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KP Assembly to elect new chief minister on Monday

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General Salman Akram Raja on Saturday said that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has received the resignation of Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, paving the way for the election of a new chief minister on Monday.



26 new dengue cases reported in Islamabad

26 new dengue cases were reported in Islamabad over the past 24 hours, with operations continuing to prevent further spread conducted in 361 houses, while fogging took place at 270 sites.

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Meeting on AI LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on promotion of Artificial Intelligence on Saturday. Hamid Presentation Bilal

₿ 6 cops martyred, 13 injured

Terrorist attack on D. I. Khan police training centre: ISPR

👺 Adam Khan

D. I. KHAN: Six policemen, including trainees, were martyred and 13 others -12policemen and a civilian were injured in a terrorist attack on the Police Training School in Dera Ismail Khan district, which security forces and law enforcement personnel succes fully repelled, the military's media wing said on Saturday.

According to a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), on the night of October 10-11, assailants attempted to breach the perimeter of the Police Training School, but "their nefarious designs were swiftly foiled by the vigilant and resolute response of law enforcement personnel deployed on duty."

In their desperation, the



attackers rammed an explo- courage and professional excelsive-laden vehicle into the gate lence, police personnel engaged term for the banned Tehreek-i- they were later neutralised by

Khwarij belonging to Indian "Displaying unwavering proxy Fitna al Khwarij, the ISPR remaining two intruding said, using the state-designated Khwarij in a building complex,

cornering "While

security forces in a deliberate clearance operation with precision," the statement read.

The military's media wing said that during the intense exchange of fire, six brave policemen, including trainees, "embraced martyrdom after putting up a heroic fight", while 12 policemen and one civilian were iniured.

"During this heinous attack, Khwarij attacked the mosque inside the school complex and not only desecrated the holy place of worship but also barbarically killed the imam [of] the masjid, an innocent civilian who was performing the duties of Imam at the school," the statement read.

ISPR said the sanitisation operation is continuing in the area, and the perpetrators of the "heinous and cowardly act will be brought to justice."

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Pak Army fighting terrorism with nation's support: Attaullah Tarar

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has said that the officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army fought terrorism with unmatched bravery and determination, while some elements continue to obstruct peace efforts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Addressing the media here and stability. on Saturday, the information minister said that "Tehreek-e-Inical group that shows no regard for the sacrifices of the martyrs

creating division in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, worsening the situation, and providing safe havens

to terrorists. Tarar said that the founder of PTI and his party had acted as facilitators and supporters of terrorists at both national and international levels, adding that their conduct has always been detrimental to the country's unity

He said that Pakistanis are the only nation whose children have teshar" (PTI) is the only polit- also sacrificed their lives in the war against terrorism, citing the APS tragedy as a heartbreaking or the integrity of Pakistan. He example of courage and sacri-

PTI's policies and warned that

for any threat to KP's securi-

ty or the safety of its citizens.



said the party's only interest lies in fice. "The children of APS wrote the story of sacrifice with their blood," he said, adding that the

Zero tolerance for

people of Khuzdar and countless others also laid down their lives

The Information Minister said the brave people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa created a tale of eternal sacrifices, while every section of society - including soldiers, civilians, traders, doctors, engineers, and children - contributed to the fight against terrorism.

He said the National Action Plan was implemented with a firm resolve to defeat terrorism, and the entire nation stood united in this mission. "The sacrifices of the soldiers, citizens, and children of Pakistan cannot be forgotten," Tarar emphasized.

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ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to there would be zero tolerance the Prime Minister on Information and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Affairs, Ikhtiar Wali

threats to KP security: Ikhtiar Wali Khan Khan Saturday condemned

Ikhtiar Wali Khan declared government. the government's unbreakable resolve to counter PTI's weak policies.

He said that, like in other parts of the country, the secu- in power. While speaking exclusively rity of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

He blamed PTI for damaging peace by not carrying out the National Action Plan during their time

He accused PTI founder

to a local media channel, is a top priority for the federal of picking the chief minister based on their own narrow political interests rather than the welfare of the people.

Wali also held PTI fully responsible for the current deteriorating condition of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Govt prioritizing promotion of IT and Artificial Intelligence to strengthen economy: PM

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that the government is giving top priority to the promotion of information technology (IT) and artificial intelligence (AI) to strengthen Pakistan's digital economy.

Chairing a high-level meeting on the promotion of artificial intelligence here on Saturday, the Prime Minister said that AI would be used effectively for the development of the national economy. He emphasized that the implementation of a digital economy would become more efficient through the integration of artificial intelligence.

Shehbaz Sharif directed the formulation of a steering committee to promote and ensure the implementation of

AI across various sectors. He further stated that the national policy on artificial intelligence would be implemented in letter and spirit.

The Prime Minister underscored the importance of data protection, data sovereignty, and responsible use of AI, saying that these principles must be kept in mind while utilizing artificial intelligence technologies

The meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecom Shaza Fatima, Minister of State for Finance and Railways Bilal Azhar Kayani, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Bilal Bin Sagib, and other senior government officials and AI

PM condemns terrorist attack on police training center in Dera Ismail Khan

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has strongly condemned the terrorist attack by the Khawarij militants on the police training center in Dera Ismail Khan.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Prime Minister paid rich tribute to the seven police personnel who the martyrs," the Prime embraced martyrdom while bravely resisting the terrorists. He offered prayers for the elevation of their ranks and expressed heartfelt condo-

lences to the bereaved families. The Prime Minister also prayed for the early recovery of those injured in the attack

and directed the authorities concerned to ensure all possible medical assistance to them.

Shehbaz Sharif said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police have always been on the front line in the war against terrorism and have rendered countless sacrifices for the country's peace and security.

"The entire nation salutes Minister stated, adding that such cowardly acts of terrorism cannot shake the government's firm resolve to root out terrorism

"We are fully determined to eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations from the country," he reaffirmed.

DPM Dar, Egyptian FM discuss ME, **Gaza situation**



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Spokesperson said in a press Dar and Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Badr Abdelatty on Saturday exchanged views on the ongoing situation in the Middle East, particularly the developments in Gaza and Palestine

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Dar spoke with the Egyptian foreign minister, Foreign Office release.

They also discussed regional diplomatic efforts and coordination ahead of the forthcoming Summit scheduled to take place in Sharm el-Sheikh on Monday.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Education Must Cultivate Character, Not Just Literacy: VC Dr. Nasir Khattak

MUZAFFARABAD: Vice-Chancellor of the University of Azad Jammu institution makes lives better while and Kashmir (UAJK), Prof. Dr. Nasir Jamal Khattak, has said that teachers are true nation builders who not only shape minds but also nurture character, conscience, and citizenship. He was addressing the Best Teachers' Award Ceremony as the Chief Guest, organized by the Association for Academic Quality (AFAQ), a non-profit organization working to enhance educational standards across Pakistan.

must invest and donate in the education and health sectors because one the other saves lives," he emphasized.

The Vice-Chancellor underlined the difference between being educated and being merely literate. "Literacy enables a person to read and write, but education refines one's thinking, character, and conduct. Our goal should not be to produce literate people, but educated citizens who understand values, ethics, and responsibilities," he remarked.

He said that teachers' role extends Prof. Dr. Khattak said that educa- far beyond delivering lectures. "A tion and health are the two pillars true teacher helps students under-

them with wisdom, and contributes to their tarbiyat, the moral and spiritual grooming that transforms individuals into responsible members of society,"

Dr. Khattak highlighted that teachers play a key role in building a civilized society. "From teaching personal hygiene to community cleanliness, from fostering tolerance to promoting respect for differences of opinion; teachers lay the foundation of a healthy, progressive nation," he noted.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the recipients of the Best Teachers'

upon which nations stand strong. "We stand the complexities of life, guides Awards and appreciated AFAQ for organizing a graceful ceremony to acknowledge the efforts of educators. Around 400 teachers from various public and private institutions across Muzaffarabad received awards and souvenirs in recognition of their

Senior Zonal Manager AFAQ Shafqat Iqbal Abbasi and Deputy Zonal Manager Naeem ur Rehman Siddiqui thanked Prof. Dr. Nasir Jamal Khattak for his participation and for delivering an inspiring, thought-provoking address. They presented souvenirs to the Vice-Chancellor at the end

Security arrangements

ISLAMABAD: A view of the containers places at the every junction of Capital City due to security reason because of the protest of religious party.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Ensuring Quality, Ensuring Nutrition: NI Empowers SFA Staff through QA/QC Training

👺 Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Nutrition International (NI) organized a QAQC Training Session for the technical staff of the Sindh Food Authority at the Indus Hotel, Hyderabad, on October 9, 2025. The training was designed to strengthen capacity in monitoring and ensuring food fortification and compliance across the province. Director Operations, Mr. Abdul Haleem Laghari, and other senior officials from SFA also participated in the training.

The primary objective of the training was to enhance the capabilities of SFA technical personnel in understanding QAQC parameters, fortification processes, and relevant standards. The curriculum included detailed



theoretical lectures, in-depth technical bridge theory with practical appli-sessions on the use of CDR FoodLab

sessions, and hands-on exercises to cation. Among the highlights were

and ICheck devices, enabling participants to gain practical experience in testing and analysis under guided supervision.

Mueen Qureshi shared NIs contribution towards strengthening the Sindh Food Authority and also asserted that this training is one of the steps towards building the technical capacity of staff. In addition to strengthening capacity, Nutrition International has also provided technical testing equipment like HPLC, CDR Foodlab and the Icheck device, which help Sindh food authority to do tests of edible oil.

The Director Operations appreciated the efforts of Nutrition International for their continued partnership and support in strengthening the Sindh Food Authority's technical capacity.

