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## Justices Mansoor Ali Shah And Athar Minallah Resign From Supreme Court After 27th Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Senior puisne judge Mansoor Ali Shah and Supreme Court (SC) Justice Athar Minallah have tendered their resignations from their posts on Thursday.

Both the judges have forwarded their resignations — copies of which are available with Geo News — to President Asif Ali Zardari following the enactment of the much-touted 27th Constitutional Amendment.

The development came after the Senate approved the amendment bill following changes approved by the National Assembly a day earlier, amid noisy protests by the opposition.

Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar presented the constitutional amendment bill today, with the tweaks to the draft earlier approved by the upper house. The amendment bill received 64 votes (two-thirds majority in the 96-member House) in



favour and four against.

The much-touted bill was initially presented in the upper house of parliament on Monday and got a nod on the same day. It was then referred to the NA, which approved it with some amendments. Therefore, the legislation was again presented in the Senate today to approve the latest changes.

In his 13-page-long resignation, Justice Shah termed the amendment as "a grave assault on the Constitution of Pakistan", which "dismantles the Supreme Court of Pak-

istan, subjugates the judiciary to executive control, and strikes at the very heart of our constitutional democracy".

"By fracturing the unity of the nation's apex court, it has crippled judicial independence and integrity, pushing the country back by decades," he wrote. "As history bears witness, such a disfigurement of the constitutional order is unsustainable and will, in time, be reversed — but not before leaving deep institutional scars." —RT/Agency

## Justice Aminuddin Khan Named First Chief Justice Of Newly Formed Constitutional Court

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has approved the appointment of Justice Aminuddin Khan as the first Chief Justice of the newly-established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC).

President Zardari approved the appointment of Justice Aminuddin on the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, read a statement issued on Thursday, hours after he gave his assent to the 27th Constitutional Amendment.

A notification from the law ministry said President Zardari made the appointment under clause (3) of Article 175-A, read with Article 175-C of the Constitution. It



added that it would come into effect from the date that Justice Khan took his oath.

Justice Khan, whose legal practice started around four decades back, was previously serving as the head of the now-dissolved constitutional bench, which was formed as a result of the 26th Constitu-

Supreme Court will be transferred to the new court.

A crucial power of the Supreme Court, taking suo motu notices, has also been transferred to the FCC, which has been empowered to take suo motu notice upon petitions.

When the Bill to establish the court was passed in the National Assembly, Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari mentioned that the judiciary will no longer have the authority to take suo motu actions, noting that the PPP and PML-N had faced "consequences" of suo motu powers.

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, who was sworn to

the coveted post on October 30, 2024, still remains the top judge; however, once his tenure ends after the stipulated three years, the senior-most judge from amongst the SC and FCC judges will become the top judge.

The judicial overhaul, part of the latest amendments, not only paved the way for dissolving the Constitutional Benches but also, through the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2025, transferred the authority to constitute case-hearing benches to a three-member committee headed by the Chief Justice. —RT/Agency

## Rana Sanaullah Downplays Lifetime Immunity For President, Calls It 'Not A Major Concern'



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Adviser Rana Sanaullah has described the lifetime immunity granted to the President as a minor issue and said it should not be regarded as controversial. Speaking to a private television channel, he explained that, like the Prime Minister, the President could have publicly announced that he did not require lifetime immunity. "However, if the President expressed a wish or intention to receive it, it was understood that the immunity should be granted," he added.

Rana Sanaullah stressed that the President is largely a symbol of the federation and does not hold executive powers, as all official functions are carried out based on the Prime Minister's advice. He clarified that the lifetime immunity does not provide any

additional authority or influencing beyond the ceremonial role of the office.

The adviser further explained that the provision for lifetime immunity was agreed upon because the President is not seeking another term in office. "This is a standard procedure and is consistent with practices in other democracies where outgoing heads of state are often accorded certain privileges for life," he said.

Rana Sanaullah's remarks come amid public debate over the constitutional and political implications of granting immunity to former officeholders.

He emphasized that the matter is procedural and should not be politicized, underlining that it does not undermine the powers of elected institutions or the rule of law. —RT/Agency

## COAS Asim Munir's Tenure Resets As He Assumes Role Of Chief Of Defence Forces

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir's tenure will restart following his new appointment as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), read a bill moved in the National Assembly on Thursday.

Speaking on the floor of the House after Defence Minister Khawaja Asif presented the bill to amend the Army Act, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the CDF's term would be five years from the date of his appointment.

He made the remarks during the NA session that passed the bills amending the Army, Navy, and Air Force Acts after the cabinet's endorsement.

The bill mentions that the Chief of the Army Staff, concurrently the Chief of the Defence Forces under Article 243 of the Constitution, the tenure under this section shall commence from the date of notification of the said office.



The amendment means that once the notification of the first appointment of the Chief of the Army Staff and the Chief of the Defence Forces is issued, the existing tenure of the incumbent COAS shall be deemed to have recommenced from the date of this notification.

Moreover, the government will determine the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the COAS and CDF, including but not limited to his functions and responsibilities regarding multi-domain integration, necessary restructuring, and optimum jointness of the Armed Forces.

The bill further mentions that the prime minister will appoint the Commander of the National Strategic Command, from among the Generals in the Pakistan Army, for a tenure of three years on the COAS/CDF recommendation. The terms and conditions of the Commander of the National Strategic Command shall also be determined by the prime minister, the bill mentions. —RT/Agency

## Cadet College Wana Attack: Mastermind And Afghan Facilitators Identified By Security Forces

WANA: Key details have emerged regarding the masterminds and facilitators behind the deadly attack on Cadet College Wana. According to media, all the terrorists involved in the assault were Afghan nationals, and the entire plan was conceived and directed from Afghanistan. Reports revealed that the final order to execute the attack was issued by a foreign commander, while another foreign operative planned the operation. The terrorists were acting strictly on instructions received from across the border. Following the directives of the foreign handler, responsibility for the attack was later claimed under the



banner of a banned organization.

Sources further disclosed that all weapons and materials used in the assault were supplied from Afghanistan, including U.S.-manufactured arms and equipment. Intelligence agencies are continuing investigations to trace the cross-border network involved in orchestrating the attack and to identify any local facilitators who may have assisted the assailants.

The revelations have once again raised concerns over cross-border terrorism and the use of Afghan soil for launching attacks inside Pakistan. —RT/Agency

## Ishaq Dar Hails PTI And JUI-F Defectors' Votes As 'Voice Of Conscience'

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Senator Ishaq Dar on Thursday defended the votes of two opposition members who supported the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, saying that he believes "voting against the party line is, in fact, following the voice of conscience, instead of defection."



The Senate has once again passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill with a majority of 64 votes, with the changes approved by the National Assembly a day earlier, amid noisy protest by the opposition.

The government's legislation once again secured support from PTI's Saifullah

Abro and JUI-F's Ahmad Khan, who had also voted in favour of the amendment earlier this week.

The PTI and JUI-F, however, objected to their participation, arguing that both had either resigned or were liable to disqualification under Article 63-

A for voting against party lines.

PTI Senator Ali Zafar, during the Senate debate, said that the defectors had announced their resignations on the floor of the House and that their votes should therefore not be counted. —RT/Agency

## Kabul-Backed TTP Behind Series Of Terror Attacks In Pakistan, Reveals Asif



ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Thursday that the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), with support from elements inside Afghanistan and India, was responsible for recent terrorist attacks in Pakistan.

He made these remarks while talking to the media at Parliament House where he mentioned that Islamabad had been warning for months that the TTP could not carry out incidents of this scale without the 'support' of the Kabul government.

The minister highlighted investigators had found Afghan nationals among those involved in an earlier attack. "The identities of Afghan nationals have been established," he added. "The evidence is now before the whole world to see and the onus of action now falls on Kabul."

Asif accused Afghanistan of providing material support for terrorism and said India was also backing those efforts "so that peace cannot be established in Pakistan."

Defending the state's response, the defence minister said Pakistan had already prevailed in past conflicts and would defeat terrorism similarly. "We have won the war against the enemy, and we will win the war against terrorism as well," he said, adding a stark warning to militants. —RT/Agency

## Senator Faisal Vawda Warns Pakistan Needs Urgent Reforms To Survive And Progress

ISLAMABAD: Senator Faisal Vawda has said that the time has come for reforms and progress in Pakistan, asserting that there is no alternative path for the nation's survival. Speaking to a private television channel, he stated that when the country's existence is at stake, all processes and decisions will inevitably accelerate.

Referring to Pakistan's judicial system, the senator stressed the importance of learning lessons from history, particularly the execution of the judicial process that raise serious questions and require scrutiny.

Commenting on the current political climate, Faisal Vawda said that neutrality is



an illusion in politics. "No one is truly neutral; everyone takes sides at some point," he asserted. He further anticipated that one political party would attempt to create unrest in the coming days, suggesting that political turbulence could increase as national stakes rise. —RT/Agency

## Turkiye Slams Indian Media Over False Claims Linking It To Delhi Blast

Turkiye on Thursday refuted claims made by Indian media outlets claiming that Ankara had a link to the car blast in Delhi earlier this week.

A day prior, the Indian government confirmed 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 statement, Türkiye's Directorate of Communications rejected the allegations and displayed screenshots of

social media posts by two Indian outlets, which claimed Ankara had a "role in radicalising sleeper cells against India, [the] Turkish government is providing logistical, diplomatic and financial help to all terrorist groups across the world."

"The deliberate reports in certain Indian media outlets... are part of a malicious disinformation campaign aimed at damaging bilateral relations between the two countries," Ankara's statement read. Türkiye rejected acts of terror "regardless of where or by whom they are committed" and noted its contributions to counter-terrorism frameworks by the United Nations and Nato.

"The claim that Türkiye engages in 'radicalisation activities' targeting India or any other country is purely disinformative and lacks any factual basis," the statement added. "Such unfounded and manipulative reports targeting Türkiye are attempts to undermine our country's contributions to international peace, security, and stability." —RT/Agency

## Government Declares SC Judges' Resignations Political, Terms Them Unconstitutional Acts

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)-led federal government on Thursday snapped back at the two Supreme Court judges who have stepped down, calling their allegations unconstitutional and resignations "political speeches."

SC's senior puisne judge Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Athar Minallah have tendered their resignations, saying they cannot serve after the passing of the 27th Constitutional Amendment.



