



NAIK SAIF ALI JANJUA (SHAHEED)
Nishan-e-Haider
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Tribute to Naik Saif Ali Janjua Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider

The Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Services Chiefs, and Armed Forces of Pakistan pay heartfelt tribute to Naik Saif Ali Janjua Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider, on his 76th martyrdom anniversary. Naik Saif Ali Janjua Shaheed displayed unwavering valour in defending Pir Kaleva Ridge against relentless Indian assaults in 1948. His selfless heroism serves as an enduring inspiration to those safeguarding the nation's sovereignty. Today's commemoration honours the extraordinary sacrifices of Pakistan's Armed Forces, exemplifying their unyielding dedication to defending the motherland.



India lose Test series at home to New Zealand for first time in 12 years

India collapsed to a humiliating series defeat at home, their first for 12 years, when they were bowled out for 245 by New Zealand in their chase of 359 on the third day of the second test on Saturday as Mitchell Santner took six wickets. Santner ended with 6-104 for a match haul of 13 to set up the historic win and it was his senior spin partner Ajaz Patel who picked up the last two Indian wickets, including Ravindra Jadeja for a defiant 42, to settle the contest.

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Funeral Prayer

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi offering the funeral prayer of martyr Sub-Inspector Haider Ali Shah at Police Lines on Saturday.



Photo: PID

President urges int'l community to take action on human rights abuses in IIOJK

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called upon the international community to exert pressure on India to halt its ongoing human rights abuses in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), alleviate the suffering of Kashmiris, and implement UN Security Council resolutions.

"Pakistan will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination," the president said in a message on the occasion of "Kashmir Black Day", 27 October 2024.



regions in the world. Thousands of innocent Kashmiris have been killed, while their legitimate leaders remain imprisoned, and local media is heavily censored.

The president said October 27, 1947, marked a dark chapter in South Asian history when India sent troops to occupy Jammu and Kashmir. For decades, the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) have endured brutal repression by Indian forces.

Furthermore, the president emphasized that the United Nations Security Council had repeatedly affirmed the right of the Kashmiri people to self-determination through a fair and impartial plebiscite.

Over the years, he said India had transformed IIOJK into one of the most militarised

to defy these resolutions and deny Kashmiris their fundamental rights. "Since August 5, 2019, India has further escalated its occupation by stripping IIOJK of its special status and implementing measures to alter its demographic and political landscape. These actions are part of a broader strategy to consolidate control and suppress the Kashmiri Freedom Movement."

PM reiterates Pakistan's strong support for IIOJK

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said Pakistan had always expressed its unwavering solidarity with Kashmiri brothers and sisters and it will continue to extend its full moral, diplomatic and political support to them until the final resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.



In his message on the occasion of 'Kashmir Black Day' - 27 October 2024, the prime minister said on this day 77 years ago, Indian forces landed in Srinagar. India has since stifled the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people to determine

their own destiny. It has failed to fulfill its obligations under the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

He said the people of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK)

had suffered countless hardships during the last seventy-seven years. However, their resolve to realize their inalienable right to self-determination remains as firm as it was in 1947.

"This day, I pay my heartfelt

tribute to the sacrifices made by the Kashmiri people in their continued struggle for the right to self-determination. Undoubtedly, their sacrifices will not go in vain", he said.

The prime minister said India had been taking successive steps to tighten its grip over IIOJK since 5 August 2019. India's nefarious designs are aimed at undermining the disputed status of IIOJK and denying the Kashmiri people their democratic right to decide their own future.

Today, he said the Kashmiri people were enduring the most egregious and painful curbs on their daily lives and livelihoods.

He said the number of political prisoners remains in the thousands and the Indian occu-

pation forces act with impunity under draconian counter-terrorism laws. However, he said these oppressive measures cannot dampen the Kashmiri people's yearning for self-determination.

"As I recently reaffirmed in my address to the United Nations General Assembly, Pakistan has consistently maintained that peace and stability in South Asia remain contingent upon peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiris. India must realize that it cannot suppress the genuine aspirations of the Kashmiri people by its coercive tactics," he added.

Condemnation of Israeli military strikes against Iran

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan strongly condemns Israel's strikes against Islamic Republic of Iran in the early hours on Saturday.

Israeli military strikes against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran are a grave violation of the UN Charter and the international law. These strikes undermine path to regional peace and stability and also constitute a dangerous escalation in an already volatile

region. Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation and expansion of the conflict.

We call on the UN Security Council to play its role for the maintenance of international peace and security, and to take immediate steps to bring an end to Israeli recklessness in the region and its criminal behaviour. The international community must also play its role for restoring regional peace and security.

Suicide bombing in KP's North Waziristan leaves eight personnel dead

Correspondent

WANA: At least eight security personnel were killed and five were injured in a suicide bombing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's North Waziristan on Saturday, officials said.

According to law enforcement officials, the attack specifically targeted a police post in the Eidak area of Mir Ali.

The bomber set off the blast from the back of a motorbike rickshaw near the town, a local police officer told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Four police officers were killed alongside two members of a state paramilitary force and two civilians in the attack near the border with Afghanistan, he said.

"Among the five injured personnel, the condition of three is critical.

Israeli attack on Iranian military sites 'successfully repelled' after 'limited damage'

News Desk

TEHRAN: Iran's National Air Defense Headquarters has announced the successful interception of attacks on military sites in Tehran, Khuzestan, and Ilam provinces in the early hours of Saturday.

While acknowledging "limited damage" to certain locations, the headquarters asserted that the attacks were successfully repelled. The full extent of the damage is currently under investigation.

The announcement comes after Israel revealed early Saturday morning that it was carrying out strikes against Iranian military sites.

Israel said Saturday it conducted air strikes against Iran on Saturday that hit military bases and missile sites in retaliation for the Iranian attacks, warning it would "pay a heavy price" if it responds.

The Israeli military claimed its strikes hit Iran's missile manufacturing facilities, missile arrays and other systems in several regions.



Iran confirmed an Israeli attack had targeted military sites in capital Tehran and other parts of the country, but said it had caused "limited damage".

Israel had vowed to hit back at Iran for its October 1 missile strike, the second-ever direct attack by the Islamic republic on arch-foe.

The rapid escalation of violence has heightened fears across the region and beyond of a wider war, pitting Israel against Iran and the allies, the "axis of resistance" on multiple fronts.

"Based on intelligence, IAF (air force) aircraft struck missile manufacturing facilities used to produce the missiles that Iran fired at Israel," Israel's military said in a statement.

"Simultaneously, the IDF (military) struck surface-to-air missile arrays and additional Iranian aerial capabilities," the army said, adding that the "retaliatory strike has been completed and the mission was fulfilled".

Since the deadliest attack in its history on October 7, 2023, Israel launched its war on Gaza, and since late last month, it has been at war in Lebanon.

Iran on Saturday suspended all flights until further notice, the aviation authority announced.

Iran in April launched its first-ever direct assault on Israeli territory in retaliation for a deadly strike on Iran's consular annex in Damascus.

Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Israel sparked the war in Gaza killed 1,206 people, according to an AFP tally of official Israeli figures.

Israel's war campaign in Gaza killed 42,847 people, majority of them civilians, according to figures from the territory's health ministry which the United Nations considers reliable.

Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines HQ

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The funeral prayer of the valiant martyr, Sub Inspector Haider Ali Shah of the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, was held on Saturday at Police Lines Headquarters, with the utmost respect and honor.

Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines HQ. Funeral prayer of Shaheed SI Haider Ali offered at Police Lines HQ.

A public relations officer told AFP that the ceremony was attended by Federal Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi, IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, senior officers from the Islamabad and Punjab police, the Frontier Constabulary, and a multitude of police officers and officials from other law enforcement agencies.

He said the sacrifice of

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Justice Yahya Afridi sworn in as CJP



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday administered the oath to Justice Yahya Afridi as the Chief Justice of Pakistan in an oath-taking ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Services Chiefs, Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Governors, Chief Ministers, Ministers, judges of the Supreme Court, high

courts, former chief justices, law officers, office bearers of the lawyers' bodies, lawyers, and media persons. Justice Yahya Afridi was nominated by a special parliamentary committee as the next CJP among the three senior most judges of the Supreme Court under the newly adopted 26th Amendment of the Constitution, and a summary in this regard was afterwards forwarded by the prime minister to the president, who accorded approval to the appointment of Justice Afridi as the 30th CJP.

World Polio Day observed in bordering districts; high risk for poliovirus

Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: Like elsewhere in Balochistan, the World Polio Day is also observed in Zhob and neighboring Sherani districts, which share borders with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, South Waziristan, and Afghanistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the last two countries endemic for poliovirus.

UNICEF - ComNet and health department Zhob organized an event chaired by the District Health Officer, Dr Syed Muzaffar Shah. Area Coordinator World Health Organization Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, Immunization Officer WHO Dr Nayyar Loni, N-STOP Officer Dr Azizullah, Disease Surveillance Officer WHO Dr Asim Zaib and ComNet Coordinator Samad Hariphah, along with male and female frontline workers, participated in the event. ComNet Coordinator Samad Hariphah briefed the participants regarding the ongoing anti-polio initiatives in the district and said that protecting the children from



the scourge of poliovirus remains their collective and topmost priority.

IO WHO Dr Nayyar Loni on the occasion said that the government and international organizations are determined and fully committed to eradicating the fast-spreading poliovirus, so that the children could be saved from the crippling disease.

Simultaneously, on the eve of World Polio Day, an event was also organized

by the ComNet and Health Department Sherani, where Deputy Commissioner Mah Jabeen Umrani participated as a chief guest. WHO Surveillance Officer Dr Noora Khan Kakar, Deputy DHO Dr Khair Muhammad Sherani, MS Dr Saifullah Khan Marri, BLIP Coordinator Afzal Kakar, PPHI representative Akbar Khitab, Bostan Ali, administrative officers, and health staff participated in a large number.

ComNet Coordinator Saeedullah Lawoon gave a briefing to the participants and appreciated the frontline workers' efforts for eradicating poliovirus and delivering vaccines to children in remote areas of the district.

The Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated the anti-polio campaign, which begins on October 28th across the district. She appealed to all the parents to get their children vaccinated and assured them of all kinds of support.

The global event World Polio Day, observed annually on October 24th, aimed at raising awareness about polio, a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of vaccination and health programs in achieving a polio-free world. The theme for World Polio Day 2024 'A Global Mission to Reach Every Child,' focuses on the continued efforts to ensure all children are vaccinated against polio, particularly in regions where the virus remains a hanging sword.

LPG station in Qasimabad sealed after recent gas cylinder explosion



Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Hyderabad, Zain-ul-Abideen Memon, has launched a crackdown against illegal LPG filling stations operating in residential areas. This action follows a recent gas cylinder explosion in the Preetabad area, prompting the DC to take strict measures against such stations.

Yesterday, on the instructions of the DC, the administration sealed an illegal LPG filling station located in the residential apartment Sachal Center of Qasimabad. The station's owner was taken into custody and warned that any future violations of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) would result in further legal action. The sealed station had been operating for a long time within a residential apartment, posing a significant risk of life and property damage.

DC Zain-ul-Abideen Memon emphasized that these measures aim to prevent future accidents and ensure safety standards in residential areas. Several illegal gas cylinder filling stations have already been sealed as part of the ongoing campaign.

Headmaster retires after 36 years of service in Takhte Bhai

Traiq Khan Yousafzai

TAKHTE BHAI: Renowned educationist and Headmaster Haji Fida Muhammad Khan retired after completing 36 years of service. In his honor, a dignified ceremony was held at Government High School Syedabad, Takhte Bhai, attended by a large number of local dignitaries, teachers from various schools, principals, and officials from the education department. On this occasion, Government High School Syedabad was decorated like a bride. The students, teachers, and community members presented gifts to the retiring Headmaster, Haji Fida Muhammad Khan, while students paid a remarkable tribute to his services through poems and speeches. In his address, the retiring Headmaster, Haji Fida Muhammad Khan, stated that education is a continuous process that never stops and has no age limit. He encouraged students to make hard work their guiding principle, emphasizing that no nation can progress without it. He reminded the students of the heavy responsibility they bear, as the country and nation's leadership will be in their hands in the future.

Alhaj Naseer Vohra expresses condolences over martyrdom of 10 soldiers in DI Khan

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Central President Cloth Board United Group Pakistan Alhaj Naseer Yousuf Vohra has expressed his grief over the martyrdom of 10 FC soldiers in the terrorist attack in Dera Ismail Khan. Naseer Yousuf Vohra condemned the terrorist attack and appreciated the spirit of patriotism and bravery of the martyred youths. Naib Subidar Muhammad Jan, Naik Arif, Lance Naik Saeedur Rehman, Sepoy Akhuzada, Sepoy Hazrat were among those martyred in the terrorist attack. Allah, Sepoy Mushtaq, Sepoy Abdul Samad, Sepoy Imran, Sepoy Basir Mehtab are included while the injured include Naik Hamza Noor, Sepoy Hasan, Sepoy Sabir Ayub. He expressed his condolences to the families of the martyred youths and prayed for patience.



Master Changan Unveils Mass Market EV, Lumin: A Smart, Stylish EV Hatchback for All



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Following the successful debut of the premium Deepal brand—the S07 SUV and L07 sedan—Master Changan Motors Limited (MCML), a joint venture between Master Group of Industries and Changan International, has taken another bold step with the unveiling of Changan Lumin.

MCML unveiled their mass-market EV product, Lumin, on 25th October 2024 during the Pakistan Auto Show 2024 at the Expo Centre Lahore. The Lumin is a city-smart hatchback designed to make electric mobility both affordable and accessible for everyone, aiming to disrupt the A-segment market, which has long been starved of options.

Furthering MCML's mission to spearhead the EV revolution in Pakistan, Lumin is built on Changan's Pure EV platform (EPA0) and powered by a battery from CATL, the world's leading battery manufacturer, offering an impressive range of 301 km on a single charge.

Lumin stands out with its unique, fashion-forward, and family-oriented compact design, perfect for navigating Pakistan's urban landscapes. Equipped with a 7-inch digital cluster meter, a 10.25-inch infotainment screen featuring Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and multi-function steering, Lumin ensures a modern, tech-driven driving experience.

The interior features a two-tone and sporty design, adding a stylish, contemporary touch. The car comes loaded with advanced sedan-level safety features, including hill start assist, automatic emergency braking, ABS, and vehicle stability control—features often found in higher-end vehicles.

