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Jordan's King Hails Pakistan Army For Unmatched Professionalism And Operational Prowess

RAWALPINDI: Jordan's King Abdullah II on Sunday praised Pakistan's military for its exceptional training, professionalism, and operational readiness, highlighting the troops' and aircrews' preparedness.

He expressed his views during a visit to the Global Industrial and Defence Solutions (GIDS) and Tilla Field Firing Ranges, according to a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

King Abdullah was accompanied by Princess Salma and a delegation of Jordanian officials. Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir received the royal guests along with senior military officials.

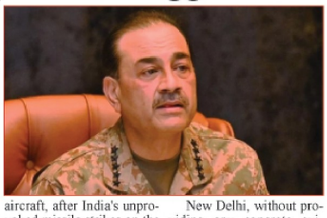
During the visit, the Jordanian king was given a comprehensive briefing on the structure, capabilities, and product portfolio of GIDS.

The briefing showcased Pakistan's progress in indigenous defence production, technological innovation, and potential avenues for bilateral defence cooperation with Jordan.

The Jordanian monarch later visited the Tilla Field Firing Ranges. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also graced the occasion; whereas, Azerbaijan Minister of Defence Industry Vugar Valeh oglu Mustafayev was also amongst the distinguished guests.

King Abdullah and distinguished guests witnessed a joint fire and manoeuvre exercise.The exercise demonstrated multi-domain operations, including conventional and air firepower, coordinated manoeuvres, and spectrum warfare capabilities supported by multi-purpose drones employed in various configurations and roles.—RT/Agency

Field Marshal Munir Warns Of Strong Retaliation To Any Future Aggression Against Pakistan



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir on Sunday pledged a swift and strong response to any act of aggression against Pakistan.

He, while speaking to Media at a luncheon hosted for Jordan's King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein at the President's House, raised his finger towards the sky, saying: "I did not lead Pakistan to victory, Allah did."

"It is Allah's special blessing that Pakistan's enemy bit the dust in May. Pakistan's Army is Allah's Army, its soldiers fight in the name of Allah," he added.

The May confrontation between the two neighbouring countries saw Pakistan downing seven Indian fighter jets, including three Rafale aircraft, after India's unprovoked missile strikes on the night of May 5 and 6, which resulted in the martyrdom of several civilians and security personnel.

India's strikes came after a terrorist attack on tourists in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam area, which resulted in the killing of 28 men.

New Delhi, without providing any concrete evidence, said the attack was backed by Pakistan, which denies its involvement.

Pakistan then targeted over 20 Indian military sites across multiple regions in a large-scale retaliatory strike, named "Operation Bunyanum-Marsoos".

The war between the two nuclear-armed nations ended on May 10 with a ceasefire agreement brokered by the United States.

Shortly after the war, the federal government formally promoted COAS Munir to field marshal for his leadership during the conflict.

Meanwhile, the army chief reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to peace. He, however, said that the country would respond firmly to any aggression, similar to its response during the May conflict with India.

Field Marshal Munir, recalling verses from the Quran, said that Allah Almighty has promised believers that with faith they can defeat any enemy, regardless of its strength, adding that Pakistan demonstrated this in May.

As the participants of the meeting began congratulating the field marshal, he asked them to pray for Pakistan's progress.

The army chief then reiterated his unwavering commitment to fulfil his duties "as commanded by Allah".

Field Marshal Munir's remarks came just days after the federal government confirmed that his tenure will restart following his new appointment as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF).Speaking during a National Assembly session on November 13, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the CDF's term would be five years from the date of his appointment.—RT/Agency

Defense Minister Khawaja Asif Confirms Bushra Bibi's Role With Former ISI Chief

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Asif has confirmed reports that Bushra Bibi, former spouse of Prime Minister Imran Khan, was reportedly working for former ISI Chief General Faiz Hameed. Speaking to media, Khawaja Asif stated that the news published by The Economist was accurate and that Bushra Bibi's intelligence reports often proved correct within a few days.

Khawaja Asif alleged that PTI founder Imran Khan was effectively under the control of Generals Faiz Hameed and Qamar Javed Bajwa, asserting that a woman had been used to manipulate the political process in Pakistan. He said that serious "mockery" had been played with the country through the use of her influence.

The Defense Minister also revealed that documents and raw intelligence provided by Bushra Bibi were passed to Imran Khan by General Asim Munir during his tenure as ISI Chief. Imran Khan reportedly became displeased with this and subsequently removed General Asim from his position. Khawaja Asif added that while PTI members considered Imran Khan intelligent, they were ultimately betrayed by the actions of a woman.These remarks have sparked further debate in Pakistan's political circles, raising questions about the role of intelligence in political maneuvering and the influence of personal relationships on national security decisions. Analysts say the allegations could have significant implications for ongoing political and military dynamics in the country.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Foreign Office Vows Active Role In Mediating Afghanistan Tensions

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Tahir Hussain Andrabi said on Sunday that Pakistan welcomed Iran's offer of mediation between Islamabad and Kabul and would "not shy away from" it.

"Iran is a brotherly, friendly country. Pakistan is always in favour of finding peaceful resolutions of issues through dialogue and diplomacy, and we appreciate the offer of mediation of our brotherly country, Iran," Andrabi told Dawn upon a query about reports that Tehran was working to convene a regional meeting for mediation between Islamabad and the Afghan Taliban.

"We believe that Iran can play an important role. We would not shy away from any mediatory role by Iran. Mediations are always welcome," Andrabi said, adding that Pakistan had a "very strong case".

He further stated: "Generally, mediations are resented by a country or a side which is on a weak legal or a political case. Pakistan's case on this issue, on terrorism emanating from Afghanistan, is very strong. So, obviously we will not shy away from mediation."—RT/Agency

Pakistani Pilots Take Spotlight As Dubai Airshow Opens Today

DUBAI: The Dubai Airshow, one of the world's biggest aviation gatherings, opens today, bringing together the latest military and commercial aircraft from around the globe.

Organisers say the event is fully prepared to welcome industry professionals and aviation enthusiasts.

This year, Pakistan Air Force (PAF) pilots are expected to take centre stage, with aviation analysts noting that PAF's exceptional performance in recent operations has become a key point of interest for global air powers.

They emphasise that Pakistan's pilots have impressed the international military aviation community with their precision, discipline and operational skill.

The show will feature colourful aerial displays, formation flights and aerobatic performances. Analysts expect the PAF demonstrations to be among the most notable of the week, showcasing Pakistan's advancing air capabilities to a global audience.

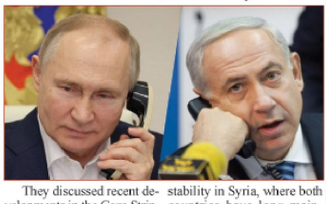
Organisers confirm that China's advanced air defence system will be on display, highlighting the country's growing challenge to Western and US defence technology.

Russian aerospace industries are also set to participate with a range of military aircraft and systems.

From Pakistan, the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) will present its latest aviation technology and MRO capabilities, while the Pakistan Aerospace Council will represent the country's broader aviation sector.

Industry insiders expect strong commercial activity during the event, with forecasts of around 300 new aircraft orders that could reshape market dynamics in the global aviation industry.—RT/Agency

Putin And Netanyahu Hold Crucial Call On Gaza Ceasefire, Iran, And Syria



MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a detailed phone conversation on Sunday, reviewing a wide range of Middle East developments amid an ongoing ceasefire in Gaza.

Both Moscow and Jerusalem confirmed the call, which followed earlier exchanges between the two leaders on regional issues.

Netanyahu's office said the conversation was held at the initiative of President Putin, continuing a series of previous discussions between the two leaders focused on regional matters.

Gaza ceasefire

According to Russia's Foreign Ministry, the leaders exchanged views "in light of the agreement on ceasefire and the exchange of detained persons."

They discussed recent developments in the Gaza Strip, where efforts continue to stabilize the temporary ceasefire and facilitate ongoing humanitarian processes.

Iran, Syria

The Kremlin said the call touched on the situation surrounding Iran's nuclear program, an issue Moscow and Jerusalem have frequently raised amid renewed tensions in the region.

Putin and Netanyahu also discussed efforts to maintain stability in Syria, where both countries have long maintained sensitive military and strategic interests.

Russia's Gaza proposal to UN

The call comes just days after Russia submitted its own proposal on Gaza to the UN Security Council, presenting an alternative to a U.S. initiative aimed at securing support for President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan.—RT/Agency

Key Arrests Expose Fresh Details in Islamabad Judicial Complex Attack

ISLAMABAD: Major revelations have surfaced during the interrogation of the arrested facilitators and handlers involved in the deadly attack on the Islamabad Judicial Complex. According to media, investigators have uncovered critical information about the attacker's movements, failed attempts, and cross-border links.

Sources say the suicide bomber initially attempted to target the Faizabad checkpoint, but the plan failed when the explosive device malfunctioned and its safety pin did not detach. Following the failed attempt, the attacker returned to Rawalpindi.

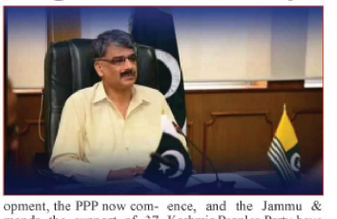
A few days later, the same militant launched the assault on the Islamabad Judicial Complex, resulting in the martyrdom of 13 people and injuries to 30 others.

Investigations further revealed that the attacker was a resident of Nangarhar, Afghanistan, and the arrested facilitators and handlers were in contact with leaders of the Afghan-based militant faction Fitna-tul-Khuwaj.

Intelligence sources have also confirmed that the operation was directed by Saeed-ur-Rehman, alias Dadullah, a commander of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He allegedly issued instructions via Telegram, while photographs of the bomber—identified as Usman alias "Qari"—were sent to Sajidullah alias "Sheena", who was responsible for receiving him inside Pakistan.

The suicide bomber, Usman alias Qari, belonged to the Shinwari tribe and was a native of Nangarhar, Afghanistan.—RT/Agency

AJK No-Confidence Motion Against PM Reaches Final Stage, Voting Set For Today



ISLAMABAD: Efforts to oust the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir have entered their final phase, with the no-confidence vote set to take place today.

The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) appears to have gained further momentum as another member of the forward bloc extended support to its candidate, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore.

Diwan Chughtai, Minister for Education in Anwarul Haq's cabinet, also announced his support for the PPP. His decision came after meeting PPP leader Faryal Talpur, during which he confirmed that he would back the party in the upcoming vote. With this latest development, the PPP now commands the support of 37 members of the Legislative Assembly.According to sources close to Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwarul Haq, he intends to contest the no-confidence motion rather than step aside. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the Muslim Conference, and the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Party have decided to remain neutral in the no-confidence process.

The political atmosphere in Azad Kashmir remains highly charged as both sides prepare for a decisive vote expected to determine the region's next political leadership.—RT/Agency

Russia Follows Iran, Offers Mediation To Ease Pakistan–Afghanistan Tensions

MOSCOW/ISLAMABAD: Following Iran's initiative, Russia has also offered to mediate between Pakistan and Afghanistan to help ease rising tensions along the border.

According to media reports, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova, during a press briefing, emphasized that regional stability is a top priority for Russia and the international community. She warned that the ongoing Pakistan–Afghanistan border tensions pose a serious threat to the region's security.

The Russian Foreign Ministry stressed that sustainable solutions to conflicts can only be achieved through dialogue, urging both Pakistan and Afghanistan to exercise restraint.

Zakharova urged both sides to: Avoid steps that could increase tensions, Resolve disputes through negotiations, and Maintain continuous communication to prevent escalation.

Russia's offer comes at a time when border-related incidents and diplomatic strains have raised concerns across the region.—RT/Agency

Grenade Attack On Jaffarabad Police Checkpoint Injures Officer, Sparks Alarm

JAFFARABAD: A police checkpoint in Jaffarabad district, Balochistan, came under a grenade attack that injured a constable late on Monday, according to police officials.

Police said that unidentified motorcycle riders hurled a grenade at the Shahi Chowki police checkpoint, injuring Constable Mohammad Sajjad. He was taken to hospital.

Officials reported that a heavy police contingent reached the site after the blast near Shahi Chowki. The attackers used the darkness to escape. Police cordoned off the area and state that all resources are in use to arrest the suspects.

