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Violence against journalists cannot be allowed: Fazl

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that violence against journalists cannot be allowed under any circumstances. Speaking to media outside the National Press Club after expressing solidarity with journalists over yesterday's police raid in the



Ahsan urges calm, vows to resolve AJK issue through dialogue

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday expressed optimism that the ongoing issue in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) would

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Meeting on economy

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding the country's economy on Friday.



PM reviews overall economic situation, development projects

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Friday chaired a meeting regarding Pakistan's economy and foreign investment. The meeting reviewed the overall economic situation, promotion of foreign direct investment and ongoing and proposed development projects in detail.

He said the government's top priority was to stabilize Pakistan's stan will be made an attractive economy on a strong foundation. investment hub in the region The private sector will have a

should be ensured, he added.

The prime minister directed cies. relevant ministries and institutions to ensure provision of all facilities to international inves-

The recent positive economic trend was a reflection of foreign investors' confidence in the Paki-

stani economy, he added. The prime minister said Pakithrough transparency, formula-

key role in planning economic tion of economic policies in line activities and their participation with international standards and prompt implementation of poli-

> The government will utilize all investment opportunities to increase public welfare and employment opportunities, he added.

> The prime minister said, "Our ongoing policy of economic and financial reforms has given a new direction to the economy and thanks to this innovation and transparency, the country is on the path of development."

investment was part of our policy, Attaullah Tarar, Minister for he added.

The meeting was briefed on ongoing projects in the energy, infrastructure, information tech-

nology and industrial sectors. The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Infor-

Promoting trade as well as mation and Broadcasting Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for Energy Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik. Minister for Environment Dr. Musadik Masood Malik, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazir Tarar, Minister for Communication and Privatization Aleem Khan and senior officers of relevant institutions.

S AJK protest

Second round of talks between JAAC, federal ministers held



跨 🛮 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: high-level government delegation, on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, on Friday resumed the second round of negotiations with the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) in Muzaffarabad amid continued tensions in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Tariq Fazal Chaudhry said in a post on X that the government's committee was holding a second round of talks with the JAAC representatives in Muzaffarabad.

He said the government fully supports the rights of the Kashmiri people and is committed to addressing their concerns.

"Most of the demands in the

public interest have already been accepted, while discussions are ongoing over a few matters related to constitutional amendments," he said.

Chaudhry stressed that violence was not the solution to any problem. "We hope the Action Committee will resolve all issues through peaceful dialogue," he added.

In an earlier post, he shared that PPP leader Raja Pervez Ashraf, Senator Rana Sanaullah, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Religious Affairs Minister Sardar Yousaf, Adviser to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira, Masood Ahmed and Kashmir Affairs Minister Amir Mugam Chaudhry himself were part of the government's negotiating

ISPR: Seven Indiansponsored terrorists killed in Balochistan operation

跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: Security forces have successfully killed seven Indian-sponsored terrorists during an intelligence-based operation in the Sherani district of Balochistan, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The operation was launched following credible information about the presence of operatives linked to the Indian-backed terrorist organisation "Fitna al-Khawarii."

In a fierce exchange of fire, security forces effectively targeted the terrorists' hideout, resulting in the deaths of the seven individuals.

The operation also led to the recovery of weapons, brought to justice.



sives. The deceased terrorists were reportedly involved in multiple terrorist activities in the region. ISPR noted that a clearance

operation is ongoing due to concerns about the potential presence of additional terrorists in the area.

The Pakistan Army reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating terrorism sponsored by India and ensuring that anti-state elements are

Diplomatic efforts underway for safe return of nationals on board Sumud Flotilla: Dar

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Friday assured the National Assembly that Pakistan was actively pursuing diplomatic efforts to ensure the safety and safe return of its nationals on board the Global Sumud Flotilla.

The deputy prime minister, addressing the House, condemned the unlawful interception of the Flotilla by Israeli occupying forces, terming it a blatant violation of international maritime law and humanitarian



principles. Reiterating Pakistan's consistent and principled position, he said that the two-state solution was the only viable path to a just and lasting peace, through the establishment of a contiguous, independent and sovereign State of Palestine based on pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif

engagement during the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, he highlighted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's and Kashmir, climate justice, reform of Munir.

global financial systems, and the urgency of sustainable development.

DPM Dar also underlined Pakistan's extensive diplomatic outreach, participation in high-level events and sideline bilateral meetings, constructive role in advancing peace efforts, and principled advocacy for the rights of the Palestinian and Kash-Apprising the House of Pakistan's active miri people. Deputy Prime Minister Dar also briefed the House on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's bilateral meeting with US President Donald J. Trump at the White impactful statement on Palestine, Jammu House, joined by Field Marshal Syed Asim

Talal says action will be taken against Aimal over 'irresponsible' statement

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry has indicated that action will be taken against Awami National Khan for what he described as an irresponsible statement regarding the Field Marshal. Speaking to the media in Islamabad, Talal Chaudhry said Aimal Wali Khan's remarks were reckless and intolerable. He emphasised that the

Field Marshal undertakes foreign visits not for personal reasons but to fulfil national responsibilities.

Talal Chaudhry underlined that Pakistan's recent diplomatic achievements were the result of Party (ANP) leader Aimal Wali the Prime Minister's partnership with the Field Marshal.

"Aimal Wali's statement is irresponsible and cannot be tolerated. We will take action against this mistake and negligence," Talal

Chaudhry declared. He further said that Aimal

Wali's political standing was well known, pointing out that because of his reckless politics and statements, he could not even win a councillor's seat in his own province (Khyber Pakhunkhwa).

The state minister for interior accused Aimal Wali of being out of touch with the people, adding that the public does not support his politics or performance.

"Aimal Wali Khan loves Afghanistan more than Pakistan," Talal Chaudhry alleged, recalling



that voters had rejected his party in the elections. Talal Chaudhry said that such

statements should not be politicised, especially when they involve matters of national interest.

Bilawal demands immediate release of Gaza flotilla activists

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Former foreign minister and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has demanded immediate release of activists of Global Sumud Flotilla detained by the Israeli forces. In a post on his X timeline on Friday, Bila-

activists for the people of Gaza are not a threat.

"Israel's interception of the doctors, activists and Paki-



added "We demand their immediate release, humanitarian corridors to Gaza, and stan's ex-Senator Mushtaq justice for Palestine."

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Certificate Distribution Ceremony held at Women's University Multan

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: The Women University Multan organized a prestigious ceremony to honor the dedicated faculty members, staff, and students who actively participated in the Flood Relief Drive conducted for the victims of the recent floods in Alipur and adjoining areas.

During the event, certificates of appreciation were awarded to faculty, officers, and students, while the Class-IV employees who rendered valuable services in organizing and executing relief activities were also presented with cash prizes and ration bags as a token of gratitude.

Addressing the ceremony, Vice commended the volunteers for their vering spirit of service to humanity. certificates and prizes is only a



Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha commitment, sacrifice, and unwa- She said, "Today's distribution of

symbolic gesture. The Vice Chancellor particularly appreciated Dr. Samina Akhtar for her leadership and dedication in successfully organizing and managing the entire Flood Relief Drive. "Her determination and team spirit transformed this initiative into a remarkable success story for Women's University Multan, she added Prof Dr Kalsoom Pracha concluded her address by reaffirming the university's commitment to continue playing a frontline role in community service, humanitarian efforts, and national

The ceremony was attended by Registrar Dr. Malika Rani, Treasurer Dr. Sara Musaddiq, Chairpersons of all departments, faculty members, administrative staff, and a large number of students

Faisalabad; VC GCWUF Prof Dr Kanwal Ameen (TI) presenting

souvenir & University Shield to Waheed Ramay after the launching meeting of COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS Committee. Photo

Multan Press Club and Union Of Journalists Protest Against Islamabad Capital Police Attack in National Press Club

Asim Tanveer
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MULTAN: Organized by Multan Press Club and Multan Union of Journalists, Mazhar Khan, Jamshed Rizwani, Shahadat Hussain, Senior Vice President Multan Press Club. Senior Journalists Jamsheed Rizwani. Muhammad Khalid Chaudhry, Zafarul Islam, Mehboob Chughtai, Yasir Bhatti, Hafeezullah, Anjum Pitafi, Mehboob Malik, Mehr Imran, Furqan Bhatti, Salman Qureshi, Jan Sher Khan, Nadeem Haider, Dilzeb Akash, Fayyaz Bhatti, Khawaja Ashraf, Sohail Qureshi, Noman Bhatta, Syed Mazin, Rashid Mushtaq, Muhammad Sultan, Ahmed Nawaz Soomro and other journalists are protesting against the attack by Islamabad Capital Police and Islamabad District Administration at the Islamabad National Press Club outside Multan Press Club.

Crackdown against profiteers in progress



 $TOBA\,TEK\,SINGH: On\,the\,directives\,of\,Punjab\,Chief\,Minister\,Maryam$ Nawaz Sharif, a stringent crackdown against profiteering is underway across the district. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, enforcement teams remain active and are carrying out daily operations to provide maximum relief to the public. As part of these efforts, Sub-Divisional Enforcement Officer of the PERA Force, Sadaf Irshad, conducted a surprise inspection of Toba Tek Singh's main market. Disguised as an ordinary customer, she arrived in a rickshaw, visited multiple shops and personally checked prices while making purchases. Following the secret visit, she returned with the PERA squad and initiated on-the-spot action against violators. Fines amounting to Rs.120,000 were imposed on various shopkeepers for overcharging, failing to display official price lists and profiteering. A stern warning was also issued to all traders.

Speaking on the occasion, Sadaf Irshad said that public exploitation would not be tolerated under any circumstances. She reaffirmed that, in line with Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision of good governance, providing relief to citizens was the government's foremost priority. "Immediate and indiscriminate action will be taken against profiteers and no violator will be spared," she emphasized.

