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

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with a delegation called on Prime Minister Muham-



Israel PM Netanyahu's home targeted in drone attack

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: A drone launched from Lebanon hit Netanyahu residence in Caesarea, north of Tel Aviv, according to his spokes-

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 in Caesarea, coastal town where immediately claimed by the



ambulance service and police said explosions had been heard Netanyahu has a holiday home. The drone attack was not

The drone comes a day after East Jerusalem. Jamas on Friday confirmed its Iran's Supr 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 leader of Hamas. He advocated for

Hezbollah, which has been trading a unified Palestinian state encomfire with Israel since last October. passing Gaza, the West Bank, and

> 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 July 2024, Sinwar became the a statement, "Hamas is alive and will remain alive."

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

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information, Fazlur Rahman and Prime Broadcasting, National Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Saturday people, we try to create a that despite having numbers, the coalition government was making all-out efforts adding that in democratic for the creation of a broader consensus on the proposed constitutional package.

Talking to the media of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Haneef Abbasi, he tional package was ongoing and Pakistan People's Party

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Ulama-e-Pakistan Amir

"We are democratic consensus among all politthrough consultations.

outside Parliament House the rules within Khyber along with the senior leader Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the said the process of consul- have been taken over by the tations for the constitu- Chief Minister from the IG.

held meetings with Jamiat

ical stakeholders," he said societies, efforts were made for consensus building

He said that by changing

powers of posting and transfer of police officers The minister said that the Continued on Page 8

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

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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.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari calls on **Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif**

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

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the the meeting.

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

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.

In an other operation in District Zhob on 17 October 2024, during a fire exchange stan remain steadfast in their with security forces, two commitment to eradicate khwarii were sent to hell. In terrorism from the country ensuing sanitisation of the and protect innocent civilians area, weapons and ammu- from this menace.



nition were also recovered in large quantity.

Security forces of Paki-

President pays tribute to security forces for successful operations against terrorists

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ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday paid tribute to security forces for their successful operations against terrorists in Balochistan districts of Pishin and Zhob.

The president, in a statement issued by the Presidency, lauded the professional skills of the security forces for conducting operations against Khawarij terrorists.

He expressed resolve to continue operations against the terrorists, saying "We will continue actions till complete eradication of Fitna al-Kha-



warij".

President Zardari said the security forces were bravely fighting against terrorists.

The entire nation stands united with security forces in war against terrorism."

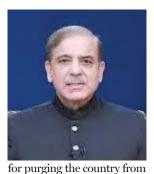
PM praises security forces for successful operation against terrorists

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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 minster 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



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.

26th proposed Constitutional Amendment to further strengthen Parliament: Bilawal City Desk the Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) the proposed Constitutional Amendment

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.

tutional Amendment here at his residence, tional reform process is progressing rapidly 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 Taking to media persons after meeting Fazlur Rehman would personally present

chief for consultations on the draft Consti- draft in the Parliament as the constitufollowing 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

"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.

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 micro-plans and proposals to further completely polio-free. campaign. The meeting also reviewed nation campaign so as to make Punjab that making Punjab completely polio-



be compiled during the vaccination enhance the effectiveness of the vacci-

CM Marvam Nawaz Sharif vowed

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

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

Potatos

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



CTD operations in Punjab: Seven terrorists arrested from banned organizations

S 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.

CTD Punjab conducted 129 intelligence-based operations in different districts of the province to effectively deal with any untoward incident of 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,



that the terrorists belong to Fitna Khawarij and other organizations.

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,11member 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 theirtour.

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

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



MULTAN: Deputy Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, President of the Standing Council for Political and National Affairs, Liagat 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

> abad Boys Degree College, expressed his views, saving that Professor Oad is recognized as an experienced and courageous officer who consistently offers his full support to college prin-

cipals. "Under his leadership, teachers have gained new morale, and he remains committed to elevating educational institutions to new heights," 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

B 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 Naseer Yousuf Vohra, Central President of Cloth Board Etihad 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 Gujjar, 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.

According to the spokesman,

terrorism, in which 129 suspects Mubashir Ali, and Khan, he added

Explosives 1190 grams, Detonators

He said that these terrorists were arrested during intelligence-based operations in Lahore-Bhakkar-Attack-Wahari-Bahawalpur and Jhang.

> 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 arrange-

content, and logistics. tual debates, and book launches. The main venue will be the university's audi-

chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh 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.

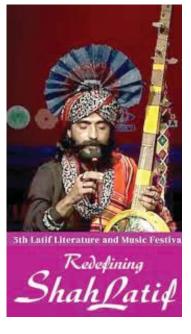
The event will unfold over three sessions, beginning with a traditional Wai by Bhittai's fakirs. Prominent guests, including Provincial Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Culture Minister Zulfiqar Ali Shah, and Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri, will grace the occasion. A book launch of Sindhu Likhit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

The second session will include Hussain, Noor-ul-Huda Shah, and 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. Muieeb Sahrai. Kev presentations will be delivered by Ayaz Latif Palijo, 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

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.



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

ments, including security, program The festival will feature a variety of cultural events, including an inaugural session, artistic performances, intellec-

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Attock police Seized Drugs

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK:. Attock police's continuous operations against drug dealers: Over 12 kg of hashish seized and 6 suspects arrested. According to details, following the directives of District Police Officer Attock, Dr. Sardar Ghiyas Gul Khan, Attock police continue their series of operations against drug dealers. In one such operation, the search park picket team at Mankor stopped a HiAce van coming from Kohat. Upon searching the passenger, Shams-ur-Rehman, son of Nawab Khan, resident of Ghazi Khel. Peshawar, 4800 grams of hashish were recovered. Additionally, Attock Khurd police recovered 2400 grams of hashish from notorious drug dealer Ali Raza, son of Sarfaraz Khan, resident of Manser, and 1500 grams of hashish from Farhan, son of Bakhshish, resident of Mullan Mansoor, during a routine check. Similarly, Hazro police recovered 1480 grams of hashish from Babar Khan, son of Liaqat Khan, resident of Chechiyaan, Tehsil Hazro, during patrol. Furthermore, Basal police recovered 1420 grams of hashish from Javed Iqbal, son of Muhammad Ibrahim, resident of Hangu, currently living in Khanda, during a search. In another case, City Hassanabdal police recovered 570 grams of hashish from Mujahid Khan, son of Khatimullah, resident of Mardan. Attock police have registered separate cases against the suspects under the Narcotics Act and have placed them behind bars.

Former First Lady Begum Alvi calls for mass-level awareness campaign on

breast cancer

KARACHI: Former First Lady of Pakistan, Begum Samina Alvi, has said that a mass-level awareness campaign at the neighbourhood level should be launched to motivate Pakistani women to regularly self-examine their chests to detect any early symptoms of breast cancer to prevent cancerous diseases in Pakistan having highest incidence rate in Asia.

