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## 'Youm e Takreem Shahuda': CM Sindh pays tributes to martyrs

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday credited the martyrs of the Pakistan Army, Rangers, Police, and other law enforcement agencies for the prevailing peace in the country. He said this while speaking at the Youm-e-Takreem-Shuhda program organized at a local hotel, here. The program was attended by provincial ministers Sharjeel Memon, Saeed Ghani, Nasir

Shah, MPA Qasim Soomro, Special Assistant Qasim Naveed, DG Rangers Major General Azhar Waqas, and people from showbiz and civil society.

The chief minister said that not only the martyrdom of any law enforcement agency's personnel brought tears to his family members' eyes, but it also created a feeling of pride and satisfaction on their faces. This he said was the mani-

festation of their spirit of love for their country, its people and institutions.

Talking about the May 9 incident, Syed Murad Ali Shah said that they [PTI] also caused heavy loss to the public and private property but we — the DG Rangers and IG Police — met twice and averted their nefarious designs of causing more damages.

The CM said that in the attack on KPO in February, 2023, the brave policemen

and Rangers personnel — Taimore of Rangers, Ghulam Abbas and Abdul Latif (ex. army man) of police, and Ajmal Masih sacrificed their lives. He said that in the operation against dacoits in katcha areas, the policemen, including DSP Abdul Malik Bhutto, SHODen Mohammad Leghari, SHO Abdul Malik Kamangar, and constables Saleem Chachar and Jatoi Pitafi had embraced martyrdom in November 2022.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah speaks at Youm-e-Takreem-Shuhda' program at PC Hotel.



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori talking to media persons during his visit to JDC office.

## Saylani delegation calls on Governor Sindh

KARACHI (APP): A delegation of the Saylani Welfare International Trust led by its founder and patron Maulana Bashir Farooqui called on the Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori, here on Monday.

They discussed about the projects being run under the Saylani Welfare International Trust, preparation for Information Technology (IT) syllabus, and other issues. They also discussed IT education being imparted under the governor's Initia-

tive. On this occasion, Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori said that fifty thousand youth would be provided with IT education.

He said that he wanted to make Karachi a centre of IT. He further said that Artificial Intelligence (AI), Metaverse, and Web 3.0 would be important to this effect.

The governor said that a test would soon be conducted for IT courses in the Governor House and the selected candidates would be taught IT courses free-of-charge.

## Bilawal pays tribute to Pakistani UN peacekeepers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Monday paid tribute to Pakistani peacekeepers and the United Nations for its peacekeeping efforts in all parts of the world in the last 75 years.

In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said, "On the occasion of International Day of UN Peacekeepers, we pay tribute to the 75 years long history of UN Peacekeeping. As a top troop contributor since 1960, over 200,000 Pakistani men & women have served with valour in 46 UN Peacekeeping Missions in all parts of the world."

## Alvi felicitates Erdogan on re-election as Turkiye's president

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday felicitated Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his re-election to the office. "His win is reflective of the trust posed in him by the people," the president said in a message to Erdogan. Alvi said Turkiye is a close friend and a country with which we have had brotherly relations for centuries. "Pakistan and Turkiye have always stood by each other and I am confident that our relations would continue to prosper under your dynamic leadership," he said.

The president said he looked forward to working with President Erdogan closely and further expand bilateral cooperation with Turkiye in all areas of mutual interest.

## Addl. IGP takes notice of firing within court premises

KARACHI (APP): Additional Inspector General of Police - Karachi Javed Alam Odho on Monday took notice of an incident of firing within City Court premises and sought a detailed report from the DIGP South.

According to a spokesman for Karachi Police, Javed Alam Odho has asked the DIGP - South for a detailed inquiry report into the incident.

He ordered to take departmental action against those responsible for negligence.

Earlier, a woman named Saima was shot injured by her husband identified as Sikandar over a family dispute within the premises of City Court. Accused Sikandar had been arrested.

## Imran cause of economic, political instability: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday said Imran Niazi had a role in deepening economic challenges of Pakistan as he scrapped the deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and his non-stop agitation, long marches and sit-ins caused economic and political instability.

In a tweet on the social media platform Twitter, he said, "Looks like Imran Niazi's understanding of the economy and the broader environment in which it operates is quite limited. He also conveniently forgets his own role in deepening economic challenges. From scrapping the IMF deal, he has always wished Pakistan to default."

"This is in addition to the adverse impact his politics of non-stop agitation, long marches, and dharna

has had on the economy in terms of causing political instability. Even Pakistani investors would shy away from investing their capital in such an unstable environment deliberately created by Imran Niazi.

The terrible events of May 9 alone have cost the economy billions of rupees & are an irrefutable endorsement of his nefarious designs. This is not to mention the plethora of corruption cases he is involved in," he noted.

He further said, "Yes, we do face the economic challenges but the doomsday scenario is past us. Sincere efforts are being made to address the challenges through economic belt-tightening and timely policy interventions. We are also working with friends and partners to bridge the financing gaps where needed."

## SC adjourns ECP's review petition regarding elections in Punjab

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned the hearing on the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP's) review petition against the top court's order of holding Punjab's general elections on May 14 fill Thursday (June 1).

A three-member SC bench comprising Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar heard the case and adjourned hearing as the court was apprised that a law for the review of suo motu judgments had come into effect.

During the course of proceedings, Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan said that the Supreme Court (Review of Judgements and Orders) Bill 2023, had be-

come a law after the president's assent.

He said that the scope of review and appeal were the same now as per the new law.

He said that the review appeal could only be heard by a larger bench.

The Attorney General also submitted a notification signed by the President to the court and according to the available copy of the notification, President Dr. Arif Alvi approved the new law on May 26.

The Attorney General also objected to the bench and said that the Supreme Court Review Act had now become a law and the scope of revision under the new act would be the same as an appeal, now only a larger bench could hear the review petition.



KARACHI: Sindh Government Spokesperson, Barrister Murtaza Wahab addresses to media persons during press conference, at Sindh Assembly building in Karachi.

## Wins historic runoff election Turkish President Erdogan appeals for national unity

ANKARA (INP): Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan appealed for national unity on Monday after winning a historic runoff election that extended two decades of his transformative but divisive rule until 2028.

The 69-year-old overcame Turkiye's worst economic crisis in a generation and the most powerful opposition alliance to ever face his party on his way to his toughest election win.

Streets erupted in car-honking jubilation and tributes poured in from across the world as Turkiye's most important leader in modern history led a sea of supporters in celebratory song outside his presidential palace in Ankara.

"We should come together in unity and solidar-

ity," Erdogan told the chanting and flag-waving crowd. "We call for this with all our heart."

Near-complete results showed Erdogan beating secular opposition challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu by four percentage points.

