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JUI Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah has advised the federal nt that Governor's rule will not bring peace in Khybei

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Meeting



Pakistan cherishes strong, brotherly ties with UAE: PM

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan cherished its strong and brotherly ties with the leadership of the United Arab Emirates.

In a message on the National Day of the United Arab Emirates, he said, "On behalf of the people and Government of Pakistan, it is my honour to extend our heartfelt felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates,

"The bilateral brotherly relations between Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates are rooted in historical bonds of mutual goodwill, and remain a source of pride for both sides. The relaions between Pakistan and the UAE are characterized by strong foundation of shared

religious and cultural values?? and unwavering mutual trust," he added. He said these foundations were built by

the wise and sagacious leadership of the late Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan, and have continued ever since, under the patronage of Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, as well as Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

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Lakki Marwat: Head constable martyred as suicide bomber targets police van

😂 News Desk

ISLAMABAD: A suicide attacker targeted a police van from Tajori Police Station in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Lakki Marwat district, resulting in the martyrdom of a cop on Monday. According to the officials, six other people were left injured in the attack.

Police said two attackers were involved in the assault; one detonated himself at the scene while the other fled.

The injured personnel were shifted to the operation to trace the fleeing attacker.

hospital, where the condition of two officers is said to be critical. The wounded include the additional SHO.

Authorities confirmed that seven policemen were inside the vehicle at the time of the blast. Head Constable Alauddin was martyred in the attack, while the injured were identified as Incharge Haq Nawaz, Shah Gulab, Anwar Kamal Ahmed, Naeemullah and Nasrullah.

Police cordoned off the area, collected evidence from the site, and launched a search

Pakistan, Egypt agree to deepen defence and strategic ties

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Egypt have agreed to bolster their cooperation on security issues and deepen firmed as Dr Badr Ahmed Mohamed and stability. Abdelatty, Foreign Minister of the

at Rawalpindi on Monday morning.

During the meeting, both dignitaries reviewed bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries, long-standing ties in defence and with a particular focus on defence broader strategic domains. Accord- and security cooperation, miliing to an ISPR statement released in tary-to-military contacts, training Rawalpindi, the commitment reaf- collaborations, and regional peace

The discussions reaffirmed Arab Republic of Egypt, called on the commitment of both sides to Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI strengthen coordination and deepen

(M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), the long-standing ties in defence and broader strategic domains.

> The visiting foreign minister of Egypt also conveyed warm greetings from the leadership of Egypt and expressed Egypt's continued interest in expanding cooperation with Pakistan across all spheres.

> Both sides underscored the importance of sustained high-level exchanges to address emerging challenges, especially in light of evolving regional security dynamics.

Tarar questions PTI's record on privacy, political revenge

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Informademocratic norms. tion and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar of victimising political opponents, noting that its leaders even boasted abroad about removing air conditioners from prison cells. Responding to a point of order raised

by Ali Muhammad Khan, Tarar asked who had undermined the sanctity the country's political process. of privacy and the "chadar and char diwari," saying his party had endured privacy, and ordered partisan arrests, that unlawful demands would not be

warning that "selective memory" must entertained. not be allowed to distort history or

He recalled that PTI's founder once on Monday accused the former Paki- told an audience in the United States he stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government would remove Nawaz Sharif's air-conditioner and boasted of jailing Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. Tarar reminded lawmakers that Pakistan had witnessed the Charter of Democracy, signed by Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and the late Benazir Bhutto, which helped revive

The minister emphasised that prison meetings are meant for legal the bitterness of the PTI era. He matters, not for maligning national stressed that the nation had seen who security institutions on social media initiated political vendettas, violated or conspiring against the state, adding

He further questioned who acted as the "spoiler," alleging that orders were issued to arrest relatives and daily lists of detainees were demanded. Officials, he said, checked each morning whether prisoners received food or medicine.

Tarar added that Shehzad Akbar, who spearheaded this bitterness, has fled the country while others face the consequences.

Tarar said history made clear who fueled confrontation and who upheld Parliament, recalling that opposition leaders once faced jail for dissent. He alleged that daily meetings at the Prime Minister's House determined who would be humiliated, arrested. targeted, or branded.

PM condemns terrorist attack near Police mobile in Lakki Marwat

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday strongly condemned a terrorist attack near a mobile police in Lakki Marwat.

PM House, the prime minister prayed for the grant of eternal peace to the departed souls and for the bereaved families to be blessed with strength and

patience in this difficult time. PM directed authorities to provide immediate medical assistance to the injured and

prayed for their swift recovery. He reaffirmed the govern-In a statement issued by the ment's resolve to completely eliminate terrorists, who were the enemies of innocent and unarmed civilians. He also vowed

to thwart their nefarious designs.

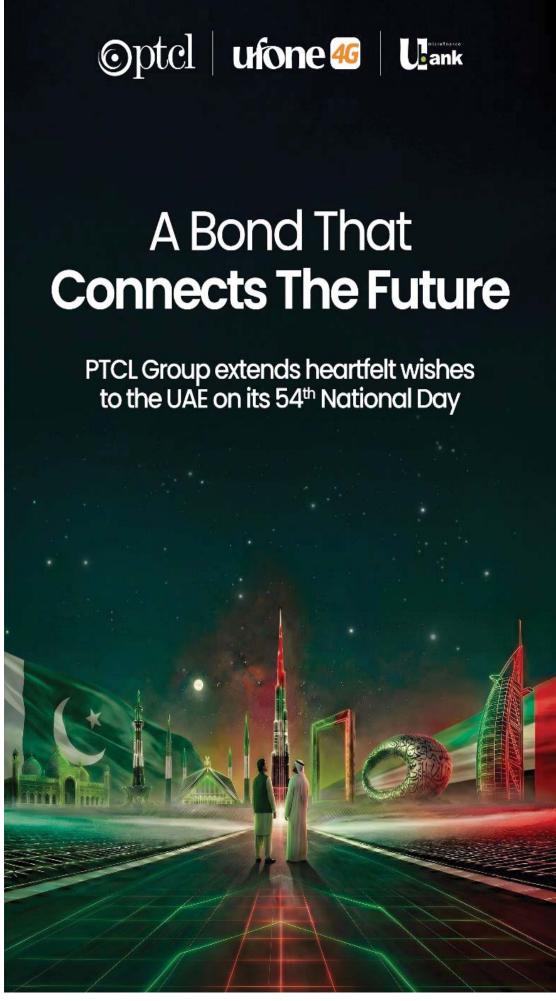
DPM reviews measures to enhance efficiency at Karachi ports

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Monday chaired a meeting of the committee tasked with proposing measures to enhance cargo-clearance efficiency across Karachi's ports.

The committee was briefed on ongoing and planned initiatives aimed at modernizing port operations and streamlining related processes.

The meeting was attended by SAPM Tariq Bajwa, Secretary Maritime Affairs, senior officials from Maritime Affairs, Finance, NLC, as well as Chairmen of Karachi Port Trust and Port Qasim Authority.



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Rathore Commends Dunya News for Upholding journalism and promoting **Azad Kashmir**

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister of Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, attended a ceremony organized in connection with the 17th anniversary of Dunya News. The Prime Minister, accompanied by Dunya News Bureau Chief Aslam Mir, Reporter Iqbal Mir, Ministers Mian Abdul Waheed and Javed Budhanvi, prominent social activist Mir Irshad, and senior journalists, jointly cut the anniversary cake.

Later, in an exclusive conversation with Dunya News, Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore praised the iournalistic contributions of Dunya News, stating that the organization has always considered the development of Azad Kashmir, the promotion of tourism and culture, and the representation of the freedom movement as its professional foundation. He acknowledged Dunya News for promoting responsible journalism and said that its services in upholding journalistic values will always be remem-



The event was attended by Senior Minister Mian Abdul Waheed, Minister Javed Iqbal Budhanvi, PPP leader Shaukat Javed Mir, Mubashir Ejaz, President Press Club Muzaffarabad Sajjad Mir, social figure Mir Irshad Ahmed, Raja Fateh Mehmood ul Hassan (Chairman PML-N Youth Wing AJK & Focal Person Prime Minister Youth Program), Syed Ghazanfar Ali (Secretary General PML-N

(Vice President PML-N Youth Wing AJK), Shahid Mehmood Wani, Central Press Club President Sajjad Mir, senior journalists Javed Hashmi, Syed Afaq Hussain, Aslam Mir, Zaheer Jhagwal, Sardar Zulfiqar, Tariq Naqash, Syed Ghazanfar Ali Shah, Director Information Department Muhammad Basheer Mirza, AD Advertisements Syed Asif Hussain Naqvi, and other senior jour-

Youth Wing AJK), Mir Riaz Ahmed nalists including Arif Bahar, Shehzad Kolachi, Masood Abbasi, Farooq Mughal, Mirza Shehzad, Adeel Ahmed, Nasreen Sheikh, Sardar Adnan, Abdul Wajid Khan, Khawaja Usman Haidari, Haroon Muzaffar Qureshi, Information Department Programmer Sardar Shameem Anjum Aziz, Raja Amjad, Sohail Mughal, Wajid Khan, and a large number of media representatives and notable personalities.

Called on

President Bank of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Mr Shahid Shezad Meer called on AJK Finance Minister / Chairman Bank of



AJK PM Rathore hails PPP sacrifices on Foundation Day

👺 Bureau Report

KEL: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, while describing Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) as a party of martyrs, has said the PPP has rendered immense sacrifices for the country and for the cause of democracy.