Nationwide protest appeal of Jamaat-e-Islami Chief



FAISALABAD: A massive protest demonstration was held in Zone PP-112 on the nationwide protest appeal of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Chief Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman. The demonstration was led by Zonal Chief Asif Islam, political and social figure Rana Sikandar Azam, Zonal General Secretary Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, Muhammad Farooq Ghuman, Abid Islam, Ikram Jatt, Riaz Hussain Shah, Mazhar Nomani, Zahid Islam, Muhammad Umair, Arshad Javed, Bilal Akram, Mian Abdul Hameed, Zaheeruddin Babar and others.

In their conversation, Muhammad Asif Islam, Rana Sikandar Azam and Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry said that the entire Pakistani nation is expressing solidarity with the oppressed Palestinians of Gaza and the $arrested\ members\ of\ the\ aid\ convoy, putting\ aside\ all\ kinds\ of\ affiliations.$ They said that the state of Pakistan should immediately reject Trump's points and announce open support for the Muslims of Gaza.

A meeting to review the current dengue situation

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: An important meeting regarding the control of dengue virus was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Attock, Rao Atif Raza. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner General Anil Saeed, administrative officers, officials from the Health Department, Education Department, Local Government, and other departments.

During the meeting, officers gave a detailed briefing about the measures being taken for the eradication and prevention of dengue virus. The Deputy Commissioner was informed about the medicines, equipment, and machinery being used for dengue control.

DC Attock instructed the concerned departments to display awareness banners in mosques and union council offices, and to complete the cleaning of water tanks at the earliest. He further directed that awareness about dengue prevention should be given to students during morning $assemblies\ in\ schools.\ Assistant\ Commissioners\ were\ asked\ to\ organize$ awareness campaigns in their respective areas, while the Health Department was instructed to arrange training sessions for staff.

Protest

KOHAT: A large number of people attend the protest rally against the Israel for attacking Global Sumed Flotilla, in City.



NCEAC Representative Visits BZU's Department of Communication and Cybersecurity

By: Special Correspondent

MULTAN: A representative of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) recently visited the Department of Communication and Cybersecurity at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) to review the newly launched BS Cybersecurity (CySec) program.

The representative was warmly welcomed by Prof. Dr. Javed Ahmed, Dean of Science and NCEAC focal person, along with Dr. Rana Amir Raza, Chairman of the Department. and accompanied the visitor on a tour the program. of the department, where infrastructure, curriculum, laboratories, and classrooms were inspected.



They introduced the faculty members ensure high academic standards in

Dr. Javed highlighted that under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr.

of adopting modern technology appreciated Dr. Amir's dedication and efforts to strengthen the program and foster a well-structured and healthy academic environment.

During a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, the convener discussed Zubair Iqbal, BZU had taken this the current status of discipline and Both Dr. Javed and the NCEAC significant step, which has already the Learning Management System

LMS was fully operational for new students and would soon include features such as Outcome-Based Education (OBE). He shared his vision of digitizing the entire university system and said that he was closely monitoring all LMS-related

AKU hosts 5th Annual Biological **Sciences Conference**

KARACHI: The Aga Khan University's (AKU) Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences successfully concluded its 5th Annual Biological Sciences Conference, focusing on how research can translate into practical solutions for Pakistan's most pressing health and development challenges.

Dr Kulsoom Ghias, Chair of the Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, reflected on the vision of AKU's Founder His late Highness the Aga Khan IV, noting his belief in research that improves lives. She also paid tribute to Dr Camer Vellani, drawing on the well-known phrase, "standing on the shoulders of giants," to emphasize the importance of building on the work of visionary leaders in science and education.

"Without a strong foundation in basic sciences, tackling larger challenges in medical sciences would be impossible," said Dr Karim Damji, Dean of AKU's Medical College, Pakistan. Addressing students, he added, "Consume, produce, share, and translate knowledge, it is through this cycle that science makes its greatest impact."



Zia Akhtar Abbas, CEO of The leaders. Both AKU and TCF share a Citizens Foundation (TCF), and broad vision of expanding access to conference's chief guest, commended AKU's commitment to research and

knowledge, creating opportunities, and fostering societal development its efforts to build future scientific through education and innovation.

BUITEMS Zhob Campus hosts 'Open Day'; showcasing academic opportunities

跨 Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) Zhob Campus organized an 'Open Day', drawing a large gathering of principals, HODs, faculty members, and students from various public and private educational institutions. Representatives from Degree College for Boys, Girls Degree College, Balochistan Residential College, Girls' high school, and Army Public School, among others, were in attendance.

The ceremony was graced by District Education Officer Attaullah Kakar as the chief guest, while Assistant Commissioner Naveed Alam, Principal APS Haroon Ashfaq, Muhibullah, Principal Islamia High School Abid Nasar, Principal Sheikh Ayub School Pakeeza, Sadia, journalist Rafiullah Mandokhel, Jehangir Kakar of the Degree College and other distinguished guests also attended the day-long event.





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Hina Parvez assures justice for acið attack victim

LAHORE: Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) Chairperson Hina Parvez Butt visited the residence of a woman who sustained serious injuries in an acid attack allegedly carried out by her husband in Lahore's Nishtar Colony, expressing solidarity and assuring full support from the provincial government.

Speaking to the media, Hina Parvez said that such heinous acts of violence against women would not be tolerated under any circumstances. She assured that the accused would be brought to justice and given the strictest possible punishment to deter such crimes in society.

She said the PWPA had been directed to provide the victim with legal aid, psychological counselling, and social assistance. "We are all equal as Pakistanis. Protecting the rights of all citizens, particularly members of minority communities, remains a top priority of the Punjab government," she added.

Hina reaffirmed the government's commitment to the vision of CM Maryam, stating that creating a safe environment for women across the province was a key mission of the current administra-

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif meets délegates of National Security & War Course

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif welcomed a toring as my eyes and ears performance delegation of National Security and War Course; congratulated Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force on the success of "Operation Bunyan-um-Marsus;" and paid tribute to Field Marshal Asim Munir and other military leadership on this historic achievement. She briefed the delegation about innovative and historic projects of Punjab government, and said,"Every decision of a ruler impacts lives of people, an economically and defensively strong country is seen with respect in the world." She highlighted that there are no political appointments in Punjab now as nepotism and recommendations have been completely done away with. Appointments are made on 100% merit basis as there is no accusation of corruption against the government which is a great achievement of course. She added that she is not against local government, rather she believes in the delegation of powers to the local representatives. She noted that

homeland is a design of mother earth, it is unbearable to betray her, therefore, various institutions are constantly moniand service delivery of Government insti-

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said that Punjab's agriculture is being taken on the path of mechanization for the first time, while its health centers can be compared with the best healthcare standards of any European clinic. She added that despite being expensive, cancer patients in Punjab would be treated with a co-ablation machine. She highlighted that 15 smog gun machines had been imported to prevent smog, while 500 villages of Punjab are being developed on modern lines in the first phase. She underscored that remarkable projects had been introduced in Punjab, especially the projects like Crimes Control Department (CCD), anti-narcotics and environmental protection forces, green initiative, and social protection.

The delegation of the National Security Air Force and civil officers, besides 47 Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, delegate, appreciated all public welfare War Course included participants from participants from 26 countries including Iran, Palestine, South Korea and others. Pakistan Army, Pakistan Navy, Pakistan



Australia, Britain, China, America, Saudi Participants, especially the Bangladeshi

projects of Chief Minister Maryam

Changing Weather

ISLAMABAD: Motorists are on their way through rainy water on Jinnah Avenue after rain Fall in Federal Capital.



Archbishop Dr Foley Beach honoured. grand reception by church of Pakistan

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A grand reception and interfaith event was held at the Islamabad Club in honor of Archbishop Dr. Foley Beach of the Anglican Church in North America, organized by the Church of Pakistan.

The chief organizer of the program was Brigadier Azam Afandi, who hosted the event on this occasion. Pir Qayyum Shah also attended the event and paid a courtesy call on Archbishop Foley Beach. On this occasion, he discussed the importance of interfaith harmony and tolerance.

The event was attended by a large number of civil society representatives, including Advisor to the Prime Minister on Minority Affairs Kheldas, Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, Member of National Assembly Jay Prakash and respected leaders of various



dialogue and peace in Pakistan and said

Archbishop Foley Beach praised that religious freedom and tolerance are the efforts made to promote interfaith fundamental to the development of all

47 NUST scientists ranked among top 2% globally

ISLAMABAD: An impressive total of 47 researchers from the National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST-Islamabad) have been recognised among the world's top 2% research luminaries from over 100,000 leading researchers in 2025, as per the global rankings compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier.

The number of NUST researchers, featuring among the top 2% of the world's most celebrated researchers, has steadily increased in recent years with 23 in 2022, 31 in 2023, 43 in 2024, and now 47 in 2025. This upward trajectory reflects the conducive research environment and robust academic ecosystem at NUST,

enabling scholars to produce highly impactful work. Notably, as many as 26 researchers from NUST have been consistently ranked in the list year after

NUST has consistently made headway in its R&D pursuits, strengthening its position as a leading institution in Pakistan and contributing to the nation's progress through transformative higher education. According to the QS World University Rankings 2025-26, NUST stands at #371 globally, #67 in Asia, and #6 in South Asia.

The ranking is based on a composite index that factors in multiple bibliometrics, including citations, h-index, and authorship positions across disciplines. NUST researchers in the 2025 list are from 10 constituent institu-

tions and represent 15 diverse disciplines, including Artificial Intelligence, Signal Processing, Materials, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Nanotechnology, Biomedical, Physics, Cyber Security, Computer Science, Design & Manufacturing, Humanities, Mathematics, and Fluid Mechanics.

