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Sindh cabinet approves procurement of 60 ambulances, breastfeeding law, Hindu Marriage Act

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Cabinet Monday met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister and approved procurement of 60 ambulances, including 30 mobile medicals, cleared the breastfeeding law to ensure breastfeeding of children for three years, and upgraded posts of JPMC from grade 9 to 14 and onward.

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by provincial ministers, advisors, special assistants, chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, AG Sindh Hassan Akbar, PSCM

Fayaz Jatoi, and others. Sindh Minister Health Dr Azra Pechuho briefing the cabinet said that there was a need for the procurement of 60 ambulances, including 30 mobile medical vans and five mobile laboratories for which Rs 2 billion were required. The cabinet was told that the purpose of procuring ambulances, medical vans, and laboratories was to link Gaucher's Diseases (GDs) with Primary/Secondary care; rapid medical assessment and treatment; transport patients, supporting mass ca-

sualty incidents. It was pointed out that Mobile medical units would be utilized where medical facilities were limited or inaccessible. The mobile laboratory would be used in disease outbreak investigation, rapid diagnostic testing, surveillance and monitoring, environmental testing, and support for field hospitals and medical teams. The ambulances would be included in the fleet of Rescue 1122. The cabinet approved the request and funds for the purpose. The cabinet discussed and approved the

Sindh Protection and Promotion of Breast Feeding and Young Child Nutrition Act, 2023. Dr. Azra said that it was expedient to ensure safe and adequate nutrition for infants and young children up to the age of 36 months by promoting healthy diets to prevent obesity and non-communicable diseases and regulating the marketing and promotion of designated products including breast milk substitutes of feeding bottles, valves for feeding bottles, nipple shields, teats, and pacifiers.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a cabinet meeting at CM House.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of coalition partners for consultation on proposals for Public Sector Development Programme 2023-24 at Islamabad

Senator Karim, Sindh governor discuss political, economic situation of country

KARACHI (APP): A delegation led by the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) with the status of Federal Minister Senator Dr. Hafiz Abdul Karim called on the Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori here on Monday.

They discussed the overall political and economic situation of the country, development projects of the federal government

in the Sindh province, and other issues of mutual interest. Kamran Tessori said that the incidents of May 9 had been condemned by everyone. He urged the masses to work together for the betterment and development of the country.

Senator Dr. Hafiz Abdul Karim said that the whole nation stood shoulder to shoulder with its army.

Hina meets members of Norway's parliamentary body on foreign affairs

OSLO (APP): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on Monday held a meeting here with members of Norwegian Parliament's Committee on foreign affairs and defence led by Chairperson Ine Soriede.

In the meeting, regional and global issues of mutual concern and risks

to global peace were discussed. The minister of state urged Norway to play a due role in the resolution of international conflicts. Hina Rabbani Khar arrived in Oslo yesterday. She is currently on a four-country visit to Europe including Denmark, Sweden and Belgium.



KARACHI: Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langu meeting with Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori.

PPP nominates unelected Murtaza Wahab for mayor Karachi slot

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh's ruling party Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has nominated unelected candidate Murtaza Wahab, the provincial government's spokesperson for post of Karachi mayor. PPP has become the single largest party with 155 members, including the reserved seats, in the 367-strong house and elections for the mayor Karachi slot are scheduled to be held on June 15.

As no single party has a simple majority of 179 votes in the house at present, the count that is needed to ascertain who wins the coveted seat of the port city's mayor. As per the latest statistics, the total number of the PPP,

PML-N and JUI-F is 175. In the 367 house, the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has emerged as the second largest party with total 130 seats, including the reserved seats, while Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) bagged a total 63 seats. The alliance between the two parties stands at 193. Apparently, the alliance has enough numbers to win the coveted seat but the PPP has been claiming that a "jijala" will rule the metropolis this time.

Sindh Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah said that no one is pressurised but if someone decides to vote as per their "conscience" then they will respect their decision.

Bilawal congratulates all PPP nominees including Mayors of Karachi, Hyderabad

KARACHI (APP): The Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has congratulated all PPP nominees including Mayor of Karachi and Hyderabad here on Monday.

While taking to Twitter, he felicitated Murtaza Wahab on his nomination as the Mayor of Karachi and Kashif Shoro as the Mayor of Hyderabad.

He said, 'I have full faith that Shoro and Wahab will be the first but not the last PPP mayors of our two great cities.'

Gen (Retd) Bajwa mistreated in France

PARIS (Online): An incident of mistreatment has taken place with former army chief Gen (Retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa and his wife abroad.

