



Governor KP terms Karsaz tragedy dark day

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Saturday asserted that the blood of the martyrs would not go in vain and the sacrifices made by the people for democratic principles would always be remembered. Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said this in a memorial gathering held in Hyderabad to commemorate the martyrs of the Karsaz incident.



Indian diplomats in Canada 'clearly on notice', says FM Melanie Joly

Days after expelling a group of Indian diplomats in connection with the assassination of a Khalistan leader on Canadian soil, Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly has said that remaining New Delhi envoys were "put on notice". Earlier this week, Canada had formally expelled India's High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma and five other diplomats, ahead of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) revealing new details.

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Bilawal Bhutto Zardari calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with a delegation called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at the PM House on Saturday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the

overall political situation of the country.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar, Pakistan People's Party leaders Sherry Rehman, Syed Naveed Qamar and Murtaza Wahab were also present in the meeting.

Intelligence operation in Pishin, two khwarij sent to hell

RAWALPINDI: On 18 October 24, security forces conducted a successful intelligence based operation in District Pishin on reported presence of Khwarij. During the operation, five khwarij were apprehended and a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives including 3 x Suicide Vests were seized. Apprehended Khwarij were involved in multiple terrorist attacks and were planning to target security forces as well as innocent civilians.



Ammunition were also recovered in large quantity.

In another operation in District Zhob on 17 October 2024, during a fire exchange with security forces, two khwarij were sent to hell. In ensuing sanitisation of the area, weapons and ammu-

nition were also recovered in large quantity. Security forces of Pakistan remain steadfast in their commitment to eradicate terrorism from the country and protect innocent civilians from this menace.

Israel PM Netanyahu's home targeted in drone attack

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: A drone launched from Lebanon hit Netanyahu's residence in Caesarea, north of Tel Aviv, according to his spokesperson.

Netanyahu and his family were not in Caesarea at the time of the attack, the statement said, adding that there were no casualties.

Two more drones that crossed into Israeli territory were intercepted, the military said.

There were no casualties reported, according to the Israeli



ambulance service and police said explosions had been heard in Caesarea, coastal town where Netanyahu has a holiday home. The drone attack was not immediately claimed by the

Hezbollah, which has been trading fire with Israel since last October.

The drone comes a day after Hamas on Friday confirmed its leader Yahya Sinwar in has been martyred in Gaza.

Sinwar, born in the Khan Younis refugee camp, joined Hamas in 1987. He spent 23 years in Israeli prisons and was released in 2011 as part of a prisoner exchange deal.

After former Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh's martyrdom in July 2024, Sinwar became the leader of Hamas. He advocated for

a unified Palestinian state encompassing Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday the death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar will not halt the "Axis of Resistance" and that Hamas would live on.

"His loss is undoubtedly painful for the Axis of Resistance, but this front did not cease advancing with the martyrdom of prominent figures," Khamenei said in a statement. "Hamas is alive and will remain alive."

Despite having numbers, efforts being made to create broader consensus on constitutional package: Tarar

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Saturday that despite having numbers, the coalition government was making all-out efforts for the creation of a broader consensus on the proposed constitutional package.

Talking to the media outside Parliament House along with the senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Haneef Abbasi, he said the process of consultations for the constitutional package was ongoing and the Pakistan People's Party

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto held meetings with Jamiat Ulama-e-Pakistan Amir Fazlur Rahman and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. "We are democratic people, we try to create a consensus among all political stakeholders," he said adding that in democratic societies, efforts were made for consensus building through consultations.

He said that by changing the rules within Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the powers of posting and transfer of police officers have been taken over by the Chief Minister from the IG. The minister said that the

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PTI seeks more time from JUI-F chief Fazl over 26th constitutional amendment

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: A PPP delegation led by party chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari called on JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman in Islamabad on October 19, 2024. BNP-M chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal was also present in the meeting. Photo via social media

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The consultation process to build consensus on the 26th Constitutional Amendment intensified on Saturday following a meeting between former prime minister Imran Khan and a PTI delegation, which subsequently visited JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's residence in Islamabad and sought more time over the legislation related to judicial reforms.

The PTI has decided to continue consultations with Fazl regarding the constitutional amendments, informing him that the founder has requested time until Monday for further discussions.

Earlier, the PTI delegation had arrived at the JUI-F chief's residence to engage in consultations on the constitutional amendment. PTI leaders expressed their grievances about being denied permission to meet with the PTI founder in Adiala Jail.

A five-member PTI delegation, including party chairman Gohar Ali Khan, Salman Akram Raja, Barrister Ali Zafar, Asad Qaiser, and Hamid Raza, received permission to meet with Khan. The delegation visited the Adiala Jail where they held detailed discussions with the PTI founder on the constitutional amendment.

