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PML-N Senator Irfan Siddiqui passes away in Islamabad

Senior leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and well-known columnist Senator Irfan Siddiqui passed away in Islamabad on Tuesday. Siddiqui had been unwell for the past two weeks and was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Islamabad due to breathing difficulties.



AJK CJ Raja Saeed Akram Khan's mother passes away

of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Ch ammad Saeed Khan breathed her last

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Meeting on cashless economy



Senate passes 27th constitutional amendment amid opposition walkout

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Monday approved the contentious 27th Constitutional Amendment, with one senator each from PTI and JUI-F voting in favour of the legislation.

opposition PTI, the lawmakers contentious legislative process.

over by Senate Chairman Syed bill. Yousaf Raza Gilani, a total of 64 votes were cast in favour of the amendment, while no votes were recorded against it.

The chairman announced that the amendment had received the Amid a noisy protest by the required two-thirds majority.

PTI Senators Saifullah Abro voted in favour of all 59 clauses, and Ahmed Khan voted in favour marking the culmination of a of the amendment, while their other party members staged a

During the session, presided walkout in protest against the

During the session, PTI lawmakers protested in front of the Senate chairman's dais. Senator Saifullah Abro,

however, remained seated and did not join the protest, instead supporting the motion to table the amendment.

JUI Senator Ahmed Khan also stood in favour of the bill. Earlier, Federal Law Minister

27th Constitutional Amendment bill in the upper house.

During the presentation, opposition members created a noisy protest, tearing copies of the bill.

Opposition senators gathered noisy protest before walking out of the Senate in protest.

During the clause-by-clause Ahmed Khan and PTI Senator

Azam Nazeer Tarar presented the Saifullah Abro cast their votes in favour of the amendment.

> In total, 64 votes were cast in favour of the amendment, while two votes were recorded against the first clause.

In the second round of near Tarar's seat and staged a counting, the amendment again received 64 votes in support

Following the approval, the Senate chairman extended voting process, JUI-F Senator congratulations on the passage of the amendment.

Government's cashless economy initiatives to ensure sustainable growth, says PM

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday emphasized that the ongoing initiatives to transform the country into a cashless economy will play a vital role in ensuring sustainable development.

Chairing a meeting to review progress on these initiatives, the prime minister directed the relevant authorities to intensify awareness campaigns in rural areas to eliminate the traditional cashbased economy and accelerate the shift towards a fully digital other relevant officers.

financial system.

"The entire world is moving towards a digital economy, and Pakistan must move forward alongside it," the prime minister said. The meeting was attended

by Federal Ministers Muhammad Aurangzeb, Ahad Khan Cheema, Attaullah Tarar, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Minister of State Bilal Azhar Kayani, Governor SBP Jameel Ahmed, Chairman National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) Lt. Gen Muhammad Munir, Chairman FBR Rashid Langrial and

Senate approves bill including Field Marshal Rank, establishing Constitutional Courts

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Senate the seniority of the Chief on Monday passed the 27th Justice of Pakistan and other Constitutional Amend- judges would remain intact ment Bill after adopting all 59 clauses of the legislation, with support from PTI and JUI-F senators.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar said that a clause had been added to Article 243 to adjust the five-star The field marshal rank has

been included in the constitution, and the five-star rank has become part of the constitution, he added. Dar said that the separa-

from other courts is also a significant development.

He noted that the establishment of constitutional courts had been part of the Charter of Democracy.

Dar added that the sepa-

court would ensure better redress for litigants, while He also highlighted that

several countries around the world have constitutional courts. Dar said that the consti-

tutional amendment aims to improve the judicial system.

On the issue of renaming the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Dar recalled that under the 18th Amendment, the name of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had been changed at the request of the ANP.

There have been demands that the province should be tion of constitutional courts named only "Pakhtunkhwa", he said, adding that additional consultations would take place on this matter.

He also noted that further consultations would be held regarding the amendment proposed by the MQM on ration of the constitutional the local government system.

PTI Senator Saifullah Abro resigns after backing 27th amendment



B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Saifullah Abro on Monday submitted his resignation from the Senate after voting in favour of the 27th constitutional amendment.

Addressing the house, Abro said, "I am resigning from my Senate membership today."

In response, Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani remarked that he could be made senator again if he wished.

Abro praised Pakistan Army's role in the India-Pakistan war, saying that the country's victory was a matter of pride for all Pakistanis. He added that US President Donald Trump had shown greater respect to Pakistan's Field Marshal than any other president or prime

Senator Abro praised the Pakistan Army and Field Marshal Asim Munir in his speech, stating that the victory in the India-Pakistan war was a matter of

national pride. Abro said, "I voted for the amendment because of the Field Marshal and the Pakistan Armed Forces. I came to vote because of General Asim Munir."

ANP to attend PTI govt's peace jirga on November 12



跨 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Awami National Party (ANP) on Monday announced that it will participate in the peace jirga convened by the PTI-led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on November 12.

ANP's provincial president Mian Iftikhar Hussain said that the ANP has always supported peace, democracy, and the supremacy of the Constitution.

He added that the party is ready to play a constructive role on every forum to ensure lasting peace in the

Speaking on the occasion, Mian Iftikhar Hussain said that a delegation led by him will attend the peace jirga and that the ANP will participate with a principled stance. He emphasised that all stakeholders must play a serious and responsible role to establish sustainable peace in the province.

Court issues arrest warrants for AJK ex-PM Sardar Tanveer Ilyas



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A district and sessions court in Islamabad on Monday issued arrest warrants for former Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) prime minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan in diplomatic passport

Judicial Magistrate Ahmad Shehzad Gondal heard the case, during which an exemption from attendance plea was filed by Sardar Tanveer Ilyas which the court

Later, the court directed to arrest Sardar Tanveer Ilyas and produce him before the court. The hearing was adjourned till November 24, 2025.

According to the case details, Tanveer Ilyas is accused of using his diplomatic passport to travel to Saudi Arabia after leaving office.

He was previously arrested on May 20 in a separate case involving a family property dispute, where he faced allegations of attempting to seize the property, involvement in a shooting incident, and efforts to take control of a mall's central office and key documents.

Security forces kill 20 Indian-sponsored militants in Khyber **Pakhtunkhwa**

跨 City Desk

Security ISLAMABAD: forces eliminated 20 militants belonging to the Indian-backed terrorist group Fitna Al Khwarij in two sepa-8-9, the military announced on

Monday. Following reports of the presence of Khwarij, security forces

conducted an intelligence-based operation in the Shawal area ment said.

of North Waziristan District. During the operation, eight militants were killed after a coordinated engagement by troops, the Inter Services Public Relations said in a state-

Another intelligence-based operation was conducted in

after an intense fire exchange, 12 more Khwarii were neutral-Security forces

Dara Adam Khel District, and

conducting further clearance operations to locate any rate operations in Khyber remaining Indian-sponsored Pakhtunkhwa on November militants in the area, the state-



The military said that the actions are part of the ongoing Counter-Terrorism campaign 'Azm-e-Istehkam', approved by the Federal Apex Committee on the National Action Plan, aimed at eliminating foreignbacked terrorism from Paki-

AJK PM Offers condolences to Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan and Sardar Ilyas Khan

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, visited the residence of former President and Prime Minister AJK, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan, to offer condolences on the demise of his

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Senior Minister Waqar Ahmed Noor, government ministers Nisar Ansar Abdali and Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq, as well as Secretary Assembly Chaudhry Basharat Hussain. While expressing his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, Prime Minister Haq prayed to Allah Almighty to elevate the ranks of the deceased and grant patience and strength to the family during this difficult time.

Later Prime Minister Azad Jammu



Haq visited the residence of former by Senior Minister Waqar Ahmed AJK premier Sardar Ilyas Khan, to

and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul minister Haq was accompanied felt condolences to the bereaved Noor, government ministers Nisar offer his condolences to him on the Ansar Abdali Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq departed soul in eternal peace and death of his son-in-law Dr. Naveed. and Sardar Zia Al-Qamar were also grant patience to the bereaved to bear On this occasion, the prime present. While extending his heart- this irreparable loss.

family, the Prime Minister prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the

Alternative arrangement

FAISALABAD: An elder man tie up the bunch of dry woods to use as fuel in kitchen at Peoples Colony due to the load



PML-N finalizing candidates, declares competition solely against PPP

KOTLI: PML-N Central President Shah Ghulam Qadir has said that PML-N lions should prepare for elections. In case we are not fighting elections with PPP, we are competing with PPP, President State Barrister Group and PPP, we don't know anything about the deal.

Remove Anwar-ul-Haq from power, launch no-confidence movewe are only voting against Anwar-Anyway, not disappointed Kronga, my



ment This is not our job of PPP, budget of 30 billion it is a matter of joy for us, Chief Election Commisul-Haq, Raja Farooq Haider Khan sioner, Chairman of Correctional is my greatest friend, don't be afraid Officer, Accountability Central President Shah Ghulam Qadir expressed capital is PML-N, lion, if the govern- these views on structural merit while

Ms. Shaheen Nawaz Malik.