The unidentified man who is involved in mistreatment was apparently Afghan. According to media reports it can be seen from video which went viral on social media that former army chief is sitting with his wife outside a building in foreign country. It is being said that he is with his wife in France.

In the meantime a man gets close to him while making video. Gen (Retd) Qamar Bajwa says I am not army chief. The former army chief while stopping this man from making video says "don't make video. I just call police. The man says "call in police. Then he starts hurling abuses. Upon it former army chief ignores this man and he remains engaged in talks with his wife.

Bilawal, deputy PM of Iraq discuss boosting bilateral relations

BAGHDAD (INP): Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Iraq, Dr. Fuad Hussein on Monday and discussed with him matters relating enhancing bilateral relations between their countries.

During the meeting, the two sides agreed to enhance relations between Pakistan and Iraq in diverse and multidimensional areas including diplomatic ties.

Foreign Minister who arrived in Iraq three-day visit was received by Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammad Hussain Bahar-Uloom, Pakistan's ambassador to Iraq Ahmed Amjad Ali, and senior officials of the embassy.

During his visit to

Public welfare, business friendly policies focus of budget: PM

Says special measures in budget for relief to poor, middle classes

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday said the focus of the budget for the financial year 2023-2024 will be progress, public welfare and business-friendly policies. He was speaking at a high-level consultative meeting with the allied parties here on the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP).

He said the size of PSDP in the budget would be increased from Rs 700 billion to Rs 950 billion in the next financial year to spur economic growth and create job opportunities.

He said the next financial year would be the year of economic progress for Pakistan, adding economic conditions were difficult and the government was adopting a policy of utilizing available resources in

the best possible manner.

The PM said substantial funds would be allocated in the new budget for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the flood-affected areas. During a briefing, the participants of the meeting were told that the long-delayed National Flood Response Programme would be restarted after a lapse of many years.

He said despite the damage caused to the national economy by the previous government, his government worked hard and brought economic stability.

He said he considered consultation with the allied parties very important, adding last year for the first time in the history of Pakistan, the 13-parties alliance saved the state by putting in danger their own politics.

"We cannot find this kind of effort to save the country's economy, anywhere in the world."

He said Pakistan was saved from economic destruction and agents of chaos. Federal Ministers Ishaq Dar, Ahsan Iqbal, Moulana Asad Mehmood, Rana Tanvir Hussain, Maulana Abdul Wasey, Syed Aminul Haque, Agha Hassan Baloch, Sardar Israr Tareen, Advisor to PM Ahad Cheema, Ministers of State Hashim Notezai, Ehsanullah Reki, member National Assembly Dr Khalid Maqbool Muttahida Qoumi Movement Siddiqui, MNAs Aslam Bhotani, Mohsin Dawar and member Awami National Party Sardar Hussain Babak and officers concerned attended the meeting.



IRAQ: Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his counterpart Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein, signing the MOU during Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto Zardari visit for bilateral relations in various fields of cooperation.

Single-use plastics to be banned in PM Secretariat, federal ministries: Sherry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Senator Sherry Rehman on Monday announced that the government has decided to ban single-use polythene items in Prime Minister Secretariat, federal ministries and in all the divisions to end non-degradable plastic use as model for the nation to embrace behavioural change for beating plastic pollution.

Addressing a seminar in connection with the World Environment Day at Shaheed Bhutto Founda-

tion (SBF), the federal minister informed that the ban would be imposed from today at PM Secretariat and federal government divisions would be directed to ensure refillable water bottles and containers for official use.

Senator Rehman informed that the prime minister has endorsed it and regulations would be released in the evening. However, the plastic manufacturers have directed to stop manufacturing of non-degradable plastics and by August 1, 2023 it would be discontinued.

Shohada laid to rest with full military honours, ISPR

RAWALPINDI (Online): Funeral prayers of Lance Naik Mairaj Uddin Shaheed 23 years, resident of D.I Khan and Naik Zaheer Abbas 38 years, resident of District Khushab who embraced shahadat in North Waziristan while fighting gallantly with terrorists, were offered at their respective hometowns.

The Shaheeds were laid to rest with full military honours. Senior serving & retired officers/soldiers, relatives and a large number of people attended the funerals.

Court not to interfere in economic matters: CJP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial on Monday said the court would not interfere in economic matters as it did not have the required expertise.

The CJP expressed these views while heading a three-member bench which heard a case related to the K-Electric's (KE) privatization.