He expressed these views while addressing the Pakistan Peoples Party Foundation Day ceremony in Kel."No fices for the nation and democracy ", he said, adding that the PPP enjoys



year, he said given the environment other party can match the PPP's sacri- of distrust it was very difficult to take over the government yet the party took this challenging decision in the larger historic and deep connection with interest of Azad Kashmir." Insha Allah, Arang Kel, upgradation of Boys High Kashmir. Referring to the political we will win the next elections based School Phulaoi to a Higher Secondary tion of the prime minister.

instability in the AJK for the past one on our performance during this short period and will form the government again", he added.

He further instructed the preparation of a PC-1 for the sewage system of

School, Boys Middle School Taubat to a High School, and approved a 5 km road from Phulwai to Taubutt. He added that the government would introduce further initiatives to create job opportunities for the youth. He also expressed gratitude to the people of Neelum for their warm welcome. PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressed the Foundation Day ceremony through a video link. Senior Minister Mian Abdul Waheed and Minister Sardar Javed Avub were present on the occasion. Waheed also thanked the workers and members of Union Councils Sharda and Dudhniyal for their warm recep-

Noted educationist and social reformer Ashraf Akber Ali passes away

跨 Kamran Khamiso Khowaja

SUJWAL: With the death of Ashraf Akber Ali, an era of educational development ended in Jati Taluka of Sujawal district. Noted teacher, educationist. community leader, compere, and social reformer Ashraf Akber Ali passed away on Sunday morning, following multiple health complications at a hospital in Karachi, leaving behind scores of his young students, villagers, and admirers to mourn his untimely demise.

Born on 12th February 1977 in village Hussainabad of district Sujawal, he completed his Master's in Sociology but also the village, with a remarkable

and a Bachelor's in Education. He joined the education department as an elementary school teacher and was posted at Government Primary School Ali Mohammad Qazi near Begna Mori of Taluka Jati, district Sujawal, an area known for its negligible literacy ratio and abject poverty.

According to Vikyo Memon, a resident of the village, the school was declared closed by the district education department until Ashraf Akber Ali arrived in 2008. His posting as a teacher changed not only the fate of the school

from the University of Sindh, Jamshoro, surge in the literacy ratio of not only the village but the entire locality. He initiated a campaign to motivate local villagers to enroll their children in the Naveed Hussain Memon, another

villager, stated that the robust stance of the 48-year-old teacher brought a revolutionary change in the locality, with several young girls from nearby villages attending the school. His colleague and fellow teacher, Murad Ali, said that he would organize summer camps and awareness sessions at the school to improve the quality of life of his students.



He served as Secretary and Chairman of the Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board Council for Shah Bunder, organizing events for positive youth development. A large number of people from different walks of life attended his funeral, with Zulfikar Malkani, Aslam Parvez Khowaja, and Karim Bux Mitho, among others, calling his demise a massive loss.

$Former A \mathcal{J} K PM lauds$ Dr. Fai's global advocacy for Kashmir cause



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The President of All Jammu & Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, hosted a special luncheon in honour of distinguished Kashmiri scholar and internationally recognized representative on the Kashmir issue in the United States, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, at the Islamabad Club. The event was attended by a large number of political, social, and academic personalities.

In his address, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai has highlighted the Kashmir issue at the global level with remarkable consistency and wisdom, a contribution that is a source of pride for the entire Kashmiri nation. He noted that Dr. Fai has effectively represented the Kashmiri cause at various international platforms including Washington and New York, exposing the Indian narrative through legal and scholarly arguments.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai thanked Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan and said that the Muslim Conference has always safeguarded the true and historic position of the Kashmir issue. He emphasized that genuine representation of the Kashmiri nation belongs to parties and leaderships committed to accession, self-determination, and the preservation of Kashmiri identity.

Upon Dr. Fai's arrival, Youth Wing Chairman Sardar Usman Ali Khan warmly welcomed him. The event was attended by Secretary-General Muslim Conference Ms. Mehr-Un-Nisa, prominent jurist Sardar Abdul Razzaq Khan, Major (R) Nasrullah Khan, Asim Abbasi, Sardar Abid Razzaq, party workers, and several political and social figures.

Kamalia police arrests a drug dealer



Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the directives of District Police Officer (DPO) Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar, Kamalia Circle ASP Ali Ahmed led an operation in which City Police Station Kamalia SHO Ameer Safdar along with his team, conducted a successful raid based on a tip-off from an informant. During the operation, police arrested an alleged drug dealer, Muhammad Mehran son of Muhammad Maqbool, belonging to the Rajput community and a resident of Ravi Town, red-handed near the railway crossing.

According to police officials, more than one kilogram of charas was recovered from the suspect's possession. Consequently, a case has been registered against him under the Control of Narcotic Substances Act. ASP Ali Ahmed stated that, following the instructions of DPO Ibadat Nisar, strict action is being taken against drug dealers across the district. He added that a zero-tolerance policy is being implemented to curb all such illegal activities and those involved will be dealt with firmly in

Science and other competitions organised in government schools in TT Singh district

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: In line with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, district-level STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) competitions were organized in government schools across Toba Tek Singh to promote students' interest in these subjects and introduce them to practical skills. The competitions were held under the guidance of Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat, organized by the District Education Authority and successfully overseen by CEO Education Raheela Jamil. Students from government schools showcased innovative STEAM models, highlighting the practical application of modern technology and the arts. Deputy Commissioner Umar Mela, serving as the chief guest, visited all the stalls, personally reviewed the models and appreciated the students' creativity. He also commended the relentless efforts of the CEO Education, other officials and teachers. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners: PKR 30,000 for first place, PKR 20,000 for second and PKR 10,000 for third place. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela emphasized that such initiatives foster creative thinking, problem-solving skills and practical experience among students while providing them opportunities to excel in science, technology and other modern fields.

Punjab govt approves Rs 5b for tehsil Tandlianwala development

FAISALABAD: On the instructions of Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the Punjab government has approved funds of Rs 5 billion for the completion of sewerage system upgradation, road repair and rehabilitation and other projects in tehsil Tandlianwala under the Punjab Development Program.

Chairing a meeting at the Assistant Commissioner's office, Tandlianwala on Monday, Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar said that the implementation of mega projects will start soon. Assistant Commissioner Azka Sahar and other tehsil officers were also present.

He also imposed a fine of Rs. 100,000 on the contractor for poor sanitation in the city and warned of cancellation of the contract. He asked the Assistant Director, Local Government to task the Union

Council Secretaries to prepare a development plan. The commissioner also went to the THQ Hospital and took strict notice of non-provision of medicine to the patient from hospital's pharmacy.





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GC Women University Faisalabad successfully holds *International* Mathematical Conference

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FAISALABAD: The International Conference on Mathematical Autonomy and Future Trends (ICMEFT-2025), which was a joint effort of the Department of Mathematics of Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) and Government Colle University Faisalabad (GCUF), concluded successfully after a threeday conference of active academic exchange, participation of global researchers, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The conference commenced at the Jinnah Auditorium, with the presence of Chief Guests Prof. Dr. Kanwal Amin (Vice Chancellor GCWUF), Prof. Dr. Zafar Ali Chaudhry (VC Medical University Faisalabad) and Prof. Dr. Amanullah (Rector TUF). Prof. Dr. Kanwal Amin highlighted the central role of mathematics in artificial intelligence and machine learning and appreciated the leadership of Prof. Dr. Saima Akram.

Prof. Dr. Shahzad Sarfaraz (Campus Director, FAST - Chiniot Campus) was the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the conference. International keynote speakers-Professor Dr. Gerhard Pfister, Professor Dr. Eric Dolores Cuenca, Professor Dr. Sheng Bao, Professor Dr. Ignacio Lango Velasco and Professor Dr. Norma Ellaswere present.

CM Maryam meets President EU Harmonization Committee & Member Turkish **Grand National Assembly**

News Desk

Turkish Grand National Assem- economic cooperation, environbly Burhan Kaya Turk. She mental issues and parliamentary LAHORE: Chief Minister warmly welcomed the Turkish affairs. She expressed profound Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif delegation. During the meeting, met President of EU Harmoni- both sides held a comprehensive and people of Turkiye for their hearts and positions of Pakistan

gratitude to the government



also welcomed Turkiye's interest in Pakistan's Special Economic

Chief Minister Marvam Nawaz Sharif commended Turkiye's bold and principled stance on the Palestine issue as a source of confidence for the entire Muslim world. "From Kashmir to Gaza, there is no distance between the zation Committee & Member of discussion on bilateral relations, timely assistance during recent and Turkiye," she noted. She

ation in climate legislation, local government, digital exchange and youth empowerment would give new dimensions to Pakistan-Turkiye relations. Both sides stressed the need for joint efforts to boost bilateral trade up to 5 billion dollars. Pakistan proposed

naming a Special Economic

Zone as 'President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan Special Industrial Zone'

in honour of the Turkish Pres-

The Turkish parliamentarian appreciated construction of more than 120,000 houses in Punjab within a short span of few months and acknowledged that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's pace of work "is even faster than Turkiye's." Burhan Kaya Turk added that the people of Turkiye hold great admiration for Quaide-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Muhammad Nawaz Sharif.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar taking interest in photos during the Art Exhibition at National Council of Arts in Federal Capital.



University of London Unveils Pakistan Law Microcredential at **Islamabad Ceremony**

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: University of London Dean Patricia Mckeller and Saad Wasim Launches Introductory Microcredential on Pakistan Law within their Undergraduate Laws Degree!