Earlier, an explosion occurred on a railway track in the Rabi Canal area within the limits of Notal Police Station in Nasirabad. Police state that the blast took place a few minutes after the Jaffar Express train passed. There was no loss of life, though the track sustained damage.—RT/Agency

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Hyderabad Ramps Up Dengue Battle as Cases Surge Across District

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: The District Administration Hyderabad has stepped up its anti-dengue campaign as Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abedin Memon chaired a key review meeting at the Mayor Secretariat Hall to evaluate the progress of the ongoing fumigation drive and finalize the next phase of operations. Municipal Commissioner HMC Zahoor Lakhan and District Health Officer Dr. Pir Ghulam Hussain co-chaired the session.

Following the directives of the Deputy Commissioner, DHO Dr. Pir Ghulam Hussain along with Assistant Commissioner Taluka City Babar Saleh Rahupoto visited several hospitals in Hyderabad. They inspected dengue wards, checked medicine stocks, reviewed diagnostic services, and assessed the overall treatment facilities available to dengue patients.

Meanwhile, Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) activities are underway in various localities under the supervision of Health Department field teams. Citywide fumigation operations continue across all zones, monitored by Assistant Commissioners, Town Municipal Commissioners, and Union Council staff to suppress mosquito breeding and reduce dengue transmission risks.

The District Administration, Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, and the Health Department reaffirmed their commitment to eliminating dengue through coordinated planning, rigorous field action, and active community participation.

Chaos at Mirpurkhas Civil Hospital Gate as Daily Traffic Gridlock Paralyzes City

By Muzammil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Severe traffic congestion has become a daily problem outside the main gate of Old Civil Hospital Mirpurkhas, causing great inconvenience to citizens coming from all directions. The road from the railway crossing to Khan Naswar remains continuously blocked. Expanding roadside stalls of Landa Bazaar, haphazard rickshaw parking, and clinics operating near Ashrafi Mithai further narrow the road.

Residents complain that car and rickshaw drivers park their vehicles right in front of the hospital and stand around, disrupting the smooth flow of traffic. Only one traffic police constable is deployed at this critical location, who alone is unable to manage the situation effectively.

Public circles have urged the district administration and senior traffic police officials to devise an effective traffic plan for Civil Hospital Road and immediately remove illegal stalls and parking so citizens can be relieved of this daily hardship.

PPP Gears Up for Fiery 58th Foundation Day as Sanghar Leadership Mobilizes

By Khadim Hussain Khaskheli

SANGHAR: Following Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's call to celebrate the Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) 58th Foundation Day at the district level, a meeting of PPP Sanghar district was held at the District Council Sanghar. The session was presided over by District General Secretary Jahangir Junejo, while Javed Nayab Laghari, General Secretary of PPP Shaheed Benazirabad Division, attended as the chief guest.

The meeting was attended by PPP District Sanghar Information Secretary Imran Dhamrah; Chairman District Council Sanghar Syed Riaz Hussain Shah Khorasani; Vice Chairman Nawab Jam Zaheer Ali Khan; Syed Sibtain Ali Shah Bukhari; Ali Muhammad Khosa; Javed Shoro; President SPAF Sanghar Khadim Hussain Khaskheli; PPP Cultural Wing District President Abdul Sattar Khaskheli; Rana Rashid Ali Rajput; Rana Haji Anwar Rajput; Rashid Mughal; Raja Aftab Laghari; Zulfiqar Ali Zardari; Syed Khair Shah Jilani; Gul Muhammad Dahri; Haji Mubarak Brohi; Asif Ali Rind; Ali Gul Rind; Rehana Chandio; Shehla Noshaad Baloch; Abida Baloch; Khairunnisa Panhwar; Ghulam Nabi Zardari; Imtiaz Hasan Dars; Ali Murad Dazkani; Yasir Mari; Ghulam Haider Panhwar; Bhai Khan Laghari; Usman Ghani; Akhtar Nizamani; Akhtar Zardari; Syed Mureed Shah; Mun Farooq Laghari; Mohan Das; Khushhal Das; and many others. The meeting decided that the PPP Foundation Day public gathering will be held on November 30 at the Sanghar Gymkhana Ground. Committees comprising taluka presidents, city union council presidents, and district wing office-bearers have been formed to ensure maximum public participation. These committees will lead public outreach campaigns at the union council level and ensure the distribution of the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Hari Card while raising awareness at the village level.

Spiritual Tide Rises as Three-Day Urs of Pir Agha Abdul Rahim Opens in Matiari

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: The three-day annual Urs of the revered Asian Sufi saint, Hazrat Pir Agha Abdul Rahim (R.A.) of Pir Sarhandi, has commenced in Matiari with deep devotion and reverence. Thousands of disciples and devotees from across Sindh continue to arrive to participate in the celebrations.

The Urs was formally inaugurated with the ceremonial Chadar offering by the shrine's custodian, Pir Ghulam Mujaddid Sarhandi, renowned Islamic scholar Allama Alam Naeemi, and other distinguished personalities. On this occasion, a special session on the Protection of Finality of Prophethood (Khatm-e-Nubuwwat) was also held, attended by various Sufi leaders, scholars, and custodians of multiple shrines.

Prominent participants included Pir Ghulam Mujaddid Sarhandi, Sahibzada Abl-e-Khair Muhammad Zubair Naqshbandi, Pir Syed Mufti Noor Rahmani, Pir Syed Shah Hussain Pachmai, Pir Abdullah Shah, Pir Syed Irtiza Shah Hashmi, Allama Pirzada Muhammad Riaz Ahmed Owaisi, and Syed Ghulam Mujtaba Bukhari, among others. The scholars elaborated on the significance of Khatm-e-Nubuwwat (Finality of Prophethood), while special prayers were offered for the peace, security, and prosperity of the country.

Fury in Jhangara as Residents Rise Against Police and Road Company Abuses

By Qaimuddin Memon

SHEWAN: Residents, traders, and the minority community in Jhangara protested against alleged police brutality and fraud by a local road company. Led by Kashwar Kumar and community leaders, hundreds staged a shutter-down strike and sit-in at the company gate, demanding justice for fraudulent activities and abusive practices.

Land Mafia Moves to Seize Government School Grounds in Jati, Sparks Alarm

By A.S. Thahim

JATI: The land mafia has become active again in Jati, this time attempting to seize government property. Work has reportedly begun on unauthorized construction at the historic grounds of the Old Government Boys High School, raising serious concerns among parents, students, and residents.

Local sources claim that the mafia, supported by influential officials and certain individuals, is trying to occupy the school grounds—an act that blatantly violates Sindh Government's pro-education policies and the law. Residents stressed that the school playground is not only essential for students' sports and communal activities but also plays a key role in the educational environment. They have urged higher authorities to take immediate notice, halt the construction work, and ensure the protection of the school grounds.

Oil Tanker Topples Near Makli, Injures Driver as Fire Teams Race to Contain Blaze

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: A speeding oil tanker overturned on the bypass road near Makli, resulting in injuries to the driver, who was immediately taken to the hospital. Rescue teams and authorities reached the site promptly, containing the risk of fire from the full oil tanker.

Police and administration temporarily halted traffic as a precautionary measure. Fire brigade and Rescue 1122 teams worked efficiently to prevent a potential fire, bringing the situation under control.

Armed Gang Hits Thul Rice Mill, Protest Erupts as Workers Demand Protection

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Near Thul, four armed men attacked the rice mill of former MPA Mir Hasan Khan Khoso. They held the security guards hostage, broke office locks, and fled the scene. In protest, rice mill owners and workers closed multiple mills and staged a four-hour sit-in. Former MPA also joined the demonstration, while the local MNA contacted protesters by phone. The sit-in ended after authorities assured the arrest of the culprits.

Fatal Crash on Chamber Road Tando Allahyar Leaves One Dead, One Injured

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada:

TANDO ALLAHYAR: A tragic accident occurred on Chamber Road, Tando Allahyar, when a car and a motorcycle collided, leaving a 22-year-old resident of Allah Bakhsh Rind village, Imtiaz Ali Rind (son of Mir Khan Rind), dead and another person seriously injured. Local residents immediately shifted both victims to Chamber Hospital.

Upon receiving news of the accident, the family members rushed to the hospital. When the hospital staff confirmed the death of Imtiaz Ali, the family broke into mourning, and his father repeatedly fainted due to shock. Police arrived at the scene and took the car driver, Abdul Ghani Kumbhar, into custody along with the vehicle. According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to the blinding headlights of an oncoming vehicle.

Rahim Otho Village Feud Turns Violent, Three Women Injured in Alley Clash

By Ijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR SAFAN: A fight over a street passage in Rahim Otho village resulted in three women being seriously injured. The women staged a protest at Dolatpur Safan Press Club, demanding the arrest of the perpetrators, claiming that members of the Otho community attempted to seize their alley.

Dadu Municipal Committee Reclaims Property After Decades of Illegal Occupation

By Javed Laghari

DADU: After years of disputes over municipal committee property, Chairman Dadu Municipal Committee, Pir Danish Ali, successfully reclaimed the property, following in the footsteps of his father, former provincial minister and CEC member Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq.

The issue, pending for years, was exacerbated after the tragic assassination of Benazir Bhutto in 2007, which disrupted municipal property records. Through the persistent efforts, dedication, and hard work of Chairman Pir Danish Ali, the long-standing encroachment issue has finally been resolved. Citizens and local stakeholders have congratulated the chairman for his commitment to improving the municipal institution and resolving long-standing problems.

SSP Hyderabad Visits Hospital After Deadly Latifabad Firecracker Factory Tragedy

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: A devastating explosion in an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit in Unit 10, Leghari Goth, Latifabad, claimed four lives and left seven others critically injured on Monday. The injured victims were swiftly shifted to LMC Hospital for urgent medical treatment.

Following reports of the blast, SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio immediately deployed police teams to the site. Rescue 1122, Sindh Rangers, district administration officials, and several welfare organizations also reached the location to begin rescue and relief operations. The deceased and injured were transported to Bhittai Hospital and LMC Hospital Hyderabad.

Rescue teams continued search operations late into the day to locate any remaining victims trapped under the debris.

SSP Chandio later visited LMC Hospital, where he inquired about the condition of the injured and directed hospital authorities to ensure the best possible medical care. Police have launched legal proceedings against those responsible, and special teams have been formed to arrest the owners of the illegal firecracker factory.

Osman Shah Hari Press Club Razed in Tando Allahyar Amid Road Expansion Drive

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada

TANDO ALLAYAR: The Osman Shah Hari Press Club, located on Tando Adam Road in Tando Allahyar, has been demolished. The action was taken under the pretext of removing illegal encroachments and widening the road into a double carriageway.

Previously, the grand building of the Tando Allahyar Press Club had also been demolished in 2021. Despite a Supreme Court of Pakistan ruling to provide an alternative plot, no replacement site has been allocated to date.

The Osman Shah Hari Press Club had long served as a platform for local journalists to voice public concerns, highlight issues, and advocate for citizens' rights. Its demolition represents the loss of a vital institution for media and community engagement.

Journalists have demanded that government authorities and local assembly representatives provide a replacement plot immediately so that the press can continue its work in serving the public and holding authorities accountable.

Shahid Soomro Sounds Alarm, Demands Revival of Park and Water Plant in UC-127

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Renowned social activist Comrade Shahid Soomro met Union Council 127 Hussainabad Chairman Asif Mahmood Sheikh at his office in Qasimabad. UC Hussainabad Chairman Muhammad Anwar Gaho and Asif Shoro were also present during the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Comrade Shahid Soomro highlighted that the only public park located in the old locality of New Wahdat Colony—situated within UC-127 Hussainabad—has been in a state of complete destruction for a long time. He added that the RO filtration plant installed inside the park has also been non-functional, depriving low-income residents of access to clean drinking water. He stressed the urgent need to resolve these issues.

Responding to the concerns, UC-127 Hussainabad Chairman Asif Mahmood Sheikh assured that the reconstruction of the neglected public park and the repair of the RO filtration plant in New Wahdat Colony will begin soon.

Hyderabad Welfare Association Kicks Off Powerful Anti-Dengue Spray Drive in UC-32

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Haji Muhammad Yaseen Arain, General Secretary and founder of Bhai Khan Welfare Association, spoke to local residents while overseeing a dengue-prevention spray campaign across various streets and homes in UC-32. He said the association's aim is to protect people from various diseases without discrimination and to eliminate dengue from the area.

On the occasion, Welfare Association President Abdul Latif Sheikh, Senior Vice President Khan Aftab Ahmed Khan, Shahid Rajput, Muhammad Ismail Sheikh, Farhat Abbas, and Haji Muhammad Ismail Sheikh were also present. Haji Yaseen Arain stated that under the guidance of senior patrons Haji Muhammad Iqbal Qureshi and Haji Ashraf Abbasi, the team is focusing on spraying areas reporting high dengue cases. He added that while district administration and UC chairmen are conducting their own campaigns, it is also their duty to contribute to this humanitarian effort.