"I look forward to continuing to work together as Nato Allies on bilateral issues and shared global challenges," US President Joe Biden tweeted as Erdogan spoke. UN chief Antonio Guterres said through a spokesman that he "looks forward to further strengthening the cooperation between Turkiye and the United Nations".

Russia's Vladimir Putin said the outcome showed the support for Erdogan's "efforts to strengthen state sovereignty and pursue an independent foreign policy".

## Futile efforts to create rift between army, people will never succeed: COAS

Pakistan Army being one of strongest armies in world can't be coerced by anyone: Stresses operational preparedness for conventional, sub-conventional warfare.

### Independent Report

QUETTA: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir has said that attempts to drive a wedge between the nation and military will never succeed and added that the nexus between the "internal collusive elements and external forces" has been exposed.

The army chief made these remarks during his visit to Quetta Garrison where he addressed officers of Command & Staff College Quetta, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Monday.

While addressing the officers, the COAS emphasised upon operational preparedness for conventional, sub-conven-

tional and 5th generation warfare.

"Those who are making futile efforts to drive a wedge and weaken the unbreakable bond between the people of Pakistan and its armed forces will never be able to succeed InshaAllah," the COAS was quoted as saying by the military's media wing.

He said the military remained perpetually indebted to the valiant and proud people of Pakistan who, through the recent manifestation of their unique love for their armed forces across the length and breadth of the country, have given a befitting reply to the nefarious designs of the enemy and their collaborators.

The army chief further said that the nexus between the internal collusive elements and external forces to create instability "has amply been exposed to the people of Pakistan".

"The Pakistan Army, being one of the strongest armies of the world, with the blessings of Allah and undaunted support of proud people of Pakistan, can neither be deterred nor coerced by anyone, Alhamdulillah," the ISPR cited Gen Munir as saying.

The COAS also visited various welfare schemes for soldiers in Quetta Garrison.

He was earlier received by the Commander Quetta Corps.



QUETTA: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir addressing officers during his visit to Command & Staff College Quetta.

## British army chief arrives on 5-day 'Defence Engagement' visit

ISLAMABAD (APP): The British Army's Chief of the General Staff (CGS), General Sir Patrick Sanders arrived on Monday in Pakistan for a five-day Defence Engagement visit as part of the longstanding defence cooperation agreement between the two countries.

During his visit, General Sir Patrick Sanders would meet with Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, alongside other Defence Engagement activities and discussions on bilateral military cooperation in response to climate change related crises would be a key focus of the visit, a news release said.

The depth and warmth of the UK-Pakistan military relationship and friendship, underpinned by a shared history and 'living bridge' diaspora links, was highly valued by the UK.

## Sadequain Awards ceremony on May 30

KARACHI (APP): Sadequain Award 2023 ceremony will be held on May 30 at 5:30 pm at Frere Hall (Bagh Jinnah).

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori will be the chief guest on the occasion. Administrator Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rahman will also grace the occasion.

The winners of the painting and calligraphy exhibition will be given awards.

## Current situation not a 'big crisis for me', claims Imran Khan

### Monitoring Desk

LAHORE: Amid the ongoing crackdown and mass exodus of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders after the May 9 mayhem, party chairman Imran Khan has insisted that the current political situation is not a big crisis for him.

"You think it is a big crisis for me, I don't," said the former prime minister — who was ousted last April through a vote of no-confidence — while speak-

ing during an interview with BBC on Monday.

Speaking about the upcoming general elections in the country, Khan said his position will only be weakened if he loses the vote bank.

However, dozens of the party's bigwigs including Shireen Mazari, Ali Zaidi and Fawad Chaudhry among others have parted ways with Khan citing attacks on the military installations as the reason.

## Fire breaks out at Karachi's plastic factory

KARACHI (INP): Fire broke out in a plastic factory located in the SITE Industrial area of Karachi on Monday.

The fire brigade officials said that the efforts were underway to control the fire, while the workers have been evacuated from the factory.

According to the details, the fire was erupted on the upper floors of the

building and dispersed quickly. The authorities said that the Water bowers are also present for continuous water supply, while a total of eight Fire brigade vehicles are busy in extinguishing the fire.

The part of the room has collapsed due to the fire after which some temporary rooms have been constructed on the rooftop of the building.



KARACHI: A huge fire erupted at a plastic factory in Karachi's SITE area on Monday, gutting valuable worth millions of rupees, rescue and police officials said.



KARACHI: Leader of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) Mohammad Hussain talking to media persons at Sindh Assembly in Provincial Capital.

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### Combating Inflation

Addressing the pressing issue of inflation and its impact on the poor, Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar of Balochistan has shed light on the factors aggravating the difficulties faced by the underprivileged. In particular, he has emphasized the role of hoarding, smuggling, and the need for cooperation from the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association in resolving these challenges. Such candid statements from the Governor not only reflect the severity of the situation but also highlight the importance of collaboration in finding effective solutions.

Inflation, especially when coupled with the hoarding of essential commodities such as wheat and flour, has a devastating effect on the lives of ordinary people, particularly those living below the poverty line. As Governor Kakar rightly points out, this dire situation necessitates the involvement of key stakeholders, including the chairpersons and officials of the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association. These individuals possess the power to alleviate the suffering of the impoverished by ensuring the unrestricted transportation of goods at the interprovincial level. The commitment of the association's representatives to cooperate with federal and provincial authorities is a step in the right direction.

During a recent meeting with the chairpersons and officials of the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association, Governor Kakar demonstrated his determination to address the underlying issues. By engaging with representatives from all four provinces, he recognized the importance of a collective effort to combat the crisis at hand. This inclusive approach showcases a commitment to cross-regional cooperation and signifies a positive shift towards resolving food security challenges.

The Governor's acknowledgement of the link between food security and nutrition highlights the holistic nature of the problem. Providing standardized and nutritious food to the people is not only an essential component of addressing their immediate needs but also a vital aspect of ensuring their long-term well-being. By advocating for policy-making at the national level and emphasizing the necessity of a strong economic system, Governor Kakar underscores the interconnectedness of various sectors and the importance of considering the broader implications of our actions.

To truly address the challenges faced by the poor, it is imperative that all stakeholders work together. The government, private sector, and civil society must collaborate to tackle issues of hoarding, smuggling, and food security. Only through collective action can we hope to create a more equitable society and provide a brighter future for all. As citizens, we must hold our leaders accountable and support initiatives aimed at combating inflation and ensuring access to essential commodities. By doing so, we contribute to the creation of a more inclusive and prosperous society.



Huma Yusuf

On a hill in Johannesburg, in the remnants of what used to be a prison block for detainees awaiting trial, a flame of democracy now burns perpetually. This is Constitution Hill, the site of the country's supreme constitutional court, which was established in 1993 as part of South Africa's first post-apartheid constitution. Standing before that flame last week while receiving news from home, I enjoyed a glimmer of hope.