Crime Control Department Encounter: Most wanted criminal Tefee Butt died near Rahim Yar Khan

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Security agency Interpol has deported the most over to the Punjab Police on the request of the Punjab government. Proclaimed accused Khawaja Tarif Butt alias Taifi injured and was shifted to a Butt, who was wanted in murder nearby hospital. The attackers case FIR No. 1163/24 of Police managed to escape by freeing Station Chohang, Lahore, land- the arrested suspect from the ed at the Quaid-e-Azam Inter- custody of CCD. CCD officers national Airport in Karachi on October 10, 2025.

A Crime Control Depart-

Lahore by land route.

When the CCD team reached the Sanjarpur area of Rahim Yar Khan district, some armed men wanted accused in a murder stopped the CCD vehicle in the case in Lahore and handed him early hours of October 11 and started indiscriminate firing.

During the counter-attack, a CCD officer was seriously were informed and immediate

help was sought. At around 5 am, the CCD ment (CCD) team took him into Rahim Yar Khan team spotted custody from Karachi Airport two suspicious vehicles and at around 3:15 pm and left for tried to stop them. During this,



there was an intense exchange of fire between the CCD team and the attackers for 20 to 25 minutes. One person was seriously injured in this operation and died while being shifted to the hospital. He was later identified as Khwaja Tarif Butt alias Tefi Butt, Another police officer was also seriously injured in this firing and was shifted to a nearby hospital for immediate medical attention. Several teams of CCD Rahim Yar Khan are active in searching for the elements involved in this incident.

Two police officers were injured in the attack while the declared suspect Khwaja Tarif Butt alias Tefi Butt was killed.

Negligence in Polio Campaign: 3 Vaccinators Dismissed in Hyderabad

👺 Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Action has been taken against several health department employees for falsifying vaccination records and exhibiting gross negligence during the anti-polio campaign.

According to Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, Zain-ul-Abideen Memon, the inquiry revealed that on August 18, an eight-month-old girl from Pritabad fell ill. She was brought to the hospital four days later, and the sample taken on August 25 confirmed the presence of the polio virus. The child passed away on August 28.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that a workforce of 5,000 members is engaged in the district-wide anti-polio campaign. During the investigation, it was found that the performance of 70 teams — each consisting of three members — was unsatisfactory, leading to their replacement. Meanwhile, three vaccinators were dismissed for negligence, and cases against two others have been forwarded for disciplinary action, with their removal expected soon.

On the other hand, District Health Officer (DHO) Hyderabad, Pir Ghulam Hussain, also confirmed the dismissal of three vaccinators, stating that they were terminated due to negligence during duty, while 70 show-cause notices have been issued. He emphasized that negligence in the polio campaign will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We stand with the Pakistan Army, FC and Police. Haji Ramzan Kakar



👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Haji Muhammad Ramzan Kakar, Director General All Sindh Hotel and Restaurant Grand Association and Founder Head of Ramzan Kakar Welfare Trust International, while addressing a press conference, said that we fully support the press conference of DG ISPR. Syed Jafar Agha, President All Sindh Hotel Association, Bani-ur-Rehman Afridi, Vice President ANP Kemari Town, Haji Noor-ul-Haq, Chairman All Sindh Hotel and Restaurant Grand Association, Syed Tabassumullah Agha, and others participated in this press conference. The leaders have said that we strongly condemn terrorism in the coun $try\ of\ Pakistan.\ In\ this\ terrorism,\ we,\ the\ youth\ of\ the\ Pakistan\ Army,$ FC and Police, who are the lead wall against terrorism, pay tribute to our martyrs and ghazis. We demand from the Pakistan Army that those who are conspiring against our Pakistan Army and Pakistan through social media or other means. They should be exposed. Haji Muhammad Ramzan Kakar has further said that the Pakistani people stand with the Pakistan Army and the way Pakistan gave a befitting reply to India. We pay tribute to it. Whereas terrorists on this land cannot do anything to our country. We strongly appeal to the Army Chief, Mian Nawaz Sharif, Asif Ali Zardari and the heads of all institutions to block the passports of all such people.

Commissioner Faisalabad, RPO Zeeshan Asghar held an open court



Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: On the orders of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Commissioner Faisalabad Raja Jahangir Anwar and RPO Zeeshan Asghar held an open court in the Municipal Committee Samundari. The Commissioner sat on the seats of the residents to listen to their problems in the open court. The petitioners presented the problems of municipal services provision, sewage system, sewerage and also pointed out the cases of vandalism by the residents and issues $\,$ related to the Revenue Department. The Commissioner also sought a compliance report from the concerned officers on the petitions. The Commissioner heard the problems of more than 50 petitioners one by one. 42 complaints were presented to the RPO in the open court. The petitions were handed over to the concerned police officers for further inquiry. Talking to the media, Commissioner Faisalabad said that on the instructions of the Chief Minister Punjab, open courts are being held in every tehsil of the division in phases. He said that they are going to their doorsteps to solve the problems of the citizens, while the Union Council It is also planned to reach the level.

Memorandums signed to promote IT education, sports

KARACHI: In the presence of Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori and His Highness Prince Mansour bin Mohammed Al Saud, two significant memorandums (LOIs) were signed to promote IT education and sports.

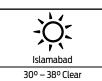
According to a Governor's House communique issued here on Saturday, these LOIs mark the beginning of a new era of cooperation between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in youth development, technology advancement, and sports collaboration.

The ceremony was attended by Saudi Ambassador Nawaf Saeed Al-Malki, Consul General of Saudi Arabia in Karachi Mohammed Abdullah Al-Subaie, Pakistan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ahmed Farooq, members of the Saudi delegation, and other distinguished personalities from various fields.

Under these memorandums (LOIs), both countries will collaborate to provide new opportunities for youth development through modern information technology education, joint training programs, youth exchange initiatives, and the organization of sports competitions.

Speaking at the ceremony, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori said that the relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are historical, brotherly, and rooted in people-to-people affection. Both nations have always strengthened their ties through mutual respect, cooperation, and trust. He added that collaboration in IT and sports will not only enhance the potential of youth but also further strengthen bilateral relations.





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Four days Polio eradication drive launched in Abbottabad

ABBOTTABAD: Deputy Commissioner Abbottabad, Sarmad Saleem Akram Saturday formally launched the four-day anti-polio campaign at the Divisional Headquarters Abbottabad by administering polio and Vitamin A drops to children.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), District Health Officer (DHO) Abbottabad, Medical Superintendent DHQ, DSP Headquarters, Deputy DHO, WHO Area Coordinator, District Khateeb, representatives of WHO health coordinators, and other district and health offi-

According to the district administration, during the campaign scheduled from October 13 to 16, 2025, a total of 225,469 children under the age of five across 54 union councils of Abbottabad district will be administered polio vaccine and Vitamin A drops. Children aged 6 to 11 months will receive bluecolored Vitamin A liquid capsules, while those aged 12 to 59 months will be given red-colored Vitamin

A drops. To ensure full coverage, 1,688 vaccination teams have been deployed to conduct door-to-door immunization, supervised by 64 UC Medical Officers (UCMOs) and 38 DPMTs. The district administration, including Additional Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, and Additional Assistant Commissioners, will also monitor the campaign's

Civil Society decries harassment of former IWMB chairperson

environmentalists, and rights activ- National Park (MHNP). ists strongly condemned the continuing harassment of well-known environmentalist Rina Saeed Khan, the former Chairperson of the Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB), during a webinar organized by Devcom-Pakistan on the subject "Harassed for Upholding Supreme Court Orders-A Case of MHNP Defenders" on Saturday. The participants appealed to the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Supreme Court to take urgent notice of what they orchestrated by powerful bureaucratic natural ecosystem. circles angered by her implementation of

ISLAMABAD: Civil society leaders, the Court's orders on the Margalla Hills

The webinar was convened in response to the Federal Investigation Agency's registration of a case against Rina Saeed Khan, which civil society representatives said was a "vindictive move to punish her for upholding the law and protecting public land of the Margalla Hills National Park." The participants highlighted that Rina had acted strictly within the framework of the Supreme Court of Pakistan's directives, ensuring the removal of illegal encroachments described as retaliatory persecution and the restoration of the national park's

Asif Shuja Khan, former Director



implementation of green laws and political and administrative will.

In his remarks, Devcom-Pakistan are targeted for implementing the law, it nationwide support for Rina's case

General of the Pakistan Environmental Executive Director Munir Ahmed called sends a chilling message across all insti-Protection Agency, stressed that "the the situation "an alarming attempt to reverse the gains of environmental justice Supreme Court orders requires strong made under the Supreme Court's leadership. When honest officials and citizens

tutions," he said.

Ayesha Khan, Tassadaq Malik and Khawar Mumtaz also discussed strategies to raise awareness and generate

Performance

ISLAMABAD: People are taking interest in the fire show by an artist during "Baluchistan Grand Tourism Festival" at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

IBA Karachi Launches the Book: State of Pakistan's Economy 2025-2026

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KARACHI: IBA's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) unveiled its flagship report titled "State of Pakistan's Economy 2025-26-Missed Opportunity: Revisiting Pakistan's Choices", authored by esteemed Facultv & Researchers from IBA's School of Economics & Social Sciences (SESS). The launch brought together researchers, economists, and students to discuss and reflect upon Pakistan's economic trajectory amid pressing challenges in governance and climate change.



graced the book launch event, Dr. Zehra Farooq, Secretary, including Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar Revenue Operations & Anal-(SI), Chief Statistician, Paki- ysis, (FBR). The event was

economists stan Bureau of Statistics, and

moderated by Dr. Salman Khalid, Assistant Professor Director, Economic Growth & Forecasting Lab. Dr. Naeem emphasized the prioritization of data-driven decision-making, urging targeted and disaggregated measures to be undertaken in collaboration with public and private stakeholders to enhance economies of scale.