During the course of proceedings, CJP Bandial asked the petitioner's lawyer Rashid Rizvi to approach the high court concerned in the matter.

He said the Parliament had made two laws related to the clause 3 of Article 184 and asked whether any old

cases were scheduled for hearings so the issue could be observed live.

Advocate Salahuddin said an application had been filed against the KSC Labour Union. Upon this, Justice Ayesha Malik said the matter was not before the court as yet.

The petitioner's lawyer pleaded that the hearing should be adjourned till next week. To this, Chief Justice Bandial said that the court would be on holidays from next week and judges would not be available. He directed the lawyer to receive instructions before the next hearing. Subsequently, the case was adjourned till Tuesday.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh President, Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuhro addresses to media persons during press conference held at PPP Media Cell Bilawal House in Karachi.

Govt committed to phase out use of plastic items from routine life: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb has said that government is committed to curb phase out use of plastic made items from routine life to preserve the planet earth from looming threat of climate change. In a statement on Monday in connection with the World Environment Day, she said, "Phasing out plastic shopping bags, plates, spoons, forks, containers, cups, bowls, knives, and similar single-use items is the government's foremost priority."

Theme for the World Environment Day 2023 is under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution, 'Ecosystem Restoration'.

Marriyum Aurangzeb further stated that use of straws, lids and wraps for drinks would also have to be curbed at all cost for protecting the environment and biodiversity in the ecosystem.

The plan worked out by the Ministry of Climate Change to curb use of disposable items was a crucial step in the right direction, she said adding that the businesses community had also assured their cooperation in this regard, but the citizens would have to abandon plastic crockery and other items.

The information minister said today there was a need to renew commitment for ending environmental pollution caused by plastic and its products.

Storm drains will help to control the situation during rainfall: Nasir Shah

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KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Local Government Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that KDA will construct a storm drain from 4K Chowranghi to Lyari river Yusuf Goth Gadap town with the support of the Sindh Government and construction of storm drain will help to control the situation during rains. He added that the Sindh Government is working day and night to complete countless projects in the city of Karachi on an urgent basis and the effects of the positive initiatives of the Government of Sindh will be



visible soon.

He said while laying the foundation stone of storm drain at 4K Chowranghi to Lyari River Yusuf Goth Gadap Town.

Shah, Director General KDA Syed Muhammad Ali Shah, CM Coordinator Shehzad Memon and MC KMC Syed Shujaat. These views were expressed by Sindh Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah while laying the foundation stone of 4K Chowranghi to Lyari Nadi Yusuf Goth Gadap Town Barsati Nala. KDA Superintendent Engineer Abdul Muttalib Manan informed the details and said that the length of the storm drain is about 15000 running feet while the pipeline of 15, 24, 36, 48, 72 dia inches will be laid.

May 9 vandalism exposes evil face of attackers: Sajid Turi

PESHAWAR (APP): Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Humans Resource Development, Sajid Hussain Turi on Monday said that May 9 vandalism had exposed the evil face of the attackers and the elements involved in the ransacking of national installations could not escape from the law.

He strongly condemned the ransacking of public, government and defence installations on May 9 and 10 vandalism and said that the burning of Radio Pakistan Peshawar's historic building showed that the attackers had "no regard for cultural heritage and media".

He expressed these views during his visit to the burnt building of Radio Pakistan Peshawar and expressed solidarity with employees of the national broadcaster and Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation.



PESHAWAR: Media briefing by Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & Human Resource Development Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi at Radio Pakistan.

Seminar on 'Heart Health' held at Iqra University on World Hypertension Day

KARACHI (APP): Iqra University's North Campus organized a seminar on the importance of heart health, focusing on 'World Hypertension Day' under the auspices of the Pakistan Hypertension League.

The seminar aimed to raise awareness about the adverse effects of hypertension, with the distinguished cardiologist, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Hypertension League Professor Dr. Abdul Rashid Khan expressing his thoughts on the hypertensive complications, which greatly enlightened the audience, said a statement on Monday.

Two robbers netted

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 Amer Nawab and Yousuf alias Raja. The arrested accused revealed that they along with their other accomplices committed more than 70 robberies in Orangi Town, Nazimabad, SITE Area and other areas during which they snatched 150 mobile phones and cash Rs. 0.2 million. Raids were being conducted to arrest their other accomplices.