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Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi Makes Surprise Inspection at Lahore Airport, Reviews Immigration Process

LAHORE: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Minister for Overseas Pakistanis Chaudhry Salik Hussainconducted a surprise visit to Lahore Airport to inspect the immigration process and review passenger facilitation.

During the visit, the ministers interacted with passengers traveling abroad and closely examined their immigration documents. Minister Salik Hussain ensured the verification of employment documents under the Protec stickers system, aimed at preventing fraudulent overseas job placements.

Officials reported that a young man intending to travel abroad as a driver was stopped due to not possessing a valid driving license. Authorities assured him that the money he had paid to the recruiting company would be refunded.—RT/Agency

Gomal University Expels Students After String of Campus Incidents Sparks Outrage

DI KHAN: Gomal University has expelled several students after a series of serious incidents on campus, the university administration announced in an official statement.

In October, students, reportedly along with outsiders, stormed the Registrar's office, assaulted a female student, attempted to forcefully enter the Vice Chancellor's office, attacked a police guard, and disrespected the national anthem during a campus event. During a cricket match screening, anti-Pakistan slogans were also reportedly raised.

A fact-finding committee investigated the incidents and referred the matter to the disciplinary committee. Students facing allegations were issued show-cause notices, and their responses were found unsatisfactory. Consequently, the students were expelled, their admissions cancelled, and hostel rooms sealed.—RT/Agency

Ahsan Iqbal Blasts PTI, Demands Renaming of "Prisoner 804"

Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has demanded that the government change the label of "Prisoner 804" to "420." He criticized PTI members for chanting slogans for "Prisoner 804" in the assembly, stating that the person they defend is actually a "420," a reference to fraud, who deceived 24 crore citizens. He also pointed out that those calling others thieves were themselves convicted of embezzling 190 million PKR.

Iqbal further alleged that whenever his party contributed to Pakistan's development, conspiracies were hatched against them. He said the inexperienced leadership imposed in 2018 harmed the country and mocked the idea that an atomic power could be managed by superstition, claiming that bizarre rituals, such as burning goat heads, occurred in the Prime Minister's House.—RT/Agency

KP Chief Minister Condemns Neglect, Pledges Citizen-Friendly Policies

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi has said that KP is treated like a "stepmother" in national affairs. Speaking to the media, Afridi highlighted that the tribal districts were promised an annual allocation of 1 billion PKR, which has not been received. He also pointed out that the federal government owes KP over 3 trillion PKR.

Afridi criticized the lack of attention given to KP's governance and policy matters. He emphasized that after the merger of the tribal districts, KP's share should have reached 40 billion PKR, but the province has still not received its due.

Despite these challenges, Afridi assured that new policies and laws will prioritize the rights of the people. He stressed the need for fair treatment of KP in national development and resource distribution.—RT/Agency

FIA Busts Five Afghans Over Fake Documents in Peshawar Crackdown

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) carried out a raid in Peshawar and arrested five Afghan nationals involved in obtaining illegal identification documents. According to the FIA spokesperson, the suspects were apprehended at a private hotel in Dabgari and were residing in Pakistan illegally.

During the operation, authorities recovered Afghan identification documents, Pakistani ID cards, and passports from the arrested individuals. Initial investigations revealed that the suspects had entered Pakistan through illegal routes and had used fraudulent means to acquire Pakistani identification documents.—RT/Agency

Citrus Crisis Averted! PHDEC Gears Up Sargodha for Global Export Blitz

SARGOHDHA: Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Company (PHDEC) held a crucial workshop in Sargodha, the citrus capital, focusing on boosting kinnow quality and export efficiency ahead of the December 1st season start. Experts advised growers to reject damaged fruit and switch to plastic bins to combat the nearly 20% loss from poor handling. The National Logistics Corporation (NLC) announced over 100 new reefer containers and shared a new route to Central Asian Republics (CARs) via China, ensuring an unbroken cold chain. —RT

CM Maryam Nawaz stresses importance of tolerance amid rising extremism

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has emphasized that promoting tolerance and mutual understanding among people is the need of the hour, especially in times marked by increasing extremism and violent conflicts.

In her message on the International Day for Tolerance, the chief minister said that the value of patience and acceptance has become more critical than ever. She noted that hatred, intolerance, and discord can only be countered through love, harmony, and unity.

Maryam Nawaz urged citizens to pledge to make the world a better place by embracing tolerance and choosing the path of patience. —RT/Agency

Central Punjab

Bazm-e-Wafa-e-Qalam Expands Literary and Arts Programs in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mahmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Bazm-e-Wafa-e-Qalam, the only literary organization in Toba Tek Singh registered under the Societies Act 1860, announced the continuation of its membership registration drive to formally include poets, writers, and artists and provide them a strong platform to showcase their creative work.

The organization, dedicated to promoting literature, culture, and fine arts for the past six years, held an impressive press conference at iCafe, Bin Aslam Center, presided over by its president Aatir Al-Fayhani under the patronage of Fakhar Chaudhry. The president highlighted the organization's six-year achievements, literary services, and future vision. He stressed the urgent need to establish an Arts Council in Toba Tek Singh, saying that while other districts already benefit from such institutions, this district requires one even more to nurture the hidden artistic talent of the youth. He reaffirmed that Bazm-e-Wafa-e-Qalam will push dedicated efforts in this regard.

Aatir Al-Fayhani said the organization aims not only to promote poetry and literature but also to support fine arts, including calligraphy, painting, singing, music, and theatre. Upcoming initiatives include training workshops, art exhibitions, creative development programs, open-mic sessions, and digital podcasts.

Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela Champions Youth Sports at Gojra Hockey League Finale

By Abid Mahmood Ch:

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the district administration of Toba Tek Singh is actively promoting sports and youth development. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela attended the closing ceremony of the Men's and Women's Hockey League at the International Hockey Stadium in Tehsil Gojra as the chief guest.

The ceremony was also attended by Assistant Commissioner Chaudhry Muhammad Riaz, CEO MC Yasir, District Sports Officer Muhammad Jamil, Deputy Director Colleges, former hockey player Liaqat Ali Bhutta, and Hockey Academy Chairman Israr Liaqat. League organizer Khawar Javed and a large number of fans added energy and enthusiasm to the event.

Deputy Commissioner Mela highlighted the importance of sports for the physical and mental growth of youth. He stated that providing facilities and holding competitive leagues in hockey—Pakistan's national sport—and other sports helps young players develop their skills and prepares them to bring pride to the country at national and international levels.

Nation Pays Tribute to Fallen CTD DSP Imran Abbas Chadhar

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Retired Punjab Police Inspector Khawar Latif paid tribute to CTD DSP Imran Abbas Chadhar, praising his humanitarian efforts. DSP Chadhar has organized over 100,000 blood bags for children suffering from thalassemia and hemophilia across Punjab without exploiting his police position. Families of affected children have offered prayers in his honor. Despite personal tragedy, losing two children to the disease, Chadhar continues his charitable work, earning admiration for his professionalism, dedication, and service to the community.

Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela Conducts Surprise Inspections of Health, Education, and Beautification Projects in Gojra

By Abid Mahmood Ch:

TOBA TEK SINGH: Acting on the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif for public welfare and field monitoring, Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela paid a surprise and comprehensive visit to health, education, and beautification projects in Tehsil Gojra.

He closely inspected ongoing work, facilities, and administrative affairs in government institutions and issued strict instructions to the concerned departments. At Maryam Nawaz Health Clinics 301 JB and 321 JB, as well as other health centers, he reviewed staff attendance, record management, and medicine availability, emphasizing that quality primary healthcare is every citizen's right and that negligence will not be tolerated.

The Deputy Commissioner also visited Government High School 301 JB and Government Boys Elementary School 318 JB, assessing teaching standards, student attendance, and building conditions. He directed the administration to enhance the educational environment, student performance, and discipline.

Punjab Government Rolls Out Green Tractors to Boost Agriculture

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: A ceremony at Jinnah Hall, organized by the Agriculture Extension Department Narowal, marked the distribution of Green Tractors under the Punjab Government's Green Tractor Scheme. Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, attended as chief guest. Officials, including Punjab Bait-ul-Mal Ameen Khawaja Muhammad Waseem Butt, Director Agriculture Extension Gujranwala Dr. Muhammad Shakeel, and Deputy Director Agriculture Narowal Iftikhar Ahmed, were present. Farmers were briefed on the scheme's benefits and procedures, aiming to boost agricultural productivity and support local farmers.

Three Punjab Police Officers Shine in PMS Examination, Setting New Standards

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Inspector General Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar congratulated three Punjab Police officers for outstanding results in the Provincial Management Service (PMS) exam. Successful officers include Inspector Legal Javed Iqbal (40th position), Lady Assistant Bisma Abdul Sattar (42nd), and Sub Inspector Sadaqat Ali Chadhar (18th). The IG praised their dedication, urging them to use their skills for public service and development. All three officers have joined S&GAD and will complete training as PMS officers, continuing to maintain strong ties with the police department.

METRO KARACHI

PML-F Sindh Names New Office Bearers for Minority Wing

By Zafar Alam Malik

KARACHI: In consultation with Syed Sadruddin Shah Rashidi, President of Pakistan Muslim League-Functional (PML-F) Sindh, Sindh Secretary General Sardar Abdul Rahim has issued a notification appointing office bearers for the party's Minority Wing.

According to the notification, Ashraf Emmanuel Sahotra has been appointed Vice President Sindh, PML-F Minority Wing, and Samson Khokhar as General Secretary for the Karachi Division. Sardar Abdul Rahim stated that the move is aimed at addressing issues faced by the minority community and safeguarding their rights.

Safoora Town Review Meeting Pushes for Quick Completion of Delayed Development Projects

By Dildar Sailro

KARACHI: A key meeting chaired by Safoora Town Chairman Rashid Khaskheli reviewed ongoing development projects and public issues. Municipal Commissioner Alamgir Junejo, Vice Chairman Abdul Haq Baloch, XEN B&R Imdad Solangi, and other officers participated. Khaskheli directed officers to deliver municipal services without discrimination and ensure projects are completed on schedule, emphasizing urgent action on water and sewerage issues.

Fire Ravages Malir Village, Dozens of Goats Lost

By Fida Hussain Panhwar:

KARACHI:A sudden fire broke out in the goat enclosure of Haji Piral Baloch near MALIR Village (Wara) Hashim Mehr Ali Jokio. Five goats were killed instantly, and several others sustained injuries.

Villagers managed to control the fire before it caused further damage. Preliminary reports suggest the fire may have started from a heating stove or wood stored in the enclosure. Police have launched an investigation. Haji Piral Baloch reported losses of hundreds of thousands of rupees and requested the district administration to conduct a detailed inquiry and provide financial assistance.

Korangi Journalist Accuses Police of Harassment and Looting

By Dildar Sailro

KARACHI: A police harassment incident has been reported in Korangi Industrial Area. Journalist Fida Jamali alleges that former SHO Khalid Memon and Sub-Inspector Muhammad Khan Niazi raided his house at night, assaulting him, his wife, and children. They allegedly seized belongings from his home, medical store, clinic, media cell, and rented properties. Despite 9 months passing since the incident, no justice has been delivered, and Jamali claims ongoing threats. He has demanded immediate action from the IG Sindh.

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MONEY

Punjab Government Launches Hard Crackdown on Sugar Mills Delaying Crushing Season

The Punjab government has rolled out a strict action plan against sugar mills that have not started the crushing season, aiming to stabilize sugar supply and protect farmers' interests.

Mills failing to commence crushing from today will face a fine of one million rupees per day, according to the Cane Commissioner Punjab.

Current status of sugar mills

So far, 27 sugar mills in Punjab have started crushing. The remaining 14 mills will be inspected, and action will be taken if they fail to comply.

The Commissioner emphasized that timely payment to sugarcane farmers will be ensured during the crushing season. Teams have been formed to monitor production and compliance across the province.—Agency

BALOCHISTAN HEARTLAND

Jaffarabad Deputy Commissioner Reviews Public Library Project, Urges Student Support

By Inayatullah Har

JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad, Khalid Khan, along with Union Council Chairman Mir Mitha Khan Badini, district officers, and other dignitaries, visited the Public Library in Dera Allah Yar. The visit included an inspection of ongoing repair and construction work carried out by an NGO.

During the visit, library officials highlighted challenges including a shortage of books, lack of basic facilities, building repairs, insufficient furniture, and the need for a better learning environment. Students also met the Deputy Commissioner, requesting extended library hours, additional books, comfortable seating, and improved study facilities. The Deputy Commissioner assured that measures would be taken to enhance the library and support the educational growth of local youth.

