operation was carried out near Phuleli Panjari on Irrigation Department land, reclaiming over 21 acres from illegal occupants. Hundreds of unauthorized structures were demolished, and a 2.6-kilometer route was fully cleared. The eight-hour operation involved the Assistant Commissioner and Mukhtiarkar Qasimabad, Director Anti-Encroachment HMC, DSPs of Qasimabad and Naseer Nagar, and a large police contingent. The DC praised the efforts of the officers who led the action and thwarted multiple obstruction attempts, reaffirming the administration's commitment to reclaiming state land from encroachers.

Badin Moot Demands End to Forced Labor, Pushes Workers' Rights Agenda

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A crucial meeting on the protection of labor rights and the elimination of forced labor was held under the chairmanship of the District Vigilance Committee Chairman and Deputy Commissioner Badin, Yasir Bhatti. Officials from various departments attended the session. The Deputy Commissioner said that the Sindh government is taking practical measures for the welfare of workers and strengthening the labor inspection system to ensure strict enforcement of labor laws. He directed all Assistant Commissioners to form committees at the tehsil level, organize meetings, and establish complaint cells for labor protection and registration of grievances. Yasir Bhatti added that an online complaint system is being introduced, and members from the environment and human rights departments will also be included in the next meeting.

Shaheed Benazirabad Forms New District Human Rights Committee

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: The Sindh government has established a District Human Rights Protection Committee in Shaheed Benazirabad, appointing the Deputy Commissioner as its Chairman. The committee's introductory meeting, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Syed Abrar Ali Shah, was held at the DC Office's Darbar Hall. Addressing the meeting, Syed Abrar Ali Shah said the committee includes officials from the police, jail, women development, education, health, and social welfare departments. The committee will monitor the overall human rights situation in the district, investigate violations, and conduct visits to prisons, hospitals, educational institutions, and police stations to ensure the protection of citizens' rights.

Mayor Kashif Shoro Graces Spiritual Mehfil-e-Milad at Hyderabad Press Club

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: A spiritually uplifting Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi ? was organized by the Hyderabad Union of Journalists at the Hyderabad Press Club, attended by Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Ali Shoro as the chief guest. The event featured heartfelt recitations of Naats and Durood-o-Salam, inspiring and spiritually illuminating all participants. Prominent officials, including Fayaz Ahmed Abbasi, Commissioner Hyderabad Division; Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abideen Memon; Abdul Ghafoor Das and Mustafa Bilal Shaikh, Chairmen of Town Municipal Corporations; Pir Ghulam Hussain, DHO Hyderabad; and Adeel Siddiqui, President Chamber of Commerce, also participated. Hameed Shaikh, President, and Ali Hamza Zaidi, General Secretary of the Union, warmly welcomed the guests and praised the occasion for promoting peace and spiritual harmony.

SSP Jamshoro XI Triumphs in Friendly Clash Against DC Jamshoro XI

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: In a lively display of sportsmanship and team spirit, SSP Jamshoro XI emerged victorious over DC Jamshoro XI in a friendly cricket match organized by the District Police Jamshoro. Electing to bat first, SSP XI posted a competitive 133 runs, while DC XI struggled against disciplined bowling and fielding, managing only 62 runs. Senior Superintendent of Police Zafar Siddique Changa emphasized that such events foster teamwork, camaraderie, and stress relief among officials. The match also aimed to strengthen the working relationship between the District Administration and Police. The event was praised for promoting physical fitness, harmony, and a positive spirit of cooperation among law enforcement and administrative personnel.

Thul Erupts in Protest Over Delay in Arrest of Imtiaz Noonari's Killers

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Residents of village Waryam Noonari, along with political and social activists, staged a protest against the failure to arrest the killers of Imtiaz Noonari, who was shot dead by extortionists ten days ago. The rally began from Shah Abdul Latif Library and ended at Thul Press Club, where participants demanded justice. Leaders said police negligence has emboldened criminals and spread fear in the area. They urged the IGP Sindh, DIG Larkana, and SSP Jacobabad to arrest the culprits and launch an operation against extortion gangs.

Badin Gears Up to Celebrate Sindhi Cultural Day with Unmatched Passion

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

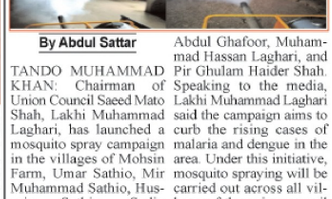
BADIN: Nishat Tanzeem Jamaat Luari Sharif Region Badin and Najia Students Organization Nishat Jamaat Luari Sharif District Badin announced that Sindhi Cultural Day will once again be celebrated with great enthusiasm and traditional spirit. A meeting was held at the residence of Pir Muhammad Sadiq Qureshi Naqshbandi, chaired by Abdul Fattah Junejo, president of Nishat Tanzeem Region Badin. Representatives of nine regional and seven student units attended. Leaders said Sindhi Cultural Day symbolizes Sindh's identity, heritage, and love. They urged participants to wear traditional caps and ajraks to express pride and unity.

Hospitals Under Fire for Profiteering from Hyderabad's Dengue Crisis

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Senior Central Vice President of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek, Muhammad Khalid Qadri, visited the dengue wards of Hilal-e-Ahmer Hospital in Latifabad No-6 and strongly criticized hospitals for turning plasma and white cell treatment into a business. He said Hilal-e-Ahmer, once known for charity, now charges Rs. 2,000 per room per day with extra fees, while sanitation and fumigation remain neglected. Qadri alleged that free banners were displayed only to impress the Deputy Commissioner during his visit. He demanded free dengue treatment in all hospitals, city-wide fumigation, and an audit of funds of so-called charitable hospitals.

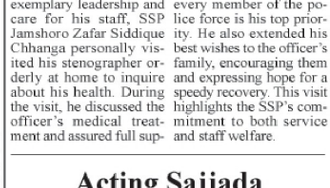
Mosquito Eradication Drive Kicks Off in Union Council Saeed Mato Shah



By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Chairman of Union Council Saeed Mato Shah, Lakhi Muhammad Laghari, has launched a mosquito spray campaign in the villages of Mohsin Farm, Umar Sathio, Mir Muhammad Sathio, Hussain Sathio, Sadiq Khaskheli, Alhaddno Khaskheli, Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor, Muhammad Hassan Laghari, and Pir Ghulam Haider Shah. Speaking to the media, Lakhi Muhammad Laghari said the campaign aims to curb the rising cases of malaria and dengue in the area. Under this initiative, mosquito spraying will be carried out across all villages of the union council to protect residents from these diseases.

SSP Jamshoro Visits Ailing Stenographer, Extends Support and Solidarity



By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Demonstrating exemplary leadership and care for his staff, SSP Jamshoro Zafar Siddique Chhanga personally visited his stenographer orderly at home to inquire about his health. During the visit, he discussed the officer's medical treatment and assured full support in every possible way. SSP Chhanga emphasized that the well-being of every member of the police force is his top priority. He also extended his best wishes to the officer's family, encouraging them and expressing hope for a speedy recovery. This visit highlights the SSP's commitment to both service and staff welfare.

Acting Sajjada Nasheen of Shah Abdul Latif Shrine Engages with Devotees

By Khadim Hussain Khaskheli

SANGHAR: Acting Sajjada Nasheen of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai Shrine, Syed Mustafa Hussain Shah Latifi, attended gatherings organized by the Shah Latif Foundation, Sanghar, alongside General Secretary Ghulam Abbas Laskani in Jhol. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized the need for establishing Shah Latif Chairs in every university in Sindh and Pakistan, noting the inactivity of existing chairs. He urged devotees to actively work for promoting the teachings of Hazrat Shah Latif Bhittai rather than remaining silent, and highlighted plans to revitalize the Shah Latif Foundation and related organizations across Sindh from December 2025. He also attended a local wedding, receiving a warm reception.

Delay in Masooma-e-Sindh Shrine Construction Sparks Public Outcry

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The slow pace and prolonged suspension of official construction work at the shrine of "Masooma-e-Sindh" in Agham Kot have raised serious concerns. Karachi Editors Club President Mubashir Mir, after inspecting the site, warned that the delays are providing opportunities for miscreants to create fake graves and spread conspiracies, further complicating the project. He urged the Sindh government and the Auqaf Department to take immediate and serious action to ensure uninterrupted construction. Mir emphasized that deliberate delays could hinder the timely completion of the shrine. He was accompanied by Syed Manzar Naqvi, Advocate Ibad-ul-Hussain, Zawar Abdul Sattar Dars, while Sindh Auqaf officials briefed him on the issues causing these delays.

Jamshoro Launches Aggressive 13-Day Measles-Rubella and Polio Campaign

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: Deputy Commissioner Ghazanfar Ali Qadri has launched a 13-day Measles-Rubella (MR) and Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) campaign from November 17 to 29, 2025, aiming to protect children from these preventable diseases. The initiative focuses on zero-dose children, strict accountability, and proper cold chain management. School authorities and religious leaders have been engaged to promote vaccination. District Health Officer Dr. Pir Manzoor Ahmed confirmed dual vaccination with MR and Polio drops. Officials from health, education, and law enforcement attended the inauguration, emphasizing coordinated efforts for full immunization coverage.

NDF Trains Health Workers on Protection Protocols Under GAVI Initiative

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The National Disability & Development Forum (NDF) Pakistan organized a detailed training session on Safeguarding and Protection under its GAVI-HELP funded project, "Reaching the Unreached for Optimizing Routine Immunization in Sindh", in Hyderabad. Ms. Khalida Mallah, safeguarding expert, conducted interactive sessions highlighting the importance of protecting individuals' rights in community-based health initiatives, engaging participants in discussions and practical activities. Program Manager Mr. Tariq Hussain Channar emphasized NDF's No Harm and Safeguarding Policies, stressing safe work environments and accountability. NDF President Mr. Abid Lashari appreciated the trainers and active participation of staff, highlighting the need to implement safeguarding measures in the field.

Chanho Jo Daro Celebrates a Decade of Archaeological Discoveries

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: A special ceremony was organized at Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering, Nawabshah, to present the findings from ten years of archaeological excavations at Chanho Jo Daro, located near Nawabshah. The event was jointly conducted by Pakistani and French archaeology experts, with Provincial Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho attending as the chief guest. During the event, experts, including Arora Doudier and other French archaeologists, showcased ancient artifacts, pottery, jewelry, tools, and items of daily use discovered during the excavations. They explained the significance of these findings in understanding the social, cultural, and economic aspects of Sindh's ancient civilization. Dr. Pechuho highlighted that Chanho Jo Daro predates Mohenjo Daro and represents a vital heritage site, reflecting the rich history of the region. She also emphasized the importance of the planned museum to preserve these artifacts for public education, especially for students, and praised ongoing Pakistan-France collaboration in archaeology. The ceremony was attended by local officials, university representatives, and prominent archaeologists.