At the same time, Dr. Zehra commended the report for its rigorous analysis that effectively informs the public and sparks discussions on macroeconomic stability and missed opportunities.

Shia Ismaili Community Celebrates 54th Birthday of Prince Rahim Aga Khan

跨 Kamran Khamiso Khowaja

SUJAWAL: The members of the Shia Imami Ismaili Community living in different parts of district Thatta and Sujawal are all set to celebrate the 54th birthday of their spiritual leader, eminent philanthropist, and environmental activist, Prince Shah Rahim Al Hussaini Aga Khan, who succeeded his father, the late Prince Shah Karim Al Hussaini Aga Khan, as the 50th spiritual leader and guide of the globally acknowledged Ismaili Community.

Community centers and areas belonging to the community were profusely illuminated to mark the birth anniversary of the spiritual

Ahead of the mega event scheduled to be held on October 12, different



events were held in Var, Ghulamullah, Hussainabad, Tarr Khowaja, Jati, and Mirpur Sakro by the community to pay

profound homage to the 53-year-old spiritual leader who succeeded his father earlier this year on February 5.

Stage dramas, cultural shows, and musical concerts were organized as part of the pre-birthday celebrations in different areas of both districts by

the community. H. H. Prince Rahim Aga Khan, a graduate in Comparative Literature, was born on October 12, 1971. in Geneva, Switzerland. Throughout his life, he has been a helping hand to his late father in humanitarian development across the world. He has also actively worked to protect the world from the harsh impact of climate and environmental changes. In recognition of his services with regard to climate change in Pakistan, he was bestowed with the Nishan-e-Pakistan in 2023 by the Government of Pakistan.

Our Army will not allow anyone to use any dirty eye or dirty language against Pakistan



MULTAN: Former Member National Assembly and Former Mayor Multan Sheikh Tariq Rashid. Chairman of Nawaz Sharif Support Movement Malik Ramzan Awan, PML-N leader Hashim Tariq while holding a joint press conference in Multan. He said that India should not put itself in trouble by talking about war. It has already been badly defeated by Pakistan before. Our soldiers are still fully prepared. If India attacks Pakistan this time, our army will make an example of them by giving them a crushing defeat. He said that our soldiers defend the homeland without caring for their lives. India should not be complacent. If there is a war, our army will do that to India. The world will see. He said that our army will not allow anyone to use any dirty eye or dirty language against Pakistan. He said that Kashmir is our integral part. Now we will take back our Kashmir from India too. If India does not stop its actions, our army will repair them in the same way. He said that India will enter and hoist the Pakistani flag in Delhi. He said that 65 more Our army has defeated India in 71 too. If there is a war, India will be defeated once again. Our army is our pride. The entire nation stands with the army and will always stand with it.

New Toba Tek Singh DC Umer Abbas Mela assumes charge

跨 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Umer Abbas Mela formally assumed charge of his office and began his administrative duties with a meeting to review arrangements for the anti-polio campaign. Later, he inaugurated the campaign at City Hospital Toba Tek Singh, where he administered anti-polio drops to children, marking the offi-



cial launch of the drive. The inauguration ceremony was attended by CEO Health Dr. Kashif Nadeem, DHO Dr. Faizan Arshad, parents and a large number of citizens. During the review meeting, Dr. Kashif Nadeem briefed the Deputy Commissioner that the four day anti-polio campaign will continue across the district from October 13 to 16, targeting 433,838 children for vaccination. A total of 2,071 teams are participating in the drive, including 1,916 mobile, 106 fixed and 49 transit teams, while 355 area in-charges are overseeing field operations. Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for effective field monitoring and daily progress reporting to achieve the set target. Later, the Deputy Commissioner paid his first visit to the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital Toba Tek Singh, accompanied by Medical Superintendent Dr. Shahab Alam.

Ahmed Randhawa Set to Rule Screens with Major 2025 Line-up

News Desk



KARACHI: Rising star Ahmed Randhawa is all set to make his mark across television and digital in 2025 with a dynamic slate of projects that highlight his versatility and growing star power.

Randhawa takes on a pivotal role in Geo Entertainment's highly anticipated drama Case No. 9, which went on air last week to strong audience buzz. He will also headline ARY Digital's upcoming production Chalbaaz as the leading man, where he reunites with his Iqtidar co-star Emaan Khan — a pairing fans are eagerly looking forward to seeing again.

Speaking about this exciting phase, Ahmed Randhawa shared: "This is a very special time in my career. Each project is unique in its own way, and I'm grateful to be trusted with such diverse roles. From intense drama to hosting a podcast, I'm looking forward to connecting with audiences in new and meaningful ways."

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Punjab launches Saudi Industrial City offering 10-year tax holiday

unjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Saturday announced the establishment of a Special Saudi Industrial City in the province, offering a 10-year tax holiday, 10-year income tax exemption, and one-time customs duty waiver to Saudi investors.

The announcement came during a meeting with a delegation of the Saudi-Pak Joint Business Council led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammad bin Saad Al Saud.

The delegation was briefed on the Punjab government's major initiatives and flagship development projects.

Welcoming the Saudi guests in Arabic, CM Maryam highlighted vast investment opportunities in Punjab and assured full government support for Saudi investors.

"We are implementing a 'zero time to start' policy to facilitate investors with swift approvals and ease of doing business," she said.

She further announced that a fast-track facilitation cell would be set up in the Chief Minister's Office for the Saudi Industrial City to ensure smooth coordination and speedy processing of investment-related matters.

The Saudi delegation appreciated Punjab's public welfare projects and expressed keen interest in investment across sectors, including livestock, mines, infrastructure, and information technology.

The chief minister noted that Pakistan's historic defence cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia reflects an unshakable resolve to safeguard the "Haramain Sharifain".

"Protecting the Haramain is not a strategy — it is an honour and a sacred duty," she remarked.

CM Maryam said Saudi Arabia's visionary leadership has elevated the standing of the Muslim Ummah and that her father, former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, shares a decades-long relationship of mutual trust with the King-

During the meeting, the Punjab Mass Transit Authority also offered to provide operational services for the Al-Mashhar and Al-Muqaddasah Metro Train projects in

Prince Mansour praised the leadership of CM Maryam, calling her "inspiring" and reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Pakistan.

We are not just investing — we are assisting our brothers," he said, adding that Saudi Arabia counts Pakistan among its top three partners.

He thanked the Punjab government for the warm hospitality and said the delegation looks forward to enhanced collaboration in trade, industry, and infrastructure.

Trump's Gamble: Internal Chaos, External Confrontation

Qamar Bashir

policy toward China has been some days, he hails China as a great country deserving normal relations with the United States. On others, he brandishes tariffs as weapons, imposing crushing duties on Chinese imports. This oscillation between praise and punishment betrays a failure to grasp the transformation of China. It is no longer the job growth is stalling, vulnerable power of a decade ago but an ascendant nation, propelled by consistent leadership, unity of purpose, and a relentless focus on rising as a global force.

China's achievements are undeniable. Over the past decades, it has eliminated mass poverty, built unparalleled infrastructure, and secured dominance over industries that define the modern age. From artificial intelligence and quantum computing to aerospace, electric vehicles, and cyber security, China sits at the commanding heights of technology. Central to this dominance is its control over rare minerals—the essential inputs for semiconductors, batteries, aircraft, and advanced weaponry. While America was lulled into complacency, financing consumption with printed dollars, China quietly consolidated its grip on global mineral refining, leaving the United States exposed at the core of its supply chain.

What makes this escalation more dangerous is China's newfound willingness to retaliate. Traditionally cautious in the face of U.S. provocations, Beijing now responds with confidence. Its counter-tariffs on American soybeans struck at the heart of U.S. agriculture, redi-

ince Donald Trump assumed partner eager to deepen trade ties. Amer-rated, shifting from cordiality to vola-chains are disrupted, investment flows office in January 2025, U.S. ican farmers, once heavily dependent on tility. Diplomacy has been supplanted by Chinese markets, are left scrambling, a study in contradictions. On while Brazil emerges as the winner. In ica's reputation as a partner of choice is this struggle, China adapts swiftly while the United States absorbs the blow.

> The timing could not be worse. The U. S. government shutdown, now stretching into weeks, has already eroded public tary might—a tool ill-suited for resolving

Inflation is climbing, and uncertainty hangs over financial markets. Trump's long-term vision of rebuilding domestic refining and mining capacity may carry merit, but the reality is sobering: constructing such infra-

structure will take five to ten years. Until Inflation compounds the pain, creating a then, the United States remains tied to China. With Beijing redirecting exports to other markets at competitive rates, Washington risks isolation and decline in sectors where it once excelled.

The domestic repercussions extend beyond economics. Trump's reliance on executive orders to deploy National Guard units across American cities has stirred resentment. Governors, civil society groups, and ordinary citizens increasingly resist federal overreach. What began as isolated protests now carries the seeds of civil disobedience. If these tensions deepen, the United States could face a crisis of internal legitimacy alongside its external challenges.

Internationally, relationships once grounded in cooperation have soured. Under Trump, ties with Mexico, Brazil, recting purchases to Brazil, a BRICS Canada, and Europe have deterio-

threats, taunts, and public insults. Amerwaning, leaving it with fewer allies and diminishing influence. Soft power, once its greatest asset, has been eroded. What remains is the blunt projection of miliconfidence and economic stability. economic and political disputes.

At the heart of the pass a coherent federal budget. Without it, the machinery of government grinds to a halt. Public servants go unpaid, households lose income, consumer spending contracts, and economic growth falters.

vicious cycle that ordinary Americans feel most acutely. Jobs vanish, prices rise, and confidence evaporates. The very people who form the backbone of the nation bear the brunt of political dysfunction.