26th proposed Constitutional Amendment to further strengthen Parliament: Bilawal

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Saturday said that the 26th proposed Constitutional Amendment package would further strengthen the Parliament and democracy in the country.

Talking to media persons after meeting

the Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief for consultations on the draft Constitutional Amendment here at his residence, Bilawal Bhutto said that PPP and Chief JUI-F, Maulana Fazlur Rehman had developed complete consensus on proposed Constitutional Amendment.

He expressed his hope that Maulana Fazlur Rehman would personally present

the proposed Constitutional Amendment draft in the Parliament as the constitutional reform process is progressing rapidly following extensive consultations.

Bilawal Bhutto said that the coalition aims to repeal the 19th Amendment to strengthen parliamentary powers. He highlighted that the draft is reflective of Maulana Fazlur Rehman's vision for the

amendment.

"We have agreed on constitutional benches instead of establishing constitutional court," he said.

He expressed optimism about securing the support of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for this joint initiative, adding that PTI should prove itself as a political party rather than a troop of social media.

PM praises security forces for successful operation against terrorists

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday commended the officers and soldiers of security forces for successful operation against Fitna al-Khawarij terrorists in districts Pishin and Zhob.

In a statement, the prime minister congratulated the security forces for their commendable efforts, which resulted in the arrest of five Khawarij, and killing of two others. The operation also led to the seizure of a large amount of weapons and explosive materials.

"The entire nation including myself, pays tribute to the brave Pak army soldiers and officers



for purging the country from Fitna al-Khawarij."

He said the entire nation stood united with the Pakistan Armed Forces in their mission to thwart the ambitions of Pakistan's enemies, who aim to spread unrest and instability in the country.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif seeks plan to eradicate polio virus

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has sought a practical and sustainable plan to eliminate environmental samples of polio virus. She directed to undertake effective vaccination campaign at all entry points of Punjab. She directed to undertake a comprehensive and effective vaccination initiative in order to achieve the desired goal of completely eradicating polio virus.

During a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif regarding the elimination of polio, a decision was made to track and register mobile and migrant populations in Punjab.

The Chief Minister directed that accurate data on missing children be compiled during the vaccination campaign. The meeting also reviewed



micro-plans and proposals to further enhance the effectiveness of the vaccination campaign so as to make Punjab

completely polio-free. CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif vowed that making Punjab completely polio-

free is our commitment. She said that she is personally monitoring the vaccination campaign and underscored that the polio virus can only be eradicated through vigorous and complete public support.

She directed that maintaining a cold chain according to SOPs during the vaccination campaign should be ensured.

The CM said that increase spreading of polio virus in Punjab is a matter of great concern and focused attention must be paid on the districts with weak vaccination coverage.

Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Health Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique, Khawaja Imran Nazir, Parliamentary Secretary Azma Kardar, Sania Ashiq, Dr. Adnan Khan, Chief Secretary, Secretaries, and other relevant officials attended the meeting.

Jamaat-e-Islami demands need for constitutional commission to save Pakistan from being controversial



Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Deputy Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, President of the Standing Council for Political and National Affairs, Liaquat Baloch, while addressing a press conference in the center of Jamaat-e-Islami, Multan, Dar-e-Salaam, has said that invisible forces bring political parties together, no one knows where the draft is prepared. At present, the entire country is in the grip of constitutional amendment, the need of the hour is to save the constitution from being controversial. The constitutional amendments are controversial and malicious. Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Bilawal Bhutto are giving desperate words and threats to the nation. We advised Tehreek-e-Insaf that the opposition parties should not be part of it and reject it altogether.

With these constitutional amendments, the constitution is being made controversial and the court is being played with. The senior most judge in the Supreme Court should be made the Chief Justice. He further said that the martial law and political governments in the country have made amendments under the auspices of the establishment, at this time there is a need for a large-scale consultation and a constitutional commission. A commission should be formed which includes constitutional parties, experts and members of parliament to review this whole situation and find a permanent solution. The present government is a form 47 government which we do not recognize.

Acting Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami South Punjab Sohaib Amar Siddiqui, Dr. Ashraf Ali Atiq, Mian Munir Ahmed Bodla and Hassan Akhwani were also present on this occasion. Liaquat Baloch said that Israel cannot achieve its goals by targeting the leadership of Hamas and Hezbollah. Yahya Sinwar was martyred as a target. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is a terrorist, Israel and America should stop their terrorism in Palestine. These sacrifices give new impetus to freedom movements. The Prime Minister of Israel unveiled new maps at the United Nations, showing that the Muslim Ummah must now unite for its rights.