Health Dept Rallies for Stronger Immunization Drive Across Sindh

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: A seminar was held at the District Health Office under the leadership of DHO Dr. Shaukat Ali Abro, with Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sharjeel Noor Channa presiding over the event. Health officials, doctors, and government staff from the district participated in the seminar. The DHO stated that 214 trained teams have been formed to vaccinate 263,480 children against measles, rubella, and polio. The Deputy Commissioner and District Council Chairman also provided 25 vaccinators with motorcycles. The public was urged to ensure their children receive timely vaccinations to protect them from these diseases.

Istehkam-e-Pakistan Slams Twin Suicide Attacks in Islamabad and Wana

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Istehkam-e-Pakistan Organization has strongly condemned the recent suicide attacks on an Islamabad court and a Cadet College. Chairman Muhammad Ahsan Naghar, Senior Vice Chairman Nawabuddin Qureshi, and other leaders denounced the attacks as cowardly acts aimed at destabilizing the country. They emphasized that targeting innocent citizens, students, and law enforcement is a senseless conspiracy that will not succeed. Expressing solidarity with the nation, they extended condolences to the families of the martyrs and prayers for the injured. Naghar urged the government and security agencies to swiftly bring the perpetrators and their facilitators to justice to safeguard peace and stability.

METRO KARACHI

Massive Drug Haul in Karachi's Shafi Goth — Suspect in Custody

KARACHI: Police in Karachi have seized a major consignment of drugs from Shafi Goth, disrupting a local narcotics network.

According to SSP Malir Dr. Abdul Khaliq, the recovered drugs are valued at several lakh rupees. One suspect has been arrested, from whose possession over 30 kilograms of high-quality hashish were recovered. Authorities revealed that the arrested individual intended to distribute the drugs across various areas, posing a serious threat to the city's youth. The operation also led to the dismantling of the broader drug-selling network operating in the region.—RT/Agency

Transactions Soar to Rs612 Trillion in FY2025, Reveals SBP Governor

KARACHI: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Jameel Ahmad revealed that transactions worth Rs612 trillion were recorded during the fiscal year 2025, with 77 per cent of them conducted at the branch level.

He noted that the private sector is rapidly adopting the Raast digital payment system, and 15 more banks are expected to integrate into the system soon.

The governor urged the Pakistan Banking Association to play an active role in this transition.—RT/Agency

FIA Files Final Charges in Rs53 Crore Private Firm Fraud Scandal

KARACHI: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Corporate Crime Circle has submitted the final charges in a fraud case involving over Rs 53 crore against a private company.

The hearing took place at the District and Sessions Court South, Karachi, where the FIA presented the completed challan for judicial proceedings. According to the FIA, actress Nadia Hussain is not named among the accused in the final report.

The challan identifies six individuals, including Nadia Hussain's husband, Atif Khan, as the main accused. The FIA stated that the charges against the accused include forgery, breach of trust, and fraud, all of which were substantiated during the investigation.—RT/Agency

Police Round Up 10 Illegal Afghan Nationals in Karachi Raid

KARACHI: Police carried out a nighttime search operation in residential buildings on Abul Hassan Isfahani Road, Karachi, arresting 10 Afghan nationals residing in the city illegally. According to media reports, the individuals were taken into custody —RT/Agency

Tragedy at Manora: Three University Students Drown During Beach Picnic

KARACHI: An initial report has been prepared regarding the tragic drowning of three students at Manora Himalaya Beach in Karachi. The victims were final-year students of Dow Medical College, Batch D-26.

According to Dow University administration, a total of 150 final-year students were attending end-of-year celebrations and had gone on a supervised picnic to Hawksbay under the watch of university security personnel. During the outing, a smaller group of 15 students decided to visit Manora Himalaya Beach separately.—RT/Agency

Karachi Basks in Breezy Autumn Weather Under Crystal-Clear Skies

KARACHI: Karachi is experiencing ideal autumn weather today, with clear skies and mild temperatures, offering perfect conditions for outdoor activities as winter approaches.

Meteorological data indicates that Wednesday will see temperatures peaking at 31°C and dropping to a low of 15°C. The RealFeel temperature is expected to reach 32°C, while shaded areas will provide relief at around 30°C. Westerly winds blowing at 9 km/h will bring gentle breezes across the city, and the UV Index is predicted to remain moderate at 5.0.

Weather forecasts suggest stable conditions with consistent temperatures and abundant sunshine through the end of the week. Residents can enjoy pleasant days and cool, refreshing nights, making it an ideal time for outdoor plans and daily routines.—RT/Agency

Munim Zafar Sworn In as New Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi Chief

KARACHI: Munim Zafar has officially assumed the position of Ameer (leader) of Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi, taking oath at an event held at Idara Noor Haq.

The ceremony was attended by Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Sindh Kashif Sheikh and other senior party officials. Kashif Sheikh administered the oath and offered prayers for Zafar's steadfastness and success in his new role.

Munim Zafar will serve as the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi until October 2028, overseeing the party's activities and organizational responsibilities in the city. —RT/Agency

Dubai Titans Take Over Lotte Chemical Pakistan in $100M Modernization Storm

KARACHI: Dubai-based PTA Global Holding has acquired Lotte Chemical Pakistan, ushering in a new era of industrial transformation. Chairman Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed promises high-impact modernization and benchmark industrial excellence at the Port Qasim PTA plant. New CEO Adnan Afridi will drive operational excellence, energy-saving technology integration, and aggressive M&A for diversification and scale. The $new owners commit to substantial investment in modern technology and expansion, aiming to boost Pakistan's industrial competitiveness, exports, and value-added products. This move signals strong renewed investor confidence in the nation's manufacturing future.—RT/Agency

KE Power Clash Peaks: Government-Backed Candidate Poised to Seize CEO Seat

KARACHI: The upcoming K-Electric board meeting holds the key to a major CEO change, with three experienced Karachi-based candidates shortlisted. Asia Pak, a significant shareholder, has sensationally withdrawn its own candidate nomination, indicating unconditional support for the Pakistan government's preferred nominee. With the government's three votes now highly significant and the current CEO's vote excluded from the process, a shift in leadership is imminent. The board is expected to finalize the new CEO, CFO, and CDO, signaling a likely governance restructuring for the utility giant.—RT/Agency

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Encroachment Crackdown Intensifies in Mirpurkhas Under Assistant Commissioner's Watch

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Ghulam Hussain Kanyo, a drive against illegal encroachments continued in Mirpurkhas. From the Police Lines to High Court Road, illegal shops, stalls, and roadside structures were removed. A heavy police contingent was present during the operation to prevent any untoward incident. The Assistant Commissioner stated that the campaign to remove encroachments will continue to ensure public convenience and smooth traffic flow, and no leniency will be shown. Residents appreciated the initiative and demanded that such operations be conducted across the city on a permanent basis.

HESCO Chief Faizullah Dahri Orders Zero Tolerance on Theft, Promises Fair Billing

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: HESCO CEO Faizullah Dahri chaired a high-level meeting with officers from all Operation Circles to review performance, eradicate electricity theft, and improve consumer services. Dahri stressed restoring consumer confidence through respect and courtesy, commending top performers while urging underperforming staff to improve. He issued strict directives: complete elimination of power theft, 100% recovery of dues, and mandatory daily Khuli Kachehri (public hearings) from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Dahri announced sudden field inspections, holding officers accountable for any theft in their areas. He emphasized teamwork, consumer engagement, and efficient electricity supply as shared responsibility. Senior officials from all circles attended.

Notorious Dacoit Sultan Shah and Son Shot Dead in Intense Sukkur Police Encounter

SUKKUR: Notorious dacoit Sultan Shah and his son, Hubdar Ali Shah, were killed in an alleged police encounter near Sukkur's C-Section station. Police intercepted the suspects fleeing after a robbery in Rohri. During the intense exchange of fire, one police constable was injured, and a child was hurt during the initial robbery. DIG Sukkur Captain (Rtd) Faisal Abdullah Chachar congratulated the police team led by SSP Azhar Mughal for the successful operation, neutralizing the dangerous suspects.—RT

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KP CM Sohail Afridi Urges United Front to Crush Terror Networks

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi has emphasized the need for collective decision-making with politicians to eliminate terrorism and establish lasting peace in the province.

Addressing an assembly of the Peace Jirga in the KP Assembly, Afridi stated that the government's efforts are focused on achieving peace and that sustainable solutions against the scourge of terrorism would emerge from today's deliberations. "Peace will only be possible when terrorism is eradicated," he asserted.—RT/Agency

Global Creative Powerhouse Partners with Pakistan's Leading PR Agency in Game-Changing Alliance

ISLAMABAD: M&C Saatchi Pakistan and Communications Research Strategies (CRS) have formed a strategic alliance to revolutionize purpose-driven communications. The newly signed MOU merges M&C Saatchi's global creative and media expertise with CRS's deep advocacy and PR experience. This collaboration aims to deliver smarter, integrated solutions that not only inspire audiences but also drive meaningful social and behavioral impact. This partnership promises to blend creativity, research, and strategy to reshape how brands and causes engage in Pakistan's evolving media landscape.—RT

Central Punjab

Kotli Syed Police Nab Infamous Lal Kadati Gang Leader in Swift Sialkot Operation

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Kotli Syed Ameer Police Station, under the supervision of DSP Irfan Saeed and on the directives of DPO Faisal Shahzad, successfully arrested Mohammad Arsalan, the ringleader of the Lal Kadati gang involved in motorcycle thefts. During the operation, six stolen motorcycles and Rs. 50,000 in cash were recovered. Arsalan confessed to multiple thefts of motorcycles, cash, and mobile phones, with seven cases traced and judicial references submitted. DPO Faisal Shahzad commended the police team for their effective use of modern technology and strategic planning, announcing certificates of appreciation and cash rewards for their outstanding performance.

Deputy Commissioner Leads Surprise DHQ Hospital Visit, Stresses Quality and Accountability

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela conducted a surprise inspection of DHQ Hospital Toba Tek Singh. He reviewed the Emergency, Surgical, and Medical Wards, met patients, inquired about treatment and medicines, and issued immediate instructions to staff. The DC also inspected the pharmacy, Trauma Center, and Burn Unit construction, emphasizing transparency, quality, and timely completion. He stressed cleanliness, discipline, and courteous service, stating that providing quality healthcare and free medicines is a top government priority, and negligence will not be tolerated.