13th Sartyoon Sang Crafts exhibition inaugurated

KARACHI (APP): Provincial Secretary for Social Welfare, Dr Sheeren Mustafa Narejo on Monday inaugurated the four day 13th 'SRSO Sartyoon Sang Crafts' exhibition at a shopping mall, here.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) SRSO, Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro Rural Women Artisans and others were present, said a statement on Monday. The four-day exhibition is organized by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with the collaboration of the Sindh government and its partners displaying the work of thousands of women artisans of Sindh with an aim to provide market linkages to rural women and artisans. She appreciated the endeavours of Sindh Rural Support Organizations for poor and destitute communities and voiced her expectation of the continuation of such support for rural communities of Sindh.

Pakistan Peoples Party's Nominated Representatives for Local Bodies 2023

A large table listing nominated representatives for local bodies across various districts including Karachi, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur, Hyderabad, and Tando. The table is organized by district and includes columns for designation, name, and address.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf in a group photo with participants at seminar "Reclaiming the space: Reading the Constitution from Women's perspective organized by WPC."

President directs COMSATS to allow student to complete degree

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr Arif Alvi has directed COMSATS University to provide its student with a chance to complete his education as his future was at stake because his admission was cancelled by the university after he had already completed 7 out of 8 semesters of his degree.

It should be mentioned here that the COMSATS had cancelled Mr Hammad bin Zain's admission after 3.5 years on the ground that he was not eligible for admission to the university in 2017 as he had obtained fewer marks than required.

President Alvi said that it was surprising that the administration of the University could make such a huge error by granting him admission and then informing him, after a lapse of 3.5 years, that he was not eligible for admission. He noted that the student paid his requisite fees for 8 semesters and diligently completed the semester course. He added that justice demanded that COMSATS should rectify the situation by allowing the student to complete his degree program.

The President issued these directives while accepting a representation filed by Mr Hammad bin Zain (the complainant) against the orders of the Wafaqi Mohtasib (WM). The complainant had filed a complaint against COMSATS before WM, stating that it was the responsibility of the University to check the eligibility criteria and that he should have been denied admission in 2017, if he did not meet the requirements. The Mohtasib, in its decision, did not provide any relief to the complainant and only ordered COMSATS to conduct an inquiry into the whole situation and hold the guilty officers/officials responsible for their negligence.

Dr. Alvi rejected Wafaqi Mohtasib's decision by observing that the student was studying in the BS (Business Administration) program and had already completed 3.5 years of his degree program.

Pakistan 'very hopeful' of sealing IMF deal in June: PM

ANKARA (Online): Pakistan is "very hopeful" of finalizing a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this month, according to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

"We are still very hopeful that the IMF program will materialize. Our ninth review by the IMF will match all terms and conditions and, hopefully, we'll have some good news this month," Sharif told Anadolu in an exclusive interview in the Turkish capital Ankara.

Sharif was in Ankara for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's inauguration, one of dozens of heads of state and govern-

ment who attended Saturday's ceremony.

Islamabad has been negotiating with the IMF since early February for the release of \$1.1 billion, part of a \$6.5 billion bailout package inked in 2019 by the previous government of former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

In total, about \$2.7 billion are left to be disbursed from the package, which is scheduled to expire this month.

At the end of May, Sharif requested IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva to help revive the stalled facility, but asserted that Pakistan does have a backup

plan in place. "We have met all conditionalities. I repeat, each and every requirement of the IMF as prior actions has been met," Sharif told Anadolu.

"Some of those actions are usually met after the board's approval, but this time the IMF required that those actions be met before the board's approval, so we have met them." On contingency plans in case the IMF talks fall through, Sharif emphasized the resilience and fortitude of the Pakistani nation.

He said the people of Pakistan have faced challenges in the past, and if needed, will "tighten our belt" and rise again.

Ensuring gender parity pivotal for socio-economic progress: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf while appreciating the active participation of women Parliamentarians in the country's August House Monday stressed the need for ensuring gender parity for socio-economic progress. "Social progress and development are interlinked with women's inclusion in every sphere of life," said the NA Speaker while inaugurating the seminar, "Reclaiming the Space: Reading the Constitution from Women's Perspective" organized by the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC). He said the struggle of Pakistani Parliamentarians to further the cause of democracy is unmatched in the annals of world political history. "The need of the hour is to focus on the implementa-

tion of laws regarding ensuring gender equality in every sphere of life," he remarked.

The NA Speaker said he has been honoured and proud to learn politics from the unmatched and astute leadership of Mohtama Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. While demanding for establishment of a Women Federal Ministry for empowering women, he said, "It is time that our men must come forward for empowering their women". Raja Pervez Ashraf emphasized the need for direct elections of women Parliamentarians and said the text of the Constitution is above gender discrimination.