The Former First Lady of Pakistan put forth this suggestion while speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on "Breast cancer prevention and wellness". The National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) organised the moot on the eve of the International Day against Breast Cancer commemorated every year on October 19.

Begum Alvi told the audience at the seminar that mammogram screening was an expensive procedure for a vast majority of women from low- and middle-income families to detect breast cancer.

She said that Pakistan also had a serious dearth of specialised public healthcare facilities offering mammog-

raphy procedures, so self-examination becomes the first and most effective line of defence to protect Pakistani women from breast cancer.

She said the proposed drive at the neighbourhood level to make women aware of the cancerous ailment should continue throughout the year instead of limiting the knowledge-based activity to October, which is globally celebrated as breast cancer awareness month.

She said that breast cancer shouldn't be considered taboo by any section of society, as it should be treated as a serious medical issue whose early detection is necessary to protect the health of Pakistani women at a mass scale.

The Former First Lady said that psychological counselling should always be available for emotional support and complete rehabilitation of the patients and survivors of cancerous diseases.

Dr Bushra Maham from Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital and Research Centre told the audience that developed countries in the West had been less affected by breast cancer because of better diagnosis and treatment facilities easily accessible to patients.

She said 22 per cent of the patients



treated at the Shaukat Khanum Hospital suffered from breast cancer, which is the highest ratio of any cancerous disease whose cases came

mammogram screening once every year for detection of cancerous cells, as the older females in Pakistan were at a

greater risk of breast cancer. Dr Zubala Yasir Lufti, Ruth Zia, She urged women above 40 to go for Afia Salam and Ruqiya Naeem, NFEH fatal disease in Pakistan.

Secretary General, urged the government to massively increase breast cancer diagnosis and treatment facilities, especially at major public hospitals, given the alarming spread of the

Service resumed

ISLAMABAD: Metro Bus Service resumed in the twin cities on Saturday.



Azure All Set For Retail Expansion, **Unveils New Collection**

KARACHI: Azure, one of Pakistan's leading fashion brands, is all set to expand its business with new stores across Pakistan, some 30 new outlets in the next 3 years as part of the initial phase. The leading name in the women fashion has also announced unveiling of its highly anticipated new collection and expansion of its retail model. This exciting new phase marks Azure's commitment to providing its customers with unique, trendy, high-quality pieces as it ambitiously broadens its reach both nationally and internationally.

Azure has always been at the forefront of Pakistani fashion, blending the finest elements of traditional crafts-



manship with contempo- statement pieces for special rary designs. The new collec- occasions, Azure continues tion will feature the brand's to cater to the evolving needs signature intricate embroidery, rich colour palettes, they feel confident and chic in and trendy, wearable designs. From elegant casual wear to

of modern women, ensuring every outfit.

Sharing details about the

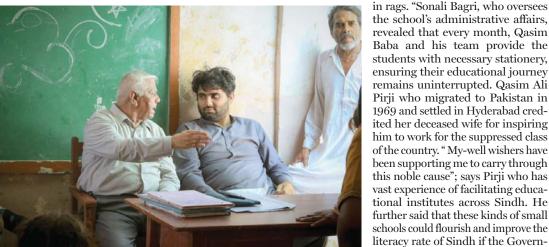
new collection, Mr. Ahmed Patel, CEO Azure said, "Our upcoming collection embody the essence of Azure-celebrating the beauty of Pakistani craftsmanship while keeping pace with global fashion trends. We're excited to offer new designs that are not just stylish but also versatile, catering to the diverse preferences of our customers.

Mr. Saad Patel, Managing Director, Azure said, "Our retail model is designed to empower individuals and business owners who share our passion for fashion and quality. By bringing Azure stores to new cities in Pakistan and beyond, we aim to make our brand more accessible while contrib $uting \, to \, the \, growth \, of \, the \, local$ fashion industry."

Spirit of an elderly man to change the society

跨 Kamran Khamiso Khowaja

HYDERABAD: For hundreds of poor families residing in the slum area of Hyderabad an 82 year elderly man Qasim Ali Pirji is a beacon of hope who wants to transform their lives through quality education. These correspondents travelled all the way to Ghafoor Shah Basti, a slum area of Hyderabad city located along the water near a railway crossing, where 82 year old Qasim Ali Perji set up Shiv Mandir Tent School. The school with a current enrollment of 75 students was set up in 2017 to educate and train people of the remote locality who do not have sufficient resources to make ends meet. Residents of Ghafoor Shah Colony surrounded by filth and polluted water belong to the Bagri community- a subjugated class of Hindu religion usually work in fields and resort to odd jobs to earn their livelihood. Khemchand, a 52 year old man who temple is being managed by three



had never been to the school in his life local female teachers Sonali, Joti was happy to see her 6 year old Savetri granddaughter going to the school.

The school set up Inside a local

and Arti who received education at a local school and then started teaching here in 2019. Most of the students arriving there were bare footed and

the school's administrative affairs, revealed that every month, Qasim Baba and his team provide the students with necessary stationery, ensuring their educational journey remains uninterrupted. Qasim Ali Pirji who migrated to Pakistan in 1969 and settled in Hyderabad credited her deceased wife for inspiring him to work for the suppressed class of the country. "My-well wishers have been supporting me to carry through this noble cause"; says Pirji who has vast experience of facilitating educational institutes across Sindh. He further said that these kinds of small schools could flourish and improve the literacy rate of Sindh if the Government paid heed to them. Representative's education department and Mayor of Hyderabad visited the school last year and vowed to cooperate for availing government's patronage for the school; he said.

Shafina Patel Shah Arrives in Karachi



KARACHI: Acclaimed British-born Pakistani actress and model Shafina Patel Shah has arrived in Karachi for a private visit, accompanied by her close friend Ali Saglain, a distinguished advertiser and

Ali Saqlain, a prominent figure in Karachi's social scene, played nost to Shafina during her visit, showcasing the city's vibrant c and hospitality. The duo was spotted visiting iconic landmarks, hotels, and engaging with business leaders, artists, and social personalities.

Shafina, recent Miss Pakistan World 2023 titleholder and star of Bollywood blockbuster Animal, praised Ali Saqlain's efforts in promoting Karachi's positive image. "Ali's passion for his city is inspiring, and I'm grateful for his warm hospitality," she said.

Ali Saqlain expressed his delight in hosting Shafina, saying, "It's an honor to share Karachi's beauty and warmth with Shafina. Her presence has brought excitement to our city, and I'm thrilled to be a part

Boy drowns in river Haro in Attock

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: An 11 years old boy drowned in river Indus near village Marri

in the limits of Attock Saddar Police station, rescue 1122 sources said. The spokesman while quoting the family of the victim has said that 11 years old Sammar Abbas went to river Indus along with friends for bathing where he accidently went to deep waters and drowned. On getting information, rescue 1122 scuba divers reached at the spot and retrieved the body after a long hour's operation and handed it over to the family for burial. Police investigating the case.