The University of London launched yesterday the Micro Credential on Introduction to Pakistan Law in Islamabad. The event was attended by the Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar and Minister of State for Law & Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik as the Chief Guests.

Dr. Faisal Mushtaq, Chairman & CEO TMUC Higher Education Group and The Millennium Education attended as the Guest of Honour. Other key stakeholders attended the event, including prominent ciated this initiative from UG



alumni, regulators, partners and our wonderful RTC Heads. All the attendees highly appre-

strengthen the University of London UG Laws programme in Pakistan!

Special thanks to Dean UG

lawyers and employers, esteemed Laws and felt this would further Laws, Patricia Mckeller and Saad Wasim, Regional Advisor South Asia for University of London for turning this dream

$Commissioner\ inspects\ Nishtar$ Hospital: Patients report satisfaction, cleanliness needs work

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Amir Karim Khan Said The Punjab government is providing crores of rupees for the best treatment and medical facilities for the health of the people. Commissioner Multan Division Aamir Karim Khan visited



the emergency ward, Gynecology OPD and under-construction projects of Nishtar Hospital in detail. During the visit, he inquired about the facilities available in the hospital and the attitude of the staff from the patients and their families.

Patients and their families in the emergency ward expressed complete satisfaction with the attitude and services of the doctors and paramedical staff. The supply of essential medicines in the hospital is going on $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ uninterruptedly and no complaint has been received. Commissioner Aamir Karim Khan said that the cleanliness of the emergency ward was overall good, but there is room for further improvement.

Later, Commissioner Aamir Karim Khan also inspected the Gynecology OPD where the flow of patients was found to be organized and no significant disorder was seen. The patients expressed satisfaction with the facilities provided while the consultant doctors were present in their places. Commissioner Aamir Karim Khan issued instructions for immediate improvement as the cleanliness of the OPD was not impressive. He also ordered the deployment of volunteers to guide the public on the disorderly queue outside the OPD pharmacy.

European Business Delegation Eyes Multan for Investment and Trade Opportunities

MULTAN: A Business Delegation from Europe-Pakistan Economic Corridor (EPEC) visited the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. On this occasion, Senior Vice President of Multan



Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mohsin Khawaja, Vice President Muhammad Azhar Baloch, Mian Fazal Elahi, Mian Rashid Igbal, Sheikh Asim Saeed, Abdullah Shakoor, Dr. Atif Shafiq, Gail Hill, Catherine Bentley, Dr. Abdul Rehman Abid, Sheikh Umair Saeed, Muhammad Waseem Sheikh, Ammar Raza Sheikh, Sheikh Zafar, Ehtishamul Haq, Zafar Iqbal Siddiqui, Aurangzeb Alamgir, Secretary General of the Chamber Muhammad Shafiq and others were present. Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Abdul Hafeez MBE, Founder/CEO EPEC said that the organization has developed a strong platform to connect Pakistani professionals, business people and investors globally in the last 21 years, which started with ABS-UK which was initially limited to Pakistani doctors and medical experts but now includes people from all walks of life. Abdul Hafeez said that the basic principle of the organization is quality control and the organization does not work with any business unless it meets the standards.

Abdullah Shakoor, Chief Operating Officer of EPEC and Senior Vice President of Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mohsin Khawaja also speak on the occasion.

Affectees of Aabpara Bengali Properties facing hardships due to closure of their shops for over a month

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: President of the All Pakistan Traders' Union Ajmal Baloch has appealed to the Cabinet Division of Pakistan to reconsider its decision of expelling the shopkeepers from the Bengali Market of the Aabpara Market and 'auctioning the rent' of these properties—4 shops which are extended into 9-in the Aabpara Market.

Division to either allot these against nominal price. However and the shopkeepers are running shops to these shopkeepers or continue the current rental system as these shopkeepers have been running their businesses in these shops for over 50 years.

The Cabinet Division's Abandoned Properties Organization (APO) has sealed these shops on the ground that these shops belonged to the Bengali traders who in 1971 handed over or sold these shops to these shopkeepers He appealed to the Cabinet before leaving for Bangladesh

according to the APO, that was not a legal procedure and the shopkeepers operating their businesses in those Bengali properties for last 50 years had no right

to continue and they must quit. Ajmal Baloch while talking to media here Monday regretted that the local shopkeepers were already paying the market rent and their families depended on this business. Now these shops have been sealed by the APO Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi,

from pillars to posts to restore their business.

For the first time in the history of the federal capital, the Cabinet Division is mulling 'auctioning' of rent which has never been heard earlier, he said. We have heard auction of properties (sale) but not auction of rent, he further raid. The expelled shopkeepers of these nine shops have appealed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif,



Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and Secretary Cabinet Division to either allot these shops to these

expelled shopkeepers or renegotiate their rents.

If their shops are not opened respectable life in society.

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Privatisation Commission Board Recommends Strategic Additions and Removals from Privatisation **Programme**

he Privatisation Commission (PC) Board, in its 243rd meeting held today under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Ali, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Privatisation and Chairman, Privatisation Commission, has proposed important updates to the national privatisation programme.

The Board recommended the addition of three state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to the active Privatisation Programme and advised the delisting of two SOEs, based on the recommendations of the Board's Investment Committee.

The Investment Committee of the Privatisation Commission carried out a detailed evaluation of the 15 SOEs referred to the Commission by relevant ministries for inclusion in the privatisation programme. Based on the recommendations of the Investment Committee, the PC Board cleared Saindak Metals Limited (SML), Pakistan Minerals Development Corporation (PMDC), and National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) for inclusion in the Privatisation Programme. The remaining 12 SOEs were found not viable for privatisation by the Investment Committee and were, therefore, not approved by the Board for inclusion in the privatisation programme.

The Board also recommended the delisting of Sindh Engineering Limited (SEL) and the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) from the Privatisation Programme. SEL has remained non-operational since 2007–08, and its only tangible assets comprise litigation-encumbered land. In the case of USC, operations have already ceased following a government decision, and the Corporation's liabilities significantly exceed its assets.

In reaffirming its approach, the PC Board reiterated that the privatisation programme will remain anchored in the Government's broader SOE reform and fiscal consolidation framework, with decisions guided by transparency, market feasibility, and protection of the public interest. The Board emphasised that only those entities meeting viability and transaction-readiness criteria will be pursued for privatisation, and the administrative ministries may pursue alternate options, including liquidation, for SOEs not found viable for privatisation. This prioritisation ensures that institutional resources are directed toward transactions that are credible, executable, and aligned with national economic objectives.

Public Responsibilities for the Growth of Tourism in Pakistan & AJK

Abdul Basit Alvi

tourism potential, enriched scapes, deep historical heritage, and vibrant cultural traditions. Their mountains, valleys, and archaeological sites attract adventure seekers, nature lovers, and cultural enthusiasts, while tourism holds the power to generate jobs, reduce poverty, and uplift local communities. However, achieving sustainable tourism growth depends on responsible planning, strong infrastructure, environmental protection, and active public participation. Citizens play a key role in maintaining peace, safeguarding natural and cultural assets, and supporting eco-friendly development to help position these regions as leading global destinations.

The influential role of social media and digital engagement has become undeniably significant in the contemporary process of shaping global perceptions regarding various tourism destinations. Today's citizens wield unprecedented power to significantly influence how Pakistan and AJK are ultimately perceived on the international stage. Instead of circulating negativity, unverified false rumors, or content that promotes division online, the public is encouraged to constructively utilize various digital platforms to showcase the intrinsic natural and cultural beauty of their respective regions. The act of responsibly sharing high-quality photographs, compelling travel stories, and recounting positive experiences actively helps to capture the attention of global travelers and potential investors. Local figures such as vloggers, photographers, and key social media influencers have already demonstrated a crucial role in successfully changing to the collective growth of the sector. negative perceptions about Pakistan by

akistan and Azad Jammu & meticulously highlighting its underlying bility citizens must embrace to ensure the opportunities, exerts an upward pressure Kashmir offer remarkable safety, inherent hospitality, and cultural unwavering safety and ultimate comfort on property values, and invariably leads diversity. Every individual possesses the by stunning natural land- capacity to contribute meaningfully to environment necessitates constant this digital movement by judiciously and responsibly using social media channels to promote a positive, authentic, and truthful image of their cherished home-

> Furthermore, public cooperation with governmental and private sector initiatives remains absolutely vital for the advancement of tourism development.

