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### Tribute to martyrs

Islamabad: Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force laid floral wreath at the Martyrs' Monument, offered Fateha and to pay homage to the martyrs



## Pakistan Air Force observes 7th September as Martyrs' Day

### Security forces foil attack on FC Headquarters, kill four Khawarij

### 😂 Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Security forces successfully thwarted a attack on the Frontier Corps (FC) headquarters in Mohmand district, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, the military's media wing

said on Saturday. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the assault was carried out by a group of four suicide bombers affiliated with the extremist group Fitna al-Kha-

warij. "The attempt to enter the camp was effectively thwarted by the security forces personnel, and resultantly the khawarij, all four suicide bombers, were sent to hell before they could cause the intended damage," it said.



The ISPR said sanitisation operation was being conducted to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area

"Pakistan security forces stand valiant, with the sheer determination and resolve, to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country," the ISPR said.

Separately, five terrorists were killed in an exchange of fire with security forces in Surkhab refugee camp in Pishin district.

### President commends security forces for foiling terrorist attack on FC HQ



Mohmand. "Our security forces successfully eliminated all the four Khawarij involved in the attack," the president said in a statement issued by the Pres

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air Force observed 7th September as Martyrs' Day at all PAF Bases throughout the country. The day commenced with a solemn observance, including special Du'aa and Quran Khawani, dedicated to the martyrs of the 1965 & 1971 Wars, as well as

Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was the Chief Guest during a Martyrs' Day Ceremony held at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. Speaking at the occasion, the Air Chief said that PAF has a

the establishment of Pakistan. alism, and an unparalleled spirit of sacrifice of the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

Hailing the glorious deeds Martyrs of Pakistan Air Force, the Air Chief said, "We owe our heroes an eternal debt of gratiproud history of sacrifice, valour tude for what they have done for

bravery, flawless profession- extend our heartfelt tributes to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our motherland." Chief of the Air Staff also expressed solidarity with Kashof heroism displayed by the miri brothers and sisters in their indigenous and just struggle for

self-determination. In his concluding remarks, he reiterated his resolve to make and professionalism. He high-us, setting a supreme example of all-out efforts for the progress martyrs, the Air Chief laid floral those who made the ultimate lighted that the Martyrs' Day is sacrifice for generations to come. and development of Pakisacrifice in the line of duty since an embodiment of exceptional On this solemn occasion, we stan in the constantly evolving ment and offered Fateha.

global landscape and pledged that Pakistan Air Force would continue to strive hard for the advancement in space, electronic warfare, cyber, niche technologies and indigenous defence capability to ensure sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan.

Later, to pay homage to the wreath at the Martvrs' Monu-

#### 😂 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday paid ready to defend the mothertribute to the security forces for successful operation against Khawarij and foiling terrorist attack on FC Headquarters in

dent House. He commended the security forces for eliminating all four terrorists involved in the attack.

President Zardari praised the security forces' effective and courageous action against the terrorists, saying that the entire nation was proud of its brave soldiers who were always

land. He reiterated that terrorists will not be allowed to succeed in their nefarious designs.

### PTI issues advisory for 8 September Islamabad rally

### 😂 Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has issued advisory to the ticket holders and assembly members ahead of September 8 power show in Sangjani area of Islamabad.

PTI leadership has directed MNAs, MPs, and ticket holders from nearby constituencies to arrive with at least 500 workers, while those from distant areas are expected to bring 150 workers.

Members have been asked to form convoys from their constituencies instead of gathering directly in Islamabad.

Leaders from Rawalpindi, Murree, Hazara, Attock, Chakwal, and Jhelum are expected to bring additional workers to the event.

The attendees are required to reach the meeting venue by 2 pm, as per instructions from PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar, Umar Ayub, and the Jalsa Committee.

It is worth mentioning here that Islamabad district administration has changed the venue for PTI's upcoming rally on September

Deputy Commissioner Irfan Nawaz issued a new NOC, relocating the event to a site opposite the original venue in Sangjani area of federal capital.

PTI leader Aamir Mughal, accompanied by senior party members, visited the new location late at night, vowing that the rally would proceed as scheduled.

Mughal asserted that no force could hinder the September 8 power show and that the government's actions demonstrated its fear of PTI's public influence.

The district administration had granted conditional approval for the rally, stipulating that it would run from 4 pm to 7 pm, with no disruption to business or public movement.

### **Ex-PM Khan seeks** acquittal in NAB cases following Supreme Court ruling

#### 😂 Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: After the Supreme Court's decision, former prime minister Imran Khan has sought accuittal in the National Accountability Bureau cases against him.

Earlier this week, the apex court rejected Khan's plea to declare the hold any validity following the NAB NAB amendments null and void amendments, which provide protec-

while approving intra-court appeals from federal and provincial governthereby ments, reinstating the NAB amendments. detailed The

ruling stated that Khan could not satisfactorily convince the court regarding the invalidation of the

decision, Barrister Gohar Ali, representing Khan, pointed out that the ruling afforded two key benefits: Firstly, that the Toshakhana case against his client could not proceed, and secondly, the £190 million case was outside the jurisdiction of the accountability court.

The hearing for the £190 million case against Khan took place on Saturday (today) at the Adiala Jail,

where both he and Bushra Bibi appeared before the accountability court.

Khan's lawyers submitted a copy of the Supreme Court's decision regarding the NAB amendments to the accountability court.

He stated that the case does not

decisions.

Khan's lawyer raised the question of whether the accountability court has jurisdiction over the case after the NAB amendments. The NAB prosecutor responded that if the court has jurisdiction in the case, then the

NAB amendments. Following this request for acquittal could be considered.

> In response, Khan's lawyer stated that they have not challenged the court's jurisdiction, emphasising that it was up to the court to determine its jurisdiction.

> The court has issued notices to the parties involved regarding the acquittal request and has postponed the hearing of the case until September 10.

PM pays tribute to security forces for thwarting terrorist attack on FC H2 in Mohmand



腾 🛛 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday paid tribute to the soldiers and officers of Pakistan Army for foiling terrorist attack by Khawarij terrorists on Frontier Corps (FC) Headquarters in Mohmand district.

The prime minister, in a statement commended the army personnel for eliminating four suicide bombers who attempted to storm the camp.

"The entire nation including himself salutes the brave officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army," he said.

The prime minister reiterated the government's resolve to continuing fight against terrorism until its complete eradication from the country. He appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Army's soldiers and officers for cleansing Pakistan's soil of terrorist elements.

"The entire nation stands united with the armed forces in the war against terrorism," he added.

PM Shehbaz's tireless efforts debunk Pakistan isolation myths: Dar

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

LONDON): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar said on Saturday that the claims of Pakistan being in international isolation have been proven wrong due to the active guidance and tireless efforts of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his team.

Speaking to the media, Dar highlighted that Pakistan has secured a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for two years, garnering 182 votes- a significant increase compared to the single-vote majority it achieved 12 years ago. The first congratulatory message was received from David Lammy, the UK Foreign Secretary.

He stated that Pakistan will actively contribute as a non-permanent member during its term and is currently engaged in discussions with permanent member states to finalize its agenda. Pakistan aims to play a proactive role in addressing global conflicts and plans to strongly advocate for the issues of Palestine, Kashmir, and Islamophobia at the UNSC.

He emphasized that it is the global community's responsibility to implement UN resolutions on international conflicts. He expressed regret that the



UN resolutions on Kashmir remained unimplemented.

Similarly, resolutions concerning the Gaza bombings have yielded no results, despite the tragic loss of over 40,000 Palestinian lives. Pakistan will persist in advocating for these issues across all forums, including the OIC, D8, and the UN.

Dar mentioned that he has already taken up the issues of Palestine, Kashmir, and Islamophobia at various forums.

Additionally, for the first time, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has appointed a special representative of the Secretary-General specifically to combat Islamophobia.

He noted that Pakistan has already sent nine consignments of medical and essential supplies to Palestine, Moreover, Pakistan has decided to continue the education of Palestinian medical students whose studies were interrupted or left incomplete by admitting them to complete their studies in Pakistani medical colleges.



# 2 The Spokesman

# **PM AJK Chaudhry Anwar** inaugurates Kashmir Martyrs' **Memorial at Keran**

### 🐞 Abdul Maieed Tahii

NEELUM: Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq along with General Officer Commanding Major General Muhammad Irfan on Saturday inaugurated the newly constructed Kashmir Martyrs' Memorial at Keran.

Pertinently, the martyrs' memorial has been built with the support of Karen World Kashmir Forum.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Haq and Chairman World Kashmir Forum Haji Rafiq Pardesi unfurled the national flag while General Officer Commanding Major General Muhammad Irfan, Azad Kashmir Information Minister Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah and Justice R Anwar Mansoor Khan and others were present on the occasion.

Moreover, the function was attended by president Muslim League-N Azad Kashmir chapter Shah Ghulam Qadir, senior minister Colonel (Rtd) Waqar Ahmad Noor, Mian Abdul Waheed, Azhar Sadiq, Dewan Ali Khan Chaghatai, Akbar Ibrahim, Akmal Hussain Sargala, Abdul Majid Khan, bureaucrats, military officials and civil society



representatives

The AJK premier also laid a floral wreath on the martyrs' memorial while a smartly turned out contin-

gent of the Pakistan Army presented the Defense Day. The main feature of a salute.

was organized in connection with contingent of the Pakistan Army.

the function was a spectacular mili-Meanwhile, a special ceremony tary parade by a smartly turned out

### Sahulat Bazaar

RAWALPINDI: Citizens shopping at the Sahulat Bazaar at 6th Road set up by the Punjab government in the city.



### Former PM Farooq Haider Khan says don't dismiss ad hoc and temporary employees 🐞 Bureau Report.

MUZAFFARABAD: Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Raja Farooq Haider Khan. President Muslim League-N Azad Kashmir Shah Ghulam Qadir said that if an attempt is made to dismiss the ad hoc and temporary employees, the government will have to bear the consequences. Permanently protecting the livelihood of thousands of families



was a difficult decision that our government took after much deliberation in the form of Act 2021 and it was an issue that we could not move forward without addressing because within the state which There are industries that give employment to people, these small and big jobs are the livelihood of people and if this is taken away from them, where will they go? Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Raja Farooq Haider Khan further said that ad hoc and temporary employees Most of them are employees who have crossed the upper age limit and they have crossed the upper age limit of employment. ad-hoc employees are made permanent in all the provinces of Pakistan, but our government also took steps to completely ban ad-hocism. Ad hoc recruitment could not be done but some people did not understand this and till date anarchy is prevalent in the state. Do not go through the hardships and troubles these people are going through.