Teenage girl abducted, 3 netted for thrashing woman

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: A teenage girl was abducted while three persons were arrested for trashing a married woman in two different incidents in the limits of Hassanabdal Police station on Saturday. Police sources said. In the first incident, a woman has reported to police that she went to work as house maid when a man identified as Saqib Hussainnative of Haripur has abducted her 18 years old daughter. Separately, a mother of three a native of Khawajanagar has reported to police that her husband is behind the bars in Attock jail from last two years. She added that she was sleeping with her three children in her house when Owais along with Navaid and Tanveer came to her house and tried to occupy upper portion of the house and when she resisted they thrashed her besides tearing her cloths. Later Police traced them and send them behind bars.

PMD makes grim_weather forecast for Karachi

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast warm weather conditions for Karachi over the next four

Temperatures are expected to reach up to 39 degrees Celsius during this period.

The PMD stated that sea breezes will remain largely suppressed during most of the day, with warm and dry winds likely to prevail from the northwest and northeast.

However, the PMD has also predicted a chance of thunderstorms and

rain in Umerkot and Tharparkar districts on October 20th and 21st.

Other areas of Sindh will also experience hot weather.

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International law obliges Israel to end occupation

ll States and international organizations, including the United Nations, have obligations under international law to bring to an end Israel's unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, according to a new legal position paper released Friday by a top independent human rights panel.

It details the obligations for Israel, third-party States and the UN to bring to an end the unlawful occupation, according to the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel.

"Israel's internationally wrongful acts give rise to State responsibility, not only for Israel, but for all States," said Navi Pillay, chair of the UN Human Rights Council-mandated commission.

"All States are obligated not to recognize territorial or sovereignty claims made by Israel over the occupied territories."

Explaining the commission's paper, Ms. Pillay, a South African jurist, said that States must demonstrate how their dealings differ regarding Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. As an example, she noted that a State must not recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel or place its diplomatic representatives to Israel in Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim as the capital of their future State.

In addition, States must not render aid or assistance in maintaining the unlawful occupation, which includes financial, military and political aid or support, the commission chair said.

The paper also details how the General Assembly and the Security Council can identify and implement the precise actions required to bring the occupation to an end as rapidly as

The commission found that the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, is authoritative and unambiguous in stating that Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful.

'The commission has always stated that the root cause of the protracted conflict and cycles of violence is the occupation," Ms. Pillay said, noting that its 2022 report to the General Assembly had concluded that the occupation is unlawful under international law.

"The Commission welcomed the historic advisory opinion from the highest court in the United Nations system," she said.

"It is incumbent on all States to work cooperatively in order bring the unlawful occupation to an end and to work towards the full realization of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination," Ms. Pillay said, calling on all States to implement the General Assembly resolution passed on 13 September 2024.

The emergence of international order

global stage suggest that the world order is changing quickly. For starters, it would seem that the United States' dominance as the only superpower is almost finished. The question that begs for a solution is whether the new world order that is forming will be multipolar or bipolar. China is, of course, the mysterious element in the rapidly developing picture! Particularly when it comes to the China element, the new American leadership does not seem particularly pleased with the anticipated course of events. Recent events in Afghanistan suggest that a new global order is emerging quickly. It is unclear how and what form the new order will take. Regardless of the outcome, one thing is for sure: the global order will never be the same. The events in Afghanistan will undoubtedly have a significant impact on how things turn out in the future. Perhaps a peek over the shoulder is necessary. For the United States, the fall of the former Soviet Union under its own weight had been a major victory. Though they still lacked the skill of flight, the US Think Tanks began by expanding their wings. They decided to disregard even the sidekicks who had made it possible in their newly discovered and ego-boosting victory.

Somehow, they overlooked the fact that abandoning friends and allies is dangerous. They might be paying the price today, and some of their key allies are going with them! Thanks to Pres-

Federation—the former Soviet Union's successor—seemed to be quickly stepping out of the shadows. For a while, ence. Recalling that Putin had subtly the Russian Federation was making good progress toward regaining some response to President George W. Bush's of its former glory under his direction. preemption doctrine during his visit to One could even argue that the Russian Iran during the Caspian States' Confer-Federation was once attempting to ence may be somewhat pertinent at this

seems to be vanishing! While the only superpower seemed to be devoting all of its

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victory over "terror." the Russian Federation seemed to be making tentative progress toward the desired objective of restoring its former glory (and power?). The Russian Federation took cautious but decisive steps to reestablish its reputation as a major power

after fortifying itself with substantial oil

and gas reserves. A clear reminder that Russia should not be taken lightly was provided by the Georgia incident of the past. Putin should have persuaded the doubters that Russia could no longer be dismissed as a has-been with his strategic invasion of Georgia's breakaway territory. The Russian Federation made a slow but steady effort to get to a point where it was able to send out unmistakable signals to the ruling class that it was

some of the surviving members of its former empire into its sphere of influannounced a "hands-off doctrine" in reclaim the mantle of big power poli- juncture. By doing this, Putin not only

displayed his newly discovered self-assurance but also cautiously put Russia's hat in the ring. What a waste of the Russian Federation's hopes for revival. Under Putin! As of right now, the European Union seems a multipolar one. too preoccupied.with

resolving its own "backyard issues" to devote attention to global aspirations in the wake of Brexit. Although it is unlikely, it cannot be written off in the long run.

Having said that, it is impossible to ignore China's growing all-around dominance, which has the potential to upset a lot of people. China is similar to a behemoth emerging from a protracted period of dormancy. It is important to remember that China is more than just a nation; it is the heir to an ancient culture and possesses a unique identity. China is now able to assert the position that is legitimately itss because of its practical initiatives over the past few decades. China may seem like a nation in haste, committed to regaining its glory, if not yet upon closer inspection, every action

ecent events on the ident Putin's ingenuity, the Russian physically, then at least by attracting it performs is carefully thought out and not at all random. In the 21st century, it is appropriately hailed as the Asian century ~ the so-called big powers will ignore China only at their own peril.

The entire system is now upside down due to recent global events, including the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take a long time for the globe to recover. It's hard to say what the "New World Order" that will rise from the ashes will look like. It's possible that nature has more shocks in store for a world that is already unstable and in awe. There are risks as many as a minefield for anyone attempting to make an estimate of the future. The signs definitely lead to a bipolar world order, but it may be too soon to predict a return to

Though, to be honest, the one superpower has relished its moment of glory, it hasn't exactly surrounded itself with it when it did. It might be time for it to get ready for the impending shift to a bipolar, or multipolar, world. It is impossible to wish away what is predetermined. In the meantime, the Third World would be wise to hold its breath. Our already erratic region can end up directly in the center of the storm. With the rapids and rough waves, it would take all the might and cunning to navigate the Ship of State through safely. That and all the expertise and wisdom our leaders and advisors possess!