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Inheritance Denied, Justice Defied

The Supreme Court's latest ruling has once again exposed a national disgrace we refuse to confront: the systemic, ruthless, and often deliberate denial of women's lawful inheritance. For decades, Pakistani women have been robbed of what is not a favour, not a privilege, but a divinely mandated and constitutionally protected right. This entrenched injustice is not merely a legal failure — it is a moral collapse.

Justice Athar Minallah's judgment reiterates what Islam declared unequivocally and what our Constitution enshrines: a woman's share in inheritance is non-negotiable. Yet across the country, countless women continue to be bullied, deceived, coerced, or simply pushed out of their rightful property by brothers, uncles, cousins, and entire clans. The case of Bibi Shahida, who fought for her share since 2002 while her brother repeatedly stonewalled her through bogus litigation, is not an anomaly. It is the shameful norm.

The court has placed responsibility squarely where it belongs: on the state. It is the state's duty — not an optional gesture — to ensure every woman knows her right, can claim her right, and does not have to wage a lifetime battle for what was hers from the moment her father closed his eyes. The judgment's call for a proactive and accessible mechanism is urgent and overdue. Without such enforcement, legal rights remain paper promises easily crushed under cultural coercion.

Furthermore, those who weaponise custom, manipulate religion, or abuse legal loopholes to deprive women must face real consequences. The Rs500,000 penalty imposed on the petitioner in this case should be a precedent, not an exception.

A society that denies women their inheritance denies its own moral foundations. The state must act — now, decisively, and without compromise — to uphold the dignity, financial autonomy, and humanity of Pakistan's women. Anything less is complicity.

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THE HEARTLAND

Massive Relief Effort in Thul as Over 1,700 Patients Treated at Free Medical Camp

By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: A large one-day free medical camp held at Panhyar House Thul provided healthcare services to more than 1,700 patients, marking a significant step forward in local medical support. The initiative was organized under the supervision of PPP leader Mir Afaq Khan Panhyar, with the cooperation of MNA Jacobabad Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani and PPP leader Mir Azad Khan Jakhrani.A total of 1,730 patients were examined, while 1,030 underwent laboratory tests, including screenings for malaria, typhoid, dengue, jaundice, diabetes, and other blood diagnostics. Patients received thorough check-ups, free diagnoses, medicines, and treatment, which brought relief and satisfaction to the community.Speaking to the media, Mir Afaq Panhyar emphasized that improving healthcare facilities in Thul is an urgent need, and the free camp has provided much-needed support to poor and deserving residents. He reiterated that their mission is to ensure accessible and free healthcare for all.

Social leader Sardar Abdul Hakeem Panhyar presented appreciation gifts to the doctors and staff in recognition of their humanitarian services. Local citizens and community figures praised the initiative and lauded the efforts of MNA Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani and Mir Afaq Panhyar, urging that such welfare activities be continued regularly.

Tando Allahyar Police Rescue Kidnapped Woman, Arrest Two Suspects in Swift Action

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada:

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Tando Allahyar police have safely recovered a kidnapped woman, Eman Fatima—daughter of Muhammad Mursaleen Rajput—who was named in FIR No. 140/2024 registered at B-Section Police Station under PPC Section 365. She had been abducted on June 18 last year.According to police sources, SHO B-Section Shabbir Hussain Laghari, along with ASI Umair Arain, conducted a successful raid at Keriya Shakh, where the abducted woman was recovered. Police arrested the accused, Amjad Ali Rind, son of Gulzar Rind, a resident of Hosri.Additionally, the mother of the accused, Zulekha Rind, who was involved in the kidnapping, was also taken into custody.

IG Sindh Orders Forceful Anti-Drug Blitz After MPA Taimur Talpur's Stark Warning

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: After MPA Taimur Talpur highlighted open drug sales in Umerkot, the IG Sindh issued immediate instructions to SSP Umerkot for strict action against narcotics and other criminal activities.

Speaking to the media, Talpur criticized the worsening law-and-order situation and pledged continued efforts to curb drugs and protect citizens, while also noting destruction caused by illegal liquor farms.

Thar Cricket Ground Nears Completion, Set to Transform Local Sports Landscape

By Dr. Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: The Sindh government-approved cricket ground at Thar's Chhor Town Committee has entered its final construction phase. PPP Councilor Minthar Arisar, contractor Rafiq Bughio, and senior players Altaf Arisar, Raheem Bhayo, Sarwan Singh Sodho, Rafiq Bhayo, and Sarup Singh visited the site to mark the cricket pitch layout.

Following players' recommendations, the entire ground has been leveled above road level using double compaction, and it was decided to import quality soil from Punjab for a durable pitch. Authorities aim to open the ground to the public by the New Year, providing a recreational facility for cricket enthusiasts in Chhor and surrounding areas.

Mayor Hyderabad Visits Burns Ward, Vows Top Care for Blast Victims

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Ali Shoro visited the Burn Ward of Civil Hospital Hyderabad to inquire about the condition of those injured in the recent explosion. He met the medical team and received a detailed briefing from doctors regarding the nature of injuries and the treatment being provided.

The Mayor directed the hospital administration to ensure that all injured patients receive the best possible medical care without any delay or negligence. He emphasized that the district administration stands fully committed to supporting the victims during this difficult time.

Mayor Shoro also met with the families of the injured and assured them of complete cooperation and assistance from the city administration.

Sakhi Jam Datar's 754th Urs Set to Draw Thousands in Shaheed Benazirabad

By Farooq Junejo

SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD: The district administration has announced a public holiday on November 17 to mark the 754th Urs of renowned Sufi saint, Syed Asghar Ali Shah, also known as Sakhi Jam Datar. The three-day official ceremony in Jam Sahib city will run from November 17 to 19.

Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Division, Shamir Khan Bhutto, Deputy Commissioner Abdul Samad Nizamani, and other officials will inaugurate the ceremonies by placing a floral chadar on the saint's shrine. Strict security arrangements have been made, and the Pakistan World Sufi Council will host a peace conference on the second day of the Urs.

Human Rights and Legal Support Unit to Open at Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Institute

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD:The Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh, held a high-level coordination meeting at Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Institute of Psychiatry, Hyderabad. Chaired by Agha Fakhur Hussain, Director Human Rights, the meeting was attended by Professor Dr. Nisar Sohu, hospital administration, senior psychologists, and Maqbool Rahu, CEO HANDS, along with representatives from HANDS.In line with the vision of Special Assistant to the Chief Minister on Human Rights, Rajvir Singh Sodha, it was decided to establish a Joint Human Rights & Legal Support Unit at the hospital.

Imtiaz Ali Liskani Sweeps Press Club Elections, Elected President

By Imtiaz Ali Liskani

NAUBAD:The annual elections of the Naubad-Press Club for 2024–2025 were held under the supervision of Hakim Ali Baloch, President of Jam Nawaz Ali Press Club. During the polling process, newly elected office bearers were welcomed with garlands.

According to the official results, senior journalist Saleem Liskani was elected as Patron-in-Chief, while Imtiaz Ali Liskani was elected President. Zeeshan Ali Baledhi became Senior Vice President, Shakeel Ahmed Mehr was elected General Secretary, and Moti Ram was chosen as Joint Secretary. Ehsan Ali was elected as Information Secretary, Sikandar Ali as Office Secretary, and Muhammad Jaman Marri as Chairman of the Working Committee, with Amir Ali Mangrio elected as its member.Following the announcement, journalists, including Ustad Ali Dino Khaskheli, along with various political and social personalities, visited the Press Club to congratulate the newly elected office bearers by presenting Sindhi Ajraks and flower garlands.

Grand 4th Urs Ceremony Held in Hyderabad

By Afaq Ahmed Khanzada:

TANDO ALLAHYAR: Anjuman Safeena-e-Haidari organized a 4th Urs ceremony at Imam Bargah Haidari to honor their leader, Salar Qafla, and former People's Party City General Secretary Yarwis Insan Niaz Hussain Haidari. A floral chadar was placed on the sacred grave, followed by recitations of Tila'at Kalam to commence the Majlis.

After Maghrib prayers, Hyderabad-based writer Manzoor Kalro highlighted the personality and contributions of Haidari Sahib. Following Isha prayers and supplications, the formal Majlis-e-Aza was held, featuring recitations of marsiyas, nohas, and qaseedas by various participants.

Molana Imdad Hussain Haidari delivered a powerful sermon focusing on Islam and humanity. Alamdar Hussain Haidari managed the stage and extended a warm welcome to all guests. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of langar to attendees.

Sunni Leader Demands Crackdown After Latifabad Firecracker Blast Shakes City

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Muhammad Khalid Qadri, Senior Central Vice President of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek, expressed deep sorrow over the tragic explosion at an illegal firecracker factory in Latifabad No. 10, Leghari Goth. He offered condolences to the families of the victims and criticized the administration, saying authorities remain inactive until disasters occur, after which attention fades quickly.

Qadri highlighted recurring public safety issues, including deaths caused by gas cylinder explosions, toxic alcohol, and unsafe construction. He also warned that drugs such as hashish, heroin, ice, alcohol, and gutka are being openly sold across Hyderabad, endangering the younger generation.

He demanded that the Sindh Chief Minister and Home Minister conduct a high-level investigation into the blast, including accountability for those who facilitated or protected the illegal factory. He stressed that safeguarding public life and property must be a priority.

Hyderabad Police Launch Sweeping Drive, Arrest 12 in Anti-Drug and Gambling Raids

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD:In a significant move to curb criminal activities, Hyderabad District Police conducted a series of coordinated operations across the city, resulting in the arrest of twelve individuals involved in drug trafficking, illegal liquor sales, banned tobacco product distribution, and unlawful gambling.The operations demonstrated the police force's commitment to maintaining law and order and protecting public safety.Makkah Shah Police Target Drug and Liquor NetworkMakkah Shah Police Station led several targeted raids, apprehending two major suppliers of narcotics and illegal liquor. Officers also seized significant quantities of banned substances and illicit tobacco products.

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SPORTS

Bulls icon spills truth on the explosive Jordan–Pippen dynamic

Former Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers forward Horace Grant has said that he hopes NBA legends Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen can settle their relationship, calling their feud "silliness."

Bulls legend Pippen shocked the fans earlier this year when he opened up about his relationship with Jordan.

Pippen revealed that he and Jordan had not been friendly off the court and had never shared activities, like having dinner, not even during their playing days, let alone after they retired.

However, their former teammate Grant is hoping that the legends will settle their relationship soon.

During his Legends in Session show, he opened up about MJ's and Pippen's ongoing feud and called it silliness.

Grant said that he hopes and prays that both the legends can sit down and sort things out.

"Oh, man, I think and I hope and pray that they both come to such a moment that they can both sit down and talk this thing out," Grant said. He added that both are great players and suggested that Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen settle the relationship.—Agency

Sarfaraz Ahmed lands powerful new role in Pakistan cricket shake-up

LAHORE: Former Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed has been entrusted with major responsibilities by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), sources told

According to the sources, Sarfaraz will now oversee all matters related to the Pakistan Shaheens and Pakistan Under-19 teams.

His role will include supervising coaches, managing tours, and staying with the teams during training camps and series held in Pakistan. He will also have the authority to travel with the teams on overseas assignments.

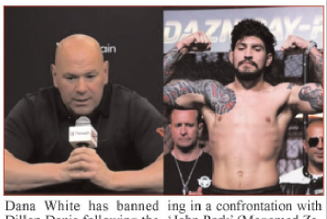
It is pertinent to mention that the wicket-keeper-batter, who has an extensive international career, played 54 Tests, scoring 3,031 runs, including four centuries and 21 fifties.

In 117 ODIs, he amassed 2,315 runs with two centuries and 11 fifties, while in T20Is, he scored 818 runs in 61 matches, including three fifties.

Sarfaraz also boasts an impressive captaincy record. He led Pakistan to victory in the 2017 Champions Trophy and defeated India by 180 runs in the final with a 70% win rate.

He also guided the team to a 62.5% win rate in the 2019 Cricket World Cup, winning five of nine matches.—Agency

Dana White slams the door shut on Dillon Danis at UFC events



Dana White has banned Dillon Danis following the chaotic brawl between the American MMA fighter and Islam Makhachev's teammates at UFC 322 held at Madison Square Garden on Saturday.

The UFC's annual event at Madison Square Garden concluded with several blockbuster fights.

However, it was a brawl in the crowd involving Danis and Makhachev's teammates that stole the show.

Conor McGregor's old training partner, Danis, was seen in viral footage engaging in a confrontation with 'John Pork' (Magomed Zaynikov) and other members of Team Khabib.