### CTD arrested 33 terrorists from band organizations during operation in Punjab

### 🐞 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in the Punjab province has foiled a major terror plot by arresting 33 terrorists linked with banned out-fits during operations in different areas of Punjab.

According to the spokesman, the CTD Punjab conducted 475 intelligence based operations in different districts of the province to effectively deal with any untoward incident of terrorism, in which 475 suspected persons were interrogated and 33 terrorists were arrested with weapons, explosives and other prohibited materials. Among the arrested alleged terrorists are Khabeeb Ahmed, Mohammad Saifullah, Zaheer Ahmed, Haji Ahmed, Hafiz Matloob, Hamza Javed, Ayatullah, Habibullah, Ali Akbar, Syed Mumtaz Hussain, Waseem Sajad, Hafiz Mohammad Waseem, Komal Abbas, Mohammad Zafar, Abdul Rahman, Mumtaz Hussain, Bakht Jamal, Zabiullah, Tariq Mahmood, Faisal Shehzad, Noor Zaman, Shahbaz Ali, Jabbar Mumtaz, Dil Jan, Zuhurullah, Mohammad Irfan, Muslim Khan, Saad Zahoor, Syed Shamshuddin, Dawood Khan, Amanullah, Ubaid-ur-Rehman and Mushtaq Khan are included, he said and added that they belongs to the banned organizations Sipah Sahaba Pakistan, Lashkar Jhangvi, 133 Brigade, Tehreek Jafria Pakistan and Al-Qaeda.

He said that the arrest of these terrorists were carried out during intelligence-based operations in

### 4 traffic centers have issued 1,600 motorcycle licenses: Chaudhry Tahir Abbas

### 腾 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: District Traffic Officer Attock, Chaudhry Tahir Abbas, stated that in a span of five days, four traffic centers have issued 1,600 motorcycle licenses. Following the directives of IG Punjab and DIG Punjab Mirza Farhan Baig, the process of issuing motorcycle licenses is progressing rapidly. He emphasized that negligence, carelessness, and speeding lead to accidents, resulting in the tragic loss of valuable lives, which is no less than a catastrophe for any family. He expressed these views while speaking with a senior journalist from Attock at the traffic office. Chaudhry Tahir Abbas further stated that, given the current situation with accidents, the traffic police are imposing heavy fines on motorcyclists who do not wear helmets. In response to a question, he expressed regret that the number of accidents is increasing, with one major reason being the use of mobile phones during travel. He mentioned that due to the department's good performance in traffic management, IG Punjab has awarded certificates of appreciation, along with other honorary shields. He also highlighted that, keeping public convenience in mind, motorcycle licenses are now being issued under one roof, saving individuals from spending the entire day at different locations. All processes can now be completed at the traffic office. He informed that training classes are ongoing in three tehsils. In response to another question, he said that if people adhere to the law, many accidents can be prevented.

Ali Haider Gillani distribution of notification to PLF nominated office bearers in Multan

#### 🐞 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Parliamentary Leader and Chairman Punjab Public Accounts Committee MPA Sved Ali Haider Gillani addressed the ceremony of giving notification to the elected officials in connection with the organization of PLF Multan division, Multan District and Multan City.

Peoples Lawyers Forum South Punjab President Sheikh Ghayas Ul Haq Advocate, Peoples Party South Punjab Senior Vice President Khawaja Rizwan Alam, Muhammad Asif Dasti,



General Secretary District Bar Multan Labar, Malik Naseem Labar, Rana Syed Arif Hasan Shah, PLF District Javed Akhtar, Rizwan Hans, Feroza President Barrister Malik Faiz Rasool, Faiz and Syed Hasnain Gillani said that

PLF is the first force of People's Party. PLF was always the first to raise its voice against brutality and democracy. Sved Ali Haider Gillani distributed

notifications to the newly elected officials of PLF in the ceremony. Syed Ali Haider Gillani, Sheikh Ghayas Ul Haq, Khawaja Rizwan Alam, Muhammad Asif Dasti, Syed Arif Hasan Shah, Barrister Malik Faiz Rasool Labar, Malik Naseem Labar, Rana Javed Akhtar, Rizwan Hans, Feroza Faiz were present in the notification ceremony and organization of People's Lawyers Forum.

### DC Dadu inaugurated the polio campaign

### 😂 Azad Baloch



DADU: Deputy Commissioner Dadu, Mukhtiar Ali Abro, has inaugurated the polio campaign. After the inauguration, the Deputy Commissioner administered polio drops to children. Following the inauguration of the polio campaign at the DHQ Hospital, an awareness rally was held, led by Deputy Commissioner Mukhtiar Ali Abro. Addressing the rally, the

Deputy Commissioner stated that polio has been eradicated globally, and it only persists in Pakistan and Afghanistan at present. He emphasized that polio is a dangerous disease with no cure except for the two drops of the vaccine.

The Deputy Commissioner requested the public to cooperate with the women workers who visit their homes for the future well-being of their children by administering the two drops of polio vaccine. He stressed that if a child becomes disabled, they become a burden on the family.

# Health & Wellness Expo 2024 concludes with SIEHS 1122

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

KARACHI: The two-day Health & Wellness Expo 2024, held on September 4th and 5th at the PC Hotel in SIEHS has made in reshaping emer-Karachi, concluded today, showcasing the cutting-edge emergency services provided by Sindh Integrated Emergency & Health Services (SIEHS) 1122. As a key participant, our political leadership, what started SIEHS displayed an innovative range of ambulances, including motorbike cy vehicles. The exhibition also highlighted the organization's telemedicine service, Tele-Tabeeb 1123, along Lakhiar remarked. "We handle nearly with outlets for Research, Development & Education, Fleet Management, and Biomedical support.

Quadir Lakhiar, CEO of SIEHS, delivered an exclusive talk on "Transforming the Pre-Hospital Management Matrix," discussing the strides gency healthcare across Sindh. He emphasized the critical support from the Sindh government in expanding SIEHS's services. "With the vision of with the Aman Foundation has grown into a free, state-of-the-art ambuand mountain cycle-based emergen- lance service, now encompassing 461 advanced ambulances serving 30 districts of Sindh," Brigadier 20,000 calls daily, many requiring immediate medical assistance, and we are committed to meeting these During the expo, Brigadier Tarique demands".

In addition to expanding ambulance services, SIEHS has introduced a fleet of air-conditioned mortuary vans that offer free transportation of deceased individuals from hospitals across Sindh. The organization also launched motorcycle and bicycle ambulances to enhance response times in areas where traffic congestion slows traditional ambulances. Brigadier Lakhiar also announced future plans for an air ambulance service, designed to further enhance SIEHS's ability to respond swiftly to emergencies.

The expo drew healthcare professionals, industry leaders, and social figures, all of whom praised SIEHS's efforts to revolutionize pre-hospital care in Sindh.



# The Spokesman 3 Pak-Uzbek relations strengthened at Uzbekistan's 33rd Independence Day

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*AIOU to* Commence Online Exams for International Students from September 23

### 😂 City Desk

#### in June 2024, which featured 85 Pakistani companies and attracted hundreds ISLAMABAD: The 33rd Independof Uzbek businessmen.

Minister Jam Kamal encouraged ence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan was celebrated with great enthusiasm in both nations' business communities to Islamabad, with Jam Kamal Khan, Pakiseize opportunities through the business stan's Federal Minister for Commerce, forum held on the occasion, stressing that economic and trade relations should The ceremony, attended by dignireach new heights.

Jam Kamal Khan further remarked marked a new chapter in the flouron Uzbekistan's pivotal role as the first Central Asian nation to sign a Transit ishing relationship between Pakistan Trade Agreement and Preferential Trade In his address, Minister Jam Kamal Agreement with Pakistan. Uzbek traders Khan emphasized the unique and are increasingly using Pakistani ports for enduring ties between Pakistan and their global imports, Jam added.

The Uzbek Ambassador to Pakistan, H. E. Oybek Usmanov, praised Pakistan's support in enhancing connectivity, particularly in the fields of defense, he stated, "Pakistan views Uzbekistan as trade, and regional infrastructure.

a significant trading partner in Central Ambassador Usmanov highlighted that the bilateral trade had reached half eral trade has grown substantially, reflecting the strong bond between our a billion dollars, with plans to reach \$1 billion soon, thanks to joint efforts in Jam mentioned the successful "Made transit and logistics agreements. in Pakistan" exhibition held in Tashkent

He also pointed out the trilateral

Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway project as a transformative initiative for regional connectivity.

In closing, both leaders expressed

optimism for the future, with Minister Jam Kamal reiterating his commitbetween the two nations. "Despite chal-

lenges, there will be steady, gradual, but persistent growth in Pakistan-Uzbekment to deepening the economic ties istan trade, with enhanced public and private sector engagement,". he said.

### Independence day

celebration

😂 Spokesman Report

and Uzbekistan.

and culture.

two nations."

gracing the event as the Chief Guest.

taries, diplomats, and military officials,

Uzbekistan, rooted in shared history

Highlighting the importance of trade,

Asia. Over the past three years, bilat-

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, Aybek Arif Usmanov and others cutting the cake on the occasion of the 33rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan at local hotel in the Federal Capital.





### Journalists are the fourth pillar of Pakistan 😂 🛛 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Chief guest Central Cloth Board Union Pakistan Alhaj Naseer Yousuf Vohra, guest of honor SSP Punjab Police Patrolling Mara Anjum Kamal and general secretary Faisalabad Press Club Mian Kashif Farid were special in the swearing in of National Journalist Association of Pakistan. attended On this occasion, elected central chairman Mian Rehan, president Mian Nadeem Ahmed, general secretary Imran Mann warmly welcomed the guests. SSP Punjab Highway Patrolling Region Faisalabad Mirza Anjum Kamal held the top positions of the cabinet while Central Cloth Board Etihad Group Pakistan. Alhaji Nasir Yusuf Wahra, President of the Executive Committee, administered the oath to the executive members. Stage Secretary Imran Mann and Zahid Sarfraz performed the duties with high authority. Central Vice Chairman Mian Farhan Ali Parvez, Senior Vice President Mian Atiqur Rehman, Vice Presidents Dr. Jameel Malik, Rana Aamir Usman, Imran Zafar, Ramzan Baloch, among those who took the oath. Additional Secretary Generals Owais Pracha, Mian Usman Iftikhar, Joint Secretaries Sajjad Hussain Gul, Yakub Rajput, Information Secretary Muhammad Waseem, Finance Secretary Aslam Waraich, Office Secretary Mian Shabbir and executive members Mian Amir Mahmood, Ghulam Dastgir (PC World News), Mian Hamza. Nadeem, Mian Umar Rehan, Irfan Randhawa, Nasir Mehmood, Zahid Sharfraz, Nadeem Malik, Malik Shabbir, Mubasher Iqbal, Waqas Haider, Rana Akhtar Rashid, Ikram Kamboh, Mian Khurram, Nasra Chaudhry, Rashida Parveen were included in the National Journalists Association of Pakistan. SSP Punjab Police Highway Patrolling Region Faisalabad Mirza Anjum Kamal has said in his address after the swearing-in of Come on, don't lie. 95% of people don't lie. You should also pledge not to lie or write in your profession. He has further said that the journalists and photojournalists of Faisalabad are very good.