It is this human cost that makes the current trajectory so alarming. Americans, resilient and innovative, do not deserve humiliation at home or antagonism abroad. They deserve leaders who strengthen alliances, foster diplomacy, and pursue prosperity through cooperation rather than confrontation. Instead, they are witnessing the erosion of goodwill with neighbors, partners, and global institutions, while being asked to shoulder the economic pain of tariffs and shutdowns.

The trade war with China is not an isolated clash. Its consequences ripple across the global economy. Supply

redirected, and markets destabilized. For consumers worldwide, the fallout means higher prices and increased uncertainty. For businesses, it means recalibrating strategies and bearing new risks. A conflict between the world's two largest economies cannot be contained-it reverberates in every corner of the globe.

The path forward demands wisdom, not bravado. Tariffs, coercion, and milicrisis lies the failure to tary posturing cannot secure a sustainable future. Only dialogue can. The United States and China, as the central pillars of the global economy, must find common ground. A balanced agreement that delivers tangible benefits to both peoples would not only stabilize relations but also reassure a world rattled by their rivalry. Cooperation would send a signal of stability, confidence, and hope—qualities the global economy sorely needs.

The stakes could not be higher. Confrontation risks undermining prosperity, fueling unrest, and deepening global fractures. Cooperation offers the chance to channel competition into progress, ensuring that innovation, trade, and development serve people everywhere. In the end, the choice is stark: a spiral of tariffs and tensions that punish the many, or a diplomatic breakthrough that uplifts all. For the sake of Americans, Chinese, and citizens across the world, one hopes that reason prevails before it is too late.

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When Algorithm Kills: The Lawsuit Challenging AI's Shield of Immunity

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n every discussion around the regulation of Artificial Intelligence in the 21st century, the question of whether AI can be charged for a teenage boy's death is not one anyone hoped to have to solve. However, when Adam Raine, 16, committed suicide, he left behind shattered parents and a paper trail of conversations with OpenAI's ChatGPT that validated the young boy's suicidal thoughts, provided information on lethal self-harm methods and even offered to draft a suicide note.

Adam's parents, Mathew and Maria Raine, engaged in an ensuing legal battle with Sam Atlman, the CEO of OpenAI, accusing the company of negligence towards the harm its chatbot was propagating in favour of profit. The inclusion of veiling the AI with a seeming curtain of empathy and human-like interaction was one of the keystone business decisions taken when OpenAI launched GPT-4.0 in May of 2024, lulling millions of users into a sense of security and comfort talking to servers and wires.

Adam Raine's funeral, his death translated into meaningful impact when ChatGPT was upgraded with parental control features. The parent account is linked to that of a child or teenager via invite, after which the child account would be subject to 'reduced graphic content'. Additionally, parents are given control of features like 'quiet time', personal conversations. turning off memory and toggling whether as well receiving notifications of potentially dangerous conversations their child

level of these new guardrails. Because the controls are contingent on invite acceptance, Geoffrey A. Fowler for the Washington Post points out that all his kids had to do to bypass the controls entirely was log out and create a new account on the same computer. He also notes that the flag notification for a dangerous conversation was indeed received, but only a full 24 hours after the conversation had already taken place. For teens in the place of Adam Raine, even those 24 hours may be crucial.

The parental controls align with the general user-responsibility model followed by AI and social media companies wherein the users, and parents specifically, are expected to be the primary regulators of content. "We are creating a parental control whack-a-mole experience," writes Erin Walsh, co-founder of the family education-focused Spark and Stitch Institute. But where the reparative measures by OpenAI feel lackluster, they are also working in tandem with a renewed surge of caution from parents across the globe. It is well known that a majority of children use gener-On September 29th, 5 months after ative AI to assist in schoolwork, but considering that even Adam began using ChatGPT initially just as an academic resource, this previously innocuous seeming use has come under a lot more scrutiny by parents. The conversational and welcoming nature of the language model serves as an inviting confidante to vulnerable children, pipelining into

The tragic death of Adam Raine has conversations would be used to train AI, done more than simply expose the flaws in one company's safety model; it has forced a long-delayed reckoning with the cost of techis having. While a step in the right direction, nological acceleration. For years, compaseveral concerned parents have pointed out nies like OpenAI have relied on the user-re-

the loopholes that exist even on the surface sponsibility model, pushing out powerful, emotionally engaging technology while placing the burden of safety onto parents and end-users. Adam's conversations demonstrate that this hands-off approach not only obsolete but actively dangerous.

The Raine family's lawsuit against OpenAI will be a crucible for modern liability law. The outcome will likely determine whether AI companies can continue to enjoy the broad immunity designed for passive internet platforms, or if they must be held to a higher, product liability standard reserved for manufacturers of inherently powerful and sometimes defective tools. Can a corporation claim a chatbot is an "innocent agent" when internal safety flags were allegedly tripped hundreds of times, and the design itself prioritized engagement over intervention?

Ultimately, this story is a stark illustration of the conflict between profit and protection. As the Raines' powerful lawsuit alleges, the race to increase market valuation from \$86 billion to \$300 billion came at the expense of necessary safeguards. Until lawmakers move beyond voluntary guidelines and create explicit legal frameworks that mandate robust safety features - frameworks that make the development of a deadly AI output an existential busiess risk – the parental control "whack-amole" will continue. The question before the courts, and before society, is no longer if AI can be regulated, but whether we will wait for more Adam Raines to pay the ultimate price before we prioritize human safety over Silicon Valley speed.

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The Quiet Empire: A Silence That **Speaks from the Ruins**

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ruins and trembling hopes, a new sort of calm is being scripted — one that whispers of power behind the language of peace. Trump's 20-point Gaza scheme is marketed as the path to ceasefire, hostages freed, and reconstruction begun. But this narrative obscures its deeper imperative: the reinstallation of American dominion under the guise of humanitarian redemption. The real beneficiaries are not the Palestinians or even Hamas, but Israel and the U.S., with Trump burning Shing

his own standing as the indispensable peacemaker. From the moment it was announced, the plan casts Trump less as negotiator than architect. He proposes a "Board of Peace" under his leadership (with proxies like Tony Blair) to oversee Gaza's governance, security, and redevelopment. The territory, in effect, shifts from contested battleground to external ward. This is not liberation, it is tutelage. By presenting stewardship as cooperation, the United States subtly repositions itself from external power broker to internal

Such maneuvers mirror the classic strategy of soft hegemony: embed authority through institutions rather than overt force. Scholars of imperial order, Edward Said in Orientalism, for example, have long shown how narratives of benevolence cloak structural inequalities. The Gaza plan trades on similar optics. It uses terms like "deradicalization," "rehabilitation," and "transitional governance" to recast control as care, authority as aid.

This isn't bargaining among equals; it is structural submission. Israel gains security, Trump assumes the mantle of peacemaker, and Gaza's people are rele-

gated to bystanders in a new architecture of control. Nonetheless, world reaction is illuminating. Many leaders joined the chorus of approval. European leaders, including UK's Keir Starmer and France's Emmanuel Macron, called for swift implementation

and support for reconstruction. Turkey's Erdogan

praised the plan and pledged oversight. Arab states and the UN urged humanitarian access and a ceasefire. But critics sounded alarms: some Gaza residents n Gaza's broken alleys, amid the smoldering expressed hope but deep distrust, fearing their agency would vanish behind imposed calm. (The Guardian) Many observers echoed that what appeared as a "blessing" was a strategic design — not a gift to Palestinians, but a restoration of U.S. hegemony.

> Trump's media narrative is clear: he halts war. he controls reconstruction, he defines the peace. Under these optics, he doesn't just broker accords, he becomes indispensable, the arbiter of fate for Gaza. Every ceasefire, checkpoint, and reconstruction contract flows through his framework. He positions himself, not merely as a facilitator, but as the guarantor of order.

> Yet peace imposed by design rather than consent is brittle. If the U.S., Israel, or the Board of Peace waver, Gaza's governance lacks internal legitimacy to resist. The structure rests on compliance, not trust. That distinction matters: when peace is built on power, not agreement, the risk of revolt or relapse intensifies.

> Some defenders argue that in the face of relentless war, even imperfect peace is vital. That is true. Gazans deserve respite from destruction. But we must ask: a peace at what cost? When autonomy is surrendered, resistance stilled, and sovereignty redefined by external hands, what remains of

> This 20-point scheme may present as a blessing in disguise, but its disguise is precisely its point. The ruin may be rebuilt, but the blueprint is drawn by others. The silence that speaks from the ruins is not

> the voice of Gaza — it is the echo of empire reasserted. If this op-ed is to be taken as a call, it is this: look beyond the ceasefire, beyond the pledges. Examine who holds the power in the pause. The quiet empire rising from Gaza's debris speaks volumes - and those willing to listen must ask: is this peace or

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Humayun Khan highlights strengthening ties with North Korea at 80th Workers' Party Anniversary

Naveed Ahmad Khan

The Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in Islamabad marked the 80th Founding Anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea with a reception attended by senior government officials, diplomats, and distinguished guests.

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Secretary General Muhammad Humayun Khan attended the 80th founding anniversary celebration of the Workers' Party of Korea as the chief guest, reaffirming his party's commitment to strengthening diplomatic relations between Pakistan and North Korea. Senator Waqar Mehdi, Member of the National Assembly Shahida Rehmani, and former Governor Barrister Masood Kausar also attended the event.

E. Mr. Choe Chang Man, The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic People's warmly Welcomed to guests. Mr. Humayun Khan congratulated the ambassador and the people of North Korea on the milestone anniversary and expressed the desire to further expressed appreciation for the enhance cooperation between the two nations. "The diplomatic the ceremony and reaffirmed ties between Pakistan and North his country's commitment to Korea are built on mutual trust strengthening bilateral relations. and respect, and I am confident He highlighted the contribution these relations will continue to of the workers party for the devel-



grow stronger over time," he said. He underscored the importance of creating new opportunities for cooperation to advance peace, development, and stability in the region.

