

Naqvi calls for immediate drainage of rainwater

Fort Kuhna Qasim to be rehabilitated into its original form

Independent Report
MULتان: Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister, Syed Mohsin Naqvi, took notice of the accumulation of rainwater in various areas of the city and ordered immediate drainage of water.
He paid a visit to various parts of the city including Ghanta Ghar, Fish market, Eid Gah, Cantt, Shujabad road, and other areas, and reviewed the drainage condition after the rain here on Monday evening.
He directed Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) to mobilize all machinery and resources and asked

Deputy Commissioner Umar Jehangir to personally monitor the drainage of rainwater.
Chief Secretary, IG Police Punjab, Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab, and Additional Inspector General of Police South Punjab were accompanied by the chief minister. Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab Mohsin Naqvi said that Fort Kuhna Qasim was a historic asset and would be rehabilitated into its original form.
He said this while visiting Fort Kuhna Qasim, here

on Monday. Mohsin Naqvi, however, expressed displeasure over the poor cleanliness arrangement and instructed officials concerned to ensure cleanliness arrangements.
The chief minister also ordered the widening of a door and its restoration to its original condition. He added that all steps would be taken for the rehabilitation of the ancient fort.
On this occasion, Chief Secretary, IGP, Commissioner Multan and many other officers were also present.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Rangers conduct flag march regarding security of Muharram

LARKANA (APP): Wing Commander Shabbaz Rangers Lt. Col. Mohammad Baig led a flag march of Police, a convoy of Rangers vehicles and motorcycles, that took a round of Larkana city as part of Muharram security arrangements in the district on Monday.
The convoy took its start from Rangers Headquarters Larkana and passed through all the main roads of Larkana city and other areas of the city.
Later, the Wing Commander Shabbaz Rangers along with other officials of Rangers also inspected routes of Muharram processions and sites of Majalis.
Rangers are performing their professional duties to ensure peace, tranquility, law, and order during Muharram in Larkana.
On the directives of Director General Azhar Waqas control rooms had been established at various points.
The Rangers had also been directed to monitor the Muharram processions.
He also directed to deploy the Rangers personnel at the venues of Majalis and to carry out patrolling in their surroundings.

PIA steward 'disappears' in Canada

KARACHI (INP): A Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) steward went 'missing' from a hotel after his arrival in Toronto, Canada from Lahore.
As per the PIA administration, flight steward Muntazir Mehdi arrived in Toronto from Lahore via the national airline's flight, PK-798 on Friday.
He along with other crew members had been staying at a hotel in the Canadian city.
The mysterious missing of the PIA steward came to light when he didn't report for duty on a flight back to Pakistan. Subsequently, the matter was brought to the notice of the airline management and Canadian immigration authorities. Before Mehdi, four flight stewards and air hostesses of the national airline have slipped into Canada for citizenship. Last year, an air steward for Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) reportedly went missing in Canada after flight PK-798 landed in Toronto which the airline authority confirmed. The flight attendant Ramzan Gul boarded the national flag carrier's flight from Islamabad in the capacity of the aircraft crew, confirmed the PIA spokesperson. PIA authorities said they also updated, on the development, the Canadian immigration authority as the crew member gets clearance under General Declaration and when one of them has indeed gone missing.

SSWMB takes measures for de-watering, Muharram: MD SSWMB

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) is taking effective measures for de-watering after rain and also to facilitate the mourners during the programs which would be held in connection with the Muharram-ul-haram.
The steps are being taken on the directions of the Managing Director SSWMB Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah, said a spokesperson on Monday.
The MD SSWMB also met the prominent scholars and the administrators of Imambargahs and assured them of the cleaning of the roads, streets and venues of processions and Majalis, sprinkling of lime and other arrangements.
All the officers and staff will be active and ensure timely arrangements in relation to rain and Muharram-ul-haram, he said. Meanwhile, emergency will remain in force in relation to expected more rain, he added.
He said that redressal of the complaints received from the citizens is being ensured in a timely manner, in this regard private contractors have also been directed to collect the garbage as soon as possible.



FAISALABAD: Ahmad Farooq Senior Advisor to Federal Ombudsman is visiting Executive Office of Regional Passport Office at Koh-e-Noor Chowk.

KU chemical engineering program receives PEC re-accreditation

KARACHI (APP): The B.E. Chemical Engineering Programme at the University of Karachi has received re-accreditation from the Pakistan Engineering Council.
A delegation of five members from the PEC visited the KU Department of Chemical Engineering to evaluate the batches enrolled between 2019 and 2023.
The departmental chairperson Professor Dr Shagufta Ishtiyaque shared that after thoroughly assessing the department and campus, the delegation agreed to re-accredit the chemical engineering programme.
She mentioned that the PEC delegation has assured the department that the formal documents confirming the re-accreditation would be provided shortly.
The delegation which was led by Engineer Professor Dr Abdullah Khan Durrani from the University of Punjab, Lahore, spent two days at the University of Karachi, assessing the performance and activities of the chemical engineering department.
Other members of the delegation included Engineer Taha Ahmed Khan, Engineer Dr Neharullah Khan, Engineer Dr Asad Ullah Khan, and Engineer Dr Ghulamullah Khan Kakar.