Toba Tek Singh Administration Launches Pollution Crackdown — Illegal Brick Kilns Demolished

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the district administration is actively combating smog and environmental pollution. Acting on Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela's orders, the Environment Department demolished two brick kilns for violating Zigzag SOPs, aiming to reduce air pollution and ensure a healthy environment. The Agriculture Department also imposed fines of Rs. 2.64 million on those burning crop residues. Deputy Commissioner Mela emphasized strict action against violators and urged citizens to cooperate in protecting the environment. All departments are working together to enforce environmental laws and eliminate pollution sources, safeguarding public health.

Federal Ombudsman's Team Raids Gujranwala Passport Office, Moves to Eliminate Middlemen Mafia

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: A team from the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat, led by Deputy Advisor Mushtaq Ahmed Awan, visited the Passport Office Gujranwala to assess services and curb the tout mafia. Officials briefed the team on daily operations, including issuance of 500 tokens and separate counters for men, women, senior citizens, and disabled persons. Awan emphasized eliminating illegal touts with police support and directed SOPs to be displayed prominently. Citizens expressed satisfaction with services, and the team urged continued inspections to address public grievances.

Open-Door Governance Model Gains Momentum, Strengthening Citizen Access to Officials

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Following Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision, the Open Door Policy is being actively implemented in Narowal to enhance good governance. Deputy Commissioner Syed Hassan Raza meets citizens daily from 10:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m. to hear their grievances. Dozens of people visit his office each day, and all complaints are recorded for prompt action. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that public service and effective governance remain the government's top priorities, with all departments committed to addressing citizens' issues efficiently.

Toba Tek Singh Press Club Sets Stage for Hotly Contested January Elections

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Mian Saeed Hassan, Chairman of the Press Club, announced that the upcoming elections will be held in January with full transparency, honesty, and merit. He clarified that only working journalists will be allowed to vote, while inactive members will be excluded. Mian Saeed Hassan assured that the elections will be fair, impartial, and free from interference, enabling capable journalists to take leadership positions. He urged all members to participate actively.

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SP Office Hosts Darbar with Former Levies Officers, Vows to Resolve Long-Standing Grievances

By Abdul Aziz Bangulzai

BOLAN/BHAG: A darbar was organized at the SP Office Bolan Kachhi with former Levies officers in compliance with senior officials' directives. SP Moazullah welcomed all officers, held individual meetings, and guided them to perform their duties in the police force with dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism. Officers' concerns were addressed on the spot. SP Moazullah emphasized that the police is a disciplined institution, seniority lists will be maintained, and welfare and promotion matters will be prioritized. Officers were urged to continue their duties with zeal. Outstanding performers will be recognized with certificates of appreciation and cash rewards, while the SP's office remains accessible to all officers at all times.

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Imran Khan's Political Missteps Paved the Road to the 27th Amendment Earthquake

The passage of the 27th Constitutional Amendment marks a seismic shift in Pakistan's political and judicial order—one that has left the nation stunned, subdued, and uncertain about what comes next. While the ruling coalition now celebrates its sweeping two-thirds majority as a victory for stability and governance, history will remember this as the moment Pakistan's political balance was fundamentally rewritten. Yet amid the fanfare and fury, one man's political rigidity looms large in the background—former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Khan's refusal to compromise, his defiance against dialogue, and his insistence on confrontation over collaboration have, in many ways, brought Pakistan to this juncture. His walkout politics and relentless attacks on institutions weakened his own leverage and alienated potential allies, making it easier for the ruling coalition to cement control. The 27th Amendment, which abolished the Supreme Court's suo motu powers and established a new Federal Constitutional Court, symbolizes not just a legal transformation but the triumph of the very system Khan sought to dismantle.

Had Imran Khan shown even a flicker of political foresight or flexibility—had he worked within the system instead of trying to upend it—the dynamics of today's Pakistan might have been drastically different. Instead, his populist rigidity created a vacuum swiftly filled by his rivals.

For Imran Khan, this must serve as a long-overdue reckoning: real change comes not from the fringes of defiance but from the corridors of governance. If Pakistan is to move forward, egos must yield to pragmatism, and leadership must learn that reforming the system requires being part of it—not endlessly fighting against it.

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Commissioner Hyderabad Champions Cross-Cultural Leadership at IBA Fest

By Munawar Chandio

JAMSHORO: The Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Sindh, Jamshoro, hosted the "Cross-Cultural Communication and Leadership Style Fest 2025" on 11th November, focusing on leadership, teamwork, and cultural diversity. The event was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri as Chief Guest and Commissioner Hyderabad Fayaz Hussain Abbasi as a distinguished guest. Commissioner Abbasi emphasized the importance of understanding cultural values and perspectives, stating that cross-cultural communication is key to harmony and societal progress. Students showcased traditional foods and attire from across Pakistan, while interactive sessions engaged participants, making the fest an enriching and memorable experience for all.

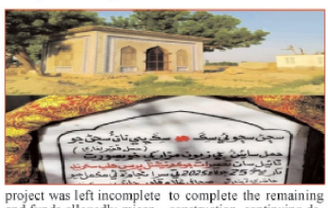
Tando Muhammad Khan Police Net Nine Suspects in Targeted Raids

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: Under the directives of SSP Tando Muhammad Khan, Haseeb Javed, the local police carried out a 24-hour targeted operation against illicit alcohol sellers, organized crime, and gutka suppliers. The raids led to the arrest of 9 suspects, recovery of over 1 kg of hashish, 3,000 gutka packets, and 180 liters of illicit alcohol. Several illegal alcohol dens were demolished. Operations were conducted across multiple police stations: Tando Ghulam Hyder, B-Section, Tando Muhammad Khan City, Malakatiar, Moia, Abadgar, and Taluka Police, leading to arrests of key suppliers including Ali Muhammad, Sajad Chang, Ghulam Murtaza, and others. Confiscated items included hashish, gutka, alcohol, and related paraphernalia. Cases have been registered against all accused, and police have vowed to continue strict action against illegal activities.

Restoration Work Begins on Historic Hamal Faqir Laghari Shrine

By Zeeshan Soomro



SAKRAND: The construction and restoration work of the shrine of Sindhi-Saraiki poet Hamal Faqir Laghari is ongoing under the supervision of Syed Zia Shah, founder of the Imdad Muhammad Shah Foundation, in collaboration with the National Press Club Sakrand. The work includes the main gate, grill, plaster, roof, and exterior wall repairs. Previously, the Culture Department had approved a multi-million budget for the shrine, but the project was left incomplete and funds allegedly misappropriated by contractors. Last year, the National Press Club completed parts of the shrine during the Urs celebration. The foundation aims to complete the remaining construction, continuing development initiated by Syed Imdad Muhammad Shah, including stadiums, schools, dispensaries, and rest houses.

Sindh University Faces High Court Scrutiny Over Dubious MPhil, PhD Degrees

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: The Sindh High Court Circuit Bench has issued notices to Sindh University officials, HEC, and related authorities over alleged illegal MPhil and PhD programs for rejected candidates. MPhil scholar Syed Sajjad Hussain Shah filed the petition, claiming the university allowed an unauthorized PhD seminar on November 13, 2025, despite termination of the MPhil Leading Program in 2016. The petition accuses certain faculty and SUTA group members of influencing approvals, granting illegal degrees, and providing monthly allowances to over 40-50 staff. Justices Adnan Karim Memon and Riyazat Ali Sahar heard the case and directed all parties to submit responses by December 1, 2025.

NDO Pushes Immunization Awareness Drive to Boost Public Health

BybRoshan Ali

JOHI: The Nari Development Organization (NDO) organized a meeting with journalists and the project team to discuss improving immunization coverage for underserved communities in Sindh. The session, supported by HELP and GAVI, was held at NDO's Johi office. CEO Azra Memon and Project Coordinator Tahira briefed attendees on NDO's work in Johi's TR Khan, Chani, and Johi-2 UCs. They highlighted efforts to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines and ensure access to immunization through schools, mosques, local leaders, and EPI teams. The vaccination campaign for measles and rubella will run from November 17 to 29, targeting children aged six months to five years. Azra Memon emphasized the media's crucial role in reaching more parents to ensure every child receives immunization.

Irrigation Mechanical Division Officials Cry Foul Over Rampant Corruption

By Shaikh Sindhi

KOTRI: Leaders of the Mechanical Division Union of Kotri Irrigation Department, including Ashraf Kolachi and Rafiq Qazi, held an urgent press conference at Kotri Press Club, alleging massive corruption in the department. They claimed officials are bypassing government machinery, hiring private contractors for canal excavation, wasting billions, and rendering state equipment useless. The union warned that failure to utilize government workshops could leave thousands unemployed. They urged local MPA and MNA to raise the issue in the assembly. If their demands are ignored, the leaders said they will soon file a case against the officials in court.

Larkana Police Nab Nine Hardened Criminals in Swift Operations

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: Larkana police conducted coordinated operations across various police limits, arresting nine criminals and recovering weapons, bullets, master keys, and iron rods. According to a police spokesperson, under SSP Ahmed Faisal Chaudhry's directives, police in Walid Thana apprehended the highly wanted accused Ejaz Umrani with a pistol after a confrontation in New Anaj Mandi. Rashid Wagan Thana police arrested Shakeel Khokhar, involved in the murder of Mujeed Haslo, with a pistol and ammunition. Meanwhile, six other accused Jani Mirjat, Amir Korkani, Siraj Baledi, Saeed Shabran, Azhar Kalhoro, and Ghulam Nabi Mighri – were arrested with master keys and iron rods in Old Bus Stand area by Civil Line Thana police.

Minhaj-ul-Quran Launches New Academic Center in Karimabad

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: Minhaj-ul-Quran Sindh inaugurated an Academic Center Unit in Karimabad near Nawab Wali Muhammad. On the occasion, Deputy Nazim-e-Ala of Minhaj-ul-Quran Sindh, Mazhar Mehmood Alvi, stated that the organization strives to promote religious teachings, improve community welfare, spread knowledge, and uphold Islamic values. Dr. Punhal Khan Khoso was appointed President, Jhando Khan Khoso as Welfare Coordinator, Dr. Arshad Arain as Nazim, and Abdullah Arain as Social Media Nazim of the new unit.

JUI-F Sindh Rips Defence Minister's Remarks Targeting Madaris

By Hashim Brohi

JACOBABAD: Dr. AG Ansari, Press Secretary of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Sindh, strongly condemned Federal Defence Minister Khawaja Asif's recent remarks against religious seminaries and mosques, calling them irresponsible and insulting. He praised madaris for producing disciplined, patriotic youth and protecting Pakistan's moral and ideological values. Dr. Ansari demanded an unconditional apology and warned that JUI Sindh may launch nationwide protests if the minister fails to retract his statement. He emphasized that madaris and mosques are centers of peace and spirituality.