Speaking on this occasion, Senior Minister Malik Nawaz, Sardar Naeem, Sardar Naseem Sarfrazmalk Zulfigar, Sardar Umair Naeem,

ment of Pakistan gives development addressing PML-N Women's Sector Sardar Zaid, Raja Idris, Nasir Kamal, District President, District Counselor Media Coordinator, Ms. Hazibar Shur-Zor-Sardar-Sardar Fiqar Legi leaders present said that PML-N is finalizing the candidates by asking the candidates to fight elections next

No Amendment is acceptable without Saraiki Province. Zahoor Dharija

👺 Kiran Asim

No Amendment is Acceptable Without the Saraiki Province clause. The government and allied parties are betraying the people by not including the Saraiki province in the 27th constitutional amend-

These views were expressed by Zahoor Dhareja, Chairman of the Saraikistan National Council, while talking to a youth delegation. He said that the Saraiki province bill has been passed by the Senate

The PPP had given the excuse that the (N) League is not supporting us. Now that the (N) League and the PPP are allies of each other, why don't they come together and fulfill the promise of the Saraiki province?

Zahoor Dhareja said that there is a need for constitutional amendments, not constitution-making. The constitution must give equal rights to minorities



and women

Zahoor Dhareja said that the nation should not be fooled. Referring to opposition leader Mahmood Khan Achakzai on constitutional amendments, he said that the opposition should invite the Seraiki parties to participate in the protest movement. Apart from the government, the opposition parties have always cheated the Seraiki nation. He said that Mahmood Khan

Achakzai has made Raja Nasir Abbas and Mustafa Nawaz sit together in the press conference, what is their status compared to the nations? Zahoor Dhareja said that Pakistan is a country of nations, Saraiki is the largest nationality and at present the biggest problem of the country is the establishment of a Saraiki province.

If both the government and the opposition together ignore the Saraiki

national issue, then we will protest against both of them.

He said that after the occupation of Ranjit Singh, eight generations of the youth of the Saraiki community have been destroyed, now we will not remain silent anymore and will take the province of Saraikistan at all costs to secure the future of our future generation. Sabtain Ajmal, Haji Eid Ahmed, Arshad Malik and others were present on this occasion.

Mushtaq Butt addresses the Shura of Students Wing of Tehreek-e-Shabab-ul-Muslimeen



Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Secretary of Information of All Parties Hurriyat Conference Mushtaq Ahmed Butt specially attended the Shura meeting of Students Wing of Tehreek-e-Shabab-ul-Muslimeen and delivered a very important and sensitive address to the young workers

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the office bearers and workers of the Students Wing for the protest demonstrations of All Parties Hurriyat Conference on October 27 and for organizing a successful, organized and effective program in Muzaffarabad under the banner of Hurriyat Conference on the occasion of Jammu Martyrs' Day on November 6.

Mushtaq Ahmed Butt told the youth that This is the time for awakening, there is no room for indifference and silence. He said that Today, the planned changes being brought about by India in Kashmir remind us of the history of Andalusia (Granada), where silence and chaos wiped out a civilization from the face of the earth.

Finally, he reiterated the resolve that the Hurriyat Conference stands with the youth step by step, and will continue to support every effort that is made to protect the identity, freedom and dignity of Kashmir.

During the meeting, the office bearers of the Students Wing assured Mushtaq Ahmed Butt that we will play the role of every vanguard for the freedom of Kashmir, God willing.

Zohran Mamdani faces criticism for citing Nehru in Speech

跨 Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: New York City's Mayor-elect Zohran K. Mamdani has come under sharp criticism after citing India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a recent address. Critics argue that Mamdani's remarks portrayed Nehru as a symbol of democracy while overlooking controversial aspects of his political legacy.

Commenting on the controversy, Farooq Siddiqi, President of the Kashmir Global Council (KGC) and a prominent leader, said that invoking Nehru as a symbol of democracy is an affront to justice and to the memory of those who still wait for freedom.

The debate has also revived discussion of Nehru's telegram dated October 31, 1947, in which he reportedly stated: "We shall withdraw our troops from Kashmir as soon as peace and order is restored and leave the decision to the people of the State."

Mamdani, known for his outspoken views on human rights and global justice, has not yet commented on the controversy.

 $Political\ analysts\ say\ the\ episode\ underscores\ how\ the\ issue\ of\ Kashmir$ remains one of the most sensitive and enduring topics in international political discourse.

Sardar Attique expresses condolences to Chief Justice AJK for his mothers death

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARARAD: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has paid tribute to Chief Justice Azad Jammu and Kashmir Supreme Court Raja Saeed Akram Khan mothers death-In his condolence message, Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan prayed for forgiveness, high rank for departed soul and expressed pray of patience for the deceased family.



Rift deepens in Makhdoom Family as Makhdoom Saeed-ul-Zaman forms New organization "Sarwari Surhaan

B Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The internal conflict over leadership of the Sarwari Jamaat has taken a new turn. After Makhdoom Jameel-ul-Zaman $dissolved \ the party structure \ and \ expelled \ Makhdoom \ Saeed-ul-Zaman$ from the Jamaat, Makhdoom Saeed has now established a new organization under the name "Sarwari Surhaan."

 $Makhdoom\,Saeed\hbox{-}ul\hbox{-}Zaman\,has\,assumed\,the\,leadership\,of\,the\,newly$ formed group. Key office bearers have also been appointed, including Makhdoom Haseeb as Senior Vice Chairman, Hissam-u-Din as Vice Chairman, Pir Bashir Siddiqui as Secretary General, and Anwar Memon as Additional Secretary, among others.

Despite Makhdoom Saeed's removal from the Sarwari Jamaat, tensions and differences within the Makhdoom family have continued. $Following the \, creation \, of the \, new \, organization, several \, opposition \, leaders \,$ and those previously disgruntled with Makhdoom Jameel-ul-Zaman have started reaching out to Makhdoom Saeed-ul-Zaman. The move is being seen as the beginning of a new political alignment in the matyari.

Five banned religious party workers remanded for 17 days in police attack case

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Monday granted a 17-day physical remand of five workers of banned religious party in a case related to attacking police officials and rioting.

The court, presided over by Administrative Judge Manzer Ali Gill, handed the accused to police custody and directed that they be produced again on November 27. Shahdara Police presented the suspects in court. Those placed on physical remand include Muhammad Bilal, Muhammad Tahir, Muhammad Qasim, and Muhammad Khalil.

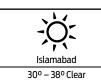
Meanwhile, the court sent five other suspects — Hafiz Nadeem, Muhammad Rizwan, Muhammad Zahid, Muhammad Sharif, and Muhammad Mahfooz — to jail for identification parade. The suspects for identification were brought to court with their faces covered.

The investigating officer informed the court that the accused were involved in attacks on police personnel, arson, and rioting, adding that sticks and clubs were recovered from their possession.

The case has been registered at Shahdara Police Station under charges

of attempted murder and terrorism.





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IBA Karachi hosted public lecture by Dr. Waleed Ziad On His Book



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: IBA hosted an insightful public lecture by Dr. Waleed Ziad, Associate Professor of History, Georgetown University (Qatar). The session, held at the City Campus and organized by the School of Economics and Social ciences (SESS) centered on Dr. Ziad's acclaimed book, "Hidden Caliphate: Sufi Saints Beyond the Oxus and Indus."

In his talk, Dr. Ziad explored the Naqshbandi-Mujaddidi Sufi networks that connected Central and South Asia between the 18th and early 20th centuries. He revealed how these Sufi scholars exercised their sacro-political authority to shape religious thought and community life, while also engendering a cultural resilience that transcended regional boundaries

Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA Karachi, also attended the session and commended the School of Economics and Social Sciences for organizing intellectually stimulating dialogues that promote interdisciplinary learning. The lecture was moderated by Dr. Ali Gibran Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, SESS, who facilitated an engaging discussion between the speaker and the audience.

Grand launch ceremony of 'Study of the Constitution of Pakistan' organized by **Global Writers Association**

Aziz-ur-Rehman Muiahid

ISLAMABAD: A grand reception ceremony was held under the auspices of the Global Writers Association in honor of the three-volume scholarly work "Study of the Constitution of Pakistan" authored by Dr. Hafiz Ikram-ul-Haq Yaseen, Secretary of the Council of Islamic Ideology and renowned researcher. The event was attended by a large number of distinguished personalities from academic, literary, social and journalistic circles.

The ceremony was presided over by eminent scholar and Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Punjab, Dr. Tariq Saleem. Among the notable participants and speakers were senior journalist and analyst Dr. Farooq Adil (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Central Information Secretary of Pakistan Muslim League Ghulam Mustafa Malik, former Member of Provincial Assembly Chaudhry Aamir Usman Adil, PTV Producer Sahibzada Qazi Imdadullah, former Head of the Department of Arabic & Islamic Studies at Islamia University Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Editor of Daily Spokesman

Naveed Ahmed Khan, and renowned researcher Maulana Aziz-ur-Rehman, along with other distinguished guests.

Speakers highlighted that Dr. Hafiz Ikram-ul-Haq Yaseen's work provides a comprehensive and authentic scholarly study of Pakistan's Constitution, its ideological foundations, historical development, and phases of practical implementation. They emphasized that the book serves not only students and researchers but also policymakers and legal experts as a reliable reference.

The event arrangements and hospitality were excellently managed by Azizur-Rehman Mujahid, Chief Editor of Pasban News, while the host of the evening was Chaudhry Muhammad Nawaz Gulyana, President of the Global Writers Association. The ceremony concluded with a formal dinner in honor of the distinguished guests at a local restaurant.

Participants termed this scholarly contribution an important milestone in advancing constitutional awareness and intellectual discourse in Pakistan.