"By fracturing the unity of the nation's apex court, it has crippled judicial inde-

pendence and integrity, pushing the country back by decades," Shah wrote in his resignation. —RT/Agency







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Field Marshal Munir Reassured Sri Lankan Officials of Team's Foolproof Security, Confirms Naqvi

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on Thursday that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir personally intervened to address Sri Lanka's security concerns after the visiting cricket team expressed apprehensions about



cide attack. "Our field marshal himself spoke to the Sri Lankan defence minister, secretary and convinced, reassured them of [security arrangements]," said Naqvi while speaking in the Senate.—RT/Agency

Internet Services Cut in Parts of Balochistan Amid Heightened Security Threats

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has suspended internet services across most areas, including Quetta, for three days due to potential terrorist threats. The decision was made

as part of heightened security measures aimed at preventing terrorism in the region. Additionally, public transportation from Quetta to Punjab has been temporarily halted, and educational institutions within the cantonment areas have been closed for the same period. However, schools and universities in Quetta city and other areas of the province remain open.—RT/Agency

METRO KARACHI

Karachi Police Launch Operation Against Illegal Afghan Residents, 14 Arrested

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: An operation was carried out in the limits of Sachal Police Station against illegal Afghan residents, led by SP Suhrah Goth Abdul Baqi Rind and SHO Sachal Muhammad Amin Khoso. Police personnel

from 14 police stations, including DSPs of Gulshan Iqbal, New Town, Sachal, and Suhrah Goth, participated in the operation. Areas targeted included Chapel Garden and Abu Al Isfahani Road, where 14 suspects were taken into custody based on suspicion. SP

Suhrah Goth stated that the operation followed strict instructions from DIG and SSP East to intensify action against illegal residents. Verification, documentation, and interrogation of the arrested individuals are currently underway to ensure compliance with legal procedures.

Sindh Government Reinforces Commitment to Population Control and Women's Empowerment

By Dilard Seelro

KARACHI: Sindh government spokesperson Sukhdev Humtani stated that the provincial government is committed to promoting family planning, reproductive health, and women's empowerment through a comprehensive, rights-based strategy aligned with Pakistan's international obligations. High-

lighting the population challenge, he warned that Pakistan's population could exceed 400 million by 2050 if current trends continue. Humtani noted that contraceptive prevalence in Sindh has risen from 29.5% in 2012-13 to 41.8% in 2024-25, while postpartum family planning rates increased from 3% to over 30%. Sindh has

launched the country's first provincial vasectomy campaign, with over 3,000 men voluntarily participating. An online family planning app, piloted with World Bank support, provides free and confidential services. The government also actively combats child marriages under the Sindh Child Marriage Restriction Act of 2013.

Citizen Shot Dead During Robbery Attempt in Landhi's Sharafi Goth

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Shahid Karim, father of three and sole breadwinner, was killed during a robbery at his Landhi Sharafi Goth home. Three

armed robbers attempted to enter, and Karim resisted, prompting them to open fire. He sustained critical injuries and died before reaching Jinnah Hospital. Police have collected evidence and

launched a search for the culprits. Local residents expressed grief and outrage, demanding the immediate arrest of the perpetrators and strict punishment for those responsible.

KATI President Lauds First National Industrial Policy, Urges Swift Rollout

KARACHI: Muhammad Ikram Rajput, President of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), has welcomed the government's decision to launch the first National Industrial Policy (2025-2030), describing it as a potential milestone for Pakistan's industrial growth. He emphasized that timely and consistent implementation will be key to realizing

its benefits. Rajput highlighted the policy's proposal to facilitate the return of capital from overseas Pakistanis, calling it a positive step for promoting investment and industrial productivity. He stressed that a transparent framework is necessary to ensure these measures are effective and not limited to announcements.

He also welcomed the proposed abolition of import duties on raw materials and machinery, noting that it would reduce export costs and enhance the global competitiveness of Pakistani products. Rajput underlined the importance of policy continuity and private sector consultation to achieve sustainable industrial development.—RT

PTI Sindh Chief Visits Murdered Girl's Family, Promises Legal Support and Justice

KARACHI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sindh President Hafeez Adil Sheikh visited the family of seven-year-old Anna, who was abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered in Jhlori village near Mirpurkhas. Sheikh met the family in Sirwari Peer Muhammad Kerio village, Khipro Tehsil, Sanghar district, to offer condolences and assure full legal assistance.

Accompanied by PTI leaders including Aminullah Musa Khail, Mushtaq Junejo, Aftab Qureshi, and others, Sheikh gathered details about the case. He said the child's body was recovered from Jamrao Canal four days after the abduction, and

accused local police of negligence despite multiple complaints. Sheikh called for a transparent and timely investigation, stressing that the crime may involve others besides the arrested suspect, Zahid Khaskheli, and that influential individuals who may have facilitated the crime should also be probed.—RT/Agency

Sindh Demands Federal Government Set Fair Support Price for Rice

KARACHI: The Sindh government has urged the federal government to establish a mechanism for setting a support price for paddy (rice), similar to the one in place for wheat, ARY News reported on Thursday.

Sindh Minister for Agriculture Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar said the provincial government fully understands the challenges faced by rice growers but noted that determining the support price is the prerogative of the federal government. Muhammad Bux Mahar urged Islamabad to promptly announce a support price for rice so that farmers in Sindh receive fair compensation for their hard work. He added that district-level committees have been formed to address farmers' complaints and maintain coordination with them. These committees, headed by assistant commissioners and secretaries of market committees, will take action against middlemen involved in unfair practices and submit weekly.—RT/Agency

Islamabad to Bar Entry of Vehicles Without E-Tags Following Deadly Suicide Blast

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to ban the entry of vehicles without electronic tags (E-tags) into Islamabad, following the recent suicide blast near the Judicial Complex that claimed 12 lives and injured several others.

Minister of State for Interior Senator Talal Chaudhry announced the series of new security restrictions in the federal capital on Thursday while addressing a press conference outside Parliament, accompanied by IG Islamabad Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi and Deputy Commissioner Irfan Nawaz Memon.

Talal Chaudhry said the government will launch a "Secure Neighborhood Survey"—the first of its kind

—to enhance public safety and ensure a more secure Islamabad.

"The purpose of this survey is to enable Islamabad authorities to know who is residing or working in every house, shop, and office," he said.

He further announced that in the next phase, electronic vehicle tags (E-tags) will be made mandatory for all vehicles entering Islamabad.

"No vehicle will be allowed entry into the federal capital without an E-tag. This will help authorities monitor every vehicle's movement and strengthen the city's security mechanism," the minister added.—RT/Agency

Mian Amer Mahmood Stresses Creation of Smaller Provinces for Balanced National Development

SIALKOT: Dunya Media Group Chairman Mian Amer Mahmood said on Thursday that there has not been uniform development in the country and that smaller provinces are essential.

Speaking at the University of Sialkot during a special session of the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) as part of its nationwide awareness campaign titled "Pakistan 2030: Challenges, Opportunities, and New Pathways," Mian Amer said that human civilization was governed by

kings, but after several centuries, people realized that monarchy was not the solution to their problems—they concluded that governments should be chosen through their own votes.

He said that as human civilization grew, governments and nations began to form, and new needs emerged. We delegate certain responsibilities and give people from among us the right to govern through our votes. Everyone wishes that the government and leaders work for public welfare.—RT/Agency

DG ISPR Engages Students in Special Session on Pakistan's National Security Challenges

RAWALPINDI: Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry held a special session with students and teachers from various educational institutions to discuss current affairs and military matters.

The session, which included students and faculty from the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Beacon

house, and Roots School Systems, provided an opportunity for open dialogue on Pakistan's operational military matters and internal security situations.

During the meeting, the principal of the Convent of Jesus and Mary School expressed gratitude for the sacrifices made by Pakistan's armed forces.—RT/Agency

Punjab Government Orders Immediate Freezing of Banned TLP's Properties and Assets

LAHORE: The Punjab government has ordered the freezing of assets and properties owned by the banned Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) across the province, according to a notification issued on Thursday.

The directive, issued by the Punjab Home Department, instructed all commissioners and deputy commissioners to take immediate steps to implement the order.

Copies of the directive have also been sent to the Board of Revenue, the housing and cooperative secretaries, and other relevant departments to ensure coordinated action.—RT/Agency

SOUTH PUNJAB

Bahawalpur Police Hold Open Katchery to Hear and Resolve Citizens' Complaints



By M Siddique Khan

BAHAWALPUR: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and the directives of Punjab IG Dr Usman Anwar, DPO Bahawalpur Muhammad Hassan Iqbal has transformed the district police into a citizen-friendly force. As part of this initiative, an open court (Khuli Kachahri) was held at Uch Sharif Police Station under his supervision, where a large number of citizens presented complaints regarding various issues.

DPO Muhammad Hassan Iqbal personally reviewed the cases, issuing immediate instructions to officers for prompt resolution while emphasizing respect, transparency, and fairness. SDPO Ahmadpur Shariqiya Mahmood Akbar, SHO Faisal Amin, and other officials were present. Local citizens and social representatives praised the DPO's public-friendly policies, noting that such open courts restore trust in police and provide justice directly at the doorstep of the people.

Central Punjab

Narowal Police Round Up Six Suspects in Sweeping Anti-Crime Operations

By Rana Mudassar



NAROWAL: Under the leadership of DPO Narowal, district police conducted intensive operations against anti-social elements over the past 48 hours, arresting six suspects, including three notorious drug dealers. Authorities recovered 1.9 kg of hashish, 10 liters of alcohol, 2 Kalashnikov rifles, a Paposh gun, and 2 pistols (30-bore) from the accused. Operations were supervised by

DSPs from Zafarwal, formally charged. The DPO reiterated a zero-tolerance policy against drug traffickers and illegal arms holders in All suspects have been Narowal.

Lawyers Rejoice Over Rai Ehtesham Anwar's Resounding Punjab Bar Council Victory

By Abid Mehmood Ch



TOBATEK SINGH: A grand dinner was hosted at Rachna Officers Club to honor young lawyer and former District Bar Association President Rai Ehtesham Anwar, following his triumph in the Punjab Bar Council elections from Toba Tek Singh. The event, organized by Sardar Asif Dogar, was attended by prominent lawyers, business leaders, and journalists, including Abid Jameel Mahota, Umer Farooq Bajwa, and Chaudhry Zubair Tafta. Guests congratulated Rai Ehtesham Anwar, presented

bouquets, and praised his commitment to serving all in Faisalabad Division. The event concluded with prayers for the country's peace and pride in its roots and prosperity.

