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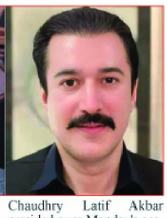

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By Jibran Talpur

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By GM Chandio

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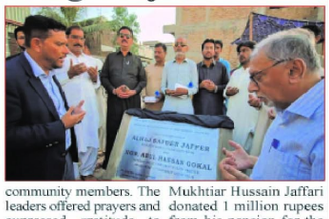

BADIN: The Federation of Khawaja Shia Asna Ashari Jamaat Badin organized a ceremony to lay the foundation of two mega housing projects. The event was attended by Alhaj Safdar Jaffar, President of the World Federation, and Abdul Hassan Gokal, President of the Pakistan Federation of Khawaja Shia Asna Ashari Jamaat. The projects, Muhammad Ali Jaffari Memorial Khawaja Colony and Sadat Colony, will feature 32 houses, to be completed within a year for deserving community members. The leaders offered prayers and expressed gratitude to community members for their continuous support. They emphasized promoting education for the youth and pledged to support talented students. Dr. Mukhtiar Hussain Jaffari donated 1 million rupees from his pension for the housing initiative. Local leadership and members from Badin, Tando Bago, Talhar, and other areas attended the ceremony in large numbers.

District Coordination Committee Zeroes In on Performance and Public Services

By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Umerkot Javed Ahmed Dahri, a meeting of the District Coordination Committee was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Darbar Hall. The meeting reviewed the district's law and order situation, social welfare initiatives, and the implementation of federal and provincial strategies across administrative departments. During the meeting, officials highlighted the sealing of 17 illegal petrol pumps, measures against electricity theft, initiatives in health, education, and social protection, and the prompt resolution of public complaints. The Additional Deputy Commissioner directed all department heads to present a progress report in the next meeting. Participants included officers from the police, army, local government, special branch, and other relevant departments.

Armed Robber Gunned Down in Hyderabad Encounter as Accomplice Escapes

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: A late-night police encounter in Hyderabad's Market Police limits left one armed robber dead while his accomplice escaped under the cover of darkness. The shootout followed a high-value robbery in which two armed men snatched Rs 20 lac and important documents from Lahore-based businessman Khawaja Abdullah Yasir near Madina Masjid Mochi Para. On SSP Hyderabad Adeel Hussain Chandio's directives, an FIR was registered, and police traced the suspects to Laghari Parah, where the armed men opened fire. Police retaliated, injuring Naseebullah, who later died on the way to LMC Hospital. A pistol and live rounds were recovered. The second accused, Ilyas Bajori, fled on a motorcycle. A police team has been dispatched to arrest him.

SSP Hyderabad Issues Stern Warning Against Fake FIR Circulation

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio expressed anger over a fake FIR from Cantt Police Station circulating on social media. The original FIR regarding a Section 144 violation was already shared with journalists and relevant groups. The SSP warned that spreading false FIRs is a serious crime, and strict legal action will be taken against those responsible. The public is urged to follow only official police updates.

HESCO Launches Aggressive Crackdown on Power Theft in Mirpurkhas

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: The HESCO administration, under the guidance of CEO Faizullah Dahri, has intensified operations against electricity theft and defaulters across the region. With support from the DSU, multiple sub-divisions including Mirpurkhas, Satellite Town, Mirwah Gorchani, and Samaro conducted raids, disconnecting 147 illegal connections and seizing 800 meters of PVC cable, while recovering over Rs. 41.4 lakh in dues. Since January 19, 2025, 32,904 illegal connections have been removed, 773 suspects arrested, 1,810 meters of electric meters disconnected, 208,269 meters of cable confiscated, and Rs 79.56 crore recovered. CEO Dahri emphasized that electricity theft hinders national progress and urged citizens to pay bills promptly to avoid disconnection and legal action.

Officials Summoned in Probe Into Suspected Misuse of School Funds

By Muhammed Ali Surhio

JACOBABAD: Following a complaint by human rights activist AS Hafeez Jatoi, the Director Education Larkana has summoned Tehsil Education Officers (Male and Female) from Thul and Jacobabad to investigate alleged irregularities in specific funds allocated to government schools. A three-member committee has been formed to probe the matter. Reports suggest the officers are anxious about the inquiry. Jatoi emphasized the need for a transparent investigation to hold officials accountable and ensure justice for students deprived of proper educational resources.

Awami Tehreek Flags Alarming Concerns Over 27th Amendment

By Ghazi Nohrio

MITHI: Awami Tehreek President Advocate Wasand Thari expressed concerns over the recently passed 27th constitutional amendment, saying it undermines democratic principles. He urged the government not to pursue the proposed 28th amendment, which could affect Sindh's unity. Thari highlighted the importance of protecting local resources and announced a peaceful public gathering in Larkana on December 21 to raise awareness and promote unity.

Daulatpur Women Rise in Protest Over Assault and Land Dispute

By Aijaz Ali Jokhio

DAULATPUR: Injured women from Village Rahim Otho under Aliabad Police Station protested for the second day at Dokri Press Club, demanding arrest of influential attackers Azizullah, Gulzar, and Sattar Otho. The women alleged they were beaten, their daughters' clothes torn, and two acres of land forcibly occupied. Despite filing a police report, no action has been taken. They urged former Minister Sardar Khan Dahri, MPA Dr. Bahadur Khan Dahri, and SSP Shaheed Benazirabad to ensure justice.

Leaders, Chiefs and Notables Condole Passing of Former MPA Chetan Mal Arwani's Sister

SARI: Provincial Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Muhammad Ali Malkani, PPP leader Abdul Latif Memon, PPP Sujawal Taluka President Dr. Iqbal Memon, prominent businessman Muhammad Memon and contractor Anwar Memon reached Mukhi House Sari to condole the death of the sister of former MPA Chetan Mal Arwani and Hilal-e-Pakistan Chief Editor Mangal Das Arwani. Mukhi Rupchand Ratanani, Chetan Mal Arwani, Mangal Das Arwani, Prem Chand Ratanani and Motu Mal Dewnani were also present on the occasion. Other distinguished dignitaries who also offer their condolences included former District Nazim Thatta Syed Shafqat Hussain Shah Shirazi, former IG Sindh A.D. Khawaja, PPP leader Kaka Kishanchand Adwani, MQM leader Rehan Ahmed, renowned businessman Sohail Ahmed Khan and landlord Rashid Ahmed Chandio.—RT

Mayor Kashif Ali Shoro Opens Talent Festival 2025 at GCU Hyderabad

By Muqeem Keerio

HYDERABAD: Mayor Kashif Ali Shoro attended the Talent Festival 2025 at Government College University (GCU) Hyderabad as the Chief Guest and officially inaugurated the event. The festival was also attended by GCU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Amjad Ali Arain, university deans, professors, city dignitaries, and numerous students. Addressing the ceremony, Mayor Shoro emphasized the importance of youth and students, stating that national progress depends on empowering the younger generation. He added that without development in education and talent, the nation cannot compete with developed countries. The event showcased students' skills and creativity across various fields.

Shia Ulema Council Sindh Convenes Provincial Meeting in Shahdadkot

SHAHDADKOT: The Shia Ulema Council Sindh held its provincial council meeting under the chairmanship of Provincial President Allama Syed Asad Iqbal Zaidi. Representatives from various districts presented their annual reports. Addressing the gathering, Allama Zaidi expressed concern over the rising lawlessness across Sindh, stating that motorcycle and vehicle snatching has become routine in Qambar-Shahdadkot, Khairpur Mirs, Larkana and other areas. He condemned the inclusion of district president Zawar Sabir Hussain Wadho and other office-bearers in the Fourth Schedule, urging the Sindh Government and IG Sindh to remove their names or face street protests. Allama Zaidi also thanked the central leadership and Zahra Academy for district projects, including relief efforts during the 2022 floods.--RT

Welfare Board Hands Insurance Cheque to Widow of Deceased Employee

By Javed Samejo

HYDERABAD: Jawed Qureshi, Central Secretary (Information) of the Association of Employees Workers Welfare Board Sindh, stated that Asad Ahmed Syed, Manzoor Ahmed, and their team are actively working to protect employees' rights. He expressed gratitude to officers and staff who support the association's efforts. Recently, the widow of Dhani Bakhsh, head mali of Worker Model School Hyderabad, received her group insurance cheque. The check was handed over in the presence of the school's Administrator Farooq Khan, Superintendent Khurram Rajput, and Welfare Board representatives Firdous Baig and Asif Qureshi. The widow thanked the association and staff for their assistance and support.

Matiari DC Orders Urgent Steps to Tackle Malnutrition and Strengthen Mamta Program

By Sajjad Ali Abbasi

MATIARI: Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Yousif Shaikh has instructed all concerned officers to strictly monitor the ongoing activities of the Malnutrition Control Program and the Mamta Program in the district. Speaking at a meeting held at Latif Hall Matiari, he urged officials to accelerate program activities and ensure immediate payments to all beneficiaries to support deserving women and households. He highlighted that malnutrition, particularly among young children and housewives, is a growing concern due to inflation and limited resources. Representatives from health, education, livestock, local government departments, and NGOs presented performance reports. The DC emphasized that program results should be visible soon to improve maternal and child health.

47 Candidates Appointed as Assistant Sub-Inspectors After Selection

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: Under the directives of SSP Mirpurkhas Dr. Sumair Noor Channa, DSP Satellite Town Aslam Jagirani and Office Superintendent Ali Hassan Dal issued appointment orders to 47 successful candidates for the post of Assistant Sub-Inspector (BPS-11). The recruits include 33 men, 12 women, and 2 from the minority quota, selected through the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC). SSP Channa congratulated the candidates, emphasizing that the recruitment was merit-based, transparent, and lawful. He highlighted that joining the police is an honor, urging the new officers to serve with integrity, professionalism, and dedication. Their induction aims to strengthen law and order in Mirpurkhas.

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Saad Rafique Sounds Alarm Over Wave of Judges' Resignations

ISLAMABAD: Senior Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader and former federal minister Khawaja Saad Rafique has described the resignations of top judges as a matter of serious concern for every citizen who values the supremacy of the Constitution, justice, law, and democracy in Pakistan.

In a social media post, he noted that Justices Athar Minallah and Mansoor Ali Shah have resigned from the Supreme Court, while Justice Shams Mehmood Mirza of the Lahore High Court has also joined them. Saad Rafique praised Justice Athar Minallah for his frontline role during the judges' restoration movement, describing him as one of the few honest and principled members of the judiciary. He lauded Justice Mansoor Ali Shah for performing his duties as Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court without yielding to any pressure, and said Justice Shams Mehmood Mirza is regarded as a reputable judge within the Lahore High Court.—RT/Agency

Government Pushes Bold Plan to Deregulate Sugar Industry

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government has 'decided' to end its 77-year control over sugar prices by deregulating the industry, media reported on Monday, citing sources in the Ministry of National Food Security.

A formal summary to deregulate the sugar sector has been prepared and is expected to be presented to the Prime Minister later this week. Federal Minister for National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain will brief the Prime Minister on the proposal, the sources added.—RT/Agency

CM Maryam Declares She Took No Revenge as Karma Delivers Its Own Blow

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said on Sunday that the 'karma' did the job and she took no revenge against anyone.

Speaking to media in London, CM Maryam said that political opponents subjected her party to victimisation, yet, in her words, 'nature took revenge for that revenge'. She said the atmosphere changed wherever Nawaz Sharif went.