Photo by Sultan Bashir



Queen of voice

ISLAMABAD: Famous Pakistani pop singer Humaira Arshad is singing live during the Musical night at Lok Mela in Lok Versa of on the eve of 9th November in Federal Capital



Investment in human capital is indispensable for Pakistan's progress: Experts

KARACHI: Experts have emphasized that investing in education, encompassing professional development and character building, is essential for creating a prosperous nation and ensuring Pakistan's sustainable progress.

Speaking as the chief guest at the "CEOs Session: Lead with Vision"held recently in Karachi, renowned business tycoon Arif Habib highlighted that investment in education must be significantly increased by the government, NGOs, and the private sector across the country to achieve lasting economic growth and national prosperity.



Character Education Foun- of skilled professionals, which dation and CEO of Hexa- is slowing their growth and lyze, pointed out that Paki- productivity relative to their stan's IT and e-commerce vast potential.

Saad Shah, Director of the sectors are facing a shortage

He added that the available human capital often lacks professionalism, work ethic, and dedication, factors that directly affect organizational performance and growth. Shah emphasized that Gen Z and Gen Alpha must be taught moral and ethical values both in educational institutions and workplaces, as their professional conduct, especially in dealings with international clients, significantly shapes Pakistan's global reputation.

Mahmood Chairman of the Character Education Foundation (CEF), called for a balanced education system that integrates skill development with ethical and moral instruction.

Prem Union Honors retiring Faisalabad Railway Police SHO Rana Abdul Jabbar



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A delegation led by Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, Chief Organizer of Prem Union, attended the farewell ceremony of Rana Abdul Jabbar SHO Railway Police Faisalabad on the occasion of his retirement. The delegation included Zonal President Zaheeruddin Babar, Kazim Farooq Gul, Nooruddin Bau Tahir and Muhammad Imtiaz. Rana Abdul Jabbar was also presented a commemorative shield by the Prem Union for his valuable services. Addressing the ceremony, Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry said that Rana Abdul Jabbar used to meet railway employees and his subordinate staff with great kindness and compassion during his service. He used to adopt a friendly attitude towards his subordinate staff. Railway employees will remember him in good words in the future as well. Addressing the ceremony, Rana Abdul Jabbar thanked IG Railway Police Rai Muhammad Tahir and SSP Railway Police Lahore Division Sana-ur-Rehman and said that by performing his duty under the patronage and guidance of these honest and highly professional officers, I played a role for the honor and betterment of the department. The ceremony was attended by Mian Faqir Hussain, Sarfaraz Baloch, Abbas Pannu, Ali Hussain, newly appointed SHO Faisalabad, Muhammad Sarwar Butt, retired police officer, Rana Adnan, Murad Ali, Mian Khawar and Aamir Subhani, along with retired officers, employees, city elders and political and social figures.

ACCA release new research report

News Desk

LAHORE: As this month's COP 30 conference in Brazil begins, new research from ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) has revealed that insights on how business operations impact stakeholders are essential for organisations to be resilient and thrive.



Sharon Machado, head of sustainable business at ACCA said: 'Organisation leaders must look ahead to understand and act upon the risks most threatening their

organisation's resilience and the ability to create sustainable value.' The research findings emphasise addressing what matters most to the stakeholders who provide resources - when those stakeholders or their resources are affected, there are often direct financial consequences.

AIMS Foundation Chairman Meets Ayesha Bashir Cleft Hospital Leadership; Discussion Held on Nationwide Awareness Campaign

跨 Aziz-ur-Rehman Mujahid

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of AIMS Foundation Islamabad, Almas Ayub Sabir, held an important meeting with Dr. Ijaz Bashir, renowned social work-Bashir Cleft Hospital Gujrat, along with the hospital's coordinator Aziz-ur-Rehrehabilitation procedures, future development plans, and the expansion of awareness campaigns across the coun-

Bashir stated that Ayesha Bashir Cleft counselors, ensuring complete post-sur-Hospital is Pakistan's first and only fully dedicated hospital providing completely free surgeries and treatment to children born with cleft lip and cleft palate. He shared that the hospital has successer, surgeon, and Chairman of Ayesha fully performed surgeries on more than 28,000 children from across Pakistan.

"Restoring smiles and confidence to man Mujahid. The meeting focused on these children is our mission. No child the hospital's ongoing services, patient should suffer for life solely due to financial constraints," he said.

He further explained that the hospital has a full-time multidisciplinary team including expert surgeons, dentists, Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ijaz speech therapists, nutritionists, and

gery rehabilitation and continuous

support for patients and their families. AIMS Foundation Chairman Almas Ayub Sabir praised the humanitarian services of the hospital, calling it "a

remarkable and exemplary institution." "It is truly encouraging to see such well-organized and impactful healthcare services in a non-metropolitan city like Gujrat," he said.

He added that AIMS Foundation is already working on healthcare, rehabilitation, and social welfare initiatives in various cities and will actively support the nationwide awareness campaign



for the treatment of cleft lip and palate. this mission reaches every region — "AIMS Foundation will ensure that from Kashmir to Karachi and Gwadar

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Fifth Hajj Conference & Exhibition opens in Jeddah under Royal patronage

nder the patronage of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the fifth edition of the Hajj Conference and Exhibition opened in Jeddah under the theme "From Makkah to the World".

The conference held in cooperation between the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah and the Pilgrim Experience Program, one of the initiatives of Saudi Vision 2030, according to Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

The event featured the inauguration of the first edition of the History of Hajj and the Two Holy Mosques Forum, organized by the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives (Darah). The inauguration was attended by ministers, senior officials, representatives of Islamic countries, and heads of Hajj affairs offices.

The ceremony commenced with a speech by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, delivered on his behalf by Deputy Governor of the Makkah Region Prince Saud bin Mishaal bin Abdulaziz, in which he affirmed the Kingdom's steadfast commitment to continuing the blessed efforts initiated by King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud in serving the two holy mosques and caring for their

He emphasized that Saudi Arabia's dedication to continuously developing and improving the services offered to pilgrims and visitors, enabling them to perform their Manasik with ease and comfort.

Minister of Hajj and Umrah Tawfig Al-Rabiah stated that the conference reflects the wise leadership's support and the Kingdom's ongoing efforts to advance the Hajj services sector in line with Vision 2030, ensuring a smooth, spiritual, and enriching experience for worshippers.

He also revealed that basic contracts for over 60% of pilgrims have already been finalized, while preparations for 50% of the holy sites are complete and are expected to be fully ready by the 1st of Dhu al-Qi'dah. He added that the Nusuk app now has more than 40 million users worldwide.

Following the speeches, several agreements and memoranda of understanding were signed among participating entities to enhance cooperation in technology, operations, and service quality for pilgrims.

The conference and exhibition will run until November 12, featuring over 143 dialogue sessions and workshops with the participation of leading experts and speakers from more than 150 countries.

New York City: First Muslim Mayor in 400 Years of History

Amir Mohammad Kalwar

predicted on these very pages that Zohran Mamdani was poised to winand now it has happened. Mamdani has been elected as the 111th Mayor of New York City, becoming the first Muslim mayor in the city's 400-year history and the second-youngest mayor ever to hold

At 34, Mamdani follows in the footsteps of Hugh J. Grant, who became the youngest mayor in 1889 at the age of 31. This distinction places Mamdani among the youngest political leaders in New York's long and storied political tradition.

The first mayor of New York, Thomas Willett, was appointed in 1664 when mayors were chosen by the governor rather than the people. It was not until 1834 that New York City held its first public mayoral election, resulting in the election of Cornelius Lawrence as the city's first popularly elected mayor.

Zohran Mamdani's journey is extraordinary. Born in Kampala and raised in Cape Town, he moved to New York at the age of seven. Today, that same child has become a symbol of possibility—a South Asian, Democratic Party candidate whose message transcends race, religion, and nationality.

Observers note that Mamdani's popularity stems not from his faith but from his progressive and socialist ideals. During his campaign, he often visited

earlier synagogues to assure Jewish congre- Mamdani declared: gations of his solidarity, despite being targeted online by right-wing groups labeling him as an "antisemitic terrorist."

> Analysts believe that as New York's challenge he says he has encountered his progressive voters.

entire life. "I have faced hatred all my life," he said, "and I am always prepared for it." Just last month,

Mamdani received a standing ovation at Kolot Chayeinu, a progressive Jewish congregation Brooklyn, during Rosh

unite people of different backgrounds has been a hallmark of his campaign and leadership style. Political experts view Mamdani's

victory as a symbolic and inspiring moment for Muslims across America and beyond. It sends a powerful message: with conviction and leadership, neither faith nor background need be barriers to success.

While opponents sought to politicize his religion, Mamdani responded firmly embracing his Muslim identity while condemning such attacks as baseless and racially motivated.

Addressing a Muslim gathering outside a Brooklyn mosque last Friday,

"Every Muslim dreams only of being treated like every other New Yorker."

He has also faced political backlash for calling Israel's attacks on Gaza "genocide," first Muslim mayor, Mamdani will face a stance that drew criticism from conservheightened levels of Islamophobia, a ative groups but resonated deeply among

> His campaign focused on housing justice, transportation reform, and social equity issues that struck a chord with working-class and diverse communities across the

> > Analysts Mamdani's victory

Hashanah celebrations. His ability to marks the rise of a new left-wing movement in American politics, challenging entrenched capitalist structures and corporate influence.

> Mamdani's campaign enjoyed support from major Democratic figures, including Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who both endorsed him as a symbol of party unity ahead of the November 4 election.