Toba Tek Singh Police Stage Massive Flag March to Boost Public Confidence

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBATEK SINGH: Under the supervision of DPO Ibadat Nisar, Toba Tek Singh Police carried out a district-wide flag march to maintain law and order and curb subversive elements. The march in Toba City was led by DSP

Malik Shahid Hussain, stated the initiative ensures the protection of citizens' lives and property, instills public confidence, and demonstrates police readiness to handle emergencies. The strict action will be taken against law violators, he added.

Awareness Drive Launched in Toba Tek Singh to Combat Measles and Rubella

By Abid Mehmood Ch



TOBATEK SINGH: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif and supervision of Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela, an awareness campaign for the prevention of measles and rubella is ongoing. A seminar was held at Government MC Primary School, Kamalia, attended by parents, teachers, and students. Dr. Adeel Arif, MS THQ Hospital Kamalia, emphasized that

measles and rubella are viral diseases preventable with a single injection. He informed that the national vaccination campaign will begin on November 17 and is free of cost. Parents were urged

Gujranwala Courts Placed on High Security Alert After Threat Warnings

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Security in and around courts across Gujranwala district has been placed on high alert following Punjab government directives. City Police Officer Muhammad Ayaz Salim ordered extraordinary security measures, including

strict monitoring at entry and exit points, patrols, and thorough checking of all persons and vehicles. Ayaz Salim emphasized that courts are the center of justice delivery. Imran Khan, SP Headquarters Sohail Fazil, and security of staff and citizens is a top priority, with continuous monitoring and strict enforcement to maintain parking areas, and on-duty personnel, ensuring vigilance against suspicious activity. CPO

Gujranwala Police Officers Caught in Web of False Kidnapping Case

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar



GUJRANWALA: Three police officers, including the SHO, were arrested for filing a false kidnapping case, extorting money, and forcing a citizen to sign an eight-page document. City Police Officer Muhammad Ayaz Saleem took immediate notice and ordered an inquiry. SSP Operations Ghayoor Ahmed, SP Civil Line Imran Khan, and SP Headquarters Sohail Fazil confirmed the allegations after a case under kidnapping officers would face ping, extortion, and strict action.

Use of Contaminated Sewage Water for Vegetables Raises Alarming Health Risks in Uch Sharif

By M Siddique Khan



BAHAWALPUR: In Uch Sharif and surrounding areas, farmers are reportedly using sewage water to irrigate vegetables, including spinach, radish, carrots, mustard greens, cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, potatoes, and fenugreek, putting public health at severe risk. Residents claim that vegetables grown with contaminated water are sold at the same market price as those cultivated with clean water, forcing people to consume unsafe produce. Experts warn that these vegetables contain high levels of bacteria and pathogens, increasing the risk of intestinal diseases, diarrhea, and other serious illnesses, particularly among children, the elderly, and vulnerable populations. Despite multiple complaints to the Punjab Food Authority, authorities and the district administration have taken no effective action, prompting calls for immediate monitoring and enforcement to protect public health.



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## A Silent Earthquake in the Judiciary: Two Men Who Chose Principle Over Power

In an era when personal gain often triumphs over moral conviction, the resignations of Supreme Court Justices Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah stand as rare acts of courage and integrity. Their decision to step down in protest against the controversial 27th Constitutional Amendment — which effectively strips the Supreme Court of its independence — is nothing short of historic. In a nation where principles are routinely sacrificed at the altar of expediency, these two men have reminded us that conscience still has a place in public life.

Justice Shah's powerful declaration that he "cannot protect the Constitution, nor even judicially ex-

amine the amendment that has disfigured it" lays



bare the depth of this crisis. Similarly, Justice Minallah's mournful lament that the Constitution he swore to uphold "is no more" captures the collective despair of a nation witnessing its democratic institutions hollowed out before its eyes.

Their resignations are not acts of rebellion — they are acts of faith in a higher ideal: the rule of law. Regardless of where one stands on the 27th Amendment, these judges must be respected for

their unwavering adherence to principle in a country where such virtue has all but vanished.

Yet, their departure leaves behind a haunting question — what now? With the judiciary's autonomy dismantled and a "toothless" Supreme Court emerging in its place, Pakistan's fragile democracy stands at a perilous crossroads. The days ahead will test not only the strength of civil society and the legal fraternity, but also the nation's ability to resist the slow suffocation of its constitutional soul.

Justice Shah and Justice Minallah may have resigned — but in doing so, they may just have reignited the last embers of judicial conscience in Pakistan.

## REGIONAL TIMES THE HEARTLAND



### Qazi Ahmed Assault Survivor Demands Justice Amid Outrage

By Sajid Ali Unar

QAZI AHMED: In Qazi Ahmed city, a young man was allegedly sexually abused in Qazi Ahmed. Abdul Rehman, a resident of Pir Muhalla, along with his son Adnan, held a press conference at the Qazi Ahmed Press Club. He stated that the accused, Akmal Arain and other alleged youths, forcibly sexually abused his son and even recorded a video of the entire incident, which was later uploaded on social media. We filed a case against the accused at the Qazi Ahmed police station, but the police have not ar-



rested the accused. The accused are giving death threats to make us withdraw the case. Due to a lack of protection, we have left our ancestral home and migrated. He has arrested, and given severe punishment.

Government, IG Sindh, DIG, and SSP Shaheed Benazirabad that a complete investigation of the incident be conducted, the responsible accused be arrested, and given severe punishment.

### Ceremony Held to Honor Memory of Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro

By Javed Laghari



DADU: The Dadu Khuhro community held a traditional pagg (turban) ceremony for Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, son of Qalandar Bux Khuhro. The ceremony was marked by the presentation of the pagg to Mansoor Ahmed by Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, PPP CEC member, former Sindh Education Minister, who also offered prayers for his well-being. The event was attended by party leaders and prominent community figures, including Imdad Hussain Dawach, Shahmir Khan Chhawan, Wadero Itikhar Ahmed Abro, Munir Ahmed Mallah, and party worker Tahir Hussain Laghari. The ceremony highlighted community traditions while strengthening local social and political bonds.

### Haji Ali Hassan Zardari Vows Prison Reforms Through Education and Skill Building

By Khuda Bux Brohi

THATTA: Provincial Minister for Prisons and Works & Services, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, emphasized his commitment to reforming prisons by offering education, vocational training, and rehabilitation programs to help inmates reintegrate as skilled, productive citizens. Speaking at a graduation ceremony at Central Jail on Thursday, he awarded certificates and shields to 92 inmates who completed six-month courses in electrical work and plumbing. The minister noted that, with Sindh government support, these programs aim to provide practical



skills for meaningful social reintegration. Highlighting the vision of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his late mother, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, he announced plans

### Umerkot Vigilance Committee Scrutinizes Labor Conditions at Brick Kilns

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Naveed Rehman Larik, the District Vigilance Committee on brick kilns convened at the Deputy Commissioner's office conference hall. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioners of Umerkot, Samaro, Pithoro, and Kunri, district officials from social welfare and environmental protection, representatives of the District Bar, labor officers, and civil society members. The labor department presented a detailed report on the conditions of workers and bonded labor in the district's 73 registered



brick kilns. The committee also highlighted environmental hazards from kiln emissions and recommended adoption of Zigzag technology. Regular inspections and awareness campaigns for kiln owners were planned.

### Mirpurkhas Board and ICMA Pakistan Join Hands to Promote Professional Education

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Chairman of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Mirpurkhas, Colonel (R) Dr. Syed Alamdar Raza, visited ICMA Pakistan, Karachi, where he met with ICMA President & Country Head Ghulam Mustafa Qazi, Executive Director Amir Aijaz Khan, and provincial and regional directors. During the meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between BISE Mirpurkhas and ICMA. Under this MoU,



both organizations will collaborate to provide scholarships, promote awareness of management accountancy, support research, organize seminars, conduct awareness sessions, and guide students and parents.

Colonel (R) Dr. Raza stated that the partnership will open new educational and professional avenues for thousands of students, enabling them to become globally competitive management accountants. Ghulam Mustafa Qazi emphasized ICMA's mission to provide high-quality education, scholarships, and professional guidance nationwide.

### Students Gain Insight at Lecture on Constitutional Law at Pir Ilahi Bakhsh Law College

By Javed Laghari



DADU: At Government Pir Ilahi Bakhsh Law College, CEC Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, former Member and Sindh Minister for Education and Literacy, Supreme Court lawyer, and visiting faculty member, delivered an insightful lecture on "Constitutional Law and Its Practical Importance." He discussed fundamental principles of the Constitution, law, and citizens' rights with clarity and depth. Students showed keen interest, asking various legal questions, which Pir Mazhar answered thoughtfully and knowledgeably. The session proved to be a memorable and educational experience for the students. College administration and students expressed heartfelt gratitude to Pir Mazhar for sparing his valuable time. Principal Shafi Muhammad Memon was also present.

### Devotees Gather to Mark 9th Death Anniversary of Sufi Singer Jamaluddin Faqir

By Mehtab Shar

JHOL: The 9th death anniversary of renowned Sufi singer Jamaluddin Faqir was observed last night at his shrine, Maikhana Jamal Faqir, with devotion and respect. The event began with the traditional chadar ceremony, attended by prominent personalities including Syed Nathan Shah, MPA Jam Shabbir Ali Khan, Raees Saif Ali Khan Marri, and Wahid



soulful performances. Devotees and music lovers from across Sindh participated, celebrating Jamaluddin Faqir's legacy of spreading Pakistani culture through Sufi music internationally. Speakers praised his humility, devotion, poetry, and charitable work, highlighting his contribution to Sufi music and literature. The evening concluded with a musical gathering honoring his enduring influence.

### Umerkot Unites as Senior Journalist Muhammad Bachal Shar Celebrates Son's Wedding

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The wedding of senior journalist Muhammad Bachal Shar's son took place at Shadi Palli, attended by a large number of local dignitaries and residents. Prominent attendees included Haji Ahmed Ali Arisar, Haji Rasheed Shar, Syed Shamsheer Shah, Master Shahmir Saif Rahman, Arain Zahid Arain, Yar Muhammad Kabhar, Shahzaib, Vice Chairman Bhoro Mal Kolhi, Muhammad Somar Shar, Habibullah Shar, journalist Ghulam Qadir Arisar, Asad Mangrio, Ashraf Lashari, Muhammad Somar, and Ali Muhammad Sheedi, among



other political and social leaders. During the occasion, the honored guests congratulated the family by presenting traditional Sindh Ajrak Lungi, and garlands of cur-



rency notes. The host, senior journalist Muhammad Bachal Shar, expressed gratitude to all the esteemed guests for their participation and blessings.