The chief minister said she held great respect for former prime minister Benazir Bhutto. She questioned why judges' consciences did not awaken when sentences were handed down against her and her family. She said there was no doubt that the PTI government operated through sorcery and occult practices.

CM Maryam said the appointment of the Field Marshal as the chief of the defence forces was a strong decision. She said no one could match Field Marshal Asim Munir for this office.

She maintained the COAS demonstrated exceptional leadership in the war against India and that Pakistan earned global respect after victory against India. —RT/Agency

AI Sparks Hope for Pakistan's Hidden Energy Fortune

ISLAMABAD: Experts at Islamabad's 2nd International Oil and Gas Conference 2025 said Pakistan could unlock billions of barrels of untapped oil and gas through AI-powered exploration that pinpoints deeper, high-potential reservoirs faster and more accurately. Kuwait Petroleum's Ali Taha Al Temimi warned that domestic output lags far behind demand, despite massive tight-gas, shale-gas and offshore prospects. Speakers urged rapid investment, quicker approvals and consistent policies, noting that a single major offshore discovery could transform Pakistan's energy future and attract global players.—RT

METRO KARACHI

Rajveer Singh Sodho Visits IGP Complaint Cell, Reviews Safe City and E-Challan Progress

By MB Shar

KARACHI: Rajveer Singh Sodho, Special Assistant on Human Rights to the Sindh Chief Minister, visited the IGP Complaint Cell in Karachi. He received a detailed briefing on complaint redressal, modern technology use, and Safe City initiatives. During the visit, DIGP Headquarters Mazhar Nawaz Shaikh, SSP Ali Raza, and IT Director Tabassum Abbasi explained procedures, performance, and district-level centers. Over 1,300 AI-enabled cameras, including speed dome, bullet-fixed, and digital forensic systems, operate under transparent SOPs. The online complaint management system handles public grievances, while the faceless e-challan system allows citizens to pay reduced fines within 14 days. Sodho emphasized stronger coordination for timely and effective resolution of public complaints.

Khidmat-e-Awam Welfare Offers Free Eye Surgeries for Malir's Underprivileged

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: The 115th free eye medical camp was organized by Zahid Rahim, founder of Khidmat-e-Awam Welfare Organization, at ZK Next Generation School, Malir. Sixty-seven patients were selected for free cataract surgeries using American lenses, to be performed on November 19 at Aqila Latif Memorial Hospital, North Karachi. Distinguished guests, including Dr. Anjum Azam and Malik Abdul Wahab, praised the initiative. The camp was supported by local school administrators, doctors, and volunteers. The program emphasizes providing doorstep medical facilities to underserved communities.

Landlord Azeem Dhakkan Arrested for Refusing Land Required for Bhutto Expressway

By Fida Hussain Panhwar

KARACHI: In Malir, renowned landlord Azeem Dhakkan, along with his brothers Waheed and Naeem, was arrested for refusing to hand over ancestral land for the Bhutto Expressway project. The arrests occurred as they resisted the entry of heavy machinery on their property. Azeem Dhakkan has been transferred to Malir City Police Station. Local leader Hafeez Baloch condemned the arrests, urging the public to unite and support Dhakkan in protecting his fundamental land rights against these alleged illegal actions.

Steel Town Resident Lodges Complaint After Mobile and Cash Theft

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Sunil Kumar of Gulshan Hadid, Steel Town, filed a complaint at Ferozabad Police Station after his mobile phone (IMEI 864529079085759 & 864529079085742) and Rs. 20,000 were allegedly stolen on November 10 near Tariq Road Allah Wali Chowrangi. He claimed the unregistered Marwat coach involved fled the scene. Authorities, including AIG Karachi and SSP East, were urged to investigate.

Karachi on Edge as Citizens and Activists Demand Urgent Action to Save the City

KARACHI: Karachi's infrastructure is crumbling, pollution is suffocating residents, and the government remains indifferent, despite protests. At a recent forum, Nargis Rahman led civic leaders and activists to demand government accountability. They highlighted urgent issues: worsening health crises, broken roads, and stalled development projects like the BRT and K4 water pipeline. Solutions exist, but fragmented governance and political apathy block progress. Activists vow to push for constitutional changes and mobilize Karachi's youth for environmental action.—RT

Pakistan Unveils Satellite-Powered Loan System to Shield Farmers from Climate Disasters

ISLAMABAD: HBL Microfinance Bank and SUPARCO have begun Pakistan's first climate-smart agri-finance disbursements using satellite data. The pilot uses remote-sensing, crop monitoring, and real-time analytics to assess crop health and make faster, smarter lending decisions. HBL MfB CEO Amir Khan said the initiative will help farmers withstand climate risks and boost food security. SUPARCO's Zafar Iqbal called it a milestone in using space technology for economic growth. The model is set to scale nationwide as a blueprint for climate-resilient agriculture.—RT

Tragedy on M-5 as Three Motorway Policemen Lose Their Lives

UCH SHARIF: Three officers of the Motorway police died in a traffic accident on M-5 near Uch Sharif, ARY News reported, quoting a spokesperson for the Motorway police.

The spokesperson stated that the incident occurred when a passenger bus collided with a patrolling police mobile from the rear.

As a result, Assistant Sub-Inspector Mushtaq, Assistant Sub-Inspector Nasir Abbas, and Constable Usama lost their lives.

Rescue teams, including the Sector Commander and DSP, immediately reached the site, where relief and recovery operations are currently underway.

The Motorway Police said that further investigation into the cause of the accident is in progress. Earlier, four people, including three real brothers, died in a road accident when a passenger bus collided with the motorcycles on which the deceased were travelling in Shujabad area of Punjab.—RT/Agency

Narowal Police Take Down Infamous Drug Dealer in High-Impact Operation

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: Under the supervision of DPO Narowal, the SHO of Baddomalhi Police Station and his team conducted a major operation against drug traffickers, arresting notorious narcotics supplier Shahid Iqbal alias Shahid Multani during routine patrolling. Police recovered 29.68 kg of charas from the suspect, who has been booked in a case and sent to jail. The DPO emphasized that eliminating drug peddlers from the district remains a top priority, adding that all officers and personnel of Narowal Police are fully committed to eradicating the drug menace.

Central Punjab

Former Sialkot ADC Vanishes After Dramatic Escape from Police Custody

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Former Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Sialkot, Iqbal Singhida, arrested on corruption charges, escaped from Chakri Rest Area while in police custody. A case has been registered against four police officers, including ASI Zafar Iqbal, responsible for bringing Singhida from Lahore Jail to appear in Rawalpindi's Anti-Corruption Court. According to police, Singhida used the restroom at Chakri, where his brother, along with six others, picked him up in a white V8 vehicle and drove him away. The officer failed to report the incident immediately, citing embarrassment. Singhida is a high-profile accused facing major corruption cases.

Alhamra Celebrates the Legacy of Literary Legend Bapsi Sidhwa

By Dr Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: The Lahore Arts Council Alhamra hosted a tribute celebrating the literary legacy of renowned scholar Bapsi Sidhwa. Organized with Kinnaird College, OX, and ICPWE, the event brought together academics, writers, and admirers. Chairman Razi Ahmed highlighted Sidhwa's enduring influence, while Professor Waseem Anwar discussed her global impact. The ceremony featured documentaries, stage performances, poetic tributes, student research presentations, and a book exhibition. Esteemed speakers and alumnae shared personal reflections, honoring Sidhwa's contributions and reaffirming Alhamra's commitment to promoting literature and cultural heritage.

RTO Gujranwala Cracks Down, Seizes Massive Haul of Untaxed Cigarettes

By Dr. Mirza MB Qamar

GUJRANWALA: Under the directives of Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, Ms. Yasmin Fatima, RTO Gujranwala conducted raids on over 30 retail shops selling illegal cigarettes. The operations, carried out by two IREN Squad teams on 12th November 2025, recovered 15 cartons (187,500 sticks) of locally and internationally manufactured non-duty/tax-paid cigarettes lacking tax barcodes. The confiscated goods were handed over to FBR RTO Gujranwala for legal proceedings. Dr. Yasmin Fatima lauded the team's efforts and warned that anyone involved in such unlawful trade will face strict action.

Toba Tek Singh Police Intensify Drive to Enforce Road Safety

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, police have intensified road safety operations in Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad. Under the supervision of DIG Patrolling Athar Waheed, SSP Patrolling Faisalabad, and DSP Patrolling Toba Tek Singh Asif Raheem Butt, authorities targeted sand-loaded and other risky vehicles. Several overloaded vehicles were impounded at Sadar Kamalia Police Station, and hefty fines were imposed on violators. DSP Butt emphasized strict enforcement of zero-tolerance policies to prevent accidents, assuring citizens that these operations will continue to ensure public safety and traffic discipline.

Punjab Agriculture Department Champions Bio-Control in Toba Tek Singh

By Abid Mehmood Ch

TOBA TEK SINGH: Dr. Zahid, Director of Input Management, Punjab Agriculture Department, visited the Bio Lab in Toba Tek Singh to review records and ongoing projects. Deputy Director Dr. Nosheer Khan and Agriculture Officer Saadia briefed him on the scientific rearing of beneficial insects like Trichogramma and Chrysoperla carnea, their release in five cotton demonstration plots, and the resulting reduction in chemical sprays and improved crop yields. Dr. Zahid also reviewed smog-control measures, including satellite alerts and fines for crop residue burning. He praised the district team and suggested this model for replication elsewhere.

Toba Tek Singh Advances Green Transport Push as DC Inspects New Bus Stop Project

By Abid Mehmood

Ch TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, green electric bus stops and stations are being constructed across Toba Tek Singh. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela visited Government Girls College, Model Bazaar, and Shehbaz Chowk to inspect the progress. Accompanied by RTA Secretary Mohsin Riaz and District Council officers, he urged expedited work, emphasizing that eco-friendly buses will provide citizens convenient and modern transport. He also visited the sports stadium, ordering improved cleanliness and removal of encroachments, highlighting the city's commitment to the Chief Minister's green transport mission

Gujranwala Peace Committee Meeting Highlights Urgent Call for Interfaith Harmony

By Rana Mudassar

NAROWAL: A crucial meeting of the Divisional Peace Committee was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Gujranwala Division Syed Naveed Hyder Sheerazi, attended by representatives of government departments, law enforcement, and peace committee members. The session reviewed law-and-order, interfaith harmony, and social cohesion across the division. Deputy Commissioner Narowal Syed Hassan Raza briefed participants via video link on the district's peace initiatives. Religious and social leaders, including Allama Qazi Pir Muhammad Yaqoob Rizvi and others, participated. The Commissioner stressed that maintaining societal peace is a shared responsibility, and all agencies are ready to counter misinformation or unrest. The meeting concluded with a pledge to strengthen coordination at district and tehsil levels to promote lasting peace.

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Blind Eyes Show More Vision Than Modi and India's Cricket Team Ever Will

In Sri Lanka, a historic moment unfolded at the world's first blind women's T20 tournament. Pakistani and Indian visually impaired cricketers shook hands, exchanged compliments, and celebrated the spirit of the game — despite political tensions, past military clashes, and bitter rivalries. These women, some unable to see the ball they play with, demonstrated more courage, humility, and vision than the so-called leaders of India's cricketing establishment.