Sujawal Police Crack Down on Drug Dens, One Suspect Shot During Raid

By Kamran Hidayat

SUJAWAL: Sujawal district police intensified operations against drug trafficking, arresting a suspect while seizing narcotics. SHO Ladiyon Ghulam Mustafa Solangi apprehended Shams Jarejo, a dealer in cannabis and ice crystal. During interrogation, Jarejo revealed that his accomplices were hiding near the Grid Station. Police arrived at the location, where the suspects opened fire, injuring Jarejo. Other drug dealers managed to escape under cover of darkness. The injured suspect was shifted to hospital, and further legal proceedings are underway.

MNA Syed Waseem Hussain Denounces Cadet College Wana Terror Strike

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: MNA Syed Waseem Hussain strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack on Cadet College Wana, describing it as a cowardly attempt to disrupt education and spread fear. He drew parallels with the 2014 APS Peshawar tragedy, emphasizing that attacks on educational institutions cannot weaken students' resolve. Hussain praised the bravery of Pakistan Army and security forces for thwarting the terrorists' plans and highlighted the patriotic spirit of the nation's youth. He affirmed that Pakistanis remain united against terrorism and pledged full support for ongoing military operations to eliminate extremist threats, ensuring safety, stability, and the continued progress of education in the country.

Matiari Lawyers Rally Against 27th Amendment Outside District Court

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: Lawyers in Matiari staged a protest outside the District & Sessions Judge Court against the 27th Constitutional Amendment. Led by Peeral Majidano, Ikhlas Qazi, Muhammad Yousuf Kalhoro, and Zaheer Soomro, they condemned the amendment, claiming it centralizes powers under the federal government and diminishes provincial autonomy. They demanded the immediate repeal of the amendment, warning that if ignored, lawyers across Pakistan would stage a sit-in in Islamabad.

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Upamecano Sparks Exit Talk as Transfer War Brews Around Bayern Star

French centre-back Dayot Upamecano on Wednesday addressed his uncertain future at Bayern Munich, promising to make the 'right decision' as speculation grows over a potential summer transfer to Liverpool or Real Madrid.

Upamecano's current contract with the German champions expires at the end of the season, leaving him free to negotiate a move when the transfer window opens.

Liverpool have been heavily linked with the 27-year-old in recent months, having missed out on Crystal Palace's Marc Guehi during the summer transfer window.

Speaking to an international news outlet, Upamecano said his representatives are carefully assessing their options before making any decision

"My agent is taking care of it; we will make the right decision. I am receiving good advice. I am focused on this season and my goals with the club and the national team. I don't have the headspace for it," Upamecano said.

Bayern Munich's director of sport, Max Eberl, also confirmed that the player's representatives have already received calls from interested clubs.

"It's normal if other clubs are calling his agents; it's part of the game. I've already said that we want to do our best and get a new contract done. We are on it," Eberl stated.

However, Spanish reports claimed Real Madrid have already reached a verbal agreement to sign Upamecano, though this remains unconfirmed.—Agency

Chelsea's Kerr Fires Double Blast in Ruthless Champions League Rout of Polten

Australia's forward Sam Kerr scored a brace in her first Chelsea start in nearly two years, helping the London club secure a commanding 6-0 victory over St. Polten in a UEFA Women's Champions League clash at NV Arena on Tuesday.

Kerr had previously only appeared as a substitute for Chelsea this season, making her full 90-minute comeback after a long absence caused by an anterior cruciate ligament injury sustained in January 2024.

After missing several early chances and having a goal disallowed for offside, the 32-year-old struck twice in the second half, showcasing her sharpness and determination.

Reflecting on the victory, Kerr expressed her joy at returning to Champions League action, saying she enjoyed the game and hoped for more consistent playing time.

"I'm just happy to be back out here playing in the Champions League again, with an amazing team. I'm relishing every moment," she said.

"It feels good. It felt like I had to work myself into it but yeah, happy to score. Of course, I prefer to play more minutes. When you come on for 20 minutes it's a bit hectic, there's lots of subs and it can be a bit wishy-washy."—Agency

Sabalenka Smashes Records to Become Second-Highest Earner in WTA History

Aryna Sabalenka has become the second-highest prize money earner in WTA history, surpassing Iga Swiatek and Venus Williams following a stellar 2025 season.

According to official WTA statistics, the Belarusian star earned over $15 million this year alone, bringing her career total to $45.18 million.

Sabalenka now trails only Serena Williams, who leads with $94.82 million in career earnings.

Swiatek is third on the list with $43.64 million, followed by Venus Williams with $42.87 million.

This achievement also marks the first time since Serena that a player in her 20s has reached the top two on the WTA's all-time earnings list.

The 27-year-old's consistency across Grand Slam and WTA 1000 events this season has been crucial to her financial milestone. Her victories and deep runs not only boosted her earnings but also reinforced her status as one of the sport's most dominant figures.

Analysts note that the rising prize money in women's tennis has accelerated the pace at which players reach historic financial milestones. Currently, ten female players have surpassed the $30 million career mark, with five earning more than $40 million.—Agency

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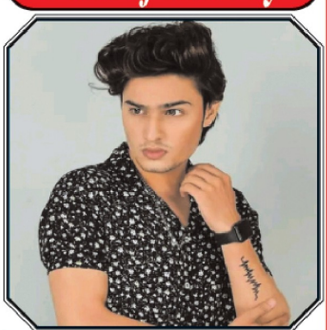

Karachi Gamer Anas Khan Levels Up as Local Esports Talent to Watch

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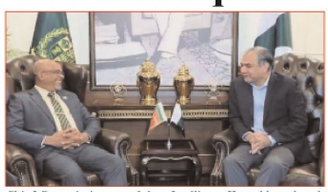
Sri Lankan Envoy Praises Flawless Security Setup for Visiting Cricket Squad

ISLAMABAD: The Sri Lanka High Commission on Wednesday expressed satisfaction with the security in place for its national men's team, currently on a white-ball tour to Pakistan, comprising a three-match ODI series, followed by a T20I tri-series.The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), in a statement, shared that its chairman, who is also the Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi, met Sri Lankan High Commissioner Rear Admiral (R) Fred Siriweera here and emphasised providing a safe environment to the visiting players as the government's top priority.



During the meeting, the Chief Commissioner and the IG Islamabad Police gave a detailed briefing on the security being provided to the Sri Lankan team.The Sri Lankan High Commissioner, in response, expressed solidarity with the Government of Pakistan and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, affected by a bomb blast outside a court in the capital."Federal Interior Minister and PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi met today with Sri Lankan High Commissioner Rear Admiral (R) Fred Siriweera," the PCB said in its statement."?During the meeting, the Chief Commissioner and the IG Islamabad Police gave a detailed briefing on the security being provided to the Sri Lankan team."The Sri Lankan High Commissioner expressed deep grief over the loss of precious lives in the recent terrorist attack in Islamabad. He conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and expressed solidarity with the Government of Pakistan."Talking to the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, Mohsin Naqvi said that the players of the Sri Lankan cricket team are our state guests and all necessary measures have been ensured for their foolproof security.—Agency

England Confirm Ollie Pope's Key Batting Role Ahead of Ashes Showdown

England have indicated that Ollie Pope is likely to bat at No. 3 in their three-day warm-up match against the Australia Lions on Thursday, suggesting he could retain the spot for the first Ashes Test in Perth next week.

Pope appears to be ahead of Jacob Bethell in the selection race for the opening Test.

Speaking ahead of Tuesday's training session, Harry Brook revealed that head coach Brendon McCullum and captain Ben Stokes instructed players to "go hard" against the Lions.

Some England players may also feature for the Lions, who have brought an 18-man squad to Australia.

"That was partly what Baz and Stokesy said," Brook told England's social channels.

"We're going hard. We're going to go 100%. We're going to try and beat them. I think we're going to be selecting an XI and playing against another XI, so it's not going to be just a messaround… It's good preparation playing against some of the best players in England ahead of the Ashes."

Pope's position at No. 3 has been under scrutiny since Bethell impressed during his maiden Test series in New Zealand last year, scoring three half-centuries in the role.

Speculation increased after England transferred the vice-captaincy from Pope to Brook last month, with many expecting Bethell to start the Ashes in that spot.

However, Marcus Trescothick, one of McCullum's assistant coaches, hinted that Pope would keep his place for the warm-up match.

"I'm presuming the same sort of No. 3 we've had for a period of time," he told BBC Sport. "We are a very consistent team in what we're trying to do."

Trescothick added that performances in the warm-up match were unlikely to influence the first Test selection.

"It's definitely not going to change dramatically before the start of an Ashes series because someone puts their hand up by taking five wickets or gets 150," he said. "The team has been what it has been for a period of time for a reason, so that when you come to big series, you are more settled and confident going into it."—Agency

ICC Reveals October 2025 Men's Player of the Month — Fans Divided Online

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named South Africa's left-arm spinner Senuran Muthusamy as the Men's Player of the Month for October 2025.

Muthusamy claimed the prestigious award ahead of fellow spinners Noman Ali of Pakistan and Rashid Khan of Afghanistan, following a series of outstanding performances with both bat and ball during South Africa's Test tour of Pakistan.

The 31-year-old celebrated his first ICC Player of the Month honor with delight.

"It feels incredible to be named the Player of the Month by the ICC, especially for performances in Test cricket, a format every player aspires to excel in," Muthusamy said.

"Playing for a side that won the World Test Championship this year is a matter of great pride. I was privileged to be part of such a competitive series in Pakistan and am happy to have contributed with both ball and bat. I would like to thank my teammates for their support and look forward to contributing for my team in the years to come."

Across the two-match Test series, which ended in a 1-1 draw, Muthusamy scored 106 runs at an average of 53 and claimed 11 wickets at an impressive average of 18.36.

His stellar all-round performance also earned him the Player of the Series award.

In the first Test, despite South Africa's loss, Muthusamy produced career-best figures of 11/174, taking six wickets in the first innings and five in the second.

His batting brilliance shone in the second Test, where crucial lower-order partnerships with Keshav Maharaj and Kagiso Rabada helped him score an unbeaten 89 — his highest Test score to date.

Muthusamy's innings played a pivotal role in giving South Africa a vital first-innings lead and ultimately securing the win. With the series drawn, the ICC World Test Championship holders now sit fourth on the standings.

The spinner has become a key figure in South Africa's red-ball setup, cementing his place in the side with consistent and impactful performances.—Agency

Reece James Sounds Alarm Over Brutal Conditions Awaiting England in 2026 World Cup

England defender Reece James has warned his teammates about the "super difficult" conditions they could face at next year's 2026 World Cup in North America, drawing on his experience of extreme summer heat during Chelsea's Club World Cup campaign earlier this year.