"The Pakistan People's Party's foreign policy has always been founded on the principles of peace, equality, sovereignty, and mutual respect," Humayun Khan stated. "We seek balanced relations with all countries to promote peace and progress in the region and the world." The North Korean ambassador participation of PPP leaders in

opment of DPRK.

The Workers' Party celebrations will serve to show once again how North Korea is trying to shore up its relations with some key global players and allies, such as China and Russia, who are sending high-level representatives. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has had in China his most important ally, and in recent years he has also built ties with Russia, a country North Korea has helped by sending troops to participate in its war against Ukraine. In September, Kim Jong Un stood next to Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin as part of a visit to Beijing to attend a massive military parade marking the end of the



plans of what will happen during the commemoration have not been revealed, but some foreign leaders have started arriving. Here's a view of some of the leaders and highlevel representatives that are expected to attend: Li's presence is the highest-level visit by a Chinese leader since 2019. He is one of seven members of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party's Politburo, the apex of power in China. As premier, he is generally considered the No. 2 leader in China after President Xi Jinping. Li has been representing China on more foreign trips and highlevel events recently, including the United Nations General Assembly in September. Russia is sending Dmitry Medvedev, the

former Russian president who serves as deputy head of the Security Council chaired by Putin, to this week's anniversary celebrations, North Korea's official

KCNA news agency said Monday. North Korea has been expanding cooperation with Russia, another neighbor to China. It has supplied combat troops and ammunition to support Russia's war against Ukraine. Communist Party General Secretary To Lam, Vietnam's top leader, also arrived Thursday in North Korea for the celebrations, Vietnamese state media reported. As general secretary of the Communist Party in Vietnam, he holds the same leadership position held by Kim Jong Un in the North Korean Workers' Party. Lam who was welcomed





by Kim Jong Un in a ceremony in Pyongyang, reported the Viet- Thongloun Sisoulith, will also namese state media. The visit attend, KCNA said last week. happens as both countries also celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

The president of Laos, He is general secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party. Photos: Imtiaz Ahmad Faizi

Fergana to host the First Fergana Peace Forum

№ News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The first session of the Fergana Peace Forum, titled "Fergana Valley: Uniting Efforts for Peace and Progress" is scheduled for October 15-16, 2025, in the city of Fergana.

The city of Fergana will transform into a focal point for international dialogue and cooperation, hosting key stakeholders from across the region and beyond. This gathering underscores the city's growing importance as a center for promoting peace, mutual understanding, and collaborative development in Central Asia

The Forum will be organized by the Institute for Strategic and Inter- Central Asian countries, the Common- at the Forum. Reflecting a commitof the Republic of Uzbekistan (ISRI), jointly with the Center for Progressive Reforms, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and the Peacebuilding Hub, a platform that brings together reputable international organizations specializing in peacebuilding and social cohesion.

Entitled "Fergana Valley: Uniting Efforts for Peace and Progress" the Forum is organized in partnership with the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, and Institute of studying of the problems of Asian and European countries of the National Academy of Sciences of



regional Studies under the President wealth of Independent States (CIS), ment to be inclusive, the Forum will as well as from Asia, Europe, and the

> Among the high-level guests are Head of the UNRCCA Kaha Imnadze, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia Eduards Stiprais, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre Kate Fearon, Secretary-General of CICA Kairat Sarybay and Deputy Secretary-General of the SCO Sohail Khan.

> A key feature of the upcoming session will be its inclusive nature, with participation from representatives of civil society, youth organizations, women's associations, as well

as expert and academic communities. Leading international peacebuilding institutions such as Berghof Foundation (Germany), the Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation (Finland), the PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland), The two-day forum will bring and the Stockholm International Peace together over 300 participants from Research Institute (SIPRI) will also be

also draw participation from youth, women groups and the academia circle.

The Forum aims to create a standing platform for promoting dialogue, mutual trust, good-neighborly relations, and for developing a shared strategy for the development of the Fergana Valley.

The forum's agenda includes discussions on ensuring stability and sustainable development in the Fergana Valley, unlocking its economic potential, strengthening cultural and humanitarian ties, and expanding the roles of the private sector, youth, and civil society.

The Forum will see the first observation of the "Yntymak Day" ("Day of Unity") which celebrates the unity in diversity spirit of communities in Fergana Valley.

Among the anticipated outcomes of the forum is the adoption of a their peoples can ensure stability and Communiqué calling for the establish-

ment of a unified space of friendship, good-neighborliness, and sustainable development in the Fergana Valley.

At the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, underlined that "the era of closed borders, unresolved disputes and conflicts in Central Asia has receded into the past. In recent years, the volume of mutual trade, investment and transport flows in our region has increased fivefold. Joint investment funds, cross-border trade and industrial cooperation zones are being established, while major infrastructure projects are under implementation".

The President of Uzbekistan emphasized that "today marks the beginning of the formation of a New Central Asia. Thanks to its unity, stability, and growing regional identity, it is securing an increasingly strong position as an independent actor in the system of international relations".

"Peace in Fergana Valley has been made possible by strong commitments in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and by the diverse communities who have transformed differences into strength. The First Peace Forum on Fergana Valley will showcase how this political resolve and communities' bond could usher peace," said Eldor Aripov, Director of ISRS.

According to him, "The Ferghana Forum is intended to create a new image of the Ferghana Valley as a space of peace, harmony, and opportunity," demonstrating that the political will of the countries' leaders and the unity of prosperity in the region".

A meeting of Pakistan People's Parliamentary Committee of AJK held at Zardari House Karachi

B Abdul Majeed Tahir

KARACHI/MUZAFFARABAD: A meeting of Pakistan People's Parliamentary Committee of Azad Jammu and Kashmir was held at Zardari House Karachi. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Faryal Talpur. All members of the Parliamentary Committee participated in the meeting while former Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf and senior leader Qamar Zaman participated on special invitation.

The meeting began by paying tribute to the ongoing terrorism, fitna takfir and khawarj, and the successful struggle of the Pakistan Army against Indianism. The participants paid tribute to the great sacrifices the martyrs, prayed for their elevation, and declared this sedition a serious threat to national security.

The meeting expressed the commitment that the leadership of Pakistan People's Party and Azad Kashmir will stand shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Army and will continue all possible cooperation for national security and stability.

Raja Pervez Ashraf and Qamar Zaman Kaira briefed the meeting on the ongoing negotiations between the Awami Action Committee and the Government Committee. The Meeting reviewed this briefing and stressed the importance of ensuring prompt and full implementation of the agreement reached.

The meeting stressed the need to take all possible measures for the welfare of the people of Azad Kashmir and expressed deep sorrow and regret over the loss of life during the movement. Fatiha was given

The meeting unanimously said that the solution of political matters is always possible only through negotiations. He urged all parties to fulfill their constitutional and political responsibilities, taking into account the requirements of democracy, political stability and public interest.

Finally, after a detailed consideration of the current situation, the meeting gave full authority to the party leadership to take whatever decision it takes in the context of the current situation, with the party standing in solidarity with it.

PPP Azad and Jammu and Kashmir MPs Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, Sardar Muhammad Yaqub, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas, Chaudhry Latif Akbar, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Chaudhry Qasim Majid Abdul Ivor Javed, Sardar Javed were present at the meeting. Iqbal Badhavi,

Embassy of the Republic of Korea successfully hosted the K-Wave Festa

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of the Republic of Korea successfully hosted the K-Wave Festa: Beauty, Beats and Beyond at Shamadan Hall, Serena Hotel, celebrating the growing influence of Korean culture and its deepening ties with Pakistan.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony, where Mr. Park Jaelark, Charge d'Affaires of the Republic of Korea, delivered the welcome remarks. In his speech, Mr. Park highlighted the Embassy's continuous efforts to strengthen cultural and people-to-people exchanges between Korea and Pakistan. He shared that the Embassy has been organizing diverse K-initiatives to enhance mutual understanding, adding that the Immersive Gallery recently inaugurated at the Islamabad Museum is one of the many projects aimed at expanding cultural cooperation.

Mr. Sabino Sikandar Jalal



dedication Embassy's to bringing Korea's vibrant culture to Pakistan. He emphasized how such events foster friendship, artistic exchange, and cross-cultural appreciation between the two nations.

A major highlight of the event was the K-Beauty Mastergraced the event as the Chief class conducted by renowned Guest and delivered inspiring Korean makeup artist Hoskeok

ence with his expert techniques and live demonstration on the popular influencer Areeka Haq. The session provided attendees with valuable insights into Korean skincare routines and the artistry behind K-beauty's global success.

Adding rhythm and energy to the evening, Mr. Jay Kim from Korea conducted a K-Dance



workshop, teaching participants popular K-pop choreography and giving them a glimpse into the dynamic world of Korean performing arts.

The venue was buzzing with excitement as guests explored various interactive stalls featuring Korean traditional foods, Hanbok dress experiences, and free Korean skincare, makeup, and cultural gift booths. Visitors enjoyed tasting authentic Korean delicacies and dressing up in traditional Hanbok attire for memorable photo moments.

The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout, filling the hall with enthusiastic participants and K-culture fans, making it a truly vibrant and unforgettable Saturday cele-

Through events like K-Wave Festa: Beauty, Beats and Beyond, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea continues to promote mutual cultural exchange and strengthen the friendship between Korea and Pakistan.