> Jeffries praised Mamdani for his commitment to tackling the rising cost of living and for pledging to be "a mayor for all New Yorkers." Schumer called his campaign "a powerful reflection of the people's struggle for justice, opportunity, and affordability," condemning conserva-

tive calls to revoke Mamdani's citizenship.

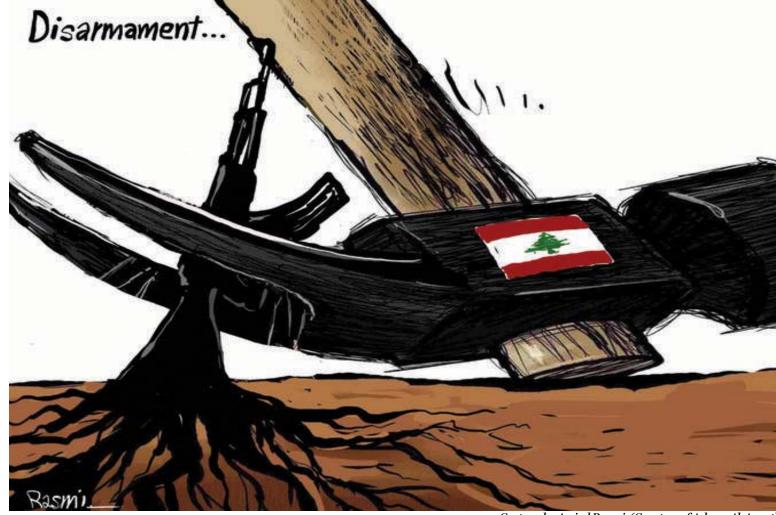
Even Donald Trump, speaking on CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday, weighed is saying that if forced to choose between Mamdani, a Democratic Socialist. and Andrew Cuomo, an independent Democrat, he would support Cuomo.

Mamdani married in December 2024 after meeting his partner through a dating app a detail that resonated with the modern, multicultural fabric of New York life. His South Asian background has galvanized voters from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal, uniting diverse diaspora communities.

Since 2019, early voting in New York City has steadily increased; nearly 35 percent of votes were cast early during the June primaries. This year's early voting ran until November 2, with the winning candidate scheduled to take office in January.

For the first time in New York's four centuries of history, the city will be led by someone who understands the pulse of Muslim life its mosques, Ramadan traditions, halal food culture, and social concerns.

This representation promises to bring policy-level engagement with issues affecting Muslim communities, marking a new era of inclusivity and political participation in America's most diverse city. Mamdani's triumph is not just a victory for New York, it is a message of hope for Muslims and minorities across



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmi. (Courtesy of Asharq Al-Awsat)

The Return of People's Politics in New York

in New York have unveiled a only reshaped the city's internal dynamics but also reverberated across the broader socio-political fabric of the United States. The victory of Zohran Mamdani vidual; it marks the triumph of an ideology, tional ideals of diversity and tolerance.

the emergence of a new social trajectory, and the commencement of an unprecedented political epoch. This triumph has induced a tremor in the equilibrium of American civic politics one whose resonance is now being heard globally.

These elections transpired at a time when New York, one of the world's foremost metropolises, was mired in economic

inflation, a worsening housing crisis, the deterioration of public transport, and an ever-widening class divide. The ordinary voter's faith in conventional political rhetoric had dissipated. It was within this disillusioned atmosphere that Mamdani's campaign articulated a resonant slogan "A City for the People." His message embodied the tangible concerns of everyday life: free childcare, improved public bus services, and the freezing of rent hikes all pragmatic promises that rekindled a sense of inclusion among the populace. It was this sentiment that traveled from the streets to the ballot box, culminating in a historic and emblem-

Mamdani's win is being construed as a symbolic triumph within the ongoing ideological rift of the Democratic Party between its progressive, moderate, and conservative factions.

Equally striking in this election was the prominence of religious and ethnic under-

cisms and xenophobic insinuations targeting political landscape that has not Mamdani's immigrant identity, transforming what should have been a policy-driven contest into an emotionally charged and racially polarized spectacle. Consequently, the election evolved from a mere municipal competition a candidate of Muslim and immigrant heritage into a broader social dialogue a litmus test of signifies far more than the success of an indi- whether America still adheres to its founda-

Security concerns and administrative disruptions further distinguished this electoral cycle. Bomb threats and procedural impediments in certain districts of New Jersey and New York raised critical questions regarding how even advanced democracies can ensure elections Dr. Muhammad Tayyab that are secure, transparent,

and uncontested. Yet the reassuring reality was that public confidence endured voters chose participation over fear and therein lies the true essence of democracy.

Khan Singhanvi

Mamdani's personal story enriches this political narrative with a distinctive intellectual allure. His father, the eminent scholar Mahmood Mamdani, is regarded as a seminal figure in Afro-American critical discourse. while his mother, Mira Nair, is an internationally acclaimed filmmaker. This dual inheritance of intellect and art has endowed Zohran Mamdani's politics with a cosmopolitan perspective one in which governance transcends the pursuit of power and becomes an instrument of social reform. It is precisely this worldview that has amplified his appeal among New York's multicultural populace.

However, the true challenge begins after victory the implementation of promises. Enacting a progressive agenda in a financial hub such as New York is no facile endeavor. The constraints of municipal budgets, the complexcurrents. Former President Donald Trump ities of federal funding, and the influence of

he recent municipal elections—and his supporters unleashed scathing criti- private capital are structural realities that can circumscribe any reformist initiative. Mamdani must therefore exhibit not only policy acumen but also the diplomatic dexterity to forge alliances across institutions, civic organizations, and legislative bodies.

> His success also conveys a profound global message: diversity, diligence, and principled politics remain very much alive. Individuals of immigrant descent can ascend to the highest echelons of political authority provided they earn the trust of the people. Mamdani's victory is testimony to the enduring potency of equality, welfare, and justice in the face of hatred and prejudice.

This election, moreover, delineates the evolving nature of urban political consciousness in America. The urban electorate no longer votes merely along partisan lines or out of inherited loyalty; rather, it votes with reference to the issues that define daily life rent, transport, education, and livelihood. This phenomenon is not confined to New York: it reflects an emergent global trend observable in cities such as London, Paris, Berlin and even Karachi.

In conclusion, New York's new political tableau holds a universal lesson for modern democracies: the path to political legitimacy does not run through power or wealth, but through the genuine understanding of public suffering. Zohran Mamdani's triumph is, in essence, the victory of civic consciousness a consciousness that has awakened to the realization that equitable societies, equal opportunity, and transparent governance are the only sustainable routes to progress.

Should Mamdani remain steadfast in his commitments and translate his intellectual vision into practical governance, New York could well evolve into a model city a metropolis where politics is synonymous with service, and service becomes the true definition of humanity.

This victory, therefore, belongs not only to New York, but to a broader global resurgence that proclaims with conviction: people's politics has returned.

Allama Iqbal's Military Thought and the Contemporary Era

in their hearts a spirit of self-reliance, faith, freedom, and action. His poetry is not just a collection of words, but a theory of life that takes man out of stagnation and gives him movement, sacrifice, and a spirit of struggle. The military spirit holds a special place in Iqbal's thought. This militancy is not a call for war or aggres- He says:

sion, but a message of awakening faith, restraint, courage, religious zeal, and the spirit of jihad. Iqbal did not keep the Muslim community only in the world of thought and philosophy, but showed them the practical path of action, discipline, and defense of truth. His military thoughts are actually connected to the concept of

jihad in Islam, which encourages man to rise up against oppression, slavery, and coercion. According to Iqbal, jihad is not just the name of taking up the sword, but an intellectual, spiritual, and moral struggle against falsehood. In their view, the life of a Muslim is one of continuous struggle and action. "In the battle of life, the swords of men are these the unsheathed blades of faith and conviction."

It is a manifestation of Iqbal's deep insight that he knew that the power of the West is without soul, and therefore is not lasting. In contrast, Muslim militancy is based on spiritual and moral principles. Its goal is the survival of humanity and the establishment of justice, not the occupation of lands or the demonstration of power.

In the present era, when the Muslim community is suffering from oppression and oppression in Palestine, Kashmir, and other regions, Iqbal's military thoughts remind us that liberation from the exaltation of humanity in the world.

llama Muhammad Iqbal is a slavery is possible only when we develop religious thinker, poet, and philosopher of zeal and practical strength within ourselves. the subcontinent who awakened Protests, slogans, or speeches alone are not the Muslims of India from the enough, but in Iqbal's words, "action, love, and slumber of neglect and created belief" are the three pillars on which the military power of the nation is built.

> Education and training also have a central position in Iqbal's military thoughts. He wanted Muslim youth to not study their education just for worldly gain but to use it as a weapon of intellectual jihad and reformation of the Ummah.



"Study the lessons of truthfulness, justice, and courage, and you will be given the task of leading the world."

This poem is not just poetry but a manifesto of Iqbal's military philosophy to prepare a generation through education and ethics that would establish leadership and justice in the world.

The essence of Iqbal's thought is that the Muslim nation cannot become powerful unless the spirit of faith, unity, discipline, and continuous struggle is awakened within it. He said that power, if devoid of ethics and faith, brings destruction; and faith, if devoid of action, creates weakness. Therefore, Iqbal's message for the contemporary Muslim is to revive his spiritual militancy, recognize his own identity, and awaken his national pride.