When new, necessary projects such as the construction of resorts, the development of new roads, or the establishment of recreational

facilities are formally introduced, local communities must demonstrate support for this progress rather than offering resistance motivated by narrow political or personal biases. Genuine local participation serves as a crucial mechanism that ensures that all tourism development remains fundamentally inclusive and broadly beneficial for all stakeholders. The people also bear the responsibility of holding authorities constructively accountable—by proactively offering valuable feedback, actively participating in tourism awareness programs, and strongly encouraging transparencyinstead of resorting to counterproductive and destructive protests. Meaningful, hands-on contributions, such as volunteering on local tourism committees, offering community-based homestay accommodations, and actively participating in organized cultural events, represent practical and effective ways in which citizens can directly contribute

Equally paramount is the responsi-

of all tourists. A truly tourist-friendly vigilance against crimes such as theft, various forms of harassment, or fraudulent activities. Local residents must be protective of visitors, guarding them from potential exploitation and ensuring they promptly report any concerning

incidents to the appropriate authorities. The provision of accurate and reliable information, the guiding of travelers toward trustworthy and safe services, and the assurance that all women and families feel consistently secure and respected are

indispensable aspects of responsible citizenship. When visitors feel genuinely secure and respected, they are inclined to not only increase their spending during their stay but also transform into invaluable ambassadors of goodwill, sharing their overwhelmingly positive experiences with others and thus powerfully

encouraging further tourism. Finally, there is a clear necessity for comprehensive economic awareness among the public regarding the tangible and profound benefits derived from tourism. Few people regrettably fail to fully appreciate just how deeply and positively tourism can impact their day-to-day lives and their local economies. From the farmers who sell their produce directly to restaurants, to the skilled craftsmen who create authentic souvenirs, and the drivers who offer reliable transport services-tourism generates a quantifiable ripple effect that beneeconomy. The resultant inflow of tourists naturally increases local business

to significant improvements in crucial infrastructure such as roads, hospitals, and communications networks. When citizens fully recognize and internalize this direct and profound connection, they become intrinsically more motivated to actively protect and promote tourism because its growth directly and demonstrably translates into financial gains and an enhanced quality of life for their entire community.

The successful and lasting growth of tourism in Pakistan and AJK relies fundamentally not just on government policies or large-scale foreign investments, but most essentially on the collective sense of responsibility and dedication among the people.

The foundation of a thriving tourism industry rests upon the pillars of peace, cleanliness, genuine hospitality, honesty, unwavering environmental care, and deep respect for culture.

Instances of damaging protests and unnecessary violence must be thoughtfully supplanted by constructive dialogue and genuine cooperation, for every instance of internal unrest pushes the country further away from achieving its potential for economic stability and securing global recognition. The people of Pakistan and AJK must decisively embrace their essential role as the primary ambassadors of their homeland, actively working in concert to maintain peace, protect their inherent natural beauty, and consistently offer genuine, heartfelt hospitality. By collectively committing to these responsibilities, they possess the transformative power to elevate their regions into truly worldclass tourist destinations that ultimately fits virtually every single sector of the deliver enduring prosperity, profound national pride, and meaningful progress for all generations to come.



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

From Four Hundred Rejections to Global Triumph: The Inspiring Odyssey of Nikesh Arora

universal appeal, yet that rise above mere inspiration and become profound lessons in determination. The life of Nikesh Arora born in setbacks. the Indian city of Ghaziabad is one such exemplary tale. A man who was rejected nearly 400 times for various jobs and posi-

multibillion-dollar enterprise. His journey is not only a testament to hard work and courage but also a vivid demonstration of how steadfastness, knowledge, and strategic foresight can elevate an individual to the loftiest professional heights.

Arora hails from a modest Indian household. His father served in the Air Force, where discipline and the value of educa-

tion were integral parts of daily life. After completing his early education, he earned an engineering degree from IIT Varanasi a foundation that strengthened his intellectual grounding. However, the true beginning of his academic and professional maturation took place in the United States, where he pursued a master's in finance and an MBA. This phase proved pivotal, granting him deep insights into the intricate dynamics of global finance, technology markets, and corporate strategy.

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The secret of Nikesh Arora's success lies not merely in hard work and knowledge but equally in his strategic acuity and longtions has today ascended to the ranks of term vision. He viewed every opportunity the world's highest-paid CEOs, leading a as an avenue for learning and transformed each experience

into material for

future planning.

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managerial prin-<u>Khan Singhanvi</u> ciples, financial systems, and international markets. His ascent demonstrates the indispensable role of persistence, opportunity recognition, and intellectual grounding in achieving

Among the world's highest-paid CEOs, Elon Musk frequently occupies the top position. Yet Nikesh Arora's journey holds a parallel significance particularly for young professionals who abandon their ambitions after facing early failures. Arora has proved that when an individual His story exemplifies that failure does is armed with knowledge, diligence, and patience, no obstacle however formidable

Today, Arora not only leads a major corporation but is also redefining global standards in technology and cybersecurity. His story serves as a source of inspiration for millions of young Indians, illustrating that neither humble beginnings nor repeated failures can impede the rise of a determined and visionary mind. His example affirms that through perseverance, clarity of purpose, and wisdom, any individual can carve an enduring identity on the world stage and lead an institution worth billions.

The life of Nikesh Arora teaches us that failure is merely a temporary phase one that becomes a catalyst for growth when embraced with humility and resolve. His journey demonstrates that the fusion of knowledge, experience, strategic insight, and intellectual foresight elevates an individual to global prominence. A young man from an ordinary Indian household rejected hundreds of times now stands at the summit of the technological world. His ascent proves, unequivocally, that no barrier remains insurmountable before the force of human determination and

His odyssey from 400 failures to the helm of a multibillion-dollar corporation is far more than a tale of business success. It is a masterclass in resilience, intellect, and the transformative power of world-class education. Arora's story reminds us that with dedication, learning, and unshakeable perseverance, every obstacle can be overcome and a unique, lasting global identity can indeed be forged.

Global Health Security in the age of Pandemics

Naeema Syed

andemics have a lengthy history. The occurrence and potential impact of evolving infectious illnesses have increased in the modern era due to the quickening speed of urbanization, globalization, and environmental change. Pandemics are no more isolated public health emergencies, as recent events have shown; instead, they are perils to global security that have the potential to undermine entire countries, overload healthcare systems, and impact almost every facet of human existence. The complicated connections between biological dangers, management frameworks, human behavior, and international cooperation are revealed when pandemics are examined through the prism of global health security.

The capability of health systems to prevent, detect and address infectious disease risks is the foundation of global health security. However, a number of health systems worldwide face challenges with chronic underfunding, a shortage of qualified staff, and limited laboratory capacity. These gaps are revealed by pandemics. When a new virus spreads quickly, national readiness standards are frequently surpassed, which

results in slowed identification and inadequate action. The gaps that undercut global response efforts are highlighted by the unequal distribution of medical supplies and IP barriers. Boosting production, the prevalence and potential effect of emerging infectious illnesses have increased in the modern era due to the quickening speed of urban development, international integration, and environmental change. Pandemics are no more isolated public health emergencies, as recent events have shown; instead, they are threats to international security that have the potential to destabilize entire countries, overload healthcare infrastructure, and impact almost every facet of human existence. The intricate interactions between biological dangers, governance frameworks, human behavior, and global collaborations are revealed when pandemics are examined through the prism of global health security.

The ability of healthcare systems to prevent, identify, and address infectious disease risks is the cornerstone of global health security. However, a number of health systems worldwide struggle with persistent insufficient funding, a lack of trained staff, and constrained lab capabilities. These holes

are revealed by pandemics. When an emerging virus spreads quickly, emergency standards are frequently exceeded, which esults in postponed diagnosis and inadequate response. This breakdown is not exclusive to under-resourced areas; wealthier nations can also face system stress, as shown by hospital capacity issues, a lack of PPE, and hurdles in scaling up diagnostics. Worldwide health security is only as strong as its vulnerable point, as seen by the unequal allocation of health resources. Pandemics can also arise due to ecological and environmental issues.

The relationships between people, animals, and ecosystems are altered by deforestation, wildlife trading, and climate change, which increases the risk of zoonosis. A comprehensive interdisciplinary health approaches that incorporates environmental, animal, and human health is needed to address these upstream factors. Even though this idea is becoming more widely accepted, operationalizing it is still difficult. Cross-sector cooperation, interdisciplinary research, and facilitating policies are necessary for successful implementation. In the future, upgrading global health security necessitates thorough policy shifts, perpetual funding, and an understanding that pandemics are social and medical emergencies. International diplomacy, development planning, and national security objectives should all incorporate

contingency planning. Digital tools, live data analysis, and global collaborations are required to upgrade alert systems. Equal access to healthcare, social safety nets, and education should be given first priority in order to promote public resilience. Crucially, as the prompt hazard subsides, we must recall the lessons learnt

from previous pandemics. In an interconnected world, pandemics will still be a peril, but their impacts can be greatly reduced with coordinated effort, scientific advancement, and resilient health systems. Global health security is an ongoing process that calls for vigilance, cooperation and partnership, and adjustability rather than a static accomplishment. The international community can create a world that is safer and more resilient by addressing the structural fragilities that pandemics reveal and bolstering our ability to respond collectively.

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Palestinian Presidency denounces colonist attacks on international activists in Jericho

RAMALLAH: The Palestinian Presidency condemned the terrorist attacks carried out by colonists on Sunday against four international solidarity activists in the Ein al-Duyuk area

The colonists assaulted the activists, injuring three Italians and one Canadian, stealing their personal belongings, passports and mobile

The Presidency warned of the gravity of these terrorist acts, which violate international law, holding the Israeli government fully responsible for the serious repercussions of colonist attacks against both Palestinians and international activists.

It also emphasized that the including colonist terrorism, forced uprooting, and crop burning must



attempts by the occupying authorities, displacement, deliberate killing, tree

The Presidency affirmed, "Such actions not only constitute a flagrant violation of international law but also threaten the values of justice upon which the foundations of the international system and other fundamental norms and rights are based."

The Presidency reiterated its call to the international community to hold these criminal killers accountable and impose sanctions on them and on the occupying authorities that provide them with support and protection.

It also called for the urgent need to provide protection for Palestinians and work toward ending the occupation and realizing the independence of the State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, within the

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu appears in court following pardon request

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TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared before the Tel Aviv District Court on Monday for the first time since requesting a pardon from President Isaac Herzog regarding his long-standing corrup-

Netanyahu asked the Israeli president on Sunday for clemency from the corruption charges that have followed him for years.