### Badin Road Crash Claims Life of Injured Victim in Hyderabad

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: A resident of Village Zulfiqarabad, Ismail Soomro, who was critically injured in a road accident on Khoski Road three days

ago, passed away late Wednesday night in Hyderabad while undergoing treatment. His funeral in Shah Qadri Cemetery, Badin was attended by MPA Taj Muhammad Mal-

lah, Dr. Hasan Soomro, PPP City President Ghulam Rasool Soomro, local leaders, and hundreds of citizens. Condolences continue for his sons Aslam and Shahbaz Soomro.



MIRPURKHAS: Senior journalist Qamruddin Shaikh and Maqbool Khatian met with Deputy Mayor Sumera Baloch to discuss pressing civic and media issues. — Photo by Muzamil Malik

### Brazen Robbery at Noor Mustafa Mosque in Kotri Shocks Residents

By Shaikh Sindh

KOTRI: Thieves broke into Noor Mustafa Mosque in Mehmoor Shah Colony, Telegraph Kotri, stealing prayer caps, ceiling fans, a water motor, ablution pitch-

ers, plates, and a loudspeaker. The burglars removed bricks from the mosque wall and broke the mosque's room window to gain entry around a.m. Education Officer Shamsuddin Soomro confirmed the theft, while local residents filed a non-cognizable report at Sikandarabad Police Station. ASR Sarwar Narejo and SHO Kotri Zulfiqar Odaano visited the scene, launched an investigation, and assured efforts to recover the stolen items.



## SPORTS

## Pakistan Penalized 20% Match Fee for Slow Over Rate Against Sri Lanka



The International Cricket Council (ICC) has imposed a fine on the Pakistan cricket team for maintaining a slow over rate during their recent match against Sri Lanka.

According to the ICC, Pakistan failed to bowl the required number of overs within the stipulated time, leading to a penalty of 20% of the players' match fees.

Pakistan captain Shaden Shah Afridi has acknowledged the ICC's decision and accepted the fine without protest.

He emphasized that the team is committed to improving its pace in future matches and ensuring that such lapses do not occur again.

Slow over rates are

## World Test Champions Brace for Their Toughest Battle Yet in India

The variety of conditions Test cricket offers is evident from how the format's world champions, South Africa, have not been able to even compete in their previous seven Tests in India, the country of their next challenge. They lost six of those Tests comprehensively, and were on their way in the seventh but for the rain.

Even within India, South Africa have struggled in a variety of conditions. In 2015-16, they were outdone by a young side for whom the team management considered raging turners a necessity. Then, in 2019-20, against an established home team, South Africa were blanked by huge margins on good bat-

ting surfaces that had noth-

ing for the home spinners, who averaged 27.18 compared to their fast bowlers' 17.50.

The world champions make this trip in 2025-26 not with any significant new faces in their attack but with more experience, and thus more equipped to compete during what has to be South Africa's toughest tour. Keshav Maharaj was their lead spinner on the previous tour too. Simon Harmer toured in 2015-16. Senuran Muthusamy played two Tests in 2019-20. Kagiso Rabada remains the banker fast bowler.—Agency

## PCB Unveils Revised Line-Up for High-Voltage T20I Tri-Nation Series



The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Thursday issued a revised schedule for the upcoming T20I tri-nation series involving Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe.

According to the revised schedule, all seven T20I matches, including the final, will now be held at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

The series, seen as key preparation for next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, originally had five matches in Lahore.

The opening game of the tri-series will be played between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on November 18.

Each team will feature in four matches, with the top two sides qualifying for the

## Wood Undergoes Scan After Hamstring Scare in Ashes Warm-Up

England have received a major injury scare ahead of the Ashes after quick Mark Wood experienced stiffness in his left hamstring during their only warm-up match in Perth.

Wood had bowled two four-over spells against the Lions at Lilac Hill in his first competitive match in nine months since surgery on his left knee. He left the field after his second four-over spell midway through the second session.

"The plan for Mark Wood



was for him to bowl eight overs today," an ECB statement said. "He has some stiffness in his hamstring, which has kept him off the

field for some time during the second session of the first day and will undergo a precautionary scan tomorrow.

"He is expected to bowl again in two days' time. It is unlikely he will return to the field today."

England have taken a cautious approach with Wood's rehabilitation from the knee injury that he sustained at the Champions Trophy in February. He had initially hoped to feature in the final Test of their summer series against India, but a setback in training ended up ruling him out of the entire home season.—Agency

## Green Rediscovered Form as Ashes Warm-Up Turns Into Fierce Contest



Queensland 390 and 187 for 8 (Clayton 54, Renshaw 51, Rocchiccioli 4-41) lead Western Australia 322 for 7 dec (Green 94, Bancroft 76, Hardie 55\*) by 255 runs

He fell in the nervous 90s, but Cameron Green gave his Ashes hopes an almighty boost with a determined knock during Western Australia's Sheffield Shield clash with Queensland at the WACA Ground.

In reply to Queensland's 390, WA started day three at a somewhat shaky 210 for 5 but with Green unbeaten on 49 and holding the key.

Green, having been deputy to head coach Ricky Ponting at Delhi Capitals in IPL 2022 and 2023. He recently left his position as head coach of San Francisco Unicorns in the MLC, where he had worked for three seasons. They had wanted him to take on a year-long role but Watson did not want to give up his broadcast and other coaching commitments.—Agency

WA, who are bottom of the table, declared at 322 for 7 immediately following Green's dismissal, with final day.—Agency

## Shane Watson Joins Kolkata Knight Riders' Coaching Ranks as Assistant

Former Australia allrounder Shane Watson has been appointed assistant coach of Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) ahead of the IPL 2026 season, joining a team management that includes Abhishek Nayar (head coach) and Dwayne Bravo (mentor).

Watson and former New Zealand fast bowler Tim Southee are new additions to the KKR coaching staff, which has been overhauled after the team finished seventh in IPL 2025. Southee has been juggling playing commitments with a consultant role



with England over the past six months.

"It's a great honour to be part of a franchise as iconic as Kolkata Knight Riders," Watson said in a statement issued by KKR. "I've always admired the passion of KKR fans and the team's commitment to excellence. I'm eager to work closely with the coaching group and

players to help bring another title to Kolkata."

KKR is Watson's second assignment as a coach in the IPL, having been deputy to head coach Ricky Ponting at Delhi Capitals in IPL 2022 and 2023. He recently left his position as head coach of San Francisco Unicorns in the MLC, where he had worked for three seasons. They had wanted him to take on a year-long role but Watson did not want to give up his broadcast and other coaching commitments.—Agency

## Shanto and Mahmudul's Centuries Put Bangladesh Firmly in Control

Ireland 286 and 86 for 5 (McBrine 4\*, Humphreys 0\*, Murad 2-8) trail Bangladesh 587 for 8 dec (Mahmudul 171, Shanto 100, Humphreys 5-170) by 215 runs

Bangladesh are on course to take a 1-0 lead against Ireland after the third day of the Sylhet Test. The visitors ended the day on 86 for 5, trailing the home side by 215 runs after Bangladesh declared for 587 for 7. Najmul Hossain Shanto's eighth century helped with the big score, while Litton Das' 66-ball 60 added pace to their effort.



Ireland however couldn't reply in kind. Nahid Rana struck the first blow in the fourth over when he cleaned up Cade Carmichael for five. It was a thundering inswinger that Carmichael couldn't keep

raced towards a second fifty in the match. However, a bit of tardy thinking cost him dearly. After Litton Das missed a stumping off Tajjul Islam, Stirling's attempt for a single was ill-timed. He couldn't turn back in time, as he was caught an inch short of the crease, falling for 43 off 59 balls. Tector followed him back swiftly, lbw to Tajjul for 18, before Shadman Islam took a brilliant catch at cover to get rid of Curtis Campher towards the end of the day. Murad took this wicket, before also trapping Lorcan Tucker lbw for 9.—Agency

## LSG to Trade All-Rounder Shardul Thakur to Mumbai Indians in Major Move

India allrounder Shardul Thakur is set to join Mumbai Indians (MI) for IPL 2026.

Media has learned that MI have reached an in-principle agreement with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to get Thakur via an all-cash trade deal. It is understood both franchises have sent an expression of interest to the IPL, which will ratify the trade once

the necessary process is completed.

The development means Thakur is on the verge of becoming a quiz question as this is the third trade involving him in the IPL - in 2017, Rising Pune Supergiant bought him from Kings XI Punjab (now Punjab Kings), and before the 2023 season Kolkata Knight Riders procured him from Delhi Capitals.

Both those trades were also all-cash deals.

Thakur, who had gone unsold at the 2025 mega auction and was to join Essex in the County Championship, was picked by LSG as a replacement for Mohsin Khan at his base price of INR 2 crore. It seemed like a good investment on the part of LSG's mentor at the time, Zaheer Khan, as he took six wick-

ets in his first two matches in IPL 2025. Thakur, however, struggled after that, playing only ten matches and taking 13 wickets with an economy rate of 11.02.

The move to MI is a homecoming of sorts for Thakur. He was a support bowler for MI from 2010-12 and was also appointed Mumbai captain in domestic cricket.—Agency

## Nottinghamshire Secure Fergus O'Neill with Two-Year Deal Through 2027



Nottinghamshire have confirmed the return of Australia A seamer Fergus O'Neill for the first half of both the 2026 and 2027 seasons.

O'Neill claimed 21 wickets at 17.90 in four matches at the start of the 2025 season, helping set Nottinghamshire on their path to winning the County Championship. He had been expected to make a return and the club have now announced that he has signed a two-year deal.

While O'Neill was only eligible for a short-term visa last season, limiting him to a four-week stint, changes to the UK's visa rules to cover appearances in first-class cricket mean he will be available for the first block of Championship games from April through to June.

It was O'Neill who purchased the "MOM" blazer that became a feature of Notts' title win, and he will now be back to help with

the defence. "I'm keen to come back and make sure our momentum keeps rolling," O'Neill said. "Trent Bridge is a great place filled with great people, where I've had success."