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) will begin online (in-camera) exams for international students enrolled in Matric, FA, and I. Com programs for the Spring 2024 semester on September 23. Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood has ensured that all necessary arrangements are in place, with exams being monitored via Microsoft Teams using cameras for transparency. Roll number slips and guidelines have been uploaded to student portals.

#### Currently, the university serves around 1,000 international students from 37 countries and aims to increase this number to 50,000 in the future. Additionally, admissions for the second phase of Autumn 2024 are open, offering Associate Degrees, BBA, BS (ODL), B. Ed., and diploma programs. More details are available on the AIOU website.

Meta's Simon Milner speaks to TCM on investing in youth and innovation

#### 腾 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Simon Milner, Meta's Vice President of Public Policy for the Asia Pacific region, joined Talha Ahad from The Centrum Media (TCM) to discuss Meta's work to support innovation and foster responsible digital citizenship among the youth in Pakistan.

The podcast focused on Meta's investment in Artificial Intelligence, like Meta AI which is available in Pakistan and the recent Meta Llama



The collaboration builds upon the

On his visit to the Huawei head-

Pitchathon in Islamabad for developers. Simon Milner shared Meta's efforts to help people build community online and suggested ways to maximize reach on Meta platforms. They also talked about local partnerships and the role of effective policy making in global tech governance. He appreciated Pakistan's

robust creator and developer communities and reaffirmed Meta's commitment to play a part in supporting the country's growing digital economy.

### Huawei to train 300,000 young Pakistanis in ICT

#### 🐞 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Huawei, the world's leading provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices, is going to train 300,000 young Pakistanis in ICT.

Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Program, Rana Mashood, visited Huawei's Islamabad office on Saturday to discuss the modalities of an extensive training program aimed at equipping 300,000 young Pakistanis with advanced skills in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), according to a press statement.

The meeting, which followed crucial technical discussions held on September 4th and 5th, marked a pivotal step in integrating Huawei's advanced training resources into Pakistan's educational framework. The initiative, guided by the directives of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, seeks to enhance technical education by leveraging Huawei's global expertise and cutting-edge training materials.



This strategic partnership is expected to substantially elevate the foundation established during Prime quality and reach of technical educa-Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Huawei's office in China, underscoring tion throughout Pakistan, fostering skill development and innovation. The the commitment to advancing Paki-National Vocational and Technical stan's technical education landscape. Training Commission (NAVTTC) will act as the implementation partner quarters he had invited the company under the Prime Minister's Youth Skill to invest in Pakistan's taxation, Development Programme. and e-governance sectors besides

enhancing its presence in Pakistan's Safe City projects. On his arrival at the headquarters, Huawei Chairman Liang Hua welcomed him which followed the playing of national anthems and his visit of the Exhibition Center.

The chairman briefed the prime minister about Huawei's operations worldwide, particularly in Pakistan, and expressed keen interest in investing in country's different sectors. He was also briefed about different sectors including e-governance, digital banking, telecommunication and artificial intelligence.

Prime Minister Shehbaz, who is on a five-day visit to China, appreciated the innovative operations of Huawei and urged the company to increase its investment in Pakistan. The prime minister, who later held a bilateral meeting with Chairman Liang Hua along with his delegation, appreciated the Safe City projects executed by Huawei in Pakistan and invited the company to invest in the projects particularly in the cities where CPEC projects were being executed.

### LESCO holds meeting to *improve staff training for public hearing*

### 😂 Commerce Desk

 $Lahore\, Electric\, Supply\, Company (LESCO)\, Chief\, Executive\, Officer\, (CEO)$ Engineer Shahid Haider chaired a high-level meeting to ensure improvement in the quality of training in LESCO for resolving the customers issues at open/public hearing, here at LESCO Headquarters on Friday.

The meeting considered various suggestions to provide maximum facilities to the citizens coming to the open Kachehry (public hearings) and to solve their problems immediately.

On this occasion, LESCO Chief said that provision of best facilities to the customers is LESCO's top priority and all

the concerned officers should ensure that every issue of the customers is resolved.

The meeting also discussed about improving the quality of training of LESCO staff. Engineer Shahid Haider said that the development of the institution is not possible without qualified staff, so special attention should be paid to the training of the staff.

The meeting was also attended by Director (HR) Zameer Hussain Kolachi, Chief Finance Officer Bushra Imran, Director (Customer Services) Sarwar Mughal, DG (Admin.) Masooma Adil, Chief Engineer (Operations) Abbas Ali, Chief Engineer (P&D) Zafar Mehmood, Chief Engineer (PIU) Ijaz Bhatti, Chief Engineer (PMU) Shoaib Asim, Director (Commercial) Tahir Nadeem, Director (Safety) Fawad Khalid and Director (Complaint Cell) Rana Rizwan Sibghatullah.

### DG Excise chairs meeting; calls for action against illegal vehicle modifications

### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Excise and Taxation (E&T) Department of Islamabad has ramped up its efforts to curb the use of vehicles with illegal number plates and tinted windows in the Federal Capital.

In this regard, Director General (DG) Excise, Irfan Nawaz Memon chaired a meeting which was attended by the senior officials, including Director Excise Bilal Azam, to review the department's performance over the past week.

The meeting highlighted the department's crackdown on black-glazed vehicles and non-sampled number plates.

Meanwhile, checkpoints have also been set up at various locations across the city to enforce these rules.

On the occasion, officials emphasized that strict action is being taken at these checkpoints to ensure compliance.

Furthermore, additional counters have also been established to facilitate the issuance of legal number plates.

DG Excise reiterated the importance of maintaining pressure on violators, calling for decisive action against vehicles with illegal tinted windows and illegal number plates.

Irfan Memon urged the officials for special checkpoints to further target unauthorized number plates in the city.

The department continues to take steps to ensure road safety and compliance with vehicle regulations, with officials closely monitoring the ongoing efforts.

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### **President Zardari** vows to ensure free education for all children

resident Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday reiterated his pledge to make education accessible to all, regardless of circumstances, in line with Article 25A of the Constitution, which mandates free and compulsory education for children aged five to sixteen.

In his message for International Literacy Day on September 8, 2024, the president stated, "the State is constitutionally obligated to provide free and compulsory education to all children aged five to sixteen years."

On International Literacy Day, President Asif Ali Zardari emphasized the transformative impact of education and literacy as crucial to the nation's future. This year's theme, "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace," was highlighted by the president to underscore the vital role of literacy in fostering unity, cultural appreciation, and peaceful coexistence.

In his message, President Asif Ali Zardari highlighted Pakistan's declaration of a National Educational Emergency in response to the urgent challenge of illiteracy.

This initiative aims to enroll out-of-school children and educate 70 million adults. He noted that under the Prime Minister's Roshan Pakistan Literacy Drive, the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) has launched the "Each One Teach One" (EOTO) Program, which encourages every literate citizen to teach at least one illiterate person.

In order to enhance literacy, the government is providing Conditional Cash Transfers up to the higher secondary level through Benazir Taleemi Wazaif for educating underprivileged children. Stipends up to Rs 4000 for boys and Rs 4500 for girls per quarter are being offered in all districts of Pakistan. Currently, 9.7 million children are enrolled under the programme.

Furthermore, 102,000 scholarships have been given to students from low-income families to ensure that all qualified students have access to undergraduate education.

On International Literacy Day, it is essential to renew

# What If Imran Khan is Tried by a Military Court?

n today's press conference by DG ation. ISPR, Lt. Gen. Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, a notable shift was observed compared to previous briefings. For the first time in several press conferences, the focus on the "May 9 riots" previously emphasized with severity, aggression, and strong warnings about consequences-was noticeably subdued. The tone concerning Balochistan was conciliatory, as the DG ISPR referred to the province as the "Shaan, Aan, and Jaan" of Pakistan. He praised the people of Balochistan as among the most intelligent, honorable, and brave in Pakistan, marking a significant departure from earlier rhetoric focused on security concerns.

Additionally, the stance toward Afghanistan was notably softened. While maintaining a firm stance on ensuring no third power disrupts the relationship, the language was more diplomatic, emphasizing the need to preserve the "friendly and brotherly relations" between the two nations.

Trying a former prime minister under the military act could set a significant legal precedent in Pakistan, highlighting the military's continued influence in political matters. This could lead to heightened tensions between political forces and the military, as well as sparking debates over civil-military relations. Additionally, such a move might further polarize the political environment, rallying Imran Khan's supporters to protest perceived injustices while his opponents capitalize on the situ-

If Imran Khan were convicted, this would set a dangerous precedent on one hand and on the other hand it would impact PTI, his political party. His leadership is central to the party's identity, and his removal from the political scene would create a power vacuum within PTI, weakening trust in governance depending possibly fracturing the party. Without on its fairness and transparency. It would

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Khan's charismatic leadership, PTI could struggle to maintain its voter base, opening the door for rival parties like the PML-N and PPP to consolidate their positions.

Imran Khan's trial could also fuel public sympathy or resistance.

If his supporters perceive the charges as politically motivated or part of a larger effort to suppress dissent, it could lead to increased public unrest and protests, exacerbating political instability. Conversely, if the charges are viewed as legitimate and linked to national security, it could weaken his popular appeal and erode his support base.

Internationally, such a trial could lead to diplomatic challenges. Western countries and international organizations could scrutinize Pakistan's legal and political processes, questioning the fairness of the trial. It could also impact Pakistan's relationships with key allies, especially if the case is perceived as part of internal power

struggles.

Over the next decade, this scenario could lead to new political movements filling the void, while the electoral landscape may focus on Khan's legacy. The trial's handling will also reflect on Pakistan's democratic institutions, potentially strengthening or

> further enlarge the wedge between the army and the general public comprising national security.