Contrast this with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's war-mongering rhetoric and the egos of India's men's and women's cricket teams, who refuse even a handshake with their Pakistani counterparts. Their shortsightedness, fueled by hatred, ethnocentrism, and political posturing, exposes a moral blindness far worse than any visual impairment. While blind cricketers rely on sound, trust, and instinct to play the game, these "sighted" pygmies rely on arrogance, prejudice, and nationalism — never realizing that the true spirit of cricket lies in respect, sportsmanship, and humanity.

The Pakistani blind women and their Indian counterparts remind the world that vision is more than physical sight; it is empathy, integrity, and courage. They teach us that shaking hands is not weakness but strength — a symbol that transcends borders, ideologies, and historical grudges.

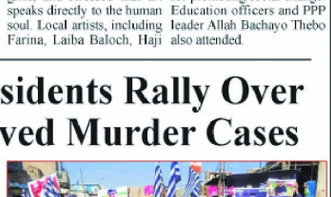
It is a shame that political leaders and mainstream cricket teams cannot learn from these visually impaired athletes. Modi and India's cricketing authorities must take a long look in the mirror: the real visionaries are on the field, not in palaces or dressing rooms. Cricket is a game of humanity first; anything less is failure. If India and Pakistan hope for peace and respect, it begins with humility and the simple act of extending a hand.

Blind eyes, it seems, see more clearly than blind egos ever will.

THE HEARTLAND

Stage Drama Sindhu Jo Naon Dor Puts Spotlight on Girls' Education and Social Issues

By Imtiaz Ali Laskani



NAUABAD: In Khipro city, NAPA presented the stage drama "Sindhu Jo Naon Dor" on girls' education and social awareness, attracting hundreds of students, teachers, social workers, and citizens. The drama creatively highlighted obstacles to girls' education, poor school conditions, and education-unfriendly mindsets in villages. Writer-director Ayub Gul said the play aims to raise awareness about education, particularly for girls, and stressed that art speaks directly to the human soul. Local artists, including Farina, Laiba Baloch, Haji Ali Muhammad, and Farzand Malik, praised the initiative for promoting social change. Education officers and PPP leader Allah Bachayo Thebo also attended.

Thul Residents Rally Over Unresolved Murder Cases

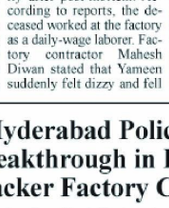
By Khair Muhammad Golo

THUL: Families and activists protested in Thul demanding justice for two unresolved murder cases. Relatives of Abdullah Soomro, a fourth-year student at LUMHS University, led a rally from Riaz Chowk to Rahbar Chowk, blocking the Thul-Jacobabad road. Protesters claimed the police have failed to arrest the accused, despite the father identifying them.

Similarly, relatives of Imtiaz Noonari and Hafiz Moazzam Nonari held a protest at Amroti Chowk, accusing police of siding with influential suspects. Demonstrators warned that delays and inaction are fueling public frustration, demanding immediate arrests and justice for the victims.

Young Man Dies After Water Tank Accident in Street Mishap

By Sajan Jani



SHAHDADPUR: In the Kaloi neighborhood of Shahdadpur, 40-year-old Danish Kaloi, son of Ali Nawaz Kaloi, was injured when a water tank caused an accident while he was passing through the street. He was taken to SIMS Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Doctors confirmed his death. After completing necessary procedures, the body was handed over to his family. The deceased was involved in property work in the city and was a relative of PPP leader Abbas Kaloi. The funeral prayer was attended by political, social, and community leaders in large numbers. He was buried at Abani Graveyard in front of hundreds of mourners, and condolences continue to pour in.

Worker Killed in Cotton Factory Accident Near Sehwan

By Qaimuddin Memon

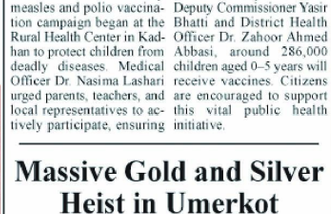
SEHWAN SHARIF: A tragic accident occurred near Sehwan when laborer Yameen Talpur, 45, was caught in a machine at Lal Kohistan Cotton Factory and died on the spot. The body was taken to Sehwan Hospital, where it was handed over to his family after post-mortem. According to reports, the deceased worked at the factory as a daily-wage laborer. Factory contractor Mahesh Diwan stated that Yameen suddenly felt dizzy and fell into the cotton machine. SHO Sarfaraz Qureshi said the incident is under investigation. The family demanded CCTV footage to confirm whether it was an accident or foul play. Yameen supported his family with an income of Rs 800 per day.

Hyderabad Police Make Breakthrough in Latifabad Cracker Factory Case

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Police have secured a major breakthrough in the Latifabad cracker factory incident by arresting Shakeel, son of Yousuf Parhiyar, and obtaining a seven-day physical remand from Anti-Terrorism Court No. 1. The investigation, conducted under the supervision of SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio, continues with raids to apprehend other suspects named in the FIR. SSP Chandio emphasized the department's commitment to a transparent and thorough probe to bring all responsible individuals to justice. In a separate statement, he strongly condemned the circulation of fake FIRs on social media, warning that strict legal action will be taken against anyone spreading false information. Citizens are urged to rely solely on official police updates.

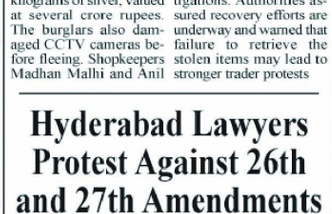
Kadhan Launches Extensive Measles and Polio Vaccination Drive



By Khadim Hussain Shaikh

KADHAN: A 12-day measles and polio vaccination campaign began at the Rural Health Center in Kadhan to protect children from deadly diseases. Medical Officer Dr. Nasima Lashari urged parents, teachers, and local representatives to actively participate, ensuring no child is left unvaccinated, especially in rural areas. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Yasir Bhatti and District Health Officer Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Abbasi, around 286,000 children aged 0–5 years will receive vaccines. Citizens are encouraged to support this vital public health initiative.

Massive Gold and Silver Heist in Umerkot Triggers Traders' Outrage



By Muhammad Bachal

UMERKOT: Unidentified thieves struck two jewelry shops in Ayesha Market and Rana Chowk late last night, breaking locks and stealing over 40 tolas of gold and more than 10 kilograms of silver, valued at several crore rupees. The burglars also damaged CCTV cameras before fleeing. Shopkeepers Madhan Malhi and Anil Kumar Soni discovered the theft this morning and immediately alerted authorities. Outraged traders closed their shops in protest, demanding immediate action. Umerkot police teams arrived at the scene and launched investigations. Authorities assured recovery efforts are underway and warned that failure to retrieve the stolen items may lead to stronger trader protests

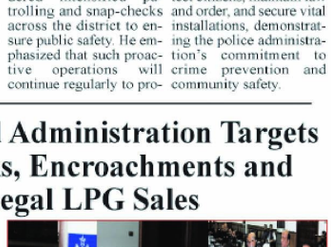
Hyderabad Lawyers Protest Against 26th and 27th Amendments

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: Lawyers across Hyderabad staged a complete court boycott and massive protest against the 26th and 27th Constitutional Amendments. Organized by the Sindh Bar Council and Lawyers' Action Committee, the strike paralyzed courts, including District & Sessions, Civil, Anti-Corruption, Banking, Labor, and Anti-Terrorism Courts. Protesters marched from the High Court to Wukala Chowk, staging a sit-in. Senior leaders, including Israr Channa and Altaf Sachal Awan, warned the government against curbing judicial powers and provincial autonomy. The lawyers rejected both amendments, condemned land transfers under the 'Green Initiative,' and vowed continued resistance to protect Sindh's rights and the Constitution.

Police and Rangers Carry Out Major Security Sweep Near JPCL Jamshoro

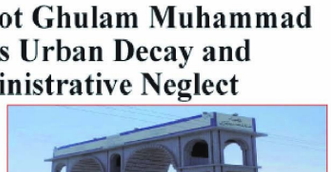
By Munawar Chandio



JAMSHORO: Jamshoro District Police, alongside Pakistan Rangers, conducted a major security operation around Jamshoro Power Company Limited (JPCL) under SSP Zafar Siddique Changa's supervision. The operation included house-to-house searches, biometric verification of suspicious individuals, and assessment of the area's security situation to prevent any untoward incident. Following the operation, SSP Changa ordered intensified patrolling and snap-checks across the district to ensure public safety. He emphasized that such proactive operations will continue regularly to protect citizens, maintain law and order, and secure vital installations, demonstrating the police administration's commitment to crime prevention and community safety.

Hyderabad Administration Targets Fireworks, Encroachments and Illegal LPG Sales

By Muqeem Keerio



HYDERABAD: District Administration Hyderabad, led by Deputy Commissioner Zain-ul-Abideen Memon, held a high-level meeting at Shahbaz Hall to address public safety, traffic mismanagement, illegal fireworks, encroachments, and unauthorized LPG sales. SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio, assistant commissioners, Civil Defence officials, and SHOs attended. Strict directives were issued to ban fireworks, aerial firing, and illegal LPG shops. Wedding halls must close by midnight, and encroachments on hotels, roadside cafes, and parking spots will be removed permanently. Night patrolling and zero-tolerance enforcement were emphasized, with officials held accountable for negligence. Large-scale operations against parking mafias, illegal petrol pumps, and other violations will begin immediately to ensure safety and order across Hyderabad.

Historic Kot Ghulam Muhammad Battles Urban Decay and Administrative Neglect

By Zohaib Baloch

KOT GHULAM MUHAMMAD: Kot Ghulam Muhammad, formerly Jamesabad, founded in 1901 by British Commissioner Sir James with European-style planning, has lost its historic charm due to rapid population growth, administrative neglect, and illegal encroachments. The town, now with over 400,000 residents in 14 union councils, suffers from deteriorating colonial-era buildings, abandoned railway stations, and blocked drainage systems. Public facilities, including parks, sports complexes, and irrigation tube wells, remain underutilized or mismanaged. Influential locals allege misuse of public land and corruption in municipal departments. Despite efforts by the town committee to restore roads, parks, and services, residents face ongoing challenges, while the legacy of national hero Barrister Ghulam Muhammad Bhurgari's contributions continues to be overshadowed by urban decay.

Shah Latif Football Club Downs Bilal Academy in All Sindh–BLR Mayor Cup, Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: On the third day of the All Sindh-Balochistan Mayor Cup Football Tournament at Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Municipal Stadium, Shah Latif Football Club from Shikarpur defeated Jacobabad's Bilal Academy Football Club 3-2 in a tense penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw in regular time. The match witnessed intense competition and enthusiastic support from football fans. Special guests included UC Chairman Mir Zulfiqar Ali Brohi, organizers Muhammad Qasim Baloch and Nizamuddin Gad, DFA Larkana President Faiz Muhammad Brohi, DFA General Secretary Muhammad Ismail Brohi, Muhammad Owais Baloch, Ghulam Sarwar Baloch, Abdul Ghani Baloch, National Referees Shahid Ali Buriro, Qamar Kharani, and Deputy Referee Muhammad Amin Baloch. At the conclusion, awards were distributed to players of both teams, highlighting their outstanding performance.

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SPORTS

Paralympic Champion Paige Greco Dies at 28, Sporting World in Shock

Australian Paralympic gold medal-winning cyclist Paige Greco has died at the age of 28 in Australia following a "sudden medical episode," her family announced on Monday.