Professor Mirchand Oad

A Beacon of Excellence in Education, Praised for His Remarkable Leadership

Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Professor Mirchand Oad, Director of Colleges, Mirpur Khas, has revitalized the region's educational institutions through his integrity, generosity, and exceptional administrative skills. Previously, he served as Regional Director of Colleges, Hyderabad Region. His arrival has brought joy and satisfaction to the principals of Mirpur Khas.

In a statement, Professor Munir Karim Buriro, Principal of Qasimabad Boys Degree College, expressed his views, saying that Professor Oad is recognized as an experienced and courageous officer who consistently offers his full support to college principals. "Under his leadership, teachers have gained new morale, and he remains committed to elevating educational institutions to new heights," he remarked.

Professor Buriro further added, "I have never met such an exemplary individual in my life. He inspires passion and motivation to move institutions forward. This priceless gem from the soil of Tharparkar will, I hope, remain forever blessed and prosperous."

He also expressed optimism that Professor Mirchand Oad will continue to demonstrate the same dedication in Mirpur Khas, further advancing educational institutions in the region.

Will serve humanity and make elite line club members. Alhaj Nasser Vohra

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Elite Lions Club organized a ceremony at Serena Hotel. In which the Lions members were pinned. The chief guest of this event was the President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rehan Naseem Bharara. While the distinguished guests were National Group Leaders Mian Muhammad Idrees and Mian Javaid Iqbal. Officials, members and eminent personalities of Faisalabad city also participated in the function of Elite Lions Club. On this occasion Line Alhaj Nasser Yousuf Vohra, Central President of Cloth Board Ethihad Group Pakistan, while talking to the media, said that serving humanity is the mission of Elite Lines, while Elite Lines Club equips hospitals, educational institutions, distributes medicines and eye care. On this occasion, Mian Muhammad Idrees, Mian Javed Iqbal, President FCCI Rehan Naseem Bharara, Governor Atif Munir, President Chaudhry Talat Mehmood Gujar, Rana Mahmood ul Hasan, Line Rana Fayyaz Ahmed, Line Obaid Ullah Sheikh, Hamad Amjad and others also addressed. In the end, elite lions club members were given pins and shields were also distributed.

Potatoes

ISLAMABAD: People are busy buying and selling in the I-9 Fruit and Vegetable Market of the federal capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

CTD operations in Punjab: Seven terrorists arrested from banned organizations

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in Punjab province foiled a major terror plan by arresting 7 terrorists belonging to a banned organization during operations in different areas of Punjab.

According to the spokesman, CTD Punjab conducted 129 intelligence-based operations in different districts of the province to effectively deal with any untoward incident of terrorism, in which 129 suspects were interrogated and 7 terrorists were arrested. Weapons, explosives and other prohibited materials were recovered.

Among the arrested terrorists are Hayatullah, Sheen Khan, Muhammad Siddiq, Zahoor Ahmed, Ikram Khan,



Mubashir Ali, and Khan, he added that the terrorists belong to Fitna Khawarij and other organizations.

He said that these terrorists were arrested during intelligence-based operations in Lahore-Bhakkar-Attock-Wahari-Bahawalpur and Jhang. Explosives 1190 grams, Detonators

9, Safety fuse wire 9 feet, IET bomb 2. Pistols and bullets, 48 pamphlets of the banned organization, magazines..34300 cash Rs.

It has been recovered from the possession of terrorists

The spokesman said that the terrorists had planned sabotage in the province and wanted to target important installations and other places. He further said that 7 cases have been registered against the arrested terrorists and they are being further investigated

He said that during this week, 2943 combing operations were also conducted with the support of local police and security agencies, 68537 persons were checked, 257 suspects were arrested, 250 FIRs were registered and 179 recoveries were made

Takht Bhai, 11-member Thai delegation visits historical ruins

Tatiq Khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: An 11-member Thai delegation visited the ancient ruins of Takht Bhai, amidst stringent security arrangements to safeguard against potential threats.

Under the supervision of DSP Takht Bhai Circle Shakil Khan and DSP Khndrat Kosar Khan, police personnel provided full protection to the delegation throughout their tour.

According to the police statement, the Thai delegation's visit remained peaceful and successful, with no unpleasant incidents reported. Police ensured the delegation's secure movement and visit to various historical sites.

Fifth Latif Literature and Music Festival will be held at SAU on Oct 26

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The fifth Latif Literature and Music Festival, titled Parado Soi Sud, is being organized by the Siraj Institute of Sindh Studies at Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam on October 26. This festival aims to offer a fresh perspective on the works of Sufi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. The event is supported by Sindh Agriculture University, the Sindh Government's Information and Culture Departments, and the Indus Youth Welfare Organization.