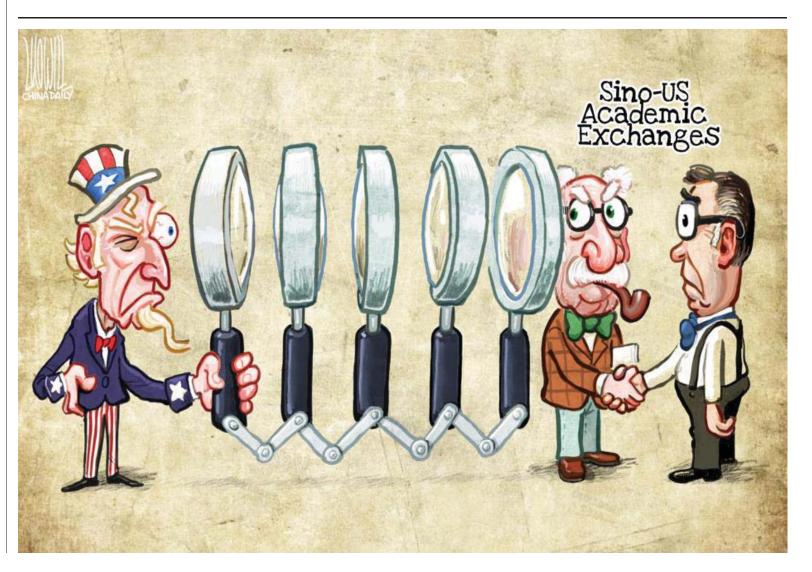
In the worst case scenario, Imran Khan's arrest would have profound implications across several fronts. It could trigger widespread protests from his supporters, escalating

violence and straining the security forces, leading to clashes and disrupting daily life in major cities. The law and order situation could deteriorate further as political polarization increases, with potential for clashes between rival factions. Economically, the unrest could harm investor confidence, cause currency depreciation, and exacerbate inflation. Disruptions in markets and businesses could stall economic activity, further weakening Pakistan's fragile financial position, especially in ongoing negotiations with international lenders like the IMF. Overall, the arrest would intensify political instability, complicating Pakistan's internal governance and international standing.

Finally, if the Supreme Court declares an arrest illegal, especially in a high-profile case like that of Imran Khan, it would have far-reaching implications. Legally, it would reaffirm judicial independence and set a precedent for upholding civil liberties, possibly leading to the individual's release and accountability for those responsible for the unlawful detention. Politically, it could boost the individual's popularity, presenting them as a victim of injustice and strengthening their position, while weakening the government or authorities that initiated the arrest. This ruling could also strain civil-military relations if military involvement is questioned. In terms of law and order, the decision could either calm or incite public unrest depending on how various groups perceive it. On the international front, it would enhance Pakistan's image as a country that upholds the rule of law, reassuring investors and foreign governments about the strength of its democratic institutions.

Any action taken by the army against Imran Khan must be weighed carefully, as it could have serious implications for political stability and public order. A hasty or disproportionate response could lead to major setbacks for the country's internal security, governance, and international standing.

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commitment to advancing the universal right to education. By working together, it is possible to ensure that every Pakistani has the chance to learn, develop, and contribute to a more educated, inclusive, and prosperous nation.

Each individual plays a crucial role in shaping the future of the country. May these collective efforts foster lasting peace, mutual understanding, and a brighter future for everyone, said the president.

### The Night of Valour: Pakistan Navy's **Operation Dwarka**

### **Faisal Nadeem**

n the night of 7-8 September, 1965, the Pakistan Navy executed a bold and strategic operation known as Operation Dwarka," during the Indo-Pak war. This daring raid targeted the Indian coastal town of Dwarka, located on the western coast of India, and aimed to divert attention from the ongoing land battles in Kashmir and Punjab. The operation showcased the capabilities of the Pakistan Navy and marked a significant moment in naval warfare during the conflict.

The Indo-Pak war of 1965 was primarily rooted in territorial disputes, particularly over the Kashmir region. Tensions escalated between the two countries, leading to military confrontations on multiple fronts. While the land battles were fierce, the naval component of the conflict was relatively understated. However, both nations recognized the importance of naval power in asserting dominance over the region and protecting their respective interests.

As the war unfolded, the Pakistan Navy sought to capitalize on its strengths and exploit vulnerabilities in the Indian defence. Recognizing that the Indian Air Force was conducting bombing raids on Pakistani territory, the Pakistan Navy devised a plan to disrupt these operations and draw attention away from the land battles. Operation Dwarka was conceived as a way to achieve these objectives.

The planning for Operation Dwarka involved meticulous strategy and coordination. The operation was spearheaded by the Pakistan Navy, which assembled a fleet of seven ships, including PNS Khaibar, PNS Badr, PNS Jahangir, PNS Shahjahan, PNS Alamgir, and PNS Tippu Sultan. The fleet was tasked with carrying out a surprise bombardment on the town of Dwarka, which was equipped with a radar installation critical for the



Indian Air Force's operations.

The objectives of the operation were threefold. First, the primary aim was to destroy the radar station in Dwarka, which was being utilized by the Indian Air Force to guide their bombers attacking Pakistan. Second, the operation sought to lure the Indian Navy's ships out of Bombay (now Mumbai) so that the Pakistani submarine PNS Ghazi could engage them. Lastly, the operation aimed to divert the attention of the Indian Air Force from the northern front, where intense land battles were taking place.

On the night of 7th September, the Pakistan Navy fleet set sail towards Dwarka, navigating through the Arabian Sea under the cover of darkness. The ships moved stealthily, aiming to avoid detection by Indian naval and aerial assets. As they approached the target, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation and determination among the crew members.

At approximately midnight, the fleet reached a point about six miles offshore from Dwarka. The commanding officer issued the order to open fire, and the ships unleashed a barrage of high-explosive ammunition on the coastal town. The bombardment was swift and precise, lasting only about four minutes. Each ship fired at least 50 rounds, and the attack was executed with remarkable coordination. The operation was hailed as a significant success

for the Pakistan Navy, demonstrating its operational effectiveness and strategic prowess. The raid not only disrupted the Indian Air Force's operations but also showcased the ability of the Pakistan Navy to penetrate deep into enemy waters and execute a well-planned assault.

In the aftermath of Operation Dwarka, the Indian Navy acknowledged the damage caused by the raid, including the destruction of the radar station and damage to the naval air station's runway. The psychological effect of the operation was profound, as it marked a notable achievement for the Pakistan Navy during a time of intense conflict.

8th September is commemorated as Navy Day, a day dedicated to honouring the achievements of the Pakistan Navy during the 1965 war, particularly the successful execution of Operation Dwarka. The operation remains a proud moment in the history of the Pakistan Navy, reflecting its strategic capabilities and operational effectiveness during a critical period in the region's history.

The legacy of Operation Dwarka extends beyond its immediate military success. It serves as a reminder of the importance of naval power in modern warfare and the strategic significance of maritime operations in shaping the outcomes of conflicts. The operation also highlighted the need for robust intelligence and reconnaissance capabilities, as well as the importance of coordination among different branches of the armed forces.

In conclusion, Operation Dwarka stands as a testament to the courage and determination of the Pakistan Navy during the 1965 Indo-Pak War. The successful execution of this operation not only disrupted Indian military operations but also showcased the potential of naval forces in achieving strategic objectives. As Pakistan commemorates Navy Day each year, the memory of Operation Dwarka continues to inspire pride and recognition of the vital role played by the Pakistan Navy in the defence of the nation.

### Government Colleges **Underperform in BISE Multan** HSSC Exams, and reasons - I

n the recent Higher Secondary School government schools and colleges. Certificate (HSSC) examinations conducted by the Multan Board, government colleges have shown a disappointing performance, failing to secure any top positions. The results have raised provided in these institutions, despite the significant financial resources allocated by the government. Millions of rupees are spent each month to maintain and improve government colleges, yet the outcomes remain far from satisfactory. ment to improving educational standards.

Education experts point out that one of the critical reasons for the underperformance is the lack of confidence that even the teaching staff seems to have in the education system of government schools and colleges. A striking example of this is that around 98% of the children of government school teachers themselves are enrolled in private schools and

colleges, where they presumably receive a better quality of education. This trend reveals a deeprooted skepticism among the educators about the effectiveness and standards of the institutions where they themselves are employed.

According to experts, this lack of confidence reflects a broader issue within the government education system. If the teachers do not trust their own institutions to provide adequate education for their children, it is unlikely that they will be fully committed to enhancing the educational environment or outcomes in those institutions. This skepticism and lack of a cycle of poor performance, which ultimately tions. affects the overall reputation and results of

The experts suggest that one of the key ways to improve the situation is to restore the faith of teachers in their own institutions. They argue that until the children of government school teachers begin to study in these institutions, serious concerns about the quality of education the results will continue to lag behind those of private schools. They advocate for a systemic overhaul that would encourage teachers to send their children to the schools where they teach, fostering a sense of accountability and commit-Until such changes are made, government



colleges may continue to struggle to achieve the results expected of them, despite the substantial financial investment by the government. This situation highlights the urgent need for reforms that would boost both the quality of education and the confidence of educators in the institutions where they serve.

The situation of government college teachers becoming integral to the success of private educational institutions is a growing concern. This trend is not confined to the Multan Division but extends across the entire province, highlighting a widespread issue in the education sector. Government college teachers, who are employed and paid to educate students in their respective institutions, are often found dedicating more time and effort to teaching at private institutions. This dual allegiance has created a significant imbalance in the quality of education being provided to students at governcommitment among the educators perpetuate ment colleges versus those at private institu-

#### To be continued

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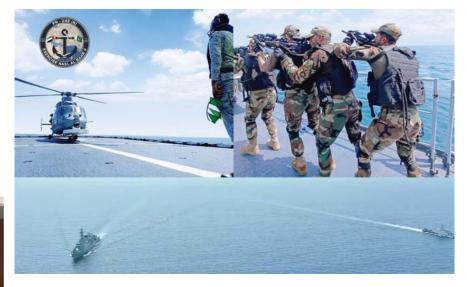
## **PNS Shamsheer & PNS** Haibat visit UAE and conduct bilateral exercise Nasl Al Bahr

#### 😂 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy Ships SHAM-SHEER and HAIBAT visited port Mina Zayid Abu Dhabi UAE, to participate in Ex NASL AL BAHR. Upon arrival, Pakistan Navy Ships were received by Senior Officials of UAE Navy and Defence Attaché of Pakistan.