The request has sparked a deep division in Israeli society, with some supporting it and others opposing it unless Netanyahu pleads guilty and steps away from politics, according to statements from the Israeli opposition.

According to Israeli's Channel 12, pardon request." Netanyahu's hearing began on Monday,



The channel added that Netanyahu "without the judges addressing the requested a postponement of his court The judges said that they would consider

appearance scheduled for Tuesday, citing "diplomatic and security commitments."

Netanyahu faces charges of corruption, bribery, and breach of trust in three separate cases, which could lead to imprisonment if he is convicted. He denies all charges.

Case 1000 involves allegations that Netanyahu and his family received valuable gifts from businessmen in exchange

for favors and assistance in various fields. Case 2000, Netanyahu is accused of negotiating with Arnon Mozes, publisher of the Israeli newspaper Yediot Aharonot, to secure positive media coverage.

Case 4000 concerns allegations that Netanyahu granted favors to Shaul Elovitch, the former owner of the Walla! news website and a former executive at the Bezeq telecommunications company, also in exchange for positive

Saudi Arabia provides \$90 million grant tranche to Palestine for 2025

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AMMAN: The Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and Acting Minister of Finance, Estephan Salameh, on Monday received a \$90 million tranche of a Saudi grant to the State of Palestine, as part of the Kingdom's continued support for 2025.

The tranche was handed over at the headquarters of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Jordanian capital, Amman, during a meeting between Minister Salameh and the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Jordan and non-resident envoy to Palestine, Prince Mansour bin Khalid bin Farhan Al Saud.

Salameh praised the Kingdom's King Salman bin Abdulaziz and

support, stressing the importance of this contribution in alleviating the financial crisis facing the State of Palestine in light of recent Israeli policies. He expressed deep appreciation for the Kingdom's historic and steadfast position toward the Palestinian people.

He also commended Saudi Arabia's consistent historic stance toward Palestine, its support for Palestinian legitimate rights, and the establishment of an independent state.

Salameh conveyed the greetings of President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, in appreciation of their enduring political, economic and humanitarian support.

For his part, Prince Mansour bin Khalid affirmed the Kingdom's firm, historic and continued commitment to supporting the Palestinian people and their just and legitimate rights to establish an independent state.

He pointed to the political efforts recently undertaken by the Kingdom, as co-chair with France of the highlevel international conference in New York in support of the Palesof the two-state solution, and to the outcomes achieved, including broad

ongoing financial and political Crown Prince and Prime Minister international recognition of the Pales-

tinian state and the two-state solution. The Saudi ambassador explained that this support comes within the framework of the Kingdom's leadership's keenness to back the Palestinian government and enable it to meet its financial obligations.

He underscored the importance of these grants in strengthening the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and easing their suffering in the face of economic and humanitarian challenges, as well as supporting vital sectors, particularly health and education, as an extension of the Kingdom's tinian cause and the implementation sustained economic, developmental, relief and humanitarian support to the State of Palestine.

Provincial Minister for Transport Bilal Akbar Khan Visits UMT

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Transport Bilal Akbar Khan visited the University of Management and Technology (UMT), where he held an important meeting with UMT President and former Provincial Minister for Transport, Ibrahim Hasan Murad. The two leaders discussed matters



related to transport, education and other areas of mutual interest, with a special focus on collaborative initiatives aimed at improving the province's modern and sustainable transport system.

During the meeting, both dignitaries agreed that a safe, peoplefriendly and modern transport system can only be achieved through strong collaboration between academic institutions and the Department of Transport. They also agreed to further enhance cooperation in youth skill development, academia-industry linkages, modern transportation technologies, road safety programs, and various joint

President UMT Ibrahim Hasan Murad emphasized that innovation, safe mobility, modern infrastructure and globally skilled youth are essential for ensuring Pakistan's sustainable future. He noted that UMT is committed not only to high-quality education but also to practical training, research, technology integration and strong linkages with industry to empower students with future-ready skills.

He further stated that strong partnerships between educational institutions and government departments pave the way for real, transparent and long-term development.

Provincial Minister for Transport Bilal Akbar Khan praised Ibrahim Hasan Murad's contributions as former Minister for Transport, acknowledging his significant role in policy reforms, institutional strengthening, and the promotion of road safety initiatives. He also commended UMT's academic excellence and its impactful contributions to youth training and development.

The meeting concluded with UMT President Ibrahim Hasan Murad presenting a souvenir to Provincial Minister Bilal Akbar Khan in appreciation of his visit.

Cataract burden rising with diabetes surge and weak rural access

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RAWALPINDI: Pakistan's cataract burden continues to rise despite an expansion in treatment facilities, driven by the fast-growing diabetes epidemic, an ageing population, malnutrition, ultraviolet exposure and late diagnosis. Prof Dr Sabihuddin Ahmed, Head of the Cata-



ract Department at Al Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, said these pressures are outpacing the system's ability to deliver timely care, especially in areas with limited specialist coverage. He said closing the treatment gap requires a shift toward decentralized services, including mandatory screening for diabetic patients and integrating basic eye exams into primary healthcare networks.

He said doctors under the Al Shifa network carry out about 8500 free cataract surgeries every month across six hospitals. This expansion is donor-supported but remains insufficient as diabetes driven cataract rises. Pakistan ranks first globally in diabetes prevalence with 34.5 million adults suffering from the disease, which could reach 70.2 million by 2050. Provincial prevalence stands at 16 percent in Puniah 15 percent in Baluchistan, 14 percent in Sindh, and 11 percent in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. About 230000 Pakistanis die annually due to diabetes related complications.

Talking to the media, Prof Ahmed said the cataract surgical rate is now more than double the 2002 level, yet millions remain untreated. There are about 570000 adults blind from cataract and 3.56 million with visual issues. Meeting needs by 2030 will require at least 1.84 million surgeries annually. He said economic losses are widening because untreated cataract reduces labour participation, lowers household productivity, and increases dependency among older earners. WHO estimates show global productivity losses of 411 billion dollars from vision impairment. IN Pakistan, the private sector performs 42.4 percent of surgeries, NGOs 39.9 percent, and the public sector 17.7 percent, keeping most of the burden on non-state providers.

Pakistan has only 15 ophthalmologists per million population, far fewer than in developed countries. Many districts have none, and most specialists are urban-based, limiting rural access. He said women face mobility barriers, fewer financial resources, and delayed hospital visits, resulting in higher untreated cataracts. Private surgery costs remain a major barrier, while public hospitals struggle with outdated equipment and long queues. He said provincial health systems should adopt routine diabetes screening, embed eye care in basic health units, and expand training to prevent avoidable blindness

HIV infections rise in Pakistan; WHO and UNAIDS call to action

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: On World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and the Ministry of Health join hands to urge collective and individual action against a public health threat affecting 350,000 people in Pakistan - 80% of whom are unaware of their HIV status.

WHO Representative in Pakistan Dr Luo Dapeng, Pakistan's Health Director General Dr Ayesha Majeed Isani, and UNAIDS Director in Pakistan, Trouble Chikoko, lead an awareness walk to mark World AIDS Day departing from WHO Country Office. Photo credit: Hamid Inam/WHO Pakistan.

1 December 2025, Islamabad, Pakistan - On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNAIDS are calling for action to reverse a trend that has made Pakistan home to one of the fastest-growing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemics in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, with new infections rising by 200% over the last 15 years – from 16,000 in 2010 to 48,000 in 2024.

While HIV predominantly

the past, it is now spreading to achieve our goals. We need to children, spouses and the wider community due to unsafe blood management and injection practices, gaps in infection prevention and control, a lack of HIV testing during antenatal care, unprotected sexual activity, stigma and limited access to HIV services. Under the theme "Over-

coming disruption, transforming the AIDS response", WHO and UNAIDS joined forces with Pakistan's Ministry of Health to mark the date with an awareness walk calling for collective and individual action to intensify the HIV response and preventive measures. The main goal: to end the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) - which applies to the most advanced stages of HIV infection - as a public health threat by 2030.

"The discrimination, the stigma, and this disease cannot be curtailed only by us. It has to be the communities; it has to be the health regulatory authorities... We need everyone involved to end unsafe practices for injections and blood transfusions. We need to educate people. We need to take our clinicians on board

affected high-risk groups in as well. All of us, together, can give the children and the adults of Pakistan the healthy future they deserve, which is HIV-free," said Pakistan's Health Director General Dr Ayesha Majeed Isani.

It is estimated that 350,000 people are living with HIV in Pakistan, but almost 8 in 10 persons affected do not know their status. Children are increasingly affected, with new cases among those aged 0-14 years surging from 530 cases in 2010 to 1,800 in 2023.

Over the last decade, Pakistan has increased eightfold the number of persons living with HIV who receive antiretroviral therapy (ART) - from around 6,500 in 2013 to 55,500 in 2024 - thanks to joint efforts by the Government, UN entities, and partners. The country has also increased the number of antiretroviral therapy centres from 13 in 2010 to 95 in 2025.