"With all the success I had, and we had as a team, it was a simple decision for me to sign on for not just one, but another two years. Success is what I play for, so for as long as I'm part of Nottinghamshire, I'll be putting my best foot forward for us to win another Championship title."

O'Neill has twice been picked for Australia A, including on their recent tour of India, and has started the Sheffield Shield season in good form, with 15 wickets at 21.80. He could come into contention for the Ashes, although is currently being held the likes of Brendan Doggett and Michael Nott's title win, and he will now be back to help with

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Lauren Sanchez Bezos Applauds Sydney Sweeney's Powerful Turn in Christy



Lauren Sanchez Bezos has lauded Sydney Sweeney's 'powerful' performance in the new boxing movie, *Christy*.

Taking to her Instagram Stories on Wednesday, November 12, the 55-year-old former journalist said that Sydney's performance in *Christy* is "Oscar worthy."

"Just watched @sydney\_sweeney in @christy.movie. I have to say it's one of the most powerful movies I have ever seen," penned Lauren alongside a photo of the film on a screen.

Lauren Sanchez Bezos praises Sydney Sweeney's powerful performance in *Christy*.

"Oscar worthy performance by Sydney," she added.

Lauren's post comes just two days after Sydney reacted to the movie's debut with a lengthy Instagram post.

The actress said that she was "deeply proud" of the film, regardless of its box office performance.

"I am so deeply proud of this movie," penned Sydney. "I proud of the film David made. I proud of the story we told. I proud to represent someone as strong and resilient as Christy Martin. This experience has been one of the greatest honors of my life."

## Kylie Jenner Helps Khloe Kardashian Rebuild Confidence After Tristan Thompson Betrayal



Khloe Kardashian revealed that her youngest sister, Kylie Jenner, helped her get over her ex Tristan Thompson's infidelity.

During the latest episode of her podcast, *Khloe in Wonderland*, the 41-year-old reality star got candid about how her sister supported her when news broke that her ex, Tristan, had fathered a child with fitness model Maralee Nichols.

"Kylie is really one of the main reasons why I felt so safe and comfortable having Tristan," admitted Khloe, who shares two kids with ex Tristan, daughter True, 7, and son Tatum, 3.

"Because Kylie was like, 'Come on! Aire is six months older than Tatum,'" said the podcast host. For those unversed, Kylie welcomed son Aire in February of 2022 with ex Travis Scott.

"And when I was like crying and like, 'Why is this happening? I can't believe it's happening a second time!'" Khloe further said.

"You were like, 'But God makes no mistakes, and this was supposed to happen. And now our sons get to grow up together. And we [have] Stormi and True, and now we have Tatum and Aire,'"

## Blake Lively Signals Possible Reconciliation with Taylor Swift Through Surprise Gesture



Taylor Swift and Blake Lively's feud started after the singer was dragged into the Gossip Girl actor's legal battle with Justin Baldoni.

In her lawsuit, Lively accused her *It Ends With Us* co-star Baldoni of sexual harassment and waging a smear campaign against her.

When Baldoni launched a countersuit against Lively, his legal team made allegations that thrust Swift into the spotlight.

Lively was accused by Baldoni's lawyers of having inappropriately leveraged her friendship with Swift during the produc-

tion of *It Ends With Us*. Swift was initially subpoenaed in the case, though Baldoni's team later withdrew this request.

Citing unnamed sources, People.com reported in June that "Swift and Lively aren't as close and haven't been spending as much time together as they did in the past."

An insider told the media outlet earlier this year that "Taylor is working to trust Blake again but it's going to take some time."

Amid tabloid reports that Taylor Lively won't invite Blake Swift to her wedding, something unexpected has happened.

## Face of the Day



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## SSP Jamshoro Tightens Security Measures Along Indus Highway

By Munavar Chando

JAMSHORO: SSP Jamshoro, Zafar Siddique Chhanga, visited police stations along the Indus Highway to review security measures and administrative readiness. The inspection focused on law and order, patrolling, checkpoint efficiency, and station management. SSP Chhanga instructed officers to strengthen visible patrolling, act on updated intelligence, and implement proactive policing to prevent highway crime. He emphasized that protecting public lives and property remains the top priority. During the visit, he also



recognized officers showing exceptional performance, promoting accountability and morale. This initiative highlights the district police's commitment to ensuring safe travel and maintaining peace on the vital Indus Highway.

## JUI-F Sindh Rejects 27th Amendment, Promises to Defend Constitution and Sindh's Autonomy

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: Maulana Rashid Mehmood Soomro, Secretary General of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) Sindh, rejected the 27th Constitutional Amendment during the annual "Seerat-e-Mustafa Conference" in Ghorbari, calling it harmful to the Constitution, religion, and Sindh's interests. He criticized government policies



that, he said, create political and economic crises and declared JUI-F will resist all attempts to undermine Sindh's

rights, resources, and Islamic identity. Maulana Soomro also condemned attacks on madaris, calling them centers of Islamic education for poor children. He emphasized that lawlessness in Sindh has escalated, and JUI-F remains committed to defending the 1973 Constitution through democratic and public struggle. Provincial leaders also addressed the gathering.

## Public Anger Erupts After Headmaster Jam Aziz Jakhro's Death; Police Face Backlash

By Sajjan Jani

SHAHADPUR: The custodial death of Grade 17 Headmaster Jam Aziz Jakhro at Shahdadpur police station has sparked widespread outrage. The accused police officers have not been arrested so far. Over four days, hundreds of citizens, led by PPP leaders Abdul Rehman Tahim, former Senator Imamuddin Shooqeen, and Raees Fahad Khan Wassan, staged a sit-in on Hala National Highway demanding immediate arrests. The protest ended after authorities assured action, and Jakhro was laid to rest amid thousands of



mourners. Meanwhile, the FIA Shaheed Benazirabad team recorded statements regarding the case and expressed condolences to the family. Only one officer, Rafiq Ujjan, has been taken into custody so far.

## One-Window Camp Streamlines Disability Certificates and CNIC Services

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Sindh, in collaboration with NGO NOWPDP, organized a One-Window Camp at Public School Latifabad to simplify the issuance of disability certificates and special CNICs. The camp brought together medical experts and administrative staff under one roof, saving applicants from lengthy procedures. Inaugurated by SPDP Director General Ghulam Farooq Leghari, the initiative aims to empower differently-abled individuals and ensure access



to welfare benefits. Chief guest Azhar Ali Siyal, Senior Vice President PPP Hyderabad, praised the initiative for providing efficient and dignified services. Regional Director Munir

Ahmed, Deputy Director Dr. Khuram Ansar, and medical specialists assessed applicants. Citizens welcomed the camp, appreciating the government's proactive approach.

## Students Say No to Corruption in Awareness Seminar at Heritage Public School Moro

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: Heritage Public High School hosted a seminar on the theme "Say No to Corruption," organized by All Private Schools Moro under the supervision of Javed Khan Siyal. The event was chaired by Principal Advocate Sajjad Ali Mostoi of Al-Rehman Public High School. Special guest Professor Mazhar Mehmood Alvi, Vice President of Sindh Tehreek Minhaj-ul-Quran from Lahore, delivered a lecture on the importance of integrity and anti-corruption



awareness. Students from multiple schools, including Heritage, Al-Rehman, Sarm, Fastrack, Intelligencia, Asma, and Ideal Public High Schools, delivered speeches in Sindhi, Urdu, and English. Teachers and coordinators

from these institutions also participated, while the Heritage Public High School administration managed the seminar. The event emphasized moral education, honesty, and responsible citizenship among youth.

## Drug Peddler Injured in Fierce Police Encounter in Hyderabad

By Muqem Keerio

HYDERABAD: On the directives of SSP Hyderabad Adel Hussain Chando, a special crackdown against drug dealers continues. Under this campaign, SHO Anwar Khanzada of Maki Shah Police Station and his

team conducted a successful operation near the football ground adjacent to the Cantonment Graveyard. When police signaled two suspected drug dealers to stop, they opened fire and tried to flee. Police returned fire in self-defense, injuring Shoab Pathan, resident of American

Quarters, while his accomplice Ayaz Shah escaped on a motorcycle. A Kalashnikov-type rifle was recovered from the injured suspect. FIRs No. 164/2025 and 165/2025 have been registered, while the SSP vowed to continue the operation against criminal networks with full force.

## Advocate Fayaz Ahmed Laghari Visits District Bar to Thank Supporters After SHCBA Win

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Advocate Fayaz Ahmed Laghari, who secured a resounding victory in the Sindh High Court Bar Association elections, along with his team of lawyers, visited the District Bar Tando Allahyar to thank the lawyers who voted for them. Later,

Laghari and his team visited the Tando Allahyar Press Club, where they were warmly received and presented with traditional gifts, including lungis and ajraks. Laghari described the victory as a team achievement and assured that they would work diligently for the welfare of Sindh and the legal community.

## UC Chairman Tackles Long-Standing Sewage Crisis in Khar Muhalla



By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Union Council 8 Chairman Haji Muhammad Ali took immediate action late last night following residents' complaints about severe sewage problems in Khar Muhalla. He dispatched sanitary staff to clean streets and remove blockages from drains. The Mega Nullah, neglected for

a long time, has caused backflow, spreading dirty water into streets. High-lighting staff shortages, Haji Muhammad Ali deployed 12 additional sweepers alongside the four assigned by the town. He urged the Municipal Corporation to ensure regular nala maintenance to protect citizens from filth and foul odors.

## Family of Mehar Laborer Alleges Police Torture, Launches Protest



By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: Laborer Ghafoor Mullah was seriously injured while in police custody following a family dispute case at Mehar B-Section Police Station. His family accused police of

torture and collusion with influential locals. Ghafoor was first taken to the local hospital and later transferred to Larkana Trauma Center, where he remains in critical condition. His family demands immediate justice and protection.

## Young Couple's Conversion to Islam Sparks Fear and Threats



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: In Umerkot, 19-year-old Nari Bhokri, daughter of Sakhi Oad, and 20-year-old Miran Khan, son of Noor Muhammad Kapri, have embraced Islam and solemnized a love marriage in Mirpurkhas court. Girl, now named Hasena, stated she chose Islam voluntarily.

Following the marriage, relatives from Sakhi, Beribhal, Ramsing, Sattar, and Wadho communities have become hostile, filing false cases against the couple. The new-lyweds have requested protection from authorities to ensure their safety and uphold their right to freely practice their religion and marital choice.