Iqbal's military ideas are not tied to a specific era or war ideology, but are a universal and eternal philosophy of life. These ideas invite us to rise up against oppression, put our faith into practice, unite our ranks, and present to the world the peaceful yet strong military spirit of Islam. If today's Muslims follow this teaching of Iqbal, they can not only regain their lost honor but also raise the banner of peace, justice, and

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S Lok Mela

Day 4 Showcases Pakistan's Diversity with Lok Virsa Cultural Fusion Night



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Lok Virsa's Lok Mela 2025 continued its successful run on Day 4, attracting an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 visitors. Families, students, artisans.

tourists, and cultural enthusiasts attended throughout the day, contributing to a vibrant festival

A key highlight of the day was the visit of US Ambassador to Executive Director Lok Virsa, Pakistan, Ms. Natalia A. Baker, Dr. Muhammad Waqas Saleem,

who toured various artisan stalls and met with folk craftsmen and performers. She appreciated the diversity of Pakistani craftsmanship and cultural expression.



accompanied the Ambassador and briefed her on the cultural exhibits, artisan traditions, and the significance of Lok Mela as Pakistan's largest folk festival.

The day concluded with the Lok Virsa Cultural Fusion Night at the Open Air Theatre. Folk artists from Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir presented a collaborative programme featuring regional rhythms, instruments, and dance traditions. The fusion perfor-

mance received strong applause and reflected national harmony and cultural unity.

Visitors engaged with artisan stalls, regional food courts, cultural pavilions, live craft demonstrations, storytelling sessions, folk theatre, and children's activities. Media personnel, influencers, and cultural bloggers maintained consistent coverage throughout the day. Lok Mela continues until 16 November 2025, open daily from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

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Trade and Investment Opportunities

RCCI Organizes Business Opportunities Conference in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

跨 Spokesman Report

TASHKENT: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) organized the Business Opportunities Conference (BOC) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, aimed at fostering international business linkages, enhancing connectivity, promoting investment, and exploring new avenues of trade between Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

On the sidelines of the conference, several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between leading Pakistani and Uzbek companies, including: BIO LABS (Pvt) Ltd and Ogʻalar Biznes Pharm, Pak World Trade & Expo Centre and BMCA, Caraway Pharmaceuticals and Perfect Future Medicine, Neutrics Global (Pvt) Ltd and ANT Group, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Sky Electric, RCCI and Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Ambassador Ahmad Farooq while addressing the participants lauded RCCI's efforts in choosing Uzbekistan for this year's BOC and Awards Ceremony. He emphasized the importance of strengthening economic ties, promoting trade and investment, and building sustainable partnerships between the two countries.

The Ambassador highlighted Pakistan's strategic location as a trade corridor for Central Asian nations. noting that both countries are million — far below what's possible. working toward enhancing bilateral trade to USD 2 billion in the coming years through a multidimensional approach. He also recalled Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Uzbekistan, which included significant discussions with the Uzbek President on trade, connectivity, and peopleto-people relations.

In his welcome address, RCCI strong potential for joint ventures,



President noted that Uzbekistan's dynamic economy—growing steadily above 5%—combined with Pakistan's vibrant market of 240 million peoplepresents immense opportunities for collaboration. "Currently, our bilateral trade stands at around USD 113 By expanding cooperation, improving logistics, and diversifying trade, we can

easily multiply this figure," he stated. Promising areas for future collaboration include: Textiles & Apparel: Combining Pakistan's expertise with Uzbekistan's rich cotton resources, Pharmaceuticals: With exports already exceeding USD 29 million, there's Agriculture & Food Processing: Opportunities to modernize and add value through collaboration, Information Technology: Harnessing Pakistan's growing IT industry and Uzbekistan's digital transformation, Tourism: Promoting cultural and heritage tourism to strengthen people-to-people

Alisher Shavkhov, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, invited Pakistani businessmen to explore lucrative and business-friendly opportunities in Uzbekistan for joint ventures and investments across various sectors. Sohail Altaf and Event Chairman Shah-

raiz A. Malik highlighted the scope for investment, joint ventures, and chamber-to-chamber networking.

Among the attendees were Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Vice President Fahad Barlas, former RCCI presidents, SCCI President Junaid Altaf, members of the Executive Committee, and distinguished business leaders from both countries. With over 200 delegates from diverse industries, the conference served as a dynamic platform for networking, business collaboration, and international recognition, paving the way for enhanced bilateral trade and invest-Speakers including Group Leader ment between Pakistan and Uzbek-

Local Talent Shines at District Chess Championship in Kharian



KHARIAN: District Chess Championship: Hazaa Tariq, Amir Hamza and Rukhsana Rafique won the champion title. According to the details, yesterday, a mile-by-mile and junior chess championship was organized by the Gujarat District Chess Association at a local restaurant in Kharian. The special guests of the ceremony were Secretary General Chess Association of Punjab Raja Gauhar Iqbal and Arshad Ali Bega. While MPA candidates Akhlaq Ranian, Muhammad Naseer Advocate, Farkhan Gujjar and Shahroz Ali Supra specially attended and awarded Tehsil Champion Kharian Asif Khan Achi, Tehsil Champion Guia rat Muhammad Shaukat, Tehsil Champion Jaipur Muhammad Anil and Tehsil Champion Sarai Alamgir Suleman Tasleem. Amir Hamza won the title of Champion District Gujarat in the junior championship, Rukhsana Rafique in the women's championship and Hazaa Tariq in the open category. Secretary Punjab (CAP) Raja Gauhar Iqbal and Arshad Ali Bega, while addressing, paid rich tribute to the eternal services of President Gujar

Farkh Shaheen falcon sold on the 23rd night of Saudi Falcons Club Auction 2025

RIYADH: The 23rd night of the Saudi Falcons Club Auction 2025 was held on Sunday evening at the club's headquarters in Malham, north of Riyadh, coinciding with the Kingdom's annual auction season, running from October 1 to November 30.

The evening saw the sale of a Farkh Shaheen falcon, with bidding beginning at SAR40,000 before the falcon was sold for SAR80,000.

The club provides falconers with a range of services, including transportation, accommodation, and sale documentation, while broadcasting the auction on television channels and social media platforms, supporting this traditional hobby and fostering its economic and social development.

Colors of the World Culture Festival 2025 continue to shine at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The 11th day of the World Culture Festival 2025 was marked by a vibrant array of events, including a discussion session titled "Global Harmony Art as a Universal Language," the Latin American Shorts Showcase featuring seven films, an interactive music workshop by internationally acclaimed Canadian D.J. Mixwell, and a captivating theatrical performance "Eurythmy" by the West Midlands Stage Group. The day began with the thought-provoking session "Global Harmony Art as a Universal Language," attended by international artists including Eva Klesse (Germany), Mixwell (Guatemala/ Canada), Karen Houge (Norway), and Liboi (Kenya). The session was moderated by Kaif Ghaznavi. Speaking at the session, DJ we feel deeply. Every culture has

nature and our surroundings, whether it's the sounds of the forest, water, or city noise, all can become part of music." He added that every rhythm we play or hear is connected to the earth, with each beat serving a distinct purpose. Liboi from Kenya shared that instruments have the power to connect people. "Cultural instruments are often played with spiritual inspiration; their sound reminds us of who we are and where we come from," she said. "Through my art, I represent Kenva to the world." Karen Houge from Norway noted that harmony requires balance between different elements "We must control our rhythm and channel our energy into performance. I not only observe my own rhythm but also read the audience's response." She emphasized that "not everyone speaks English, but kind-Mixwell said that "musicians ness and humanity are univercollectively create a note that sal languages." Eva Klesse from Germany expressed that "music is its own rhythm, but the sounds life itself, we must listen and pracwe hear evoke the essence of tice together. The human voice na) by Jimena Aguilar, "Back to



and the drums speak a universal language." She shared that she adapts her drumming according to her mood, circumstances. and audience. The Latin American Shorts Showcase featured seven thought-provoking films, including: "LOLO" (Mexico) by Ana Gabriela Gutiérrez Salgado, "The Boy, The Recruit and The Sergeant" (Brazil) by Daniel Chagas Martins, "Finnish and Paranoid Dream" (Argenti-

You" (Chile) by Martina Zoe Díaz, "Dare: Code Red" (Uruguay) by Andrés Magnone, "Women of Thread" (Bolivia) by Nevsa Rivadineira and Dino Garzoni, "San Antonio de los Altos: Raíces" (Venezuela) by Sebastian González. The showcase reflected the cultural, artistic, and political journeys of Latin America through themes of tradition, dreams, and creative resistance. Later, during the Music Workshop, DJ Mixwell introduced

enthusiasts to modern beat-making techniques and creative sound design. He explained that "the art of beat-making begins with a specific structure, starting slow and gradually building energy to engage the audience. A DJ must clarity and purpose." Mix well further shared insights from with classical music and transitioned into jazz. Sometimes, shifting from soft beats to deep

young musicians and music rhythm and energy." The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from young musicians and music lovers. The evening concluded with a mesmerizing theatrical performance by the West Midlands Stage Group, titled "Erisychthon." Artists from skillfully mix all elements with the UK, Finland, New Zealand, themes, offering both reflection and Germany brought to life and subtle British humor. The a modern retelling of Roman audience responded with great his musical journey: "I began poet Ovid's tale through expressive movement and live music. performers for their powerful Performed with live oboe accompaniment, "Erisychthon" tells raphy, and emotionally charged beats is essential to maintain the story of a man consumed by

for profit —only to face the terrible curse of eternal hunger from

greed, who destroys sacred forests

the goddess Ceres. The performance, delivered through the poetic lens of Ted Hughes, resonated deeply with modern environmental admiration, applauding the expressions, dynamic choreogstorytelling.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025