Mission Commander along with Commanding Officers PNS SHAMSHEER and PNS HAIBAT called on Brig Abdullah Faraj Al Muhairi, Deputy Commander UAE (Navy). During the interactions, matters of mutual interests were discussed and enhancement of bilateral ties in all spheres was reaffirmed. In addition, conduct modalities of Ex





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NASL AL BAHR were also deliberated with host navy.

During the port stay, Assistant Minister for Security and Maritime Affairs of UAE; Salem Saeed Al Jabri, Ambassador Pakistan to UAE, senior leadership of UAE Armed Forces and notables from Pakistani community also visited the ship. Students and Pakistani community displayed excitement during their visits

onboard Ship. Officers and men of both the navies also conducted cross visit of naval units and participated in joint sports activities.

After the port call, PNS SHAMSHEER & PNS HAIBAT will participate in Ex NASL AL BAHR. The exercise is aimed to enhance interoperability, display operational readiness and consolidate existing strong bilateral relations between the two navies.



#### 🐞 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Chinese Ambassador H. E. in November 2013, H. E. Mr. Sun Wei

Chinese Ambassador who has visited an operational NPP in Pakistan. Earlier Jiang Zaidong visited Karachi Nuclear Dong, the then Chinese Ambassador to was highlighted that K2&K3 Nuclear Power Plants K-2 & K-3. He is the first Pakistan had graced the groundbreak- Power Projects commenced their

ing ceremony of chinese designed NPPs in Karachi.

While giving brief to Ambassador it

### **Visit to KNPGS** B Chinese Ambassador visits Karachi Nuclear Power Plants to promote Pak-China ties

2022, respectively with the combined of the society. He stressed that chinese capacity of generating 2200 MW clean power companies may not be restricted & cost effective energy to national grid.

Ambassador appreciated the joint work done by Chinese Power Company and PAEC experts on completion of these Projects. He also thanked Chairman PAEC for ensuring foolproof safety & security in coordination with LEAs for Chinese workforce employed at KNPGS. While speaking on the occasion,

Chinese Ambassador also stressed the

need of promoting Pak-China Strategic

only to CPEC Projects but also to contribute in non CPEC and power sector for strengthening Economic Foundations already laid between the two countries.

While talking on the forthcoming C5 NPP, he appreciated the ongoing negotiations between both the countries and assured complete support for execution of the project which will ultimately enhance Nuclear Power potential of Pakistan. Ambassador further empha-& Bilateral cooperation in vide range of sized upon furthering Corporate Social

production in May 2021 and April activities, involving various segments Responsibility(CSR) initiatives for local population around Khi NPPs and assured chinese support for such activities as well. He affirmed that Chinese Commercial Counsellor will also visit K2 & K3 site soon for reviewing the functioning of these setups and coordinate support required for CSR. Key officials of Chinese Consulate & Embassy at Karachi accompanied the Ambassador during this visit which reflects China's unwavering commitment to continue supporting pakistan in its guest for cost effective & clean nuclear power generation in line with global environmental concerns

Press Statement of DPRK

### U.S., ROK stage provocative joint military drills in Korean peninsula

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### The Matter of Utmost Concern for Kim Jong Un

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The working people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who overfulfilled the production plan for the first



itation projects in the area. At last 11 900 houses and more than 100 buildings for nurseries, kindergartens, schools, hospitals and clinics were built and 15 000 houses repaired in a short period of time, and the residents moved into the houses before the cold winter set in. A number of important measures were taken last vear, too. The measure for building a general hospital in Pyongyang before conducting other major projects was one of them. And a measure was taken for the Central Committee of the WPK to provide grains and financial support to the people of Kaesong, a city, completely sealed off according to the state emergency epidemic prevention system to prevent the infiltration of Covid-19; a measure was taken to provide the food reserve and the strategic materials reserve of the President of the Sate Affairs for stabilizing the living of the people in the flood-stricken areas and for building houses for them. Kim Jong Un personally wrote in a typhoon-stricken area an open letter to the WPK members of the capital city of Pyongyang to stand them in the vanguard of the rehabilitation projects. All these show that the matter of Kim Jong Un's utmost concern is the wellbeing of his people. It is indeed a genuine feature of Kim Jong Un's politics to believe in the relieving the victims of the suffering. All the human, people as in heaven and to audaciously brave all difficulties and hardships for

PYONGYANG: The chief of the Public Information Office of the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on Thursday issued a press statement titled "Provocateurs can never evade the heavy responsibility for escalating tension", which said:

The U.S. and the ROK are staging provocative joint military drills one after another, maximizing the military tension in the region of the Korean peninsula.

The hostile forces staged the largest-ever joint military exercises Ulji Freedom Shield from August 19 to 29 fighters of various kinds, the U.S. Army unit coping with chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear attacks and even troops of satellite countries under the "UN Command". And they have joint landing drill Ssangyong from August 26.

Ssangyong drill with the involvement of division-level forces, 40-odd warships and various kinds of 80-odd military planes and armored racket presupposing an open invasion upon the sacred territory of the DPRK.

August introduced tanks and where the dark clouds of ocation in a striking contrast other offensive military hard-security instability are to the peace-loving desire of a dear price.



ware in the area five kilome- coming from on the Korean ters away from the southern

cation by staging a brigadelevel field mobile drill. For the past two months by mobilizing more than 200 the U.S. and the ROK

desperately staged all sorts of provocative war exerdrill, joint airborne infilcises targeting the DPRK tration drill, Iron Mace are in the ground, sea and air, being staged in succession. including a special operation drill aimed at the infiltration been frantically staging the into the rear of the DPRK threatening actions on the and "small-unit mobile live Korean peninsula, the hottest firing drill" involving the spot in the state of armistice in the world, will only spark

U. S. First Armored Division and the First Armored Brigade of the puppet ROK Army. The provocative anti-

vehicles is an extremely reck- DPRK military drills being less and dangerous military staged by the U.S. and the ROK under the eyes of the DPRK without a time gap from the outset of this year Meanwhile, the ROK clearly show what the source military gangsters early in of escalating tension is and clearer the origin of the prov-

eign states in the region.

As long as there exist the U.S. and the ROK, confrontational entities and destroyers of peace, the provocative military drills will continue, exposing the Korean peninsula to constant instability.

The present situation proves once again that the ceaseless building of the defence capabilities and their offensive application by the DPRK are the only way to neutralize the danger of war drills pursued by the U.S. and the ROK and to control the instability in the region.

The more frequently the U.S. and the ROK stage joint military drills, the more the DPRK hardens its will to defend the security and territorial integrity of the state by dint of powerful self-defensive strength, and this will lead to the strong deterrence, which the hostile forces seeking aggression are afraid and hesitate.

The Korean People's Army will never tolerate the U.S. and ROK's military moves off tensions and drive the threatening the security environment on the Korean peninsula but firmly guarantee the security of the are seriously threatening state and the peace in the region by dint of strength and action.

unilateral military provoca-The hostile forces can tions. Their rash acts make never evade the heavy responsibility for escalating tension and will have to pay half of this year by 44% under extremely difficult conditions, are scoring successes in the second half with a greater stamina.

The experts' analysis is that they are encouraged by the decisions adopted at the Third Plenary Meeting of the

Eighth Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea held in June. As a matter of fact, the plenary meeting was convened to make a mid-term review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies in 2021 and decide the ways for promoting their implementation in the latter half.

The experts expected that the meeting would discuss mainly such practical measures as readjusting the economic system for the country's sustainable development or increasing state investment in the present unfavourable conditions and environment. However, the international community was surprised at the unexpected result of the meeting. Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, issued a

special order signed by him personally, saying that it was the core agenda item of the plenary meeting to take decisive measures for immediately solving the problems of utmost and urgent concern of the people at present.

He said there is no other more important revolu-

and state than bringing up the children, the future of the country, to be physically strong and it is their most important policy and most earnest wish to create better conditions for bringing them up by investing even millions of tons of gold. As a result, the plenary meeting adopted a decision on providing the children across the country at the ages eligible for nurseries and kindergartens with nutritional foodstuffs like dairy products at the expense of the state. The agenda item of the utmost concern of the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was the people's

its leader. It is not yet known to the public what the special order is about, but if one reads the media coverage of the meeting one can guess that it is related with stabilizing and improving the people's living standards. In view of the circumstances the DPRK is in now, it is indeed a very material and technical ambitious decision for it to resources were enlisted and tionary work for the Party provide the children with concentrated on the rehabil- their sake.

dairy products at the expense of the state. 2 In retrospect, important measures have been taken on several occasions in the last decade since Kim Jong Un led the state.

One of them was taken when the northern area of the northeastern North Hamgyong Province was severely damaged by strong wind and flooding in 2016. At that time an unprecedented upsurge was being brought about in all fields of the national economy through a 200-day campaign for implementing the decisions adopted at the Seventh Congress of the WPK. In particular, in living standards. It is unprec-Pyongyang, the capital city, edented in the history of the Ryomyong Street, which WPK that a special order could be called a model was issued in the name of street of modern architecture, a green and energy-saving street, was under construction. But Kim Jong Un took important measures, saying that there was no more urgent emergency and no more important work for the Party than the work of

### Experts call for government action to seize strategic spaces for Pakistan

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Speaking at the Devcom-Pakistan Centre for Geopolitical Studies, the experts called upon the government to take on board the civil socie- navigating the complex geopoty, academia, and the private litical landscape. Key suggessector to collaborate in addressing these geopolitical challenges. By adopting a proactive and strategic approach, Pakistan can build collective security and strengthen its resilience, safe- economic resilience; reducing

forward in an increasingly uncertain world.

The webinar put up strategic recommendations, emphasizing a multi-faceted approach to tions included strengthening ties with neighboring countries and regional blocs to guard its interests, and carve reliance on traditional markets a regional pivot.

a stable and prosperous path by expanding trade partnerships and developing new economic sectors such as technology and renewable energy; actively engaging in water and resource diplomacy to secure Pakistan's access to essential resources and mitigate the risks of conflict; and rationalizing relationships with global powers without compromising national interests, leveraging Pakistan's strategic location as

It is the well-known fact

that the accumulation of such

security environment in the

region into an irreversibly

regional peace and stability

while getting hell-bent on

The U.S. and its followers

catastrophic situation.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed was the keynote speaker. The panel of experts included Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed, Kinnaird College for Women Associate Professor Dr. Khushboo Ejaz, BNU Centre for Geopolitical Research Senior Fellow Dr. Zainab Ahmed, and Center for South Asia and International Studies Executive Director Dr, Mehmood ul Hassan Khan. Others who

Muhammad Hasnain, Shabana Kulsoom, and Hassan Raza.