Black Day

ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris to observe 27th October as the black day against the Indian occupation of the valley. Oct 27 is the historic day when Indian forces entered the disputed valley.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Jamaat-e-Islami Faisalabad started a membership campaign

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Provincial Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami, Javed Qasuri, has said that Jamaat-e-Islami has started a membership campaign to mobilize people at the grassroots level to get rid of the corrupt system and its guards. Support Jamaat-e-Islami to end the system. He expressed these views while addressing on the occasion of the inauguration of the membership camp in Akbar Chowk Gulistan Colony under the auspices of Zone PP 112. On this occasion, workers and citizens including district deputy Ameer Mian Tahir Ayub, Amirzoon Mian Asif Islam,



Secretary Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, Rana Sikandra Azam, Mian Zahid Ayub, Sajid Kumbhoh participated in large numbers. Javed Qasuri said that the people also supported PTI after

PML-N and People's Party. It has been tried; people will not be deceived by anyone anymore. Inflation and unemployment have robbed the people of sleep, the government has broken all the records of bad governance, the expectations and hopes that the people had from the current and former rulers have turned into disappointment.

No other government has failed as quickly as the present government has failed in the history of the country. He said that Jamaat-e-Islami has an organized organization and a sincere team, which is free from all kinds of corruption. The struggle to enforce and protect its ideological boundaries has

a long history. Hundreds of workers of Jamaat-e-Islami have been in the halls of power, but there is no stain of corruption, nepotism and nepotism on anyone's feet.

He said that the doors of Jamaat-e-Islami are open to every Pakistani who is interested in the rights of the people and the establishment of an Islamic system in the country. I want to fight for it. Jamaat-e-Islami is currently representing the entire country, no other party is raising public issues, public acceptance of Jamaat-e-Islami is increasing, God willing, Jamaat-e-Islami will be the biggest party in the country in the near future.

Breast Cancer Awareness event—A Vital Cause

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: FPCCI Lahore hosted a remarkable session as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event was organized under the leadership of Sabeen Vohra, Chair of the FPCCI Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee, and brought together a diverse group of individuals committed to making a difference. The session highlighted the importance of health, awareness, and early detection for all women.

Guest of Honor: Heena Salman, Director and Designer, set the tone for the event with her empowering words.

Ayesha Farooqi, Chairperson of the Handicrafts Association, served as the Chief Guest. Sana Naseer Sheikh, Social Activist, Educator, Entrepreneur, and Event Coordinator from FPCCI, ensured the event ran smoothly.

This session stressed the critical need for health awareness and precautions, reminding everyone that life can



change in an instant. A healthy body nurtures a healthy mind, leading to a brighter future.

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Inauguration of Kapra Center in Bahria Town Phase 4, Islamabad by Kapra Group

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Kapra Group has inaugurated the Kapra Center in Bahria Town Phase 4, Islamabad. The event was attended by the country's renowned scholars, who also recited some beautiful verses. The scholars praised the business model of the Kapra Center.

The Kapra Center is set to provide new investment opportunities in the business sector. The inaugural ceremony was attended by distinguished scholars, members of the Chamber of Commerce, lawyers, and other esteemed guests. The Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and senior management of the Kapra Center also graced the occasion, enhancing the significance of the event.

Chief Operating Officer of the Kapra Group, Tahseen Bangash expressed heartfelt gratitude to the guests and promised that the project will be completed by September 2025 through dedicated efforts.

He further stated that Kapra Group, which has established itself as a reputable name in the business empire, will soon inaugurate its new project, KG Villas, Kapra Center Lahore.

Foundation University Islamabad holds Convocation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Foundation University Islamabad proudly celebrated its 2024 Convocation at the Jinnah Auditorium, Foundation University School of Health Sciences. The convocation was graced with the presence of Maj Gen Muhammad Kaleem Asif, HI(M) (Retd), Rector FUI, serving as the Chief Guest. Joining him were distinguished guests including Maj Gen Imran Fazal HI (M) (R), Director of the Foundation University School of Health Sciences; Maj Gen Waseem Ahmed, HI (M) (Retd), Dean & Principal of the Foundation University College of Dentistry, a visionary leader in dental education; and Capt. Yasmeen Saggi (R), Dean & Principal of the Foundation University College of Nursing, renowned for her dedication to advancing nursing education and promoting healthcare excellence.

The ceremony witnessed the conferral of 116 degrees, honouring academic bril-

liance with 7 gold medals for first positions, 5 silver medals, and 7 certificates of distinction, alongside 26 merit certificates for BDS graduates, and 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals, 3 distinctions, and 16 merit certificates for BSN/PRN. BSN graduates.

In his address, Chief Guest Maj Gen Muhammad Kaleem Asif uplifted the spirits of graduates, underscoring their transformative roles as they embark on their careers.

Dentistry graduates will enhance oral health and inspire smiles, while nursing graduates will become the epitome of compassion and care.

The ceremony also celebrated the unwavering support of families and the essential contribution of faculty members, shaping the graduates into future leaders. The event concluded with a touching moment as the Director of FUSH presented a plaque of appreciation to the Chief Guest, marking a day of achievement and inspiration.



UN Day

ISLAMABAD: People participating in UN Day event at PNCA in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Route 47 and Walton Road upgrades proceed as planned, says Imran

City Desk

LAHORE: Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab) continues to make substantial progress on its transformative CBD Route 47 and Walton Road Upgradation projects, as highlighted in a recent progress review meeting chaired by CEO CBD Punjab, Imran Amin. The session was attended by key officials, including Executive Director Technical Riaz Hussain, Director Construction Asif Babar, Director Engineering Umar Hayyat, and representatives from NESPAK and the National Logistics Cell (NLC).

During the briefing, CEO CBD Punjab, Imran Amin, was updated on the project milestones, including the recent initiation of asphalt layering on the Walton Road Railway Crossing flyover, which is expected to be completed within the next one to two days. The asphalt work from Qainchi to Defence Morr is also progressing efficiently. Additionally, safety grills and



streetlights are being installed on the Major Ishaq Shaheed Flyover to enhance public safety and improve visibility for commuters.

The Major Ishaq Shaheed Flyover, a key component of the upgradation project, will be made fully operational for

traffic following the completion of finishing touches. This flyover is anticipated to ease traffic congestion in the area significantly, making the route safer and more efficient for daily commuters.

Expressing satisfaction with the ongoing work, CEO CBD

Punjab, Imran Amin, stated, "Projects will be completed as per the directives of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. The progress on both projects is satisfactory, reflecting our commitment to delivering impactful infrastructure improvements in Punjab."

A moment of Shame

Tajdar Munir

These days, I am concentrating on Indo-Pak history on the demands of exams, unfortunately not for enlightened or awaring myself about the facts and struggles of our forefathers. Meantime, I was remorseful and degraded for understanding concepts at the wrong time. I would be well known about the history of my homeland in grade eight. Simultaneously, I considered myself blind about the history of our sovereign state. However, such subjects must be taught at an elementary level. Here, both the students and teachers should be criticized. At times teachers hold responsibility and irregularly fault is not in our stars but in ourselves. Apologetically, my current stage is banning me from looking through and understanding the very basics of history but this time I should have advanced in such subjects that could be constructive to my future.

Surprisingly, only a few are not facing it but the majority of the students are nail-biting. So, It would be of great importance if teachers teach such subjects effectively but also at the right time and students should be concentrated.

In addition to the engagement of students, it is equally important for teachers to amend their teaching methods that are out-dated, not accepted in this cut-throat competition era. Reading a chapter line by line has become a time pass activity in the classrooms. Sadly, students hailing from rural areas are unable to engage themselves in subject related discussions and even face difficulties while reading a line clearly. If the talks, sweat dances on nose or hands vibrate. If mortification goes alike, where youth will witness his position, obviously nowhere. The world has changed. Every individual has to adopt change in order to climb in his career.