Despite progress, in 2024, in Pakistan only an estimated 21% of people living with HIV knew their status, 16% of them were on treatment, and 7% had achieved viral load suppression. Over 1,100 AIDS-related deaths were reported in 2024.



tive in Pakistan Dr Luo Dapeng. tion, testing, treatment, and and Larkana (2019). In several "Together, we can still end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, if we act with urgency, unity, and renewed commitment. Countries must make radical shifts to HIV programming and funding. The global HIV through unsafe injec- sands of children at risk. Among HIV response cannot rely on tions and blood transfusions children aged 0-14 living with domestic resources alone. WHO will stand with Paki-The international community stan and partners to protect must renew its commitment the present and future generato ending AIDS by 2030 and tions from HIV, leaving no one come together to bridge the behind," said WHO Representafinancing gap to expand preven-

care, particularly for key populations, women and children", said UNAIDS Director in Pakistan, Trouble Chikoko.

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AIDS is not over. Let's protect the response

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Bull & Bears

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+0.83%	1 Dec, 2025 4:30 pm			
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Open Market Forex Rates

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OPPOA64G Launches in **Pakistan**



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: OPPO, a global leader in smartphone devices, is excited to announce the launch of the OPPO A6 $4\mathrm{G}$ in Pakistan, now available for pre-order. With its long-lasting battery, powerful multitasking capabilities, and advanced AI camera, the OPPO A6 4G comes with a 2-year warranty, reflecting OPPO's commitment to delivering reliable, high-quality smartphones to its users.

"At OPPO, we believe cutting-edge technology should be accessible to everyone," George Long, CEO of OPPO Pakistan, remarked. "The OPPO A6 4G ensures smooth performance and brings a premium design for every segment. We are proud to offer a device that combines longlasting power, lag-free performance, and AI-powered photography—all backed by our commitment to quality."

Action against tax theft in tobacco sector; Another factory sealed

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is facing the menace of illicit trade and unlawful manufacture of cigarettes, a problem estimated to be causing an annual revenue loss of nearly Rs. 250 to 300 billion to the national exchequer.

Recognizing the gravity of this challenge and its far-reaching economic implications, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has issued clear directions to decisively curb the illicit cigarette trade and ensure strict enforcement of tax laws.

In compliance with these directions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) formulated a comprehensive and multi-layered enforcement plan aimed at eliminating non-duty-paid cigarette production, strengthening monitoring mechanisms, and disrupting illegal supply chains. This national effort received broad support from all stakeholders, most notably the Pakistan Army, which has extended full cooperation to reinforce enforcement operations. As part of the coordinated strategy, approximately 120 Pakistan Rangers personnel have been deployed at Green Leaf Threshing (GLT) units across the country to assist in monitoring and securing the premises against illicit manufac-



than 200 dedicated monitors under Section production, ensure lawful removal of goods, 21, 22, 19(3), 19(10), and 27 of the Federal 40B of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, and Section and verify tax compliance at manufacturing Excise Act, 2005 are underway.

Simultaneously, FBR has also posted more 45 of the Federal Excise Act, 2005, to oversee Peshawar. Further proceedings under sections

Following the directions of the Prime Minister and in strict compliance with FBR's enforcement plan, the Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation-IR Peshawar, after obtaining warrant from area Magistrate, conducted a successful raid on an undeclared godown in the area of Jabbar Police Station District Mardan KP on 03.11.2025. During the search a total of 200 cartons of non-duty paid/non-TTS cigarettes with brand names, Business Class, Red and Crown were recovered. The mentioned cigarettes are registered brands of M/S. Indus Tobacco Company (Pvt) Ltd. Accordingly the Directorate of I&I-IR Peshawar forwarded a Contravention Report on 21.11.2025 to Regional Tax Office Peshawar. Acting upon the contravention report, and after completing the codal formalities and necessary approvals, the manufacturing machinery of M/s Indus Tobacco Company was sealed under Rule 28A(6) of the Federal Excise Rules, 2005 by the officers of RTO Peshawar on 29.11.2025. The operation was executed by DC(IR) Arsalan Ali under the supervision of the Chief Commissioner, RTO

Traditional Stuff

ISLAMABAD: Visitors are taking interest in the traditional stuff on stalls during "Global Destination Expo" at local hotel in Federal Capital.



Training, Workshops and Awards Feature in LONGi's Jhelum Installer Program Event

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: A dedicated training session and awards ceremony were held at the Jhelum Flagship Store of LONGi Pakistan as part of the company's Installer Incentive Program. The event brought together solar installers for a mix of educational seminars, discussions, and recognition of top performers.

Organisers reported that the agenda included an overview of current industry practices, hands-on and theoretical training segments, and group discussions aimed at enhancing the skill set of participating installers. The training was positioned as an opportunity to better equip installers with the knowledge required to implement solar systems in real-world settings.

A highlight of the event was an awards ceremony in which the company recognised its highest-performing installers, awarding certificates and public acknowledgement for their achievements under the programme.

The incentive initiative forms part of



development within Pakistan's expanding the broader LONGi Certified Installer solar installation sector. The programme technical foundations.

Program, introduced to support skill combines online learning with practical sessions designed to strengthen installers'

Sabiha Anees Trading Enterprise Signs MoU with Shinhwa Interglobal Korea at FoodAg 2025 to Explore Export of TRB Peetza Hour and GRIN **Products**

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Sabiha Anees Trading Enterprise and Shinhwa Interglobal Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a cooperative dialogue to the recently held FoodAg assess market potential, 2025 exhibition, demonstrating their shared interest in evaluating future tion structures required export and market development opportunities for Pakistan's premium frozen food brands TRB Peetza

The MoU was signed by commercial partnership.

Mr. Muhammad Ali Ashraf, National Sales Manager at Sabiha Anees, and Mr. Shin Kyeon Min, CEO of Shinhwa Interglobal.

The agreement initiates regulatory frameworks, product fit, and distribufor introducing Pakistani frozen foods to South Korea. This MoU is an expression of intent, representing the starting point towards a

Rawalpindi Traders appeal to PM, CM: **Stop harassing** taxpayers, target the unregistered

RAWALPINDI: Sheikh Abdul Waheed, Vice Chairman of Central Anjuman-e-Tajran Rawalpindi (Registered), said that laws should be implemented on equal grounds for all institutions. Why are all those in Pakistan who have commercial electricity meters, vehicles, or own one kanal or more houses not made filers? The officials of the Federal Board of Revenue, running under the supervision of the federal government, and the Punjab Revenue Authority, operating under the provincial government, should refrain from causing unnecessary trouble to those who pay sales tax. Traders are responsible citizens and fully aware of their rights and obligations.

He made a strong appeal to the Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief istered traders.



Minister Punjab Ms. Maryam Nawaz that the dignity and self-respect of taxpayers should not be violated.

In his important statement, he said that only five percent of restaurants in the district are registered, while the remaining ninety-five percent are beyond the reach of the authorities. Sheikh Abdul Waheed said that treating taxpayers as thieves and conducting raids on them must be stopped. Such raids should be carried out on non-filers and unreg-

Hashoo Foundation Drives Gender-Responsive Policy Development in Gilgit-Baltistan

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Hashoo Foundation convened a multi-stakeholder Gender-Responsive Policv Integration Workshop and Consultation in Gilgit under the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Area (GBLADP), an initiative funded by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and locally implemented by Hashoo Foundation. The session brought together government offi-

small to medium enterprises and community organizations including village organizations, women organizations and youth organizations. The workshop identified gender gaps in existing environmental and Development Programme natural resource management frameworks and co-developed pathways for more inclusive, climate-resilient development in the district.

Speaking at the session, Uzma Nomani, Manager Resource cials, civil society representa- Mobilisation & Climate Change,

tives, community leaders, local at Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, explained PPAF's approach to poverty graduation and climate resilience, emphasising that women are central to natural resource management. "The Local Area Development Programme aims that women serve not just as participants but as leaders shaping resilient communities. Today's consultation is a key step in ensuring policy frameworks reflect their knowledge and priorities."

Qandeel Zehra, Scientific Officer, Environmental Protec-

tion Agency Gilgit-Baltistan, added, "Women in our villages contribute daily to the preservation of forests and water sources, but their voices rarely reach deci-

cies will consider our realities." Hashoo Foundation empha-

sion-makers. This session has ment to strengthening commu-perspectives in local planning, given us hope that future polinity-led governance systems enhance institutional capaciacross Gilgit-Baltistan. Through sized its long-standing commit- is working to embed gender Diamer.

ties, and support climate-re-GBLADP, the organization silient socio-economic uplift in

Conquerors, Stars cement final berth; Omaima hits 127 in penultimate round

👺 Abdul Majid

the National Women's One-Day Tournament 2025-26 saw Conquerors and Stars dominate yet again as they cemented their final berths with six wins each and one round to go. Invincibles are placed third with three wins wickets. and a triumph in last round will do them no good.

The tenth round of the tournament will take place at the same venues on Wednesday, 3 December with four half-centuries. The duo got together teams set to be in action except Stars, at 54-2 before putting on 100 runs to who have played their eight league

At the Igbal Stadium, Omaima triumph over Invincibles.

Omaima struck 127 off 131 balls hitting 14 fours and in tandem with Masooma Zahra and Syeda Aroob Sidra Amin (93, 101b, 12x4s) she put Shah picked up two wickets each, while

the second wicket. Earlier, Omaima Amin dismissed one batter each. had gathered 64 runs with her fellow FAISALABAD: The ninth round of opening batter Warda Yousaf (20, 46b,

> Kaynat Hafeez chipped in with a 14-ball 20 hitting two fours as Stars posted 287-5 in 50 overs. For Invincibles, Tasmia Rubab picked up two

> In reply, Invincibles could only manage 218 all out in 47.5 overs with Natalia Parvaiz (84, 91b, 9x4s, 1x6) and Hafsa Khalid (65, 86b, 10x4s) hitting put Stars on the alert before Hafsa was

Conquerors made the most of the Sohail brought the third century of the opportunity and staged a comeback tournament to hand Stars a 69-run taking eight for 64 to hand Invincibles their fourth loss in the tournament.