This is not, of course, to compare PTI's defecting leadership and spurned supporters with the leaders of the passive resistance and anti-apartheid movements. But it is to say that democracy, however flawed, is always preferable to authoritarianism. And that strong-arm tactics are, in the long run, often galvanising.

Constitution Hill rests on the site of Johannesburg's oldest prison, where both Nelson Mandela and Gandhi were incarcerated. In the 1950s and 1960s, the facility overflowed with political prisoners, Asians and black Africans thrown in detention for defying pass laws (the requirement for non-white South Africans to carry appropriate documentation to enter white-only areas). The prison is now a museum.

Visitors can tour the old prison, hearing harrowing accounts — including from previous prisoners — of the overcrowded, disease-ridden cells. The museum's narratives do not shy away from detailed descriptions of the daily humiliations

### Prison expressions

that prisoners endured, including being stripped and monitored in toilets. Nor do they censor the accounts of torture — the lashings, sexual abuse and indefinite detention in isolation cells, airless containers just over an arm-span long. My response was visceral — nausea, dizziness.

One of the museum's final rooms took my breath away, however. Instead of artefacts recalling prison horrors, one cell resembles a modern art museum; it is replete with figurines, sculptures and abstract imaginings. The annotation explained that on Sundays, prison officials would inspect communal cells in the prison, and that inmates would prepare for these visits by fashioning decorations and curios out of the few objects they could claim: their blankets, shreds of toilet paper, leftover soap bars. The prisoners with the most imaginative creations would win privileges for the week — an extra slice of bread, a taste of dry cake.

Although motivated by the transactional, the prison art is a celebration of the enduring humanity of inmates. Two former prisoners created the objects on display, recalling the creations of their peers. There are blankets reshaped into blooming flowers and bouncing rabbits, improvised papier mâché figures in gentle embraces but also in the throes of despair, and charming cattle carved from soap. Incarcerated, abused, dehumanised, the inmates of Number Four jail managed to reclaim beauty and free expression, and survive.

The objects I saw reminded me of the recourse to art sought by Ahmed Rabbani, a former prisoner at Guantánamo Bay, whose prison artwork recently inspired an exhibition at Karachi's Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture. Rabbani was mistakenly identified

by the US as a terrorist, and remained in detention for 20 years without facing formal charges. A story about him in these pages described how he made paintings to cope with the humiliations and torture that defined his incarceration — images that were seized by the US military on the basis that they threatened national security.

Why dwell on prison art at this political juncture in Pakistan? It is clear that a crackdown is upon us. A political party is being systematically dismantled, its former leadership silenced, its supporters hounded with the threat of military trials, their treatment a chilling warning to all those who may critique the security establishment too openly. The government and much of the media are complicit, for fear of their own eradication. Who could blame those who choose to retreat from political life or any form of public activism?

And this is where art plays a key role in keeping democratic ideals alive. We have been in such dark times before — more overtly oppressive with a military man at the helm. It is no coincidence that the 1980s were a golden era of Pakistani art: thoughtful television, resistance theatre and dance, subversive fine art, political satire, long-form journalism. The PTI has not been a champion of Pakistani arts, preferring to glorify Turkish soap operas. But in this next difficult era, artists and dreamers will have to play a part in rehabilitating public perceptions of democracy, and expanding the notion of politics beyond anti-authoritarianism to encompass inclusion, freedom of faith and climate justice. As Constitution Hill suggests, celebrating humanity and keeping ideals alive may be our route to an enduring democracy. -- Courtesy Dawn

### Superbug threat



Jamil Ahmad

The spectre of global public health emergencies, as we saw in the case of Covid-19, is lurking in the shadows of the current climate and environmental crisis. One such emergency is the rise of antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, which could push world economies into a spin again, with similarly disastrous consequences as the recent pandemic. The WHO considers AMR to be among the top 10 threats to global health.

At a time when the world is concerned with slow progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, thanks to financial problems caused by climate and conflict, AMR, if not checked, can hit global GDP with a loss of \$3.4 trillion by 2030, according to World Bank estimates. Worsening the woes of the Global South, it is set to push another 24 million people below the poverty line as healthcare costs spike and productivity reduces. Driven mostly by the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials, AMR leads to drug-resistant pathogens. As the current generation of antibiotics becomes ineffective, costs of treatment are rising, putting a heavier burden on patients and the weak healthcare systems in poor countries. Up to 5m deaths annually are associated with AMR, mostly in developing countries.

Scientific research on the origin, drivers and spread of AMR shows that the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials are not the only reasons for the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens. Other drivers include lack of access to clean water, poor healthcare systems, and the weak enforcement of the law to control biological and chemical pollution emanating from pharmaceutical and other industries.

When damaged and degraded, nature becomes, simultaneously, a driver and multiplier of risk. Several international and national health emergencies in recent times have their origins in the human-induced degradation of nature. Pollution and waste are destroying ecosystems, irreversibly in many cases, and are a leading cause of the spread of numerous diseases afflicting humans. Outbreaks of zoonotic diseases — those that jump from wildlife to human populations — like avian flu, foot-and-mouth disease, Ebola, Covid-19, and monkeypox, are linked to environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.

Over 70 per cent of all antimicrobials in the world are administered to animals raised for food. Such a heavy intake is also leading to drug-resistant infections in both animals and humans.

Scientific insights into the origin and drivers of pandemics and other threats to public health emphasise the inextricable and growing links between the environment and health. Initially, AMR was probed with a focus on human health and agriculture, but a fresh line of research takes a close look at the environmental dimension of AMR. UNEP's recent report — Bracing for Superbugs: Strengthening environmental action in the one-health response to antimicrobial resistance — reveals strong evidence that environmental degradation due to pollution and waste exacerbates the development, spread and transmission of AMR; by the same token, a healthy environment can serve as a safeguard against AMR.

In many developing countries, the discharge of untreated waste from chemical industries into waterways and the interaction of wildlife and feral animals with municipal and medical waste in landfills and open dumps also contribute to the spread of AMR.

Four UN agencies, UNEP, FAO, WHO and the World Organisation for Animal Health, have jointly developed a Global Action Plan on AMR and are promoting international collaboration for a one-health response on AMR. A funding facility provides policy advice, technical assistance, and capacity-strengthening pro-g-r-a-mmes and has supported 170 countries to finalise national AMR action plans. Linking AMR plans with environmental and climate strategies and raising public awareness — with the support of governments and health practitioners — will be key to tackling the growing threat of AMR superbugs. -- Courtesy Dawn

## Commerce News

### Around 21% banks become Shariah-compliant: Dar



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at FBR on Budget proposals.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday said almost 21 per cent of the banks operating in the country had so far been aligned with Islamic laws due to concerted efforts of the policymakers.

Addressing Pakistan's first international conference on "Islamic Capital Markets," jointly organized by the Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and the

Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), he said the banks converted into the Islamic system were fully satisfied and wanted to continue with it.