Significantly, teachers should enter into the classroom with updated minds, essential plannings, and productive modules. Sometimes, students should be forced by teachers to do research and should have critical lenses. Also, collaborative and communication based classes can play leading role. Keep remember, change always comes within.

Speaker of Russian Federation Council to arrive in Pakistan on Sunday

ISLAMABAD: Ms. Valentina Matvienko, the Speaker of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, is set to arrive in Pakistan on Sunday for an official visit.



According to a news release, the visit, scheduled from October 27 to 29, was extended by Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani.

This visit is expected to mark a pivotal moment in the growing diplomatic and parliamentary ties between the two nations.

Ms Matvienko's presence is anticipated to further strengthen Pakistan-Russia relations, with engagements planned at the highest levels of leadership.

During her stay, Ms Matvienko is scheduled to meet with Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, the President, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and the Speaker of the National Assembly. Additionally, she will address a special session of the Senate on Monday, October 28.

The high-profile meetings are expected to focus on enhancing cooperation in parliamentary diplomacy, cultural exchange, and other key areas of bilateral interest.

This visit, featuring significant discussions and strategic engagements, underscores the commitment of both nations to fostering stronger relations. The importance of Ms Matvienko's visit represents a key step forward in strengthening diplomatic channels between the Russian Federation and Pakistan. APP

Devcom hosts "Leaders in Sustainability Awards" for sustainable development champions

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Devcom-Pakistan (Development Communications Network) organized the prestigious "Leaders in Sustainability Awards" ceremony here Saturday to honor individuals, organizations, and institutions demonstrating exceptional commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The ceremony celebrated the achievements of those who have made significant contributions to advancing sustainable practices in Pakistan, addressing climate change, and fostering resilience across sectors, and appreciating the corporates for putting up efforts for the community's wellbeing. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) was the technical partner and cohort of the event.

The Pakistan-Arab Refinery Company Limited and National Bank of Pakistan won community wellbeing awards. The Capital Smart City won an award for promoting sustainable housing in the climate action category while Best Western Premier won conservation achievements awards in the climate action category. The Centre for Climate Diplomacy was awarded for promoting Pakistan's stance over the climate crisis. Riffat Ara Bag was conferred upon the award for engaging youth in creative arts to raise awareness about climate change and mountain resource conservation over the years. The Comprehensive Health and Education Forum (CHEF) International won an award in the category of sustainable community health initiatives after the donor-support

concluded. The event was graced by Deputy Head of Mission of the Malaysian High Commission in Islamabad, Mohammad Sayafik Firdaus as the Chief Guest. He commended the award recipients for their dedication to sustainable development, acknowledging that their work aligns with both local and global goals for climate action and environmental sustainability. In his address, Mr. Sayafik underscored the importance of cross-border collaborations to tackle environmental challenges, emphasizing that sustainability is a shared responsibility and requires concerted global efforts. Pakistan has achieved many milestones in combating climate change and promoting sustainable practices, including the milestones of nongovern-

mental organisations and the corporate sector that have many environmental sustainability and community wellbeing initiatives.

Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director and founder of the Leaders in Sustainability Awards, Munir Ahmed highlighted the significance of celebrating sustainability champions whose work inspires a shift towards environmentally responsible practices in Pakistan. "Today, we honor leaders who are setting a new standard for sustainability across Pakistan.

The Leaders in Sustainability Awards recognize contributions in various categories, including renewable energy, water conservation, sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, waste management, and biodiversity protection. Recipients of this year's



awards included local and international NGOs, businesses, educational institutions, and government bodies that have implemented innovative projects contributing to Pakistan's sustainable development goals.

Kashmir conflict needs to be resolved through peaceful dialogue: Sardar Tamur Aziz

Spokesman Report

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN: Kashmir Council Sweden organized an important event to observe the October 27th as the day of occupation, a day of grief and sorrow. The event took place at Stockholm Waterfront Congress Center. What a coincidence that it was held in Room # 27.

Describing the objective of the Council, Sardar Tamur Aziz, President of the Council and Emcee of the event said that our objective is to advocate for a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir conflict, ensuring the rights and freedoms of the people of Kashmir and promoting their right to self-determination. Council emphasizes an end to human rights abuses in the region and aims to provide Kashmiri voices a platform in international forums.

Sardar Tamur added that Kashmir Black day is observed on October 27. It marks the day in 1947 when Indian troops entered Jammu and Kashmir changing the region's history. Observance of Black Day is a symbol of protest by Kashmiris and supporters worldwide. It calls attention to what many view as a day of occupation and highlights the region's struggle for self-determination.

Ambassador Bilal Hayee, Ambassador of Pakistan to Sweden said that the original sin of the tragedy of Kashmir began when India occupied the State of Jammu and Kashmir by sending its army without the consent of the people of Kashmir. He said that the claim of India that Maharaja signed the 'Instrument of Accession' (IOA) is fraudulent assertion as the original copy has never been found.

Ambassador Bilal Hayee emphasized that the claim of IOA was never accepted by the United Nations when the issue was raised at the Security Council. The United Nations Security Council made it abundantly clear that the future of Kashmir shall be decided by the people of Kashmir through a plebiscite which will be supervised and



monitored by the United Nations.

"I would like to make it clear that the international agreements, like the UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir can never become obsolete. It remains active on the agenda of the UN SC as long as they are not implemented. The passage of time can never invalidate the solemn pledges given by the United Nations to the people of Kashmir," said Ambassador Hayee.

Speaking via zoom, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman, World Forum for Peace & Justice said that October 27th is being observed as a day of occupa-

tion because it is on that fateful day in 1947 that India occupied the state of Jammu and Kashmir. More than 350,000 Kashmiris were massacred by the army of Maharaja (The ruler) in Jammu area alone because they wanted to go to Pakistan. What a strange coincidence that exactly the same time more than 700,000 Palestinian were expelled from their homeland in May of 1948 and the state of Israel was established. The United Nations discussed and debated both the issues of Palestine and Kashmir in April of 1948 and agreed upon that there will be a sepa-



rate homeland for the people of Palestine and the people of Kashmir will be given the right to self-determination to decide their future. Unfortunately, until today, no referendum took place in Kashmir and no homeland was established for the people of Palestine.

Dr. Fai added that we should tell the Swedish parliamentarians that Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations proved to be prophetic when he said on October 29, 1957, that "the use of force aimed at changing the status quo must be excluded."

It also implies that the parties should desist from taking internal legislative measures by which the State of Jammu and Kashmir would be considered definitely incorporated in the territory of one of the two parties and which would prejudice the Security Council's continued deliberations on this matter. Isn't it the answer to the reckless and

illegal action taken by Modi Administration on August 5, 2019, when it abrogated Article 370 and 35 A and then enacted Domicile Law to change the demography of Kashmir, Dr. Fai asked? Later Ambassador Gunnar Jarring was appointed by the United Nations Special Representative on Kashmir.

Sardar Ishtiaq Khan, the Secretary general of the Council said that lot of sacrifices have been given by the people of Kashmir. Now the time has come that the Kashmir conflict has to be resolved through peaceful negotiations between all parties concerned: India, Pakistan and the genuine leadership of people of Kashmir.