A key meeting regarding the festival's preparations and management was

chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri. Attendees included Dr. Fehmida Hussain, Chairperson of the Siraj Institute of Sindh Studies; Secretary Aneesa Memon; Dean Dr. Inayatullah Rajper; Registrar Ghulam Mohiuddin Qureshi; Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar; Dr. Abdul Wahid Baloch; Dr. Mir Sajjad Talpur; and other university officials. They finalized the festival's arrangements, including security, program content, and logistics.

The festival will feature a variety of cultural events, including an inaugural session, artistic performances, intellectual debates, and book launches. The main venue will be the university's audi-

torium, while a musical evening and over 50 stalls showcasing cultural artifacts will be set up in the cricket ground. Family participation is also encouraged with dedicated arrangements.

The event will unfold over three sessions, beginning with a traditional Wai by Bhattai's fakirs. Prominent guests, including Provincial Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Culture Minister Zulfiqar Ali Shah, and Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri, will share the occasion. A book launch of Sindh Likhit aen Siraj by Shabbir Kumbhar will also take place, with authors Taj Joyo and Amar Sindhu sharing their insights.

The second session will include music by Faheem Allan Faqir, followed by speeches from Provincial Agriculture Minister Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar, Minister Shahid Thaheem, and Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. Key presentations will be delivered by Ayaz Latif Paljo, Bakhtawar Mazhar, and other thought leaders.

The third and final session will be hosted by Ghazal Siddiq. The Sindhi song "Bhali Tu Janeen Dhiyar Amman," written by Aneesa Memon, will be performed. Following that, the Siraj Awards ceremony will be held, with attendees including Dr. Fehmida

Hussain, Noor-ul-Huda Shah, and Dr. Arfana Mallah.

A play by Siraj Memon titled "Tanhinji Tand Tanwar" will be performed by Rafiq Essani Memon. During the musical night, renowned singers Saif Samejo, Akhtar Dargahi, Nirmala Manghwani, Bahadur Ali, Faheem Allan Faqir, and Janab Soomro will perform, while Azeem Bhatti will present a Sufi dance. The musical night will be hosted by Saqib Abro. On this occasion, Nadim Rehman Memon, Shams-ul-Haq Memon, Khair Muhammad Kalwar, Ali Hassan Brohi, Naeem Memon, and others will be present.



Bibi Maham's arrival in Sindh: A historical account of the migration of the Prophet's descendants

Spokesman Report

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: After the tragedy of Karbala, the land of Arabia became so constrained for the family of the Prophet (PBUH) that they were compelled to migrate to different countries. Many historians have recorded in their works that most of the caravans of the Prophet's (PBUH) family migrated to Sindh. The first caravan to reach Sindh, led by Lady Ruqayyah bint Ali (A. S.), daughter of Hazrat Ali ibn Abi Talib (A. S.), arrived 4 or 5 years after the tragedy of Karbala, around 65 or 66 AH. She was referred to as "Bibi Pak Daman" on the land of Sindh. These thoughts

were shared by the renowned researcher and author Zawar Abdul Sattar Dars while addressing the event organized in honor of Lady Khadija, Bibi Maham (S. A.), at the shrine of Bibi Badshah Zadi Shamsi Tabrizi in Tando Muhammad Khan by the Dargah Committee of Masooma Sindh.

He further said that after the arrival of this first caravan of the Prophet's family (PBUH) in 65 AH, the influx of Sayyid caravans continued for a long time.

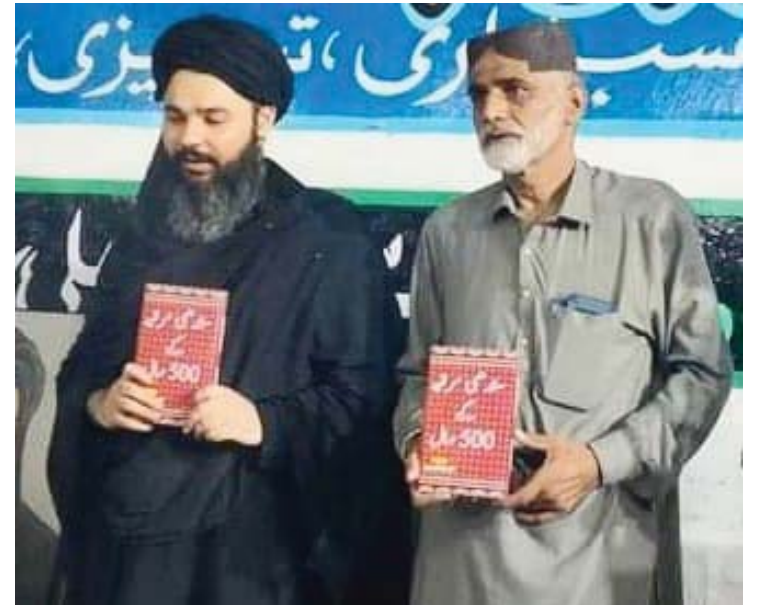
Historically, it is documented that around 145 AH, Syed Abdullah Shah Ashtar, a great-grandson of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (A. S.), also arrived in Sindh, where he was martyred by an