The minister said a strategic plan was in place to develop a vibrant Islamic financing system for which the government had already devised a "National Financial Inclusion Strategy," encompassing the essential areas in it. Ishaq Dar said

Pakistan was among one of the few countries which have a well-developed regulatory framework for the micro finance institution, adding the SECP and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) had done a good job in this regard.

"Pakistan has a comprehensive system of Zakat collection and distribution at both private and public levels," he added.

He said the Islamic financial service industry worked within the

regulatory preview of the SECP, consisting of Islamic institutions like Mudarabah, Islamic non-banking financial institutions, Shariah-compliant businesses and Shariah advisors.

The minister mentioned that the size of Islamic financial institutions in Pakistan was estimated to have surpassed \$42 billion in 2022; with assets and deposit standing at Rs7.2 trillion and Rs5.2 trillion, respectively.

### China-Pak infrastructure construction leading to fruitful achievements

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan and China have always maintained the closest and strongest friendship, which is not only dependent on security affairs, but also reflects the increasingly close economic cooperation.

It was already clear at the time of the construction of the Silk Road that the steps of these two countries will continue to move forward together in economic matters.

"I have visited China at different times for the last two decades and every time, the opinion in my brain becomes stronger that there is still much room for improvement in economic

relations between China and Pakistan," Muhammad Mehdi, Chairman, Institute of International Relations and Media Research said in an article published in the Chinese media here on Monday.

He is currently in China along with Pakistan media think tank delegation that visited the office of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), a famous company in China.

CSCEC is China's largest construction and investment group and by visiting their office, this corporation had entered the Pakistani market in 1984 long before CPEC.

And many major projects in Pakistan have been constructed by this company, which showed the quality and professionalism of this corporation.

CSCEC has built five thermal power plants in Pakistan and these projects include Jamshoro, Faisalabad, Lakhala, Kotri and Mustafa Go.

Thanks to these thermal power plants, two million watts of electricity capacity has been increased in Pakistan. Along with the construction of these thermal power plants, in the mid-1990s, this corporation completed a huge project in the Sindh province Karachi.

### Returning to economic stability after betterment in political situation: Shahid

ISLAMABAD (NNI): Former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt said on Monday that the economy of country is returning to stability after improvement in political situation.

In a statement issued here, he said that political stability was vital for economic stability, which will not only improve the image and economy of the country but also advance the quality of life of people. Shahid Rasheed Butt said that

policy-makers should not try to manipulate the US dollar for at least two years, which will not only reduce its value and strengthen the rupee but also attract investment and capital that has fled the country due to political turmoil. Engineering the exchange rate has eroded the confidence of local and foreign investors, stoked inflation to unprecedented levels, and pushed the country to the brink of default. Therefore, the disastrous policy should not be repeated for short-term gains, he demanded.

### Increase in oil-seed production need of hour: Dr Ishtiaq

FAISALABAD (APP): Additional Director General Agriculture (Farm and Training) Dr. Ishtiaq Hasan said that increase in oil seed production was need of the hour as Pakistan was spending billions of rupees on import of edible oil to cater to its domestic needs.

Addressing a meeting at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute (AARI) here on Monday,

he said that agri scientists should accelerate their efforts for introducing high-yield oil-seed crops to make Pakistan self-reliant in edible oil and other food items.

He said that Pakistan had spent Rs 300 billion on import of edible oil last year. Therefore, the scientists focus on mustard, raya and canola crops to increase production.



MULTAN: All Pakistan Power Looms Association Chairman, Khaliq Qandeel Sindhu addresses to media persons during press conference, in Multan.

### Rupee sheds 26 paise against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee witnessed 26 paise devaluation against the US Dollar (USD) in the interbank trading on Monday and closed at Rs285.41 against the previous day's closing of Rs285.15.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market were recorded at Rs313 and Rs316, respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 12 paise to close at Rs305.99 against the last day's closing of Rs306.11, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

### USAID-ERDA provides seed support to 2,800 farmers in Orakzai

PESHAWAR (APP): USAID-ERDA provided certified maize, sunflower, and red bean seeds to 2,800 farmers in District Orakzai on Monday, with the aim of improving food security in the region. The beneficiaries include 20 percent women and the under-served population. The programme has distributed improved and certified varieties of maize and red bean and hybrid sunflower for Khanif season of 2023.

The program aims to support farmers of Orakzai by providing certified and improved seeds of more productive varieties of maize,

sunflower, and red beans. According to the Crop Statistic Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 2020-2021, the total cultivated area of District Orakzai is 17,908 hectares, where only 10 percent is arable and suitable for cultivation. Agriculture is mostly rain-dependent, and some parts of the plains are being irrigated by irrigation channels taken out from the Mastura River and its tributaries. Muhammad Irfan, Agriculture Officer of Orakzai district, said, "This program is an excellent opportunity for farmers to improve their crop yield and ensure food security."

### Minister reviews Axle Load Management Regime enforcement

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanveer presided over a meeting to review the steps regarding enforcement of Axle Load Management Regime (ALMR) here at Civil Secretariat on Monday.

The meeting decided to launch an awareness campaign for the Axle Load Management system to be started from July 2023. Under

this system, challan shall be made for overloading the vehicles. The minister said that Axle Load Management Regime was necessary to save the roads from deterioration and all concerned institutions and stakeholders shall be rewarded in this regard. He, while highlighting the steps regarding ALMR, said that a warning shall be instituted to the violators in the first step and then their challan would be ensured.

### Gold prices decline by Rs 1,700

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs1,700 and was sold at Rs234,500 on Monday against its sale at Rs 236,200 the previous day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 1,457 to Rs. 201,046 from Rs 202,503, whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Rs184,29 from Rs185,628, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

## KPK CM says Newly merged FATA districts needs due attention

PESHAWAR (APP): The Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan Monday said people of newly merged districts of FATA (Federal Administered Tribal Area) should bring at par with other districts to early redress their grievances. He expressed views while addressing the certificate distribution ceremony of skills development training for the youth of North Waziristan Tribal District here. Three-month skills development training program for the youth of North Waziristan was arranged by Mari

Petroleum Company in collaboration with Sarhad Rural Support Program and Sui Northern Gas under which 110 youth of North Waziristan imparted technical training in different fields.

Addressing the ceremony, the Caretaker Chief Minister said that the former FATA has been merged into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after the 25th constitutional amendment in 2018 but still the province is not getting the due shares of newly merged districts in the National Finance Commission Award. He added that the population of newly merged districts is more

than 5 million, and they must get their due shares.

He said that ever since he assumed the charge as caretaker chief minister, he has been trying to resolve the issues of the merged districts and get their legitimate rights from the federal government adding that merged districts' issues have been taken up with the Prime Minister while several letters have also been written to the federal government to this end. The Chief Minister while expressing his resolve to get the due rights of the merged districts said that he will continue efforts at all levels to get the legitimate rights.