Senator Mushahid Hissain Sayed urged a proactive regional foreign policy while seeing straemerging Middle Power. He world order in which the core change is that the global centre of gravity is shifting from the West to the East, marked by

spoke on the occasion Aneela the slow-motion unraveling of ally neutral stance while maxi-Khan, Muhammad Sadiq, the Western-led political and economic order, replaced by the dawn of the 'Asian Century' and

peaceful rise of China. Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed said the tegic space for Pakistan as an US-China rivalry is reshaping global alliances, and Pakistan gave a profile of the emerging finds itself in a delicate position due to its close ties with loans, and trade imbalances, China and its strategic relationship with the United States. constraints on Pakistan's sover-We need to maintain a ration-

mizing economic and strategic benefits from both nations.

Dr. Zainab Ahmed emphasized the importance of a proactive foreign policy that goes beyond reactive measures.

Dr. Khushboo Ejaz said: Economic challenges, including dependency on foreign aid, were identified as major eignty.

peninsula. border of the DPRK and No such area as the Korean peninsula can be committed a grave provofound on earth, where the joint military exercises targeting a sovereign state under different codenames military gangsters have such as Freedom Shield. combined joint formation



## Economy/Commerce

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### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share **Index Fluctuation**

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# **Current deficit of Pakistan Post** unaffordable: Abdul Aleem Khan

### 😂 🛛 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: It has been decided to take new measures on an emergency meeting basis to improve the current performance of the Pakistan Post under which various measures including the commercial use of GPOs and post office buildings in major cities of the country are decided through proposals under consideration. This was expressed in a high-level meeting chaired by the Federal Minister of Communications, Privatization and Investment Board Abdul Aleem Khan, in which the Federal Secretary of Communications and the Director General of Pakistan Post gave a briefing on departmental affairs.

Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that the current deficit of an institution like Pakistan Post is not affordable as no organization can be run with low income and high expenses. He said that Pakistan Post will have to come forward with a new business model by increasing revenue with collaboration of situation cannot be claimed as satisfactory, so in the next 6 months, at least 2.5 billion rupees will have to be added to the revenue to prove prac-



NADRA and other institutions. The current for Communication added. Abdul Aleem Khan While in briefing, Director General Pakistan Plan and Digitization and other such measdirected the officers to rent the empty spaces of Post told that in the last 6 months several ures are being proposed which will bring about GPOs and other Post Offices to multinational improvement measures have been taken in clear improvement. In the meeting proposal to companies and other institutions and ensure tical progress in this regard, Federal Minister other measures to reduce running expenses. to launch Personalized Stamps, Automation second and 200 in the third phase was agreed.

the organization and now Pakistan Post going rent 50 buildings in the first phase, 100 in the

### 😂 SCO's Unstoppable Drive

# Freelancing Hubs in Authmaqam and Kel; 4G BTS in Taobat, Set to Transform AJK's Digital Landscape

### 🐞 Bureau Report

MUZAFARABAD: Special Communications Organization (SCO) is advancing its mission to transform Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) into a premier Information and Communication Technology (ICT) hub with the recent inaugurations of several key initiatives. Freelancing Hub (FLH) in Authmaqam and a dedicated FLH for Girls in Kel, along with the launch of a 4G Base Transceiver Station (BTS) in Taobat. These projects, inaugurated by Maj Gen Umar Ahmad Shah, Director General SCO, mark a significant milestone in AJK's digital development.

In line with direction of the COAS, Freelancing Hubs (FLH) are an important part of SCO's strategy for empowering youth in remote areas by providing essential digital skills. With 11x hubs, already established in AJ&K alone, the new FLH for Girls in Kel marks a significant advance in gender equality within



the digital sphere. The hub is designed General SCO, emphasized that these hubs to equip girls with the skills needed for reflect SCO's commitment to productivity freelancing and sustainable livelihoods. and innovation, creating new opportuni-Maj Gen Umar Ahmad Shah, Director ties for skill.

### **RCCI calls for 4%** interest rate cut

### 😂 Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has urged the Government of Pakistan to lower interest rates by four percent. Saqib Rafiq, President RCCI in a statement said that the yearover-year (YOY) inflation in August 2024 was 9.6 percent as opposed to 27.4 percent in August 2023. Also, the rating agency, Moody's has recently upgraded Pakistan's local and foreign currency issuer and senior unsecured debt rating

to Caa2 from Caa3. Saqib Rafiq further remarked that with inflation dropping to the lowest level in three years, there was a strong justification for reduction in the policy rate.

He said that Pakistan's economy is currently facing mately leading to job creaa critical juncture, with a slowing GDP growth rate, a he added.



widening trade deficit, and decreasing foreign exchange reserves. The country's economic growth has been hindered by high interest rates, which have increased the cost of doing business, reduced investment, and discouraged entrepreneur-

ship. A reduction in interest rates will help stimulate economic activity, increase investment, and promote entrepreneurship, ultition and economic growth.

### Sarhad Business Alliance Core Committee important meeting held

### 😂 Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: An important meeting of the Sarhad Business Alliance Core Committee was held under the chairmanship of former Governor Haji Ghulam Ali. The meeting was attended by Syed Zahir Ali Shah, Malik Mehar Elahi, Adnan Jaleel, Bakht Mir Jan Durrani, Ghulam Bilal Javid, Muhammad Shahrukh Khan, Muhammad Iqbal, Mamoor Khan, Shehzad Arif, Manzoor Elahi, Muhammad Ishaq, Nisar Ullah, Syed Akbar, Arshad Siddiqui, Muhammad Riaz, Waheed Khan, Adnan Jaleel, and other members. Besides the core committee, all candidates were also present in the meeting.

It was unanimously decided that the authority for candidate nominations would be handed over to a five-member committee, which would include Haji Ghulam Ali, Syed Zahir Ali Shah, Malik Mehar Elahi, Muhammad Ishaq, and Sharafat Ali Mubarak. This committee will approve and formally announce the final candidates.

The meeting also involved detailed discussions on the Sarhad Business Alliance campaign, advertisements, and other important matters. Emphasis was placed on ensuring an effective doorto-door campaign, and it was decided that all members would engage with voters in their respective areas to mobilize them. It was also agreed that the Business Alliance would play an active role in addressing the traders' issues, restoring the chamber's lost standing, eliminating unjust taxes, and resolving the challenges faced by the business community.

In this regard, it was decided that a grand convention would be held on September 10th, hosted by Chairman Syed Sirajuddin of the Pakistan Chemists and Druggists Association. All voters will be invited to the convention to be informed about the election process and the candidates.

# Fast Cables collaborates with Rotary Club & Punjab Forest Department for Tree Plantation Drive

#### 😂 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Fast Cables, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Lahore Corporate and the Punjab Forest Department, launched a tree plantation drive aimed at promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship in Pakistan. The drive was officially inaugurated by Kamaal Mian, Managing Director of Fast Cables, who emphasized the company's unwavering commitment to a greener and more sustainable Pakistan.

Kamaal Mian, Managing Director of Fast Cables, highlighted the significance of the initiative, stating, "At Fast Cables, we believe that a sustainable future is built on the actions we take today. This tree plantation drive reflects our commitment to not only producing high-quality products but also contributing to the well-being of our planet. Together we are planting the seeds for a greener, more sustainable Pakistan."

Ruhaina Qureshi, President of the



"Sustainability is not just an environ-

Rotary Club of Lahore Corporate, mission that requires the active particishared her thoughts on the drive, stating, pation of every individual and organization. We are proud to have collaborated mental responsibility; it's a collective with Fast Cables in this vital initiative."

### **Daraz celebrates 9** Years in Pakistan

### 😂 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan's leading e-commerce platform, Daraz, is celebrating its 9th anniversary this month with a spectacular birthday sale, offering customers unmatched savings on a wide range of essential items and wishlist products. The Daraz Anniversary Sale kicks off on September 09. It will run for 7 days until September 15, providing shoppers with incredible offerings, exclusive discounts, and exciting Flash Sale deals that will keep the celebration

going strong. During the Anniversary campaign, customers will have the opportunity to collect vouchers worth an astounding Rs 30 crore, which they can stack together at checkout to maximize their savings. As part of the celebration, Daraz is also offering Free Delivery on selected items and Flash of products. We have gone all Sale deals with discounts of up to 60% on over 1 million

products. The highly anticipated Flash Sale will run for 7 days, featuring over 4,500 high-discounted chance deals which will be refreshed daily. The limited-time deals will be offering discounts that could even be greater than the campaign's maximum offering-customers will have to act fast to grab before they disappear.

"We are thrilled to celebrate our 9th anniversary with our customers, who have been at the heart of our journey. This year's Anniversary Sale is designed to reward their loyalty with bigger and better deals than ever before," said Arusha Imtiaz, Chief Commercial Officer at Daraz Pakistan. "Our goal is to provide them with an unmatched shopping experience filled with exclusive discounts, exciting offers, and the convenience of free delivery on thousands out to ensure this Sale is one to remember."

### ICCI President, Maldivian Ambassador discuss bilateral trade opportunities

#### 😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Maldivian High Commissioner Mohamed Thoha emphasized the need for direct air links between Maldives and Pakistan to foster brotherly relations and promote bilateral tourism. He made these remarks during a visit to the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce investment opportunities. He and Industry (ICCI), where he met with President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari to explore new avenues of bilateral cooperation.

Thona highlighted the rich trade two countries, particularly in the export of high-grade tuna from Maldives to Pakistan. He described cooperation.

Pakistan as a fascinating country with hospitable inhabitants and identified opportunities for strengthening business ties in sectors like fruit and vegetable exports.

The High Commissioner also showcased his country's investor-friendly environment, offering visa exemptions and real estate mentioned Maldives' plans to build 36,000 apartments in Male' and invited Pakistani investors to explore this sector.

Thoha emphasized the imporand business potential between the tance of reviving the South Asian Association of Regional States (SAARC) to strengthen regional

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari commended the High Commissioner's efforts to advance bilateral business ties and suggested collaborative efforts to promote tourism. He also highlighted the potential for exchange programs, close collaboration between Chambers of Commerce, tuna imports, climate change initiatives, and ecotourism to enhance relations.