Security intervened to separate the fighters, and Danis was escorted out of the arena by police.

UFC CEO Dana White was asked about the incident during his post-fight press conference. He took the responsibility for the brawl and imposed a lifetime UFC ban on Dillon Danis.

I blame myself for that, actually, White said when asked about the melee.—Agency

Face of the Day

I'm Sameer Imran and I'm Karachi's young gaming prodigy!

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Mitchell's blazing century lifts New Zealand to tense ODI triumph over West Indies

HAGLEY OVAL: Daryl Mitchell let out a rare roar after reaching a century in New Zealand's first ODI against the West Indies at Hagley Oval.

His seventh ODI hundred, a gritty 119 on a challenging, two-paced pitch, helped New Zealand post 269, a total they defended narrowly by seven runs to take an early lead in the series.

West Indies, after electing to bowl first, remained competitive for much of the match. They replaced three spinners from their previous game with seamers, with Matthew Forde emerging as the standout in the opening overs.

Forde came close to a hat-trick in the seventh over, removing Rachin Ravindra for 4 and Will Young for a golden duck in his 50th ODI. At 24 for 2, the Blackcaps found themselves in early trouble on a pitch offering consistent seam movement.

Mitchell walked in and countered with clever footwork, nullifying the seamers' threat and steadily increasing the scoring rate.

Devon Conway contributed a scratchy but vital 49 off 58 balls as the hosts recovered to 91 for 2, before the innings stalled again under the tight bowling of Roston Chase.

Exploiting the wind and using impeccable length, Chase created multiple chances, though only one ended in a wicket. Michael Bracewell, who added 35 off 52, was reprieved twice, allowing New Zealand to regain momentum.

At 192 for 5 in the 42nd over, Mitchell, on 79, pulled up with a left-leg issue and had to bat with limited running.

Despite the injury, he cleared the straight boundaries with trademark power, reaching his century with 12 fours and two sixes, ultimately dragging New Zealand to a competitive total.—Agency

World Test Championship table shaken after South Africa's dramatic win over India

KOLKATA: South Africa climbed the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2025-27 points table after defeating India by 30 runs in a low-scoring first Test at Eden Gardens on Sunday, while India slipped down the standings.

The Proteas, coming off a 1-1 draw against Pakistan in their two-match series last month, bounced back strongly against India.

They now occupy second place in the WTC standings with two wins and one loss from three matches, totaling 24 points and a 66.67% success rate.

India, meanwhile, dropped to fourth spot after recording four wins, three defeats, and one draw in eight games, earning 52 points at a 54.17% success rate.

Pakistan sits fifth with one win and one loss against South Africa last month, with 12 points and a 50% success rate. Australia remains at the top, winning all three of their games to accumulate 36 points and a 100% success rate.

Off-spinner Simon Harmer starred for South Africa with figures of 4-21, dismantling India's chase of 124 as the visitors were bowled out for 93 in front of nearly 40,000 spectators.

Earlier, South Africa had faced pressure after conceding a first-innings lead of 30. Resuming on day three at 93-7, the Proteas relied on captain Temba Bavuma's resilience.

Bavuma scored an unbeaten 55—the only half-century of the match—on a challenging pitch that offered inconsistent bounce and turn. Corbin Bosch contributed 25 before being dismissed by Jasprit Bumrah, triggering a collapse of South Africa's tail.

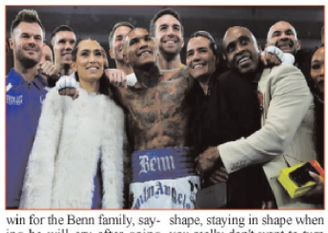
Bavuma's 136-ball innings, featuring four boundaries, was crucial in setting a modest target for India.

India's chase was hampered by injuries, with captain Shubman Gill retiring hurt in the first innings and unable to bat in the second.

Marco Jansen struck early, claiming two wickets in his first seven deliveries, leaving India in disarray. Yashasvi Jaiswal fell for a four-ball duck, while KL Rahul managed just one run before being caught behind.

Harmer continued his dominance by dismissing Dhruv Jurel and Rishabh Pant, reducing India to 38-4, and later trapped Ravindra Jadeja for 18. Aiden Markram then removed a set Washington Sundar (31), further crippling India's chase.—Agency

Conor Benn admits he'll break down in private after emotional revenge over Eubank Jr.



Conor Benn has said that he would "go home and cry" after getting revenge from Chris Eubank Jr. in a rematch.

Benn outboxed Eubank Jr., delivering a clinical performance and displaying a fight many thought he didn't have in his locker.

In their first match in April, Eubank Jr narrowly defeated Benn in a thrilling 12-round contest in which all three judges scored the bout 116-112 in his favour.

However, this time around, Benn turned it around, winning by unanimous decision at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, including two knockdowns in Round 12 to cap off a remarkable performance.

Conor Benn was emotional at the post-match press conference after getting a win for the Benn family, saying he will cry after going home.

"I feel like I'm gong to go home and cry," Benn said.

"Oh man it's been hard. Facing my first loss, coming back from adversity. It's things you've got to do. As a man you go through things in life, and you don't know why.

"But you just have to keep fighting. Staying in shape, staying in shape when you really don't want to turn up.

"Facing your own demons every single day, that's the hardest fight really. Getting in the ring for 36 minutes is no problem."

Originally, Benn and Eubank Jr. were scheduled to fight in 2022 for the first time, but the former failed two drug tests. He was later allowed to fight in the UK again in 2024, but admitted that he struggled with suicidal thoughts in the two years in between.

He dedicated the fight to those who supported him during a tough period.

"There's a lot of people in the changing room that were there for me during them times, gave me words of advice. Ultimately, I couldn't do it alone. I weren't strong enough to do it alone," Benn said.

"I had good support people round [who] helped my carry the load. The people in that room, the win's for them. Every single one of us because when I was down, we were all down. And when I'm up we're all up.—Agency

Asia Cup Rising Stars final clouded by escalating trophy dispute

LAHORE: The trophy saga from the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 may extend to the Asia Cup Rising Stars tournament.

The Rising Stars final is scheduled for November 23 in Doha, and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) President Mohsin Naqvi is expected to attend as the chief guest at the closing ceremony.

According to the sources, the Indian team is likely to reach the final, which could potentially be contested between India 'A' and Pakistan Shaheens, similar to the senior Asia Cup.

Concerns have been raised that a trophy-related controversy may arise, following a similar situation in the senior tournament.

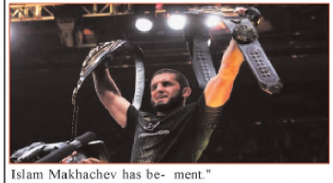
Earlier in September, the Indian team did not attend the Asia Cup 2025 closing ceremony, reportedly due to the presence of ACC President Mohsin Naqvi who is also the Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

India had refused to collect the Asia Cup trophy directly from him. The trophy remains with the ACC, which has offered India the chance to receive it at a formal event.

In the senior Asia Cup, the closing ceremony saw individual awards distributed to players like Kuldeep Yadav, Shivam Dube and Tilak Varma, while Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha received runners-up prize money.

Kuldeep Yadav also received the award for highest wicket-taker and Abhishek Sharma was named Player of the Tournament. —Agency

Islam Makhachev crushes Della Maddalena at UFC 322 to cement two-division dominance



Islam Makhachev has become a two-division champion after defeating former welterweight title holder Jack Della Maddalena by unanimous decision, 50-45, 50-45, 50-45, on Saturday night at UFC 322 in the main event at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Former UFC lightweight champion Makhachev (28-1 MMA) has become the 11th fighter in UFC history to win multiple titles across divisions.

The Russian is also close to breaking Anderson Silva's record for the UFC's longest winning streak with 16 consecutive outings, as he has tied the record with the victory against Australia's Della Maddalena (18-3 MMA).

"This is the dream," Makhachev said. "All my life I've fought for this. I worked hard for this moment."

Makhachev sees an opportunity to cement his status as MMA's top champion and is aiming to fight at the UFC's planned White House event next summer, if he stays healthy.

"I'm coming," Makhachev said.

Della Maddalena was unbeaten since losing his first two pro MMA fights in 2016, and he had captured the welterweight title by defeating Belal Muhammad in May. However, Jack had no answer to Islam Makhachev's wrestling skills, who secured every takedown he chased and held the Australian fighter pressed to the canvas for extended periods.

Makhachev was the favourite coming into the fight, but concerns existed that Della Maddalena's size and boxing skills might make it difficult for the Dagestani fighter.—Agency

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Vanderpump Rules 2.0? Lisa Vanderpump Teases "Naughtier, Sexier, Funnier" New Cast for Season 12

Lisa Vanderpump is promising a major shake-up for the 12th season of Vanderpump Rules — and she isn't holding back.Speaking at BravoCon 2025, the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills alum hinted that the long-running series is about to feel brand new.

"It's definitely got a different flavor," she teased of the upcoming episodes.

She continued, "It's new, it's funny, it's fast. You're going to see. But yeah, we're not trying to recreate it. We did that, and we did that well. This is something different."

The revamped cast features Venus Binkley, Jason Cohen, Shayne Davis, Natalie Maguire, and SUR newcomer Angelica Jensen — and Lisa says they bring the chaos in all the right ways.

"They're a wild bunch. They're a lot of fun. I like them all, for all their naughtiness and hi-jinks," she said, adding that each new face comes with a surprising backstory. "Everyone has some kind of history. We go quite deep emotionally with some of them. It's very different to Vanderpump Rules where the problems became very serious. It became a more adult show."

According to Lisa, this crew is "naughtier, sexier, funnier" than the original stars — and far more willing to film together.

"We had to deal with people not wanting to film with each other. I always said, 'I don't want to go down on a sinking ship.'"

Nicole Scherzinger reveals the fire behind her courage for Sunset Blvd.

Nicole Scherzinger "mustered up the courage" to ask her Sunset Boulevard predecessor Glenn Close to sign the cast album when she visited her backstage at the show.

The Fatal Attraction actress, who originated the role of Norma Desmond on Broadway, paid a visit to see the former Pussycat Dolls singer take on the character in the revival.

Remembering that night in an interview with Variety, Scherzinger revealed that Close wrote her a touching message when she signed her Sunset Boulevard vinyl.

"She said this was arguably one of the greatest roles ever written. And it really tests your mettle, as she knows. I was nervous, but then I mustered up the courage to ask her to sign my album," she shared.

"And guess what she wrote on it? 'To my soulmate. Love, Glenn.' I couldn't believe it. Like, how cool is that?" Nicole gushed.

The Hawaii-born singer posted several photos from her "surreal" backstage encounter with Close on Instagram at that time. In the caption, she praised the "kind, generous, and open-hearted" actress for "gracing us with your luminous, grounded presence".

Britney Spears melts hearts in her viral clip with Kim and Khloe Kardashian

Britney Spears has just shared a video alongside some members of the Kardashian clan and added a heartstring tugging caption that is melting hearts.

The video in question shows the singer vibrating alongside the reality TV stars Kim Kardashian and Khloe Kardashian in their home, atop a geriatric bed, according to one of the sisters.

Britney is even seen kissing Kim on the cheek, before saying, "Oh, we're just chillin'."

The caption however was what tugged at heartstrings because it thanked the sisters for a number of things. From 'allowing' Britney to play with their kids, to having dinner etc.

The post reads, "such a warm, beautiful, kind family… Thank you for allowing me to play with your kids and dinner!!! It was an honor to spend time with you guys!! Happy Holidays".

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Civic Leaders Meet Wali Muhammad Narejo, Push for Urgent Urban Reforms

MIRPURKHAS: A delegation of social leaders called on Chairman of Mir Sher Muhammad Talpur Town, Wali Muhammad Narejo, at his office to discuss pressing civic issues. The delegation included Professor Noor Muhammad Talib (President, Millat Youth), Bashir Elahi Mohammadi (Chairman, Aman Welfare Foundation), and Muhammad Hassan.

During the meeting, the leaders discussed sanitation concerns, illegal encroachments, and other challenges affecting the local community. Special emphasis was placed on problems faced by residents in the Mir-e-Plat area, urging the chairman to take prompt action.

Chairman Wali Muhammad Narejo assured the delegation that effective and immediate measures would be implemented to resolve municipal issues. He emphasized that improving citizen facilities remains a top priority. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides agreeing to maintain regular communication in the future.

PPP MNA Javed Ali Shah Jillani Attends 71st Urs of Faqeer Hadi Ghamkhsar in Khairpur

By Sajjad Chang

HINGORJA: Pakistan Peoples Party MNA Syed Javed Ali Shah Jillani attended the 71st annual Urs ceremony of the revered Sufi saint and poet Faqeer Hadi Ghamkhsar at Rafiq Mahesar village in Khairpur district.