army that had come from Arabia. After his martyrdom, he became known as Syed Abdullah Shah Ghazi. Around the same period, Lady Khadija Maham (A. S.), daughter of Imam Musa Kazim (A. S.), also arrived in Sindh as part of the same migration from Arabia. She made her home in the historic city of Agham Kot in Badin district, where her shrine is now a place of pilgrimage.

Zawar Dars emphasized that it is our duty to continue efforts to reveal and preserve these sacred places where the pure and noble personalities of the Prophet's family (PBUH) made their homes. This is in accordance with the command of love and devotion given to us in the Holy Quran by the Creator

of the Universe.

Speakers at the event included Syed Fatah Ali Shah Shamsi, Khawaja Liaquat Ali Jafri, Zawar Niaz Hussain Laghari, Qazi Riaz Haider, Maulana Ghulam Hussain Laghari, Syed Ghulam Rasool Shah Shamsi, Muhammad Jaman Soomro, Muhammad Yousuf Khatri, Sultana Zardari, Aini Soomro, and others. During the event, Syed Mehrban Ali Shamsi also launched Zawar Abdul Sattar Dars' book on the history of elegies. At the end of the ceremony, Syed Mehrban Ali Shamsi led a special prayer in his unique style. Gifts of traditional Sindhi Ajraks were presented to all the guests.



Integrated efforts urged to combat poverty and climate change nexus

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Speaking as guest speaker at the Islamabad Crescent Lions Club monthly meeting here Saturday, Executive Director Devcom-Pakistan Munir Ahmed said: As climate change intensifies, it poses a significant threat to natural resources, disproportionately affecting poor populations contributing to a cycle of increasing poverty. The depletion of vital natural resources such as water, soil, and biodiversity, droughts, floods, and changing weather patterns disrupt agricultural production, which is often the primary livelihood for impoverished communities. This resource depletion means less food, reduced income, and greater insecurity for those who rely on these resources for survival.

Munir Ahmed said: Poor communities typically have limited economic diversification. When climate change negatively impacts sectors like agriculture, fishing, or forestry, these populations face immediate economic challenges.

Loss of income can lead to heightened poverty levels, as families struggle to meet basic needs like food, shelter, and healthcare. Pakistan's poverty index has climbed up in recent years mainly because of two factors, political instability and



climate change. There is no repair to the losses of the devastating floods

despite international commitments. "With agricultural productivity

declining due to erratic weather and resource scarcity, food prices

can skyrocket, making it harder for low-income families to access nutritious food. Food insecurity can lead to malnutrition and related health problems, further trapping families in poverty.

Meanwhile, climate change has exacerbated health issues, particularly in poor communities lacking adequate healthcare access. Rising temperatures and changing ecosystems can lead to the spread of diseases, respiratory issues from pollution, and increased mental health challenges. Poor health can diminish work capacity and economic stability, perpetuating the cycle of poverty," he said.

Ahmed said that thousands have been displaced from the flood-hotspots, losing their properties and means of livelihood. They have no economic resources where they have migrated to, so their living has become more awful. As natural disasters become a frequent phenomenon, poor people may be forced to leave their homes in search of safety and better living conditions. This displacement can lead to overcrowding in urban areas, where resources are already strained, creating further economic and social challenges for both newcomers and existing residents.

He said Pakistan's philanthropy

amounting to billions of rupees is mostly spent on religious seminars and on free-meals. This shall be used in uplifting the economic conditions of the vulnerable groups through interest-free micro-enterprises, shops and other skill-based earning outlets.

The ICLC founder Sibtain Raza said poor communities often lack the resources, technology, and infrastructure needed to adapt to changing climate conditions. Without financial support or access to innovative practices, these populations are left vulnerable, unable to implement measures that could help them cope with environmental changes. ICLC is trying to develop a group of social philanthropists to use their resources in empowering the poor and marginalized. Free-meals shall only go to the doorsteps of the most deserving, not to everyone.

Dr. Imran Iqbal, the host of the meeting, said: As climate change exacerbates poverty and resource scarcity, it can lead to social unrest and conflict over dwindling resources. This instability further hinders development efforts and can perpetuate cycles of violence and displacement. We need combined efforts to combat the effects of climate change and poverty that create a complex and worsening scenario for vulnerable populations.