## PDMA, UNHCR vow to strengthen partnership in disaster risk reduction

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Monday expressed their commitment to further strengthen their partnership in disaster risk reduction and emergency response. A UNHCR delegation led by Evaluation Expert Robina Shaheen, met with PDMA Director General Janat Gul Afridi to discuss future plans and reviewed

previous interventions in response to the devastating flood of 2022.

During the meeting, the UNHCR delegation engaged in productive discussions with DG PDMA, exchanging valuable insights and experiences regarding the challenges posed by the flood and the subsequent relief and recovery efforts.

The discussions emphasized the importance of collaboration to address the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities.

## 4 dacoits arrested, weapons recovered

FAISALABAD (APP): The police arrested four dacoits and recovered weapons and other items from their possession.

Police said here on Monday that Factory Area police on a tip-off conducted raid and arrested two outlaws including Abdul Aleem and Saeed who were wanted by police in a number of dacoity, robbery and other cases.

Meanwhile, City Samundri police raided in Chak no.470-GB and arrested two dacoits while three others managed to escape from the scene.

## Girl killed in name of 'honor'

PESHAWAR (APP): A 15-year-old girl was reportedly shot dead by her relatives for marriage against her family's will in the vicinity of Inqilab police station here. ASI Fazal Diyan told media persons that the slain was residing with her husband in Kohat. The area police received information that a girl was being secretly buried at a local graveyard.



PESHAWAR: Transporters are holding demonstration in support of Pakistan Armed Forces, outside Balahisar Fort in Peshawar.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman addressing condolence reference ceremony organized to pay tribute to the services of Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir, founder and leader of Daily Aftab and central leader of APNS, at Governor House.

## We have to play our role to promote positive attitudes in the society

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman was the chief guest at the condolence reference ceremony organized to pay tribute to the services of Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir, founder and leader of Daily Aftab and central leader of All Pakistan Newspapers Society, at Governor House Lahore. Addressing the ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rahman said that Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir (deceased) was an institution in his own right. Governor Punjab said that Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir (deceased) worked tirelessly for the development and promotion of regional newspapers from the platform of APNS. He said that the deceased always raised his voice for solving the problems of the backward and weak sections, especially the deprived sections of South Punjab. Governor Punjab said that it is very important to know the facts and research before forming an opinion about anything.

## KPCTA establishes helpline 1422 to facilitate tourists

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) has established helpline-1422 to facilitate tourists to refrain from inconveniences and miseries to make their day full with joy and entertain. A larger number of tourists are thronging from different parts of the country to enjoy recreational and scenic spots with peaceful, lovely, and pleasant weather in KP, said a news release received here on Monday. "KP is a world's renowned paradise for tourists and the brilliant green valley is a major source of attraction and inspiration for them." The KPCTA has already constituted welcome baths, helplines, and information centers at all entry and exit points to facilitate domestic visitors and foreign dignitaries to reach their destination with comfort.

## CEO WMC orders to kick off cleaning operation in Multan

MULTAN (APP): Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Waste Management Company (WMC) on Monday ordered to start cleaning operations before the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha. While addressing to a meeting, Shahid Yaqoob, directed the staff to clear all filth depots and waste bins before the feast of sacrifice. A number of bins along with collection points to be get doubled before the fast-approaching holy Muslim festival, added CEO.

## Woman shot injured by her husband

KARACHI (APP): A woman was shot injured within the premises of City Court on Monday while the accused involved was arrested from the spot. According to SSP City Arif Aziz, victim namely Saima was shot injured by her husband identified as Sikandar over a marital dispute. Both had appeared in court for their case hearing at East Court. The victim had come with her father, a policeman, for the hearing of her case. Accused Sikandar grabbed pistol of victim's father and shot her injured during a heated exchange of words.

## Equipping new generation with modern education need of hour: Javed

MULTAN (APP): Secretary Higher Education Department Punjab, Javed Akhtar Mahmood, said that it was a dire need to equip the new generation with modern education in order to make the future of the country bright. He expressed these views during a visit to the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) and took briefing here on Monday. The world was heading forward very fast in science and technology, he added. Secretary expressed anger over the non-starting of new BS courses in public colleges and snubbed DPI College and directed to start new BS programs soon. He directed education officials to teach new modern BS courses to students as per the demand of the market. Mr Javed also ordered to start construction of the BISE administrative block soon.



SARGODHA: State Minister for Industries & Production Tasneem Ahmad Qureshi addressing in a event on Golden Jubilee of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973 organized by Shaheed Bhutto Foundation.

## IGP says: Steps being taken for welfare of policemen

LAHORE (APP): Finance Punjab Ghazi Inspector General Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar on Monday said that steps were being taken for the health and welfare of the police force. The process of health screening had been completed and now the vaccination was underway, he added. Dr. Usman Anwar said that he would increase funds for the best treatment of police employees and their families. On the direction of IG Punjab, the welfare branch of the Central Police Office had issued funds of rupees 10.4 million for the treatment of 19 police employees suffering from diseases. DIG Welfare and

Salahuddin said that in the medical financial assistance meeting which was held on May 24, the applications sent from different districts were reviewed in detail and approval was given to release 10.4 million rupees for 19 cases. According to the details, Lahore police driver constable Amir Hussain was given one million rupees for liver transplant, constable Inamullah was given one million rupees for son's bone marrow transplant. Similarly, constables Kamran Iqbal and Farhan Ali were given about 3.6 million rupees for cochlear implant surgery of their daughters.

# International News

## Iran supreme leader says He'd 'welcome' full diplomatic ties with Egypt; presidency websites hacked

**Monitoring Desk**  
DUBAI: Iran's supreme leader said Monday he'd "welcome" the restoration of full diplomatic ties between Egypt and the Islamic Republic, raising the prospect of Cairo and Tehran normalizing relations after decades of strain. The comments by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei came as a series of websites linked to Iran's presidency bore the images of two leaders of an exiled opposition group Monday, with others showing the pictures of Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi crossed out. Iranian state television quoted Khamenei's comments as coming from a meeting he held with the visiting sultan of Oman, Haitham bin Tariq. Sultan Haitham's trip to Tehran, his first since assuming power in 2020, comes as Muscat long has served as an interlocutor between Tehran and the West. There have been growing signs of Egypt and Iran potentially restoring ties, particularly as Saudi Arabia and Iran reached a détente in March with Chinese mediation after years of tensions. Cairo relies on Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Gulf Arab states for economic support. "We welcome this issue and have no problem in this regard," Khamenei reportedly said. There was no immediate reaction from Egypt to Khamenei's comments. Officials in Cairo did not respond to a request for comment. Egypt under Anwar Sadat cut ties to Iran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Sadat had been a close friend to the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, welcomed him to Egypt just before his death and hosted his state funeral in 1980. The shah's remains are entombed at Cairo's Al-Rifai Mosque. Egypt's peace deal with Israel also angered Iran's theocratic government, which views Israel as its top regional enemy.