Addressing the gathering, Jillani praised Ghamkhsar as one of Sindh's distinguished Sufi saints whose poetry and philosophy promote love, humanity, and peace. He emphasized that the saint's teachings continue to guide society, helping eliminate hatred and divisions.

Jillani also highlighted that the government is prioritizing the preservation and protection of Sufi shrines and Sindh's rich cultural heritage, ensuring these spiritual and historical sites remain safeguarded for future generations.

Cultural Festival Reverberates as Provincial Leaders Praise Army Chief as National Hero

By Samiullah Memon

DARO: Provincial ministers and local leaders of PPP in Sajawal, including MPA Muhammad Ali Khan Malkani, MPA Heer Sohoo, Arbab Ramezal Din Memon, Sajad Shoro, Dr. Iqbal Memon, Ada Latif Memon, Firdous Aziz Mirbahar, and Manzoor Palejo, praised Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal General Asim Munir as a national hero. Speaking to the media at a cultural festival in Shams Shoro village, held in memory of former district PPP leaders Dr. Shams Shoro and Shaheed Shehzad Shoro, they said General Munir's leadership brought historic victory over India and enhanced the country's prestige globally.The leaders also expressed support for the 27th Constitutional Amendment, stating it will further strengthen the country. They remarked that judges resigning in protest is their democratic right but questioned why similar resignations were not submitted during Marshal rule. They emphasized that the 27th Amendment was a result of consensus among PPP, PML-N, and other political parties, and opposition now is unfounded.

Sindhiani Tehreek Storms Hyderabad in Massive Protest Against 27th Amendment and Land Grabs

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Sindhiani Tehreek, the women's wing of the Awami Tehreek, led a large-scale protest in Hyderabad against the controversial 27th Constitutional Amendment, corporate farming, and other policies perceived as harmful to the people of Sindh. Demonstrators boldly defied Section 144, demonstrating their resolve to protect Sindh's unity, resources, and lands.

The march began at City Gate and concluded at Hyderabad Press Club, passing through key areas such as the Civil Hospital and Tando Wali Muhammad. Leaders and participants highlighted issues including unregulated land acquisition, resource exploitation, and social injustices.

Speakers called on the provincial and federal authorities to repeal unjust policies and ensure the rights and welfare of Sindh's citizens are safeguarded.

SITE Hyderabad Grinds to a Halt as Infrastructure Collapse Cripples Industrial Output

By GM Chandio

HYDERBAD:The Hyderabad SITE Association of Trade and Industry (HSATI) has issued a serious warning over the crumbling infrastructure in the SITE Hyderabad industrial zone, highlighting severe disruptions to industrial production, exports, and the movement of labor and heavy transport.In a press statement, HSATI Chairman Zubair Ghanghro expressed deep concern that the once-model industrial estate is now facing the worst administrative and developmental crisis in its history. He criticized the destruction of key infrastructure, prolonged delays in road maintenance, and neglect by local authorities, which are collectively stalling economic activity and threatening investors' confidence in the region.

Kumb Erupts in Outcry After Senior Journalist Naz Solangi Brutally Attacked

KUMB: The President of the Awami Press Club and RT Correspondent in Kumb, Naz Solangi has been facing threats from the local influential men only for performing his journalistic duties with honesty. In this regard it was learnt that few days ago he was attacked by the armed men, who severely injured him and managed to flee from the scene. The police have registered a case but thw accused men are yet to be arrested. According to reports, journalists in Kumb held a protest in front of the police station, demanding the arrest of those involved in the attack on senior journalist.The protest was led by journalists Anwar Shaikh, Abdullah Kaladi, Syed Mohsin Shah, Abdul Razzaq Shar, Mujahid Khaskheli, Captain Rajib Mallah, and others. Addressing the protesters, the leaders said that journalists in Khairpur district are no longer safe. —RT

Devotees Gather for Special Prayers in Shahdadpur to Honour Spiritual Guide

By Sajan Jani

SHAHDADPUR: A spiritual gathering was held in Haji Allah Bakhsh Ahpan village to pray for the health and freedom of Maqdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi, leader of the Jamat Ghausia. Hundreds of devotees and leaders participated in Quran recitation, Naat, and special prayers.

Major Housing Schemes Rolled Out by Khawaja Shia Ithna Ashari Federation in Badin

By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: The Khawaja Shia Ithna Ashari Federation laid the foundation for two major housing projects in Badin, including 32 homes to be completed within 12 months for deserving members of the community. The event was attended by Federation Presidents Safdar Jafar and Abdul Hassan Gokal.

Kot Ghulam Muhammad Drive Demolishes Shops of Four Poor Traders, Sparks Outrage

By Zohaib Ali Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: In Kot Ghulam Muhammad, the administration, citing encroachment, demolished the shops of four poor merchants despite a two-day court notice, sparking outrage among affected shopkeepers and local citizens. While 16 acres of government land remain illegally occupied, no action has been taken against larger encroachments.

Affected merchants stated that their shops—owned by Ali Hassan Khaskheli, Abdul Salam Rajput, Muhammad Younus Sheikh, and Jeyand Khaskheli—were demolished using an outdated general encroachment letter, leaving them unemployed. Citizens and shopkeepers protested strongly, claiming that the administration's actions targeted only a few small shops while failing to address the citywide encroachment problem that has persisted for decades.

JSQM Rally Roars Through Sindh Against 27th Amendment and Afghan Influx

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

HYDERABAD: The Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM) organized a major rally today opposing the 27th Constitutional Amendment and the unregulated influx of Afghans into Sindh. Led by Senior Vice Chairman Amjad Khan Mahesar, the rally began from WAPDA JSQM House and concluded at Panj Gula Chowk, where leaders addressed the crowd.

District leaders, including President Kamuil Khan Abro, Aashiq Ali Chhano, Basheer Mahesar, Daim Ajano, and Lateef Radh, participated alongside hundreds of workers. Speakers condemned the 27th Amendment as an attack on Sindh's powers and warned that the uncontrolled Afghan influx threatens local resources, employment, and peace.JSQM leaders urged the people of Sindh to unite and continue their struggle to protect provincial rights, resources, and security.

Jacobabad Residents Demand Ladies' Park in Newly Rebuilt Allah Bakhsh Soomro Park

By Muhammad Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: Women in Jacobabad have strongly demanded the conversion of the dilapidated Shaheed Allah Bakhsh Soomro Park (Tkando) into a modern ladies' park. Located in a prime area near many city neighborhoods, the park is seen as vital for women suffering from health issues such as sugar and blood pressure problems.The city's veiled women appealed to Municipal Committee Chairman Mir Ghulam Abbas Khan Jakhrani to rebuild the old park and establish a dedicated space for ladies. They emphasized that a separate ladies' park is necessary for their recreational and health needs.

Karachi Water Supply on Edge as Dhabeji Pumping Station Suffers Power Breakdown

By Mohammad Khan Memon

THATTA: The Water Corporation reported a power breakdown at the Dhabeji Pumping Station's second phase on Sunday morning at 6 a.m., affecting Line Number 5. This disruption caused Phase 2 pumps to shut down, potentially reducing Karachi's water supply by 100 million gallons.Emergency repair work is underway, and the administration has assured that efforts will be made to restore full operations promptly to prevent water shortages.

Mirpurkhas Sports Day Ignites Passion at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Stadium

MIRPURKHAS: Sindh Rural Partners Organization (SRPO), Sindh Education Foundation, and the Youth Sports Committee jointly organized a vibrant Sports Day at the Benazir Bhutto Stadium (Gamma Stadium). Children participated in various games, showcasing exceptional talent and achieving remarkable success.

The event's chief guests were Madam Rahda Detho and District Sports Officer Wash Deo Malhi, while other distinguished guests included Manzoor Detho, Shehbaz Amjad Soomro, Ghulam Nabi Baloch, and several notable social and sports figures.

Competitions such as cricket, rope skipping, catch ball, tug-of-war, and 100-meter races were held, all efficiently managed by the Youth Sports Committee Mirpurkhas. Committee members, including President Imam Baloch and Razi…, ensured smooth organization and enthusiastic participation, making the day a memorable celebration of sportsmanship and youth engagement.

Hyderabad Goes on High Alert as DC Memon Orders Hotspot Anti-Dengue Blitz

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad district administration has launched a renewed offensive against dengue and malaria, with Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abidin Memon calling for focused operations on critical mosquito breeding hotspots.

In a high-level review at the Mayor Secretariat Civic Center, DC Memon presided over senior officials, including Municipal Commissioner Zahoor Ahmed Lakhan, Assistant Commissioner Latifabad Saud Khan, District Health Officer Pir Ghulam Hussain, and Dr. Poonam Jatoi of Civil Hospital, to assess ongoing fumigation campaigns and identify operational gaps.Field representatives from Qasimabad, Husainabad, Shah Latifabad, Sachal Sarmast, Nerun Kot, Mian Sarfaraz, Preetabad, Tando Jam, and Tando Fazul presented detailed ground reports.

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GLOBAL WATCH

New York Village Shuts Down Digital Complaints After Online Flood Overwhelms System

ISLANDIA: Have a complaint about potholes or trash? Take it up at village hall. Just don't email. Or call. A village in the New York City suburbs is no longer allowing people to make complaints electronically after town officials say they've been besieged by online grievances that have turned out to be unfounded.Islandia on Long Island now requires complaints be submitted in-person at the village's government offices.The policy, which was adopted last month, even prevents residents from using its online portal for complaints, though a village spokesperson told Newsday it will also accept complaints sent via certified or registered mail.Mayor Allan Dorman has said the policy was necessary after the village, located about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Manhattan, was inundated by complaints by email and through its online portal.—RT/Agency

Sindhi History Shocker: A Nation of Warriors Since Day One

By Zia Qureshi

VIRGINIA: Professor Sajid Soomro ignited a fresh debate by declaring Sindhis a historic warrior nation. He claims Sindhis once ruled Greeks for 800 years and possessed unmatched bravery. Citing books claiming Sindhi empires in ancient America, he argues their valor spans continents. Soomro highlights heroic figures like Raja Dahir, Rooplo Kolhi, Doolah Darya Khan, and others who fought legendary battles. While Mohenjo Daro was peaceful, he insists wider Sindhi history is defined by courage and warfare.

Digital-Age Project Management Pushing Pakistan Toward a Sharper, Smarter Future

By Mariam Khalid/Ayesha Ashraf

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Digital technology is changing the way organizations in Pakistan and around the world manage their projects. In the past, project management was mostly about planning schedules, controlling budgets, and checking progress. Today, it has become a modern and smarter field that uses technology, data, and fast communication to get better results.

Many project teams now rely on digital tools to work more smoothly. Artificial intelligence helps managers predict problems and make stronger decisions. Cloud platforms allow team members to share information and communicate in real time, even when they are not in the same place. Digital dashboards also make it easy to track progress, solve issues quickly, and maintain transparency.

But this change also brings challenges. Some organizations have limited digital skills or worry about data security. Others find it difficult to accept new systems and change old working habits. Because of these challenges, the role of the project manager has become more demanding. Modern project managers must understand technology, but they must also understand people. They need to support their teams, build confidence, and create a culture where learning and change are welcomed.

As Pakistan's digital economy grows, project managers who are ready to adapt and improve will be in high demand. Success now depends on combining human experience with digital tools. Professionals who stay creative, responsible, and open to learning will guide Pakistan toward a more connected and efficient future.

Project managers today are not just coordinators they are leaders shaping the nation's progress in the digital age.

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c.	Socks Cotton (Black)	No.	15000
d.	Force Sign	No.	15000
e.	CCD Rank/Name Plate/ASF Plate Set	No.	9500
f.	Female Hand Bag	No.	700

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Murad Calls for Harmony and Respect on International Day for Tolerance

KARACHI / CM House / Sunday, 16 November 2025: On the occasion of International Day for Tolerance, Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah highlighted the importance of tolerance, respect, and harmony in society.

In his message, the Chief Minister said that tolerance is humanity's greatest strength and that peace, patience, and acceptance have always been the hallmark of Sindh. He stressed that valuing diverse cultures is the true path to social harmony, and that the blend of different ideas and cultures contributes to Pakistan's beauty.

He warned that hatred and intolerance weaken societies, while respecting differing opinions is the foundation of a peaceful community. He added that honoring others' beliefs and ways of life is essential for progress, and that nurturing tolerance and respect is a critical need of the times.—RT

Dengue Crisis Deepens in Sindh as Three More Die, Yearly Death Toll Climbs to 36

KARACHI: The Sindh Health Department has confirmed that three more dengue patients have died, raising the total number of deaths this year to 36. According to media reports, the latest fatalities include a 50-year-old man and an 80-year-old woman in Hyderabad, while a 55-year-old woman passed away in Karachi.