## Former Councillor Riaz Ahmed Tahirani Survives Armed Assault in Badin

By Raja Zafar Iqbal

BADIN: Former councillor Riaz Ahmed Tahirani was seriously injured after being attacked by unidentified assailants armed with hockey sticks and iron rods in Badin. He was immediately shifted to Indus Hospital, where he is receiving medical treatment. According to reports, one of the attackers has been identified as Naem Sheedi,

who, along with others, fled the scene after the assault. Political and social circles strongly condemned the cowardly attack on Riaz Ahmed Tahirani and demanded swift justice. They urged SP Badin to take immediate notice of the incident, arrest Naem Sheedi and the other culprits involved, and ensure they are brought before the court to face legal action.

## Outbreak Tragedy Deepens as Two More Children Die in Nawab Wali Muhammad Village

By Yousif Rind

NAWAB WALI MUHAMMAD: Tragedy struck in the village of Laik Raho as a deadly outbreak claimed the lives of two more children, bringing the total fatalities to three. Five-year-old Yusuf, son of Khuda Bux Rahu, and four-year-old Mohabbat, son of

Rahim Bux Rahu, died during treatment at the Children's Hospital in Nawabshah. The previous day, four-year-old Sawera, daughter of Yasin Rahu, had also passed away. The outbreak has affected six more children, including Dua, Ghanwah, Samiran, Khalid, Alisha, and Ifikhar. Local leader Gul Hassan

Raho reported that proper treatment is unavailable at Nawabshah hospital, as doctors advised transferring patients to Hyderabad or Karachi. Authorities, including the District Health Officer, have been urged to take immediate action to treat affected children locally and prevent further loss of life.

## Police Foil Robbery Near Phulji, Nab Two Armed Suspects

By Abdullah Shahani

PHULJI STATION: A police encounter thwarted an armed robbery near Indus Highway, close to Qambrani Hotel. According to reports, Abdul Hakim Depar was traveling when three armed men on motorcycles attempted to snatch

his vehicle. Coincidentally, a passing judge's personal police squad arrived on the scene. Responding to the victim's calls, police engaged the robbers in a brief shootout, injuring two suspects who were subsequently arrested. The suspects were identified as Nisar Jamali and Jaffar Ja-

mali, while one accomplice managed to escape. Authorities recovered the stolen motorcycle and a pistol from the scene. The injured suspects were taken to Dadu Civil Hospital. Police have launched a search operation for the fleeing robber and are investigating the case further.

## Wife and Accomplices Accused of Murdering Husband in Chilling Tando Allahyar Case

By Afaq Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A shocking incident occurred in Akram Colony, Tando Allahyar, where 28-year-old Ali Dino Khaskheli was found dead at his home. Police reports reveal that the victim was allegedly murdered by his wife, Rizwana, along

with three accomplices. The woman reportedly attempted to stage the killing as a suicide. According to preliminary investigations, Rizwana confessed to strangling her husband with the help of the three individuals. The victim's family confirmed the murder, stating that Ali had married Rizwana nine

months ago. Police have taken Rizwana into custody and are investigating the involvement of the other accomplices. The body was handed over to the family after necessary formalities, and authorities are continuing inquiries into the motive and circumstances of the killing.

## HESCO Brings Zero Load shedding to Abadgar Feeder in Tando Muhammad Khan

By Abdul Sattar

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: For the first time, Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) has initiated zero loadshedding on the Abadgar feeder in Tando Muhammad Khan. The inauguration follows previous zero loadshedding initiatives in the district's industrial and

commercial centers, including NICVD and the Government District Hospital. At the ceremony, HESCO Hyderabad Chief Faizullah Dahra stated that zero loadshedding has now been extended to the general Abadgar feeder, benefiting both industrial consumers and residential users who pay their electricity bills on

time. HESCO aims to bring 68 feeders in the Hyderabad region to zero loadshedding by year-end, improving power distribution efficiency and reducing electricity theft. Officials emphasized that additional feeders will soon be included to further expand uninterrupted power supply in Tando Muhammad Khan.

## Girls College Students Rally with Teachers to Condemn Terror Attacks, Salute Pakistan Army

By Qaimuddin Memon

SEHWAN SHARIF: Under the leadership of Principal Farina Bhutto, students and teachers of Girls Degree College held a protest rally against the recent terrorist attacks in Wana and Islam-

abad. Carrying the national flag and pamphlets, participants chanted slogans in support of the Pakistan Army and against terrorism. Addressing the rally, Principal Farina Bhutto condemned the cowardly attacks, praised the army for thwarting the

Wana assault and saving lives, and expressed solidarity with the victims' families of Islamabad. She emphasized that the entire nation stands united with the armed forces, and such attacks will never weaken Pakistan's resolve.

## She Rides, She Fights – The Daily Struggles of Sindh's Fearless Scooty Girls

By Suman Nawaz

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**E.B.A.R. Karachi**

The Government of Sindh has taken a bold and progressive step by announcing the distribution of scooters to working women and female students. This initiative is more than just transportation support; it is a symbol of independence, dignity, and confidence for the women of our province. In a society where mobility is often a barrier for females, this project is truly a game changer. It opens opportunities for education, employment, and participation in public life. A girl who moves freely is a girl who thinks freely and the Sindh Government deserves appreciation for understanding this need.

empowerment is not always smooth. Every day, young women on scooters face challenges in our traffic-packed streets. At busy intersections, loud horns, impatient drivers, and reckless rickshaws can shake their confidence. Some girls hesitate to use proper brakes and try to stop the scooter with their feet, which is unsafe and can cause imbalance. Many new riders become nervous while taking U-turns or merging into fast lanes. Sometimes boys start taunting or teasing on roads affecting their concentration. Even a small mistake can give them fear but despite all this, they continue to ride.

Still, the courage of these girls is remarkable. Every time a girl rides a scooter to work or university, she breaks a barrier. She proves that mobility belongs to her as much as anyone else. She rides, she fights, and she inspires others to rise above fear and this is how real change begins.

Today, the image of a girl confidently riding through Karachi streets is a strong message to society. It tells every girl sitting at home that opportunity is not far she just needs confidence, support, and belief in herself. With such steps, Sindh is shaping a future where women are not only educated and employed they are mobile, visible, and un-

derestimated. These struggles show that this project must not end at distribution only. Training sessions, traffic awareness workshops, dedicated ladies driving instructors, and safe riding lanes would add even more value.

However, the road toward



# METRO KARACHI

## Murad Orders Urgent Push on Urban Development and Water Projects

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed the Local Government Department to accelerate ongoing urban development schemes, prioritizing water supply, drainage, and sanitation projects across Karachi and interior Sindh. While reviewing the department's portfolio, he emphasized that sustainable urban solutions are key to ensuring cleaner, healthier, and better-managed cities.

The 2025-26 development plan includes 756



KWSSIP, CLICK, and SWEEP.

Murad Shah instructed improved coordination between Local Government, P&D, and Finance Departments to ensure timely fund release, quality control, and transparent procurement. He stressed the swift completion of foreign-assisted projects to enhance water, sanitation, and municipal services, highlighting their direct impact on public health and quality of life. —RT

## MQM-P Slams Removal of Local Government Clauses from 27th Amendment

KARACHI: MQM-P leader Khawaja Ishaqul Hassan has criticized the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment for excluding the party's recommendations regarding local government, calling it a blow to Pakistan's democratic framework.

Speaking on the issue, he said that local governments serve as the "nursery of democracy," and by removing their powers through the amendment,



the people's most significant right has been undermined. He further stated that opposing Article 140A of the Constitution

equates to antagonizing 25 crore citizens and disrespecting the Constitution of Pakistan. —RT/Agency

## Jl Karachi Sounds Alarm Over Heavy Motorbike Fines, Vows to Defend Citizens' Rights

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi chief Muneem Zafar, speaking at the inauguration of Mohammad Ground in Liaquatabad, criticized the imposition of heavy fines on motorcyclists in the city and vowed to defend residents' rights. He said Karachi has over 4 million (40 lakh) motorcycles, yet riders are being issued challans of Rs5,000, while in other parts of the



country fines remain as low as Rs200.

Calling the disparity "unjust," Muneem Zafar said the party is raising its voice for the city's youth and staging protests on the streets to oppose what he described as punitive measures. He pledged to ensure that Karachiites receive their rights and promised to reclaim public entitlements taken by those he accused of exploiting the city. —RT/Agency

## Saddar Town Chairman Vows Crackdown on Encroachments During Project Review

KARACHI: Chairman Saddar Town and PTI Karachi Senior Vice President, Mansoor Ahmed Sheikh, reviewed ongoing development projects across Saddar Town, including visits to Empress Market, Bohri Bazaar, and Mir Karam Ali Talpur Road. During the inspection, he directed the immediate

removal of illegal encroachments from public spaces.

Accompanied by Vice Chairman Abdul Rehman Motiwala, Municipal Commissioner Asif Ali Mithani, and other town officials, Sheikh emphasized that providing basic civic facilities

remains a top priority. He noted that comprehensive development work—including road repairs, streetlight restoration, sewerage improvements, and public park renovations—is underway to ensure a clean and functional environment for residents. —RT

## PRCS Sindh Chairman Meets Governor Tessori to Discuss Relief and Rescue Initiatives

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori met with Muhammad Rehan Hashmi, Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent (Hilal-e-Ahmer) Sindh Branch, at the Governor House on November 13, praising the organization's humanitarian services. He described serving humanity as a noble mission and said the Red Crescent's relief efforts in remote areas provide hope to vulnerable communities.



During the meeting, both officials discussed emergency relief operations for natural disasters, accidents, and other crises. Hashmi briefed the Governor on ongoing initiatives

by the Sindh Branch, including medical facilities, volunteer services, and community outreach programs. —RT/Agency

## UC-1 Delegation Engages Valika Hospital MS on Public Health and HIV Services

KARACHI: UC-1 Pathan Colony Chairman Mueed Advocate, along with PPP General Councillor Islamuddin and Sahibzada, met Dr. Mumtaz Ali Sheikh, Medical Superintendent of Valika Hospital, to discuss public health challenges. They highlighted patient difficulties, medicine shortages, and the need for improved HIV awareness and treatment services. Dr. Sheikh assured



adequate medicine supply, improved facilities, strict action against misconduct, and strengthened HIV testing, counseling, and patient confidentiality. The delegation emphasized joint efforts to enhance healthcare and awareness campaigns. —RT

## Lawyers Stage Protest Outside Karachi Press Club Against 27th Amendment

KARACHI: Lawyers staged a protest outside the Karachi Press Club on Thursday against the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment. The demonstration drew significant attention due to concerns that the amendment could impact the independence of

the judiciary and local governance.