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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.55	190.55
Bahrain Dinar	747	754.5
Canadian Dollar	205.8	212.8
China Yuan	39.03	39.43
Danish Krone	43.08	43.48
Euro	332	335.5
Hong Kong Dollar	35.74	36.09
Indian Rupee	3.09	3.18
Japanese Yen	1.8768	1.9768
Kuwaiti Dinar	914	923
Malaysian Ringgit	66.62	67.22
NewZealand \$	156.04	158.04
Norwegians Krone	27.34	27.64
Omani Riyal	731.5	739
Qatari Riyal	76.44	77.14
Saudi Riyal	75.65	76.25
Singapore Dollar	217.2	222
Swedish Korona	29.16	29.46
Swiss Franc	345.95	348.70
Thai Bhat	8.51	8.66
U.A.E Dirham	76.9	77.9
UK Pound Sterling	381.25	384.25
US Dollar	281.75	281.9

Lucky *Investments* Launches Lucky Islamic Pension Fund



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Lucky Investments Limited, a full-fledged Islamic asset management company under the Yunus Brothers Group, has announced the launch of the Lucky Islamic Pension Fund (LIPF) — a Shariah-compliant retirement savings solution designed to enable individuals to build long-term financial security through disciplined and ethical invest-

Speaking at the launch, Mohammad Shoaib, CFA, Chief Executive Officer of Lucky Investments, stated:

The Lucky Islamic Pension Fund will offer four investment sub-funds - Equity, Debt, Money Market, and Gold — allowing participants to select or combine portfolios based on their risk tolerance and retirement planning needs. All investments will be overseen by qualified investment professionals and supervised by the Fund's Shariah Advisor, Mufti Muhammad Hassaan

Lucky Investments Limited is an Islamic asset management company within the Yunus Brothers (Lucky) Group, known for its governance, innovation, and trust. Led by Muhammad Shoaib, CFA, a pioneer in Pakistan's Islamic asset management sector, the company manages over Rs. 100 billion in assets across a growing suite of Shariah-compliant investment solutions.

SECP to host first International Capital Market Conference & **Expo** in **2025**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), in collaboration with the Capital Market Infrastructure Institutions (CMIIs), will host the first-ever International Capital Market Conference & Expo 2025. This landmark initiative will bring together regional and global stakeholders to foster cooperation, innovation, and growth within the capital markets.

The event, the first of its kind in Pakistan, will convene capital market regulators, policymakers, and market infrastructure institutions from notable jurisdictions—including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Iran, and the USA—alongside multilateral institutions and key stakeholders from Pakistan's financial ecosystem.

Over the past year, the SECP, in collab-

INTERNATIONAL **CAPITAL MARKET CONFERENCE & EXPO 2025**

Regional Integration and Innovation in Capital Markets: A New Era of Cooperation

oration with the Pakistan Stock Exchange, Exchange Limited, has undertaken a series of National Clearing Company of Pakistan strategic engagements with counterpart regu-Limited, Central Depository Company of lators and market institutions across Asia. This Pakistan Limited, and Pakistan Mercantile conference represents the culmination of that stability, and international collaboration.

Photo: Online

sustained regulatory diplomacy, providing a unique platform for dialogue, collaboration, and shared learning to advance the region's capital markets.

The conference underscores Pakistan's commitment to regional financial integration and highlights the SECP's leadership in fostering a collaborative and resilient market landscape. Conceived as a strategic platform to enhance cooperation and accelerate investment, the event will facilitate the exchange of regulatory insights, best practices, and lessons on developing robust, transparent, and inclusive capital markets.

The International Capital Market Conference & Expo 2025 represents a transformative step toward stronger, more integrated capital markets, reaffirming Pakistan's national commitment to regulatory reforms, financial

Installation of pipes

KARACHI: Excavator digs up University Road for the installation of pipes during the part of the 4-K water project, in Provincial Capital.



Fatima Fertilizer Hosts Sarsabz Kissan Convention in Multan to **Boost Wheat Productivity**

👺 Zain Khan

ISLAMABAD: Fatima Fertilizer, in collaboration with the Govt Agriculture Department and local Govt, organized the Sarsabz Kissan Convention in Multan. The convention brought together over 1,300 farmers, serving as an important platform for discussing innovative and sustainable practices to improve wheat yields and overall agricultural produc-

Speaking on the occasion, Rabel Sadozai, Director of Marketing and Sales at Fatima Fertilizer, stated, "Through initiatives like the Sarsabz Kissan Convention, we are reinforcing our commitment to supporting Pakistan's farmers by providing them access to high-quality products such as Sarsabz Nitrophos and Sarsabz CAN, along with on-ground advisory services. Our goal is to help farmers achieve higher yields, improve soil health, and contribute to a more sustainable and self-sufficient agricultural ecosystem."

The event was attended by senior officials from the Punjab Agriculture Department, including Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, Secretary of Agriculture, Punjab, Sarfraz Hussain Magsi, Special Secretary of Agriculture for Southern Punjab, Professor Dr.



Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor of MNS University, Khalid Mehmood Khokhar, President of Pakistan Kisan Ittehad, Amir Karim Khan, Commissioner of Multan Division, Wasim Hamed Sindhu, Deputy Commissioner of Multan, Rana Iqbal Saraj, Member of Provincial Assembly, Punjab, Rana Ejaz Ahmad Noon, Member of the Agriculture Committee, Punjab, Chaudhry Abdul Hameed, DG of Agriculture Extension, Punjab, Dr. Aamir Rasool, DG Pest Warning Punjab, and Shehzad Saber, Director of Agriculture Extension

for Multan Division.

Fatima Fertilizer also announced awards for the top-performing farmers. As part of the recognition, farmers securing the first, second, and third positions at the provincial level will be awarded tractors, while the district-level winners will receive CD 70 motorcycles and LCDs. These gifts were handed over by Rabel Sadozai and the Secretary of Agriculture, Punjab, Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, as a token of appreciation for their exceptional contribution to enhancing wheat productivity.

CCP Continues ICH Recoveries, Total **Collection Climbs to** Rs. 772 Million

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has recovered a further Rs. 19 million from Multinet (Pvt.) Limited and Rs. 1.4 million from Voice Communications in the International Clearing House (ICH) case, taking the total recoveries to Rs. 772 million. The CCP full recovery of penalties imposed on telecom companies involved in the cartel.

The penalties were originally imposed after the CCP found that all fourteen Long Distance International (LDI) operators had formed a cartel under the ICH arrangement in 2012, effectively elimiinternational telephony market. The ICH setup had



CCP

fixed high call termination continues its efforts to ensure rates and reduced market efficiency.

The Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) later upheld CCP's findings of cartelization and abuse of dominance, while adjusting the penalty to two percent of the revenues earned through the ICH arrangement. Following the Tribunal's decision, CCP nating competition in the initiated recovery proceedings against the operators.

Some companies have required all incoming inter- challenged the CAT decision national calls to be routed before the Supreme Court through a single gateway of Pakistan; however, there managed by Pakistan Tele- is no restraining order, and communication Company the CCP continues to recover Limited (PTCL), leading to penalties as per law.

Customs enforcement foils smuggling attempt, seizes fabric worth millions

ISLAMABAD: In a major anti-smuggling operation, the Collectorate of Customs (Enforcement), Karachi, in coordination with Sindh Rangers and Police, has foiled a large-scale attempt to smuggle foreign-origin fabric worth millions of rupees.

Acting on credible intelligence a joint operation was conducted on the intervening night of November 9 and 10, 2025, under the supervision of Assistant Collector (ASO) Bisma Noor Jatoi, said a news release on Monday.

The enforcement teams raided multiple warehouses at Tariq Road, Karachi, where substantial quantities of smuggled fabric were illegally stored.

The operation faced violent

resistance from a mob of around 200 to 300 individuals who resorted to stonepelting, setting empty trucks on fire, and attempting to obstruct official proceedings.

Despite the tense and violent situation, the joint teams of Pakistan Customs, Rangers, and Police maintained discipline and professionalism, ensuring the safe and successful completion of the operation.

During the operation, 22 Mazda trucks and a 40-foot container loaded with smuggled fabric have been seized. The confiscated goods, valued in crores of rupees, have been shifted to the ASO warehouse for further investigation and legal proceedings under the Customs Act, 1969.

realme C85 Pro Officially Launched in Pakistan at a **Grand Launch Event**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The realme C85 Pro has officially made its debut in Pakistan with a grand launch event that celebrated power, endurance, and innovation. Showcasing the brand's signature fusion of performance and design, the event highlighted how the C85 Pro redefines the smartphone experience for users who demand matic gesture, the Embassy of Pakimore, from ultra battery life, ultra display brilliance, and IP69 Pro durability to unmatched all-round Muhammad Al Zarooni—renowned performance. Launched on November 10, the realme C85 Pro, featur-

among 7000mAh battery phones, will be available nationwide starting November 15, giving users the chance to experience unmatched power, clarity, and toughness in one sleek device.

Emirati Business Tycoon Suhail Al Zarooni Honored by Pakistan for Humanitarian Excellence

Commerce Desk Karachi: In a significant diplostan in the United Arab Emirates has formally recognized H. E. Suhail Emirati businessman and Guinness World Record holder—for his unwa-

and enduring support to the Pakistani community in the UAE.