The distinguished 47 researchers from NUST include Dr Miraj Mustafa, Dr Irfan Ahmad Rana, Dr Mubasher Jamil, Dr Tayyaba Noor, Dr Muhammad Usman Akram, Dr Safia Akram, Dr Iftikhar Hussain Gul, Dr Rizwan Ul Haq, Dr Muhammad Bilal Khan Niazi, Dr Asif Hussain Khoja, Dr Muhammad Taqi Mehran, Dr Adeel Waqas, Dr Shahid Ali Khan, Dr Khursheed Muhammad, Dr Zaib

Jahan, Dr Ghulam Ali, Dr Faisal Shafait, Dr Hassan Ali Khattak, Dr Tahir Mehmood, Dr Syed Ali Hassan, Dr Imran Makhdoom, Dr Imran Akhtar, Dr Syed Shoaib Ahmad Shah, Dr Muhammad Yasin, Dr Muhammad Imran, Dr Muhammad Nasir Amin, Dr Jawad Ahmad, Dr Muhammad Moazam Fraz, Dr Syed Sajjad Haider Zaidi, Dr Naseem Igbal, Dr Hassan Elahi, Dr Erum Pervaiz, Dr Muhammad Sajid, Dr Usman, Dr Imran Shafi, Dr Manzar Sohail, Dr Imran Ullah, Dr Akhunzada Adnan, Dr Ibrar Hussain, Dr Tahir Aziz Ahmad, Dr Ahmad Javid, Dr Syed Ali Rizwan, Ms Uferah Shafi, Mr Furqan Farooq, Mr Syed Hassan Ahmed, Mr Arshad Alam Khan and Mr Hafiz Muhammad Aamir Shahzad.

Pakistan Markazi Muslim League Held a Protest Against Israeli Atrocities



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Pakistan Central Muslim League held a protest demonstration in Multan against the ongoing Israeli atrocities on the Palestinian people and the cowardly attack by the Israeli army on the Global Samood Flotilla, an international aid convoy. A large number of people participated in this protest demonstration and expressed solidarity with the Palestinian brothers. The protesters were carrying banners, placards and placards with slogans like "Down with Israel", "Long live Palestine" and "Humanity unite against Israeli terrorism"

On this occasion, Hafiz Abu Al-Hasan, General Secretary of Pakistan Central Muslim League Multan, said in his speech that Israel is a barbaric and cruel state that is openly committing terrorism in

Dr. Mufti Akeel addressed the III St. Petersburg International Religious Forum

News Desk



ST. PETERSBURG: The Grand Mufti of Islamabad and Chairman of the Ulama Aman (Peace) Committee, Dr. Mufti Akeel-Ur-Rehman Pirzada, addressed the III St. Petersburg International Religious Forum, emphasizing the importance of protecting human rights and promoting interfaith harmony.

The Grand Mufti expressed gratitude to His Eminence Mufti Sheikh Ravil Pancheev, chairman of the Spiritual administration of Muslims of St. Petersburg and North-West of Russia, for his tireless efforts in promoting peace, human rights, and interfaith harmony.

The Grand Mufti said, "In this advanced era, there is a great need for the protection of human rights and interfaith harmony. Similarly, Islam has taught respect for humanity and the sacred values of all religions." The Grand Mufti emphasized that the forum provides a valuable

opportunity for senior figures from various religions to come together and raise their voices for the protection of human rights and interfaith harmony, reflecting the teachings of all religions.

The Grand Mufti further highlighted the importance of dialogue and cooperation between the Ulama Aman(Peace) Committee of Pakistan and the Spiritual administration of Muslims of St. Petersburg for interfaith harmony and respect for human rights, aiming to eliminate growing problems and intolerance in the world.

Journalists Condemn Police Assault on National Press Club

跨 Tariq Khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Journalists of Takht Bhai Press Club staged a strong protest demonstration against the police brutality and vandalism at the National Press Club Islamabad. The protest was led by the President of Takht Bhai Press Club, Muslim Khan Sabir. Addressing the demonstration, Press Club President Muslim Khan Sabir, Vice President Hidayatullah Mohmand, General Secretary Akbar Khan Yousafzai, Joint Secretary Javed Alam Mohmand, Finance Secretary Muhammad Shahid, senior journalists Izzat Muhammad Khpalwak, Ibrahim Syed Yousafzai, and other speakers strongly condemned the incident. The speakers said that police brutality at the National Press Club Islamabad and the mistreatment of journalists is an attack on freedom of the press, which cannot be tolerated under any circumstances.

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Inaugural Ceremony of Electric Bus Project **Phase-II in Lahore**

hief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif inaugurated Phase-II of the electric bus project in Lahore and made several landmark announcements aimed at transforming public transportation and urban infrastructure across the province. During her address at the inauguration ceremony, she announced the addition of 70 more electric buses in Lahore by December and a total number of 500 electric buses for the entire Lahore Division. She also revealed plans to launch the Metro Bus Project in Gujranwala and Faisalabad by November, besides introducing a new sewerage and drainage system across Punjab.

Chief Minister Punjab disclosed that electric buses will be launched in Nankana Sahib, Kasur, and Sheikhupura as well. She stated, "Lahore is not only my home, but also of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif. It is an honour to be linked with such a beautiful and historic city." She added, "Pakistan's first Metro Bus and Orange Line projects were introduced in Lahore. Now, we are launching these development projects to other cities of Punjab. We are breaking past tradition for limiting the utilization of resources to just major cities."

She highlighted that electric buses are already operational in Mianwali, Wazirabad, Sargodha and Sahiwal, where passenger turnout has exceeded expectations. She said that many citizens cannot afford private vehicles adding that these buses are provided for their transportation convenience. She stated that there are cities in Punjab where public transport was once unimaginable but today, this tradition has been changed. She proudly mentioned that the fare for electric buses is just Rs. 20 and free travel is available for senior citizens, students and differently-abled individuals.

She added, "My own car doesn't have Wi-Fi or CCTV, but these buses do have all such facilities like mobile charging ports and ramps for wheelchair access. We're setting a new standard in public service," She narrated a story of a differently-abled woman who appreciated that 'Maryam Nawaz has given her a comfortable ride instead of crawling on her knees.

The Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif provided updates on several key initiatives being launched by the Punjab government such as 90,000 houses are currently under construction across Punjab under 'Apni Chhat Apna Ghar' scheme, with a target of constructing 100,000 homes by November. She underscored that clean drinking water will now be provided directly to homes, eliminating inconvenience of people having to travel long treks to fetch water.

Nudity, Vulgarity, Purposeless Fame, and Superficial Display a Misleading Trend

technological advancements and media expansion, has brought remarkable opportunities for human progress. Yet, alongside these developments, a troubling cultural trend has emerged: the rise of nudity, vulgarity, purposeless fame, and superficial display. What once would have been considered immoral, shameful, or socially unacceptable has now been normalized, celebrated, and even marketed as "progress" or "freedom." This misleading trend is not only corrupting the moral values of societies but also reshaping the minds of and YouTube domiyounger generations in dangerous ways.

At the center of this trend lies the glorification of nudity and vulgarity. Popular culture, driven by entertainment industries, social media platforms, and advertising agencies, often portrays nudity as a form of self-expression and vulgarity as boldness. Music videos, films, advertisements, and online content are saturated with such themes, suggesting that immodesty equals empowerment. Unfortunately, this superficial definition of empowerment robs modesty, humility, and dignity of their rightful value. Instead of elevating individuals, it reduces them to objects of consumption, measured not by their intellect, character, or contributions but by their physical appearance and sensual appeal.

Closely linked to this is the obsession with purposeless fame. In the past, fame was typically associated with talent, achievement, or meaningful contribution to society—whether in literature, science, art, or humanitarian work. Today, however, the rise of digital platforms has shifted the definition of fame. overnight through viral content, contro- many young people aspire to quick recog-

he modern age, with its versial behavior, or provocative display, nition through controversy or provocational institutions, religious organizaor value. This type of purposeless fame work but also promotes an unhealthy to attract millions of followers, likes, and endorsements. The danger lies in the ical issues. Constant comparison with than hard work, integ-

> rity, or knowledge. The culture of superficial display reinforces this distorted worldview. With platforms like Instagram, TikTok, nating global attention, people are pressured to curate glamorous,

exaggerated, and often fake versions of their lives. The obsession with designer clothes, expensive lifestyles, luxury cars, and exaggerated physical appearances has become the norm. Instead of authenticity, substance, or inner growth, the focus has shifted to external imagebuilding. This has led to a society where worth is measured not by values or character but by followers, views, and material possessions. The result is a shallow culture where people live for display rather than for meaning.

This misleading trend has several harmful consequences. Firstly, it erodes the moral fabric of society. When nudity and vulgarity are celebrated, they weaken modesty, respect, and decency, which are essential for healthy human relationships. The reduction of human beings to objects of desire damages the dignity of both men and women. Secondly, purposeless fame creates a culture of shortcuts. Instead of striving for educa-Many individuals achieve celebrity status tion, skills, or genuine achievements,

often without offering any real substance tive acts. This not only discourages hard is empty and short-lived, yet it continues sense of entitlement. Thirdly, the culture of superficial display leads to psychologmessage this sends to the youth: that glamorous online portravals fosters superficial attention is more important feelings of inadequacy, depression, and anxiety among people,

> particularly the youth. deeper From a perspective, trend reflects a loss of spiritual and intellectual grounding. Human beings were created with a higher purpose: to cultivate knowledge, build civilizations, and

strive for moral excellence. When societies replace these values with shallow displays, they fall into a cycle of emptiness and dissatisfaction. No matter how much fame or attention individuals may gather, it rarely provides inner peace or fulfillment. The constant chase for likes, validation, and attention leads to restlessness and burnout, as the void of meaning remains unfilled.