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei meets with Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said, center, as Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi sits in Tehran, Iran.

## Russia hits Ukrainian military facility and Odesa port in air strikes

**Monitoring Desk**  
KYIV: Russia put five aircraft out of action in an attack on a military target in western Ukraine and caused a fire at the Black Sea port of Odesa in heavy air strikes early on Monday, Ukrainian officials said. Kyiv came under intense attack for the second successive night but said that most of the drones and missiles fired at the capital overnight had been shot down. Explosions rocked Kyiv again as the capital came under fire again on Monday morning. "Emergency services have responded to a call near the centre of the capital. The attack on Kyiv continues. Don't leave the shelters!" Mayor Vitaly Klitschko wrote on the Telegram messaging app as residents ran to shelters in metro stations. The attacks were part of a new wave of increasingly frequent and intense air strikes launched by Moscow this month as Kyiv prepares to launch a counteroffensive to try to take back territory occupied by Russian forces. In a rare acknowledgement of damage suffered at a military "target", Ukraine did not name the site or sites hit in the western region of Khmelnytskyi but said work was under way to restore a runway and five aircraft were taken out of service. A large military airfield was located in the region before the war. "At the moment, work is continuing to contain fires in storage facilities for fuel and lubricants and munitions," the Khmelnytskyi region governor's office said. Ukraine's military said the attack on Odesa port had caused a fire and damaged infrastructure but did not specify whether the damage threatened grain exports.

## Polish president to sign Russian influence bill despite opposition protests

**Monitoring Desk**  
WARSAW: Poland's president said on Monday he would sign off on a bill authorising a panel to investigate Russian influence despite opposition criticism it is a witch hunt against government opponents in an election year. The ruling nationalist Law and Justice (PiS) party says that the liberal opposition Civic Platform (PO) party allowed Poland to become dangerously dependent on Russian fossil fuels when the PO was in government from 2007 to 2015, raising questions about whether PO members were under Moscow's sway. PO rejects the suspicion saying it is aimed at eliminating PO leader and former prime minister Donald Tusk from the political scene ahead of elections scheduled for October or November. Opposition figures call a bill to set up an investigative commission the "Lex Tusk", using the Latin term for "law".

## Israeli forces kill Palestinian officer in clashes, Wafa says

**Monitoring Desk**  
JENIN: Israeli forces killed a Palestinian security officer during clashes in the occupied West Bank flashpoint city of Jenin on Monday, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa said. The Israeli military said it was looking into the report. Earlier it said in a statement that its forces came under heavy Palestinian fire while seeking the arrest of security suspects in Jenin and returned fire at the gunmen. "With God's help ... there will be many more new settlements in northern Samaria," he said, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name. US-led peace talks aimed at establishing a Palestinian state in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza broke down in 2014 and show little sign of revival, and Israeli-Palestinian violence has escalated over the past year.

## Fresh clashes claim 40 lives in Manipur

**Monitoring Desk**  
NEW DELHI: Around 40 suspected militants and two police have died in fresh violence in Manipur in northeast India, an official said on Sunday, confirming comments from the state's chief minister to local media. Manipur has been on edge after an explosion of inter-ethnic violence this month killed at least 70 people and left tens of thousands displaced. The state government official, who did not wish to be named, said that Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh told reporters earlier on Sunday that security forces killed around 40 "militants" over the last two days. "The terrorists have been using M-16 and AK-47 assault rifles and sniper guns against civilians. They came to many villages to burn down homes," local media quoted Singh as saying. "We have started taking very strong action against them with the help of the army and other security forces. We have got reports some 40 terrorists have been shot dead," Singh was quoted as saying. A military source confirmed an uptick of unrest, and said four people had been killed in the past 24 hours.

## Nepal celebrates 70 years since first Everest summit

**Monitoring Desk**  
KHUMJUNG: The sons of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa led celebrations in Nepal on Monday to mark the 70th anniversary of the historic first ascent of Everest. The scaling of the 8,849-meter (29,032-foot) peak on May 29, 1953, changed mountaineering forever and made the New Zealander and his Nepalese guide household names. "In a whole lot of ways, it was not just Ed Hillary and Tenzing Norgay that reached the summit of Mount Everest.

## Japan puts missile defence on alert as N.Korea warns of satellite launch

**Monitoring Desk**  
TOKYO: Japan put its ballistic missile defences on alert on Monday and warned that it would shoot down any projectile that threatened its territory after North Korea notified Japan of a satellite launch between May 31 and June 11. North Korea says it has completed its first military spy satellite and leader Kim Jong Un has approved final preparations for the launch. Analysts say the satellite is part of a surveillance technology programme, that includes drones, aimed at improving nuclear-armed North Korea's ability to strike targets in the event of war. "We will take destructive measures against ballistic and other missiles that are confirmed to land in our territory," Japan's defence ministry said in a statement. The ministry said it would use its Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) or Patriot Missile PAC-3 to destroy a North Korea missile. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters that any North Korean missile launch would be a serious violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions condemning its nuclear and missile activity.



Maggie Lorenz and Kevin Moch participate in a meeting of the word panel to finalize the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee words at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

## UN agencies warn of starvation risk in Sudan, Haiti, Burkina Faso and Mali, call for urgent aid

**Monitoring Desk**  
ROME: Two U.N. agencies warned Monday of rising food emergencies including starvation in Sudan due to the outbreak of war and in Haiti, Burkina Faso and Mali due to restricted movements of people and goods. The report by the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization calls for urgent attention to save both lives and jobs. Beyond the nine countries rating the highest level of concern, the agencies said 22 countries are identified as "hotspots" risking acute food insecurity. "Business-as-usual pathways are no longer an option in today's risk landscape if we want to achieve global food security for all, ensuring that no one is left behind," said Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General.



People take cover at metro station during a Russian rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine.

# President directs repayment of three wrongly auctioned imported vehicles

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi Monday directed the FBR to apologize and make payment to a citizen whose three imported vehicles were mishandled by Customs Department and wrongly auctioned by Customs officials at a low price of almost Rs 3 million without any notice to him.

The Customs Duty paid by him was refunded to some unauthorized clearing agents, who later disappeared with the money, a President House press release said.

The president directed FBR to verify all receipts/documents, refund the amount as per the assessed value of the vehicles, and refund the duties/charges paid in favour of importers/owners.

He also directed the citizen to provide all documents and reconcile with Customs Department enabling FBR to make payment within 30 days.

He observed that interest should be added to the payment since the auction money was lying with the exchequer.

President Alvi gave these directions while ac-

cepting a representation filed by Ifthikhar Ahmed Awan (the complainant) against the orders of the Wafaqi Mohtasib.