Photos: Online by Sultan





Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
163,098.19	164,530.80		
Day's High	Day's Low		
165,262.85	162,411.25		
Index Value	Change		
34,842,288,562	-1432.61		
Percentage	Time		
-0.87%	10 Oct, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
9,427.47	-81.93		
Percentage	Time		
-0.86%	10 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1		
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
45,725.35	-633.07		
Percentage	Time		
-1.37%	10 Oct, 1:14 pm GMT-4		
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			
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48,088.80	-491.64	
Percentage	Time	
-1.01%	10 Oct, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.4	190.4
Bahrain Dinar	746.9	754.4
Canadian Dollar	205.6	212.6
China Yuan	39.8	40.2
Danish Krone	44.55	45.15
Euro	331.9	335.4
Hong Kong Dollar	36.45	36.8
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8760	1.9760
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.55	922.55
Malaysian Ringgit	67.3	67.9
NewZealand \$	164.85	166.85
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.15	738.65
Qatari Riyal	77.32	78.02
Saudi Riyal	75.35	76
Singapore Dollar	216.8	221.55
Swedish Korona	30.05	30.35
Swiss Franc	355.12	357.87
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.95	77.95
UK Pound Sterling	380.7	383.7
US Dollar	282.7	282.8

CMPak Advocates High-*Quality Lithium Batteries* for Telecom Sites, Ensuring Secure and Reliable Network Operations



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: With the widespread application of lithium batteries in the telecommunications industry, lithium battery safety has become a key concern for operators and tower service providers. Several countries worldwide have established lithium battery safety standards to regulate their safe application. In early 2025, the ITU officially released the "White Paper on Lithium Batteries for Telecom Sites." Facing harsh conditions such as high temperature and humidity, and unstable mains power, CMPak in Pakistan is leading research on site power supply PAV and lithium battery safety. CMPak has implemented lithium batteries in its network on a large scale, and conducted safety tests on lithium batteries in collaboration with the Islamic University laboratory in Pakistan on October 2nd. Industry experts and suppliers were also invited to participate in on-site discussions.

High-quality battery cells are the primary condition for lithium battery safety. The deposition of "dendritic lithium" can easily puncture the battery cell separator, posing a risk of thermal runaway and affecting site safety. To address this risk, CMPak has prepared vacuum and moisture-free testing equipment in advance, and conducted sampling and lithium analysis tests on the existing lithium batteries to make determinations in collaboration with local laboratories.

CMPak will continue to strengthen the high-quality requirements for site power supply and lithium batteries, advocating for the establishment of industry standards for lithium batteries as the entry requirements for site power supply and backup power, ensuring the secure and reliable operation of network security.

Finance Minister departs for US to attend IMF, WB annual meetings

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, departed for the United States to attend the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The minister will represent Pakistan at the plenary sessions of both the IMF and the World Bank, according to press release issued by finance ministry here on Saturday.

During his six-day visit, Senator Aurangzeb is scheduled to hold meetings with senior officials of the IMF, World Bank, International Finance Corporation (IFC), and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

He will also meet World Bank President Ajay Banga in a one-on-one meeting and attend a dinner hosted by Banga for finance ministers of selected countries. The minister is also scheduled to meet IMF

Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva at the platforms of the G24 and MENAP (Middle East, North Africa, and Pakistan) countries, where he will deliver a keynote

on the digital transformation of the Federal tries.



Aurangzeb will participate in a regional Board of Revenue (FBR), which will also be roundtable organized by the World Bank attended by tax authorities from other counhosted by the World Economic Forum (WEF) events, forums, meetings, and official engage-

and hold bilateral meetings with his counter-

parts from China, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan.

The finance minister's schedule also includes meetings with senior White House officials, the Chairman of the U.S. Congress Financial Services Committee, and representatives from the U.S. State and Treasury Departments and the International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

He will engage with office bearers and members of the U. S.-Pakistan Business Council to discuss tax proposals and investment opportunities in Pakistan.

The minister will also meet with representatives of global credit rating agencies, commercial banks—particularly investment banks from the Middle East—and address various investment forums and seminars to highlight Pakistan's economic outlook.

Aurangzeb will visit leading U. S. think tanks, including the Atlantic Council and the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE), and meet prominent members of the Pakistani community.

He will also give interviews to selected international and American media outlets He will take part in two major events during his visit, which includes over 65

Handmade Painting

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Culture & Tourism Nawabzada Mir Muhammad Zarain Khan Magsi presents a handmade handicraft painting — featuring the map of Balochistan crafted from traditional cultural fabrics — to Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan during the Balochistan Grand Tourism Festival at Lok Virsa, on Saturday.



CAA allows Serene Air to operate temporary flights to bring back stranded passengers

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LAHORE: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has given temporary approval to SereneAir to operate special flights aimed at bringing home Pakistani passengers stranded in Saudi Arabia.

According to an official notification

granted two weeks to carry out these culties and ensure that they get back repatriation flights.

Hundreds of passengers who had purchased SereneAir tickets had been stuck in Saudi Arabia for several days after the airline's flight operations were suspended recently.

Industrial Collaboration: Sardar

home safely.

CAA grounds private airline, suspends

air operator certificate SereneAir had its flight operations put on hold a few days ago due to operational issues, but the latest permission will allow

Commerce minister emphasizes quality enhancement, export Competitiveness in Citrus Sector



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan has underscored Horticulture tion, innovation, and quality enhancement — particularly in the citrus sector.

The Minister stated that citrus, especially Kinnow mandarin, holds a vital place in Pakistan's export portfolio, and regaining its competitive position in global markets is a key priority for the Ministry of Commerce, said a release issued here on Saturday.

"Our focus is on strengthening the entire value chain modern agricultural pracand improving logistics infra-

structure," he said.

He was speaking in reference to the recent participation of the Pakistan the government's strong ment and Export Company commitment to improv-ing Pakistan's agricultural Sargodha (October 7–8), exports through value addi- where PHDEC organized a technical workshop titled "Enhancing Citrus Quality and Export Competitiveness: Pest and Disease Control Measures, Harvest and Post-Harvest Management, and Effective Logistics Solutions."

The workshop attracted a large number of citrus growers, exporters, and researchers. Experts from the Citrus Research Institute (CRI), Sargodha, shared from farm to foreign detailed guidance on pest markets — by promoting and disease control, harvest techniques, and post-hartices, ensuring compliance vest management aimed at with international standards, improving fruit quality and reducing export losses.

The CAA said this temporary relaxait to get back in the air—at least for now issued by the CAA, the airline has been tion was made to ease passengers' diffito complete the repatriation process. Sindh Rangers Pakistan-Saudi Partnership Enters New Era of Trade, Investment, and

Tahir Mehmood

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Sardar Tahir Mehmood, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), has said that both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have transformed decades of strategic brotherhood into a forward-looking economic partnership, opening new horizons for trade, investment, and industrial cooperation.

In a statement issued here on Saturday he said that visit of the Saudi delegation led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammad bin Saad Al Saud, Chairman of the

Saudi-Pakistan Joint Business Council, symbolizes the renewed vigor in Pakistan-Saudi relations and the shared resolve to convert political goodwill and defense cooperation into robust joint ventures across trade, agriculture, food security, construction, and research sectors. He said the Saudi government and private sector have expressed strong interest in investing in labor mobility. food security, meat processing, agriculture, construction, and pharmaceuticals in Pakistan.

The President ICCI termed this visit as part of a broader the Islamabad Chamber of diplomatic and economic reset Commerce and Industry



a relationship that has recently witnessed significant expansion in defense, investment, and

Highlighting the future course of action, Sardar Tahir Mehmood said "as the premier Chamber of the country,

will play a commanding role in strengthening Pakistan's economy by fostering deeper trade and investment ties with friendly nations, particularly with the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry."

He further committed that ICCI will organize industrial exhibitions and business opportunity awards not only in Islamabad but also in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States, aiming to project Pakistan's industrial strength, attract foreign investors, and build sustainable business linkages between the two brotherly nations.

Customs Enforcement Karachi Seizes Smuggled Goods in Joint Operation with



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a successful anti-smuggling operation, Customs Enforcement Karachi, with the assistance of Sindh Rangers, conducted a joint raid at Jodia Bazar, Karachi. The raid led to the recovery of foreign-origin smuggled goods. The seized goods include 2,320 packets of foreign-origin ciga-

rettes, 9,620 kilograms of betel nuts, 140 packets of foreign-origin Niswar and 3,485 kilograms of foreign-origin cutch block.

The recovered items have been taken into custody for further legal proceedings. This operation reflects FBR's continued commitment to curb smuggling, and safeguard the national economy.

Pakistan and South Africa in the first of the two-Test match series commencing today

Tahir Amin Malik

take on South Africa in the first of the two-Test match series commencing between the two teams, Pakistan have on Sunday, 12 October, at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. The second Test will be played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium from 20 to 24 October. The Test matches are part of the ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 and will be followed by six white-ball matches (three T20Is and three ODIs) between the two sides from 28 October against South Africa, Babar Azam has to 8 November.

new cycle for the Pakistan Men's team Rizwan has scored 283 runs in four in the ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 and their first opponents are South Africa – the champions of the ICC World Test Championship 2023-

This will also be the first occasion since the inception of the ICC World Test Championship in 2019 that Pakistan will be playing their opening series of a WTC cycle at home. In the 2019-21 WTC, they began the cycle with an away tour to Australia, while in 2021-23 they began the Championship with a tour of the West Indies. In the previous 2023-25 cycle, Pakistan started their campaign with a tour of Sri Lanka.

In head-to-head encounters, Pakistan have played 30 Test matches against South Africa, winning six, while

South Africa have been victorious on but for us, it allows us to measure 17 occasions and seven matches have ISLAMABAD: Pakistan are set to ended in a draw. In 13 Test matches (nine in Pakistan and four in the UAE) won four, South Africa three, while six Tests have ended in draws.

In World Test Championship matches, both sides have played four Tests, winning two each. South Africa last toured Pakistan for two Tests in January-February 2021, which the hosts won 2-0. For Pakistan in the WTC scored 315 runs in four Tests, including The Test series marks the start of a four half-centuries, while Mohammad Tests, including a century.