The cyclist was born with cerebral palsy and initially focused her athletic career on running before finding success on the cycle. Greco's international debut came at the 2019 Para-cycling Track World Championships in the Netherlands.

Previously, the para-cyclist, who clinched her country's first gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, won another bronze medal in August at the para-cycling World Championships in Belgium, in the C3 road race event.

In a heartfelt statement, Paige's mother praised her daughter, describing her as "everything to us," and expressed their feelings following her loss, highlighting her kindness, determination, and warmth.

"Paige meant everything to us. Her kindness, her determination, and her warmth touched our family every single day. She brought so much joy and pride into our lives, and her passing is something we will carry forever," her mother, Natalie, stated.—Agency

Josh Naylor Locks In Five-Year Deal to Rejoin Seattle Mariners

SEATTLE: Canadian free agent first baseman Josh Naylor has reportedly agreed to re-sign with the Seattle Mariners on a five-year contract, international media reported on Sunday.

The Mariners have not yet officially confirmed the deal, which requires a physical examination that Naylor is expected to complete on Monday.

This contract is set to be the most lucrative free-agent deal for a position player in Mariners history since president of baseball operations Jerry Dipoto took over after the 2015 season.

The previous record was a two-year, $24 million contract awarded to Mitch Garver during the 2023-24 offseason.

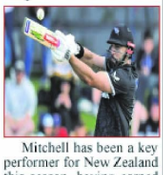
Earlier, Seattle prioritised signing Naylor during the offseason. The 28-year-old first baseman had a strong season, recording 160 hits, 20 home runs, 92 RBIs, 81 runs scored, and 30 stolen bases.

He also delivered an impressive performance in the American League Championship Series, hitting three home runs and posting a 1.273 OPS.

Before the trade deadline on July 31, Naylor was hitting .292 with 11 home runs and 11 steals for Arizona.

He originally debuted in Major League Baseball with the San Diego Padres in 2019, but was traded to Cleveland before the 2020 season.—Agency

Daryl Mitchell in Doubt for Rest of ODI Series Against West Indies After Injury Scare



New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell is in doubt for the rest of the ODI series against West Indies after sustaining a groin strain during his match-winning century in Christchurch.

Mitchell, who scored a brilliant 119 off 118 balls in New Zealand's narrow seven-run victory, will stay back in Christchurch to undergo scans to assess the extent of the injury.

Left-hander Henry Nicholls has been called up for the second ODI in Napier on Wednesday.

Nicholls, who last played an ODI in April, is currently in outstanding domestic form, leading the Ford Trophy run charts with 306 runs at an average of 76.50, including consecutive centuries against Otago and Auckland.

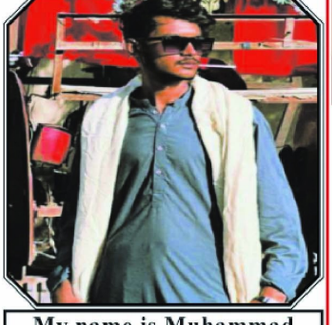
Mark Chapman remains the other spare batter in the squad, averaging an impressive 101.33 from four ODIs this year.

Mitchell has been a key performer for New Zealand this season, having earned the Player of the Series award against England.

"He is a man for a crisis," captain Mitchell Santner said after the innings. "He played extremely well, even on one leg at the end."

Te Blackcaps are already missing several players due to injuries, including Mohammad Abbas (ribs), Finn Allen (foot), Lockie Ferguson (hamstring), Adam Milne (ankle), Will O'Rourke (back), Glenn Phillips (groin) and Ben Sears (hamstring).—Agency

Face of the Day



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Shaheen Breaks His Silence on Wasim Jr's Limited Game Time

Pakistan's ODI captain Shaheen Afridi has addressed journalists' concerns regarding pacer Mohammad Wasim Jr's limited appearances in the format after the recently concluded three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka, which Pakistan won 3-0.

Speaking at the post-match press conference in Rawalpindi, Afridi explained the reasoning behind Wasim Jr's inconsistent run, stressing that the pacer had been part of the squad despite battling multiple injury setbacks.

"I think he was being rotated, but perhaps you people weren't aware. Wasim Junior had a few injuries, and you usually give players opportunities based on those injuries," Shaheen said.

He further elaborated on how team management deals with players who are travelling with the squad but are not fully fit.

"If a player is only as fit as his condition allows… for example, if a player is travelling with the team but not fully fit — Wasim Junior was with the team, but he was carrying several injuries — then the team management naturally keeps rotating him," he added.

The left-arm pacer also highlighted the importance of medical care and praised the value Wasim brings to the side when in peak condition.

"When you are with the team, you still need some treatment and care. Now that he has made a comeback in the ODIs, he has shown that he has the skill; he can reverse swing the ball very well. All the bowlers in the pool right now are game-changers, and they are playing good cricket throughout."

Wasim Jr, regarded as one of Pakistan's most promising fast bowlers due to his pace and ability to swing the ball, has represented Pakistan in 25 ODIs, taking 41 wickets at an economy rate of 5.45.

He recently returned to action during the home ODI series against South Africa, featuring in just one match where he scored 12 runs and took one wicket.

In the series against Sri Lanka, he played two matches and claimed four wickets.

In the final ODI on Sunday, the 24-year-old delivered an impressive spell, picking up three wickets to help bowl out Sri Lanka for 211 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

Pakistan comfortably chased down the target in 44.4 overs for the loss of four wickets.—Agency

Shukri Conrad Warns South Africa's Mission Isn't Over Despite Kolkata Test Victory

South Africa head coach Shukri Conrad has set his sights on an even bigger prize after his team claimed their first Test victory on Indian soil in 15 years.\

The win in Kolkata came after a remarkable comeback, and Conrad is now targeting a series win, something South Africa have not achieved in India since 2000.

"This was right up there for us. Coming to India, playing at Eden Gardens, doing something we haven't done for 15 years, this is right up there,"

"We won a Test match in Pakistan, we've now won a Test match here but the job's far from done. You don't come to a country to win a Test match, you obviously want to win the series."

South Africa began Day 3 on the back foot, seven wickets down with a modest lead of just 63. However, they leaned on a key strength of this Bavuma-led side: determination.

Captain Temba Bavuma led by example, crafting an unbeaten 55 to set India a target of 124.

The bowlers, spearheaded by Simon Harmer, then showcased equal resolve, dismissing India within 35 overs despite the small total.

"There was prodigious turn, and the Indian quartet of spinners just don't give you anything. You throw Jasprit [Bumrah] in there with a new ball and when it starts reverse-swinging, both him and [Mohammed] Siraj are obviously world-class,"

"It makes our victory even sweeter that we were able to contend with all of that and come out on top. It gives you a belief that you can mix it with the best and do special things."

South Africa's resilience has become a defining trait in recent years.

Whether it was the match-winning ninth-wicket stand against Pakistan in the Boxing Day Test last year or the joint second-highest run chase at Lord's in the ICC World Test Championship final earlier this year, the team has consistently shown it refuses to give up.

"I'm so proud of the group in terms of the belief that they've got and how they pull together as a unit. It will do wonders for our psyche and it will do wonders for us going forward."

"Whilst we might not have the ability that a lot of teams have, or we haven't tapped that ability yet, what we lack in that, we certainly make up for in our ability to play as a unit and the resilience we show,"—Agency

Haaland Blasts Norway into the World Cup and Sends Italy to Playoffs

MILAN: Erling Haaland scored twice as Norway qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup on Sunday after a 4-1 away victory against Italy in their final qualifying match, sending the Gennaro Gattuso side to the playoffs.

Norway has ended its successful qualifying campaign with eight wins, ahead of four-time World Cup winners Italy, who have missed the last two editions of the event, and will compete in the playoffs for the third consecutive occasion.

When Italy started the game, they were required to win by a nine-goal margin because of Norway's superior goal difference. The Italians started aggressively scoring early through Francesco Pio Esposito just after the 10-minute mark, as he swept in a close-range finish.

The hosts dominated the first half and went close to a second goal several times.

However, in the second half, Norway turned it around with Antonio Nusa scoring an equaliser in the 63rd minute with a left-foot finish from inside the box.

In the closing stages, Erling Haaland showed his class by scoring his first of the match in the 78th minute as he met a cross and volleyed home with ease.

Haaland scored another goal a minute later, taking his tally for the campaign to 16.

Jorgen Strand Larsen finished the show smoothly, scoring fourth in stoppage time for the visitors, who showed they would be no pushovers at next year's tournament.

Italy, which will play the playoffs for the third consecutive time, finished second in their group four years ago as well, behind Switzerland, and were forced to play the playoffs, suffering a shock exit to North Macedonia.

They also finished second behind Spain in 2018 in the group and lost their playoff to Sweden 1–0 on aggregate.

"We'll find a solution. We want to reach the semi finals, push through to the final, and earn our place at the World Cup," Italy coach Gennaro Gattuso told Rai Sport.

"We first and foremost have to apologise to our fans, because 4-1 is a heavy result."—Agency

Jannik Sinner Defends ATP Finals Title After Masterclass Win Over Carlos Alcaraz

TURIN: Italy's Jannik Sinner successfully defended his ATP Finals title on Sunday, electrifying the crowd with a hard-fought 7-6(4), 7-5 victory over world number one Carlos Alcaraz in a high-quality finale at the season-ending championships.

Backed by a passionate home crowd at the Inalpi Arena, Sinner collapsed to the court after breaking Alcaraz in the final game, before sprinting towards his box to celebrate amid loud chants of "Ole, Ole, Ole, Sinner, Sinner."

"Finishing in front of the Italian public was incredible — maybe even better than last year," Sinner said. "Thank you very much for the support. It felt like being on a football pitch."

Throughout a season dominated by the Sinner–Alcaraz rivalry, their meeting in the championship match felt inevitable. Both players arrived unbeaten in Turin, setting the stage for one last showdown in 2025.

Alcaraz applied early pressure and created the only break point of the first set, but Sinner held strong. He edged the tiebreak with bold shot-making, sending the arena into a frenzy.

Though Alcaraz will finish the year as world number one — having swept his three round-robin matches — Sinner claimed the final word of the season, capping off the finest year of his career.

The 24-year-old reached all four Grand Slam finals in 2025, winning the Australian Open and Wimbledon. Alcaraz, meanwhile, captured Roland Garros and the US Open, defeating Sinner in both finals.—Agency

Nigeria Crashes Out of World Cup Race After Penalty Shootout Loss to DR Congo

RABAT: Nigeria will miss the second FIFA World Cup in a row after the Democratic Republic of Congo edged them 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at the end of extra time to win the African qualifying playoffs in Morocco.

DR Congo will now feature in the inter-confederation playoff in March, where they will be chasing a first World Cup spot since 1974.

Frank Onyeka put Nigeria in front in the third minute, but Meschack Elia scored an equaliser in the first half for DR Congo.

The teams finished the second half with a 1-1 draw and failed again to score in 30 minutes of extra time, before Chancel Mbemba scored the decisive spot kick to send DR Congo to the next stage.

The mini-tournament in Rabat was played among the best runners-up across the nine African qualifying groups, which concluded last month with the nine winners automatically making it to the World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. next year.