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Food on the Go: The Future of Dining - I

Bismah Fatima

ood on the go is defined as portable and beneficial food that maybe a snacks or prepared meals made to easily consumed or easily available during travelling, less time availability, during busy time or when you have nothing to eat. It can also be understand by if you have something in hurry. Like if you have to lunch on the go you take a bread and jam and meet yours hunger. Different ordering methods are available from you can order your food like food Panda.

Foods and beverages play an important role in daily life. The demands and expectations of consumer changes with time. Different variations occure in foods and beverages. Different food trends are present to base your Innovation food business on like sustainable food options, locally sourced food, technology forward, personalized diet options, making food and experience and trust. Food on the go is one important step to base innovation food business on. Innovative food business are established to meet the growing demands for healthy, convenient and sustainable cuisine. In a recent report the food on the go in market is projected to reach 11.5 billion dollars by 2025, in which health conscious consumers segment was

Different entrepreneurs and established brands are launching innovative products that combine convenience, taste and nutrition. Consumers trends shows that 75 percent consumers prioritize convenience while choosing food, about 60 percent choose healthy products and 50 percent considered consistency while making food

Different innovation solutions are avail-

method to get food quickly and saves time. Different restaurants and food establishments are adopting mobile ordering system it reducing the wait times and increase consumer convenience. In this system consumers use their mobile phones and tablets to give orders and payments. Different natives apps(iOS and Android), mobile web ordering, hybrid apps, third party delivery apps(e.g., Uber, Eats and Grub hub) and self-service kiosks with my mobile integration.

Healthy vending is also a good innovative solution. Different vending machines now offer healthier and nutritious meals and snacks that promotes healthier eating habits. Popular healthy vending options are fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds dried fruits and vegetables, energy bars, yogurt and granola, sandwich and salad etc. It is a cashless payment option, energy efficient design remote monitoring and inventory management and a secure and temper- proof. It mostly presents near offices, workshops, gyms and fitness centers, hospitals and health care facilities and schools.

Sustainable packaging is so much important. The production, design and disposal of packaging materials is environmental friendly and does not cause any pollution sustainable packaging lower greenhouse gas emission and improved orand reputation. These packaging is reusable packaging(e.g., containers, bags), recyclable packaging(e.g., paper, glass and metal), biodegradable packaging(e.g., plant-based plastic) and minimal packaging(e.g., reduced packaging size). materials such as bio paper, recycled paper and cardboard, glass and metal containers and mushroom based products are used for sustainable packaging.

Food trucks are mobile food vehicles

able. Mobile ordering is so much common that offers to the consumers a verity of cuisines and menu options. It provides flexibility and convenience, social media, buzz and branding, adaptability and changing events and locations as well as affordable startup cost. Different types of food trucks are available like beverages trucks(e.g., coffee and smoothies), street food trucks(e.g., traditional ethnic cuisine), dessert trucks(e.g., cupcakes, cookies) and specialty trucks(e.g., tacos, BBQ, icecream). These are mostly important for different functions like festivals, concerts and sporting events etc.

Food panda is a popular food delivery and online food ordering platform that connects consumers with local food establishments and restaurants. It is also a secure payment processing system user friendly interface and mobile app. Consumers download and install the food panda app, search for restaurants, select and customize order, pay securely through the app and track order status and get delivery. Different food panda websites, food panda apps, restaurants and delivery partner recourses and food panda support

centers are present that runs all the system. Cheetay is a famous and popular Pakistani food delivery and logistics company. It may operates in major cities including Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. It gives services by partnered with over 10,000 restaurants. Partnered with dairy, meat, fresh produce and household essentials. Food can be ordered by using userfriendly apps and websites. Real time order tracking available. Verity of payment systems are available like card, cash and mobile wallet. Discounts and promotions are available. Cheetay has partnered with food panda, Uber Eats and various brands

To be continued

A Call to Action: How Pakistan **Can Combat Climate Change** Together - II

fforestation and reforestation are essential components of Pakistan's climate strategy. Trees help prevent floods by stabilizing the soil, reducing erosion, and regulating water cycles. Despite Pakistan's low forest cover, initiatives like the "Billion Tree Tsunami" are steps in the right direction. These reforestation projects have shown success, but

more needs to be done to sustain long-term tree growth and forest

conservation. Efforts must be strengthened through community involvement and law enforcement to prevent illegal logging. Local engagement is necessary to ensure the survival and growth of newly planted forests. Afforestation not only helps mitigate the risks of floods but also plays a crucial role in absorbing carbon emissions, contrib-needed to promote climate resilience within their

uting to global climate change mitigation. Transitioning to Renewable Energy

Another critical aspect of addressing climate change in Pakistan is transitioning to renewable energy. The country remains heavily reliant on fossil fuels, which contributes to high levels of greenhouse gas emissions and exacerbates climate change. By investing in renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and hydropower, Pakistan can reduce its carbon footprint and become more energy-inde-

Solar energy, in particular, holds great potential in Pakistan, especially in rural areas where electricity is scarce. Wind energy projects can also be expanded, providing clean, renewable power to the country's growing population. Additionally, energy conservation measures, such as promoting energy-efficient appliances and reducing industrial energy waste, can help lower overall energy consumption.

Grassroots Awareness and Climate Education

efforts hinges on grassroots involvement. Commu-

Aagib Uddin Mahesar

Conclusion Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change requires urgent and sustained efforts. The impacts of flooding, droughts, and extreme weather events threaten not only the environment but also the livelihoods of millions. By investing in climate-smart infrastructure, such as flood control systems and renewable energy, Pakistan can build resilience against future

communities. Such programs can empower commu-

nities to adopt eco-friendly practices and take proac-

tive measures to safeguard their environment.

nities must be educated about sustainable prac-

tices like water conservation, eco-friendly farming,

and afforestation. Local farmers, for instance, need

training on techniques like drip irrigation and the

use of drought-resistant crops to better adapt to

ment bodies must work together to raise awareness and engage communities in climate resilience efforts.

NGOs, international organizations, and govern-

Organizations like the PYLi British

Council are already making a differ-

ence by promoting grassroots climate

action. For example, I recently partic-

ipated in a 4-day seminar organized

by PYLi British Council in collab-

oration with Sewa Trust Sindh in

Khairpur Mirs. This seminar empha-

sized the importance of environ-

mental sustainability and equipped

participants with the knowledge

changing climate conditions.

Afforestation, wetland conservation, and energy transition efforts must be strengthened with community involvement to create lasting change. Additionally, educating local communities on sustainable practices is essential for building grassroots resistance to climate change.

While the road ahead is challenging, with focused efforts and community engagement, Pakistan can The success of Pakistan's climate adaptation overcome its climate challenges and ensure a more resilient and sustainable future for its people.