James guided Chelsea through sweltering heat in Philadelphia and thunderstorms in Charlotte during the Club World Cup, held from June 14 to July 13 in the United States.

Reflecting on those challenges, he stressed that England will need to prepare carefully for the intense heat expected during the tournament.The 2026 World Cup will feature 104 matches across 16 host cities in the US, Canada, and Mexico, with temperatures in cities such as Dallas, Houston, Miami, Atlanta, Monterrey and Guadalajara frequently exceeding 33°C (91°F) during June and July."Everyone is aware of that. We are trying to prepare as best we can for it. It's super difficult conditions to play in that heat, especially for us playing in England, where we don't experience anything like that," James said.

"You feel the heat the minute you step outside the hotel. Once you're out there, you adapt the longer you are there. When you're settled in one place, you try to limit things where you can. Later kick-offs, when it's not so hot and humid, would definitely help."James noted that some venues, including Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and Toronto, are expected to offer milder conditions during next year's finals. However, he added that pitch quality can also compound the challenges."The pitches when we were there weren't the greatest either, which made it a bit harder, but hopefully by the time the World Cup comes around, that will be better," he added.—Agency

Zhao Xintong Stuns Kyren Wilson to Storm into Champion of Champions Semis

LEICESTER: Reigning world champion Zhao Xintong edged out English counterpart Kyren Wilson in a thrilling 6-5 victory on Tuesday, to book his place in the semi-finals of the Sportsbet.io Champion of Champions.

The Englishman overcame Zhao's 3-1 lead by winning the next four frames, with breaks of 104, 62, 120 and 88 to lead 5-3.

After winning the following two sets with 136 and 64 and recording his maiden century break, world champion Zhao tied the chaotic match at 5-5.

In the last frame, Zhao had the advantage thanks to a break of 58, but Wilson's run of 54 guaranteed victory for the player who potted the black.

Wilson's shot almost went in, but bounced off the edges of both corner pockets, and Zhao then made an easier shot to win.

Reflecting on his victory, Xintong expressed his happiness at reaching the semi-final, acknowledging that he came back from a 5-3 deficit. He added that he simply stayed composed and appreciated his bit of luck as well.

"I just tried my best out there and I'm really happy with how I played today. I missed a few shots and Kyren took full advantage to go 5-3 ahead," Xintong said.

"I didn't want to let him win too easily — I wanted to make it a real battle. I just kept fighting, stayed focused, and managed to come back.

"I was a bit lucky in the last two frames, especially with the final black, but sometimes you need that. I'm just happy to make it through to my first Champion of Champions semi-final."—Agency

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Sabrina Carpenter Lands Dazzling Lead in Alice in Wonderland Musical Revival

Sabrina Carpenter is all set to star in a new musical film based on Lewis Carroll's novel, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, for Universal Pictures.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, Lorene Scafaria will write and direct the untitled project. For those unversed, Lorene is best known for writing and directing the Jennifer Lopez-starring film, Hustlers.

Along with starring, Sabrina will also produce the upcoming movie, alongside filmmaker Marc Platt.

However, the film's other cast and release date have not yet been announced.

The untitled movie marks the Expresso hitmaker's first leading role for a major studio. Previously, she was seen in supporting roles in Netflix's Tall Girl movies and the drama The Hate U Give.

The project comes just days after Sabrina earned six Grammy nominations for the 2026 ceremony for her latest album, Man's Best Friend.

The 26-year-old nabbed nominations in several categories, including Album of the Year, Record of the Year, and Song of the Year.

Sabrina's seventh studio album, Man's Best Friend, was released on August 29, 2025

Khloé Kardashian Laughs Off 'Drunk' Interview Chaos with Kylie Jenner

Khloe Kardashian is spilling the beans on her latest interview with sister Kylie Jenner.

The reality TV star, who is beginning the season season Khloé in Wonder Land, reveals she had a ball with her younger sister.

"What I didn't realize, Kylie has never done a podcast before," Kardashian, 41, tells PEOPLE. "I was like, 'Oh, maybe I should have known that before I interviewed you."

She added that in order to dig into the conversayion, both Khloe and Kyloe drank a few cocktails.

"Obviously because it's my sister, I didn't want to ask things like, 'Where'd you grow up?' That's stupid. So then we were supposed to be doing makeup together, but that didn't really happen, so we just got drunk," Kardashian admits.

"And then I'm asking her really random questions that I think other people would love to ask her, but if they got 10 minutes with her, they probably wouldn't," she noted.

Hailey Bieber Breaks Silence on Justin Rumors, Sets Record Straight on Marriage

Hailey Bieber has recently offered rare insights into her married life.

In an interview with GQ on Tuesday, the 28-year-old supermodel revealed how she and her husband, Justin Bieber, are handling the rumors surrounding their marriage.

"We're just taking it a day at a time," said Hailey, adding that they're "comfortable" with the space they're currently in.

She further said, "We both feel very protective of our son and I don't think that's ever going to change, but our life is our life and it is really public, so I think we're just going to cross every bridge that we need to when we get there."

"But as of right now, I feel really comfortable about the way we are sharing things and not sharing things," added the mother-of-one.

For those unversed, Hailey and Justin tied the knot on September 18, and the couple shares a son, Jack Blues.

Sharing her thought on motherhood, Hailey said, "I don't think there's anything someone can tell you about it that will ever, ever, ever prepare you until you do it yourself."

"But I feel much more prepared to do it again, as opposed to how not prepared I felt doing it for the first time," she continued.

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THE HEARTLAND

Badin Police Seize Stolen Goods, Liquor, and Drugs in Multi-Raids

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Badin Police conducted extensive operations across the district, recovering stolen property, illegal liquor, and drugs while arresting five suspects. Officers recovered a stolen goat from Namay Muhammad Ashraf Nehri and a stolen mobile phone from Maulvi Ghulam Sarwar Gopang. During the raids, police also seized 68 liters of local liquor and four whiskey pints from various sellers. Additionally, 330 sachets of gutka were confiscated from Muhammad Usman Bhatti. The operations, carried out by SHOs and ASIs from different police stations, aim to curb theft, illicit liquor sales, and drug distribution in the district.

Qambar-Shahdadkot Lawyers March to Condemn Islamabad Suicide Attack

SHAHDADKOT: Lawyers in Qambar-Shahdadkot observed a black day to condemn the suicide bombing at an Islamabad court that killed lawyers and civilians. Across the district, lawyers wore black armbands and held a general body meeting. President Advocate Shafi Muhammad Khoso, General Secretary Advocate Sahinder Kumar, and others called the attack tragic and unbearable, strongly condemning it while offering condolences to the families of the martyrs.—RT

Qazi Ahmed Students' Supporters Demand Dropping of Protest Cases

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: Local leaders including JSSF Arisar, Abdul Salam Gabol, and Mehtab Lakho led a protest at Qazi Ahmed Taluka Press Club, condemning police action on 8th November. Students heading to Sindh University from Bhitshah were stopped, baton-charged, and allegedly booked in false cases. Protesters demanded the immediate withdrawal of fabricated cases and urged authorities to protect students' rights to peaceful assembly.

Mirpurkhas Police Capture Prime Suspect in Amna Murder Case

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Police have made a major breakthrough in the murder case of 7-8-year-old Amna, daughter of Ghulam Haider Kandani Baloch, who went missing on November 4, 2025, in Jhalori, Shahdadpur Tehsil. Following SSP Mirpurkhas Dr. Sumair Noor Channa's orders, a special team investigated the case. On November 9, Amna's body was recovered; preliminary postmortem indicates death by strangulation. On November 12, the main suspect, Zahid alias Khabbar Khaskheli, was arrested. He confessed to abducting and killing Amna, then misleading her family and police. Investigation under Section 302 continues. Authorities and community leaders have expressed solidarity with the victim's family.

Daulatpur Health Dept Kicks Off Anti-Measles and Rubella Awareness Rally

By Aijaz Jokhio

DAULATPUR: A large rally was held from Daulatpur Library to the Press Club to raise awareness about protecting children from measles and rubella. The event was organized by the Health Department and attended by Assistant Commissioner Qazi Ahmed Arsalan Chaudhry, ADHO Dr. Aslam Parvez Dahri, MS DHQ Hospital Dr. Jamshed Khanzadeh, school principals, teachers, and hundreds of students from government and private schools. Officials urged parents to vaccinate children aged six months to five years from November 17 to 25. Health teams, schools, and local authorities collaborated to ensure maximum coverage and disease prevention.

Umerkot DC Chairs Crucial District Human Rights Committee Session

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Naveed Rehman Larik, a meeting of the District Human Rights Committee was held at the DC Office conference hall. The meeting was attended by SSP Umerkot Uzair Ahmed Memon, Deputy Director Social Welfare Noor Muhammad Shaikh, District Information Officer Muhammad Aslam Bhatti, representatives of NGOs, and officials from various departments. The DC reviewed ongoing initiatives for protecting human rights, promoting gender equality, and supporting women, children, and persons with disabilities. Issues such as violence against women and children, child labor, and forced marriages were discussed.

SABS University Joins Prestigious Global Art and Design Network

JAMSHORO: Shaheed Allah Buksh Soomro (SABS) University of Art, Design, and Heritages, Jamshoro, has been inducted as a Full Institutional Member of the C-IDEA International Educator Association, a leading global network of art and design institutions. The membership was ratified by the C-IDEA General Assembly on October 20, 2025, in Hamburg, Germany, marking a major milestone in SABS University's international collaboration efforts.

Samaro Road Residents Voice Grievances in Open Court Hearing

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: An open katchery was held at UC Samaro Road under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Tarkio to address citizens' complaints regarding municipal, police, revenue, and public service issues. The session saw participation from local leaders, traders, social organizations, and residents, who raised concerns including waste management, water and electricity shortages, rising crime, health facilities, overpriced daily commodities, and administrative delays in revenue and bank matters.

SU VC Dr. Marri Decries Terror Attack on Wana Cadet College

By Munawar Chandio

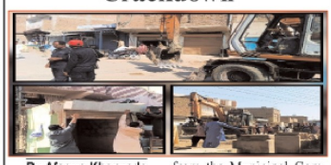
JAMSHORO: Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh, Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, strongly condemned the terrorist attack on Cadet College Wana, calling it a brutal assault on innocent students, teachers, and national values. He expressed grief over the tragedy, paid tribute to the victims, and extended condolences to their families. Dr. Marri emphasized that education remains Pakistan's strongest weapon against extremism, reaffirming solidarity with Wana and the resolve of educational institutions to promote peace and national unity.