Raja Bilal Mustafa, Vice President of the Council said that the peace in the region of South Asia would benefit not only those who are directly impacted by this conflict - Kashmiris - but India as well. Sounder minds must prevail.

More rational methods of dealing with differences must be sought.

Choudhary Zafar Iqbal, the President of the Council thanked the attendees for their participation. He added that the current situation in Kashmir remains tense with heightened security, restricted movement and increased communication blackouts, especially after political changes like the revocation of Article 370 & 35A.

A well known Swedish politician, Mr. Anders Tiger expressed his solidarity with the people of Kashmir.

At the end of the event, it was unanimously agreed that a campaign must be initiated in Sweden for the release of all political prisoners in Kashmir, including, Mohammad Yasin Mali, Shabir Ahmed Shah, Masarat Aalim, Mrs. Aaisia Andrabi, Mrs. Sofi Fehmedea, Mrs. Nahida Nasreen and globally recognized human rights activist, Khurram Parvez.

KC-EU to protest in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels on black day of 27 October

Sohail Anjum Malik

BRUSSELS: A protest demonstration would be arranged on 27 October, Sunday by Kashmir Council Europe (KC-EU) on the occasion of day of Indian Occupation of Jammu and Kashmir (27th Oct) in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and based in other parts of the world observe Black Day on 27th October every year to protest against the illegal occupation of Jammu and

Kashmir by India.

In a statement issued in Brussels, Chairman Kashmir Council Europe (KC-EU) Ali Raza Syed said, we demand New Delhi to free people of Kashmir by ending the occupation of Kashmir and give them right of self-determination.

A large number of Kashmiris and their supporters are expected to attend the demonstration to be held at 2 pm on Sunday, 27th October 2024 in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels. Some of non-governmental Kashmiri organizations based in Europe



will also collaborate in organizing

the protest. Ali Raza Syed said, 27th October 1947 was the darkest day in history of Jammu and Kashmir when India in total violation of all international norms and human values illegally landed its troops in the state against the will of the Kashmiri people.

Chairman KC-EU further said, by staging this protest, we want to send a message to the Indian government that Kashmiris do not accept India's illegal occupation. The Kashmiri people want to decide their future in a free environment. It is sad to say that

India claims to be the largest democracy in the world but it suppresses the rights of Kashmiris and kills the innocent people in the occupied valley. Our brothers and sisters in the Occupied Kashmir have been victims of Indian persecution for above seven and half decades. On a daily basis, Indian authorities are attempting to crush the Kashmiris. Indian police and security forces commit violence and create fear among the people of Kashmir.

He said, the international community should understand that peace in Kashmir is connected to the whole

region. If Kashmir is witness of peace, the whole region would be witness of peace and prosperity.

Chairman Kashmir Council EU Ali Raza Syed made it clear that Kashmiri nation is not ready to compromise on their right to self-determination.

He also urged the world's major powers to help the people of Jammu and Kashmir, struggling for their right to self-determination. A peaceful resolution of issue of Kashmir, which is long lasting desire of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, should be achieved.

Lifesaving Healthcare Reaches Tharparkar: First SIEHS Base Station Launched In Nagarparkar

News Desk

NAGARPARKAR: In a major leap forward for healthcare access in one of Sindh's most remote regions, Sindh Integrated Emergency & Health Services (SIEHS-1122) has officially launched its first emergency base station in the resilient town of Nagarparkar, District Tharparkar. This new facility promises to transform emergency medical care for communities that have long battled with the harsh desert environment and limited access

to healthcare.

Nagarparkar, a rugged and remote area near the Indian border, is known for its beautiful yet unforgiving landscape, where access to basic services has always been a challenge. The region's population, approximately 1.6 million strong, has shown remarkable resilience in the face of isolation and harsh living conditions. The launch of the emergency base station is expected to significantly reduce the long-standing delays in accessing emergency care for

residents, many of whom live in villages far from the nearest healthcare facilities.

The new station will provide critical ambulance services, reaching some of the most remote villages in Sindh, ensuring that help now arrives faster and more reliably than ever before.

Qasim Siraj Soomro, MPA and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, underscored the importance of this milestone, saying, "Tharparkar has faced unique healthcare challenges for decades. This base station marks a turning



point, allowing us to provide lifesaving services to those who have long been underserved. With the

support of SIEHS, we are now able to offer critical care exactly where it is needed."

Brig. Tarique Quadri Lakhari (R), CEO-SIEHS, emphasized the transformative impact of the facility: "This isn't just a service; it's a lifeline. For years, the people of Nagarparkar and its surrounding areas have waited for reliable emergency care. Today, we're making that a reality."

This initiative is part of a broader effort to improve healthcare services across Tharparkar, where residents have often faced perilous journeys across challenging terrain to seek medical assistance. By significantly

reducing response times, the new base station ensures that emergency aid is now available within minutes, even in the region's most isolated corners.

Local leaders, healthcare professionals, and community members have hailed the launch as a vital step toward addressing the region's long-standing healthcare challenges. There is hope that it will save lives and improve the overall quality of life for the entire community, whose endurance and strength in the face of adversity are well-known.

Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi's 'World Culture Festival Karachi' host Award Distribution Ceremony

City Desk

KARACHI: Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi organized a 38-day "World Culture Festival Karachi." On the 31st day of the festival, an "Award Distribution Ceremony" was held in Auditorium I. Chief guest of the ceremony was Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah. He was accompanied by the Provincial Minister of Culture, Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah, the Chief Secretary of Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah the Mayor of Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab, the CCPO of Karachi Javed Odho and consuls general from Japan, Qatar, South Korea, the UAE, the USA, and Turkey, among others, including



the Consul General of Cameroon in Pakistan and Dr. Bukhait Atiq Al-Rumaithi, the Consul General of the UAE in Karachi.

The ceremony began with the

national anthem, followed by a powerful presentation showcasing the progress of the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi throughout its history. On this

occasion, the Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, stated that Ahmed Shah is the greatest politician in culture.

He highlighted that the "World Culture Festival Karachi" is the longest festival at 38 days, claimed that it will set a record. He praised Ahmed Shah for his visible efforts in promoting art and culture since 2008, noting that today the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi has delivered the results of their support.

He emphasized that they are peace-loving people with a deep-rooted humanitarian spirit. He also mentioning the presence of people from 40 countries, each representing different cultures and civilizations. He commended

Ahmed Shah for fulfilling his promise to bring international artists to Pakistan, asserting that with dedication and love, anything is possible. He congratulated the Arts Council and its team on this achievement, noting that the festival highlighted not just the culture of Sindh, but the entire heritage of Pakistan.

He expressed that today they are witnessing a blend of many beautiful cultures and pointed out that the world is changing rapidly. Festivals like this send messages of love and peace across the globe, connecting us with the world. He remarked that cultural diplomacy is a significant skill, as artists from around the world appreciate their hospitality and

culture. Today, they have demonstrated that Pakistan is a land of love, peace, and tolerance. He urged the federal government to take an interest in such inspiring programs, while assuring that the Sindh government is always ready to provide support. President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, Muhammad Ahmed Shah, in his welcoming address, declared their success as a collective story, attributing the Council's progress to the support of the Pakistan Peoples Party under Syed Murad Ali Shah's leadership.