Over the past 24 hours, 180 new dengue cases were reported across hospitals in Sindh. Of these, 113 patients were admitted to government hospitals, while 57 were taken to private facilities. Currently, 241 dengue patients are under treatment in both public and private hospitals.

In the last day alone, 44 patients were admitted in Karachi Division, 35 in Hyderabad, and 34 from other districts.

Health officials have urged citizens to take precautionary measures, eliminate mosquito breeding sites, and seek immediate medical help if symptoms appear.—RT/Agency

Transport Fares Jump Four Percent as Fuel Price Surge Hits Hard

KARACHI: President of the Pakistan Goods Transport Alliance, Malik Shehzad Awan, has strongly condemned the recent increase in petroleum product prices and announced a 4% hike in transport fares.

According to media reports, Awan stated that government policies are forcing transporters toward a nationwide strike, adding that the alliance will soon unveil its strategy against what he termed as "government irregularities."

A day earlier, the government announced petroleum prices for the next 15 days. Under the new notification, the price of diesel has been increased by Rs6 per litre, while the price of petrol has been kept unchanged. Awan warned that if the government fails to reconsider its decisions, the transport community may resort to strong protest measures to safeguard their economic interests.—RT/Agency

Pakistani Rapper Talha Anjum Stuns Fans by Waving Indian Flag at Nepal Concert in Peace Gesture

KATHMANDU/KARACHI: Pakistani rapper Talha Anjum sparked attention during his concert in Nepal after he waved the Indian flag as a gesture of friendship and cross-border harmony. The moment, captured by fans, highlighted the artist's message of unity beyond political boundaries.

Anjum's fellow rapper Talha Yunus also joined in by waving the Nepalese flag, drawing cheers from the crowd. Both performers emphasized that music has the power to bring people together, promoting goodwill and cultural brotherhood among nations.

The duo—popularly known for their contributions to Pakistan's hip-hop scene—used the platform to convey a message of peace, respect, and mutual understanding among Pakistan, India, and Nepal.—RT/Agency

Notorious Target Killer Nabbed in Rangers–Police Joint Raid, Linked to Extortion and Drug Rings

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers and Karachi Police have arrested a wanted suspect involved in target killings, extortion, drug trafficking, and multiple police encounters.

According to the Sindh Rangers spokesperson, the arrested suspect, Shaukat Ali alias Agha Shaukat, had multiple FIRs registered against him in various Lyari police stations under charges of murder, attempted murder, police encounters, and terrorism. The spokesperson revealed that Agha Shaukat had fled abroad during the Karachi Operation to evade arrest but returned to Pakistan recently and had begun reorganizing his criminal network.

Investigations show that the suspect joined the Abdul Rehman Dacoit group of the Lyari gang war in 2004, later becoming part of the Peoples Amn Committee in 2009, and eventually joining the group of gang commander Noor Muhammad alias Baba Ladla in 2013.—RT/Agency

Two Gunmen Captured After Fierce Shootout With Police in Karachi's Qayyumabad

KARACHI: Two suspects were arrested following an exchange of fire with Defence Police near the Qayyumabad B Area graveyard.

According to police, officers signaled two men on a motorcycle to stop for inspection, but the suspects opened fire instead, prompting retaliation from the police. During the encounter, one suspect was injured and later shifted to the hospital for treatment, while the other was arrested on the spot.

Police recovered a 30-bore pistol, a motorcycle, and three mobile phones from the suspects' possession. Officials added that a third accomplice managed to escape, and efforts are underway to track him down. Legal proceedings have been initiated against the arrested suspects as investigations continue into their criminal background and possible involvement in other illegal activities.—RT/Agency

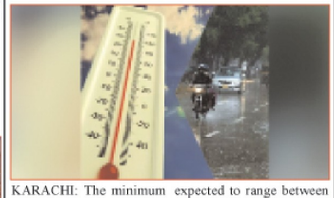
Dhabeji Breakdown Shutters Two Major Pumps, Karachi Braces for Water Shortage

KARACHI: The Water Corporation has reported a temporary disruption in water supply after a power breakdown at the Dhabeji Pumping Station affected two pumps of the second phase. Officials warned that the city could face a shortage of nearly 100 million gallons of water as a result.

According to the Water Corporation spokesperson, the breakdown was reported at 6:35 a.m., causing Line No. 5 to be affected due to the electricity outage. Authorities stated that repair work is underway, and the pumping station's system is expected to return to normal once maintenance is completed.

The corporation has urged citizens to manage water usage carefully until full restoration of services and assured that teams are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.—RT/Agency

Karachi Cools Down as Temperature Swings Between 15.8°C and 25°C



KARACHI: The minimum temperature in Karachi was recorded at 15.8°C today, while the current temperature stands at 25°C. Humidity levels are at 49 percent, with a light breeze from the northeast blowing at 3 km/h.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature is expected to range between 31°C and 33°C.

The weather will remain generally dry, with cooler conditions expected during the night. Residents are advised to enjoy the mild weather while taking standard precautions for the daytime heat, especially in exposed areas.—RT/Agency

Over 61,000 E-Challans Issued in Karachi, Government Vehicles Also Nabbed

KARACHI: Under the e-challan system, more than 61,850 traffic fines have been issued in Karachi so far, including penalties for government vehicles. According to official figures, 589 government vehicles were fined, including 118 vehicles of the Sindh Police.

Traffic violations by heavy vehicles resulted in 964 e-challans, while motorcyclists riding without helmets received 11,000 fines. The highest number of penalties, 41,431 e-challans, were issued for not wearing seat belts.

Other violations included jumping traffic signals, resulting in 2,200 e-challans, and using mobile phones while driving, which led to 1,447 fines. Vehicles with illegal tinted windows were also penalized, with 795 e-challans issued. Authorities emphasized that the e-challan system aims to improve road safety and urged citizens to comply with traffic rules to avoid penalties and ensure safer roads across the city.—RT/Agency

PM Shehbaz Sharif Set to Unveil Upgraded Karachi Cantt Station

Karachi: Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif is expected to visit Karachi today for a one-day official trip. During his visit, he will arrive at Karachi Cantt Railway Station to inaugurate the completed renovation and modernization work, sources said.

The station has undergone extensive upgrades, including the installation of four escalators, construction of Commercially Important Person (CIP) lounges, and two new waiting halls for passengers. Executive washrooms, POS machines for quick ticketing, and ATM facilities have also been added to enhance the convenience and comfort of travelers.—RT/Agency

Sindh CM Reviews Fast-Tracking of Shahrah-e-Bhutto Construction Work

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah conducted an on-site review of the Shahrah-e-Bhutto development project, focusing on key construction milestones. The CM visited the Murghi Khana segment, where Section-1 (15 km) has achieved 98% completion, highlighting significant progress in road infrastructure.

Key structures along the route are also advancing steadily: the Samoon Village elevated structure is 65.67% complete, Memon Goth Bridge at 80%, Mai Niyani Bridge at 95%, and KWSB Bridge at 66%.

In Section-2, earthwork is 89.63% complete, while the subgrade, sub-base, and aggregate base stages have each reached 85%, with asphalt base work progressing to 76%.

The CM emphasized the government's commitment to improving transport infrastructure and connectivity across Sindh, urging contractors to maintain timelines and quality standards for the safe and timely completion of the project.—RT

Robbers Hit Sindhi Singer's Karachi Home, Flee With Rs 7 Million

KARACHI: Police are investigating two thefts at the home of Sindhi singer Bedil Masroor, where a total of PKR 7 million in cash was stolen. Authorities said Masroor had sold his plot for PKR 7 million and stored the money in two portions inside a traditional chest (kanister) at his residence.

The first theft occurred on November 12, when PKR 3 million was taken, which Masroor immediately reported to the police. The following day, November 13, another PKR 4 million was stolen from the same location.

Police officials confirmed that a thorough investigation is underway, with the Crime Scene Unit collecting evidence and geo-fencing of the area being conducted. Authorities have urged witnesses or anyone with information about the thefts to come forward to help identify and apprehend the suspects. The incidents have raised concerns about security measures at high-profile residences in Karachi.—RT/Agency

Karachi to Deploy Smart System to Detect Fake Number Plates, Says DIG Traffic

KARACHI: DIG Traffic Pir Muhammad Shah has explained how the new traffic surveillance system will help authorities detect vehicles using fake or tampered number plates in Karachi.

Speaking on a Podcast, DIG Pir Muhammad Shah was asked how the system would identify cases where, for example, a Vigo is running on a Mehran's number plate.

In response, he said the latest system will immediately flag such violations. He gave an example stating that when officials stopped a vehicle with black-tinted windows and checked its details, the Excise Department had no matching record.

The reason, he said, was that the number plate installed on the Vigo did not belong to that vehicle but to an FX, and it was caught on the spot.

The DIG traffic added that such violations are now detected within seconds. Under the Safe City project, smart surveillance vehicles will be deployed at major intersections.—RT/Agency

Fire Erupts at Tariq Road Restaurant, One Person Injured

KARACHI: Karachi's Tariq Road witnessed a fire at a local restaurant, prompting a swift response from emergency services. Two vehicles from the Fire Brigade and Rescue 1122 reached the scene immediately after the incident was reported.

During the blaze, one person sustained burn injuries. The injured, identified as Sajjad, an employee of the restaurant, was promptly taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Rescue officials confirmed that the fire has been completely brought under control, and cooling operations are currently underway to prevent any further flare-ups. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.

No other casualties have been reported, and the prompt action of emergency responders helped contain the situation before it escalated.—RT/Agency

Waseem Akhtar Slams Sindh Leadership, Reveals Deep Personal Struggles

KARACHI: Former Karachi Mayor Waseem Akhtar stated that no Chief Minister in Sindh has shown effective performance. Speaking on a media program, he recalled his arrest in 1994, explaining that he was pressured in jail to join the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP).

Akhtar highlighted the persistent problems in Karachi, noting that the city has never received its fair share of resources. He pointed out that even during the dictatorship era, Karachi was only partially allocated its due share.

He further mentioned that the MQM faced numerous challenges in achieving its goals, and the party neither fully reached its objectives nor received adequate leadership support.—RT/Agency

Transforming Workplaces: The New HR Mission to Empower Employees and Strengthen Firms

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In today's changing work environment, the role of a Human Resources (HR) Manager has become more important than ever. Companies now depend on skilled HR professionals to create healthy workplaces, support employees, and ensure smooth management operations.

An HR Manager's work goes far beyond hiring new staff. They plan and oversee major functions such as employee recruitment, compensation, benefits, workplace policies, and legal compliance. From interviewing candidates to handling disputes, HR managers serve as a bridge between the organization and its employees.

Modern HR departments also focus on employee performance, safety programs, and professional growth. HR managers guide staff through difficult situations, including understaffing and conflict resolution. They also lead orientation programs that help new employees understand company culture and work confidently from day one.

The position requires strong communication, leadership, and decision-making skills. A bachelor's degree in human resources or a related field is usually required, along with the ability to understand people, solve problems, and stay calm in stressful situations. Integrity, dependability, and initiative are key qualities that define success in this profession.

Companies like the Blue Light Aquarium highlight how vital HR professionals are. At this organization, the HR team supports more than 400 species keepers, staff members, and thousands of visitors each year. The HR Manager helps oversee employee performance, ensure policy compliance, maintain records, and support workplace safety. They also assist in updating benefits, organizing meetings, and guiding employees through challenges.

As businesses grow and work environments evolve, HR managers continue to play a central role in shaping positive, productive, and supportive workplaces.

You really have to love yourself first to get anything done in this world.

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King Abdullah II Of Jordan Bestowed Pakistan's Highest Civilian Honor

Islamabad: A prestigious ceremony was held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, where King Abdullah II of Jordan was conferred Pakistan's highest civilian award, the Nishan-e-Pakistan. The event featured the playing of the national anthems of both countries, setting the tone for a formal and historic occasion.

President of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, personally presented the award to King Abdullah II in recognition of his efforts to strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan and Jordan. The award also acknowledged the King's contributions to promoting peace and stability at both regional and global levels. This ceremony underscored the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the two nations, highlighting mutual respect and shared values.

In a gesture of reciprocity, King Abdullah II presented President Zardari with Jordan's highest civilian award, reflecting the commitment of both countries to deepening diplomatic, cultural, and economic ties.