Influential Feudal Seizes RO Plant, Villagers Left Thirsting for Water

By Ghazi Nohrio

MITHI: In Khadee village, an influential local, Teekam Bheel, has allegedly taken control of the government-installed RO plant, leaving villagers without access to clean drinking water. Residents claimed that Bheel forced the plant's staff to step aside and even used the solar panels for his personal flour mill. He also reportedly built private rooms near the plant, where unruly youths gather, making it unsafe for women. Additionally, he blocked the natural pathway to the village's water source. Villagers have appealed to the Public Health Department and district authorities for immediate action against him to restore their access to water.

Tando Allahyar Officials Demolish Illegal Encroachments in Crackdown



By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: The Tando Allahyar district administration has launched an operation to remove illegal encroachments in the Tando Adam Naka area. Unauthorized stalls in front of various shops were demolished. The operation was led by Assistant Commissioner Tando Allahyar, with staff from the Municipal Committee, WAPDA, Sui Gas, and police present. Stalls above and in front of shops on both sides of Tando Adam Road were removed. Assistant Commissioner Shahryar Habib told reporters that, following Deputy Commissioner's orders, these actions aim to keep the city clean and beautiful.

Condolence Meeting Held for the Passing of Journalist's Uncle

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: A condolence meeting of the Mirpurkhas Information Department was held at the office of Divisional Director Information, Shabana Channa, with her presiding. Deputy Director Information Ghulam Raza Khoso and the office staff also attended. During the meeting, deep grief was expressed over the passing of the uncle of Atif Baloch, General Secretary of Mirpurkhas Press Club and a private TV journalist, and a Fatiha was recited for the departed soul.

Hingorja Activists Demand Freedom for Detained Nationalists

By Sajjad Chang

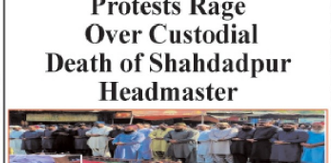
HANGORJA: Nationalist activists, led by Dr. Nazir Kokhar, Farhan Mangi, Shabbir Mangnejo, Ubaid Sehto, and Zohaib Mangi, staged a protest rally from City Gate to the Press Club against police brutality during the Sindh Students March and the arrests of several workers. Protesters told the media that police attacked the march without reason, using excessive force and detaining nationalist workers. They condemned the violence, calling it a violation of human rights, and demanded the immediate withdrawal of cases and the release of all arrested activists, vowing to continue their struggle for Sindh's rights.

Two Policemen Martyred in Ruthless Gun Attack in Naushehro Feroze

By Hasanain Shahid Channa

NAUSHEHRO FEROZE: Last night, criminals launched a brutal attack on the Police Checkpost at Til Shakh near Bharia town. During the gunfight, Constable Ghulam Hussain Rajpar and Sepoy Saeed Solangi were martyred on the spot while bravely confronting the attackers, who managed to escape with official weapons. SSP Naushehro Feroze Ruhail Khoso reached the site immediately, retrieved the martyrs' bodies, and brought them to the Police Lines, where funeral prayers were held. IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon, DIG Shaheed Benazirabad Faisal Bashir Memon, district officials, political and social leaders, lawyers, journalists, and a large number of citizens attended. The martyrs were honored with full police salutes and laid to rest in their native villages, draped in the national flag.

Protests Rage Over Custodial Death of Shahdadpur Headmaster



By Sajan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: The family and citizens of Grade 17 Headmaster Jam Aziz Jakhro, who died allegedly due to police torture in custody, continued protests demanding the arrest of the accused officers. Demonstrators blocked Hala Highway, disrupting traffic between Sindh and Punjab, with hundreds of vehicles stranded. Despite DIG Shaheed Benazirabad promising arrests within 24 hours, only one officer, Rafiq Ujjan, and SHO Dilwani's brother, Sikandar Dilwani, have been detained. The FIR has been registered, and investigations are underway. Protesters vowed to continue until justice is served.

SSP Farooq Bijarani Inspires Youth to Aim High for CSS Success

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Senior Superintendent of Police Thatta, Farooq Ahmed Bijarani, inspired young aspirants during a special CSS training session organized by the Rotaract Club at Thatta Press Club. Emphasizing that the CSS exam tests patience, intellect, and dedication, he shared his personal journey, recalling how he studied relentlessly for sixteen months to secure second position in the 2010 CSS exam and join the Police Service of Pakistan. SSP Bijarani encouraged students to pursue civil service careers with discipline, consistency, and vision, highlighting its role in national leadership.

Food Safety Inspectors Sweep Tando Allahyar to Curb Violations

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Under the directives of Sindh's Food Minister Makhdoom Mehbub-uz-Zaman, DG Sindh Food Authority Shahzad Fazal Abbasi, and Deputy Director Vigilance Hyderabad Fida Hussain Khoso, Food Safety Officer Tando Allahyar Raj Kumar, along with his team, inspected various shops in Tando Allahyar. During the inspection, substandard food items and open cooking oils for sale were identified. The team strictly instructed shopkeepers to immediately stop selling unhygienic and non-standard products and ensure the public receives only safe and quality food.

Mirpurkhas Jail Refutes Claims of Prisoner's Suicide Attempt

By Narain Das

MIRPURKHAS: The spokesperson of Central Jail Mirpurkhas clarified media reports regarding the alleged suicide attempt by prisoner Suhail Baloch. The prisoner reportedly ingested laundry soap (Surf) on November 8 in an attempt to harm himself. He was immediately transferred to Civil Hospital Mirpurkhas, where he received urgent medical care. After fully recovering on November 9, he was returned to jail. The investigation revealed the attempt was a failed effort by the prisoner to blackmail his family due to dissatisfaction over efforts for his bail, the release of co-accused Ehsan Shedi, and family disagreements. The jail administration contacted the family and instructed to expedite legal proceedings, considering his mental state.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS - (IFB)

The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) hereby invites sealed bids through E-Procurement. Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS) SPPRA portal under the Single Stage — Two Envelope Procedure, in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 (Amended up to date), from SECP-registered, well-reputed Insurance Companies duly authorized and qualified to provide **Health Insurance Services to KMC.**

The bidding process pertains to the Provision of Health Insurance Services as per the bid requirements, specifications, relevant terms and conditions stipulated in the bidding documents. The eligibility requirements, minimum qualification/ evaluation criteria, instructions to bidders, terms and conditions, bid security, and other relevant details are prescribed in the bidding documents. Bidders are advised to carefully review all instructions and criteria prior to submission, as no negotiations shall be permitted for technical and financial proposal under the "Least Cost" selection method.

The bidding document can be downloaded from the EPADS SPPRA portal (https://sindh.eprocure.gov.pk) from 19th November 2025.

- A non-refundable bidding document fee of PKR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) shall be submitted through original Pay Order in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (valid for at least six months).
- A scanned copy of the said fee Pay Order must be uploaded through the EPADS system, while the original Pay Order shall be submitted to the office of the Director (Contract Management Wing), F&A, KMC located at the 2nd Floor Room No.19, Main KMC Building, M.A. Jinnah Road, Karachi before the bid submission deadline.
- **Deadline for Submission of Bids:** 04th December 2025, up to 03:00 p.m.
- **Opening of Bids**: 04thDecember 2025, at 03:30 p.m. at the same venue.

A Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held on 27th November 2025 at the Office of the Director (Contract Management Wing), to address the queries and provide clarifications regarding the IFB as comprehended appropriate in the matter.

In case, no bid proposals is received by the bidders on the above dates then, the next date of submission and opening will be on 19th December, 2025 at same time & venue.

The Bid Security amount in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (valid for at least six months) and other general terms are detailed in the bidding documents. A scanned copy of the same must be uploaded with the bid on EPADS, and the original Bid Security must be received in the office of the undersigned by the submission deadline.

At the time of bid opening, bidders shall also submit **hard copies** of both **Technical and Financial Proposals** (in separate sealed envelopes) to verify the authenticity of the online submissions. Any forged or tampered documents shall lead to immediate disqualification and may attract further legal action under applicable rules.

Bidders must ensure their bids are substantially responsive, meeting all prescribed eligibility and evaluation criteria accompanying all conditions of bidding document. Only substantially responsive bids shall be considered for financial evaluation. The Bid Security of disqualified or non-responsive bidders shall be returned to them upon approval of the competent authority, KMC.

In case, the scheduled date of submission or opening falls on a public holiday declared by the government entity or a non-working day due to any unforeseen circumstances (e.g., law and order bad situation resulting In closures of office or roads at the surrounding of schedule venue or force majeure), the bids shall be submitted and opened on the next official working day at the same time and venue.

The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/proposals prior to award, in accordance with the Rule 25 of SPP Rules, 2010 (Amended up to date), without thereby incurring any liability or obligation to any bidder.

Canvassing In any form or manner shall lead to disqualification of the concerned bidder. Concealment, misrepresentation, or distortion of facts at any stage shall be deemed sufficient cause for rejection of the bid and may lead to further proceedings as per applicable procurement laws.

Director (Contract Management Wing)
Finance & Accounts, KMC

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METRO KARACHI

CM Murad Fast-Tracks Sindh's Mega Road Network for Rapid Development

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed all concerned departments to expedite work on key federal, provincial, and foreign-assisted road projects to ensure their timely completion.

Presiding over a high-level meeting on Sindh's development portfolio, the Chief Minister said that road infrastructure was the backbone of economic growth and must reflect visible progress. The meeting was attended by Provincial Ministers Jam Khan Shoro and Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, and senior officials.

Major projects reviewed included the Sindh Coastal Highway, Rohri–Guddu Barrage Road, Tando Allahyar–Tando Adam Dualization, Mehran Highway, and Sanghar–Rohri Road, all targeted for completion by 2027.

Shah also reviewed the ADB-assisted Sindh Flood Emergency Reconstruction Project, where 538 km of flood-hit roads have been restored. He urged timely release of funds and reaffirmed his government's commitment to transparent, sustainable infrastructure development across the province.

DC West Vows Total Backing for Manghopir's Uplift and Welfare Projects

By Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Deputy Commissioner West, Zulfiqar Ali Memon, chaired an important meeting on the ongoing development, sanitation, and public welfare projects in Manghopir Town. The session was attended by Chairman Manghopir Town, Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jahangir Shah, Municipal Commissioner Agha Khaleeq, and other officials.

Chairman Brohi briefed the participants on progress and challenges in infrastructure and public service projects, citing fund shortages and technical issues as key hurdles. He sought district-level assistance to ensure timely project completion.

The meeting also reviewed preparations for the upcoming Tablighi Ijtima, with the town administration overseeing cleanliness, lighting, water supply, and traffic arrangements.

DC Memon lauded Brohi's efforts and assured full cooperation to resolve local issues promptly. Appreciating the "Warmth in Winter" campaign to distribute blankets and warm clothes among the needy, he called it a reflection of true public service and community compassion.