The commendation, presented by Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, underscores Sohail Al Zarooni's pivotal role in fostering people-to-people connections that underpin the broader economic and strategic partnership between the two nations.

The embassy's letter of appreciation highlighted Mr. Al Zarooni's active engagement in community initiatives and his commitment to promoting cultural harmony and social solidarity. His work, officials



ing the segment's best display vering humanitarian contributions noted, serves as a beacon of humanitarian excellence and a model for cross-border cooperation.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka ODI series to commence from Tuesday

B Waseem Khokhar

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan will aim to extend their winning run in the white-ball cricket when they take on Sri Lanka in a three-match ODI series, starting Tuesday at the Rawalpindi ODI will be played at the same venue 2-0. on 13 and 15 November.

2pm local time.

The series follows Pakistan's successful home campaign against South Africa, where the hosts won both T20I and ODI series 2-1. The series against South Africa marked Shaheen Shah Afridi's first assignment the ODI series said"The series win as ODI captain and the left-arm pacer $\,\,$ against South Africa in Faisalabad was led from the front to guide Pakistan to a memorable series win.

Lanka, Pakistan will feature in a responded to different situations and tri-nation T20I series involving Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, to be played from 17 to 29 November in Rawalpindi and Lahore.

On head to head, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have faced each other in 157 consistency in our performances and

93 and Sri Lanka 59. One match a team in every department. ended in a tie and four ended in no result. On Pakistan soil, the two teams have played 30 ODIs, with Pakistan holding an 18-12 advantage.

The last bilateral ODI series between the sides in Pakistan was Cricket Stadium. The second and third played in 2019, which Pakistan won

Among the current squad members, All three matches will begin at Babar Azam has an impressive record 2.30pm, with the toss taking place at against Sri Lanka. In 12 ODIs, the right-handed batter has scored 535 runs at an average of 53.50, including three centuries and one half-century, with a highest score of 115 in Karachi during 2019 series.

Shaheen Shah Afridi on the eve of a great boost for our confidence. It was my first series as ODI captain and I After the three ODIs against Sri was really proud of the way the players played as a unit. The energy, intent and teamwork were outstanding.

"Going into the Sri Lanka series, our focus is to carry that winning momentum forward. We want to build ODIs to date, with Pakistan winning make sure that we keep improving as

"Sri Lanka are a disciplined side and always challenge you with their skills. We will need to play smart cricket, stick to our plans and stay positive. The goal is to keep developing as a team and to continue giving our fans performances they can be proud of." 15-member ODI squad:

Shaheen Shah Afridi (captain), Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Faisal Akram, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Haseebullah, Hussain Talat, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan (wicket-keeper), Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha **Broadcast details:**

The ODI series will be broadcast live on A-Sports and Ten Sports in Pakistan, while it will be live-streamed on Tapmad and Tamasha across the country. Viewers around the world can watch the action live on Willow TV (North America), Super Sport (sub-Saharan Africa), Supreme TV and Dialog TV (Sri Lanka), TSports (Bangladesh) and Cricbuzz (Middle-East and North Africa and South East

Meanwhile, former Test captains



be joined by former Sri Lanka's Test call the voice for the series. They will cricketer Russel Arnold and renowned be joined by former Pakistan women's as presenter during the series.

Aamir Sohail and Waqar Younis will commentator Roshan Abeysinghe to team captain Urooj Mumtaz. Zainab Abbas will continue to work

Punjab sports Minister orders strict monitoring for transparent completion of development sports schemes

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Making a major announcement, Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar has said that the padel games will be made accessible for common man. "The padel courts constructed in Lahore, Sialkot and Multan will soon be available to the common citizens".

He made this announcement while presiding over an important meeting of the Punjab Sports Department at the National Hockey Stadium on Monday.

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Muzaffar Khan Sial. Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry, Vice Chairmar Malik Sulaiman, Additional Secretary Sports Mian Usman Ali, Director Sports Rana Mirza Nadeem and M Farhan ment Schemes 2025-26 were and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal



Abid Shaukat, Deputy Director meeting. The Annual Develop-

Nadeem Anjum, Director Admin from PMU participated in the reviewed in detail in the meeting. Punjab Minister for Sports

Ayub Khokhar was also briefed on the preparations and arrangements for the upcoming National

Addressing the meeting, Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that an emergency will be imposed for the development of hockey and hockey turfs will be laid in the districts of Punjab where this facility is missing.

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Avub Khokhar further said that development work is in progress on 88 sports schemes out of 184 schemes in Punjab. He directed to conduct strict monitoring for November 24 to December 3. transparent completion of develcompleted as early as possible".

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar also issued instructions to make complete

preparations for the excellent performance of Punjab contingent in the National Games. "It is the top priority of the government to promote hockey in every district of the province".

He said that the promotion of sports culture among the youth played a key role in forming a healthy society. "Bringing the youth to the sports fields is the first priority of Punjab Sports Department".

During briefing, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Muzaffar Khan Sial said that the training camps of Punjab teams will be conducted at different cities of the province from

Director General Sports and opment sports schemes. "The Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar onstruction work on world class Afzaal Chaudhry briefed the squash complex should also be meeting that best players of province are being selected for the National Games. "The 35th edition of National Games will be organised at Karachi from December 6 to 13," he added.

Top performing athletes being given scholarships from Sports Endowment Fund: Khizar Afzaal Ch

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Punjab Sports 2025 at the Punjab Stadium. Department has been awarding athletes from Punjab Sports Endowment Fund. "More than Haider Khawaja from Punjab performance-based monthcategories of Platinum, Gold and Silver.

Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry expressed these views while talking to the media at the plined march past at the largely

closing ceremony of 13th Inter-School & Inter-College Games

Director Admin Abid ing scholarships to top perform- Shaukat, several notable sports personalities including Idris 100 players are being given Olympic Association, Arshad Sattar from wrestling associaly stipends of Rs 70,000, Rs tion, Mian Rizwan from dodge-50,000, and Rs 30,000 in three ball association, sports director from various schools and colleges and a large number of male and DG Sports and Youth Affairs female athletes were also present on this occasion.



Students took part in a disci- Besides this, several impressive to amuse the large gathering. performances such as gymnastics DG Sports Punjab distributed

attended closing ceremony. and aerobics were also presented

trophies to the winning teams of schools and colleges.

Talking to the media, Khizar Afzaal Ch said that he is quite confident that many of these children will emerge as future sports stars in their respective games. He said the Punjab Sports Department is organizing top sports events and building the best sports infrastructure across the province. "Sports facilities are also being expanded at the Nishtar Park Sports Complex under the leadership of Provincial Sports Minister Faisal Ayub

Friendly Women's Hockey Series Kicks off in Karachi

Sports Desk

KARACHI: The Karachi Hockey Association Women's Wing has launched an exciting series of friendly hockey match-

The opening match was played between Abdullah Government College for Women and the School of International Education.

Both teams displayed impressive skills, but the game ended goalless. The second match of the series will be held in 13th November at 9:00 AM at the Olympian Hanif Khan and Dr. Junaid Ali Shah Sports Complex Gulshan Iqbal. President of the Women's Wing, Asma Ali Shah, praised the players' performance and reaffirmed her commitment to supporting girls in hockey. She noted that



are producing encouraging results, with new talent emerging through these initi-

grassroots efforts in schools and colleges Hockey Association President Imtiaz Ali Shah and Secretary Olympian Hanif Khan for their trust and support, and also atives. She expressed gratitude to Karachi appreciated Haider Hussain's visionary players.

work at the grassroots level, which has played a vital role in promoting hockey. She further thanked the Sindh government and MNA Shehla Raza for their consistent support. KHA Women's Wing Secretary Batool Kazim acknowledged the contributions of

Saima Hussain, Coordinator tehmina Fatima, and Ms. Kiran from the School of international Education. She also expressed appreciation for Professor Shams Malkani, Principal of Abdullah Government College, for his cooperation, and lauded the efforts of Syed Imtiazul-Hasan, Rashid Ali, Muhammad Faizan, Irfan Tahir, Samina Tabassum, Syed Shahbaz Haider, and ground staff member Ghaus, whose guidance and hard work boosted the morale of the

GHL Gojra 5-Aside Hockey League is starting from November 12



跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Six (6) men's and four (4) women's teams are participating in the GHL grand event, among which there will be exciting and enthusiastic competitions.

The special guest of the opening ceremony will be Assistant Commissioner Gojra, Chaudhry Riaz Gujjar Sahib, who will formally inaugurate the event.

While the chief guest of the final match (November 15) will be Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh, Omar Abbas Mela Sahib. Both the personalities not only happily accepted the invitation

to participate in the event but also assured their full cooperation. Both Omar Abbas Mela Sahib and Chaudhry Riaz Gujjar Sahib are known as sports lovers, gentle and very sophisticated officers, who are always active in the promotion of sports.

Their cooperation and interest will give new energy to the promotion of hockey not only in Gojra but also in the entire egion, which is certainly a positive step towards the revival of the national game.

The preparations for the event are going on in full swing, and there is great enthusiasm among the players.

Pakistan's Asif advances to World Snooker Championship knockouts



DOHA: Pakistan's seasoned cueist and three-time world champion Muhammad Asif defeated China's Pan Yaming to qualify for the knockouts of the IBSF World Snooker Championship 2025.