Nigeria, who have played the elite tournament six times previously, started the match perfectly as the Congolese cleared an early cross but only onto the edge of their penalty area, where Onyeka capitalised on the effort and helped it into the net by a slight deflection off Axel Tuanzebe.

The Congolese had the chance to level it within nine minutes if Ngal'ayel Mukau had not put his close-in effort over the crossbar after Nigeria goalkeeper Stanley Nwabali had flapped at the ball.—Agency

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ENTERTAINMENT

Demi Moore Stuns in Embroidered Gown at Landman Premiere in London

Demi Moore stole all the limelight as she arrived at the London premiere of the second season of the hit series, Landman.

The 63-year-old actress was among the stars who attended the world premiere of the Western drama series at Cineworld Leicester Square in London on Sunday, November 16.

For the event, Demi wore a strapless dress featuring intricate embroidery with black, blue, and red floral detailing.

She completed her look with sparkling diamond earrings and nude open-toed heels.

In the series, Demi plays the role of Cami Miller, the wife of Monty (played by Jon Hamm).

Alongside Demi, the other cast members of the series include Billy Bob Thornton, Andy Garcia, Ali Larter, Sam Elliott, Jacob Lofland, Paulina Chávez, Michelle Randolph, Kayla Wallace, James Jordan, Colm Feore, and Mark Collie.

"Based on the notable 11-part podcast Boomtown from Imperative Entertainment and Texas Monthly, the series is an upstairs/downstairs story of roughnecks and wildcat billionaires fueling a boom so big, it's reshaping our climate, our economy and our geopolitics," the series' synopsis read.

Irina Shayk Opens Up About Her Path to Self-Love and Confidence

Irina Shayk has detailed how she learned to love herself over time.

In a new chat of POEPLE Magazine, the mogul, who shares a daughter with Bradley Cooper, spoke candidly about her journey to self-discovery.

She began the chat by admitting that she "was not born confident."

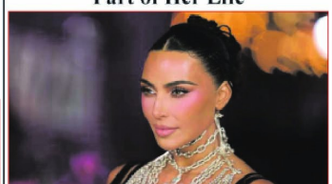
However, she learned over time that loving yourself is a "learning process."

She explained, "in this industry, there is so many things that now you can perfect and adjust, and I always say, you just have to love who you are." Motherhood is a part of her life that's empowered her even more.

"I'm literally in the right time in my life. I'm a mother and I feel very comfortable in my own skin."

"Imperfections could be perfect. I mean, you can look at one of the most beautiful women in the world and maybe they don't have a perfect nose or lips or ears, but that's the beauty of them. So, I'm standing up for natural beauty, celebrating who you are."

Kim Kardashian Gets Candid About the Most Disappointing Part of Her Life



Kim Kardashian just revealed the tough reality of preparing for the California bar exam.

In a candid video posted on Instagram, the reality star shared the stressful moments leading up to the test that would determine whether or not she would become a lawyer — although she previously revealed that she did not pass.

"I've shared so much of this journey with you, and this summer I documented some of the final two weeks of studying — the ups, the downs, and everything in between," Kim wrote in the caption.

"On November 7th, I found out I didn't pass the bar. It was disappointing, but it wasn't the end. This dream means too much to me to walk away from, so I'm going to keep studying, keep learning, and keep showing up for myself until I get there," The Kardashians star mentioned.

The video begins with Kardashian sitting on her bed crying before rewinding to two weeks before the test.

Her time was spent reviewing cases, working with her team of professors, and studying the courses at length.

To make the countless hours of studying even more stressful, the SKIMS founder had also thrown her back out, which resulted in a few "disc issues." Eventually, her emotions got the best of her.

"Every time I feel like I'm a step ahead, something happens to try to stop me from doing this," Kardashian said while breaking down in tears, adding,

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Green City Plantation Kickstarts at Behman Nature Park Larkana

By Saleem Soomro

LARKANA: The Green City Plantation project was inaugurated at Behman Nature Park under the supervision of Conservator of Forests, Arshad Haider Kumario. Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Forest & Wildlife, Mir Babal Khan Bhio, attended as chief guest and formally launched the project. The park, spread over 342 acres, aims to provide recreation, wildlife protection, and environmental sustainability. In the first phase, 6,000 trees will be planted, with a total of 20,000 planned. Future developments include a children's park, bird aviaries, a conference hall, paved pathways, a recreational lake, and a rest house. PPP leaders and officials emphasized tree plantation to combat climate change and encouraged citizens' active participation. The ceremony concluded with bird releases and sapling planting to promote green initiatives.

Dialysis Center Restored After Fire at Abdullah Shah Institute Sehwan

By Qaimuddin Memon

SEHWAN: The dialysis center at Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences, which caught fire a week ago causing millions in damages, has been restored by the institute administration. Director Dr. Moinuddin Siddiqui confirmed that emergency services resumed immediately, and dialysis machines have been repaired, allowing patients from across Sindh to return for treatment. The director apologized to patients for the inconvenience and assured continued efforts to provide quality medical services.

Digri Police Arrest Suspect With Drugs in Swift Action

By Farooq Randhawa

DIGRI: Digri police conducted an anti-narcotics operation, arresting Aslam s/o Alam Khan Nohani near Bandi Branch Stop. The suspect was found in possession of 10 packets of Safina. SHO Aftab Randhawa and ASI Parvez took strict action against drug dealers, registering a case under the Narcotics Act. After completing legal formalities, the accused was presented in court and subsequently sent to jail. The operation reflects Dagri police's ongoing commitment to tackling drug-related crimes in the area.

Dadu Police Launch Wide-Ranging Operations, Arrest 10 Criminals and Drug Dealers

By Javed Laghari

DADU: Dadu police carried out coordinated operations against drug dealers and active criminals across Dadu, Mehar and Khairpur Nathan Shah, resulting in the arrest of 10 suspects. SHO Mazhar Ali Naich arrested Raja Rustam Mangi and Muhammad Hassan Solangi, recovering over 10 kg of cannabis and liquor. In B-Section, police seized illegal firearms from Saim Buksh Chandio, Asif Shahani, and Saddam Shahani. In Khairpur Nathan Shah, three drug dealers were arrested with 1.5 kg cannabis. Mehr police also apprehended two gutka vendors. Cases have been registered, and investigations are ongoing.

MPA Qaimkhani Demands Financial Aid and Judicial Inquiry After Hyderabad Factory Blast

By GM Chandio

HYDERABAD: MQM-P MPA Sabir Hussain Qaimkhani has demanded immediate financial assistance for families affected by the recent deadly firecracker factory explosion in Hyderabad. Visiting the site, he highlighted that most victims were sole breadwinners, leaving families financially vulnerable, and called for aid for recent dengue victims as well. Qaimkhani urged a transparent judicial inquiry, holding all responsible parties accountable, and criticized the local administration for insufficient response. He called for a special committee to investigate the accident and recommended measures for proper medical treatment of the injured. He stressed the need for a provincial policy to regulate hazardous factories, citing past government precedents of financial support to disaster victims.

Modern Clean Water Project Approved for Mirpurkhas Community

By Muzamil Malik

MIRPURKHAS: A historic and significant facility has been approved for the city's residents, with a state-of-the-art RO water plant worth PKR 11 million approved through the special efforts of MNA Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani. The plant will be installed in front of the Municipal Complex and will provide residents with clean, high-quality water. The approval of the project was also praised for the tireless efforts of Chaudhry Asif. Citizens, scholars, and traders lauded Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani's dedication to public service, saying the project will bring lasting benefits to current and future generations.

Deadly Moro Collision Leaves Two Dead After Coach Rams Rickshaw

By Akhtar Laghari

MORO: A tragic road accident occurred near Moro on the National Highway when a high-speed passenger coach collided with a rickshaw, resulting in the deaths of two passengers. The victims, Wahid Bughio from Village Phal Bughio and Israr Ahmed Bughio from Village Juman Bughio, were traveling to Moro for work when the accident happened. The coach driver fled the scene immediately after the collision. Both victims were brought to Moro Hospital, where their families arrived, and after completing legal formalities, the bodies were handed over to the heirs. The coach was traveling from Karachi to Sukkur at the time. A formal case has been registered at Moro Police Station, and investigations are underway.

New NADRA Office Inaugurated in Mithi, Elevated to Zonal Status

By Ghazi Nohrio

MITHI: The new building of the NADRA district office in Mithi was officially inaugurated, with Director General Aamir Ali Khan announcing its upgrade to zonal office status. The ceremony was attended by PPP MNA Dr. Mahesh Malani, MPA Faqir Sher Muhammad Bilalani, and NADRA regional officials. DG Khan highlighted that the office serves over 250,000 people and plans are underway to establish NADRA counters in every Union Council to facilitate remote areas. He also introduced a modern digital system enabling citizens to receive birth, death, and B-Form certificates directly on their phones, reducing the need to visit the office. A public waiting area was also set up to improve convenience.

Mehar Widow Protests Armed Land Grab, Calls for Justice

By Murtaza Panhwar

MEHAR: A widow staged a protest at Mehar Press Club after armed men allegedly seized her five-acre land near Village Chaman during the day. According to reports, the attackers, led by Anayat Khoso and Zubair Khoso, fired shots and chased away laborers and farmers working on a thresher, forcibly taking away the standing crop. The protest was led by the widow, Zahran, widow of the late Sajan Khoso, along with relatives Bilawal Khoso, Fayaz Khoso, Nazar Hussain Khoso, and Rais Suhato Khoso. Zahran, visibly distressed, demanded immediate action against the perpetrators, calling for justice and the return of her property. Local authorities have been urged to investigate the incident promptly to prevent further violence.

Syed Jaffar Ali Shah Condemns FIR Against Awami Tehreek Leaders

By Naeem Ahmed Shaikh

KHAIRPUR: Advocate Syed Jaffar Ali Shah, Member Sindh Bar Council, condemned the FIR against Awami Tehreek leaders and Hyderabad Bar General Secretary Israr Chang over their protest against the 26th and 27th constitutional amendments. Calling it "an attack on democracy," he said the legal community would not remain silent. He announced the All Pakistan Lawyers' Convention on November 22, followed by a nationwide movement against the amendments and PECA Act.

SPLA Democratic Panel Secures Historic Win in SBB University Elections

By Samad Ayaz

NAWABSHAH: The Academic Council and Senate elections at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Benazirabad, were held peacefully and orderly, following democratic traditions. The SPLA Democratic Panel secured a resounding victory, reflecting the clear trust and confidence of the university's faculty. Winning candidates included Professor Qazi Sikandar, Professor Bakht Khan, Professor Masood Memon, Professor Aftab Abro, Professor Khadija Jamali, Professor Syed Manzoor Shah, Professor Muammar Ghaffar Abbasi, and Professor Ghulam Mustafa Lakher. The panel termed the success a testament to the support and faith of the teaching staff. During the ceremony, the victorious candidates were honored with traditional lungis, Ajraks, and shawls, receiving warm congratulations and blessings from colleagues. Faculty members from Dadu, Sanghar, Benazirabad, and Naushehro Feroze celebrated the historic win.