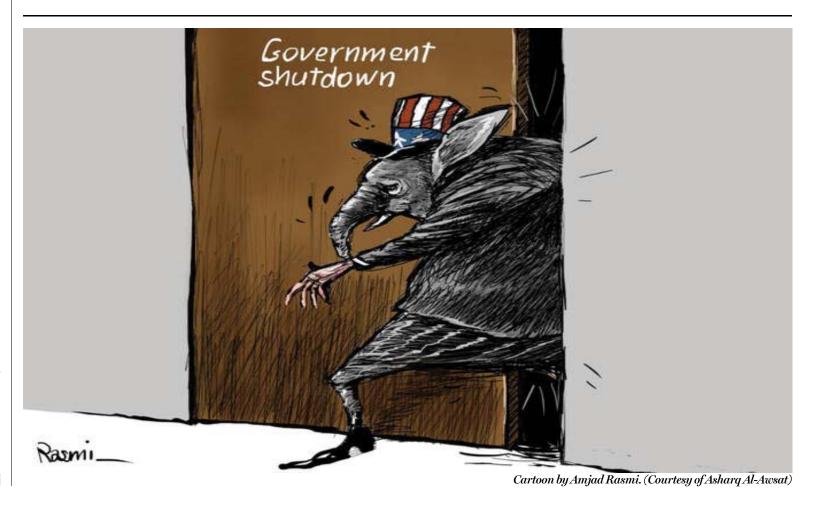
It is important to recognize that nudity, vulgarity, purposeless fame, and superficial display are not merely personal choices—they are commercialized and exploited by industries that profit from human weaknesses. Fashion industries, entertainment companies, and even tech corporations capitalize on these trends, knowing that sensationalism attracts attention and generates profit. In this sense, the trend is not only misleading but also manipulative, as it trapped in a cycle of superficiality and thrives on exploiting the human desire moral decay. for recognition and belonging.

Addressing this issue requires a collective rethinking of values. Families, educations, and media producers all have a role to play in reshaping societal priorities. Modesty should once again be presented as a form of strength, not weakness. Genuine achievement and knowledge should be celebrated more than superficial popularity. The youth, in particular, must be educated to recognize the emptiness of purposeless fame and the dangers of measuring self-worth through superficial displays.

Moreover, individuals need to cultivate self-awareness and discipline in their media consumption. Every like, share, or subscription contributes to the growth of these misleading trends. By supporting meaningful, authentic, and value-based content, societies can counterbalance the dominance of shallow displays. At the personal level, people should strive to embrace authenticity, humility, and intellectual growth instead of falling into the trap of fake appearances and purposeless recognition.

In conclusion, the rise of nudity, vulgarity, purposeless fame, and superficial display represents a misleading trend that is harming societies at moral, psychological, and spiritual levels. While it may appear glamorous on the surface, it ultimately leads to emptiness, instability, and dissatisfaction. True progress lies not in stripping away modesty or chasing empty recognition, but in cultivating values, knowledge, and character that uplift individuals and societies. Unless this trend is challenged and corrected, humanity risks losing touch with its higher purpose and becoming

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'Ceasefire or Political Subjugation? Trump's Gaza Plan and Its Consequences'

Donald Trump's twenty-point peace proposal offer a stark reflection of contemporary geopolitics. It is a plan that outwardly pledges ceasefire and humanitarian relief, yet approval, while Islamic Jihad has issued a in substance threatens to subordinate Palestinian self-determination to security conditheir mixed positions signaling a subtle recalitionalities, rather than uphold it through legal bration of regional interests and balances of and legitimate guarantees.

Since the bloody surge of October 7, 2023, Gaza has been thrust into the heart of a human calamity: hundreds of thousands displaced, thousands dead or injured, and a population clamoring for immediate, unconditional humanitarian access. Against this backdrop, Trump's blueprint endorsed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu emerges less as a neutral peace framework and his involvement in such a delicate file as Gaza. more as a political document structured to rein-

force Israel's strategic anxieties. At the heart of the plan lie provisions that raise troubling questions: the release of hostages within 72 hours, amnesty in exchange for disarmament, the creation of an international body called the "Board of Peace" to oversee reconstruction, and the explicit exclusion of Hamas from any role in governance. Though draped in the rhetoric of aid and rebuilding, these conditions in effect dismantle political representation, eradicate indigenous resistance structures, and consign Gaza's future to external control. When an elected representative movement is deliberately excluded, the legitimacy of any peace settlement is gravely undermined. Lasting peace cannot be manuconflict; it can only take root when all stake-

a voice at the negotiating table.

International reactions reveal the plan's contentious character. The Palestinian Authority has responded with guarded fierce rejection. Muslim states remain divided, power. Pakistan has voiced concerns and

called for amendments; meanwhile, discord within the UN Security Council over ceasefire resolutions underscores that global consensus is absent. The involvement of figures like Tony Blair further compounds skepticism: his controversial role in the Iraq War casts a long shadow over claims of impartiality, raising doubts about the credibility of

Legally and morally, the plan brims with peril. Will the political price of ceasefire stand scrutiny under international law? The specter of collective punishment, forced displacement, and conditional access to humanitarian relief runs afoul of international humanitarian law and the laws of armed conflict. Promises of aid and reconstruction mean little if they arrive tethered to political strings, or if they are managed by institutions unaccountable to local legitimacy and representation.

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Military solutions, history has shown, rarely deliver durable peace. Should Hamas accept the plan, immediate relief such as hostage release and a temporary flow of aid may materialize. Yet the root causes of conflict in occupied lands, interim governance arrangements, political factured by marginalizing one side of the rights, and the ultimate question of Palestinian statehood will remain unaddressed. Conversely,

he latest devastation in Gaza and holders are accorded recognition, dignity, and should Hamas reject the plan, Trump's threats and Israel's military superiority will likely translate into further bloodshed, heightened regional instability, and growing international isolation.

> Policy prescriptions are therefore urgent and clear. First, the priority must be an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, unhindered humanitarian access, and credible steps toward hostage release. Second, Gaza's political future cannot be outsourced to external "boards" or technocratic committees; local representatives, civil society, and the Palestinian Authority must play a central role to ensure respect for self-determination. Third, reconstruction funds require transparent oversight ideally under an empowered UN mission that ensures accountability, prevents corruption, and prioritizes local beneficiaries. Fourth, the long-moribund diplomatic track toward a two-state solution must be revived, with regional actors such as Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia serving as effective and impartial mediators. Finally, the Muslim world and the wider international community must articulate a unified and principled stance: without upholding human rights, international law, and the Palestinian right to

self-determination, peace will remain illusory. Gaza's agony has made one truth undeniable: neither transient military victories nor externally imposed blueprints can secure lasting peace. Only justice, accountability, and a comprehensive political resolution can. Any settlement devoid of dignity and fairness is bound to be temporary and it is precisely this temporarvity for which Gaza's innocent civilians are paying the price today. Regional powers, the global community, and above all the Muslim world, including Pakistan, now face a historic test: to elevate justice above expediency, and to chart a path that halts the bloodshed while restoring Palestinians to their rightful claims.

The Abraham Accords: A **SWOT** Analysis for Pakistan Joining the Framework - I

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he Abraham Accords represented a bold diplomatic initiative by the USA, which was aimed at resolving the long-standing Arab-Israeli conflict by addressing mutual economic and security interests. The first normalization agreements between Israel and Arab nations were initiated in September 2020 centered on enhancing regional cooperation against shared threats like Iran. These agreements established diplomatic normalization between Israel and several Arab countries like the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco. However, Pakistan has consistently

supported the Palestinian cause. Pakistan's foreign policy has long been anchored in unwavering support for Palestine. This commitment traces back to the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who took a principled stand on the Palestine issue. As early as 1917, Jinnah led Muslim opposition in the Indian subcontinent to the Balfour Declaration raising profound concerns regarding British intentions for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Jinnah staunchly upheld the Palestinian people's entitled rights, believing that the split would bring about unprecedented strife and devastation. This foundational position has shaped Pakistan's historical perspective since 1947, consistently advocating for a two-state solution. Compounding this is Pakistan's rivalry with India. New Delhi has cultivated robust diplomatic, defense, and technological ties with Israel since the 1990s. These include arms deals and joint ventures in cybersecurity and agriculture. Pakistan perceives this Indo-Israeli axis as a

direct threat to its national security, particularly

in the context of the Kashmir dispute, where Israeli military technology could bolster India's capabilities. When the accords were unveiled. then-Prime Minister Imran Khan opposed any support for the accords. He stated that Pakistan could not recognize Israel until Palestinian rights were guaranteed. His stance reflected broad domestic consensus in Pakistan.

In this article, through a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats), a structured approach is offered to critically evaluate the potential implications for Pakistan in joining the said framework.

Strengths: Pakistan has several strengths making it a key stakeholder in these accords. Strong Military Ties with the USA:

Pakistan's strategic significance is reinforced by its long-standing defense partnership with the United States, which extends from CENTO (1955) and SEATO (1954) to post-September 2001 attacks on the USA. The recent 2025 Trump-Munir talks further enhance Pakistan's leverage, giving it the potential role of a regional kev player.

2. Robust Relations with the Arab World

3. Nuclear and Military Power

Pakistan has been closely aligned with key Abraham Accords signatories due to its strong ties to Saudi Arabia since decades. The historic 2025 Saudi-Pakistan Defense Agreement, as well as its substantial ties to the United Arab Emirates ensures diplomatic, financial, and political backing for Pakistan's potential role.

Pakistan has considerable strategic significance because of its nuclear arsenal and professional army of more than 650 thousand soldiers This makes it a crucial ally for Middle East security and enhances its bargaining position within the Accords framework.

To be continued

63 Palestinians killed in Gaza in 24 hours amid ongoing Israeli genocide

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GAZA,: At least 63 Palestinians were killed and 227 others injured in the Gaza Strip over the last 24 hours as a result of the ongoing Israeli genocide in the region, according to medical

Local health authorities confirmed that the Palestinian death toll from the Israeli onslaught since October 2023 has risen to 66,288 fatalities, with an additional 169,165 people sustaining injuries. The majority of the victims are women and children.

Hospitals also reported that 15 aid seekers were killed and 80 others injured by Israeli shelling and gunfire during the same reporting period, raising the death toll among aid seekers to 2,597 since March 2025, with 19,054 others injured.

Emergency services are still unable to reach many casualties and dead bodies trapped under the rubble or scattered on roads across the war-torn enclave, as Israeli occupation forces continue to target ambulance and civil defense crews, according to the health author-

Israel's genocidal onslaught continues



undeterred despite calls from the United diate ceasefire and directives from the measures to prevent genocide and alle-

Nations Security Council for an imme- International Court of Justice urging viate the dire humanitarian situation.

UNICEF affirms no safe place in the Gaza Strip

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GENEVA: The UN Agency for Children (UNICEF) affirmed on Friday that there was no safe place in the Gaza Strip. Speaking at a press briefing in Geneva, UNICEF spokesperson James Elder said: "The question I am asked everywhere in Gaza City-from women, from the elderly, and from children-is: 'Where can I go that will be safe'?".