'World Culture Festival Karachi 2024' Dazzle with Mega Music Concert

City Desk

KARACHI: The 24th day of the 38-day "World Culture Festival Karachi 2024," organized by the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, continued successfully with a vibrant musical concert. The Mega Music Concert 4.0 added an extra spark to the festival with performances by South Korean group Good Fellis, SOVAPA Academic Ensemble, Hamza Akram Qawwal, Natasha Baig, Wahab Bugti, Sultan Baloch, Noman Al Shaikh, JAMBROZ Band, and Rhythmic Reverie.

Good Fellis' from South Korea captivated the hearts of Karachi's audience with their unique performance. During a musical concert in

Karachi, Consul General of South Korea, Yi Sungho, shared his thoughts. He remarked that it is a matter of great pride for me that a Korean concert is being held in Pakistan. He highlighted that "Listening to a Korean band in Karachi is a rare opportunity, and for the first time, the people of Karachi are experiencing a South Korean musical band. People from both countries will enjoy this concert together, fostering cultural ties."

He also mentioned that We have introduced a new experience, breaking away from traditional methods, and presenting the art of music in a different style."

The Consul General expressed his desire for the people. He said that I

want the people here to understand music from all over the world and contribute to Pakistan's development. He concluded by expressing gratitude to the Arts Council, acknowledging their support: "I am thankful to the Arts Council for providing the opportunity to perform at this festival. President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Muhammad Ahmed Shah, stated that South Korea is a peaceful nation, and he extends a warm welcome to them. He added that by performing in our country today, this South Korean group has not only brought honor to their own country but also elevated the name of Pakistan. While Hamza Akram Qawwal's powerful qawwali had the crowd swaying in rhythm.

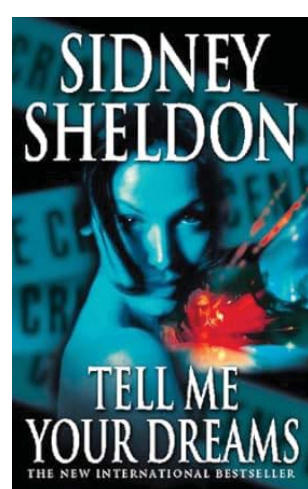


Wahab Bugti and Natasha Baig also mesmerized the attendees with their soulful voices, and SOVAPA Academic Ensemble paid tribute to Pakistani music directors through their musical

compositions.

The concert drew a large crowd of music enthusiasts and citizens of Karachi. The 38-day World Culture Festival will continue until November

2 with tickets available through the Arts Council and Ticketwala.com. Members of the Arts Council can avail a 50% discount on tickets directly from the Arts Council.



Book Review

Tell Me Your Dreams by Sidney Sheldon

Fiction: Behind the Mask of the Mind

of suspense, mystery and psychological drama where Sheldon inspected into the depths of the human mind. The novel focuses on Ashley Patterson (main character) who is a young woman who finds herself connected to a series of brutal murders which raise questions about her mental state and identity.

Summary
Ashley Patterson (the protagonist) is a successful but troubled woman who consistently perceives that she is under surveillance. As the story progresses, a series of murders are uncovered and all possess disturbing similarities. All the doubts are directed at Ashley but as the investigation progresses, the novel takes a shift from a

traditional murder mystery to an analysis of Ashley's psychological profile and mental state. The book introduces dissociative identity disorder (DID) as a fundamental plot point through a legal process and psychological examination and simultaneously leads to an unexpected and complicated ending. Sheldon's quick-moving plot keeps readers alert, suspicious and engaging while gradually clarifying the secrets behind Ashley's dual personalities.

Analysis
Thematically, Tell Me Your Dreams delves into psychological trauma and its lasting impact on an individual's sense of self. By highlighting the narrative on dissociative identity disorder,

Sheldon provides a framework for examining how suppressed memories, traumas, victimization and past abuse can shape identity, actions and behaviour. However, some critics argue that Sheldon's representation of DID may simplify the turmoil for dramatic impact and align with thriller conventions rather than prioritizing clinical accuracy.

Critics have often admired Sheldon's ability to create suspenseful tales. For instance, author Stephen King remarked, "Sidney Sheldon is a master of the thriller genre, and Tell Me Your Dreams is no exception." His writing style is characteristically sharp and fast-paced and has short chapters and dialogue-heavy scenes to

maintain suspense. The structure of the novel effectively blends psychological introspection with featuring moments of intense drama, particularly in the courtroom scenes which are intense and gripping. The shift from psychological conflicts to legalisation provides a dynamic change in the pace of the story and obviously, it keeps readers engaged throughout.