The complainant had stated that overseas Pakistanis, living in Japan, legally imported three vehicles for the personal use of their families and the freight against the vehicles was paid.

However, FBR did not release the vehicles and sold the three cars in an auction at a low price of Rs 3,019,385.

Feeling aggrieved, the complainant approached the Wafaqi Mohtasib, who directed FBR to make payment of sale proceeds of vehicles to owners, after verification as to why they were being paid such a low amount.

The complainant then filed a representation with the president praying that Customs Department should be ordered to make payment of sale proceeds of the vehicles at prevailing market rates as well as refund all the duties/charges which were paid.

During the proceedings, it was pointed out that after the completion of all

formalities, the ship carrying the vehicles landed at another terminal and the Customs Department auctioned the vehicles without any notice to the importer, and that the Customs Duty was refunded to unauthorized clearing agents, which resulted in huge financial loss to the importers/owners.

During the hearing, FBR's representative admitted the fault of the Customs personnel in handling the matter due to a lack of communication and system barriers.

He said that as per Customs Rules, if the goods were not cleared within 15 days of the date of arrival at a Customs Station, the same could be sold in an auction.

He informed that FBR had initiated disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officials involved in mishandling the matter and they had also been served a charge sheet in pursuance of the order of the Mohtasib.

He added that the licences of the agents, who disappeared with the money, had also been cancelled.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah hands over the offer letter to a newly selected lecturer here at a program at the CM House.

## 'Misogynist Imran Khan's narrative of victimhood' bound to fail: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Monday debunked another narrative of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan that the female workers of his party were being harassed in prisons, as totally baseless.

"A certified liar, who says 'men are not robots' and advocates attacks on women and young girls because of wearing short clothes, is now cooking up a new lie to play the victim in the aftermath of public response to the May 9 tragedy," the minister said in a long thread in Urdu language on her Twitter handle. She was particularly referring to Imran Khan's statement which he made in an interview with a foreign media outlet that "If a woman is wearing very few clothes, it will have an impact on the men, unless they're robots. I mean it is common sense".

Marriyum alleged that Tayyiba Gul, who reached out to Imran Khan for justice in a case against the then National Accountability Bureau (NAB) chairman, was abducted and held hostage in the Prime Minister's House.

## Zardari felicitates Tayyip Erdogan on winning Presidential elections

KARACHI (APP): Former President Asif Ali Zardari has congratulated Recep Tayyip Erdogan on winning third time in the Presidential elections of Turkey.

He said that the victory of Erdogan was a manifestation of his popularity among the people.

He prayed that Turkey may achieve new milestones in the era of Recep Erdogan.

# CM Sindh distributes offer letters to newly selected lecturers

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that when a person adopts the teaching profession, he/she has to take classes for at least the next 30 years - which means he/she has to prepare their students keeping in view their future and the future of the country.

"I am sure the lecturers who are being given offer orders today would take it their utmost responsibility to enhance the respect of their profession [teaching] by generating properly educated, well-behaved, and responsible youth."

This he said on Monday while speaking at the Distribution of Offer Letters to the newly selected lecturers here at CM House. The program was organized by Minister of Education Syed Sardar Shah.

Syed Murad Ali Shah said that it was an easy task to opt for the teaching profession, but it was quite difficult to come up with all its responsibilities as it was the profession of the prophets of Allah.

He added that teaching is passion and a commitment to yourself, your student, and with society, and the country.

CM Sindh said, "A great teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart," and quoted a quote "Good teachers are costly, but bad teachers cost more," and we are paying both.

CM Sindh said that it was the heaviest commission (SPCS exam) in which over 100,000 candidates appeared for 1500 posts.

After a lengthy process, the SPCS selected the 1500 best minds for the task to be given to them to prepare the future of the country.



BAGHDAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Sajid Hussain Turi exchanging views with Ahmad Jassim Al-Asadi, Minister for Labour, Iraq during meeting held in Baghdad.

## Ruling, former political parties failed to promote democratic traditions: Siraj

LAHORE (INP): Amir Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Sirajul Haq has said that the ruling and former political parties have failed to promote the democratic traditions in the society, and they are still desperate for the establishment's support.

While talking to the members of different social media channels at Mansoorah on Monday, he said that the country could not move forward without empowering the masses to elect their representatives freely and fairly.

Sirajul Haq congratulated Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his victory in Turkey's presidential election, saying the Turkish president is a powerful voice of Islam who always spoke for the rights of the people of Kashmir. He hoped the relations between Turkey and Pakistan would further strengthen in future.

The JI chief said August 14, 2023, is most suitable day for the national poll. The JI, he added, had initiated efforts to develop consensus among the political parties on the election date, and it was still trying to bring all of them to the table for dialogue.

He reiterated the JI had always discouraged the victimization of innocent workers and their trial in the military courts. He added that it also strongly condemned May 9 incidents and considered them an attack on the state.

## Parliamentary secretary for resolving complaints of BISP beneficiaries on priority

KARACHI (APP): Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Naveed Amir Jeeva, on Monday, directed to resolve issues and complaints received from beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme on top priority.

The parliamentary secretary issued the directives during visit of office of the Director General, Benazir Income Support Programme, Central Zone, Karachi and later presiding over a review meeting, said a news release issued here.

Naveed Amir Jeeva said that incumbent government was sincere in its efforts to eradicate poverty and remain committed to facilitate deserving families across the country.

He directed the concerned officers to resolve issues and complaints received from beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme on top priority.

He further said that those who make illegal deductions from BISP Beneficiaries amount would face the consequences.



HYDERABAD: Members of All Sindh Irrigation Trade Unions Federation are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club.

## Two arrested for involvement in robberies, drugs delivery

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police in a joint intelligence-based operation in the Orangi Town area arrested two of a robbers gang and recovered illegal arms and ammunition from their possession.

According to a news release on Monday, the arrested were identified as Shahab and Asif.

The arrested were also involved in providing arms on rent to robbers for street crimes. They also revealed their involvement in drugs delivery on a daily basis from Balochistan to Karachi.

Arrested confessed to committing more than 30 robberies in Orangi Town, Nazimabad, SITE Area, Clifton and other areas during which they snatched 50 mobilephones and cash Rs. 0.1 million. Raids were being conducted to arrest their other accomplices.

Arrested along with recovered arms and ammunition were handed over to the police for further legal proceedings.

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal addressing at Inauguration of Engineering Innovation Exhibition & Demonstration of VR, CV & Spatial AI Projects at ITU Lahore.



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## SSWMB devises strategy removal of offal during Eid-ul-Azha

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB), on Monday, devised a comprehensive strategy to ensure cleanliness especially removal of offal of sacrificial animals during Eid-ul-Azha.

The strategy include setting up collection points, effective mobilisation of vehicles and staff and preparing trenches to dispose off offal of sacrificial animals along with ensuring usual waste collection operations without any interruption, said a news release issued here.