Karachi Police Seize Drugs Worth Millions in Major Anti-Narcotics Operation

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Shah Latif Police, led by SHO Mumtaz Marwat, recovered a large consignment of drugs from Shafi Goth following a tip-off and arrested one suspect. SSP Malir Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada stated that over 30 kilograms of high-quality cannabis were recovered from the possession of the arrested suspect, Maqsood, son of Yar Muhammad. The suspect intended to distribute drugs across multiple areas, endangering the youth. The operation also dismantled a local drug network. Meanwhile, Memon Goth Police exposed a gang involved in house burglaries, street crimes, and robberies, with the suspect linked to more than 11 incidents. Over the past four months, Malir Police have conducted over 50 encounters, arrested 146 criminals, recovered 124+ weapons, and disrupted 60 criminal gangs. Authorities remain vigilant to protect public safety.

Differently-Abled Youth Offered Jobs in Uplifting Ibrahim Hyderi Initiative

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Chairman of Ibrahim Hyderi Town, Nazir Ahmed Bhutto, distributed job offer orders to more than 18 disabled youth at a ceremony held at the Town Office. Bhutto emphasized that disabled individuals are an integral part of society, and their welfare is a collective responsibility. Highlighting Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) commitment to its slogan "Roti, Kapra, aur Makaan," he said providing employment opportunities helps disabled persons earn a dignified livelihood and overcome feelings of inferiority. The event was attended by Vice Chairman Rafiq Dawood Jat, PPP Malir Acting President Adeel Akhtar Sheikh, General Secretary Imdad Jokhio, Information Secretary Shahjahan Khan, PPP Ladies Wing President Fatima Majeed, officials, and social leaders.

Tragic Discovery: Couple Found Dead in Malir's Burhani Town Home

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The bodies of a couple were found in a house in Malir's Burhani Town area. They have been identified as Zeeshan and Sana. Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from Malir City Police and the Crime Scene Unit reached the spot at Phoraki and assessed the situation. After examining the bodies, the police stated that the husband's body was found hanging in a state of hanging, while the wife's body was lying on the floor. According to neighbors, arguments between the husband and wife had become a regular occurrence. Their three children were also present in the house. According to their 12-year-old son, a minor argument started between his parents which escalated. Based on preliminary police information, the husband first killed the wife, then tied himself to the ceiling of the room and hanged himself. Malir Police said that further investigation into the incident is ongoing and every aspect is being investigated to determine the actual cause of the incident.

Police Break Up Protest at Steel Town Guest House After Tense Standoff

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Police and Rangers dispersed a 14-hour protest outside Steel Town Guest House over water, electricity, and gas issues, using baton charges and aerial firing. Several demonstrators were injured. CEO Steel Mill Asad Islam Mani and 17 officers were safely evacuated. Steel Town Police registered a case against 14 named and 50 unidentified protesters, including local leaders Abbas Talpur, Rao Safdar, Amjad Zardari, Dhani Bux Samo and others.

DIG Pir Muhammad Shah Launches Bold Plan to Wipe Out Encroachments from Karachi

KARACHI: DIG Traffic Pir Muhammad Shah has put forward a series of proposals aimed at removing encroachments from Karachi's roads to improve traffic flow and public safety.

The measures focus on clearing unauthorized stalls, vendors, and other obstacles that obstruct vehicular and pedestrian movement across the city. Pir Muhammad Shah emphasized strict enforcement of traffic laws and coordination with local authorities to ensure sustained results.

The proposals also include increased patrolling, installation of warning signage, and public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about the hazards posed by encroachments. Authorities believe that implementing these measures will help reduce congestion, enhance road safety, and ensure smoother traffic circulation across Karachi's major thoroughfares.—RT/Agency

Governor Tessori, Algerian Envoy Eye New Horizons in Trade and Cooperation

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori met Algerian Ambassador Dr. Brahim Romani at the Governor House to discuss trade, investment, and diplomatic cooperation between Pakistan and Algeria.

The meeting focused on exploring new avenues to enhance economic and political relations. Ambassador Romani praised the quality and global recognition of Pakistani products, noting that Pakistan exports textiles, sports goods, surgical instruments, and other items to Algeria. He also lauded Governor Tessori's welfare initiatives, describing them as exemplary efforts in public service.—RT/Agency

Outraged Residents Rally Over Case Registrations in Gulistan-e-Johar

By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: Residents of Gulistan-e-Johar and Zakaria Goth protested against alleged fake cases filed against them. They claimed scrap workers Farooq Kharl, Shakoor Kharl, and Zafar Kharl registered false drug and abduction cases after borrowing money. Protesters accused influential individuals of retaliation and said unknown people threatened them at night. They demanded the Chief Minister Sindh, IG Sindh, and DIG East take notice and ensure justice.

Sindh Home Department Exposes Fake Social Media Security Alert, Warns Public

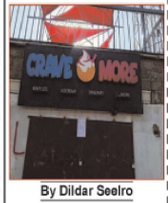
KARACHI: The Sindh Home Department has clarified that a security alert circulating on social media regarding Karachi is fake. In an official statement, the department emphasized that all genuine security advisories are issued exclusively through authorized channels of the Home Department.

The notice described the circulating alert as misleading and warned the public against being deceived by such messages. Authorities urged citizens and media outlets to refrain from sharing unverified information that could cause unnecessary panic or confusion.

The Sindh Home Department reiterated its commitment to public safety and advised the public to rely only on official notifications for security-related updates. —RT/Agency

KARACHI: RT Reporter Zafar Alam Malik offers heartfelt condolences to Bishop James Jones Paul's son on the sad demise of his father. — RT

New Gulzar-e-Hijri Restaurant Sealed by SBCA Amid Public Outcry



By Dildar Seelro

KARACHI: The Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), District East, sealed a newly constructed restaurant near PTCL Office, Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Chowk in Gulzar Hijri, citing lack of approval and a sanctioned plan. The hotel's construction was complete, with inauguration planned in a few days, yet no intervention occurred during its construction. The sudden action has raised concerns about SBCA's supervision and transparency. Similar illegal constructions exist across District East, but no prior action was taken. The incident has sparked public criticism over the authority's efficiency and its role in ensuring lawful urban development and citizen safety.

Sharjeel Stresses Karachi Projects as Key to Sindh's Economic Future

KARACHI: Sindh Information and Transport Minister Sharjeel Memon has emphasized that ongoing development projects in Karachi are crucial for public convenience and sustainable future growth.

Speaking about the K-IV water supply project, Memon stated that it fulfills a long-standing promise to provide clean and abundant water to the city. He highlighted the pipeline being laid from Aziz Bhatti Park to Urdu University, aimed at ensuring reliable water access for residents.

Acknowledging temporary traffic disruptions caused by these projects, the minister urged the public to remain patient and cooperative, emphasizing that these measures are part of long-term solutions for the city's infrastructure challenges.

Memon assured citizens that the benefits of the development initiatives would soon become visible, reinforcing the government's commitment to improving living standards and delivering a better future for Karachi's residents.—RT

Youth Meets Command: Karachi's Future Charted in Landmark Police–Youth Dialogue

KARACHI: Central member Raja Raza and the District Malir team of Youngster Forum Pakistan held a special meeting with DSP Malir, Mansoor Ali. The discussion focused on the Forum's extensive social, welfare, and youth engagement activities. DSP Mansoor Ali praised the group's efforts, emphasizing the crucial role of positive youth involvement in achieving social betterment. The strategic, cooperative meeting concluded cordially, reinforcing a partnership between local law enforcement and youth leadership dedicated to community improvement in District Malir.—RT

Tharparkar Tragedy Deepens — Sindh Govt Orders High-Level Probe into Suicide Spike

KARACHI: Following the tragic deaths of three young men in Nagarparkar, Tharparkar, the Sindh Directorate of Human Rights has launched a special fact-finding inquiry. Directed by the Special Assistant to the CM, the investigation team, including a psychologist and sociologist, will conduct an in-depth assessment in Dano Dhandhal. Furthermore, the Directorate is establishing a dedicated coordination and response center under the Suicide Prevention Initiative (SPI) to strengthen awareness and timely intervention. This proactive step underscores the government's commitment to address mental health and social distress with compassionate action—RT

Women Publishers Rise in Revolt: Demand Urgent Action from PID and Sindh Officials Over Media Crisis

KARACHI: A high-profile APNS delegation, led by Women Publishing Committee Chairperson Fauzia Shaheen, met with DG PID Iram Tanveer and Sindh Advertisements Director Yousif Kabooro. They raised critical concerns facing the print media and Urdu journals, focusing on the fair issuance of advertisements, rates, and payment of significant arrears. Both government officials listened attentively and assured the delegation that supporting women's journals and resolving payment issues immediately are top priorities. The meeting secured commitments for speedy resolution of the ongoing financial challenges.—RT

Invitation for Bids

TENDER FOR HIRING THE SERVICES OF A FIRM FOR PROVIDING CS FOR KARACHI EXPO CENTER

Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), is an authority established for promotion of trade and business, under the Ministry of Commerce, invites sealed bids from firms registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and other relevant organizations for Consultancy Services having valid certificate of category C4, Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments and which are on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue in all respects and have relevant specialization in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering disciplines for period of One Year (Extendable).

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Ishaq Dar Advocates Dialogue As Key To National Stability And Progress

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering commitment to dialogue, diplomacy and multilateralism as essential instruments for ensuring peace, stability and development.

"Dialogue has always been our preferred instrument for stability and progress," DPM Dar said while speaking on the second day of the three-day Inter-Parliamentary Speakers' Conference (ISC).

Speaking before parliamentarians, delegates and participants from across the globe here, the DPM said their presence reflected a shared conviction that cooperation among nations remained the surest path to peace and progress.

Dar emphasised that diplomacy today extended beyond ministries and traditional missions, drawing strength from public awareness and parliamentary engagement.

"Parliamentary diplomacy complements traditional diplomacy by bringing the perspective of the people's representatives into international discourse," he said, underscoring that such interactions enrich global cooperation and ensure that diplomacy reflects the aspirations and interests of citizens worldwide.

The minister praised parliamentarians for their vital role in translating international commitments into domestic actions, simplifying regulations and enabling innovation to ensure that growth benefits all citizens. He said that through regional connectivity, trade facilitation and investment partnerships, economies could achieve shared prosperity.

Referring to the ongoing global challenges, Dar noted that the world was witnessing an era of transformation marked by strained trust in multilateral institutions, growing geopolitical rivalries, climate crises, terrorism and widening inequalities.

"At such a moment, forums like this carry exceptional significance," he remarked. "Multilateralism must not only be preserved but revitalised through openness, inclusion and the active participation of people's representatives".