Ashley's character is well-developed, and her psychological complexities make her fascinating and heartbreaking. However, some secondary characters are one-dimensional and primarily function as tools for plot progression.

Critique
One of the novel's strengths

exists in its ability to maintain suspense while addressing psychological themes. The writer's exploration of dramatic DID brings attention to a disorder that is rarely featured in ordinary thrillers. His gripping plot and ability to portray unexpected twists make Tell Me Your Dreams a compelling read.

However, the novel's portrayal of psychology may be seen as too simplistic and straightforward which some readers might find that Ashley's condition lacks detailed explanation. The fast tempo can result in certain plot aspects or elements feeling incomplete, particularly regarding her backstories

Conclusion
Tell Me Your Dreams is a

thrilling, suspenseful, mysterious and fast-paced novel that combines elements of psychological drama and legal suspense. While it may take liberties with its portrayal of mental illness it remains an engaging and thought-provoking read. Fans of psychological thrillers will find much to enjoy in Sheldon's masterful storytelling and complex protagonist. I recommend this book to readers who appreciate suspenseful, thriller and character-driven mysteries.

Rating: 4/5
Similar Reads
Before I Go to Sleep by S. J. Watson
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
Sybil by Flora Rheta Schreiber

Meeting

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf calls on Dy Chief of Defence at MOD, Netherland.



Chief of the Naval Staff visits Netherlands and meets top military leadership

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf called on Military and Naval Leadership of Netherlands during an official visit to Netherlands. Naval Chief held combined meeting with top Military and Naval Leadership of Netherlands at Ministry of Defence.

Professional matters of

mutual interest including bilateral defence collaboration were discussed.

The Naval Chief underscored the importance of enhancing interactions between the armed forces of both countries through exercises and training exchange programmes. The Deputy Chief of Defence, Vice Admiral Boudevijn Boots while acknowledging the signifi-

cance of strong bilateral military cooperation in diverse realms, stressed on enhancing collaborations in expanded military domains.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf also visited Royal Netherlands Navy Headquarters and called on Commander Royal Netherlands Navy, Vice Admiral René Tas. During the meeting matters of defence ties

and mutual bilateral naval collaboration and regional maritime security were discussed. The Naval Chief underscored the contribution of Pakistan Navy towards regional maritime peace and stability through its initiative of Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP) and participation in Combined Maritime Force.

Later on, the Naval Chief

visited, DAMEN Shipyard of Royal Netherlands Navy and Zeven De Provinciën Class Frigate.

During his visits CNS was given a detailed briefing on ships' maintenance and construction activities. The visit of Naval Chief will further augment and expand defence ties between the two countries in general and navies in particular.

PMA cadets pass out parade of 150th PMA Long Course



Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Passing out parade of cadets of 150th PMA Long Course, 69th Integrated Course, 24th Lady Cadet Course and 36th Technical Graduate Course was held at Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Kakul today.

Cadets from several friendly countries including Iraq, Jordan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Palestine, Sudan and Yemen were also graduated from Pakistan Military Academy. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, NI (M) graced the occasion as chief guest and reviewing dignitary of the parade.

CJCS reviewed the parade and gave awards to distinguished cadets.

The coveted Sword of Honor was awarded to Battalion Senior Under Officer Abdullah Afzal of 150th PMA Long Course. The President's Gold Medal to Battalion Senior Under Officer Babar Ullah Aman of 150th PMA Long Course. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Overseas Gold Medal to Friendly Country Senior Under Officer Kshitij Guring of 150th PMA Long Course from Nepal. Chief of Army Staff Cane was awarded to Course Junior Under Officer Muhammad Umar Sheraz of 36th Technical Graduate Course. Commandant's Cane was awarded to Course Junior Under Officer Muhammad Suleman of 69th Integrated Course and Course Under Officer Pakeeza Yaqoob of 24th Lady Cadet Course.

'PTI founder receiving all B-Class facilities at Adiala jail'

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: The Adiala Jail authorities rejected the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) claims of 'poor facilities' for party founder Imran Khan, saying that he is being given all B-Class facilities, ARY News reported.

Contrary to PTI leaders' claims, the superintendent jail clarified that former Prime Minister and PTI founder Imran Khan is receiving B-Class facilities, ensuring his comfort and well-being.

Revealing the details, the superintendent jail said that the PTI founder has been provided with separate cooking arrangements.

"A professional cooks prepare meals according to Imran Khan's preferences under the supervision of the assistant superintendent," he added.

According to the jail superintendent, Imran Khan's breakfast menu consists of coffee, chia seeds, juice, yogurt, and dates, while he is being given mutton, kari pakora, desi



chicken, yogurt, chapatis, salad, and green tea in the lunch.