He welcomed the Provincial Minister of Interior, Zia Lanjhar, and Mayor Murtaza Wahab, announcing plans for a larger

festival next year. He asserted that no province can progress without preserving its culture, emphasizing that the purpose of terrorism is to instill fear, but they can only intimidate a few, not thousands. He stressed the importance of holding hundreds of cultural programs in collaboration with different countries and stated that culture is the best weapon to combat terrorism. Provincial Minister of Culture, Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah, commended Ahmed Shah for managing such a large festival effectively, mentioning the full support of the Sindh government in making the festival a success, which is bringing positive recognition to Pakistan globally.

President, PM congratulate Pakistan Cricket Team on test series win

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Aisf Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday felicitated Pakistan Cricket Team on sweeping the home test series against England by 2-1. The president said the national team displayed marvelous game in the test series and expressed



the hope that such a manifestation of excellent performance would continue in future. He also congratulated the nation on the historic win, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister, on his X handle, conveyed his heartiest congratulations to the incredible cricketers of the national team on the historic home Test

series victory against England. "Their passion and teamwork have made the nation proud. Remarkable turnaround!" he further posted while also acknowledging the performance of guest team.

The prime minister said the triumph of the team had made the entire nation proud and such like victories would continue in the future.

Pakistan Cricket Team Great Victory Against England Win By 9 wickets in the Rawalpindi Test Match and Winning the Series 2-1



Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan won a Test series on home ground after 3.5 years and defeated England in a Test series after 9 years, delivering a complete defeat to the English team. The Pakistan cricket team buried England's hopes in just 90 minutes of play on the third day of the five-day Test match, with half an hour left before the lunch break on the Rawalpindi Stadium pitch, and won the Test series against England for the first time in 19 years. With this 9-wicket victory against England, Pakistan won its first home Test series against any team in 3.5 years. After five series against England over the past 9 years, this is the first series victory. Shan Masood became a winning captain for the first time in his third series, and several new records were set.

At the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Pakistan claimed victory on the third day of the Test match, winning by 9 wickets in the final moments of the first session. Chasing a target of 36 runs, Pakistan scored 37 runs for the loss of one wicket. Saim Ayub was dismissed after scoring 8 runs, while captain Shan Masood played aggressively, scoring 23 runs off just 6 balls, hitting the winning stroke, and securing the Rawalpindi Test match and the three-match series 2-1. This victory brought joy to Pakistani cricket fans.

President Asif Ali Zardari congratulated the Pakistan cricket team and the entire Pakistani nation on the team's outstanding victory against England in the Rawalpindi Test match. He said that the Pakistan cricket team played exceptionally well to win the three-match Test series. The President added that the players demonstrated remarkable performances in both batting and bowling.

The Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif congratulated the PCB Chairman and PCB management on winning the Test series against England. He said the Pakistan cricket team played brilliantly, defeating the England cricket team. Today, every Pakistani is filled with joy over the cricket team's victory. With this victory against the England cricket team, Pakistan will continue to perform well in future cricket matches.

Meanwhile, England's High Commissioner, Jane Marriott, congratulated the



Pakistan cricket team on winning the series against the England cricket team and said that both teams played exceptionally well.

Earlier, England's team was bowled out for just 112 runs in 37.2 overs in their second innings. Today, they lost 7 wickets for just 88 runs. Joe Root scored 33, and Harry Brook scored 26. After their partnership was broken, England lost 7 wickets for 46 runs. For Pakistan, Nauman Ali took 6 wickets for 42 runs, and Sajid Khan took 4 wickets for 69 runs. In the match, Sajid

Khan claimed 10 wickets for 207 runs, and Nauman Ali took 9 wickets.

England's 267 runs on the spin-friendly pitch of the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium were not insufficient, and Pakistan's first innings proved that they too are one of the world's best cricket teams.

Previously, England scored 267 runs in their first innings, with Jamie Smith scoring 89. Sajid Khan took 4 wickets for 128 runs, Nauman Ali took 3, and Zahid Mahmood took one. In response, Pakistan

scored 344 runs, thanks to Saud Shakeel's brilliant innings of 134 runs. Rehan and Shoaib Bashir took 3 wickets each for England.

Saud Shakeel's Power: England cricket team in big trouble two days after the match.

How many years later did Pakistan win a series?

A total of 31 wickets fell in the Rawalpindi Test match, of which 29 were taken by spinners. Pakistan took all 20 of England's wickets with the help of spinners.

Sajid Khan became the first spinner at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium to take 10 wickets in a Test match. He took 10 wickets and hit 4 sixes in the match, making him only the third player in Test history to achieve this feat. This honor previously also belonged to Pakistan, as Imran Khan and Abdul Qadir had accomplished it.

Overall, Pakistan has won its 9th Test series against England, but this was the first series victory in 9 years since 2015. The last win was in October-November 2015, when Pakistan won a three-match series 2-0 in the UAE, and now they've won it 2-1. Pakistan won a home Test series after 3.5 years. Shan Masood, who lost two series as captain against Australia and Bangladesh, has now won his first Test series. Pakistan's next match-up will be against Australia in Australia in November.

Islamabad hosts 17th Korean Ambassador Cadet & Senior National Taekwondo Championship with cultural flair

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Korean Ambassador Cadet and Senior National Taekwondo Championship, presented by Combaxx and organized by the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation (PTF), kicked off in Islamabad and will continue through October 29.

The event opened with a vibrant ceremony featuring a cultural program and a taekwondo demonstration by Pakistan's national team, delighting attendees and guests, including the Korean Ambassador HE Park Ki Jun, who served as the chief guest.

Li Col Raja Wasim Ahmed Janjua (Retd), President of PTF, alongside CEO Omar Saeed and Secretary General Murtaza Hasan Bangash, led the organizing efforts, ensuring seamless arrangements for the championship. Distinguished guests included Shahid ul Islam, Deputy DG of PSB, and Muhammad Abbas Khan, CEO of Chakor Ventures, who applauded the impressive performances and organizational efforts.

The championship features intense competition among top teams from Pakistan Army, WAPDA, Punjab, HEC, Air Force, Railways, Police, Islamabad, Azad Kashmir, KPK, and Sindh. In a display of national pride, provincial presidents and secretaries congratulated Raja Wasim Janjua on Pakistan's recent success at the 6th Asian Taekwondo Championship, where the team clinched the title of Asian Champion.

The first day of competition saw Pakistan Army take the lead in the Senior Poomsae category, followed by WAPDA in second place and HEC in third. In Senior Poomsae (Male & Female), Pakistan Army finished first, followed by WAPDA Team and HEC Team. The championship continues, with more exciting matchups expected as teams vie for national titles.

Three Matches Conclude in Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament.

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Three More Matches were decided in the Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament at various Grounds of the City. The highlights of the days play was brilliant Century by Ali Rehman.

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi with the collaboration of Master Oil Lubricant.

Scores in Brief:

Asifabad Sports beat Ghulam Rasool Cricket Club by 18 runs at Afza Ground. Asifabad Sports 233 all out in 33.1 overs. Ali Rehman 115 13x4 4x6, Umair Mubarak 51 3x4 4x4.

Maiz Hanif 3/39, Hammad Ramzan 3/40, Ahmed Raza 2/41. Ghulam Rasool CC 215 all out in 31.3 overs. Muhammad Fahad 44, Waqas Amin 40, Hammad Ramzan 32, Shahzeb Abha 19, Fazal Ramzan 19. Alib Ramzan 4/55, Abdul Hameed 3/45, Suleman Shah 2/21.