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

跨 Spokesman Report

TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN: After the tragedy of Karbala, the land of Arabia became so constrained for the family of the Prophet (PBUH) 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

were shared by the renowned research- army that had come from Arabia. After er 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 Muhamthat they were compelled to migrate mad 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

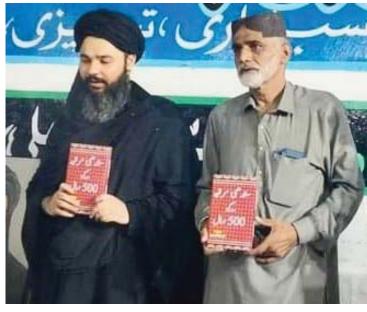
Historically, it is documented that around 145 AH, Syed Abdullah Shah Ashtar, a great-grandson of Imam was referred to as "Bibi Pak Daman" Hasan al-Mujtaba (A. S.), also arrived on the land of Sindh. These thoughts in Sindh, where he was martyred by an

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, Sved 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, Sved Mehrban Ali Shamsi led a special prayer in his unique style. Gifts of traditional Sindhi Ajraks were presented to



Integrated efforts urged to combat poverty and climate change nexus

E 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

Loss of income can lead to heightned poverty levels, as families struggle to meet basic needs like food, shelter, and healthcare. Pakistan's poverty index has climbed up



two factors, political instability and the losses of the devastating floods

in recent years mainly because of climate change. There is no repair to despite international commitments. declining due to erratic weather "With agricultural productivity and resource scarcity, food prices

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, exacerbates poverty and resource poor people may be forced to leave their homes in search of safety and and conflict over dwindling resources. better living conditions. This displace- This instability further hinders develment can lead to overcrowding in opment efforts and can perpetuate urban areas, where resources are already strained, creating further We need combined efforts to combat economic and social challenges for the effects of climate change and both newcomers and existing resi- poverty that create a complex and

He said Pakistan's philanthropy populations.

can skyrocket, making it harder for amounting to billions of rupees is mostly spent on religious seminaries 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 scarcity, it can lead to social unrest cycles of violence and displ worsening scenario for vulnerable

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

跨 City Desk

38-day "World Culture Festival Karachi 2024," organized by the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, continued successfully with a vibrant musi-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.

captivated the hearts of Karachi's audience with their unique performance.

KARACHI: The 24th day of the $\,$ 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 opportucal concert. The Mega Music Concert nity, and for the first time, the people of Karachi are experiencing a South Korean musical band. People from both countries will enjoy this concert

He also mentioned that We have introduced a new experience, breaking away from traditional methods, and Good Fellis* from South Korea presenting the art of music in a different style." The Consul General expressed his

together, fostering cultural ties."

During a musical concert in desire for the people. He said that I had the crowd swaying in rhythm. music directors through their musical Festival will continue until November from the Arts Council.

Karachi, Consul General of South want the people here to understand Korea, Yi Sungho, shared his thoughts. 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

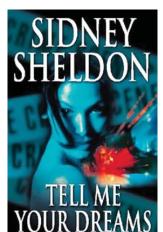


Ensemble paid tribute to Pakistani

compositions.

The concert drew a large crowd soulful voices, and SOVAPA Academic of music enthusiasts and citizens of Karachi. The 38-day World Culture

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



Title: Introduction

idney Sheldon's Tell Your Dreams is a psychological thriller that explores themes of identity, persona, trauma, and psychomurder investigation. Placed in Book Review

Tell Me Your Dreams by Sidney Sheldon

Fiction: Behind the Mask of the Mind

logical 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.

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 logical disorder via a captivating disturbing similarities. All the doubts are directed at Ashley but the landscape of Silicon Valley, as the investigation progresses, the story highlights the elements the novel takes a shift from a

an analysis of Ashely'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 Ashely'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 paced and has short chapters

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 fastdissociative identity disorder, and dialogue-heavy scenes to

of suspense, mystery and psycho- traditional murder mystery to Sheldon provides a framework maintain suspense. The struc- exists in its ability to main- thrilling, suspenseful, mysteture of the novel effectively blends psychological introspection with featuring moments of intense drama, particularly in the courtroom scenes which are 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.

One of the novel's strengths

tain suspense while addressing rious and fast-paced novel that psychological themes. The writer's exploration of dramatic DID brings attention to a disorder that is rarely featured in ordiintense and gripping. The shift nary 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

Tell Me Your Dreams is a

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

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Euro	300.95	303.70
Hong Kong Dollar	35.37	35.72
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NewZealand \$	170.21	178.21
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Omani Riyal	715.20	723.70
Qatari Riyal	76.24	76.94
Saudi Riyal	73.55	74.10
Singapore Dollar	210.75	212.75
Swedish Korona	26.46	26.76
Swiss Franc	318.90	321.70
Thai Bhat	8.18	8.33
U.A.E Dirham	75.25	75.90
UK Pound Sterling	360.40	363.9
US Dollar	277.75	279.25

Gold surges above historic threshold of \$2,700-per-ounce



Gold surged above the historic threshold of \$2,700-per-ounce on Friday, powered by escalating tensions in the Middle East, uncertainties around the U.S. elections and relaxed monetary policy expectations that pushed the metal into unchartered terri-

Spot gold gained 0.9% at \$2,716.43 per ounce by 10:30 a.m. ET (1430 GMT). Prices hit a record high of \$2,719.93 earlier in the session, setting bullion on track for a rise of about 2% this week.

"With the conflict intensifying particularly following Hezbollah's announcement to escalate the war with Israel - investors are flocking to gold, a traditional safe-haven asset," said Alexander Zumpfe, a precious metals trader at Heraeus Metals Germany.

Pledges from Israel and its enemies Hamas and Hezbollah to keep fighting in Gaza and Lebanon dashed hopes that the death of a Palestinian militant leader might hasten an end to escalating war in the Middle East.

Rising geopolitical tensions prompt investors to seek safe-haven assets like gold, driven by risk aversion and concerns over global market instability.

"Adding to the momentum, concerns around the U.S. presidential election and anticipation of looser monetary policies have further fuelled the rally," Zumpfe

Gold shattered records multiple times this year as expectations of more rate cuts by central banks and geopolitical uncertainties boosted prices by more than 30%, or over \$650, so far this year, its best annual growth since 1979, as per LSEG

Lower rates enhance the appeal of bullion, which yields no interest on its

ICCI to Nurture Business-Academia Ties for Nation Building: Nasir **Mansoor Qureshi**

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), emphasized the Chamber's commitment to nation-building by fostering academia-business linkages. Addressing a visiting student delegation of Metropolitan International United College (MIUC) headed by its Principal Nadia Sultan, he stressed that higher educational institutions must go beyond degree awards and equip graduates with comprehensive training for entrepreneurial success.