Officials emphasized that the exchange of these honors symbolizes a strong and enduring partnership and demonstrates Pakistan and Jordan's shared dedication to international peace, security, and collaboration.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials and diplomats from both countries, reflecting the significance of this landmark moment in Pakistan-Jordan relations. The conferral of these awards marks a renewed commitment to joint initiatives and cooperation across multiple sectors, including trade, education, and regional security.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Sweeps ODI Series, All-Round Performance Overpowers Sri Lanka

RAWALPINDI: Fakhar Zaman and wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan's fifties after a discipline bowling performance helped Pakistan beat Sri Lanka in the third one-day international (ODI) on Sunday at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium to sweep the three-match series.

Chasing 212, Pakistan crossed the finish line in 44.4 overs with six wickets in hand, winning the series 3-0.Pakistan stumbled early in the chase as opener Haseebullah Khan was dismissed for a duck off eight balls by Maheesh Theekshana, leaving the team at 8-1 after four overs.

The experienced duo of Babar Azam and Fakhar then steadied the innings, forging a 74-run second-wicket partnership that helped Pakistan reach 82-2 in 15.2 overs.

Fakhar continued his fine form, scoring 55 off 45 balls, including eight boundaries, to record his 19th ODI fifty before being dismissed by Jeffrey Vandersay.

Mohammad Rizwan joined Babar Azam to accelerate the scoring, guiding Pakistan past 100 in the 20th over with 112 runs still needed from 30 overs.

However, the 21st over proved costly as Vandersay dismissed Babar for 34 off 52 deliveries, leaving the team at 101-3. Vandersay struck again to remove Salman Ali Agha for six, putting Pakistan under pressure at 101-4.

Rizwan and Hussain Talat then combined to rebuild the innings, steadily scoring and taking Pakistan past the 150-run mark.

Their crucial 50-run partnership for the fifth wicket eased the pressure, pushing the team to 167-4 after 37 overs.—RT/Agency

India's CDS Slams Defence Companies Over Delays And Broken Promises

DELHI: India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has castigated the country's defence industry, exposing deep fissures in New Delhi's self-proclaimed drive for military self-reliance and raising fresh questions about the reliability of equipment.

Speaking at a seminar in New Delhi, the CDS slammed several manufacturers for misleading the military by falsely branding imported equipment as "70% indigenous".

"We expect a bit of nationalism and patriotism in your profit-driven endeavours. I am given to understand... actually, the Army was telling me that they were scouting for 5th and 6th EP procurements, most of the people have over-promised things and they have failed to deliver in that time frame," the CDS said.

According to Indian publication The Print, EP refers to emergency procurements under which the services have been given powers to sign contracts up to INR3 billion each to beef up their capabilities without going through the procurement processes of the defence ministry.

He also criticised Indian firms for repeatedly failing to deliver defence equipment ordered under emergency procurement powers, despite government claims of unprecedented military capacity.

Chauhan said companies had "over-promised" and routinely missed deadlines, leaving the armed forces short of critical capabilities.

The CDS warned that such misrepresentation compromised national security, noting that contracts were being awarded to firms with no real manufacturing capability, which simply repackaged imported material.

"Industry will have to be truthful about their capabilities to us. You cannot leave us in a lurch. You sign a contract, don't deliver in that particular time, it is a capability that is being lost. You have to be truthful about your indigenous capability. There could be security-related issues," he added.—RT/Agency

Ukraine Pushes For Swap Of 1,200 Prisoners With Russia

Ukraine is working to resume the exchange of prisoners with Russia, hoping for the release of 1,200 Ukrainians, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and his Security Council chief said.

"We are ... counting on the resumption of exchanges," Zelenskiy said in a video posted on the Telegram messaging app on Sunday. "Many meetings, negotiations and calls are now devoted to this."

His security chief, Rustem Umerov, said on Saturday that he had held consultations in Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, with the support of Kyiv's partners, on resuming the process of exchanges.

"As a result of these negotiations, the parties agreed to return to the Istanbul agreements," he said. "This concerns the release of 1,200 Ukrainians," Umerov said in a statement on Telegram.

There was no immediate comment from Moscow to Ukraine's statements.—RT/Agency

US House Speaker Says 'Nothing To Hide' In Epstein Files

US: US House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson said on Sunday that he believed the approaching vote on releasing Justice Department files related to Jeffrey Epstein should help put to rest allegations that President Donald Trump had any connection to the late sex offender's abuse and trafficking of underage girls.

"They're doing this to go after President Trump on this theory that he has something to do with it. He does not," Johnson, the Republican leader in the House, said on the 'Fox News Sunday' programme.

"Epstein is their entire game plan, so we're going to take that weapon out of their hands," Johnson said of Democrats. "Let's just get this done and move it on. There's nothing to hide."

Though Trump and Epstein were photographed together decades ago, the president has said the two men fell out prior to Epstein's convictions. Emails released last week by a House committee showed Epstein believed Trump "knew about the girls," though it was not clear what that phrase meant.

Trump has since instructed the Department of Justice to investigate prominent Democrats' ties to Epstein.

The battle over disclosure of more Epstein-related documents, a subject Trump himself campaigned on, has opened a rift with some of his allies in Congress.

Trump, late on Friday, withdrew his support for US Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, long one of his staunchest supporters in Congress, following her criticism of Republicans on certain issues, including the handling of the Epstein files.

In an appearance on CNN's 'State of the Union' program on Sunday, Greene said she did not believe as-yet-unreleased files would implicate the president, but she renewed her call for further transparency.—RT/Agency

Musadik Malik Urges Action Against Glacial Melt Threatening Pakistan's Mountains

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change Dr Musadik Malik has called for expedited efforts to address climate-induced glacial melt in the Himalayas-Karakoram-Hindu Kush (HKH) mountain range, warning at the sidelines of COP30 that glacial melt was occurring at an "unprecedented rate".

Pakistan is home to about 13,000 glaciers. According to a 2023 report by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Hima-layan glaciers, which provide critical water to nearly two billion people, are melting faster than ever before due to climate change, exposing communities to unpredictable and costly disasters.

The minister made the remarks at the sidelines of COP30, at an event titled "Cryosphere Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction", where he delivered the keynote address via video, the Press Information Department (PID) said on Saturday.

Malik told the participants that "climate-induced glacier melt is occurring at an unprecedented pace," calling for the "urgent need" to protect the HKH cryosphere, which he described as the "white rooftops of the world" and the "primary lifeline of millions across South Asia."

As per the PID statement, the event — organised by the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination in collaboration with the ICIMOD — featured interventions from Deputy Ministers of Türkiye and Azerbaijan, the Director General of ICIMOD, and senior representatives from Nepal, Bhutan, UNESCO, UNDP, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

"Pakistan hosts 13,000 glaciers, which feed the Indus River system and sustain the country's agricultural, ecological, and economic foundations," the press release quoted Malik as saying.

He informed the audience that climate-induced glacier melt was "resulting in severe losses and damages, including Glaicial Lake Outburst Floods (Glofs)."A Glofs refers to a rush of water from a glacial lake, which could lead to severe flooding downstream.—RT/Agency

Iran Claims US Not Ready For Equal And Fair Nuclear Negotiations

TEHRAN: Washington's current approach toward Tehran does not indicate any readiness for "equal and fair negotiations", Iran's foreign minister said on Sunday, after US President Donald Trump hinted last week at potential discussions.

Following Israel's attack on Iran in June, which was joined by US strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, attempts at renewing dialogue on Tehran's nuclear programme have failed.

The United States, its European allies, and Israel accuse Tehran of using its nuclear programme as a veil for efforts to develop the capability to produce weapons. Iran says its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only.

Tehran and Washington underwent five rounds of indirect nuclear talks prior to the 12-days-war, but faced obstacles such as the issue of domestic uranium enrichment, which the US wants Iran to forego.

"The US cannot expect to gain what it couldn't in war through negotiations," Abbas Araqchi said during a Tehran conference named "international law under assault."—RT/Agency

Talal Chaudhry Asserts Constitution Must Reflect Parliament And People, Not Judges

ISLAMABAD: Responding to criticism of the Supreme Court's judges against the constitutional amendments, Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry on Sunday defended the federal government's move, saying that making changes to the Constitution is the parliament's exclusive right.

His statement came after two top court jurists, Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah, tendered their resignations following the enactment of the 27th Constitutional Amendment earlier this week.

Not only the top court, a Lahore High Court (LHC) judge, Shams Mehmood Mirza, also resigned a day ago, saying he was "not inclined as a matter of principle and in good conscience to continue as a judge" after the 27th Amendment.

The tweaks fine-tuned the structure of the newly established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC), clarified the titles and ranking of the country's top judges, and approved changes to the military command.

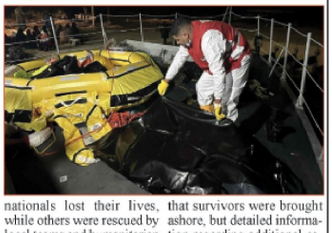
On Friday, President Asif Ali Zardari approved Shah and Minallah's resignations.

"Amending the Constitution is Parliament's exclusive right, and it will do so whenever it chooses," he stated while talking to journalists in Faisalabad today.

He stressed that judges "are not a political party" and only take an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Criticising sections of the judiciary, Chaudhry said that the Constitution will reflect the parliament and the people of Pakistan, not judges. He added that the legislature "must be seen as Parliament", arguing that certain actors had "reduced it to a municipal corporation".—RT/Agency

At Least Four Dead As Two Migrant Boats Capsize Off Libyan Coast



TRIPOLI: At least four migrants have died after two overcrowded boats carrying irregular migrants capsized off the coast of Libya, officials confirmed on Thursday. The tragic incidents occurred near the Al-Khums coastal area, a region that has long been a departure point for migrants attempting the dangerous Mediterranean crossing toward Europe.According to international news agencies, the two boats were carrying a total of 95 migrants when they overturned in rough waters. The first vessel, carrying 26 Bangladeshi migrants, capsized shortly after departing the coast. Authorities reported that four Bangladeshi nationals lost their lives, while others were rescued by local teams and humanitarian groups operating in the area.

The second boat, which was transporting 69 migrants, included Egyptian nationals and several Sudanese migrants.

Rescue officials stated that survivors were brought ashore, but detailed information regarding additional casualties or missing persons has not yet been confirmed. Search and rescue operations are ongoing, with teams combing the surrounding waters for those still unaccounted for.—RT/Agency

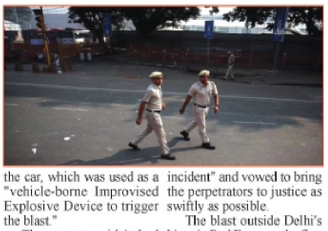
Arrest Warrant Issued For Bushra Bibi's Son Musa Maneka In Servant Shooting Case

SAHIWAL: Senior Civil Judge Masood Ahmed Faridi issued an arrest warrant for Musa Maneka, the younger son of Khawar Maneka and Bushra Bibi, over his repeated absence from the court proceedings.

Mr Musa is the main accused in a case of a domestic servant over a minor dispute at his residence in the Pir Ghani area of Pakpattan on July 17, 2025.

The judge directed the Pakpattan Saddar Police to arrest Musa Maneka and present him before the court on November 19.A case was registered against Mr Musa at the Saddar police station after getting enraged when his 18-year-old servant, Ali Bahadur, removed bedsheets from his room without his permission.In a fit of anger, Musa allegedly fired a 30-bore pistol at Ali, hitting him in the left knee.The bullet passed through his leg. Witnesses claimed that Mr Musa then threatened other household servants with similar consequences if they attempted to assist the injured servant.—RT/Agency

India Arrests IIOJK Resident Over Delhi Car Blast



DELHI: India's federal anti-terror agency on Sunday said it had arrested a resident of Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (IIOJK) who it accused of conspiring with the driver of a car that exploded in Delhi last week, killing 12 people and wounding at least 20 others.

The National Investigation Agency said it had arrested Amir Rashid Ali in Delhi, adding the car used in the attack was registered in his name.

The NIA accused Ali of conspiring with the alleged suicide bomber, who it identified as Umar Un Nabi, a resident of IIOJK's Pulwama district.

It said Ali came to Delhi to facilitate the purchase of the car, which was used as a "vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device to trigger the blast."

The agency said it had seized another vehicle belonging to Nabi for examination. So far, it has interrogated 73 witnesses, including those injured in the blast.

Last week, the Indian government said it was treating the car blast as a "terror incident" and vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice as swiftly as possible.

The blast outside Delhi's historic Red Fort was the first such explosion in the heavily guarded city since 2011.

It was also the most significant security incident since April 22, when 26 civilians were killed at the tourist site of Pahalgam in IIOJK.—RT/Agency

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