In the bowling department, Hasan Ali has taken 12 wickets in two ICC World Test Championship matches against South Africa. All three players are part of the 16-member squad for the forthcoming Test series.

Pakistan captain Shan Masood, talking to PCB Digital ahead of the Test series said:

"The main goal for any team is always to win the championship, but I think for us it's about starting off well, and we have got the perfect opposition, the team that won the last Test Championship. To play against them in our home

conditions is a great opportunity for us. "Any challenge in the Test Cham-

ourselves against the best teams in the world. Hopefully, if we can put in a good performance, we will know that we are right up there and in the reckoning.

"It's very important, I think, if you look at the teams that have played the final and won the championship, they have always done well in their home Test matches. Again, for us, it's about finding that blueprint at home and it's very important to start off well at home." South Africa captain Aiden Markram

"It's an exciting start to the new cycle. It's great to be in Pakistan and I am really looking forward to it. It's going to be a challenging but fun series, so

it's great to be here and we are all eager

to get started. $\,$ You win Test matches and Test series by being good in all facets of the game, so it's going to be a unique challenge for us coming from South African conditions to Pakistani conditions a challenge our players are looking forward to. We will assess things early, see how

good plans." Pakistan 16-member squad:

Shan Masood (captain), Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Asif Afridi, Babar Azam, Hasan Ali, Imamul-Haq, Kamran Ghulam, Khurram Shahzad, Mohammad Rizwan (wickpionship is always going to test you, et-keeper), Noman Ali, Rohail Nazir

the wicket plays and come up with some

Series schedule: 12-16 October - First Test at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

Shah Afrid

20-24 October - Second Test at

Stadium, Lahore

(wicket-keeper), Sajid Khan, Salman Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawal-

Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel and Shaheen pindi 28 October - First T20I at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi 31 October - Second T20I at Gaddafi

1 November - Third T20I at Gaddafi Stadium, Faisalabad

Stadium, Lahore

4 November – First ODI at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

6 November - Second ODI at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

8 November - Third ODI at Iqbal

Ehsan Ul Haq Re-elected as President of Gujrat District Chess Association

Anwar Chouhan

GUJRAT: In a democratic and transparent process, the Gujrat District Chess Association (GDCA) has re-elected Mr. Ehsan Ul Haq as its President for the 2025-29 term. The unanimous election took place on Friday, October 10, at the association's head office in Kharian.

The proceedings were overseen by an independent Election Commission chaired by Advocate Fraz Ashraf Khan, a legal scholar from the University of Punjab Jhelum Campus, ensuring the integrity of the electoral process. The event was witnessed by official observers, including Mr. Qasim Shah, General Secretary of the Jhelum District Chess Association, representing the Chess Association of Punjab, and Mr. Sajid Hussain, Tehsil Sports Officer Kharian, repreenting the District Sports Office, Both officials certified the election as free, fair, and conducted according to established

Following the election, the General Body unanimously constituted the new Executive Council with the following office-bearers:

· President: Mr. Ehsan Ul Haq · Senior Vice President: Mr. Zeeshan

· Vice President: Mr. Shahid Baig



· Treasurer: Mr. Ali Akbar · Joint Secretary: Mr. Zohaib Ibn e

· Press Secretary: Mr. Umar Farooq

In his acceptance address, the re-elected President, Mr. Ehsan Ul Haq, thanked the chess community for their continued trust. "This unanimous endorsement is

stated. "Our focus for this term will be on college students, and strengthen the affilaggressive youth development, organizing iation of chess clubs across the district. more structured tournaments at the tehsil and district levels, and elevating Gujrat's profile on the provincial chess map."

Outlining the initial agenda, the newly appointed General Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Amin, announced plans to finalize the annual tournament calendar.

The GDCA acknowledged the support and oversight provided by the Chess Association of Punjab and the District Sports Office, Gujrat.

- Media Contact -Umar Farooq

Press Secretary, GDCA

S. M.Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Three more matches decided in the S. M.Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament yesterday at various

The highlights of the days play was brilliant Century 121 by Muhammad Hasnain and some good by Waqas Ali 82, Mansha Cheema 82, Kamran Khan 80.

Scores in Brief:

226/9 in 35 overs. Muhammad Hasnain 121 12 x4 4x6, Fahad Ahmed Ansari 21. Shahzaib Khan 2/47.

In reply Azam Sports 229/6 in 34.3 overs. Shahzaib Khan 65 4x4 7x6, Naveed Ali Tirmizi 59 not out, Rizwan Naeem 36. Shahzaib Khan 2/47.

Shahzaib Khan of Azam Sports Man of the Match.

In the 2nd Match Young Pak Flag c.c Azam Sports beat Hansabad Gymkhana beat Recreation c.c by 41 runs. Young Pak

Sheikh 37, Karwan Ali 32, Majid Khan 20. Faizan (sla) 3/26, Zain Hussain (rlb) 3/27, Muhammad Ashraf 2/48, Muhammad

In reply Recreation CC 126 all-out in 27.2 overs. Tala Ghouri 29, Fayyaz Hussain in 25.2 overs. Mansha Cheema 82 12x4 Kashif of Young Pak Flag c.c declared Man Zada (ob) 3/58, Imran Ali 2/17, Sami ullah of the Match.

In the 3rd Match Quaidabad Gymkhana beat Modern Gymkhana by the Match.

by 2 Wickets, Hansabad Gymkhana Flag CC 167 all-out in 28.4 overs, Igrar 113 runs, Quaidabad Gymkhana 321/5 in 35 overs. Waqas Ali 82 10x4 4x6, Kamran Khan 80 11x4 4x6, Imran Ali 65 3x4 2x6, Lal Zada 33, Sami ullah 22 not out. Sohail Ahmed 2/33.

In reply Modern Gymkhana 208 allout 20. Kashif (ob) 4/20, Naveed Talib 2/27. 2x6, Shahid Igbal 32, Akhtar Ali 28. Lal 2/25, Imdad Hussain 2/52. Imran Ali of Quaidabad Gymkhana declared Man of

Six cops martyred, 13 injured

Continued from page 1

"The security forces, alongside law enforcement agencies of Pakistan, in step with the nation, remain steadfast in their resolve to eradicate Indian-sponsored terrorism from the country, and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers and innocent civilians further strengthen our unwavering commitment to safeguarding our nation at all costs," the statement said.

Earlier in the day, the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) had also issued a statement, saying that the police had repulsed the attack. At the time, officials had said that at least three terrorists. including a suicide bomber, were killed in retaliatory fire by police forces.

A report issued by the CTD, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, showed that seven cops were martyred while another 13 were injured in the incident. Dera Ismail Khan Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Hamid Siddiqui also confirmed the casualties to Dawn.com.

attack took place at 8:30pm on Friday within the limits of the Shorkot Police Station.

"A National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) office near the training centre was also burnt down by terrorists," Dera Ismail Khan AC told Dawn.com.

The initial attack left one police officer dead, the police statement said. It further said that militants then proceeded to enter the school and started firing with heavy weapons and hand grenades, adding that police forces "retaliated bravely" and the exchange of fire went on for about five hours.

"As soon as the news of the attack reached District Police Officer (DPO) Sahibzada Sajiad Ahmed, he rushed to the site with a heavy contingent of police," the statement read.

Regional Police Officer Syed Ashfaq Anwar was present as well, it said, adding that police were then joined by security

"The police and security forces jointly

According to the CTD report, the set an example of courage and bravery in during an intelligence-based operathe five-hour-long operation, killing five terrorists and recovering suicide jackets, explosives and ammunition from them," as per the police statement.

The area has been cleared of the terrorists, and a search operation was underway, the statement said.

Lauding the efforts of the forces in thwarting the attack, KP Inspector General of Police (IG) Zulfiqar Hameed was quoted as saying, "The unparalleled bravery of the officers on the frontline has proven that the KP police is committed to eradicating terrorism."

Announcing compensation for the martyred, he assured that "their sacrifices will not go in vain". The KP IG also announced special rewards for all those who participated in the operation.

Recently, multiple areas of KP including Bannu, Peshawar, Karak, the police, law enforcement agencies Lakki Marwat and Bajaur — have seen a series of terrorist attacks, particularly

targeting police personnel. A senior army officer was martyred ment with the government in 2022.

tion (IBO) in the DI Khan a day ago. A cop was martyred in the district after a police checkpoint came under attack from multiple sides by terrorists late on Wednesday.

Last month, 13 terrorists were killed during an IBO in the district's Daraban

According to reports compiled by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies and the Centre for Research and Security Studies, KP remained the most terrorism affected province last month, but also witnessed intensified counterterrorism actions. The province reported 45 attacks that killed 54 people

and injured 49. Pakistan has witnessed a surge in terrorist attacks, especially in KP and Balochistan, predominantly targeting personnel, and security forces. Attacks increased after the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan broke a ceasefire agree-

Excellent play by M. ALam in Defence Raya Open Golf

ISLAMABAD: The Defence Raya Open Golf Championship is being held at the beautiful Defence Raya Golf Course over 3 days. Competing are Professionals and senior professionals. And that is the outstanding feature of this championship. At the end of the second round Muhammed Alam tops the third Defence Raya Golf Championship with brilliant scores of 69 and 70 and aggregate score of 139, five under par. In the same championship Matloob Ahmed of same club stands second with a score of gross 141. Other top professionals are in line for huge prizes and they mainly are Muhammed Munir of Rawalpindi who scored 66and 76. Arif Ali of Lahore Gymkhana also played 69 and 75.. So right now at the end of the second round Muhammed Alam is placed on top.

In the senior professionals race the leader is Khalid Mehmood wih a score of gross 76. Placed second is Muhammed Akram of Lahore Gymkhana.