"And the answer remains the same after almost two years: Nowhere. Nowhere is safe in the Gaza Strip," he

Expressing concern about the situation, particularly for mothers and newborns in Gaza city, he said: "Shoeless children push grandparents in wheelchairs around rubble. Amputee children struggle through the dust. Mothers skyward tracking the fire from helicopsouth—the so-called "safe zones"—are carry children whose skin is bleeding from rashes. Children shudder at the



also places of death. Al-Mawasi, now Refuting Israel's claims on the one of the most densely populated places another 200,000 civilians have been relentless airstrikes. And children gaze so-called 'safe zones', he said: "The on earth, is grotesquely overcrowded warned to leave Gaza City.

and stripped of the essentials of survival."

"Indeed, the very notion of 'safe zones' in the south is farcical — bombs are dropped from the sky with chilling predictability. Schools designated as temporary shelters are regularly reduced to rubble. Tents pitched in empty lots offer no protection from shrapnel. They are frequently engulfed in fire from air attacks," he added.

Highlighting that the so-called 'save zones' caused miscarriages, he said: Women are having miscarriages on the exhausting trek from the north to the south. Doctors fear winter viruses have arrived early. Reports state that 1,000 babies have been killed in the past two years, and we have no idea how many more have died due to prevent-

In addition to the more than 400,000 cople forced to flee south, he said that

Israel deports first activists from Gaza aid flotilla

Israel on Friday deported four Italian activists, the first of hundreds detained from an aid flotilla bound for Gaza, shortly after the interception of the group's final boat brought an end to its

The Global Sumud Flotilla set sail last month, ferrying politicians and activists including Swedish campaigner Greta Thunberg towards Gaza, where the United Nations says famine is taking hold.

The Israeli navy began intercepting the boats on Wednesday, and an Israeli official said the following day that boats with more than 400 people on board had been prevented from reaching the Palestinian territory.

The military said Friday that the navy had stopped all 42 of the fleet's vessels "in an operation that lasted approximately 12 hours", and transferred flotilla members to Israel's Ashdod Port for processing by police.

Israel's foreign ministry said it deported four Italian activists who were aboard the flotilla, adding that "the rest are in the process of being deported".

Israeli police said "more than 470 flotilla participants were taken into custody by the military police, subjected to rigorous screening, and transferred to the prison administra-

Authorities earlier said that none of public broadcaster RAI.



the vessels had breached the maritime blockade of Gaza.

"Marinette, the last remaining boat of the Global Sumud Flotilla, was intercepted at 10:29 am (0729 GMT) local time, approximately 42.5 nautical miles from Gaza," the flotilla's organisers said on Telegram.

They added that Israeli naval forces had "illegally intercepted all 42 of our vessels — each carrying humanitarian aid, volunteers, and the determination to break Israel's illegal siege on Gaza".

Among those detained were more than 20 journalists, according to media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), including reporters from Spain's El Pais, Qatar's Al Jazeera and Italy's

"Arresting journalists and preventing them from doing their work is a serious violation of the right to inform and be informed," said Martin Roux, head of RSF's crisis desk.

Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said on X Friday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to deport the activists was "a mistake".

"I think they must be kept here in an Israeli prison for a few months, so they can smell the scent of the terrorists' (prison) ward," Ben Gvir wrote. Worldwide protests

The interception of the final boat came as a general strike was held across Italy in solidarity, disrupting trains and

Worldwide protests erupted Thursday, including in Barcelona, where the flotilla began its voyage, and where about 15,000 people marched chanting slogans including "Gaza, you are not alone", "Boycott Israel" and "Freedom for Palestine".

Israel has branded some of the activists, including Thunberg, as antisemitic, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the navy's interception efforts.

"I commend the soldiers and commanders of the navy who carried out their mission on Yom Kippur in the most professional and efficient manner," he said in a statement Thursday.

"Their important action prevented dozens of vessels from entering the war zone and repelled a campaign of delegitimisation against Israel.

The nearly two-year war in Gaza was sparked by Palestinian militant group Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

The attack resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, most of them civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official Israeli figures.

retaliatory military Israel's campaign since then has killed 66.288 Palestinians in Gaza, also mostly civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run health ministry, which the United Nations considers

Russia assumes UN Security Council presidency



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 $Russia\ on\ Wednesday\ assumed\ the\ rotating\ presidency\ of\ the\ UN\ Secu$ rity Council for October."The Russian presidency is all about following the procedure, enforcing the efficiency, if needed, of course, and we will not hesitate to restore order in the chamber and demand that delegations respect it," Russian UN envoy Vassily Nebenzia said at a news conference marking the start of the term.

Highlighting close ties with Africa as a priority, Nebenzia said: "We attach particular importance to the meeting with the AU (African Union) Peace and Security Council, and overall engagement with the African Union and African countries, both nationally and in our presidential capacity."

This shows our commitment to strengthen even further our ties with African friends, which are historically very close," he said.

Nebenzia outlined Russia's signature events for the month, noting that the Council will hold an open debate on the Middle East on Oct. 23. "It is a mandated quarterly meeting, but we have plans to elevate its level. The unfolding catastrophe in Gaza will be in the focus of the

Council's attention this day," he said. He added that the presidency will mark United Nations Day on Oct. 24 with an open debate on the UN's future.

"We plan to celebrate it in the council by an open debate, which will be an opportunity to reaffirm that the UN is not a relic of the past but the unique and indispensable, adaptable mechanism for addressing most pressing challenges of the present and the future," Nebenzia said, adding that Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is expected to

The Russian envoy also announced an open debate on women, peace and security, scheduled for Oct. 6, again with the UN chief expected to brief members

The Security Council presidency will pass to Sierra Leone in

Over 300 Dutch, Belgian cultural institutions boycott Israel

BRUSSELS: Over 300 Dutch and Belgian cultural and arts institutions have announced a cultural boycott of Israel over the latter's genocidal war on Gaza and occupation of the West Bank, according to Anadolu Agency (AA).

It reported that 302 museums, arts and cultural organizations, and 878 individual artists in the Netherlands and Belgium said the cultural sector could no longer remain silent in the face of "war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide recognized by all competent

"As members of the Dutch and Belgian cultural sector, we refuse to stand by in the face of genocide against the Palestinian people," the

According to the Dutch News website, among the Dutch participants are TivoliVredenburg in Utrecht, the Bonnefanten museum in Maastricht, the Oostpool theatre in Arnhem, and the Nederlands Theater Festival in Amsterdam. Among the signatory artists were artist Marlene Dumas, writer Tom Lanoye, and choreographer Alain Platel.

It added that the boycott is aimed exclusively at Israeli cultural organations and companies connected with the state, for instance, by subsidies. Only organisations that are "not complicit in the breach of international law and have spoken out against the genocide, the recognised illegal occupation and apartheid" will be exempt, the statement said.

The statement recalled that cultural boycotts had contributed to the end of apartheid in South Africa, noting that more than 5,000 film professionals and 400 musicians had recently taken similar steps against Israeli institutions.

This cultural boycott alone will not stop genocide and occupation," the declaration said. "That is why we call on sports, academia, business and politics to also sever ties. Only together can we force Israel to comply with international law."

India set to receive first Afghan Taliban minister

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The UN Security Council Committee has temporarily lifted a travel ban on the Afghan Taliban foreign minister, which would allow him to visit India between October 9 and 16, India's foreign ministry said on Friday.



If confirmed, it would be the first visit to India by a senior leader of the Taliban-run Afghan administration since it seized power in 2021 after 20 years of US military presence. Delhi and Kabul have traditionally enjoyed close ties when the Taliban were not in power.

Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi is among Afghan Taliban members who are under UN sanctions, including a travel ban and asset freeze. Temporary exemptions are sometimes granted for diplomacy.

India's foreign ministry spokesperson told reporters that New Delhi had already been speaking to the Afghan administration, and noted that it had provided support after an earthquake on August 31. He did not specifically confirm that the visit would take place. Discussions during Muttaqi's trip would centre around bilateral

cooperation, trade exchanges, exports of dry fruit, facilities in the health sector, consular services and various ports, said Zia Ahmad Takal, deputy spokesperson of the Afghan Taliban's foreign ministry. He did not, however, mention the dates of the visit.

Indian and Afghan media have reported that Muttaqi would travel to Russia before visiting New Delhi.

UK Kashmiri Leadership Must Act Wisely on Azad Kashmir Issues

Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

he situation in Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) is complex and requires careful, informed engagement from the Kashmiri leadership in the United Kingdom. Members of the British Parliament, councillors, mayors, and friends from various schools of thought should first gain a thorough understanding of the reali-

writing to the British government or initiating any protest campaigns.

A functioning government exists in the region, and given the sensitivity of the situation, awareness of all political, social, and administrative aspects is essential to avoid unintended consequences. Clear and balanced information must reach UK-based representatives. Before issuing any letters or public statements,

ties on the ground in AJK before it is crucial to coordinate with the and integrated image within. This absence of representation Pakistani Embassy and federal authorities to prevent conflicting or misleading messages. Unilateral statements or unfounded campaigns at the international level may provide opportunistic forces—particularly India—with an opportunity to pursue their objectives. A careful, responsible

approach is therefore imperative. The community faces a range of issues that need urgent attention if it is to present a positive

British society. Unfortunately, the protesters currently leading the charge do not fully represent the broader community's diverse voices or interests. Furthermore, the Kashmiri

people in India continue to endure significant challenges in their daily lives, from economic hardships to social exclusion. Despite these struggles, there is a lack of strong advocacy or a unified voice to effectively champion their concerns.

without a platform to address the systemic obstacles they face.

The legitimate demands of must also be addressed seriously. Ignoring lawful grievances or attempting to suppress them through force is not a solution. Violence, arbitrary arrests, and violations of human rights should be avoided at all costs.