To empower youth, we need to make them entrepreneurs instead of job seekers, Qureshi said, adding that the Chamber is dedicated to facilitating students' growth into successful businessmen and the plans include organizing event competitions in various business hubs, with awards for top performers.



Qureshi urged Universities to introduce business role models, incorporating their success stories into syllabi which will encourage

students to match these leaders.

The ICCI will establish a Think Tank and R&D cell, inviting interested students also to contribute practical ideas for business growth, he concluded.

Nadia Sultan, Principal Metropolitan International University College (MIUC), expressed her desire to strengthen coordination with the Chamber to showcase ICCI's best practices to MIUC students and enable them to align their future course of action with market needs.

She said that by bridging the gap between academia and industry, MIUC seeks to equip its students with practical knowledge and skills demanded by the market.

Senior Vice President Abdul Rehman Siddiqui and Vice President Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry took the opportunity to thoroughly brief the visiting delegation on the inner workings of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI).

Plantations

ISLAMABAD: A view of plant nurseries at Sector H-9 in the Federal Capital.



RCCI organizes session on Stress and Depression Management & Oral Health

Example 2 Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), in collaboration with Maroof International Hospital, held an informative session on "Stress and Depression Management and Oral Health" at the Chamber House. The session aimed to equip participants with practical strategies for coping with mental health challenges, fostering a supportive community for those affected.

RCCI President Usman Shaukat, Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, and Vice President Fahad Barlas warmly welcomed guests and attendees. Executive committee members, distinguished members and a large number of audiences attended the informative

Guest speakers Dr. Sania, a psychiatrist, and Dr. Waheed Ullah shared valuable insights on managing stress and depression, emphasizing the importance



tion between oral hygiene and overall

mental well-being. He discussed effec-Dr. Waheed Ullah also led a segment tive dental care practices and the imporon oral health, highlighting the connectance of regular check-ups to prevent

LCCI President meets DC to discuss city's business issues

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) President Mian Abuzar Shad and Deputy Commissioner Lahore Syed Musa Raza in a meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between the city's administration and the business community to resolve critical issues such as installation of water hydrants, encroachments, lack of parking and smog control measures, here at LCCI on Satur-

Former LCCI president Muhammad Ali Mian, in densely populated busiformer Senior Vice President Ali Hussam Asghar, Executive Committee Members Asif Khan, Syed Salman Ali, Imran Saleem, Rana Nisar, Shoban Akhter and Asif Malik were also present.

Government to maintain the government to move them constructive relationships forward.

with the business community and also pointed out several urgent issues that require immediate attention. He mentioned shortage of water hydrants in key Lahore markets, which poses significant risks in case of fire

emergencies and stressed

the importance of including LCCI in city district admin-

istrative committees. He also underscored the construction of parking plazas ness areas, including Brandreth Road, Mall Road, Ichra and Circular Road suggesting that these projects be implemented through public-private partnerships. The LCCI has already identified suitable Mian Abuzar Shad praised locations for such projects and the efforts of the District is prepared to collaborate with

Pakistani rupee strengthens against USD

E Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Pakistani rupee (PKR) on Friday appreciated by 18 paisa against the US dollar (USD) in the interbank trading and closed at Rs277.61 against the previous day's closing of Rs277.79.

According to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs277.75 and Rs279.25 respectively.

As per the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the price of Euro decreased by 50 paisa to close at Rs301.02 against the last day's closing

The Japanese yen came down by 01 paisa and closed at Rs1.84, whereas an increase of Rs 1.19 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound,

which traded at Rs362.02 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs360.83. The exchange rates of the

Emirates Dirham and Saudi

Riyal decreased by 04 paisa

and 05 paisa to close at Rs75.58 and Rs73.91 respec-Earlier in the day, it was reported that the SBP's foreign exchange reserves increased by \$215 million to

\$11.022 billion during the week ended on Oct 11. According to a statement issued by the central bank, total liquid foreign reserves held by the country stood at

\$16.11 billion. Net foreign reserves held by commercial banks stood at \$5.09 billion. "During the week ended

on 11-Oct-2024, SBP reserves increased by US\$ 215 million to US\$ 11,022.7

FTT praises govt crackdown on tax evaders; calls for action against illicit tobacco trade

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Fair Trade in Tobacco (FTT) on Saturday praised the government's recent initiative to crack down on tax evaders, emphasizing the critical need for enforcement in all sectors.

However, FTT expressed concern over the omission of the tobacco industry from the government's efforts Rs3,400 billion in sales tax fraud despite the sector being responsible for over Rs300 billion in annual tax evasion, said a news release.

The FTT urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to implement the recognizing it as a critical step Track and Trace System (TTS) across all tobacco manufacturers, particularly targeting illicit operators in for any policy promoting transparency Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Meanwhile, FTT Chairman Muhammad Amin urged the govern- for finally cracking down on major ment to prioritize this issue, high-

lighting that the tobacco sector could generate over Rs500 billion in taxes annually if adequately regulated.

The FTT, a leading platform representing responsible tobacco growers across Punjab, lauded the recent government initiative to tackle tax evasion in several key sectors.

FBR has identified a staggering across significant industries such as textiles, cement, iron, steel, beverages and batteries, he added.

He welcomed this bold move, towards strengthening Pakistan's fiscal stability. He reiterated FTT's support and accountability across industries.

"We commend the government tax evaders who have been bleeding and health regulations, resulting



the national exchequer dry. The steps announced by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb are the need of the hour, and we fully support efforts to bring tax evasion to a halt," said Muhammad Amin.

The illicit tobacco trade, driven mainly by manufacturers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Despite existing laws, these entities openly flout economic

in significant revenue losses for the

As a law-abiding growers and stakeholders representative, the FTT urged the FBR to prioritize implementing the Track and Trace System (TTS) across all tobacco manufacturing units in Pakistan.

"The lack of TTS implementation in certain regions creates an unfair playing field and undermines the rule of law. We ask the FBR to take decisive action against these violators," said Amin.

Chairman FTT emphasized that the legal and regulated tobacco industry has the potential to contribute over Rs. 500 billion annually to the national treasury if adequately monitored and regulated. He urged the government to recognize this sector's enormous untapped revenue potential.

"Our legal growers and manufacturers are committed to contributing their fair share to Pakistan's economy. All we ask for is a fair and just regulatory environment where law-abiding businesses can thrive, and illicit players are held accountable," he stated.

"It is disappointing that the media gives undue attention to foreignfunded so-called anti-tobacco organizations, which operate in Pakistan without proper government permis-

These NGOs, working without NOCs from the Economic Affairs Division or registration with the Ministry of Interior, have hijacked the narrative while ignoring the illegal operations of local manufacturers who evade taxes. This is simply unfair," he remarked.