Shahida Rehmani General Secretary of WPC stressed the need for gender parity and gender equality as enshrined in the constitution.



KARACHI: A delegation led by the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) with the status of Federal Minister Senator Dr. Hafiz Abdul Karim called on the Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori.

Elections to be postponed for another 6 months, PPP leader claims

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan People's Party leader and Adviser to Chief Minister Sindh on Agriculture Maznoor Wassan, known for his political forecasts, ruled out possibility of martial law in the country.

He said, "I don't see the holding of general elections on time and there are chances elections could be postponed from six months to a year."

He said that a time will be sought for holding accountability then elections will be held.

Governor Sindh's speech at the opening ceremony of the cricket tournament

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori has said that Upleta Memon Association deserves his heartfelt felicitations for providing a great source of entertainment for the youth.



He said that the common man benefits from welfare projects and this is also the basis of welfare society.

In this context, the aims and objectives and welfare measures of Upleta Memon Association are very impressive.

Governor Sindh said that the managing committee and officials of Upleta Memon Association deserve congratulations for providing an excellent source of entertainment for the youth.

KMC takes steps for plantation in Karachi to combat environmental challenges: Dr. Syed

KARACHI (APP): Administrator Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rahman on Monday said that sea and air pollution and increased temperature are the indicators of climate change all over the world. We need to change our way of thinking and behavior to bring this pollution on a lower level and KMC is taking steps to plant trees in all open places in Karachi to combat environmental challenges and climate change.

He said that the purpose of observing World Environment Day is to raise awareness and intensify efforts at the international level to protect the planet from the dangers posed by plastics and other hazardous chemicals.



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy personnel and students of Bahria University cleaning the beach to create awareness for safe and healthy environment on the occasion of World Environment Day, in Karachi.

Commissioner, DC inaugurate Protective Vaccination Campaign

KARACHI (INP): Bike lifters/snatchers deprived more than 74,000 citizens of Karachi of their motorcycles during last 16 months. IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon holds drug addicts and drug sellers responsible for incidents.

According to details, on May 22, a vehicle was stolen from PIB area of Karachi late night. The citizen acquired motorcycle of a neighbour for lodging a complaint in police station. However, on the way, the bike snatcher deprived him of motorcycle also. Within half an hour, the citizen was deprived of both car and motorcycle.

IG Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon said that a well organized gang of drug addicts and drug pushers was behind the bikes snatching/lifting incidents.

Rubella and other diseases. He directed officials of the health department to utilize all available resources in safeguarding the district from diseases children and ensure that not a single child is left non-vaccinated.

On the occasion District Health Officer Dr. Daulat Jamali informed that the 12-day protective vaccination formally launched today would continue till June 17, 2023. He said that all arrangements are finalized to make the vaccination campaign successful. DHO said that during the campaign more than 24000 children of new born to two years old would be vaccinated as routine immunization while 61000 children.



LAHORE: President Jamiat Ulema e Islam, Maulana Fazal Ur Rehman and Federal Minister for Communication Maulana Asad Mehmood calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

SSWMB to set up more plants for waste recycling materials: Imtiaz Shah

KARACHI (APP): Managing Director Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB), Imtiaz Ali Shah, on Monday, said that more recycling plants will be set up in other districts of Karachi after success of the waste recycling pilot project. The Managing Director SSWMB, in a statement issued here on Monday in connection with World Environment Day, informed that SSWMB achieved significant progress in recycling waste under Haryali Hub project, an initiative carried out in collaboration with Tear Fund on a pilot basis.

"We have waste recycling plants installed at two Garbage Transfer Station (GTS) at Baldia and Sharafi both and both of pilot projects were already recycling waste into organic compost fertilizer, plastic granules, and plastic

flakes." Imtiaz Shah informed adding that now plastic dust bins had been made from the plastic granules produced by converting polythene bags into granules which could also be used for making other plastic items.

He said that SSWMB was taking all possible steps to protect the city from environmental pollution and Sindh government's waste-to-energy project has also been started in a phased manner.

He further said that environmental pollution from plastic was increasing and immediate measures were required to eliminate the threat.

Imtiaz Shah vowed that after the success of the waste recycling pilot project, the initiative would further be expanded and recycling plants would be set up in other districts as well.



KARACHI: University of Karachi Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood Iraqi addresses during seminar in connection of World Environment Day, held at university premises in Karachi.