Maintaining peace and rights organizations can further only serves to perpetuate their order and resolving the situamarginalization, leaving them tion through dialogue requires patience, communication, and ongoing protests in Azad Kashmir tives and the Kashmiri commuavoid violence, and collaborate

improve monitoring and reduce the risk of misunderstandings. Political leaders, activists, and

adherence to the rule of law from the broader Kashmiri commuall parties. UK-based representanity are urged to act responsibly, nity must maintain close contact with all relevant stakeholders. with Pakistani authorities and Only through a peaceful, constithe embassy to ensure that all tutional, and informed approach information and correspondence can the public's demands be shared is accurate and credible. addressed fairly and effectively, Transparent coordination with while ensuring long-term stability local and international human and justice in the region.

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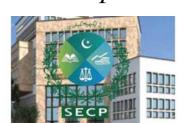
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Saudi Riyal	75.25	75.90
Singapore Dollar	216.6	221.35
Swedish Korona	29.99	30.29
Swiss Franc	355.12	357.87
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.9	77.9
UK Pound Sterling	380.5	383.5
US Dollar	282.3	282.4

SECP holds Consultation Session to Deliberate on Effective Regulatory Framework for Real Estate Companies



#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Securities and **Exchange Commission of Pakistan** (SECP), led by Commissioner Mr. Muzzafar Ahmed Mirza, held a consultation session with Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), and his team, which included industry experts. The session aimed to deliberate on a regulatory framework for real estate companies that intend to invite advance deposits for real estate projects.

The framework for such companies, which is provided under the Companies Act, 2017, has so far remained in abeyance. It requires companies to obtain a prior No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the SECP before announcing or advertising any real estate project. Additionally, companies must maintain all public advances in an escrow account.

The participants held detailed discussions on the ground realities, practical aspects, and grey areas within the real estate sector to develop a robust framework that ensures both investor protection and sectoral growth. SECP representatives emphasized their commitment to strengthening regulatory safeguards, ensuring investor protection, and promoting transparency in project financing through a trustee mechanism.

This consultation marks an important step toward developing a balanced regulatory framework that addresses sector-specific challenges while maintaining public confidence in real estate investments.

# FBR crackdown on hidden food factories in Multan

#### 👺 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: On the directives of FBR Chief Commissioner Dr. Sarmad Qureshi, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of the FBR Multan Zone are actively working to bring unregistered businesses into the tax network, and encouraging results are being reported.

It observed that Mini food factories in Multan, producing items such as paparr, nimco, biscuits, and snacks, earn millions of rupees in monthly revenue but had long evaded taxes. Under the professional policy and strategy of Deputy Commissioner Umair Shafqat, such hidden and non-registered factories are being identified and persuaded to pay income tax. Factory owners are now not only paying taxes but also helping the authorities by pointing out other defaulters.

During inspections, Deputy Commissioner Umair Shafqat visited several biscuit factories to review production and recommend tax assessments. In the process, irregularities were discovered at multiple facilities, including Family Foods and Nice Foods and some others. Family Foods was

served a notice for tax evasion and directed to immediately deposit Rs. 10 million into the national exchequer, along with a binding order drive effectively.

to pay Rs. 1 million every month.

It has been observed that nearly 80% of food factory owners in Multan producing nimco, biscuits, slanty, and snacks were not paying taxes. Similarly, many private hospitals, schools, and colleges remain outside the tax network. Umair Shafqat stated that within a few days, he would obtain a complete list of food factories in Multan and ensure all are brought under the tax net. Certainly those who do not pay taxes will face 40B.

Chief Commissioner Dr. Sarmad Qureshi has emphasized that business owners should be convinced and motivated to pay taxes rather than threatened, as coercion often results in business closures. In line with this directive, Umair Shafqat and his team are visiting the field daily to expand the tax network, achieving tangible

Recently, FBR Commissioner Abdul Hafeez Nizamani awarded a shield to Deputy Commissioner Umair Shafqat in recognition of his outstanding performance. The award is seen as an encouragement for the young and dedicated officer. boosting his motivation to continue the



ABU DHABI: Minister of State for Railways & Finance Bilal Azhar Kayani met UAE Minister of Energy



# RCCI Hosts Special Commemoration to Honor Outgoing Ethiopian Ambassador

#### **№** Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), on the sidelines of the Business Africa Trade Forum 2025 held in Islamabad. organized a special commemoration ceremony to honor the outgoing Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan, H. E. Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, for his remarkable services in strengthening bilateral relations between Pakistan and Ethiopia.

The event was graced by prominent dignitaries including Sardar Yasir Ilyas, Prime Minister's Coordinator on Tourism, H. E. Mr. Albert P. Khorev. Ambassador of the Russian Federation. H. E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, along with ambassadors, high commissioners, and senior diplomats from Algeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Speaking on the occasion, RCCI President Usman Shaukat lauded the outgoing ambassador's efforts in advancing political, economic, and people-to-people linkages between the two brotherly nations. He highlighted Dr. Jemal's



notable contributions to the Green Pakistan Initiative and his proactive role in raising awareness on climate change.

He further added that Dr. Jemal had been instrumental in fostering business, trade, and investment opportunities between Pakistan and Ethiopia, thereby laying a strong foundation for stronger in the years ahead.

long-term cooperation.

The ceremony concluded with speakers conveying their heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for the ambassador's future endeavors, expressing full confidence that Pakistan-Ethiopia relations will continue to flourish and grow

# CCP Approves Merger of Global Haly Development Limited into Bank Makramah



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ISLAMABAD: The Competi-(CCP) has approved the merginto M/s. Bank Makramah Limited, under a Scheme of Arrangement.

The proposed transaction was filed and reviewed under Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010, read with the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016. The merger involves the amalgamation of Global Haly Development Limited, a public limited company primarily engaged in real estate and infrastructure development, into Bank Makramah Limited, a publicly listed banking institution.

As per the agreement, Bank Makramah Limited will issue ordinary shares to the shareholders of Global Haly Development Limited. Upon completion, Bank Makramah will remain the surviving entity, while Global Haly Development will stand

The Commission conducted a Phase-I review of the transaction and defined tion Commission of Pakistan the relevant market as "Commercial Banking" within er of M/s. Global Haly Devel- the geographic boundaries of opment, Limited with and Pakistan, Based on the data provided and the information from the State Bank of Pakistan, it was noted that Bank Makramah holds a modest market share in the commercial banking sector and since Global Haly Development Limited does not operate in the banking sector, the transaction has no horizontal over-

The Commission found that the proposed merger is not likely to substantially lessen competition, nor does it create or strengthen a dominant position in the relevant market. The transaction primarily aims to help Bank Makramah meet minimum capital requirements and enhance its operational capabilities.

Accordingly, the CCP has authorized the proposed transaction under Section 31(1)(d)(i) of the Competition Act, 2010.

# **OPPO** Inaugurates Peshawar Flagship Store

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: OPPO, the global leader in smartphone devices, proudly announces the nationwide sales of its newly launched A6 Pro from 4th October, setting a new standard in durability, performance, and power. Alongside this milestone, OPPO also celebrates the grand opening of its first official flagship store in the Peshawar region, marking a significant milestone in the brand's commitment to making premium technology and quality customer service accessible



cially available across Paki-OPPO A6 Pro will be offistan, including OPPO's newly

inaugurated flagship store in Peshawar, giving customers a first-hand opportunity to experience and purchase the powerful new A-series device.

"Our nationwide sales of the OPPO A6 Pro represent another step forward in delivering innovation, durability, and power to Pakistani consumers," said George Long, CEO of OPPO Pakistan. "The Peshawar flagship further strengthens our connection with local customers, giving them direct access to OPPO's latest technology and premium services."

# **Zong Introduces AI-Powered Urdu Chatbot for Enhanced Customer Experience**



#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan: Zong, Pakistan's leading technology innovation company, has unveiled the country's first AI-powered Urdu chatbot, marking a new milestone in its mission to reshape customer experience and accelerate Pakistan's digital future.

Faroog Raza Khan, Head of comfortable with."

Business Solutions at Zong, said"Customer convenience is at the heart of our innovation strategy. With this Urdu chatbot, we are ensuring that technology adapts to the people; not the other way around. The new chatbot make it easier for our customers to connect, ask questions, and resolve issues in the Speaking on the launch, language they are most

# Pakistan to send 53-member merit-based contingent to 3rd Asian Youth Games in Bahrain

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has formally approved the participation of a 53-member Pakistani contingent in the 3rd Asian Youth Games, scheduled to be held in Bahrain from October 22 to 31.

The approval was granted following clearances from the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is subject to the final clearance from the Ministry of Interior, said a press release.

The contingent, comprising a mix of talented athletes and experienced officials, will represent the country across eight sports disciplines: Athletics, Badminton, Ju-Jitsu, Kabaddi, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, and Wrestling. Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Programme, will lead the delegation as the Chef de Mission.

In a significant move to uphold the integrity of national sports, the PSB has strictly enforced a merit-only policy for the selection of this contingent. This policy, adopted by the Director their place through proven skill and under coach Seemi Rizvi.



General of PSB Yasir Pirzada, discourages self-sponsorship, a practice that had been misused in the past to allow privileged individuals to bypass the official selection criteria.

"This contingent represents the pure sporting talent of our nation," a PSB spokesperson stated. "Under the clear directives of DG PSB we have ensured that every athlete selected has earned

performance, not through privilege or personal wealth. The era of using sports as a gateway for foreign trips is over. Our focus is solely on those athletes Khan Sady, team manager Naseer who have the potential to bring glory

The Pakistani contingent includes-Ghulam Athletics: Murtaza, Muhammad Behram Khan, Iqra Riaz, and Muhammad Hussain Faiz Chadhar, Badminton: Humna Irshad (female

Ju-Jitsu: Dr. Haris Ashraf (coach), Hamad Al Baloushi, Muhammad Saqib, and Sadam Khan.

Kabaddi: Team manager Amjad Ali Sajid, coach Rahat Maqsood Ali, and 15 athletes including Gul Sher Ali, Adeel Ahmad, Hamad Ahmad, Muhammad Imran, Muhammad Awais, Ali Hassan, Muhammad Abdullah, Muhammad Mugeeb, Hisham, Shah Zaib, Usman Ali, Muhammad Ali, Syed Hamza Shah, and Muhammad Awais.