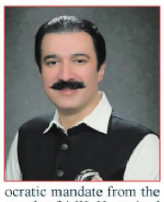
Sindh Government Holds Seminar on Wheat Support Program for Thatta Farmers

By Hyder Shah

MIRPUR SAKRO: Under the guidance of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the Sindh government organized a seminar at the District Council Hall, Thatta, to provide financial assistance to farmers holding up to 25 acres under the Wheat Support Program. The event saw participation from prominent political and social leaders, including PPP Thatta Senior Vice President and District Council Chairman Abdul Hameed Panhwar, District General Secretary Imtiaz Ahmed Qureshi, Ghorabari Taluka President and Town Committee Chairman Muhammad Ramzan Panhwar. Speakers highlighted that the program strengthens farmers' economic stability, boosts the agricultural sector, and reflects PPP's pro-people policies. Experts briefed farmers on loans, subsidies, improved seeds, and crop management, receiving appreciation from attendees.

PPP's Kazi Ashad Abbasi Congratulates AJK Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore

By Muqeem Keerio



HYDERABAD: Senior Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader and elected Cantonment Board member Kazi Ashad Abbasi has extended warm congratulations to Faisal Mumtaz Rathore on his election as the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Abbasi said Rathore's victory is the result of his long political struggle and a strong democratic mandate from the people of AJK. He praised Rathore as a visionary, capable, and public-oriented leader under whose guidance a new chapter of development, good governance, and welfare initiatives will begin. Abbasi also expressed hope that the newly elected Prime Minister will focus on resolving long-standing public issues and further strengthen coordination among all federal units. He prayed for Rathore's success and the prosperity of the people of Azad Kashmir.

Tando Allahyar Administration Launches Coordination Drive for MR Campaign

By Afaque Khanzada

TANDO ALLAHYAR: On the directives of Deputy Commissioner Noor Mustufa Laghari, AC Tando Allahyar convened a meeting at the AC office to strengthen the ongoing MR (Measles-Rubella) vaccination campaign. During the session, Tapedars and UC secretaries were instructed to actively support field teams and ensure prompt coverage, especially targeting households initially refusing vaccination. The administration emphasized the importance of swift action to maximize immunization rates and protect children from preventable diseases. Officials assured strict monitoring and coordination to achieve full campaign success across all Union Councils in the district.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Method of Procurement: Single Stage - Two Envelope Procedure)
Tenders are invited E-Bid through newly method of "EPADS" on Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure from eligible bidders as per details below, strictly in accordance with SPPRA's E-Procurement submission requirements:

SN	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost Rs.	Bid Security	Tender Cost Rs.	PEC Category with Codes
1.	CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF ROAD FROM GULSHAN-E-HADEED MOR TO ALLAHWALI CHOWRANGI, DISTRICT MALIR, KARACHI. (ADP#1940/2025-26).	496,000,000/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-3 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01, CE09, CE10, EE06

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:

a) The participants must quote their rates both in words and figures.
b) Bid should be signed along-with company's stamp.
c) Bid Security / Earnest Money should be made from the Account of the Company / Firm of the participant.
d) Pay Order of the Bid Security shall be uploaded along-with Bid on the website of "EPADS SPPRA Sindh as well as shall be summit Physically in the Office of the Chairman Procurement Committee situated at 01, Behind Dawood Engineering University Engineering Department K.M.C Muslimanbad Karachi before opening of the Bid.
e) Integrity Pact on the Stamp Paper worth Rs.200/-.
f) The bidder shall submit non-refundable Tender(s) cost as mentioned in the NIT in shape of Pay-Order from any scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favour of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) at the time of the announcement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

a) Copy of CNIC.
b) Valid PEC and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c) Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List. of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
d) Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder must be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
e) Valid Professional Tax Certificate.
f) Proposed Construction Schedule: The Bidder must provided Construction Schedule in Bar Chart as per Appendix-D. (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
g) Valid Electrical License from Government of Sindh (Karachi Region).
h) Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed OR not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department for the last five years.
i) Average Annual Turnover at least Rs. 400.00 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
j) Annual Audit Report of last five years from (1CAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.
k) List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / Lease / rented (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
L) At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost 60% of the estimated cost of work; OR At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost for last five years duly supported with Completion Certificate.
m) Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **Bidding / Tender Documents:** Bidding Documents shall be downloaded from the website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) of SPPRA Sindh.
2. **Submission Date:**
All bids (Technical & Financial) must be submitted ONLINE only via SPPRA e-Procurement System "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) both the Technical and Financial Proposal shall be submitted/uploaded in respective section and manual physical submissions will not be accepted.

Bid shall be submitted online on or before 05-12-2025 by 10:00 AM and only the Technical Bid will be initially opened on 05-12-2025 by 10:30 AM at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee Engineering Department KMC in the presence of the Procurement Committee as well as the presence of the Contractor(s) or their authorized representatives of interested bidders, if desired.

In case of any reasons, if the tenders are not responded on the above date, the next date of submitted online on or before 22-12-2025 by 1 1:00 AM and will be opened on 22-12-2025 by 11:30 AM

3. **Funded Through:** Provincial ADP (2025-26).
4. **Bid Validity Period:** 90 Days.
5. **Under following Conditions bid will be rejected:**

i Hard Copy of Bid or by Hand bid will not be accepted.
ii Conditional Bid will not be accepted.
iii Bid uploaded / submitted after specified date and time.
iv Black listed firms.
v Submitted Documents if found forged at any stage.
vi Pay-Order of the Bid Security submitted physically before the date of opening.
6. The competent authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules.
7. Interested bidders are requested to register their firm(s) / company(s) on SPPRA website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) for submission of e-bid.
8. The technical proposals submitted by the bidders will be evaluated by Procurement Committee as per evaluation criteria and mandatory requirements given in the Technical Proposal and thereafter financial proposals of technically qualified bids will be opened by the same Committee on the date and time to be communicated to the bidders.
9. The financial proposals of the bids, found technically non-responsive shall be returned unopened to the respective bidders.
10. In case the date of opening or last date of sale is declared as a public holiday by the Government or non working day due to any reason, the next working day shall be deemed to be the date for last date of sale and submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.
11. Bid Security: Bid Security as mentioned above in shape of pay order or Bank Guarantee (on specified Performa) attached with the Technical Offer in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) shall be enclosed as follows: -

a) Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security.Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope in case of non-compliance, the part of Bid Security attached with the technical offer shall be forfeited.
c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.

12. Canvassing in connection with tendering is strictly prohibited and proposals submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing are liable for rejection.
13. Joint Venture (JV) will not be allowed.
14. All SPPRA Rules / Notifications must be followed.

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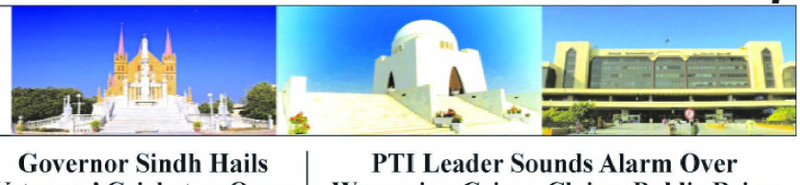


Sharjeel Slams Talk of Sindh's Breakup, Urges MQM to Abandon Politics of Hate

KARACHI: Sindh Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon has firmly dismissed any possibility of dividing Sindh, calling such discussions "baseless and pointless." Speaking alongside Nazir Hussain at a press conference, he said there are "no sacred cows" and urged the MQM to abandon what he described as politics rooted in hatred.

Memon stated that all political tactics previously used by MQM have lost relevance and urged the party to adopt a constructive approach, assuring that the Sindh government is willing to engage positively. He added that MQM's recent press conference was "a bundle of lies," saying their statements should be "heard from one ear and released from the other."

Clarifying concerns about the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, Memon said that local governments were never part of the agenda, and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has already outlined the amendment's key points. He stressed that the PPP has not secretly agreed to any clause.—RT

Governor Sindh Hails Veterans' Cricket as Over-40 T20 World Cup Set for November 21 Kickoff

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has commended efforts to promote veterans' cricket in Pakistan, saying that the experience of senior players serves as a "guiding light" for the younger generation. He expressed these views during a meeting with Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA) Chairman Fawad Ejaz Khan at the Governor House.

The meeting featured detailed discussions on the role of veterans' cricket in encouraging healthy, positive activities and elevating the sporting landscape in Pakistan. Chairman Fawad Ejaz Khan also briefed the Governor on preparations for the Over-40 T20 World Cup 2025.—RT/Agency

PTI Leader Sounds Alarm Over Worsening Crises, Claims Public Being Distracted from 27th Amendment

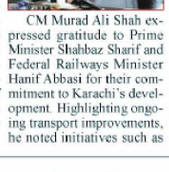
KARACHI: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Karachi Division Senior Vice President and former MNA Faheem Khan has accused political rivals of crafting "fabricated narratives" to divert public attention from the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment and other national crises. He was addressing a rally in Korangi held to demand the release of former prime minister Imran Khan.

Faheem Khan said Imran Khan "lives in the hearts of the people" and warned that the country "cannot function without his release." He alleged that corrupt political forces had plunged Pakistan into darkness and intensified political instability, worsening the economic situation.

He claimed that inflation had reached unprecedented levels, with essential items including fuel, electricity, gas, flour, sugar, ghee and lentils becoming unaffordable for ordinary citizens. Unemployment, he said, was rising sharply while lawmakers were focused on "self-serving amendments" instead of public welfare.—RT/Agency

Sindh CM Presses Prime Minister for Urgent Federal Backing on Karachi Circular Railway

BY Rahib Gaho



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has urged Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif to provide federal support for the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project, emphasizing that such a large-scale initiative cannot be completed by the provincial government alone. His remarks came during a ceremony for the upgradation of the historic Cantonment Station, chaired by the Prime Minister.

CM Murad Ali Shah expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Federal Railways Minister Hanif Abbasi for their commitment to Karachi's development. Highlighting ongoing transport improvements, he noted initiatives such as electric buses, the People's Bus Service, and women-dedicated pink buses, but stressed that a comprehensive mass transit solution like the KCR is essential to meet the city's growing needs.

He also pointed out that until the Karachi-Hyderabad motorway is completed, train travel remains a vital option for commuters, calling for expedited federal efforts to complete the motorway for enhanced regional connectivity.

Woman Killed, Another Injured in Super Highway Crash as Police Arrest Driver

KARACHI: Police have arrested a driver involved in a fatal traffic accident in Dumba Goth along the Super Highway, Malir. According to a spokesperson for Malir Police, the incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Gadap City Police Station when a speeding car struck two women riding a scooter. As a result, Samira died on the spot while Rabia sustained serious injuries.

Police reached the site immediately after receiving the report and shifted both victims to the hospital. Authorities confirmed that the two women were on their way to a school in Badhurabad, where they worked as teachers, when the collision occurred near the M-9 location in Dumba Goth.—RT/Agency

Heavy Security Blanket as PM Shahbaz Sharif Arrives at Karachi Cantt Station

KARACHI: Strict security measures were enforced at Karachi Cantt Station on the occasion of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's visit, with passengers, porters, and other station staff asked to vacate the premises temporarily. Authorities also closed shops and hotel entrances around the station to ensure smooth movement and maximum security for the Prime Minister.

The security arrangements included deployment of personnel at key points, cordoning off areas, and restricting public access in and around the station. Officials stated that these measures were taken as part of standard protocol during high-profile visits to prevent any untoward incidents and to maintain order.—RT/Agency

EU Ambassador Courts FPCCI, Urges Businesses to Join EU–Pakistan Forum

KARACHI: H.E. Raimundas Karoblis, Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan, visited the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) and held detailed discussions with business leaders on strengthening Pakistan-EU economic ties. The visit was welcomed by FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh, who highlighted the upcoming European Union-Pakistan Business Forum (EU-PKBF) scheduled for 28–29 April 2026 in Islamabad.