Karachi generates 3800 tons of plastic waste every day: Prof. Dr Moazzam

KARACHI (APP): Karachi generates 20,000 to 24,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste of which 19 percent is plastic waste generated every day which is 3800 tons per day and 1.39 million tons per year. Plastic pollution in the marine environment is the cause of several hazardous and ecologically damaging effects.

These views were shared by the Director of the Institute of Environmental Studies of the University of Karachi Professor Dr Moazzam Ali Khan while addressing a one-day seminar on World Environment Day on Monday.

The theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'beat plastic pollution'. He said that since 1950, about 8.3 billion tons

of plastic have been produced globally and 6.3 billion tons of plastic waste have been generated of which nine percent was recycled, 12 percent incinerated, and 79 percent accumulated or abandoned in the environment.

The KU-IES in collaboration with the non-governmental organizations Helping Hands, Sooty Enterprises, Ertex, Islamic Relief, and Ferozgan Environment Magazine arranged the seminar at the Institute to spread awareness regarding the hazards created by pollution. Professor Dr Moazzam Ali Khan said that most of the plastic components do not bio-degrade, instead, they are defragmented as microplastics.

PPP nominates Kashif Shoro as candidate for Hyderabad mayorship

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party on Monday nominated Kashif Shoro as the candidate for the slot of mayorship of Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (HMC) while Saghir Ahmed Qureshi has been nominated for the deputy mayorship of the same.

This was announced by PPP Sindh President Nisar Ahmed Khuroo in a press conference held in Karachi.

Sindh police to establish new unit to tackle incidents like May 9

KARACHI (INP): To control incidents like May 9, Sindh Police took measures and decided to establish a new unit to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

In a recent development, the authorities have granted an approval to Sindh police for the formation of an international-style Anti-Riot Force, replacing the existing Sindh Reserve Force.

The Crowd Management Unit consisting of 3,000 highly trained personnel. This specialized unit will be responsible for maintaining order and ensuring public safety during large gatherings and events.

Police shootout near Sukkur Airport

SUKKUR (INP): Sukkur SSP Sanghaar Malik said that an encounter took place near the Sukkur Airport limits Bachao Band.

Police managed to capture a robber named Shabir Mirani in injured condition while his accomplice managed to escape.

He said that second encounter took place in Section-A police station limits in which an alleged robber Shaukat Bugti was arrested in injured condition. Police claimed to recover pistols and bullets from arrested robbers while arrested bandits were wanted in theft, robbery and other serious cases.

World Environment Day observed in Naushehroferoze

NAUSHEHROFEROZE (APP): On the directives of Sindh Minister for Environment, Climate Change Muhammad Ismail Raho, Director General Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) Naeem Ahmed Mughal and Incharge SEPA Shaheed Benazirabad Gul Amir Sumbul, a rally was taken out in connection with World Environment Day.

According to a hand-out issued by the district information office.

It is not in my knowledge who is in contact with whom: Qamar Zaman Kaira

ISLAMABAD (Online): Advisor to Prime Minister (PM) on Kashmir affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira has said it is not in his knowledge who is in contact with whom.

He said this while talking to a private TV channel here Monday.

Expressing the possibility that Karachi mayor will be jailed he said all parties should together go towards solution of Karachi problems.

He held several people have joined PPP and more are joining it.

Whichever party or parties form government in future, all will have to legislate keeping in view the national interest.

He went on to say population census is a constitutional process. PPP too had placed its reservations in federal government. If there are mistakes in population census these should be rectified.

We are opposed to banning political parties, he said adding people are joining PPP. People have come to know about PTI, therefore, they are returning.



KARACHI: Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Authority Managing Director, Dr. Mustafa Suhag in meeting with President of All Pakistan Memon Federation Shabbir Haroon and Hanif Memon, held at his office in Karachi.

Commissioner chairs meeting regarding beautification work of Gajra Wah Canal

entertainment of citizens.

Commissioner strictly directed that trees on both sides of the canal shall not be cut in any case as trees help reduce temperature.

Briefing the Commissioner, XEN Education Works, Ghulam Murtaza Abbasi informed that on the directives of Sindh Government parks, walking track, food street, swings for children and other entertainment facilities are being arranged on both sides of the canal at a cost of Rs150 million, which would be complete by year-end.

He said the cutting of trees has been stopped.

Later Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and concerned officials canal beautification site and inspected the ongoing beautification work.



HYDERABAD: Participants are holding awareness rally against drugs and demand to make the city drug free organized by District Police Hyderabad, in Hyderabad.