He also invited the visiting guest to join the ICCI's upcoming delegation to Swat Valley on September 22-23, which will include Ambassadors, diplomats, and business leaders. This trip aims to explore the valley's vast potential and uncover opportunities for collaboration and investment.



General United Business Group stan's support for Maldivian diplo-(UBG) said that Maldives carries mats and students, as well as significance for Pakistan not only because of a Muslim country but also as a member of the SAARC. He praised the High Commissioner as a dynamic personality and expressed hope for strengthened relations and Imtiaz Abbasi.

Zafar Bakhtawari, Secretary during his tenure. He noted Paki-Maldives' consistent support for Pakistan's candidatures in international bodies.

Attendees also included Akhtar Abbasi, Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry,

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# Naqvi inspects progress of Gaddafi Stadium up-gradation

#### 😹 Sports Desk

LAHORE: PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi visited Gaddafi Stadium to review the ongoing up-gradation project ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 here on Saturday.

During the inspection, Naqvi noted rapid progress in the construction of the water tank and steel fixing work in the basement. He stated that the basement would be completed by September 30, following which work on subsequent floors will commence.

PCB Chairman Naqvi emphasised that the first phase of Gaddafi Stadium's



up-gradation will be completed before the ICC Champions Trophy.

He reviewed the project's progress and inspected the construction activities.

He directed the project team to adhere to the set timeline and issued necessary instructions to the FWO and the NESPAK.

The FWO project director briefed Naqvi on the progress of the Gaddafi Stadium project during the visit.

PCB's Director Infrastructure, Director Domestic, Senior General Manager Infrastructure, and relevant officials from the NESPAK and the FWO were also present.

### SSU hosts 2nd police Extreme Handgun championship

### 😂 Sports Desk

KARACHI: On the eve of Defense Day, the Special Security Unit (SSU), in collaboration with the International Police Organization, successfully held the '2nd Police Extreme Handgun Championship 2024' on September 6, 2024, at the SSU Chowkandi Headquarters.

According to Spokesperson DIG Security & Emergency Services Division, The event was graced by the presence of Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odho as the chief guest, and senior and retired police officers were also among the distinguished guests.

DIG Security and Emergency Services Division Dr Maqsood Ahmed hosted the championship which included four categories: law enforcement personnel, civilians, women and a special team category for law enforcement agencies. Teams from Pakistan Army, SSG, Pakistan Navy, Intelligence Bureau, Punjab



Police, Airport Security Force, Motorway Police, Sindh Police, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Elite Police Training Center Razzakabad and SSU participated in the competition by demonstrating their skills at an international level.

DIG Security Dr Maqsood Ahmed started the championship with a fire.

Elite, and ASF Islamabad displayed outstanding coordination and precision positions respectively.

In the individual categories, Naveed from SSU, Iftikhar from Punjab Police and Abdul Rehman from ASF in the Law Enforcement Personnel category demonstrated remarkable skill, securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

In the Civilians category, Nadir Ali, Emad Ali and Zaheer Aziz claimed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places with impressive performances.

Meanwhile, Nimra from SSU, Tayyaba from SSU and Uzma from ance at the gracious prize distribution ASF excelled in the Female category, earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions for their outstanding achievements. The event saw a robust participation of 108 civilians, 44 law enforcement personnel and 7 females.

Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Pakistani flag.

Special Security Unit (SSU), Punjab Odho addressing the gathering lauded the SSU's initiative, noting that such events not only provide a platform for in the Law Enforcement Agency Team honing shooting skills but also play a category and secured 1st, 2nd, and 3rd crucial role in fostering camaraderie among law enforcement agencies.

Following these remarks, prizes were distributed among the winners in each category. The winners received cash prizes, medals, and certificates in recognition of their outstanding performances.

Moreover, consul general of Russia and consulate members also participated in the special category of shooting. A large number of senior police officers, bureaucrats, and citizens were in attendceremony

Before the start of the championship, DIG Security and senior police officers of the Security Division paid salutation on the occasion of Defense Day, while Dr Maqsood Ahmed also hoisted the

### Fritz defeats Tiafoe to book US Open final clash with Sinner

#### 🐞 Sports Desk

Taylor Fritz fought back to defeat compatriot Frances Tiafoe at the US Open on Friday, becoming the first American man to reach a Grand Slam final in 15 years.

Fritz, the world number 12, wo



Taylor Fritz was in unknown territory, having fallen at the quarter-final stage at the Slams on four occasions.

Tiafoe used that greater experience to hit back from 3-0 in the first set to clinch the opener.

d reached the semi-final Fritz, who

Pakistan team to compete in 5th World Nomad Games 2024



### 😂 Sports Desk

MULTAN: Pakistan's combined contingent is all set to participate in the 5th World Nomad Games, scheduled from September 7 to 14, 2024.

The opening ceremony will take place on Sept 8 in Astana, where Malik Sajjad Hussain Awan will lead the Pakistani team. The team will compete in different disciplines including Tug of War, Mas-Wrestling, Kurash, Traditional Wrestling, Mind Games, Traditional Archery and Powerful Nomad.

Leading the contingent as Chef de Mission is Rana Muhammad Jameel, General Secretary of the Pakistan Tug of War Federation

The World Nomad Games are an international event that celebrates the rich nomadic traditions and ancient sports from around the world. Pakistan's participation highlights its commitment to reviving and promoting traditional sports on the global stage

"We are extremely proud to represent Pakistan and demonstrate the strength, skills and spirit of our athletes in these historic games," said Rana Jameel.

The World Nomad Games 2024 will gather athletes from over 100 countries, fostering unity and competition in traditional sports.

The Pakistanis team members are enthusiastic about showcasing their talent and contributing to the success of the prestigious event.

### Chris Woakes bowls spin in third Test against Sri Lanka



😂 Sports Desk

LONDON: Right-arm pacer Chris Woakes bowled as an off-spinner on Day 2 of the third Test between England and Sri Lanka here at The Oval on Saturday.

The incident occurred in the seventh over of Sri Lanka's first innings when the on-field umpires, due to bad light, told England captain Ollie Pope to bowl spin with Woakes two balls into his fourth over.

Consequently, Woakes had to make a surreal transition and decided to bowl as an off-spinner, leaving Joe Root in splits. The right-arm pacer started well as a spinner allowing on

4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 and will take on top-ranked Jannik Sinner for the title on Sunday.

"He overwhelmed me at the start and I was freaking out a little," said 26-year-old Fritz after securing victory with a 16th ace.

"I just told myself to stay in it, hold serve and apply scoreboard pressure.

"I did all I could to stay in it. If I hadn't have done that I'd regret it forever. In the final, I will come out and give it everything."

Sinner earlier became the first Italian at Wimbledon in 2009. He was also the man to make the US Open final with a last man from the country to capture a 7-5, 7-6(7/3), 6-2 win over Britain's Jack Slam title when he won the 2003 US Draper.

Andy Roddick was the last American

Australian Open champion Jannik to make a men's singles final at the Slams trailing 6-1 in his head-to-head record against his compatriot.

However, he boasted the more impressive Grand Slam credentials, playing in victory in a brutally one-sided decider Open. Ins second co operative Tiafoe went into Friday's match three appearances. his second US Open semi-final in his last

by defeating fourth-ranked Alexander Zverev in the previous round, was unable to convert a set point in the 10th game of the second set.

He succeeded at the next time of asking to level the match before handing the initiative straight back when Tiafoe broke for 1-0 in the third and held the advantage to retake the lead.

In a match where there were few rallies and little real drama, Fritz levelled again in the 10th game of the fourth set when Tiafoe dumped a lazy drop shot into the net.

That suddenly drained the spirit from Frances Tiafoe as Taylor Fritz raced to in which his opponent managed just nine points.

### Six Pakistan players among direct signings for Zim Afro T10 2024

#### 😂 Sports Desk

A total of six Pakistan players including Asif Ali and Haider Ali were among the direct signings for the second edition of the Zim Afro T10 league.

All six participating teams picked the icon and global superstars through direct signings ahead of the players' draft, scheduled on September 8.

The participating teams will form a 15-member squad with an additional 16th player as their global icon.

Furthermore, the squads can feature as many as six local Zimbabwe players, who can be the icon or global star.

The second edition of the Zim Afro T10 league will run from September 21 to 29 in Harare.

Furthermore, the franchises also unveiled their head coaches with Moin Khan, Owais Shah and Chaminda Vaas most notable entries.

Moin, who has coached the Pakistan cricket team and Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Quetta Gladiators, will join Durban Wolves while NYS Lagos roped in Vaas. Bulawayo Braves Jaguars acquired the services of Shah.

Direct signings in Zim Afro T10

Harare Bolts: Dasun Shanaka (Sri Lanka: Global Superstar), James Neesham (New Zealand: Icon), George Munsey (Scotland), Rishad Hossain (Bangladesh), Shehan Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka), Kennar Lewis (West Indies).

Bulawayo Braves Jaguars: David Warner (Australia: Icon), Carlos Brathwaite (West



Indies), Nick Hobson (Australia), Kobe Herft (Australia).

Durban Wolves: Colin Munro (New Zealand: Global Superstar), Mark Chapman (New Zealand: Icon), Will Smeed (England), Sharjeel Khan (Pakistan), Muhammad Irfan (Pakistan), Yasir Shah (Pakistan)

Cape Town Samp Army: Haider Ali

(Pakistan: Global Superstar), David Willey (England: Icon), Dawid Malan (England), Gulbadin Naib (Afghanistan), Qais Ahmed (Afghanistan), Adam Rossington (England), Shahnawaz Dahani (Pakistan). NYS Lagos: Blessing Muzarabani (Zimbabwe: Global Superstar), Thisara Perera (Sri Lanka: Icon), Asif Ali (Pakistan), Najibullah Zadran (Afghanistan),

Binura Fernando (Sri Lanka), Akhilesh Bogudum (USA), Oshane Thomas (West Indies).

Jo'Burg Bangla Tigers: Chris Lynn (Australia: Global Superstar), Kusal Perera (Sri Lanka: Icon), Charith Asalanka (Sri Lanka), Hazratullah Zazai (Afghanistan), Adam Milne (New Zealand), Luke Wood (England), Karim Janat (Afghanistan).

a single on his first two deliveries.

Chris Woakes, however, faltered on his third delivery as a spinner as he pitched the ball horribly short, allowing Kusal Mendis to pull it towards the fine-leg region for a four.

He reciprocated with an arm ball, which Mendis respectfully worked for a single towards deep cover.

Soon after the end of the seventh over, it began lighter and the umpires allowed the resumption of pace bowling.