Stars' Omaima Sohail, Sveda on a mammoth 163-run stand for Diana Baig, Anosha Nasir and Anam

Conquerors bagged their sixth win of the tournament against as they overhauled the 165-run target set by Strikers in 29.5 overs at the HPC

Opting to bat first, Strikers got off to a good start on the back of a 101-run second-wicket stand between Shawaal Zulfiqar (84, 90b, 15x4s) and Noreen Yaqoob (15, 42b, 2x4s) before Conquerors made their way back to the game

Following Shawaal's departure after a brisk half-century, Strikers slipped from 151-3 to 164 all out in a spectacular collapse. Conquerors' off-spinner Umm-e-Hani returned figures of 10-1-31-4, while Saima Malik and Ayesha Bilal dismissed two batters each.

In turn, Conquerors were helped home with an 89-run opening stand by their prolific pair of Gull Feroza (66, 54b, 9x4s) and Saira Jabeen (36, 40b, 8x4s). Strikers then took four wickets

for 30 runs with Ghulam Fatima taking two, Nashra Sundhu and Rabia Rani taking one each to leave Conquerors

 $Iram \, Javed \, (41,41b,8x4s) \, and \, Hani \,$ (10, 28b) then stitched a unbeaten 48-run stand to finish the game.

Round 9 - Scores in brief Match 17 - Stars beat Invincibles by

69 runs at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad Stars 287-5, 50 overs (Omaima Sohail 127, Sidra Amin 93, Kaynat Hafeez 20, Warda Yousaf 20; Tasmia Rubab 2-54)

Invincibles 218 all out, 47.5 overs (Natalia Parvaiz 84, Hafsa Khalid 65, Muneeba Ali 30; Omaima Sohail 2-33, Syeda Masooma Zahra 2-38, Syeda Aroob Shah 2-54)

Player of the match - Omaima Sohail (Stars)

Match 18 - Conquerors beat Strikers by six wickets at HPC Ground, Fais-

Strikers 164 all out, 39.5 overs



(Shawaal Zulfigar 84, Aliva Riaz 26; Feroza 66, Iram Javed 41 not out, Saira Umm-e-Hani 4-31, Saima Malik 2-23, Jabeen 36; Ghulam Fatima 2-31)

Player of the match - Umm-e-Hani Conquerors 167-4, 29.5 overs (Gull (Conquerors)

KP Governor Honors Najeebullah Khattak with Pride of Performance Award for **Sporting Excellence**

Sports Desk

On Wednesday, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi presented the Pride of Performance Governor's Award to Najeebullah Khattak in recognition of his national and international achievements in the field of

Najeebullah Khattak, who serves in the CDA Sports and Culture Directorate, is also a PhD Scholar, a High-Performance Physical Fitness Coach, Trainer, and Nutritionist. He has worked with national and international teams in the World Cup, Asia Cup, and Asian Gam and has the distinction of winning a silver medal in the World Cup.



Moeen Ali also set to feature in PSL 2026 after Faf du Plessis

Former England all-rounder Moeen Ali is also set to feature in the upcoming edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL), he announced on Monday

Moeen, 38, expressed his excitement at joining the PSL, noting that the league has earned a reputation for hosting top-level

"I'm really excited to be joining HBL PSL in its New Era. The league has earned a reputation for top-level T20 cricket, with high-quality competition and world-class talent across every team," he wrote on his Instagram handle.

He further mentioned his experience of playing in Pakistan and praised the crowds for passionately supporting their favorite

"Playing in Pakistan is always incredible; the quality of cricket is outstanding, and the passion and intensity from the crowd push you to bring your best.

I'm looking forward to being part of it all and creating some great memories along the way. Ready for another special experi-

ence, Insha'Allah!," Moeen Ali said. The Birmingham-born Moeen has extensive experience and has been a regular on

the global T20 circuit. Notably, Moeen had previously featured in the league, playing nine games for Multan Sultans from 2019 to 2021.

Nadim Babar becomes a role model for young players in the Gulf countries

KARACHI: Former Pakistan U-19 cricket team player and former first-class cricketer Muhammad Nadim Babar, a bright star in the cricket sky of the Gulf countries and thanks to his outstanding performance, became a role model cricketer for young cricketers in the Gulf countries.

Former captain of the Saudi Arabian national team Muhammad Nadim Babar is considered one of the most prominent figures in the Gulf cricket. Nadim Babar made a unique mark in cricket circles due to his exceptional all-round performance, leadership and international experience.

Former Pakistani first-class cricketer Muhammad Nadim Babar's record of 238 centuries and more than 2,000 wickets while playing cricket in Saudi Arabia is written in golden letters in the history of Gulf cricket.



For these brilliant achievements. he also received the prestigious Don Bradman Award of Gulf cricket, which camp.

comes only to exceptional players. Nadim Babar represented Asia XI and World XI against Pakistan, while also playing league cricket for many years in England, where he proved his abilities.

His performance has made him one of the most respected all-rounders in the region. He led his teams at school, college and university levels and later played an important role in representing the Riyadh Cricket Association in the national championship.

The peak of his leadership was seen when he was appointed captain of the moving to Saudi Arabia, Nadim Babar was a part of the Pakistan Under-19 Cricket Federation. team, represented the Karachi Region and also played first-class cricket under ation. Muhammad Nadim Babar also attended the Pakistan Cricket Team

He proved his abilities by showing excellent performance in batting and bowling while playing for Pakistan Steel Mill, K-Electric, Pakistan Customs, Defense Housing Authority, Pakistan Navy, NDFC, Hight Company, Pak Saudi International Department. Muhammad Nadim Babar is also an International Cricket Council (ICC) approved coach.

He has also served as the head coach of Saudi Arabia's junior and senior national teams. He has also held the position of chief selector. He is currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Arabian national team. Before Riyadh Cricket Association and is also an important member of the Saudi Arabian

Muhammad Nadim Babar's struggle, extraordinary hard work, perseverance the Karachi Regional Cricket Associaand outstanding performance in the game of cricket have made him a role model cricketer for young Saudi Arabian

Pakistan Vaccinates Over 33 Million Children as Measles-Rubella Campaign Concludes Successfully

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, through the Federal Directorate of Immunization (FDI), announces the successful completion of Pakistan's 2025 National Measles-Rubella (MR) and Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) campaign, during which more than 33 million children were vaccinated against measles and rubella, while the OPV target was also successfully achieved.

The National MR Vaccination Campaign was conducted across Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Islamabad, the nationwide drive delivered exceptional results, achieving over 95% MR

coverage and standing among the uptake remaining consistently high, safety surveillance remained robust, most successful immunization efforts undertaken in recent years.

Under FDI's leadership, provinces and regions delivered exceptional results, maintaining coverage above 95% by reaching remote and high-risk communities through school based vaccination, community outreach, sustained engagement, and door-todoor social mobilization, supported by local influencers, teachers, and religious leaders.

The strong results achieved this year demonstrate the resilience of the country's immunization system and the impact of coordinated action across national, provincial, and community

With most provinces surpassing MR coverage targets and OPV

the campaign reflects Pakistan's unwavering dedication to protecting and investigated efficiently in line with children from vaccine-preventable

Operational throughout the campaign was exemplary. Over 284,486 vaccination sessions were monitored by National, tors, supervisors, social mobilizers, Provincial, Districts and Union teachers, volunteers, religious leaders, Council level monitors throughout and local administrators for their dedithe campaign to ensure adherence cation. to standards. Reporting compliance reached an impressive 98%, demonstrating effective coordination across district and provincial levels.

were resolved promptly. Vaccine against the deadly diseases.

with adverse events reported managed national protocol.

The MNHSR&C along with Federal performance Directorate of Immunization extends their deepest appreciation to provincial and district EPI teams, vaccina-

The vital support of UNICEF, WHO, Gavi, and civil society partners strengthened logistics, operations, and communications throughout the The Sehat Tahaffuz Helpline 1166 campaign. Above all, the Ministry played a key role in supporting parents acknowledges the unwavering commitand caregivers, receiving more than ment of parents and caregivers who 3000 MR related calls, all of which ensured their children were protected

Urgent reproductive health needs, deepening vulnerabilities across Pakistan highlighted



Rafiullah Mandokhel

QUETTA: The Population Council convened a Media Coalition Meeting today to present new evidence on the reproductive health needs of Pakistan's most vulnerable populations and to underscore the central role of the media in amplifying district level disparities and promoting equitable development.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Ali Mir, Senior Director, Population Council, emphasized that Pakistan's development agenda cannot advance without confronting the profound inequities identified through an Index for Pakistan that identifies district vulnerabilities. Reflecting on the data, he remarked.

The evidence clearly shows that basic health, education, livelihood services are not reaching millions who need them the most. These structural gaps are not abstract; they are lived realities. Unless we acknowledge these disparities and create public visibility around them, our policies will continue to fall short."
The presentation on district level evidence was jointly delivered

by Dr. G. M. Arif, Technical Advisor, Population Council, and Ikram ul Ahad, Manager Communication, Population Council. Dr. Arif highlighted how deprivation, distance from services, and demographic pressures intersect to produce entrenched vulnerability across multiple districts. Describing the district level patterns, he noted.