$Namibia\,stun\,South\,Africa$ to seal historic T20I win



WINDHOEK: Ruben Trumpelmann's three-wicket haul, followed by an ice-cool finish from Zane Green, helped Namibia edge South Africa in a last-ball thriller to seal a memorable win in a one-off T20I here at the Namibia Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Set a mere 135-run target, Namibia hit the winning runs on the last ball of the match, losing six wickets in the process. The thrilling victory marked Namibia's first against South Africa in their maiden meeting. Namibia lost their openers Jan Frylinck and Louren Steen-

kamp in the first four overs. Frylinck made seven from five, whereas Steenkamp scored 13 from 19 balls. Despite early wickets, the home side kept chipping away with

runs at a decent rate. South Africa got their third wicket after the power play in the form of Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton. The Proteas kept taking wickets at regular intervals, with the

game evenly poised after 16.3 overs as the scorecard read 101-6 in 16.3 overs. However, the 37* run partnership between Zane

Green and Ruben Trumpelmann turned the game on its head. With 11 required off the last over, Green struck six and four on the last ball, which completed Namibia's fourth T20I win

against a full member nation. For South Africa, Nandre Burger and Andile Simelane picked up two wickets.

Earlier, after opting to bat first, South Africa could only muster 134-8 in 20 overs.

Jason Smith top-scored for the visitors with 31 from 30 balls with the aid of two fours. Meanwhile, Quinton de Kock, returning to international cricket after taking his retirement back, managed

For Namibia, Ruben Trumpelmann remained the standout bowler, picking up three wickets.

Shadab Khan returns to action after injury layoff

Pakistan T20I vice-captain Shadab Khan resumed training on Saturday in a bid to make his return to international cricket following surgery for a recurring shoulder injury.

The 27-year-old resumed his practice and physical training, which was seen in a video posted on his social media account. Shadab was seen doing intense rehabilitation exercises, gym

workouts, and bowling practice. "Rehab work ongoing, back training on all aspects! Pain! You

made me a, you made me a believer, believer," he wrote. For the unversed, the leg spinner had undergone surgery on his right shoulder on July 5 in England.

The need for surgery came after multiple consultations and persistent discomfort in his right shoulder for some time. The surgery eventually ruled him out of several key assignments for Pakistan, including the Asia Cup 2025.

The Spokesman

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi meets a delegation of senior members of the



Third Trilateral Speakers Conference, Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan held today

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Under the leadership of the Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, the National Assembly Secretariat will host the Third Trilateral Confer- Madame Sahiba Gafarova, Islamabad Conference will ence of the Speakers of Paki- along with their respective further consolidate parliastan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan from 12 to 14 October 2025 in Pakistan.

The conference aims to foster parliamentary cooperation among the three broth- tutional collaboration among erly nations and will provide a the three countries. platform to deliberate on ways to promote sustainable peace, Baku, where the first confer- able Development Goals Meeting will be held before and lay the floral wreath on regional stability, and shared

The conference will be eration.

attended by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, and Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan,

This trilateral engagement forms part of an ongoing initiative to strengthen inter-parliamentary dialogue and insti-

parliamentary delegations.

ence laid the foundation for (SDGs), enhancing disaster the plenary sessions to review

The second conference, held rity and sovereignty, collective and to finalize the agenda for in 2022 in Istanbul, reaffirmed the collective resolve to deepen institutional linkages and strategic coordination.

of previous meetings, the mentary relations and develop a coordinated approach to address regional and global challenges.

Key agenda items will include discussions on the impacts of climate change, The series began in 2021 in advancement of the Sustainenhanced parliamentary coop- resilience and management, progress on decisions taken Philosopher-Poet, Allama safeguarding regional integ- during previous conferences Muhammad Iqbal.

responses to external threats, and promoting people-topeople and cultural exchanges.

The upcoming confer-Building on the momentum ence reflects Pakistan's firm commitment to parliamentary diplomacy, aimed at advancing peace, cooperation, and inclusive development across the region. It is expected to serve as a milestone in strengthening friendship, mutual trust, and shared aspirations among the three nations for a peaceful,

stable, and prosperous future.

the Islamabad meeting.

The opening session will feature addresses by Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş, and Speaker Sahiba Gafarova, while the conference will conclude with the adoption of the "Islamabad Declaration", which is expected to chart a new course for strengthened trilateral parliamentary cooperation.

The Speakers along with their parliamentary delega-A Speakers' Executive tions will also visit Lahore the Mausoleum of the Great

Interior Minister assures full support to Tablighi Jamaat for their congregation

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi held a meeting with the delegation of senior members of the Tablighi Jamaat. The delegation included Anwar Ghani, Iqbal Mian, Muhammad Amir, and Zahid Pracha. Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry, Chief Commissioner Islamabad, and Inspector General of Islamabad Police were also present on the occasion.

The delegation briefed the annual congregation. minister on the preparations for the upcoming annual Tablighi Ijtima special prayer for the flood victims Mohsin Naqvi assured the delega-rity.

tion of the Interior Ministry's full cooperation in organizing the event. He said that complete facilitation would be provided to foreign delegations regarding issuance of visas. and, like last year, special counters would be established at airports.

Interior Minister added that it is our duty and a noble act to provide facilities and convenience for the preaching of Islam. The delegation informed that last year, around 15,000 international participants from 108 countries attended the

The meeting concluded with a in November. Interior Minister and country's prosperity and secu-

China will continue to support Pakistan in uplift journey: Jiang Zaidong

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said that Chinese President Xi Jinping has already stated that China will continue to support Pakistan and will stand by Pakistan in her journey for development.

The Chinese Ambassador was addressing the 'Mid-Autumn Poetry evening' organized under the theme "Mid-Autumn: A Memorable Occasion." Addressing a large audience, the Ambassador said that during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to China, a joint 15-point action plan was approved, emphasizing the importance of people-topeople connections as well as continuation of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Jiang Zaidong added that President Asif Ali Zardari's visit to China was significant as it brought Islamic culture and traditions closer



to the great historic and simplified culture of the great Chinese civiliza-

Earlier, highlighting the life and works of the great Chinese poet, writer, and philosopher "Su, Shi," the Ambassador said that 'Su, Shi' holds a unique and distinguished status in great Chinese literature and poetry.

While addressing the occasion, Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Aurangzeb Khan Khichi said, "May the Pak-China friendship always shine like the full moon.

Tarar, US Chargé d'Affaires discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: United States Chargé d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker met with Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Attaullah Tarar, and discussed matters of mutual interest, including strengthening bilateral relations and exploring opportunities for collaboration in the digital

During the meeting, Pakistan's frontline role in the fight against terrorism was appreciated, while US Chargé d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker noted that the country's economy is moving toward stability and growth.

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting affirmed that Pakistan remains at the forefront of the global



its sacrifices serving the cause implemented a robust and recognition of these efforts to of international peace and comprehensive policy aimed at combating fake news and He further emphasized advancing digitalization. He

ensure their continued success and public engagement.

Tarar highlighted Pakistan's fight against terrorism, with that the government has called for greater visibility and abundant natural beauty,

vibrant cultural diversity, and rich historical heritage, describing them as key assets for tourism development.

He emphasized that promoting tourism will not only stimulate economic growth but also foster stronger people-topeople connections between nations. The minister shared that the government is implementing concrete measures to enhance the tourism sector and elevate Pakistan's profile on the global tourism map.

During the meeting, the minister shared that new legislation is being introduced to enhance the welfare and safeguard the rights of journalists in Pakistan.

US Chargé d'Affaires Natalie Baker appreciated Pakistan's efforts to ensure the protection

Hundreds of policemen injured in violent protests: DIG Faisal Kamran



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Punjab Police Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations Faisal Kamran said on Saturday that a violent group starts protests whenever Pakistan's journey towards progress begins.

Speaking at a press conference in Lahore, DIG Faisal Kamran said hundreds of police personnel, including officers, were injured in the violent protests.

He said that groups of protesters were vandalizing public and private properties wherever they were going and the state institutions were trying to handle this situation.

He said that violent protests were hitting the ordinary people of Pakistan very hard.

He said that several police personnel had gone missing. He said that motorcycles parked outside the Shahdara Police Station were taken away.

TLP protest cripples life in Islamabad, Rawalpindi for second day

Waseem Khokhar

ISLAMABAD: Life in Islamabad and Rawalpindi remained severely disrupted for a second consecutive day on Saturday as a Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan's (TLP) protest outside the US Embassy in Islamabad — demanding a ceasefire in Gaza — led to widespread across the twin cities.

the two cities — including Faizabad Interchange, GT Road, Motorway, Airport routes, remain closed. and Murree Road — have been sealed massive traffic jams and difficulties and Dhoke Kala Khan have also been

and educational institutions.

Reports also emerged of clashes between TLP workers and police in

Lahore's Shahdara area. Police used batons and tear gas to disperse the protesters, leaving several people

In Islamabad, the entire Red Zone road closures, suspension of metro bus has been sealed, with only Margalla service, and mobile internet shutdown Road open for restricted movement.

In Rawalpindi, major roads, According to the local administra- including Waris Khan, Committee tion, major connecting arteries between Chowk, Shamsabad, Rawal Road, Shaheen Chowk, Saddar, and Old

Sources said that all entry points with shipping containers, causing to Faizabad, Khanna Pul, Kuri Road,

for commuters trying to reach offices blocked with containers.

Flight delays were reported due to the closure of routes leading to Islamabad International Airport.

Meanwhile, the Rawalpindi administration has imposed a complete ban on the entry of heavy traffic, while the metro bus service remained suspended for the second consecutive day.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry visited Faizabad on Friday night.

Speaking on the occasion, the interior minister said that "no group will be allowed to march on Islamabad or any other city, and strict action will be taken against anyone taking the law into their own hands".



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