The forum, supported by the EU, its member states, and the Pakistani government, aims to facilitate high-level dialogue, promote partnerships, and unlock business opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, IT, textiles, agriculture processing, and logistics. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif, is expected to inaugurate the event.—RT

PACC Fashion Show Erupts in Karachi with Dazzling Displays from Rising Designers

KARACHI: A vibrant fashion show at the Pakistan American Cultural Center (PACC), held with Grace Cargo Courier, showcased 30 designers, 20 makeup artists, and 20 models presenting bold traditional and modern wear. Chief guest FBR Commissioner Taimoor Durrani hailed Pakistani designers' global appeal and urged youth to pursue fashion careers. Organizers Anita Khan and Jilani Yusuf highlighted PACC's design and arts training, while Grace Cargo pledged continued support. Certificates and shields marked the event's finale.—RT

Manghopir Town Chairman Inspects Road Works, Vows High Standards and Public Safety

BY Rahib Gaho

KARACHI: Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi, Chairman of Manghopir Town, conducted a detailed inspection of the first phase of the road carpeting project from 4K to Abdullah Mor, emphasizing strict quality control and safety standards. The project, executed through a public-private partnership under modern engineering protocols, aims to provide residents with durable and safe travel routes.

During the inspection, Chairman Brohi examined sub-base preparation, bitumen quality, layer thickness, road compaction, and overall material standards. He received a technical briefing from engineers and contractors, stressing that approval will only be granted if the project meets all technical requirements. "Our children, elders, women, and youth use these roads daily; substandard work is unacceptable," he said.

Chairman Brohi announced that the second phase of the project will commence tomorrow, with the entire route expected to open to the public within weeks. He highlighted that the project will improve traffic flow, reduce travel time, and support local businesses, contributing to Manghopir's economic development.

Accompanied by local officials, dignitaries, and media representatives, Brohi reassured residents that Manghopir Town will be transformed into a model town through transparency, community involvement, and consistent monitoring. Public consultation meetings will soon be held to provide progress updates and gather citizen feedback, ensuring accountability and quality in all development initiatives.

Dumper Association Chief Calls for Calm After Karachi Crashes, Rejects Political Point-Scoring

KARACHI: Liaquat Mehsud, President of the Dumper Association, has urged the public and media not to politicize accidents involving dumpers in Karachi. Speaking to the press, he emphasized that such incidents should be addressed through legal channels rather than creating unrest.

Mehsud clarified his identity amid circulating claims, stating that he is a Pakistani from Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and not affiliated with Afghanistan, India, or Bengal. He stressed that all Muslims are his brothers, rejecting any attempts to frame the accidents along ethnic or political lines.

He appealed to citizens not to take the law into their own hands by resorting to protests, violence, or vandalism following accidents. "The responsible driver should face legal action. That is what the police and law enforcement are for," Mehsud said, urging authorities to ensure prompt investigation and enforcement.—RT/Agency

Karachi Welcomes Cool Autumn Breeze with Pleasant Days Ahead

KARACHI: Karachi is experiencing comfortable autumn weather, with temperatures providing ideal conditions for outdoor activities. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Monday's maximum temperature is expected to reach 32°C, while the minimum will hover around 14°C.

The RealFeel temperature is reported at 33°C, with shaded areas remaining a comfortable 30°C. Light south-southeasterly winds blowing at 7 km/h provide a gentle breeze, and the UV index is moderate at 4.0, making it safe for short periods of sun exposure.

Weather forecasts indicate a gradual cooling trend through midweek, with temperatures becoming increasingly favorable for outdoor excursions, walks, and other recreational activities. Residents are advised to take advantage of the mild conditions while they last, as autumn brings some of the most enjoyable weather of the year.—RT/Agency

Pakistan Rangers Sector Commander Visits PTA Office, Discusses Industrial Security Measures

KARACHI: Brigadier Muhammad Akram, Sector Commander of Abdullah Shah Ghazi Rangers, along with Lieutenant Colonel Zeeshan Ali, Wing Commander, visited the Pakistan Tanners Association (South Zone) office to discuss security measures in the industrial area. The meeting was attended by Dr. Danish Aman, Chairman PTA-SZ; Zahid Hameed, Senior Vice President KATI; DSP Aslam Joya and SHO Ali Niazi from Korangi Police; and representatives of the Korangi Association of Trade & Industry (KATI).

Discussions focused on the current security situation and the recent increase in snap checks in the industrial zone. Participants expressed appreciation for the Pakistan Rangers and Sindh Police for their dedication and tireless efforts in maintaining law and order across Karachi.—RT

Karachi Traffic Police Seize Unregistered Dumper, Arrest Driver in Swift Action

KARACHI: Karachi traffic authorities have arrested a driver and seized a dumper found operating without registration plates and a tracker during a crackdown on heavy vehicles. The vehicle was intercepted in Block 9, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, officials said.

Police confirmed that the dumper's driver neither possessed a valid driving license nor carried an identification card. Due to the absence of registration plates, a formal case has been registered against the driver under relevant traffic laws.

Traffic police emphasized that strict action will be taken against any vehicle violating traffic regulations. The operation forms part of ongoing efforts to ensure road safety and compliance with traffic rules in the city, particularly against heavy vehicles operating illegally or posing a risk to public safety.—RT/Agency

Karachi Police Arrest Woman and Accomplice for Husband's Murder

KARACHI: Police in Shah Latif Town, Karachi, have arrested a woman and her accomplice in connection with the murder of her husband. According to police officials, the suspect had instructed her accomplice to kill her husband, who was later attacked with an axe by the accomplice and his associate.

Authorities revealed that the victim, Yameen, had been married to the accused eight years ago. The woman is also a mother of one child. The suspects are currently in police custody, and further investigation is underway to determine the full circumstances surrounding the crime.—RT/Agency

Karachi Journalist Claims Police Threats, Demands Urgent Protection

By Asif Qureshi

KARACHI: Senior Malir journalist Sajad Shajro, former Vice President of Malir District Press Club and reporter for Dharti TV News, has formally requested IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon, Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odho, DIG East Farooq Ali Lanjar, and SSP Malir Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada to take immediate action against police personnel allegedly threatening him. Shajro reported that after covering the organized theft of Russian machinery, railway tracks, copper, and power cables at Pakistan Steel Mills, police officers Salman, Adeel, and Murtaza allegedly issued serious threats. He demanded legal action against the officers, full protection for journalists, and a transparent investigation to ensure press freedom and personal safety.

Mustafa Kamal Blasts Karachi's Governance, likens City to a Neglected Cow

KARACHI: MQM-Pakistan leader Mustafa Kamal, during a press conference, sharply criticized the current state of Karachi, highlighting severe civic issues across the city. He stated that there is no proper waste collection, drinking water is unavailable, electricity is cut off at night, and gas supply is disrupted during the day. He also noted that much of the city is covered in dust and debris.

Drawing an analogy to emphasize the neglect, Mustafa Kamal said, "Karachi is like a cow that gives milk; until you feed it properly, how long can you expect it to give milk?" His remarks were aimed at urging authorities to address the city's infrastructure and service delivery problems urgently.—RT/Agency

Mochko Police Halt Smuggling of Indian Gutka and Mawa into Karachi

KARACHI: Mochko police successfully intercepted a smuggling attempt of Indian gutka and mawa in Karachi following a tip-off. According to media reports, authorities recovered eight sacks of the contraband being transported from Hub to Karachi by car.

The suspect, identified as Jahanzaib, has been arrested, and the seized goods are estimated to be worth several lakhs of rupees. Police confirmed that the operation was part of ongoing efforts to curb the illegal trade of tobacco and other prohibited substances in the city.

Officials stressed that strict action would be taken against anyone involved in smuggling, emphasizing the importance of intelligence-led policing in preventing such incidents. The arrested individual is being questioned, and further investigations are underway to trace the network behind the illegal shipment. The operation highlights law enforcement's vigilance in tackling organized smuggling activities that pose economic and health risks to the public.—RT/Agency

Five-Year-Old Boy Shot Dead Near Sabri Chowk in Orangi Town

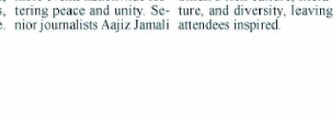
KARACHI: A tragic incident in Orangi Town's Sabri Chowk area claimed the life of a five-year-old boy when a stray bullet struck him in the head. According to media reports, the child, identified as Burhan, was traveling on a motorcycle with his uncle toward Nazimabad when the shot was fired from an unknown direction.

The bullet proved fatal, and Burhan was immediately rushed to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. Despite urgent medical attention, doctors declared him dead upon arrival.

Police have launched an investigation to determine the source of the gunfire and apprehend the perpetrator. Authorities have urged witnesses or anyone with information to come forward to aid in the investigation.—RT/Agency

Karachi Marks 8th Sindh Literature Festival with Music, Culture and Crowds

By Dildar Seelro



KARACHI: The 8th Sindh Literature Festival was celebrated at Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi, drawing thousands of participants from across Sindh, including students from various universities, writers, poets, lawyers, political and social leaders, and cultural enthusiasts. Famous singer Sanam Marvi performed soulful Urdu, Sindhi, and Saraiki songs, thrilling the audience. Provincial Minister Syed Sardar Ahmed Shah emphasized such events promote education and counter extremism. Nationalist leader Ayaz Latif Palijo called for more events nationwide fostering peace and unity. Senior journalists Aajiz Jamali and Sahil Jogi highlighted youth awards and cultural representation, while renowned dancer Afshan Memon urged monthly festivals. The event showcased Sindh's rich culture, literature, and diversity, leaving attendees inspired.

Bin Qasim Police Bust Steel Theft Gang in Targeted Operation

KARACHI: Bin Qasim police, acting on a tip-off, have arrested a gang involved in the theft of valuable items near a steel mill. During the operation, five suspects were apprehended and identified as Jameel, Imtiaz, Faqir, Gulzar, and Ghulam Murtaza.

Authorities recovered over 65 kilograms of stolen iron bearings from the possession of the suspects. According to police, the gang used to steal scrap metal and sell it through various warehouses across the city.

A case has been registered against all the arrested individuals, and investigations are underway to uncover the full extent of their criminal activities.—RT/Agency

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PM Shahbaz Inaugurates Upgraded Shalimar Express At Karachi Cantt

KARACHI: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Monday inaugurated the upgraded Shalimar Express after its complete refurbishment.

Addressing the ceremony held for the upgradation of Karachi's historic Cantt Station, the prime minister said the station had been renovated in an exemplary manner. He added that the improved first-class and economy coaches were impressive, and the Shalimar Express now appeared to be an entirely new train.

Sharif expressed satisfaction over the upgraded passenger lounge, dining hall and automated ticketing system, noting that outsourcing the train had produced encouraging results. He congratulated Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi for the improvements.

He said Karachi was once known as the "city of lights," but its railway system had deteriorated over the years. He added that station cleanliness had been assigned to the Karachi Waste Management Company and stressed that restoring the railway route to Central Asia could significantly boost the national economy.