Girls athletes shine at Islamabad Girls Sports Carnival

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: A three-day Girls Sports Carnival, organized by the Federal Ministry of Education and Professional Training, the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), and the Federal Directorate of Education, continued on its second day on Saturday at the Pakistan Sports Complex.

On the second day of the carnival, families and fans gathered to enjoy an array of sports competitions and cultural performances, adding excitement to the

On this occasion, Federal Secretary for Education Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani said we are proud to say here that the wave of happiness was seen on the faces of every child who participated in the carnival. Sports should be included in every case and all possible facilities related to sports should be provided, Wani said.

Chairman of the Federal Board Syed Junaid Akhlaq encouraged all the teams participating in the upcoming games, emphasizing the importance of balancing education with sports.

"Not only should you excel in your studies," Junaid Akhlaq said, "but you should also continue to shine the name of your country in the field of sports. Your dedication and hard work can inspire future generations, showcasing the incredible potential of young female

The event saw a vibrant mix of cultural, educational, and sports activi-



ties, with stalls offering food, drinks, and traffic awareness materials.

Around 4,000 female athletes, including participants from Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, took part in various sports such as athletics, basketball, football, volleyball, and table tennis.

numbers to cheer for their favourite promote healthy lifestyles for girls," said teams, adding to the celebratory atmosphere of the event. "It's an absolute joy to see my daughter compete and make us proud," said a parent, Zarina Ali, whose daughter is participating in the volleyball competition.

"These events are essential because Sports enthusiasts gathered in large they not only build confidence but also their skills and talent.

a mother of a female athlete, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives for empowering young girls.

An award ceremony will be held on the final day to celebrate the achievements of the young athletes, encouraging more girls to participate in sports and exhibit

Batting collapse disrupts India's comeback as New Zealand set to chase 107

Sports Desk

BENGALURU: A dramatic batting collapse on Day 4 of the first Test, saw India bowled out on 462 after Sarfaraz Khan's marathon knock as New Zealand set to chase a modest total.

Set to chase a meagre target, New Zealand captain Tom Latham and Devon Conway came out to bat in the dying minutes of an action-packed day of the opening Test but only managed to bat four deliveries and scored no runs as bad light forced an early closure.

Earlier in the day, the home side resumed their second innings at 231/3, through fifty-up Sarfaraz and unmarked wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant.

The duo dominated New Zeal bowlers and scored at a brisk rate amid their 177-run partnership for the fourth



receiving end since the start of the penul- the second new ball was taken.

The Kiwi bowlers, who had been at the timate day, saw a change in fortune after lips made one scalp apiece.

Experienced pacer Tim Southee made the most of the new ball and got rid of threatening Sarfaraz soon after the latter amassed the 150-run mark.

Young pacer William O'Rourke bolstered New Zealand's comeback with the ball by dismissing the other set batter, Rishabh Pant.

Pant had an agonizing end to his bril-

liant knock as he was cleaned up on 99. The back-to-back dismissals triggered a dramatic collapse as the home side lost their remaining five wickets and could add 29 more runs to the total.

Matt Henry and O'Rourke co-led New Zealand's bowling charge in the second innings against India with three wickets

Patel contributed with two wickets while Southee and Glenn Phil-

Uncapped spinner replaces Shakib in Bangladesh Test squad

Sports Desk

Bangladesh called up uncapped spinner Hasan Murad on Friday to replace retiring Shakib Al Hasan ahead of the first Test against South Africa after security fears led the ex-skipper to cancel plans to return home.

Shakib announced his retirement from international cricket last month but said that he wanted to play one last red-ball series at home.

But the 37-year-old is also an ex-lawmaker in a government ousted by a revolution, and his links to Bangladesh's autocratic former premier has made him was made as "a matter of my a target of public anger.

Shakib cancelled plans to return home on Thursday for 23, was named in the squad the first time since the August instead for the first match of Board (BCB) selection panel uprising, saying the decision a two-Test series starting in chair Gazi Ashraf Hossain said



own security".

Left-arm spinner Murad,

Dhaka on Monday.

We have been informed that Shakib is unavailable for the first Test," Bangladesh Cricket in a statement.

"He is at the end of his Test career but along with his experience, we still do not have someone of that calibre with both bat and the ball to replace him," he added.

"However, Hasan Murad has performed consistently in first-class cricket... We believe he has the potential to deliver at this level."

Hasan Murad has taken 136 first-class wickets from 30 matches since his 2021 debut.

Shakib is a former lawmaker from the party of autocratic ex-leader Sheikh Hasina, who fled by helicopter to India in August.

He is among dozens from Hasina's party facing murder investigations for a deadly police crackdown on protesters

during the uprising.

Asif Mahmud, who heads the sports ministry, said he had advised the cricket board to discourage Shakib from returning because of public

Shakib Al Hasan apologised in a Facebook post earlier this month for remaining silent during the revolution.

Bangladesh squad for South Africa Tests:

Najmul Hossain Shanto (capt), Shadman Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Zakir Hasan, Mominul Haque Showrab, Mushfiqur Rahim, Litton Das (wk), Zaker Ali Anik, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Nayeem Hasan, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Nahid Rana, Hasan

India A win toss, elect to bat first against Pakistan Shaheens



Sports Desk

ALAMARAT: India A won the toss and chose to bat first against Pakistan Shaheens in the blockbuster ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup clash here at Al Amerat Cricket Ground on

Pakistan Shaheens: Haider Ali, Mohammad Haris, Yasir Khan, Omair Bin Yousuf, Qasim Akram, Abdul Samad, Arafat Minhas, Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Imran, Zaman Khan, Sufiyan

India A: Abhishek Sharma, Prabhsimran Singh, Tilak Varma, Nehal Wadhera, Ayush Badoni, Ramandeep Singh, Nishant Sindhu, Rahul Chahar, Anshul Kamboj, Vaibhav Arora, Rasikh

Mohammad Amir comes out in support of Babar Azam

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir threw his weight behind under-fire Babar Azam after Pakistan's long-awaited Test victory at home.

A fierce spin attack on Friday, powered Pakistan

to their first victory at home in Test cricket since their win against South Africa back in February 2021 when they thumped England by 152 runs in the second Test of the three-match series.

Ahead of the aforementioned fixture, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) made four surprising changes, including dropping their star batter Babar Azam, who has not crossed the fifty-run barrier in the format since December 2022.

Consistent domestic performer Kamran Ghulam, who came in as Babar's replacement, smashed a well-crafted century on debut, pivotal in guiding Pakistan to a formidable total in the first innings.

Ghulam's century made things worse for Babar as social media trolls targetted the latter, claiming that the national team eventually won at home after he was dropped. This did not sit well with experienced pacer Mohammad

Amir, who despite being a vocal critic of Babar Azam in the past, supported the star batter amid social media trolling.

Please stop with these petty talks that Babar wasn't in the team, that is why we won. We won because of better strategy and took advantage of playing on home ground," wrote Amir on X, formerly Twitter.