As a result, Chris Woakes resumed to bowl as a pacer and soon struck with an important scalp of Kusal Mendis, who managed to score 13 off 14 deliveries.

Chris Woakes set up Mendis with a good-length delivery in the channel and the ball, upon pitching, swung away just enough to take the shoulder of Mendis' bat and flew to Harry Brook, who clung onto the chance in the slip cordon.

When this story was filed Sri Lanka were 86/3 in 15 overs in response to England's 325.

Interim captain Pope led England from the front with a marathon 154-run knock, followed by opening batter Ben Duckett, who made a brisk 86 up the order on the opening day.

The rest of the England batters struggled against Sri Lanka bowlers and could manage modest contributions.

Milan Rathnayake starred with the ball for Sri Lanka, picking up three wickets, while Vishwa Fernando, Lahiru Kumara and Dhananjaya de Silva bagged two wickets each.

### England Test series to be held in Pakistan, confirms PCB chiefNaqvi

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday dismissed reports claiming non-availability of the venues for the upcoming three-match Test series against England, saying that the matches will be held in Pakistan.

No Tests will be played outside [the country]. Multan and Rawalpindi venues are final," the PCB chief said in an interaction with journalists during his visit to oversee the ongoing renovation work being carried out at the Gaddafi Stadium.

Earlier this week, reports emerged that the schedule for next month's three-match series could be altered due to construction work at the country's major stadiums.

The matches are scheduled to be held in Multan (Oct 7-11), Karachi (Oct 15-19) and Rawalpindi (Oct 24-28). But reports claimed that the Karachi Test was likely to be moved to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — Pakistan's "home venue" until cricket returned to the country.

England coach Brendon McCullum on Thursday also addressed the issue while speaking to reporters at The Oval ahead of the third Test against Sri Lanka.

'We don't really know (what is happening in Pakistan) but we can't pick a team until we know where we're going to play," he said. "It would be nice if, over the next couple of days, we found out."

The former New Zealand captain added: "Then we'll sit down and make sure we've got the right team for the right conditions and the right opposition."

England did not tour Pakistan between 2005 and 2022, owing to security concerns, with the PCB staging matches in the UAE throughout that period.

Addressing the reports, Naqvi clarified that the Test series between Pakistan and England will be played in Multan and Rawalpindi.

He further shared that the PCB is in contact with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and "there are no issues".



# The Spokesman

### Tajdar-e-Khatm-e-Nabuwat (SAW) Conference

HYDERABAD: Mufti-e-Azam Pakistan Mufti Muneeb ur Rehman addressing to "International Tajdar-e-Khatm-e-Nabuwat (SAW)" Conference, while large number of Muftis and Clerics sit on the stage, organized by Ittehad-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Sindh at Dargah Sakhi Abdul Wahab Shah Jeelani (RA).



## **Government making efforts** to resume PIA flights to UK: **Ishaq Dar**

#### 腾 Spokesman Report

LONDON: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Saturday said that the government was making efforts to revive flights to and from the United Kingdom as soon as

possible. the Aviation Authority of UK  $\,$  informed that the process was tion of PIA flights," the deputy that it might be completed by prime minister said while 10th of next months. addressing the Pakistani diaspora here.

statement of a minister from the previous government of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) grounded all aircraft of Pakistan in Europe, UK and the Western World

DPM Dar, who is on his official visit to the UK, said the government was taking two more actions of privatiza-"We have made every effort, tion of Pakistan Airlines (PIA) even we changed the laws as and outsourcing of Islamabad per the latest requirements of International Airport. He added.

Kingdom and the real pivot of the bilateral relationship was Pakistani diaspora.

"I believe that the British Pakistanis have proved to be the most articulate, the most diverse and the most effective and vibrant who are contributing not only to the development of the host country but also that of Pakistan," he

to solve the issue of resump- moving on fast track, hoping British Pakistani community projecting that it might take also happened to be the mot

house of lords and hundreds of councilors, and mayors and deputy mayors."

Recalling the worst economic and security situation in the country in 2013, the DPM said the major international financial institutions were declaring Pakistan's economy as a politically unstable country, projecting it to be getting default within He highlighted that the six months. They were also more than a decade to get of

partnership with United in house of commons, 11 in the PML-N government managed to streamline the country's economy in right direction.

He informed that the food inflation came back to only 2% from double digit, while the GDP growth recorded 6%. Pakistan became the best stock market in Asia and 5th best in the World, he added.

By 2017, he said Pakistan became the 24th global economy. However, he said in post 2018 era, the next government's bad governance

# PM congratulates nation on half-century Prophet-hood's finality resolution



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Sheh-

baz Sharif on Saturday congratulat-

ed the nation on the 50th anniversa-

ry of the historic parliamentary reso-

腾 City Desk

lution affirming the finality of the Prophet-hood of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).

In a social media post on X, he highlighted the resolution's significance in strengthening faith and addressing ambiguities about Prophet-hood's finality.

He stated that on September 7, 1974, the Pakistani parliament played a crucial role by adopting the resolution on the finality of Prophet-hood (PBUH).

He praised the parliamentarians, Ulema, Mashaikh, and scholars who contributed to its adoption. The prime minister underscored that the finality of Prophet-hood is a core principle of Islam, central to which every Muslim is dedicated.

Khawaja Asif says 'evidence' surfaced leading to military trial of Imran Khan

### 🐞 Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: All evidence is pointing towards a military trial for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf founder Imran Khan, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said.

"I think day by day this thing is getting clear that his military trial will be based on the evidence and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed will speak about his cooperation with Imran Khan," Asif said in an interview with Rubaroo aired on Aaj News on Saturday.

"He [Faiz] will be because ultimately he will wish to put all the blame on someone else if being involved in any conspiracy."

On Thursday, the army hinted at a military trial for former prime minister Imran Khan, warning that using military personnel for personal or political gains invites legal action.

"Under military law, anyone who uses individuals subject to the Army Act for personal or political gain and evidence of such actions exists, will be subject to the law taking its course," military spokesman Lt Gen Ahmed legal action.



Sharif Chaudhry stated during a media briefing at the Inter-Services Public Relations office located in the General Headquarters.

Asif also spoke in the same wavelength, alleging that the former prime minister and ex-spymaster tried to seize the country and insurrection in the army.

He hinted at the possibility of a military trial against Khan, warning that using military personnel for personal or political gain invited

He pointed out that Paki-

He said an irresponsible tance to the long-standing cabinet members, 15 members after coming into power, country's economy.

among overseas communistan attached high impor- ties in the UK. "We have two that only one and half year was the saddest part of the

politically active community economic quagmire.

resulted in declining the rank However, he maintained to 47 in 2022, which he said

### Salman Akram Raja replaces Omar Ayub as PTI's secretary general

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: PTI leader Salman Akram Raja has replaced Omar Ayub as the PTI secretary general after the party founder accepted the latter's resignation.

"Congratulations to Salman Akram Raja. I have no doubt that he will also perform brilliantly," PTI leader Hammad Azhar said in a social media post while reacting to the development.

Earlier in the day, Ayub wrote in a social media post



that former prime minister tary General PTI, pursuing my Imran Khan has accepted his September 4 resignation letter

"I had requested Senator Shibli Faraz sahib Opposition Leader Senate and Chief of Staff to convey my resignation as Secretary General PTI during his meeting with PM Imran Khan sahib on Thursday," he said.

A screenshot of PTI leader Hammad Azhar's social media and practical political affairs. post on September 05, 2024.

Leader of the Opposition in Senator Shibli Faraz will lead the National Assembly, Secre- the parliamentary team.

legal battles and looking after the issues of the constituency I represent in the National Assembly are all taken together a tremendous workload," Ayub stated and added that he would continue to work as a PTI worker.

A private TV channel reported that Khan has separated the party's parliamentary As a result, Opposition leaders "Holding the offices of in Parliament Omar Ayub and

> has stated that this illegal action by the Student Action Committee

> has compromised the transparent

and peaceful accommodation of

2,700 students in the hostels. The

protesters are even preventing

foreign students from carrying

their belongings, prompting the

university to seek assistance from

law enforcement agencies and the

district administration to prevent

The hostel management has reaf-

firmed that all eligible students will

receive hostel seats, and a revised

allotment list has been prepared

after reviewing student data to

ensure uninterrupted studies when

classes resume on September 9.

The management has reiterated its

commitment to preventing unau-

thorized individuals unrelated to

hostels from entering the premises

under any circumstances.

any potential incidents.

### **Social media platform** X back up after brief outage, shows Downdetector

#### 😂 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Social media platform X was back up on Saturday after it suffered an outage that lasted less than an hour, according to outage tracking site Downdetector. com.

The website, which tracks outages by collating status reports from several sources including users, showed less than 164 reports of outages in the US as of 11:01am ET (1501 GMT) There were more than 8,200



reports at the peak of the outage at 10:31am ET.

The cause of the outage is not yet known

X did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for outside regular business hours.

### University seeks police assistance to counter unlawful protest

#### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The International Islamic University (IIU) has finalized the hostel seat allocation process, but the self-proclaimed Student Action Committee has disrupted the proceedings, taking the law into their own hands and barring the university administration and foreign students from accessing the hostels.

In response to these circumstances, the university has formally notified the police and district administration.

Individuals affiliated with the so-called Student Action Committee have attempted to falsely portray foreign students as protesters by detaining them outside the hostels and disseminating misleading information to media outlets, suggesting that these students are also participating in the protest and being barred by the administration.



However, foreign students have and the university has assured them reached out to the administration regarding this unlawful behavior,

of comprehensive legal protection. The university administration

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**Pakistan blacklists** over 40 technical trade centers: **BEOE** 

### 腾 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BEOE) an attached department of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HD) had blacklisted around 40 technical trade centers across the country due to the complaints and involved in fraud cases with innocent citizens.

An official source revealed that the main function of this department is to control and regulate emigration under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979, and promote the Emigration of Pakistani Citizens.

It is also the responsibility to look after the emigrants' interests and welfare and advise the Federal Government on emigration policies and procedures.

Monitoring and supervision of Overseas Employment Fund (SLEIF) were the main func-Promoters through 7 Protector- tions of this department.



#### **Bureau of Emigration & Overseas** Employment

ates of Emigrants Offices and Processing of Overseas Employment Promoters (OEP) Licences, he added.

BEOE also provides the platform for pre-departure briefing to Emigrants and mandatory Insurance coverage to Pakistani workers abroad.

Memorandum of Understating with Foreign Countries for Export of Manpower and Management of State Life Emigrants Insurance