The prime minister said he was confident the plan would soon materialize and assured that funds required for railway upgradation would be released immediately. He added that under the leadership of Hanif Abbasi, Pakistan Railway was moving toward a modern transport system, and that cooperation with provinces was yielding positive outcomes. The partnership, he said, would be expanded to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as well.

Sharif maintained that Pakistan Railway's network would be further expanded and expressed hope that the system would become one of the region's leading transport networks in the coming years. He said the freight sector was also being reorganized.

The prime minister reiterated his commitment to the Karachi Circular Railway, calling it essential for the city's commuters. He said modern facilities were being introduced at railway stations nationwide and that old railway buildings were being restored.

Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi said the upgradation of Cantt Station had been completed in a short period and that several reforms had been introduced in the railway sector over the past eight months. He said the railway system was in poor condition when he assumed office but that major projects were now underway, including the upgradation of Rohri Junction after 150 years and the preservation of historical buildings.He assured that employee rights would be protected under the outsourcing model and thanked the prime minister and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah for attending the ceremony.—RT/Agency

Saudi Crown Prince Visits US, Defence, AI And Nuclear Talks On Agenda

RIYADH/WASHINGTON: A visit by Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler to the White House for talks on today with US President Donald Trump aims to deepen decades-old cooperation on oil and security while broadening ties in commerce, technology and potentially even nuclear energy.

It will be the first trip by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to the US since the 2018 killing of Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents in Istanbul, which caused a global uproar. US intelligence concluded that MBS approved the capture or killing of Khashoggi, a prominent critic.The crown prince, widely known by his initials MBS, denied ordering the operation but acknowledged responsibility as the kingdom's de facto ruler.

More than seven years later, the world's largest economy and the world's top oil producer want to move forward.Trump is seeking to cash in on a $600 billion Saudi investment pledge made during Trump's visit to the kingdom in May. He steered clear of mentioning human rights concerns during that trip and is expected to do so again.The Saudi leader is seeking security guarantees amid regional turmoil and wants access to artificial intelligence technology and progress toward a deal on a civilian nuclear programme."There is a page that has been turned" on Khashoggi's killing, said Aziz Alghashian, Saudi-based lecturer of international relations at Naif Arab University for Security Sciences.—RT/Agency

Federal Constitutional Court Now Operational After Two More Judges Take Oath

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) on Monday became operational after two more judges were sworn in to serve on the newly formed court established under the recently passed 27th Constitutional Amendment.

FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan administered the oath to Justice Rozi Khan Barrech and Justice Arshad Hussain Shah in the Islamabad High Court's (IHC) conference room, taking the total number of judges of the court to seven.

On Saturday, Justice Muhammad Kareem Khan Agha was sworn in an FCC judge which was preceded by the oath-taking of Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Aamer Farooq, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi.

The new court, which has been established as a result of the 27th Amendment, is set to have equal provincial representation.

The president and the prime minister will play key roles in judicial appointments, while powers to hear constitutional cases of the Supreme Court will be transferred to the new court.

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

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, who was sworn to the coveted post on October 30, 2024, still remains the top judge; however, once his tenure ends after the stipulated three years, the seniormost judge from amongst the SC and FCC judges will become the top judge.

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

India Signs Controversial US Gas Deal Under Trump Pressure

DELHI: India said on Monday it had signed a "significant" deal that will see the United States supply nearly 10% of the Asian giant's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) imports, as it seeks to diversify its energy sources.

Relations between Washington and New Delhi plummeted in August after President Donald Trump raised tariffs on India to 50%, with US officials accusing the country of fuelling Russia's war in Ukraine by buying its discounted oil.

Trump has claimed that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has agreed to cut its Russian oil imports as part of a prospective trade deal — something New Delhi has not confirmed.

India and the United States remain in talks, despite disagreements over a range of issues, including agricultural trade and the Russian oil purchases.Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said India had signed the one-year deal for 2.2 million tonnes per annum of LPG, sourced from the US Gulf Coast, providing "close to 10%" of India's annual imports of the fuel.—RT/Agency

FM Ishaq Dar Touches Down In Moscow For High-Stakes SCO Summit

MOSCOW: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar arrived in Moscow on Monday to represent Pakistan at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG) summit, scheduled for November 17–18. His visit comes at a critical moment for regional economic and geopolitical cooperation, setting the stage for high-level dialogues among major Eurasian powers.

Upon arrival at the Russian capital, FM Dar was warmly received by Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin, Deputy Director of State Protocol Aleksander Prusov, Deputy Director of the Second Asia Department Alexei Surovtsev, and senior officials from Pakistan's Embassy in Moscow. His participation follows an invitation from Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin, who is hosting this year's summit.

According to Pakistan's Foreign Office, Dar will lead the national delegation at the CHG meeting, which gathers key government leaders from across the SCO member states. This year's summit will see the attendance of heads of government from Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Belarus, along with the Vice President of Iran. Significantly, both Pakistan and India will be represented by their foreign ministers, adding diplomatic weight to the discussions.The summit is expected to focus on bolstering economic cooperation, enhancing regional connectivity, and expanding trade mechanisms among member states. Analysts anticipate that Pakistan will use the platform to advance its agenda on energy collaboration, transport links, and regional stability.FM Dar's engagements in Moscow are likely to include bilateral meetings aimed at strengthening Pakistan's ties within the SCO framework and with Russia in particular, marking an important step in Islamabad's evolving regional diplomacy.—RT/Agency

Tragedy In India: 45 Pilgrims Killed In Saudi Bus Crash

RIYADH: Indian police said on Monday that an overnight bus accident in Saudi Arabia killed 45 Muslim pilgrims.

"The tragic bus accident involving Indian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia is deeply distressing," V C Sajjanar, police commissioner for the city of Hyderabad, where many of the Indian citizens were reported to have come from, told reporters.

"According to preliminary information, 46 people were travelling in the bus at the time of the incident, and heartbreakingly, only one person survived."

Earlier, the Indian embassy in Saudi Arabia said a "tragic" bus crash involving Muslim pilgrims occurred near the holy city of Madina overnight, with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi offering his condolences.

"Deeply saddened by the accident in Madina involving Indian nationals. My thoughts are with the families who have lost their loved ones," the prime minister wrote on X.

"I pray for the swift recovery of all those injured. Our Embassy in Riyadh and consulate in Jeddah are providing all possible assistance," he added.Millions visit Saudi Arabia for the Umrah pilgrimage, which happens outside of the Hajj period.

In March 2023, a bus ferrying pilgrims to the holy city of Makkah burst into flames after a collision on a bridge, killing 20 people and injuring more than two dozen others.—RT/Agency

ECP Schedules By-Election For Senate Seat Vacated By Irfan Siddiqui's Death

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday announced the schedule for the by-election on the Senate seat left vacant after the death of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Irfan Siddiqui.

The seasoned politician died on November 10, shortly after the upper house of Parliament passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, which reforms the judicial hierarchy and clarifies the titles and ranking of top judges and military leaders.

The ECP said that the by-election for the vacant Senate seat is scheduled for December 9.

Candidates may submit nomination papers from November 20 to 21 to the Returning Officer, while scrutiny will be completed by November 25, the commission stated.

The ECP has set November 29 as the last date for filing appeals against the acceptance or rejection of nomination papers.

The last date for withdrawing nomination papers is December 1, the commission added, noting that polling will take place on December 9 from 9am to 7pm in the Punjab Assembly.

Siddiqui, known as one of the closest aides to PML-N president Nawaz Sharif, was a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.—RT/Agency

Pakistan And Iran Conclude 13th Round Of Political Consultations

ISLAMABAD/TEHRAN: The 13th round of political consultations between Pakistan and Iran concluded in Islamabad, where both sides held extensive discussions on all aspects of bilateral ties.

The two countries agreed to enhance cooperation in trade, energy, transportation, education, and people-to-people exchanges.

According to the Foreign Office spokesperson, the Pakistani delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Aamir Ahmad Balouch, while the Iranian side was headed by Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Majid Takht-e-Ravanchi.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed progress on the decisions taken in the previous round of consultations and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral ties. They also held an in-depth exchange of views on regional and global developments.Both Pakistan and Iran emphasized the importance of institutional mechanisms such as the Joint Economic Commission and Joint Trade Committee for advancing cooperation.

The two sides also reiterated their resolve to continue collaboration at multilateral forums and maintain a strong and constructive dialogue.—RT/Agency

Bangladesh Demands India Extradite Convicted Ex-PM Hasina

DHAKA: Bangladesh on Monday demanded India extradite ousted former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, hours after she was sentenced to hang for crimes against humanity.

Hasina's autocratic rule was backed by New Delhi, and the 78-year-old fled to India after her ouster in a mass uprising in August 2024, fraying relations between the two neighbours.

On Monday a court in Dhaka sentenced Hasina as well as former interior minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death in absentia, after being found guilty of crimes against humanity over a deadly crackdown against last year's student-led uprising.

The former minister's whereabouts are not known, but Bangladesh says he is also in India.

"We urge the government of India to immediately extradite the two convicts to the Bangladeshi authorities," Dhaka's foreign ministry said in a statement, saying it was "an obligatory responsibility for India".

Bangladesh warned that "granting asylum to these convicts... would be extremely unfriendly and an affront to justice."

India's foreign ministry said that it had "noted the verdict" of Hasina.

"India remains committed to the best interests of the people of Bangladesh, including in peace, democracy, inclusion and stability," the ministry said in a statement that does not directly address the issue of potential extradition.—RT/Agency

PTI Chief Condemns Public Harassment Of Journalist Shahzeb Khanzada

ISLAMABAD: Journalists, political leaders and people belonging to different walks of life, including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan have slammed the harassment of anchorperson Shahzeb Khanzada in a public place.

The condemnations came after a video emerged on social media showing the senior journalist being heckled while he was busy shopping with his family abroad.

"That was a sad incident, and I certainly don't approve of it. It was very unfortunate that Khanzada sahib was booed while he was abroad with his family," Gohar said in a statement.

Speaking on media' programme "Naya Pakistan", Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar termed the incident "highly condemnable".

"On behalf of the state, I assure Shahzeb [Khanzada] that we will trace who that man [harasser] was. It cannot be that someone is with [their] family and is harassed," Tarar remarked.

Punjab's Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb also slammed the incident as "shameful" while calling it a "yet another filthy reminder of the mob mentality Imran Khan has carefully bred within PTI".—RT/Agency

PTI Condemns Political Victimisation, Labels Treatment Of SIC Chief Hamid Raza 'Inhumane'

ISLAMABAD: The PTI on Monday condemned the alleged political victimisation and "inhumane" jail conditions faced by incarcerated former MNA and Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) chief Sahibzada Hamid Raza.

The party claimed that essential medical care and basic rights were not being provided to the incarcerated leader, which was a grave erosion of justice, due process and constitutional protections.

The Islamabad police arrested Raza and presented him before a Faisalabad anti-terrorism court, which sent him to jail to serve his 10-year jail term in the May 9 case. The SIC chief was convicted in the case along with several PTI leaders on July 31.

In a statement issued by the PTI Central Media Department, the party vehemently condemned Raza's treatment during his detention."His arrest — carried out while he was on his way to voluntarily surrender before the court — and the subsequent denial of his basic rights in jail reflect a disturbing pattern of political persecution and a blatant disregard for human dignity," it stated.

The PTI strongly demanded that Raza be immediately provided access to necessary medical care and legal facilities in jail.—RT/Agency

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