He then went on to urge fans to discuss a player's performance instead of getting "personal".

"Please don't get personal with your players. Criticize their performance, but avoid personal remarks," he added.

Al-Shabab vs Al-Nassr: Ronaldo's late penalty brings dramatic finish

₿ Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: Cristiano Ronaldo made a dramatic impact with a late penalty, securing a 2-1 victory for Al-Nassr against Al-Shabab in the Saudi Pro League. The match started slowly,

with Al-Nassr appearing disjointed and fatigued after the recent international break. Al-Shabab looked more inspired, and a stunning save from Bento denied Mohammed Al-Thani early on, keeping Al-Nassr in the game.

The first half was uneventful until Aymeric Laporte scored in the 69th minute, igniting both teams' competitiveness. Following the goal, Al-Shabab gained more possession, and Pioli made a tactical change by substituting Otavio for Ali Alhassan. However, in a crucial moment, Alhassan's failed clearance led to an own goal in the final minute, leveling the match and frustrating his manager.

Just as it seemed both teams would settle for a draw, Robert Renan committed a reckless foul on Abdulrahman Ghareeb in the box, leading to a penalty.

Ronaldo stepped up and converted the penalty in the seventh minute of stoppage time, marking his sixth goal of the season. The drama continued as Mohamed Simakan from Al-Shabab

received a red card for a foul on Nader Al-Sharari in the box. Abderrazak Hamdallah then had the chance to equalize from the penalty spot but hit the woodwork, securing the three points for Al-Nassr as they continue their pursuit of Al-Hilal in the league standings.

Minhas' blitz in vain as India A edge past Pakistan Shaheens

Sports Desk

AL AMARAT: Arafat Minhas' blistering 41-run knock went in vain as India A beat Pakistan Shaheens by seven runs in the fourth match of the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024 here at Amerat Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Set to chase 184, Shaheens managed to accumulate 176/7 in the allotted 20 overs.

Pakistan Shaheens had a shaky start to the pursuit as they lost two wickets inside three overs with just 21 runs on the board.

Yasir Khan joined forces with Qasim Akram and launched a

brilliant recovery.

brisk amid their third-wicket over and walked back after a gritty partnership but both perished in 15-ball 25. the ninth over, reducing Shaheens to 78/4 in 8.5 overs.

Arafat Minhas then took the reigns of Pakistan Shaheen's run chase and put together a one-sided 48-run partnership with Haider Ali, who scored a scratchy nine off 15 deliveries.

Minhas was then involved in vet another crucial partnership for Shaheens when he, alongside Abdul Samad, scored a quick 26 runs for the sixth wicket.

The young all-rounder eventually perished in the 17th over after Following the early stutter, a fighting 41-run knock, coming from 29 balls and featuring five fours and a six.

Meanwhile, Samad carried on The duo added 54 runs at a until the first delivery of the final

Abbas Afridi also offered some

resilience with his nine-ball 18 but his efforts were not enough to pull off the victory for the Shaheens.

For India A, Anshul Kamboj took three wickets, while Rasikh Salam and Nishant Sindhu claimed two each.

Abhishek Sharma and Prabhsimran Singh gave India A a flamboyant start after Tilak Verma opted to bat first.

The openers decimated Pakistan Shaheens' bowlers in the batting powerplay, the highlight of which was when they smashed Abbas Afridi for 25 runs in the

The solid start had set the tone for India A to amass a massive

total but Sufiyan Muqeem, introduced after the batting powerplay, struck on the first delivery of his spell to mark Pakistan Shaheens' comeback. The left-arm spinner dismissed

Abhishek, supported by a sensational diving catch by Qasim Akram inside the circle. Abhishek scored 35 off 22 deliveries, laced up five fours and two sixes.

Prabhsimran followed suit in the next over, falling victim to Arafat Minhas, after scoring a quickfire 36 off 19 balls, hitting three fours and as many sixes in

The back-to-back dismissals halted the flow of runs for India A as Nehal Wadhera (25) and skipper Tilak Verma batted cautiously amid their 38-run



partnership which spanned six the next over, resulting in them

India A then suffered another blow to their batting expedition when Ayush Badoni (2) was

slipping to 120/4.

Verma then put together a one-sided 43-run partnership with Ramandeep Singh (17) outclassed by Qasim Akram in before finally perishing in the Asia Cup 2024.

The India A captain remained the top-scorer for his side with a 35-ball 44, which included four boundaries including two sixes.

penultimate over.

Pakistan Shaheens then struck thrice in quick succession but a last-ball six by Rasikh Salam lifted India A to a commendable total in the end. Sufiyan Muqeem was the

standout bowler for Pakistan Shaheens, picking up two wickets, while Mohammad Imran Jr, Zaman Khan, Arafat Minhas and Qasim Akram made one scalp apiece. Notably, both Pakistan

Shaheens and India A are playing their first match in the ongoing ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams

The Spokesman

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

Professional matters of

bilateral defence collaboration were discussed.

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

mutual interest including cance of strong bilateral mili- and mutual bilateral naval tary cooperation in diverse realms, stressed on enhancing collaborations in expanded

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

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

Later on, the Naval Chief

visited, DAMEN Shipyard of Royal Netherlands Navy and Zeven De Provincién 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

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

Example 2 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



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

Minister of State for IT said the success at GITEX will not only fuel collaborations mark an important step the growth of Pakistan's IT industry forward for our IT industry, opening 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 into long-term benefits for Pakistan's technological and economic progress,

"I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am confident that the success at GITEX will translate technology sector in the days to come."

Air Blue flight safely landed in Karachi after bird strike incident

Example 2 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 windscreen.

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

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 Inavat Ali echoed these senti-



ments, highlighting the social bene- to the strong skills and sportsmanship "positive energy" for the community.

fits of these events, describing them as displayed by the participants, under-"symbols of liveliness" and a source of scoring the importance of promoting sports and healthy activities within The competition was a testament society.

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PMA cadets pass out parade of 150th PMA **Long Course**



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

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 (CJCsSC) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, NI (M) graced the occasion as chief guest and reviewing dignitary of the parade.

CJCsSC reviewed the parade and gave awards to distinguished cadets.

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 Gurung 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 Canes were awarded to Course Junior Under Officer Muhammad Suleman of 69th Integrated Course and Course Under Officer Pakeeza Yaqoob of 24th Lady

'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 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 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 elecricity supply in PTI founder's cell is also being ensured.

The jail superintendent said that meals according to Imran Khan's 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.

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 rity protocols. 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

The 10-day ban on visits at oners currently in jail.

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 secu-

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 pris-

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

 ${\it Continued from Page 1}$ blame was shifted on the institutions

PTI aimed to obtain political objectives

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

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 Tarar said that the people from habit of blaming others but they did Punjab were also kept in KP and not look into their behaviour.