"Imran Khan takes coconut, grapes and porridge in dinner," the jail superintendent said.

He said that uninterrupted electricity supply in PTI founder's cell is also being ensured.

The jail superintendent said that doctors examine the PTI founder three times a day, with recent medical tests confirming his good health. He said that PIMS Hospital doctors recently examined Imran Khan.

"The PTI founder provided newspaper on a daily basis and he used to exercise for two hours every day," he added.

Pakistan's remarkable participation at GITEX will fuel growth of its IT Industry

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja has said that she extends heartfelt congratulations to all the participants, delegates, and companies who represented Pakistan at GITEX Global 2024 held in Dubai.

"Your dedication and hard work have made this event a huge success for Pakistan, showcasing the remarkable potential of our IT industry on the global stage," she said in her congratulatory message on Saturday.

Shaza Fatima said Pakistan's growing influence as a global technology hub was firmly established as we were named TechDestination of the Year at GITEX.

"Our remarkable participation, with over 200 companies, startups, and industry experts, reflects Pakistan's unwavering commitment and the immense potential of our IT industry," she said.

"I also want to congratulate all the Pakistani companies that signed MoUs and established key partnerships with international tech leaders. These collaborations mark an important step forward for our IT industry, opening



doors to new markets, and creating opportunities for innovation."

Minister of State for IT said the success at GITEX will not only fuel the growth of Pakistan's IT industry but also contribute significantly to our

nation's economy. The government remains fully committed to supporting the IT industry, fostering innovation, and ensuring that the momentum gained at GITEX continues to fuel both technological and economic progress,

she added.

"I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am confident that the success at GITEX will translate into long-term benefits for Pakistan's technology sector in the days to come."

Air Blue flight safely landed in Karachi after bird strike incident

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: An Airblue flight from Jeddah to Karachi safely landed at Karachi Airport after it encountered a bird strike during its landing on Saturday.

The incident occurred as the bird hit the plane's windshield. Despite the impact, the pilot successfully landed the aircraft on the runway at Karachi airport without any further issues, sources said.

Flight PA 171, en route from Jeddah, was nearing its scheduled arrival when the bird strike incident took place.

No passengers or crew members were harmed, and the aircraft was secured safely on the ground.

Jam Kamal Khan secures second place in Tactical Pistol Shooting Competition 2024

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan secured the second position in the Tactical Pistol Shooting Competition 2024, organized by the Islamabad Capital Territory Police on Saturday. The event saw participation from 45 professional shooters in various categories, showcasing their skills in a highly competitive environment.

Speaking at the event, Jam Kamal Khan emphasized the importance of organizing such competitions, stating, "Healthy competitions like these are essential, and the government fully supports such activities as they contribute to the physical and mental well-being of participants."

AIG Inayat Ali echoed these senti-



ments, highlighting the social benefits of these events, describing them as "symbols of liveliness" and a source of "positive energy" for the community.

The competition was a testament

to the strong skills and sportsmanship displayed by the participants, underscoring the importance of promoting sports and healthy activities within society.

Ban on meetings in Adiala Jail extended for two days

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders planned to meet with party chairman Imran Khan at Adiala Jail on Saturday. However, the ban on meetings in the jail was extended by two days.

PTI Secretary Information Sheikh Waqas Akram stated that jail authorities have denied permission for Salman Akram Raja to visit.

However, Akram confirmed that he will meet Imran Khan at 12:30 PM along with Barrister Gohar. Ali Zafar and Asad Qaisar have also been cleared to visit.

According to Sheikh Waqas, Barrister Gohar has indicated that the entire group will not enter the jail until all members are cleared for the visit.

The 10-day ban on visits at

Central Jail Adiala ended today, bringing hope to over 8,000 prisoners and detainees that they would be able to meet their loved ones as usual.

The Punjab Home Department had imposed this ban due to security threats, causing distress for the families of inmates. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit held in Islamabad also led authorities to implement heightened security measures in the twin cities, including Adiala Jail. During the ban, jail officials increased security protocols.

According to jail sources, the Punjab Home Department enforced the ban starting October 8, affecting all types of visits, including those of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi, and over 8,000 prisoners currently in jail.

Despite having numbers, efforts being made to create broader ...

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PTI aimed to obtain political objectives from the police.

He alleged that the KP Government wanted to control the people of the province politically.

Tarar said that the people from Punjab were also kept in KP and

blame was shifted on the institutions for what they called their disappearance. The KP chief minister invaded the capital and used government resources against the Federation, he said.

The minister said the PTI has the habit of blaming others but they did not look into their behaviour.