Pakistan cueist continued to deliver impressive performances on day three of the championship, with Asjad Iqbal and Shahid Aftab also securing victories in their matches. However, Muhammad Hasnain suffered defeat and fell short in his crucial

According to Pakistan Billiards and Snooker Association (PBSA) Secretary General Naveed Kapadia, Muhammad Asif reached the knockout stage after defeating China's Pan Yiming

4-3 in a thrilling second-round contest. The frame scores were 18-68, 35-74, 37-90, 76-8, 78-58, 91-26, and 28-55 in Asif's favour.

Earlier, Asjad Iqbal edged past Iran's Hamid Zareh Doost 4-3 in another nail-biting encounter, with frame scores of 24-61, 17-60, 53-52, 69-10, 80-11, 0-79, and 7-75.

During the match, Asjad also compiled an impressive break of 67. Meanwhile, Shahid Aftab defeated Isle of Man's (UK) Darryl Hill 4-1, recording frame scores of 56-3, 14-66, 6-80, 4-81, and 52-61, and made a fine break of 68.

However, Muhammad Hasnain lost his match 4-3 to UAE's Muhammad Shehab, with frame scores of 13-72, 19-73, 67-29, 80-6, 54-19, 19-53, and 62-68.

For context, the tournament, which is underway from November 3 to 13, is currently played in two stages

According to the rules mentioned on the IBSF official site, two qualifying events will be held, each allowing a maximum of 64 players. The events will be conducted on a knock-out basis, with matches to be played over two days each, in a best-of-7

The second stage involves 48 players, of which 32 players are pre-qualified. The Last-16 players in Stage 2 will automatically qualify for Stage 2 of the following year's championship.

The Spokesman

Group photo with Qatari Delegation

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani in a group photo with Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, H.E. Hassan Bin Abdullah Al-Ghanim on Monday.



Security forces foil terror attack on Cadet College Wana

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Security forces on Monday foiled an attempt by India-backed militants of Fitna Al Hindustan to carry out a terror attack similar to the 2014 Army Public School (APS) tragedy in Peshawar, the military's media wing

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), terrorists rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into the main gate of Cadet College Wana in South Waziristan, attempting to breach the outer security perimeter.

personnel responded swiftly and effecduring the exchange of fire.

Three other attackers managed to enter the premises but were cornered inside the college's administrative block, where a clearance operation was underway

The ISPR said the blast caused significant damage to the main gate and nearby infrastructure, but the attackers' plans were thwarted before they could inflict mass casualties.

"The Indian-sponsored Khawarij once again tried to repeat the barbaric act of terrorism seen in the 2014 through education." APS Peshawar attack," the



generation. students in the tribal areas striving for a better future

militants were in contact "Their aim was to spread with their handlers across government's claims that such

particularly and were receiving instructions from them.

"These brutal acts are being orchestrated from terrorist The ISPR added that the structures based in Afghanistan, contrary to the Taliban tively, killing two militants fear among the younger the border in Afghanistan groups do not exist on their nefarious designs."

The military reiterated that Pakistan reserves the right to respond to terrorist elements and their leadership operating from Afghanistan, adding that clearance operations were continuing in South Waziristan to eliminate remaining India-backed militants.

"The security forces and law enforcement agencies, under the vision of Azm-e-Istahkam, will continue operations until terrorism is completely eradicated," the ISPR stated.

"The people of Pakistan stand united with their forces in defeating the terrorists'

No deadlock on 27th Constitutional Amendment, says Attaullah Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar of the amendment are now on Monday said that there complete, leaving no room for have been introduced. is no deadlock of any kind ambiguity. He described it as over the 27th Constitutional governance and strengthen duced in light of the prevailing relations between the federa- circumstances. tion and the provinces.

minister stated that the a positive constitutional devel-

He said following exten-

Talking to media outside sive deliberations aimed at Parliament House, the bolstering Pakistan's defense and advancing its military Minister for Information and required votes for the passage strength, substantial and well-considered amendments

He underscored that heads of state worldwide including Amendment, which is being opment, emphasizing that the those in the United States are introduced to promote good amendment is being intro- granted immunity, and thus extending the same privilege to Pakistan's head of state poses no concern.



on the prime minister's direc-

The federal minister praised tive, the committee has withthe prime minister's decision drawn the relevant clause, not to seek immunity, calling it reflecting his belief that he a commendable move. Acting remains answerable to the

Amir Muqam slams KP CM for 'Irresponsible' remarks

👺 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD:

and SAFRON, and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) President Engr Amir Muqam on Monday lashed out at the KP Chief Minister over his "immature and irresponsible" remarks against state institutions, demanding a

the security forces, and fami-sibilities and any statements lies of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for peace.

Speaking at a ceremony where renowned KP busisuch statements underones in the fight against attacks.

"He should realise the Feder- situation that he was not al Minister for Kashmir addressing to the political Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan gathering, the incumbent of



public apology to the nation, CM offered several responand remarks caused the

widespread impact," he said. While remembering the scarifies of innocent civilnessman Qazi Waqas joined ians in different parts of the the PML-N, Muqam said province before the security forces, he said there mine the credibility of state are several political figures institutions and the morale who lost their two to three of families who lost loved beloved ones in different

Punjab to crack down on vehicles without green emission stickers

Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Punjab government has announced a strict crackdown on vehicles operating without meeting emission standards across the province.

According to Punjab Environmental Protection Department (EPA) spokesperson Sajid Bashir, from November 15 onwards, no vehicle will be allowed to enter motorways or city entry points without a valid green sticker.

The EPA has also issued a final fee schedule for vehicle emission inspections.

The paid vehicle emission testing programme began on November 10, and from now fee collection has been made mandatory.

Under the new schedule, the emission testing fees are as

Motorcycles (Rs100), Rickshaws (Rs300), Cars (up to 1,000 cc Rs500), Cars



(between 1,001 cc and 1,500 cc for emission testing without Rs800), Cars (between 1,501 cc and 2,500 cc Rs1,000), Cars (between 2,501 cc and 4,500 cc Rs1,500), Cars above 4,500 cc (Rs2,0000).

Bashir emphasised that all payments must be made via the e-pay system, and cash payments are completely

prohibited. No vehicle will be accepted disciplinary action.

e-pay verification.

He further stated that each officer will be issued a unique ID, which they will be personally responsible for using.

Detailed fee and payment information will be prominently displayed at all testing stations. Any officer failing to comply with the instructions will face

President Zardari, PM **Shehbaz laud Security** Forces for successful operations against terrorists



E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday paid rich tributes to Pakistan's security forces for their successful intelligence-based operations against terrorist elements of Fitna-ul-Khawarij in Shawal, North Waziristan, and Darra Adam Khel.

President Zardari commended the security forces for their courage and professionalism, describing the resolute in eliminating every form success of these operations as a reflec- of terrorism," the prime minister tion of the nation's steadfast resolve affirmed.

and unity. He said that Fitna-ul-Khawarij and their India-backed facilitators are enemies of Pakistan's peace and stability.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also lauded the security forces for killing 20 terrorists during the successful operations. He said the armed forces stand as a solid wall in defense of the nation, with the entire country salute their sacrifices.

"The protection of Pakistan is our foremost priority, and we remain

Justice Mansoor urges CJP to engage govt over 27th Amendment

ISLAMABAD: Senior Supreme Court judge Justice Mansoor Ali Shah has written a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi, urging him to immediately engage with the government (executive) as

the head of the judiciary. In his letter, Justice Shah stated that the Chief Justice should make it clear that no constitutional amendment can be made without consulting iudges of the constitutional courts.

the matter.

that the moment demanded leadership from the Chief Justice. The letter emphasised that as head

convention comprising judges of the

constitutional courts to deliberate on

trator of this institution but also its

guardian," Justice Shah wrote, adding

"You are not merely the adminis-

of the judiciary, the Chief Justice must take a firm stand and assert that constitutional amendments require judicial consultation to ensure institutional integrity and constitutional He also proposed convening a balance.

Mufti Taqi Usmani criticises Senate move to grant lifetime immunity to President



跨 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Senate has approved an amendment to Article 248 of the Constitution, granting lifetime of the constitution.

immunity to the President of Pakistan from legal action after leaving office. The protection would only lapse if the former president accepts another public office.

Reacting to the development, Grand Mufti Mufti Taqi Usmani issued a strong statement, saying that in Islam no individual — regardless of rank or authority — can be placed above judicial accountability.

He said the examples of the Rightly Guided Caliphs were well known and demonstrated that even the highest leaders remained subject to the law.

Mufti Usmani said the constitution previously granted immunity to the president only during his term in office, which he already considered contrary to Islamic principles.

Extending this protection for life, he said, was completely against the spirit of Sharia as well as the essence

Ayaz condemns attack on **Wana Cadet College**

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Monday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on Wana Cadet College in South Waziristan and paid rich tribute to the security forces for successfully thwarting the attack and sending two terrorists to hell.

The Speaker said that the timely and effective response by the security forces prevented a major tragedy. "The nation salutes the courage and professionalism of our security forces," he remarked. Ayaz Sadiq emphasized that Pakistan's security forces are highly capable and remain ever ready to defend the country.

He said that the people of Pakistan stand shoulder to shoulder with their armed forces like a solid rock wall.



"The security forces of Pakistan are determined to completely eradicate terrorism from the country," the Speaker said, reaffirming the nation's collective resolve against extremist and hostile elements.

He said that the security forces will continue robust operations against the evils of Khawarij and the Hindustan-backed miscreants to ensure lasting peace and security in the home-

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