Swimming: Shanzay Tabish Bari, Raaqiah Adeel, Fatima Salman, and Daniya Bhatia (all female athletes).

Taekwondo: Head coach Seong Oh Choi, with athletes Syed M. Zohaib Qadri, Saifullah, and Kaneez Zainab.

Volleyball: Head coach Saeed Ahmed Ahmed, and 12 athletes including Abu Bakar Siddique, Jabran Amin Jan, Muhammad Anas, Muhammad Saud, Ajmal Junaid, Muhtad Ali Shah, Muhammad Irfan, Muhammad Yahya, Tayyab Khan, Khizar Hayat, Faizan Ullah, and Muhammad Talha Mehar.

# Sana Mir rejects Indian media criticism over 'Azad Kashmir' remark

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Former Pakistan women's team captain Sana Mir has firmly refuted criticism from the Indian media after her reference to "Azad Kashmir" during live commentary at the ongoing ICC Women's World Cup 2025 triggered controversy.

The incident occurred during Thursday's match in Bangladesh when Mir, while highlighting the background of Pakistan cricketer Natalia Pervaiz, referred to her hometown as Azad

The comment, made in passing, quickly drew sharp reactions from across the border.

Several Indian media outlets seized on the remark, accusing Mir of bringing politics into the broadcast.

Publications and channels, including India Today, Aaj Tak, and Sports Tak, amplified the issue, with their journalist Rahul Rawat posting on social media to criticize her choice of words.

Calls were also made for the International Cricket Council (ICC) to inter-

The ICC is expected to act against Sana Mir.



Senior journalist Vikrant Gupta echoed the sentiment, tagging ICC and

BCCI officials while demanding "stern action" against Mir.

Fueling the debate further, Natalia Pervaiz's Cricinfo profile - which initially listed her birthplace as Bandala, Azad Jammu and Kashmir was later updated to Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

Breaking her silence, Mir took to X to clarify and urged people to stay away from politics.

"It's unfortunate how things are being blown out of proportion. My comment about a Pakistan player's hometown was only meant to highlight the challenges she faced and her incred-

ible journey. Please don't politicise it." She emphasized that her words carried no political agenda and that she had no intention of hurting senti-

"As commentators, we focus on the sport, teams, and players, telling inspiring stories of grit and persever ance. There is no malice in my heart or intention to hurt sentiments.'

Mir also shared a screenshot of Cricinfo's original listing to back her claim. "Commentators highlight players' journeys and struggles - that's

# US made changes to Gaza peace plan proposed by Pakistan: Dar

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He said that Qatar's embassy was the convener for these meetings, which were not released to the media. "President Trump's committee also came and open talks were held on what they wanted. They gave us a 20-point proposal."

Dar further said that the ministers took the proposal and decided to deliberate on it for the next 24 hours.

"Instead of making a completely new draft, we decided to remain within this framework and decided to either amend or delete points based on our wish list," he said. "We held different meetings in the next 24 hours. We were exchanging hard copies in hotel rooms."

He said that the final draft prepared by the eight countries, not just Pakistan, was then sent onward as a "counter draft". He said that two hours after the Pakistani delegation left New York, he received a phone call where he was told that some countries wanted all eight foreign ministers to sign off on the document, while some were saying it was not necessary.

"This was a small thing in my eyes," Dar said, adding that he asked the majority to make a decision in this regard. "By the time we landed at our next destination, I was told the American side had received the draft."

He said that during Monday's meeting between Trump and Netanyahu, a 20-point plan was announced. He said that he then spoke to the Saudi foreign minister, who said that the urgent points put forth by the eight countries were accepte, d but some things still required further engagement.

Quoting the Saudi minister, he said that at that point there were two choices: to continue and perhaps Israel will continue its bloodshed, or we let Trump's plan be implemented and issue a joint statement.

"I said you are right, we should do this," he said, adding that the statement citizens who were aboard the flotillas

to read out the joint statement issued on September 29.

He said that this was the only way to end Israel's bombardment of Gaza when all other forums had failed. "Statements will not suffice. We need practical work," he said, extending his thanks to the other countries involved.

Defence pact with Saudi Arabia

Regarding the strategic agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, Dar stated that the pact clearly affirms that an attack on one country will be considered an assault on the other. He described it as a great honour for Pakistan to become part of the defenders of Harmain Sharifain.

Dar further disclosed that several nations, both Arab and non-Arab Islamic countries, have expressed interest in signing similar agreements with Pakistan.

He expressed confidence that Pakistan will one day lead the Islamic world. He emphasized that while Pakistan is already a nuclear and missile power, it must now strive to become an economic power as well, an ambition achievable only through collective effort.

#### Ex-Senator's arrest by Israel

Addressing the arrest of former Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan and other Pakistani citizens detained by Israeli authorities, Ishaq Dar explained that approximately 45 flotillas were carrying humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. He added that Mushtaq Ahmed Khan was detained from one of the 25 flotillas intercepted by Israel.

He assured the House that all possible measures are being taken to ensure the safe recovery and return of all detained Pakistanis, including Mushtaq Ahmed

He elaborated that Pakistan has engaged an influential European country to intervene in the matter and facilitate the safe repatriation of its

was later finalised. Dar then proceeded captured by Israeli forces. "Of the 45" yet only the 'Shama' catches your attenvessels, they have captured 22 ships and detained all their passengers... According to our information, Senator Mushtaq sahib, who is a former senator from Jamaat-e-Islami... he is among them," Dar said.

> "We have engaged a European third country, which is influential, we are using their diplomatic process. We have asked them to contact there (Israel) and have our senator immediately released."

> Dar said the European country, which they would inform about the well-being of ex-senator Mushtaq Khan by Sunday. "I and the entire foreign ministry is engaged with them and we are trying to have all Pakistanis exited safe and sound and respectfully from there (Israel) as

#### soon as possible," he said. PPP lawmakers walk out

The lawmakers belonging to PPP once again stage a walkout from the National Assembly session in protest against Punjab chief minister's state-

MNA Naveed Qamar said they could not be part of the proceedings until the issue is resolved. "We did raise objections in the last session and also resorted to boycott. But the situation is the same," he added.

Ishaq Dar immediately tasked ministers Rana Tanveer Hussain and Azam Nazeer Tarar to woo them back which they did successfully.

Shama Junejo issue

In a heated exchange with Opposition members, Ishaq Dar responded to allegations regarding Shama Junejo's inclusion in a United Nations delegation.

The controversy began after opposition members questioned Shama Junejo's role, prompting Dar to deliver a detailed clarification.

Dar initially responded with a sharp, sarcastic remark, highlighting the absurdity of focusing on Ms Junejo, stating, "Even electric poles are installed,

'The delegation is dispatched under the authority and signature of the Foreign Minister. We did not include Shama Junejo in the official list for that trip," Dar clarified, distancing the government from any procedural oversight regarding her participation.

However, Dar acknowledged that while Ms Junejo was not part of the Foreign Ministry's delegation, she was indeed part of another delegation. He explained he declined to name, has assured them that Prime Minister's delegations often include a substantial number of staff, and Ms Junejo had been among them.

> He further elaborated on the distinction between the two types of delegations, stating, "There is a specific delegation sent by the Prime Minister, which includes a range of officials and staff. Shama Junejo was a part of that group, alongside other individuals assisting with various responsibilities."

Dar's response aimed to put the controversy to rest, emphasizing that Junejo's inclusion in the Prime Minister's delegation was entirely legitimate. although not part of the official UN delegation managed by the Foreign Ministry.

He concluded by asserting that political narratives should not detract from the importance of the country's diplomatic engagements.

Earlier, the House offered fateha for the departed souls of various people, including personnel of the security forces, who embraced martyrdom in defence of the motherland. Ali Muhammad Khan led the fateha.

The House will now meet on Monday

#### at 5:00 in the evening. Senate session adjourned

Presiding Officer Senator Sherry Rehman on Friday adjourned the Senate session until Monday at 4:00 pm due to a lack of quorum.

The quorum was pointed out by Senator Umer Farooq of Awami National Party.

#### Oasis Grammer School move into Quarter Final

 $PCB\ Talent\ Hunt\ Programme\ for\ Cricket$ Championship (Karachi Region)

#### **Sports Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Brilliant 189 by Soman Kabir, 102 by Hassan and Deadly bowling by Yahya Aslam 5/15.

Karachi: Two more matches decided in the PCB Talent Hunt Programme for Cricket Championship (Karachi Region) at various Grounds of the City.

The highlights of the days play was brilliant Centuries by young promising Cricketers Soman Kabir son of former Test Cricketer Shadab Kabir 189, Hassan 102 and deadly bowling by Yahya Aslam (sla) capturing 5 for 15.

Scores in Brief: In the first Match Standard Secondary school defeated

Truemen School System by 417 runs at IBA Ground. Standard Secondary school 449/6 in 40 overs. Soman Kabir 189 23x4 3x6 Hassam 102 5x4 10x6 Rayan Khan, 41 6x4, Aaish Malik 36, Muhammad Muddasir 23. Abdul Bari 2/41, Saad

In reply Truemen School System 32 allout in 15.5 overs. Haris Javed 15. Yahya Aslam (sla) 5/15, Shahmeer (sla) 3/3, Rayan Khan (ob) 2/13.

In the another match Oasis Grammer School moved into Quarter after beating Anglo Government Boys Secondary school by 9 Wickets in their last Group match at NED University Ground. Anglo Government Secondary school 253 all out in 31.5 overs. Mustufa Ahmed 44 2x4 1x6, Syed Ebad Rehman 31, Abdullah Ahmed 26, Syed Nofil 21. Kaleem ullah (mf) / 15, UzairvKhan (os) 3/41, Muhammad Hafee 2/47.