"In many parts of Pakistan, where a person lives determines their opportunities, their health, and even their resilience to crisis. The data shows how health facilities, schools, and essential services are simply too far for too many.

Addressing these inequities is not optional, it is fundamental to reducing vulnerability."

During the session, the presenters explained that the most vulnerable districts face far higher fertility rates, limited access to basic health services, and minimal Lady Health Worker outreach. In districts such as Chagai, Jhal Magsi, Kohat, Umerkot, and Lodhran, many rural households have not been visited by an LHW in the last month, leaving communities without essential family planning counselling.

Educational deprivation, especially the extreme distance to girls secondary schooling in Kohistan and Kohlu, often exceeding 70 kilometres, further restricts women's empowerment and reproductive health decision making. Demographic pressures, including the disproportionately high share of children under five in districts like Zhob and Kohistan, continue to strain already fragile development systems. These vulnerabilities, compounded by high exposure to climate risks in regions such as Balochistan and Sindh, reinforce a cycle of deprivation and limited resilience.

Speaking on the importance of media engagement, Ikram ul Ahad reiterated that evidence must be translated into public awareness, stating, "The District Vulnerability Index is a story of people, not numbers. Without the media, this story stays buried in technical documents instead of reaching the communities and policymakers who need to act. Journalists remain our strongest partners in ensuring that deprivation, vulnerability, and reproductive health needs become national priorities and not technical footnotes."

Pakistan cherishes strong, brotherly ties with UAE: PM

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"Going forward, our two countries remain resolute in striving for achieving the common goals of peace and stability, development and prosperity, especially in the region, and worldwide. Insha Allah, our cooperation in the economic, bilateral trade, investment and defence sectors will pave the way for the well-being of the peoples of both countries," he noted.

He said, "The warmth between our two peoples is a testament to the mutual affection that exists on

both sides. In this regard, Pakistanis living in the United Arab Emirates are also undoubtedly contributing positively to the mutual friendship between the two countries. "Today, we pray that the rela-

tionship between our two countries continues to grow form strength to strength in the times to come. On this special occasion, the entire Pakistani nation joins in wishing the United Arab Emirates continued peace, progress and prosperity. Long live Pakistan-UAE friendship, he concluded.

Cake cutting ceremony

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani along with senators cutting cake on the occasion of 58th Youm-



Tarar calls for reconciliation, warns attacks on Parliament endanger democracy, 250 million citizens

B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Azam Nazeer Tarar on Monday warned that any bid to attack, discredit, or weaken Parliament would undermine Pakistan's democratic foundations and harm its 250 million citizens.

Responding to a point of order in the National Assembly, Azam Nazeer Tarar appreciated Gohar Ali demands honesty, intro-



spection and consistency. He 2022 no-confidence vote was that political responsibility tation, reminding PTI that the political cost. leaving Parliament after the

Khan's remarks but stressed cautioned against confron- a mistake for which it had paid Tarar stressed that polit-

democracy rests on dialogue and reasoning, not force. "Politics and fascism are two different things—politics relies on argument, fascism on coercion and threats," he remarked. He reminded the opposition that PTI, while holding the Speaker's chair in the previous assembly, had dissolved an elected House Bhutto and the assassination within minutes to block a constitutional process.

Reiterating Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's message, Azam Nazeer Tarar said Paki-

ical decisions must be made stan's survival and stability within Parliament, saying must take precedence over political rivalries. He warned that while all parties can pursue politics if the country stands strong, attacking institutions or inviting chaos benefits no one.

Azam Nazeer Tarar recalled that despite grave injustices in the past—including the execution of Zulfikar Ali of Benazir Bhutto-political parties upheld democratic limits and never marched on Islamabad with state weapons

PN evacuates stranded family during HADR operations in Sri Lanka



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: During the ongoing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts in Sri Lanka, the embarked Z-9 helicopter on Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF flooded Kotikawatta area.

During search and rescue operfive days, including a 7-month-old deployment to Sir Lanka.

infant were safely recovered from a rooftop. Subsequently, the evacuated family was transported to safe location in coordination with local authorities. The successful conduct of rescue operation is a testimony of Pakistan Navy's professionalism and conducted rescue operations in the commitment to international obli-

gations. Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF with ation a stranded family for the last embarked helicopter is on overseas

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi condemns suicide attack on police vehicle in Lakki Marwat

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Monday strongly condemned the suicide attack near a police vehicle in Lakki Marwat, expressing deep sorrow over cating militancy. the martyrdom of a police officer in the incident.

Naqvi paid tribute to the fallen officer for embracing martyrdom in less sacrifices" in the war against the line of duty and extended heartfelt terrorism. "These great sacrifices condolences to the bereaved family. He also prayed for the swift recovery

of the injured personnel.

"The cowardly acts of the Kharijite elements cannot shake the nation's firm resolve against terrorism," the Interior Minister said, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to eradi-

Praising the sacrifices of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, Naqvi said the force has rendered "matchwill never be allowed to go in vain,"

Aurangzeb reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to sustainability

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday said climate change was an urgent economic reality for Pakistan, reaffirming the government's commitment to advancing sustainable finance, green taxonomy implementation, and climate-aligned disclosure frameworks.

Stressing the need to support SMEs in formalizing their financial reporting practices, he highlighted Pakistan's proactive regulatory direction in digital assets and emerging technologies, where new institutional frameworks innovation into the formal, transparent, and compliant economy.



called on him accompanied by The finance minister made President of the South Asian these observations while Federation of Accountants attended by Auditor General talking to a delegation, led by (SAFA) Ashfaq Yousaf Tola, of Pakistan Maqbool Ahmad welcomed the visiting dele-

are being established to bring President of the International VP SAFA Humayun Kabeer, Gondal, Chairman of the Secu-Federation of Accountants President ICAP Saifullah and rities and Exchange Commis-(IFAC) Jean Bouquot, which President ICMAP Ghulam Mustafa Qazi.

The meeting was also the Ministry of Finance.

sion of Pakistan (SECP) Akif Saeed, and senior officials of

Aurangzeb

gation and appreciated the global role played by IFAC in strengthening the accounting profession, promoting international standards, and advancing transparency and trust in financial reporting.

Hafiz Naeemur Rehman holds Karachi mayor responsible for Nipa tragedy

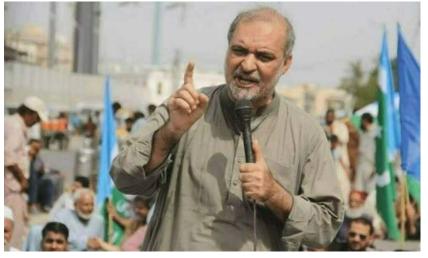
👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has held Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab and the Water Board responsible for the tragic incident at the Nipa flyover, where a child fell into an open manhole.

Speaking at a press conference in Karachi on Monday, he said that the city of 35 million residents has been left without anyone to address their griev-

Referring to critics, he said, whenever Jamaat-e-Islami steps in to serve the people, questions are raised about the

source of its funds. He demanded that the BRT Red scrapped, claiming that the scheme zens of Karachi".



would not resolve the city's transport issues.

He said major roads in the SITE area remained incomplete, while the overall situation in the city had become

Hafiz Naeem said that even

after completion, the BRT plan

He accused the Sindh government of being a hub of corruption, claiming that Rs3,360 billion had been "eaten up" over the past 15 years, and demanded accountability.

He reiterated that the mayor and Water Board bore responsibility for the child's death near Nipa, adding that no one

Line project on University Road be was being used to "humiliate the citi- was available to listen to the concerns of Karachi's residents. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

Outrage in Karachi after three-year-old dies falling into open manhole



👺 Bureau Report

Karachi erupted in anger on Monday after the body of three-year-old Ibrahim was recovered nearly 15 hours after he fell into an open manhole near Nipa Chowrangi in Gulshan-e-Iqbal.

The incident has triggered sharp criticism of the Sindh government and Karachi's municipal authorities, with citizens, journalists and political leaders calling it a case of "criminal negligence."

The child slipped into the uncovered manhole on Sunday night when his family, visiting from Shah Faisal Colony, stepped out of a departmental store.

According to Rescue 1122, there was no lid on the manhole at the time of the incident.

Public outrage intensified online as details emerged.

Former finance minister Miftah Ismail said there were "no words" to describe the provincial government's negligence.

CCP authorizes acquisition of Elite Hospitality Ventures by JS Hotel REIT

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD, DEC 1: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has authorized the proposed acquisition of Elite Hospitality Ventures (Private) Limited by JS Hotel REIT. The approval granted under Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 and the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016.

JS Hotel REIT is a newly established Shariah-compliant Hybrid REIT Scheme operating under the Real Estate Investment Trust Regushares of Elite Hospitality Ventures through a Share Purchase Agree-Purpose Vehicle formed to develop and operate a planned four-star tion Act, 2010.

"Hilton Garden Inn" hotel in Hyder-

In its assessment, the Commission reviewed the nature of the transaction, its effect on market structure, and potential competitive implications in the relevant market in Hyderabad. CCP noted that neither party is currently active in the hospitality sector, therefore, the transaction creates no horizontal overlap or vertical linkage

The Commission concluded that the acquisition is non-horizontal and poses no risk of reducing compelations, 2022. It intends to acquire tition, distorting the market, or creating or strengthening a dominant position. The transaction has ment. The Target entity is a Special therefore been authorized under Section 31(1)(d)(i) of the Competi-