Pointing out this year's theme, "Peace, Security and Development", the FM said that it underscored a simple but powerful truth — that peace enables growth, development sustains peace, and security fortifies progress. He urged that institutions must be accountable and inclusive so that the dividends of peace and development reach all people.—RT/Agency

Opposition To Launch Nationwide Protests Against 27th Amendment On Friday

ISLAMABAD: After the government passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment in the National Assembly, the head of the opposition alliance, Tehreek-e-Tahafuz Ayeen-e-Pakistan (TTAP), Mahmood Khan Achakzai, on Wednesday announced launching a public movement against the tweaks from Friday.

After the Senate, the National Assembly passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill today amid an opposition walkout, which brought changes to the judicial structure and military command.

Achakzai, along with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, held a press conference in the Parliament House where they strongly criticised the newly-approved constitutional amendment.

The TTAP head said that they are ready to hold talks with the incumbent government; however, it would be organised to discuss returning the stolen mandate.

Gohar said that the amendments were brought to the parliament in haste and blamed the coalition government, ruled by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) with its key ally — Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), for making "decisions in personal interests". He censured that the federal government added clauses A and B to Article 260, making the post of the chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) a "musical chair" after the formation of the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC).The PTI chairman claimed that the said tweaks mentioned that the current CJP's post will be retained by the current top jurist, who is Justice Yahya Afridi of the Supreme Court, till completion of his tenure.—RT/Agency

Despite India's Boycott, Pakistan To Keep Engaging In Indus Water Treaty Proceedings

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Wednesday reaffirmed its commitment to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) arbitration process, announcing that it will continue to fully participate in the Neutral Expert proceedings in good faith, despite India's decision to halt its participation.

According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the Neutral Expert proceedings were initiated at India's request, with the next phase scheduled to take place in Vienna from November 17 to 21, 2025. The ministry noted that the Neutral Expert has ruled that India's non-participation could not operate as a bar to the proceedings going forward.

The Foreign Office also said that Pakistan had taken note of the Procedural Order issued by the Court of Arbitration in parallel with its latest decision. The order affirms that the Court will continue to conduct the arbitration in a phased manner while taking into account the Neutral Expert proceedings under Article IX and Annexure F of the IWT.

In its statement, the MoFA said Pakistan had also noted the decision of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) rendered on November 8, 2025, which offered helpful clarifications on aspects of the court's earlier award on Issues of General Interpretation of the Indus Waters Treaty, published on 8 August 2025.

The PCA explained that the Court's clarifications cover the scope of Paragraph 8(a) of Annexure D, confirming that the prohibition extends to all design components capable of artificially raising water levels beyond the Full Pondage Level. It also affirmed that these design criteria are mandatory at the planning stage of such projects and cannot be replaced by operational restraints.—RT/Agency

Post-Mortems Completed For Victims Of Islamabad's G-11 Court Blast

ISLAMABAD: The post-mortem examinations of all individuals killed in the G-11 Court blast on Tuesday, November 11, have been completed.

According to media reports, the administration of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) confirmed that the bodies have been handed over to their families. Among the deceased, the body of lawyer Zubair Aslam Ghuman was also released to his relatives. The identities of all victims have been officially confirmed.

Authorities reported that 13 injured individuals are still undergoing treatment, with one patient in critical condition. The incident continues to be investigated, and emergency services have been closely monitoring the situation to provide timely medical care to those affected.

Officials have appealed to the public and media to respect the privacy of the victims' families during this difficult time.—RT/Agency

India Labels Delhi Blast A 'Terror Attack' As Death Toll Climbs To 12

DELHI: India's government confirmed on Wednesday that it was treating a car blast that killed 12 people and wounded at least 20 others in Delhi as a "terror incident" and vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice as swiftly as possible.

In a resolution adopted late on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet said: "The country has witnessed a heinous terror incident, perpetrated by anti-national forces, through a car explosion.

"The Cabinet directs that the investigation into the incident be pursued with the utmost urgency and professionalism so that the perpetrators, their collaborators, and their sponsors are identified and brought to justice without delay."

Meanwhile, India's anti-terrorism agency spearheaded the third day of investigations into the car blast.

Police are yet to give exact details of what caused the intense explosion near the historic Red Fort in the crowded Old Delhi quarter of the city, one of India's most well-known landmarks, and the site of the annual prime minister's Independence Day speech. The blast was the first such explosion in the heavily guarded city of more than 30 million people since 2011."Twelve people have died and more than 30 are injured," Ritu Saxena, the chief medical officer of Delhi's LNJP hospital, told AFP.

India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) is leading the probe into the explosion, which came hours after police said they had arrested a gang and seized explosive materials and assault rifles.

Home Minister Amit Shah, after chairing security talks following Monday's blast, said he had instructed officials "to hunt down each and every culprit behind this incident".—RT/Agency

Ex-CJP Jawwad S. Khawaja Challenges 27th Amendment In Supreme Court

ISLAMABAD: Former chief justice of Pakistan (CJP), Jawwad S Khawaja, on Tuesday filed a constitutional petition in the Supreme Court against the federal government, challenging the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment under Article 184(3) of the Constitution.

In his petition, the former CJP argued that the apex court's constitutional jurisdiction cannot be transferred to any other court or forum.

He urged the top court to strike down any amendment that seeks to curtail the Supreme Court's powers or limit its constitutional authority.

The former top judge also requested the court to suspend the implementation of the contentious provisions of the 27th Amendment until a final decision is reached on his petition.

The development came a day after the Senate passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, which aims to overhaul the military and judicial structures, amid the opposition's walkout and protest, tearing their copies.

On Monday, a group of retired judges and senior lawyers penned a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan Yahya Afridi, seeking a full court meeting over the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment.

The letter — written by Advocate Faisal Siddiqui and also signed by former Supreme Court's senior puisne judge, Justice (retd) Mushir Alam, and ex Sindh High Court senior puisne judge, Justice (retd) Nadeem Akhtar — expressed "deep sadness and regret" over what they termed the "greatest threat" to the apex court since its establishment in 1956, arising from the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment.—RT/Agency

Epstein Files Released: U.S. House Democrats Claim Trump 'Knew About The Girls'

US: Democrats released emails on Wednesday in which convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein suggested that United States President Donald Trump was aware of the financier's sexual abuse and definitely "knew about the girls".

Trump has denied any involvement in or knowledge of the sex-trafficking activities of his former friend, who died by suicide in federal prison in 2019 as he was awaiting trial.

But Democrats on the House Oversight Committee said the emails "raise serious questions about Donald Trump and his knowledge of Epstein's horrific crimes".

The furore around the disgraced financier is still roiling Trump's administration four months after his Justice Department effectively closed the case, announcing there was no more information to share.

Democrats in the House — keen to capitalise on the simmering controversy — have been trying to force a vote that would compel publication of the full Epstein case files.

The newly released emails were written to longtime associate Ghislaine Maxwell, who was convicted of sex trafficking after Epstein's death, and author Michael Wolff.—RT/Agency

Barrister Gohar Declares Nawaz Politically Irrelevant In Pakistan's New Power Order

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on Wednesday announced that the opposition will stage a walkout and protest against the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

Speaking to the media in Islamabad, Barrister Gohar said that Nawaz Sharif has become irrelevant in Pakistan's politics.

"We have already announced that we will not be part of this amendment," Barrister Gohar said. "We will walk out, protest, and deliver speeches against it."

He added that whether Nawaz Sharif attends the National Assembly session or not, he no longer holds political relevance in the country.

"Nawaz Sharif thought he would be brought back and welcomed with a red carpet," Gohar remarked. "But no one in Parliament rolled out a red carpet for him."

Notably, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif is set to attend today's National Assembly session to vote for the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

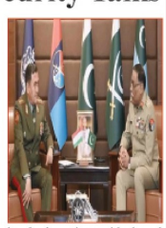
The amendment, presented on Tuesday by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, is expected to be passed today.Sources said that the three-time former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, will cast his vote in favour of the 27th Constitutional Amendment.—RT/Agency

U.S. Aircraft Carrier's Arrival In Latin America Sparks Venezuela Tensions

US: The Gerald Ford aircraft carrier strike group has moved into the Latin America region, US officials said on Tuesday, dramatically escalating a military buildup that has deepened tensions with Venezuela.President Donald Trump ordered the deployment of the Ford last month, adding to the eight warships, a nuclear submarine and F-35 aircraft already in the Caribbean.The Pentagon confirmed the arrival, which was first reported by Reuters, saying in a statement it would help "disrupt narcotics trafficking and degrade and dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations."Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has repeatedly alleged that the U.S. buildup is designed to drive him from power, Washington in August doubled its reward for information leading to Maduro's arrest to $50 million, accusing him of links to drug trafficking and criminal groups that Maduro denies.The US military has carried out at least 19 strikes so far against suspected drug vessels in the Caribbean and off the Pacific coasts of Latin America, killing at least 76 people.

When the US first announced the Ford's deployment, Maduro warned that if the US ever intervened in the country, "millions of men and women with rifles would march across the country."—RT/Agency

Pakistan And Tajikistan Strengthen Defence Cooperation Amid Heightened Regional Security Talks



RAWALPINDI: Colonel General Sobirzoda Emomali Abdulrahim, Defence Minister of Tajikistan, called on General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), at the Joint Staff Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

The meeting covered a broad range of subjects relating to bilateral interests, with particular focus on the prevailing global and regional security environment.

Both sides reviewed ongoing collaborations and explored new measures to expand the scope and scale of military cooperation between Pakistan and Tajikistan.General Mirza emphasised that Pakistan and Tajikistan, as brotherly nations with shared regional interests, continue to work closely to strengthen and broaden defence ties. He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to regional peace, stability, and cooperation with Central Asian partners.—RT/Agency

Pakistan And France Seal Strategic Partnership In Minerals And Resource Cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and France have made significant headway in boosting cooperation in the minerals sector through a high-level webinar titled "Gateway to Growth."

The session was co-chaired by Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervez Malik and French Ambassador Nicolas Galey. The French President's Mining Advisor, Benjamin Galazzo, led the French delegation online, while leading Pakistani mining and energy companies also took part.

The webinar aimed to promote investment opportunities for French companies in Pakistan's mining and minerals sector.

Ali Pervez Malik highlighted Pakistan's huge potential in copper, gold, and rare earth elements, noting that the global shift toward green energy has turned minerals like copper and lithium into key players for future technologies.He added that the government has introduced measures to make doing business easier in the mining sector.French Ambassador Nicolas Galey appreciated Pakistan's efforts to strengthen its mining and investment environment, while Benjamin Galazzo said the forum would help showcase opportunities available for French firms in Pakistan's minerals industry.—RT/Agency

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