In reply Oasis Grammer School 154/1 in 32.5 overs. Muhammad Hafeez 65 9x4 1x6, Syed Mehdi Zaidi 63 8x4 2x6

# Alamgir Gymkhana Qualify for the Final of Master Öil Inter Club Cricket *Tournament*



#### **Sports Desk**

KARACHI: Alamgir Gymkhana moved into Final after beating Northern Gymkhana by 4 wickets in the first Semi Final of Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament at KCCA Stadium. Scores in Brief:

Alamgir Gymkhana defeated Northern Gymkhana by 4 wickets. Northern Gymkhana 135 all-out in 37.1 overs. Abdullah Alam 50 5x4, Muhammad Asad 30. Tariq Khan (sla) 4//17, Adeel Meo (sla) 3/34. Usman Raheem 2/19.

In reply Alamgir Gymkhana 139/6 in 28.4 overs. S. M. Tahami 6 5x4. Aashir Ahmed 32, Muhammad Taha 19, Rizwan Khan 2/13, Maaz Khurram 2/27.

# Rizwan among four players to play QEA Trophy before South Africa Tests: reports



LAHORE: Wicket-keeper Mohammad Rizwan is among the four players from Pakistan's 18-member squad who are set to feature in the opening round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (QEAT) ahead of the first Test against South Africa.

According to the reports, the four players are being provided with the opportunity to sharpen their skills by featuring in the opening round of the country's premier first-class tournament.

Besides Rizwan, Salman Ali Agha, Hasan Ali, and Sajid Khan are the other players who will represent their regions in the tournament on the directives of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi.

As per the reports, Mohammad Rizwan and Sajid Khan will represent Peshawar Region in the 10-team tournament, while Salman Ali Agha and Hasan Ali will play for Sialkot and Lahore Whites, respectively.

The opening round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy ends on October 9, two days before the Test series begins at the Gaddafi

The 10-team tournament will be played across four cities:

Abbottabad, Islamabad, Peshawar, and Rawalpindi. Pakistan squad for Test series vs South Africa

### Shan Masood (capt), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique,

Abrar Ahmed, Asif Afridi, Babar Azam, Faisal Akram, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Kamran Ghulam, Khurram Shahzad, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Noman Ali, Rohail Nazir (wk), Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel, Shaheen Shah Afridi **Quaid Azam Trophy Teams** 

Abbottabad, Bahawalpur, FATA, Faisalabad, Islamabad, Karachi Blues, Lahore Whites, Multan, Peshawar, and Sialkot. Hanif Mohammad Trophy Qualifying Teams

#### FATA, Faisalabad, Karachi Blues, Multan **First round fixtures**

6-9 October

Abbottabad v Bahawalpur at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium Lahore Whites v Islamabad at Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium,

Peshawar v Sialkot at Imran Khan Stadium, Peshawar FATA v Multan at Diamond Cricket Ground, Islamabad Faisalabad v Karachi Blues at Marghzar Cricket Ground,

# The Spokesman

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani meeting with Lord Shafaq Mohammad of Tinsley, Member of the



# Pakistan neither recognize Israeli state nor maintain diplomatic ties, PM tells JI Chief

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday categorically said that Pakistan neither recognize the Israeli state nor maintain diplomatic ties

The Prime Minister held a telephonic conversation with Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Ameer Hafiz Naeemur Rehman, during which the two leaders discussed the situation in the focus on the urgent need for a ceasefire in Palestine, a Prime Minister's Office news release

The Prime Minister also highlighted the government's active role in ensuring the safe return of Pakistani nationals detained by Israel after their participation in the Global Sumud Flotilla, including former Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan.

Middle East, with a particular contact with friendly nations release and repatriation of its stressed the importance of



PM Sharif informed that and international organicitizens. Islamabad remained in close zations to secure the early



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halting the ongoing bloodshed of Palestinians, reaffirming that Pakistan's stance on the Palestinian cause has always been "clear and unequivocal."

He underscored that Pakistan has consistently raised its voice for the oppressed Palestinian people at every global forum and will continue to

During the conversation, both leaders also reviewed the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and

# NAB Returns embezzled funds to Affectees of New Metro City Gujar Khan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) held a ceremony today at its Headquarters, Islamabad to return recovered funds to the victims of housing project scams. During the event, cheques were distributed to affectees of the New Metro City Gujar Khan project.

Chairman NAB Lt. Gen. (R) Nazir Ahmed presided over the ceremony while Prosecutor General Accountability Syed Ehtesham Qadir Shah, Director Generals, NAB senior officers, and a large number of affected individuals attended.

pindi) initiated an inquiry in failed to deliver as promised. September 2024 after receiving complaints against the manage-



NAB (Islamabad/Rawal- management of the project a result, Rs. 767 million has

that they paid for plots but the return affectees' money. As been processed. been returned to 383 victims, Chairman NAB Lt. Gen. (R) Due to NAB's timely inter- and cheques were distributed vention and efforts, the during the ceremony. Addition- the recovery of public money

Addressing the ceremony, Nazir Ahmed reaffirmed that ment of New Metro City Gujar management of New Metro ally, 57 affectees accepted plot lost through fraud is NAB's Khan. Complainants stated City Gujar Khan agreed to allotments, which have now top priority. He urged citizens

to carefully verify investment opportunities before committing their hard earned savings.

He also commended the efforts of NAB (Islamabad/ Rawalpindi), stating that due to the dedication of the NAB officers and investigation team, timely recoveries were made possible.

On this occasion, Director General NAB (Islamabad/ Rawalpindi) Waqar Ahmed Chauhan highlighted the Bureau's performance, stating that the return of looted funds to the public was made possible due to NAB's dedicated efforts and the respected Chairman's leadership and vision, aimed at ensuring timely justice for the

common people. Chairman NAB Lt. Gen. (R) Nazir Ahmed also distributed shields to the members of the investigation team of the case.

# 12 AJK special constituencies issue should be settled carefully: Law **Minister Tarar**

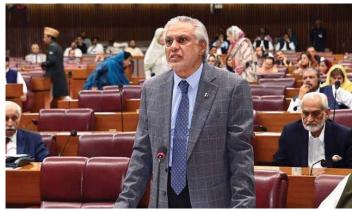


ISLAMABAD: Federal Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar has said that there was dire need to discuss pros and cons of legal and constitutional demands of AJK protestors. In a video message released on Friday, Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar said 12 special constituencies are related to Kashmir are the voters who came and settled here for the Kashmir cause. Azam Nazir Tarar said the voters of these constituencies cannot be separated from Kashmir. He said issue.

there must be a political consensus on this issue. Tarar said the representatives of the people whose right to vote was being objected to should be spoken to.

Azam Nazir Tarar opined that voting was a fundamental right, there should be no rush in this matter. He said legal points regarding the fundamental right to vote should be discussed. Azam Nazir Tarar said Pakistan was connected with the Kashmir cause, no such action should be taken that harms Kashmir

# US made changes to Gaza peace plan proposed by Pakistan: Dar



👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar has said that the 20-point Gaza peace plan released by US President Donald Trump "does not belong to Pakistan". Briefing the National Assembly on Friday about the prime minister's visit to the UN and the US, Ishaq Dar said he had already it clear that the 20 points that President Trump made public were not ours. "Changes were made to our draft. I have the record," he said, adding "This is the end result, and there is no room for politicking."

Dar firmly ruled out any deviation from Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's policy on Palestine, reiterating Pakistan's unwavering demand for an independent and sovereign PM Netanyahu soon, and to try and Palestinian state, with Quds al-Sharif stop the bombardment of Gaza. as its capital.

The foreign minister said that the eight Arab and Muslim countries had come together for a meeting on Gaza on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session. "During the meeting, there was no other agenda. Today I am telling you the details," he said, adding that it was decided to keep the meetings "discreet".

He further said that before the main meeting, a preparatory meeting of all the foreign ministers of the eight countries was held in New York, where the situation in Gaza was discussed.

He said that for his part, US President Trump took this positively and said his team would sit with the foreign ministers to find a "workable solution". He said Trump also said that he was scheduled to meet Israeli

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# FBR busts duty / tax evasion scam at Karachi Airport involving electronics worth millions

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: In a dramatic enforcement breakthrough, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has unearthed a massive fraud at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, where high-value electronic consignments were being removed illegally without filing Goods Declarations (GDs) or paying customs duties and taxes.

The scam, orchestrated by employees of a foreign based ground-handling company, which was also the custodian of the goods, in collusion with unscrupulous importers, involved the use of fake and forged documents issued by the company employees to remove electronic goods worth hundreds of millions from the airport.

The fraud came to light after credible intelligence was received and iPhones, MacBooks, PlayStations,



controls at the Karachi airport. The be spirited away. Apart from this, timely intervention led to the seizure of a consignment valued at Rs. 103 million, including laptops, iPads, promptly acted upon to strengthen and memory cards, before it could

two consignments were found fraudulently cleared on the basis of fake gate passes. The Collectorate of Customs Airport Karachi immediately lodged the resolve of FBR to protect national two FIRs and also arrested employees revenue and restore public trust.

illegally removed through this fraudulent modus operandi. All were shipped from the UAE by M/s Pir Jillani General Trading LLC, Dubai. These consignments, packed in two pallets, weighing around 900-1000 kg each, were deliberately concealed from the Customs WeBOC system, preventing GD filings and enabling their clearance through fake gate passes. The total estimated value of evaded duty

Investigations have since confirmed

Chairman FBR and Member Customs have emphasized that no leniency will be shown to custodians and customs functionaries who fail in their duty. This operation shows

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# Judge's career in jeopardy: SHC suspends Karachi University decision in degree case

City Desk

Islamabad High Court's (IHC) Justice submit a response. Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri.

In the case concerning the cancellation of the degree, the registrar of the court must also consider what Karachi University, Professor Imran might happen if action were taken Siddiqui, appeared before the bench against the petitioner in the meanof Sindh High Court's Justice Iqbal time. Justice Kalhoro questioned

During the hearing, the registrar KARACHI: The Sindh High Court informed the court that the univer-(SHC) has suspended Karachi University had only received notice two days sity's decision to revoke the degree of ago and requested additional time to

At this, Justice Kalhoro remarked that while time could be granted,

how



potential harm could later be rectified if the order eventually overturned, would then

be responsible for the damage

caused.