Police deployed a strong security presence at the site to maintain order, including a dedicated women's contingent. Authorities monitored the protest closely to ensure it remained peaceful and to prevent any disruption to public movement in the area.

The lawyers' protest reflected growing opposition from legal circles and civil society over the amendment, which critics argue may undermine constitutional provisions and democratic principles. —RT/Agency

## Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rahman Opens Revamped Mohammadi Ground, Promises Community Uplift

KARACHI: Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rahman, inaugurated the newly renovated Mohammadi Ground in Liaquatabad Town, which has been developed for public recreation and community events under the Liaquatabad Town Municipal Corporation (TMC).

Town Chairman Faraz Haseeb stated that the ground spans five acres. Before its renovation, the area was used for a Friday market, vehicle parking, and had become a hotspot for drug use. The ground was originally built in 2002 by former City Nazim Naimatullah Khan and has now been reconstructed after 23 years to provide a safe and modern space for residents.



Speaking at the inauguration, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rahman emphasized that despite limited powers, the elected leadership of Jamaat-e-Islami is committed to serving the public and fulfilling promises of sustainable urban development across Karachi. —RT/Agency

## KATI Welcomes National Industrial Policy, Demands Rapid Implementation

KARACHI: Muhammad Ikram Rajput, President of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), has welcomed the government's first-ever National Industrial Policy, calling it a landmark step for Pakistan's industrial growth.



He praised measures to repatriate overseas Pakistani investments and urged the removal of import duties on raw materials and machinery to reduce export costs and boost

global competitiveness. Rajput stressed the need for transparent implementation and private sector involvement to ensure sustainable industrial development. —RT

## SHRD and ICLN Join Forces to Advance Human Rights Education in Sindh Schools

KARACHI: The Human Rights Department (SHRD), Government of Sindh, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indus Cottage Library Network (ICLN) Pakistan to promote Human Rights education and awareness among students through library-based learning and creative competitions. Rajveer Singh Sodha, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Sindh for Human Rights, said the initiative aims to empower youth with the values of equality, tolerance, peace,



and justice, shaping a future based on respect and social harmony. The program will integrate Human Rights learning into academic environments, encouraging students to become informed, responsible, and empathetic citizens. —RT

## Police Nab Four Street Crime Suspects Linked to 50 Robberies Across Karachi

KARACHI: SSP Malir Abdul Khaliq confirmed that Shah Latif Town police have arrested four suspects involved in around 50 street crime incidents across Karachi. During the operation, authorities recovered 25 valuable mobile phones, 2 pistols, and a device used to alter mobile phone IMEIs from the suspects.

The gang reportedly targeted vehicles along the National Highway, stealing high-end mobile phones. Investigations revealed that the suspects would modify the software of the stolen phones and resell them in the market. The total value of the recovered mobile phones is estimated at Rs2 million. —RT/Agency

## ICCBS and Karachi University Ink NDA with Minerva Research Solutions to Boost Clinical Research

KARACHI: The Center for Bioequivalence Studies and Clinical Research (CBSCR) at the Dr. Panjivani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research (PCMD), University of Karachi, has signed a Mutual Confidentiality and Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) with Minerva Research Solutions, Karachi, aiming to

strengthen collaboration in clinical trials and bioequivalence studies.

The agreement was signed at the HEJ Research Institute of Chemistry by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Raza Shah, Director ICCBS, and Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Director of Business Development & Operations at Minerva Research Solutions. —RT/Agency

## Kakar Warns of Pashtun Uprising Over Systematic Discrimination

KARACHI: Tribal leader Sardar Manzoor Ahmed Kakar expressed deep concern over decades of what he called discrimination against Pashtuns in Karachi and Sindh. He condemned the looting of Pashtun shops on Tariq Road and

accused authorities of economic persecution. Kakar warned that if injustices persist, Pakistan's millions of Pashtuns will launch a nationwide movement to protect their rights, dignity, and livelihoods. —RT

## Sharjeel Unveils Key Projects Powering Sindh's Economic Growth and Connectivity

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon stated that ongoing development projects are significantly improving the province's economy and citizens' quality of life. Key initiatives include the Coastal Highway, Rohri-Guddu Barage Road, Mehran Highway, Tando Allahyar-Tando Adam Road, and Sanghar-Rohri Highway, which aim to en-



hance regional and inter-provincial connectivity while boosting trade, agriculture, and industry.

The minister highlighted projects in Sanghar, Tando Allahyar, Nawabshah, and other districts, emphasizing their role in strengthening the rural economy and creating employment opportunities for youth. He underscored the government's focus on transparency, timely funding, and strict project monitoring to ensure public benefit. —RT

## Saddar Town Chairman Inspects Block Work at Bohri Bazaar

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Chairman Saddar Town, Mansoor Ahmed Shaikh, inspected the ongoing Pure Block project at BOHRI Bazaar, reaffirming the town administration's commitment to improving urban infrastructure and public facilities. He said development work across Saddar Town, including education, health, and road rehabilitation, is progressing steadily to benefit both citizens and



traders. Municipal Commissioner Asif Ali Mithani, Town Vice Chairman Abdul Rehman Motiwala, Parliamentary Leader Sher Muhammad Kakar, council members, Executive Engineer Salman Rahman Memon, and departmental officials accompanied him. Chairman Shaikh stressed the importance of timely completion and quality work to ensure maximum convenience. Traders appreciated the administration's proactive oversight of local development projects.

## Public Fury Erupts After Infant Named in Steel Town Protest Case

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: Steel Mills police registered a case against protesting dismissed employees outside the Steel Town Guest House, shockingly including Hamid, the one-year-old son of dismissed worker Allah Rakhio Zardari. The move drew widespread



public condemnation as a violation of human rights. PPP

leaders Mir Abbas, Rao Safdar, and Dhani Bakhsh Samejo secured bail from Malir Court, vowing to continue the struggle for workers' rights. Party and labor representatives plan a meeting to decide future action for the restoration of jobs and essential services amid mounting public pressure.

## Authorities Crack Down in Ibrahim Hyderi, Seal Hotels and Demolish Illegal Structures

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Acting on the directives of Deputy Commissioner Malir Samiullah Shaikh, administration carried out a major operation in Ibrahim Haideri Subdivision against illegal encroachments on roads. Three hotels were sealed for placing tables and chairs on public streets without permission, while multiple illegal structures were demolished at various locations. The operation was conducted under the supervision of Assistant Commis-



sioner Ibrahim Haideri, smoother travel for citizens. Authorities emphasized that such measures are part of ongoing efforts to maintain law, order, and public convenience in the city, aiming to ensure

## Shevolution 2.0 Exhibition Puts Spotlight on Sindh's Trailblazing Women Artisans

By Muhammad Bachal

KARACHI: A two-day exhibition, Shevolution 2.0, was successfully held at Hotel Marriott, featuring the handicrafts and artwork of women artisans from across Sindh. The event aimed to promote local craftsmanship on global platforms and empower women economically. Special guest Rajveer Singh Sodha, Adviser to the Sindh Chief Minister on Human Rights, attended the exhibition. The event was organized with support from UNIDO, WCCI Korangi, the German Mission, and the Eu-



ropean Union. German Consul General Thomas E. Tschentscher presided over the opening ceremony, appreciating the artisans' skill, work, and creativity, and contributing to economic growth. The exhibition displayed handicrafts, clothing, jewelry, makeup items, and traditional art, attracting widespread attention from visitors and media.

## Petition Moved in Sindh High Court Challenging 27th Constitutional Amendment

KARACHI: A petition challenging the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment has been filed in the Sindh High Court. According to media reports, the petition was submitted by lawyer Ibrahim Saifuddin, who argued that the amendment

conflicts with the basic structure of the Constitution and seeks to raise legal questions to protect the country's constitutional framework.

The petitioner stated that the amendment undermines the fundamental principles of power distribution, judicial independence, and rule of law. It increases parliamentary and executive influence over judicial appointments in higher courts, while granting the President immunity akin to royal privileges, he added. —RT/Agency

## DIG South Asad Raza Reveals Safe City Cameras Operate Without Security or Alarm System

KARACHI: DIG South Asad Raza has revealed that the Safe City cameras and related equipment installed near Bilawal House Chowrangi lacked any

security or alarm system, making it difficult to determine the exact date and time of the theft. Commenting on the incident involving the stolen distribution

box, the DIG said that police are trying to establish the precise timeline of the event using eyewitness accounts and available evidence. —RT/Agency



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—Unknown

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## President Zardari Signs 27th Constitutional Amendment Into Law After Parliament's Nod

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday gave assent to the much-debated 27th Constitutional Amendment after approval from the Parliament.

With the president's signature, the amendment has now officially become part of the Constitution.

"The Constitution (Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2025 is assented to, as advised by the Prime Minister [Shehbaz Sharif], at Para-5 of the Summary," read a notification issued by the President's House.

The development came moments after the Senate approved the amendment bill following changes approved by the National Assembly a day earlier, amid noisy



protests by the opposition. Senate Chairman Yousuf Raza Gilani announced the result, saying, "So the motion is carried by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Senate, and consequently, the bill stands passed."

The much-touted bill was initially presented in the upper house of parliament on Monday and got a nod on the same day. It was then referred to the NA, which approved it with some amendments. Therefore, the legislation was again presented in the Senate today to approve the latest changes.

New tweaks

A day earlier, the National Assembly passed the amendment bill that seeks to change the judicial structure and military command, with 234 votes in favour and four against amid the opposition's walkout. It included eight amendments — not part of the Senate-approved previous version — aimed at clarifying the chief justice's position.

The amended bill fine-tunes the structure of the newly established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC), clarifies the titles and ranking of the country's top judges, and drops several clauses from the Senate-approved draft that had sought to alter oath-related provisions for various constitutional offices.

One of the most significant updates relates to Clause 2, which modifies Article 6(2A) of the Constitution — the article concerning high treason.

The National Assembly's version adds the term "Federal Constitutional Court" after "the", thereby explicitly including the new court within the ambit of Article 6. The earlier Senate draft had not mentioned the court by name.—RT/Agency

## Senate Passes 27th Amendment Bill Again After NA Approves Revisions

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Thursday approved the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, following changes approved by the National Assembly a day earlier, amid noisy protest by the opposition who termed the legislation as "destruction of constitution".

Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar presented the constitutional amendment bill again today, with the tweaks to the draft earlier approved by the upper house. The amendment bill received the 64 votes (two-thirds majority in the 96-member House) in favour and four against.



As the session kicked off with Senate Chairman Yousuf Raza Gilani presiding, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Ali Zafar maintained that his party and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUIF) defectors are disqualified under Article 63-A of the Constitution as they, in the previous session voted against the party line.

It may be noted that the government's legislation secured votes from two opposition lawmakers, PTI's Saifulah Abro and JUI-F's Ahmad Khan, when the bill was voted upon in the Senate for the first time and again today.

"If they have indeed resigned and the article applies, I request that the votes of these two members not be counted [during the re-voting]. Otherwise, we will challenge the entire process," he added.—RT/Agency

## IMF Executive Board To Approve \$1.2 Billion For Pakistan On December 8

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has scheduled an Executive Board meeting for December 8 to approve the disbursement of \$1.2 billion to Pakistan under two concurrent programmes, with funds expected to land on December 9.

The tranche comprises \$1 billion under the \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) and \$200 million under the \$1.4 billion Resilience and Sustainability Fund (RSF). The release follows a Staff-Level Agreement (SLA) reached on October 14 covering the EFF's second review and the RSF's first review. Upon approval, total disbursements under the two arrangements will rise to about \$3.3 billion.

An IMF team led by Iva Petrova held discussions in Karachi and Islamabad from September 24 to October 8, and in Washington, DC, to conclude the SLA.

The Fund cited strong



programme implementation and priorities that include sustaining the fiscal effort while supporting flood-affected households, keeping inflation durable within the State Bank of Pakistan's target range, restoring the energy sector's viability, and advancing structural reforms.

The IMF also said the RSF-backed climate agenda is progressing, noting that recent floods highlight the need for consistent, comprehensive reforms to reduce climate risk.

GCD report and reform asks

Ahead of the Board meeting, the IMF is pressing Pakistan to publish, and act on its Governance and Corruption Diagnostic (GCD) report.

Recommendations include making the Special Investment Facilitation Council fully transparent, creating a central registry of state-owned land and holding entities, conducting performance assessments of judges, publishing asset declarations of bureaucrats, and removing the Finance Secretary from the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) board.—RT/Agency

## ATC Issues 10th Non-Bailable Arrest Warrant For Aleema Khan

RAWALPINDI: An anti-terrorism court has issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Aleema Khan, sister of incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan for the 10th time in connection with the November 26 protest case.

The hearing was conducted by Judge Amjad Ali Shah of the Anti-Terrorism Court. Aleema Khan once again failed to appear before the court, while 10 other accused attended the proceedings and were allowed to leave after marking their attendance.

Defence counsel Faisal Malik informed the court that Aleema Khan would not appear today either, arguing that she had already chal-



lenged the inclusion of terrorism charges, claiming the case does not fall under anti-terrorism laws.

The court ordered that Aleema Khan be arrested and produced on November 17, adjourning the hearing until that date. It also sought updated details of her properties in Islamabad and Punjab, and issued show-cause notices to two bank managers for failing to freeze her accounts as ordered.—RT/Agency

## Massive Fuel Price Hike Expected In Next Fortnightly Review

ISLAMABAD: Fuel prices are expected to change, with a possible increase of up to Rs9.60 per litre for the next fortnight.

According to sources, the initial summary has been prepared in light of global market trends.

Sources said petrol may become cheaper by Rs1.96 per litre, while the price of high-speed diesel could rise by Rs9.60 per litre.

Kerosene is likely to increase by Rs8.82 per litre, and light diesel oil by Rs7.15 per litre.

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) will forward its working paper to the Petroleum Division on November 15. The Petroleum Division and the Ministry of Finance will then prepare a joint summary for submission to the Prime Minister.



Following the prime minister's approval, the Ministry of Finance will announce the revised prices, which will remain effective for the next 15 days.

On November 1, the price of kerosene oil in Pakistan increased following a recent hike in petrol and diesel prices.

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) issued a notification confirming the price revision. According to the notification, the price of kerosene oil were raised by Rs3.34 per litre, increasing from Rs181.71 to Rs185.05 per litre.—RT/Agency

## Dar Demands In-Camera Briefing On Surge In Terror Attacks

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi revealed in the Senate and while speaking to the media outside Parliament House on Thursday that both the Wana Cadet College suicide attack and the Islamabad Judicial Complex blast were carried out by Afghan nationals.

The disclosure sparked urgent calls from Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar for a comprehensive, in-camera briefing on Pakistan's deteriorating security situation.

Naqvi said the suicide bomber involved in the Wana Cadet College attack was Afghan, confirming that "the suicide bomber in the Wana Cadet College attack is also from Afghanistan."

He added that the attacker who targeted the Islamabad Judicial Complex was similarly identified as an Afghan citizen.



"The suicide bomber was from Afghanistan," he confirmed, adding that media had earlier reported the same. Naqvi said all individuals involved in both incidents originated from Afghanistan — a development he described as deeply concerning.

The people involved in both the incidents are from Afghanistan, there is serious concern about this," he told senators.

Dar calls for full House briefing on Pak-Afghan relations.—RT/Agency

## Justice Panhwar Writes To CJP Afridi, Voices Serious Concerns Over 27th Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Another Supreme Court Judge Justice Salahuddin Panhwar has written a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi for deliberating the 27th constitutional amendment, stating that there comes a time when silence is not caution but abdication.

In his letter, Justice Panhwar expressed deep concern over the potential impact of the amendment on judicial independence.

"There comes a time when silence is not caution but abdication. I believe such a time may now be upon us," he wrote.

Justice Panhwar noted that the 27th Amendment "appears to touch the very foundations upon which the



edifice of our judiciary rests."

"It speaks of changes that may bring the executive and legislature into areas long reserved for judicial independence," he cautioned.

Emphasizing the sanctity of an independent judiciary, Justice Panhwar stated that judicial independence "is not a matter of privilege; it is the very condition upon which liberty itself depends."

"If the judiciary is not free from fear, influence, or control, then the rule of law becomes but a phrase—hollow and without breath," he warned.

Referring to the Constitution, he reminded that judicial independence is not merely symbolic.

"Our Constitution has declared this independence. These are not ornamental words — they are living guarantees for a people who have suffered too long under arbitrary power," he wrote.

Justice Panhwar expressed concern that the proposed amendment could unsettle the delicate balance of powers envisioned by the framers of the Constitution.—RT/Agency

## Senate Chairman Clarifies No Resignation Letters Received From Any Members

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gillani Thursday said that he didn't receive any resignation from a member of the house after an opposition Senator alleged him of encouraging floor crossing.

During clause-wise passage of the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, PTI and JUI's senators Saifulah Abro and Ahmad Khan voted in favour of the government sponsored constitutional



amendment.

Senator Humayun Mohmand alleged the chairman senate of promoting floor crossing in the house.

Chairman Senate Gillani said that a member won't be deemed resigned with verbal

announcement. "There is a procedure of resignation. Even there is a right to appeal after tendering resignation," Gillani said.

Chairman of the house citing an example of Shah Mahmood Qureshi, said that he had resign verbally but not actually. "People used to talk these things in emotions," he said. "The party can send the reference against the member to the election commission," he said.—RT/Agency

## Supreme Court Petition Challenges Controversial 27th Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Lawyer Asad Rahim Khan has challenged the newly enacted 27th Constitutional Amendment in the Supreme Court, calling it "unconstitutional" and an attack on judicial independence. The amend-

ment, signed today by President Asif Ali Zardari, creates a Federal Constitutional Court, triggering resignations of SC Justices Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah. Khan's petition demands sections of the

amendment be struck down, arguing it enables executive overreach in judicial appointments and undermines parliamentary democracy, while critics warn of a historic threat to Pakistan's apex court.—RT

## Afghan Nationals Behind Wana Cadet College Attack, Confirms Govt

ISLAMABAD: The Information Ministry confirmed that all terrorists involved in the attack on Cadet College Wana were Afghan nationals, orchestrated from Afghanistan by TTP chief

Mehsud. Security forces foiled the assault, killing the attackers after they breached the college gate. The ministry stated that weapons were supplied from Afghanistan, and the attackers' identities revealed direct Afghan links.

Officials warned the assault aimed to raise security concerns in Pakistan, with potential foreign backing.—RT

## India Opens Strategic Airbase Near China Border

NEW DELHI: India inaugurated a new military airbase in Ladakh, near the disputed Himalayan border with China, capable of fighter jet operations. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh

landed a C-130J transport aircraft at Mudh-Nyoma air force station, located 4,000 meters above sea level and just 30 km from the Line of Actual Control. Analysts warn the base

strengthens India's military posture, amid lingering mistrust and ongoing troop deployments along the poorly demarcated 3,800 km India-China border.—Agency

## Jurists Slam 27th Amendment as Assault on Judiciary

ISLAMABAD: The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) condemned Pakistan's newly enacted 27th Constitutional Amendment, calling it a "flagrant attack" on judicial independence. The ICJ criticized

the creation of the Federal Constitutional Court, executive-controlled appointments, and lifetime immunity for top officials, warning the changes undermine the judiciary's ability to hold the executive accountable. Secretary-General Santiago Canton said the amendment threatens fundamental rights and the rule of law, effectively reducing the Supreme Court to an appellate role in constitutional matters.—Agency

## Pakistan And UK Strengthen Partnership On Extradition And Online Child Protection

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday met with Graeme Biggar, Director General of the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA), to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation in key areas of security and law enforcement, including extradition.

The meeting, held in Islamabad, was also attended by British High Commissioner Jane Marriott, National Coordinator of NACTA, DG NCCTA, DG National Forensic Agency, Additional Secretary Interior, Chief Commissioner Islamabad, and IG Islamabad Police.

During the meeting, both sides held detailed discus-



sions on enhancing collaboration in counter-terrorism, narcotics control, human trafficking prevention, forensic sciences, immigration, and police training.

They agreed to expand cooperation on training programs for officers of Pakistan's anti-narcotics and law enforcement agencies.

A joint decision was

made to strengthen coordination to curb online child exploitation, while both sides agreed to expand bilateral assistance on extradition matters. It was further decided that five Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) covering extradition and other areas of cooperation between Pakistan and the UK will soon be finalized.—RT/Agency