In the 2nd Match Sports Science Cricket Club beat Malir Muslim Cricket Club by 6 Wickets at Young Fighter Ground. Malir Muslim CC 103 all out in 23 overs. Ahsan ullah 41, Muhammad Bilal 20. Muhammad Sajjan 3/8, Jahanzeb Khan 2/16.

Sports Science CC 104/4 in 20.2 overs. Abdullah Tousif 47, Muhammad Sajjan 21. Ahsan ullah 3/42.

In the 3rd Match Hyderi Gymkhana beat Comrade Sports by 149 runs at Pak Star Ground. Hyderi Gymkhana 229 all out in 29.1 overs. Abdullah Arif 46, Saeed ur Rehman 34, Raheez ul Haq 27, Badar uz Zama 25, Asad Meo 20. Huzaifa Muhammad 4/46. Ezan Zahid 3/42.

Comrade Sports 80 all out in 18 overs. Hasnain Muhammad 21. Sumair uz Zama 3/19.

Pak Army team secures first place in senior poomsae



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army emerged victorious in the senior poomsae category, taking first place at the National Taekwondo Championship at Liaquat Gymnasium on Saturday.

Competing fiercely, the team outperformed contenders from various sectors to claim the top spot.

The WAPDA, known for its strong presence in national sporting events, secured second place, while the Higher Education Commission (HEC) team finished third, demonstrating significant skill and determination.

The championship witnessed a high level of competition among the teams, showcasing the athletes' commitment to taekwondo and the growing popularity of martial arts across Pakistan.

Pakistan Army wins National Men's Softball C'ship title

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army secured the KPT 7th National Men's Softball Championship title defeating Wapda by 12-3 in a one-sided final at the KPT Football Ground.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa triumphed over Balochistan with a score of 16-1, claiming the bronze medal in the tournament, said a press release.

Pakistan Army scored 12 runs in seven innings. Wasim hit a home run, while Nazir Ahmed and Aftab Alam contributed with three runs each. In response, Wapda managed to score only 3 runs in their seven innings.

In the match for third place, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa outclassed Balochistan,

winning by 16-1.

The closing ceremony featured Brig Tariq Bashir, General Manager admin of KPT, as the chief guest, who distributed trophies, shields, and certificates to players and officials alongside President Pakistan Softball Federation, Asif Azeem, Chairman Organizing Committee Professor Dr Farhan Eesa, Chairperson Yasmin Hyder, and Vice President Shahid Khan Shinwari.

On this occasion, Maj (R) Mahmood Riaz, Sports Manager of KPT, Wasim Hashmi, Aisha Lena, Zeeshan Merchant, and others were also present. Watch live sports online

Tariq Bashir praised all participating teams for their exemplary discipline, congratulating all players and officials.

He noted that the championship not only provided players with ample opportunities to showcase their skills but also fostered mutual harmony, brotherhood, and affection among them.

Asif Azeem and his team were commended for their tireless efforts in making the championship successful while the KPT management assured of full support in providing continuous support to the Softball Federation of Pakistan.

Dr. Farhan Eesa expressed appreciation for the active participation of the teams, indicating that the championship would serve as a platform for preparing the national team for international events.



He expressed confidence that the standout performers in the event could become part of Pakistan's national softball

team in the future. Chairperson Yasmin Hyder emphasized that no sport can flourish without sponsorn-

ship, extending gratitude to KPT, the Sports Department of the Government of Sindh, EFU Insurance, Dr Eesa Lab,

Organic Meat Company, and Comeback Sports for their significant support in successfully organizing the event.

Assistance

ISLAMABAD: On instructions of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Pak NDMA dispatched 13th Consignment of 100 tons for people of Gaza from Islamabad International Airport to Amman, Jordan on Saturday.



Photo: Online

NDMA dispatched 13th consignment for war affected people of Gaza, Lebanon

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on the directives of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, continued to provide humanitarian aid to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

The 13th consignment included 100 tons of winterized tents and blankets from Islamabad to Amman (Jordan) for people of Gaza, organized by Pak NDMA on the instruction of Prime

Minister, a news release said. In total 1,381 tons of relief items have been dispatched to affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

The send-off ceremony was held at Islamabad International Airport on Saturday, which was attended by the Parliamentarian Barrister Aqeel Malik, H. E. Mr. Zuhair M. H. Darzaid, Palestinian Ambassador to Pakistan, representatives from NDMA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Armed Forces. During the ceremony, the attendees

emphasized the urgent need to provide relief to the war-affected populations of Palestine and Lebanon, considering the ongoing conflict and the needs of the affected communities. They reaffirmed the Government of Pakistan's commitment to supporting their brothers and sisters in distress and stressed the importance of collaboration with welfare organizations and the Pakistani public in strengthening these efforts.

Palestinian Ambassador extended the deepest grati-

tude for unwavering support and generous humanitarian assistance to Gaza from people of Pakistan. He remarked that solidarity during these trying times is a beacon of hope and a testament to the enduring bond between our nations. He added that the humanitarian aid from Pakistan is not just a lifeline of essential supplies but a powerful message of compassion and unity.

To date, Pakistan has dispatched a total of 12 consignments, comprised of 1281 tons of relief items to

Gaza and Lebanon. Of these, 10 consignments (1,151 tons) were directed to Gaza, while two aid consignments (130 tons) were sent to Lebanon in addition to safe evacuation of 71 Pakistan's nationals from war zone region.

Government of Pakistan has also established a special account called the "Prime Minister's Relief Fund for Gaza and Lebanon". This fund aims to collect public donations to support those in Gaza and Lebanon who are facing war emergencies.

Kashmiris never accepted illegal occupation, continued their struggle for freedom: Naqash

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris never accepted illegal occupation, continued their struggle for freedom: Naqash

Terming the occupation of Jammu and Kashmir as illegal and illegitimate, All Parties Hurriyat, Conference (APHC) Senior leader and Chairman Islamic Political Party, Muhammad Yousuf Naqash said on Saturday that people of the state never accepted this occupation.

In a press statement received here on the eve of Black Day being observed on October 27 against Indian military aggression and occupation of the state on the same day in 1947, he said, October 27, 1947, marked a darkest and unfortunate chapter in the history of South Asia.

He said, under the cover of night, Indian forces launched an invasion

into Kashmir, laying bare their ambitions and setting a grim precedent that continues to disturb the peace of the region to this day.

Naqash reiterated that this military aggression and subsequent occupation of Kashmir by India remains illegitimate.

"People of Kashmir, from that day in 1947 until now, have never accepted India's occupation," adding they will continue their struggle till freedom of Kashmir.

Naqash emphasized that the countless sacrifices of Kashmiris is an irrefutable proof of the Kashmiris' enduring struggle for self-determination. He urged the people of Kashmir to remain vigilant against India's deceptive political maneuvers and so-called developmental programs, which he described as ploys to legitimize an illegal occupation. He said, India, along with collab-



orators within Kashmir, was making relentless efforts to strengthen its grip on the region and highlighted the need for Kashmiris to fully comprehend such plans and stay resolute in their pursuit of freedom from India's rule. He also pointed towards the growing marginalization and insecurity faced by minorities, particularly Muslims, within India itself. He questioned how the people of Kashmir could expect safety

from a regime that has failed to protect its own minority communities.

India's Hindutva policies, he stated, have underscored the motives behind its occupation of Kashmir, motives that extend beyond borders and contribute to instability across South Asia and even globally.