The Managing Director SSWMB, Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah, while presiding over a meeting of the board held here to review and finalise arrangements in the regard, also directed to prepare alternate plan B for ensuring cleanliness in surroundings of Eidgahs, Masajid, and Eid prayers places before Eid and to deal with any emergency situation in view of potential rains.

The concerned officers and officials of private companies while briefing the meeting on contingency plan informed that around 85 collection points would be set up across the metropolis.

They further informed that 16 collection points would be set up in District East, 13 in District South, 21 in District Central, 9 in West, 6 in Malir, 11 in Kemari and 15 collection points to be set up in Korangi District.

Over 24366 staff would be deployed for 4-day Eid cleanliness operations while around 6802 vehicles would be used for carrying and disposing off the offal.

A total of 17 trenches will be prepared for burying the offal, among them 9 trenches would be prepared at Jam Chakro landfill site, 6 trenches at Gondar Pass and 2 trenches at Sharafi GTS.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Legal Reforms, Accountability Irfan Qadir addressing to the press conference regarding legal issues.

## KU marks Youm-e-Takbir by remembering late A. Q. Khan

KARACHI (APP): The staff and students of University of Karachi (UoK) on Monday took out a rally to mark Youm-e-Takbir anniversary when Pakistan declared itself as the nuclear state before the world.

The rally started from the new administration block of the varsity and went to the Azadi Chowk. It culminated at the administration building. Vice Chancellor KU Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, Registrar Dr Imran Ahmad Siddiqui, Deans, Chairpersons, teachers of various faculties, students, staff, and employees attended the event in large numbers, said a spokesperson of KU.

The participants were carrying the national flags, and holding placards to recall the momentous day witnessed more than two decades ago. KUVC Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, in his address, mentioned that the Mohsin-e-Pakistan Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan had done a great favor to the Pakistani nation, adding that the late nuclear scientist would be remembered for this great service. He recalled that after India's nuclear tests, Pakistan reciprocated with the same gesture then and sent a clear message to the world and particularly to India that Pakistan could face its enemy without relying on others.

## PPP leader demands rain emergency in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (APP): Pakistan People's Party leader Chaudhry Nizamuddin Arain on Monday said that heavy rains were predicted in Sindh for which a rain emergency should be declared in Hyderabad on an immediate basis and the arrangements for water drainage must be completed.

In a statement, the PPP leader asked the district administration to take steps for cleaning storm drains so that in case of emergency rainwater could not accumulate in city areas. The HMC and HDA authorities must ensure the cleaning of sewerage drains of the city and other urban talukas, Chaudhry Nizam said, adding that arrangements should be made to save people from rain difficulties.

## 4 people including policeman injured in separate incidents

KARACHI (INP): Four people including a policeman were injured in separate incidents of shootings in Karachi, police confirmed on Monday.

According to media reports, robbers tried to loot citizen but the citizens gave resistance and in result robbers shot and wounded two citizens near Do Darya, Mehran Goth area.

On receiving information police reached the scene and collected possible existing evidence and shifted the injured citizen to hospital for treatment.

## Rain with thunderstorm in most areas of Sindh predicted

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Meteorological Department on Monday predicted rain with thunderstorms in most parts of the Sindh province during the next 24 hours.

Rain with thunderstorm is predicted for Sukkur, Khairpur, Ghotki, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Kashmore and their surrounding areas, however, the rest areas of the province will get dry weather.

The minimum and maximum temperatures recorded in Karachi 36-38 degrees Centigrade; Hyderabad 35-37 degrees Centigrade; Sukkur 37-39 degrees Centigrade.

## MQM-P MPA expresses concern over growing street crimes

HYDERABAD (APP): The Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan's (MQM-P) MPA Nadeem Ahmed Siddiqui has expressed concern over the growing incidents of robberies and street crimes, saying that it seemed that the outlaws have been given a free day.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the MPA said the citizens as well as all the small and big traders had been affected by the ongoing spell of the crimes.

He claimed that due to the poor policing system, many people deprived of their cash or valuable items did not even report the crimes to the police.

He added that even if the citizens go to the police stations their FIRs were not registered.

The MPA said the police patrolling and the response of the emergency police were below par.

Siddiqui said a large number of motorbikes being driven on the roads did not seem to be registered with the Sindh Excise Department.

The MPA maintained that criminals and other people under the influence of drugs were freely moving in the city.



KARACHI: Ifthikhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works visited Scheme-33, Gulzar-e-Hijri, Karachi a project of Federal Government Employees Housing Authority.

## 54 per cent road accidents involve motorcyclists: Administrator Karachi

KARACHI (APP): Administrator Dr. Syed Saifur Rahman on Monday said that in 54 per cent of road accidents motorcyclists are the primary victims and if they survive they get fatal head injuries, which he termed alarming.

In such accidents, motorcyclists lose their mental balance or face lifelong injuries. He urged the citizens to drive safely and obey traffic rules to avoid accidents. He said this while speaking as the chief guest at a program organized on the topic of safe bike riding event at Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology, here.

Vice Chancellor Sir Syed University Dr Waliuddin, Registrar Commodore Retired Syed Sarfaraz Ali, Dr. Professor Shabbir, Dr. Umar Qureshi, National Manager Atlas Handa Ifthikhar Ahmed, Syed Farhan Ahmed, Sector Commander Motorway Police and others also spoke on this occasion.

Administrator Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rahman said that there are four major reasons for motorcycle accidents, which include riding a bike at a young age, unsafe driving, speeding and improper gear.

Therefore, motorcyclists must use a helmet while riding a bike, he said, adding that most of the victims of motorcycle accidents are between the ages of 16 and 28 years and this is the age in which their parents are dreaming of a better future for their children, so they should not sacrifice their precious lives for negligence and haste.

He said that Pakistan and South Asia are at first place in terms of head injuries among motorcyclists around the world, which is very worrying.



KARACHI: Supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) celebrate Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's election victory in Karachi.

## Naegleria claims two more lives in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): The Naegleria, a brain-eating amoeba, claimed two more lives in Karachi in last week, Sindh Health Department said on Monday.

According to the health department spokesperson, a woman, who was a resident of Qayyumabad, lost her life after contracting Naegleria. He further said the woman's health deteriorated after performing wudu at a private hospital in Karachi's Gulshan.

## Salman Ahmad's sister moves SHC for recovery of her husband

KARACHI (INP): Sister of Salman Ahmad, a close aide of former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan on Monday moved Sindh High Court for recovery of her husband, who was arrested by police during a raid at her house on May 25.

As per details, police raided the house of Salman Ahmad's sister in Karachi and arrested his brother-in-law Shahid on May 25.

Following the arrest of her husband, Salman Ahmad's sister moved to the Sindh High Court (SHC) for the recovery of his house. The plea filed by Barrister Salahuddin stated that Salman Ahmad is PTI's social media activist and police are raiding the house of his sister in Karachi.