With incidents affecting nations like Canada and the United States, Naqash warned that Kashmiris are far from immune to the repercussions of India's actions. He called upon all Kashmiris to ensure a successful observance of the October 27 strike, symbolizing resistance against India's occupation.

Naqash reaffirmed that Kashmir will never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs, nor the honor of its people. He expressed confidence that the dawn of freedom is near and that the spirit of Kashmir's struggle will one day be rewarded with peace and liberation.

President strongly condemns attack on mosque in Lakki Marwat

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday strongly condemned terrorist attack on a mosque in Lakki Marwat.

The president also paid tribute to the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Cadet Arif Ullah for embracing martyrdom in the attack.

"Our religion does not permit attacks on places of worship and mosques," the president said in a statement issued by the President House.

He added that attacking places of worship was an extremely cowardly and un-Islamic act.

The president prayed for the elevation of ranks of the martyr in Jannah



and grant of patience to the bereaved family members.

PM pays tribute to PMA cadet for embracing martyrdom while fighting against terrorists

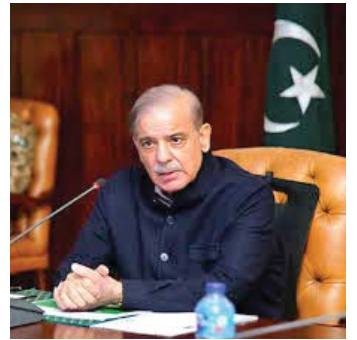
City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday paid tribute to a Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Kakul cadet Arif Ullah for embracing martyrdom while bravely fighting against the terrorists in Lakki Marwat.

In a statement, the prime minister said Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed set an example of courage and bravery by thwarting the cowardly attack on innocent worshippers.

The cadet, who was on leave, could not tolerate innocent citizens becoming victims of terrorism, he said adding that the spirit of patriotism and loyalty to the homeland exhibited by the Pakistan Army was unmatched anywhere in the world.

He said terrorists should be well aware of the brave young men they are trying to confront.



The dedication and commitment of Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed serve as a guiding light for the younger generation, he remarked.

The prime minister emphasized that Cadet Arif Ullah Shaheed and his family were a source of pride for the entire nation, including himself. "The Pakistani nation can never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs."

Ahsan Iqbal calls for 'Unity' to achieve economic goals

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Saturday underscored the imperative need for stability, peace and continuity of policies in Pakistan, emphasizing that collective efforts from all political parties were crucial for the nation's progress.

In an interview with a Private news channel, he criticized PTI leadership for creating instability in the country and warned against politicizing national institutions.

He emphasized, "Political stability and policy continuity are crucial for Pakistan's development."

"By promoting a positive narrative and highlighting the country's achievements, Pakistan can move forward towards a more prosperous

future," he added.

He believed, "Pakistan requires a political consensus where all parties fulfill their roles, with the foundation of this consensus deeply rooted in the principles of law and the constitution."

Ahsan Iqbal responding a query stressed, "The 26th Constitutional Amendment is crucial for strengthening Pakistan's democracy, highlighting the need for broad consensus among all political parties to drive the country's development through vital judiciary reforms."

"This collective effort aims to introduce significant changes to the judicial system, ensuring a more representative and inclusive appointment process," he added.

He emphasized that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has consistently played a positive role in stabilizing the country.

Ex-PM Imran Khan's jail facilities petition sparks rift in legal team of PTI

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: A petition for incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan's jail facilities divided his legal team on Saturday after the party disassociated from the application filed by one of the lawyers Faisal Chaudhry.

"I filed a petition today at the request of Barrister Gohar. What is the legal team? I am Khan Sahib's lawyer," he said while appearing on Aaj News programme Dus.

Khan has been in prison on various charges, from corruption to inciting violence, for more than one year.

The PTI has claimed that the former prime minister was not being provided adequate facilities, however, the Adiala Jail administration has rejected such claims.

Earlier in the day, Faisal filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court demanding that basic facilities be provided to PTI founder Imran Khan in jail. But the PTI rejected the petition.

The advocate claimed that he submitted the petition on behalf of the former prime minister. The petition argues that "depriving" Khan of essential facilities in jail constitutes a violation of the jail manual.

26th Amendment positive step: Abdul Aleem Khan

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party Abdul Aleem Khan has said that the 26th Constitutional amendment is a positive step while in future more successes to come in the wider interest of Pakistan. He expressed these views while presiding over meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party. He added that recent participation in the Parliamentary affairs has sent a clear and correct message of the Party and IPP will get more achievements in future. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that every step is inevitable for the country's stability and being patriotic is our moral duty to support to the Pak Forces and we will continue to play a full role in this regard. He added that Members of IPP in National and Punjab Assembly playing their full role for the stability of the beloved motherland. It is mentionable that in the meeting of Central Executive Committee of IPP Members of National Assem-



bly Ms. Munaza Hassan, Awon Chaudhry, Gul Asghar Bhagor and Punjab Assembly Members Shoaib Siddiqui and Ghazanfar Abbas Cheena attended while some Members of the Assembly and party leaders could not attend due to being abroad. Provincial President Rana Nazir Ahmad Khan, senior party leader Ishaq Khan Khakwani, Chaudhry Zaeher Uddin, Ameer Haider Singha, Khurram Rokhri, Rifaqat Gilani, Mian Salman Shoaib, Mian Khalid Mahmood, Haroon Imran Gill, Rubina Silhari, Tabinda Waqas, Dr. Urooj Gilani, Malik Zaman Naseeb and Niaz Hussain Gashkuri also attended the meeting and expressed their full confidence in the leadership of Central President Abdul Aleem Khan. Addressing the meeting of the Central Executive Committee of IPP, Abdul Aleem Khan directed that the party leaders should complete their preparations at the district level so that they can fully participate in the upcoming local bodies elections in every city. He said that in the current situation, the economy facing important challenges such as restoration of it and curbing terrorism. He said that we will continue to play our full role in national development and solving the problems being faced by the common man.

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Haider Ali Shah, who lost his life, was commemorated with somber reverence. A vast gathering of police officers and law enforcement officials, along with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, offered their final respects during a touching funeral prayer, he said.

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The attendees expressed their deep condolences and offered Fatiha for the elevation of the martyr's rank.

Yesterday, Haider Ali Shah was seriously injured by unidentified assailants who opened fire on him, and he succumbed to his injuries, meeting his Creator. The martyred Sub Inspector served in various divisions and units of the Islamabad Police and fought against criminal elements.

Haider Ali had recently been posted to the investigation department and was performing his official duties. He joined the Islamabad Police in 1990 as a constable.

IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, while paying tribute, reaffirmed the indomitable spirit of the police force

to defend and protect citizens. He emphasized that every member of the force is committed to upholding the values of martyrdom and stands united against any threat to the community.

The funeral procession concluded with a heartfelt salute from the squad, while IGPs and senior police officers laid floral wreaths on the martyr's body. The body of the martyred personnel was then transported to his hometown with full official honors, symbolizing the nation's gratitude for his sacrifice.

IG Rizvi said the sacrifice of Sub Inspector Haider Ali Shah joins the list of 64 other brave police officers from the Islamabad Police who have laid down their lives while serving the nation. Each of these courageous individuals exemplifies the unwavering commitment of the police force to safeguard the lives and property of the nation, a commitment that remains resolute regardless of the challenges faced, IG added.

IG Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi stated that the spirit of valor and sacrifice demonstrated by Constable Abdul Hameed continues to inspire and remind us of the sacrifices made by all those who protect and serve.