Scholar sees great potential in SU faculty members

HYDERABAD (APP): Professor of South Asian and Post-colonial Pakistan Studies, North Carolina Central University and President, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) USA Dr Matthew A. Cook has said that the institute would assist the Pakistan Study Centre (PSC), University of Sindh in bringing US faculty for conducting training and development of strong academic linkages with the US varsties.
He said that the teachers and scholars of the uni-

versity should send the manuscripts regarding Sindh, its culture, heritage and civilization, which would be published in Scopus verified Journal of Pakistan Critical Studies.
This he said while talking to an interactive session at the Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh Jamsoro on Monday. Dr. Matthew hoped that the session would be a first step towards establishing academic linkages and research cooperation between the American Centre and SU.

SSP visits security routes in Khairpur city

SUKKUR (APP): The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Khairpur, Mir Rohail Khan Khoso on Monday visited security routes of the 8th Muharram-ul-Haram mourning processions.
The SSP Khairpur visited routes of Katchehry Road and Mall Road to be taken out on 8th Muharram-ul-Haram and issued directives to all SHO's to ensure effective Security arrangements.

ANF seizes 37 kg drugs in six operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in its operations against drug-traffickers managed to recover 37 kg narcotics and arrested four accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman.
He informed that in an operation, ANF recovered 1.5 kg Ice drug being sent to a foreign country through a parcel booked at International Mail Office Rawalpindi. Ice was concealed in Hot Pots.



HYDERABAD: Rain water accumulated on the road at Latifabad.

Staff to remain high alert on Ashura; says MS Sukkur Hospital

SUKKUR (APP): District headquarters hospital Sukkur will remain on high alert on Ashura days in compliance with the directions of the Sindh Government.
A meeting under the chair of MS Dr Rafique Memon was held at his office to finalize the arrangements regarding 9th and 10th Muharram on Monday.
Memon told the participants that foolproof arrangements would be ensured during Ashura.
He directed to keep an ample quantity of life-saving drugs in the emergency ward during the Ashura.
Medical equipment should be completely functional and all the staff must be alert during these days, he said.
He directed that separate beds would be fixed for wounded Aza-dars so that other patients coming to the emergency ward could be treated uninterrupted.

International News

North Korea fires ballistic missile after US submarine arrives in South Korea

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: North Korea fired at least one ballistic missile into its eastern sea, South Korea's military said Tuesday, adding to a recent streak in weapons testing that is apparently in protest of the U.S. sending major naval assets to South Korea in a show of force.
South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff did not immediately say where the weapon was launched from and how far it flew.
The launch came hours after South Korea's navy said a nuclear-propelled U.S. submarine — the USS Annapolis — arrived at a port on Jeju Island. The arrival of the USS Annapolis adds to the allies' show of force to counter North Korean nuclear threats.
Last week, the USS Kentucky became the first U.S. nuclear-armed submarine to come to South Korea since the 1980s. North Korea reacted to its arrival by test-firing ballistic and cruise missiles in apparent demonstrations that it could make nuclear strikes against South Korea and deployed U.S. naval vessels.
Also on Monday, the American-led U.N. Command said it has started a conversation with North Korea about a U.S. soldier who ran into the North last week across one of the world's most heavily fortified borders.
Andrew Harrison, a British lieutenant general who is the deputy commander at the U.N. Command, refused to say when the conversation started, how many exchanges have taken place and whether the North Koreans responded constructively, citing the sensitivity of the discussions. He also declined to detail what the command knows about Pvt. Travis King's condition.



Members of the security services investigate the site of a damaged building following a reported drone attack in Moscow, Russia.

China to step up policy adjustments amid tortuous recovery

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: China's top leaders pledged on Monday to step up policy support for the economy amid a tortuous post-COVID recovery, focusing on boosting domestic demand, signalling more stimulus steps.
The world's second-largest economy grew at a frail pace in the second quarter as demand weakened at home and abroad, raising pressure on policymakers to deliver more stimulus to shore up post-COVID recovery.
China will step up economic policy adjustments, focusing on expanding domestic demand, boosting confidence and preventing risks, state news agency Xinhua cited the Politburo, a top decision-making body of the ruling Communist Party, as saying.
"Currently, China's economy is facing new difficulties and challenges, which mainly arise from insufficient domestic demand, difficulties in the operation of some enterprises, risks and hidden dangers in key areas, as well as a grim and complex external environment," Xinhua

UN chief urges Russia to return to Black Sea deal

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on Russia on Monday to return to a deal allowing the safe Black Sea export of Ukrainian grain in line with a proposal he made to President Vladimir Putin.
Russia quit the agreement a week ago, saying that demands to improve its own food and fertilizer exports had not been met, and that not enough Ukraine grain had reached the poorest countries under the Black Sea deal.
"With the termination of the Black Sea Initiative, the most vulnerable will pay the highest price," Guterres told the U.N. Food Systems summit in Rome on Monday. "When food prices rise, everybody pays for it."
Since Russia quit the deal and began attacking Ukrainian food-exporting ports on the Black Sea and Danube river, global wheat and corn futures have risen sharply.
"This is especially devastating for vulnerable countries struggling to feed their people," Guterres said.
Guterres had written to Putin on July 11 in a final effort to save the deal.

Canada PM Trudeau plans cabinet reshuffle this week

Monitoring Desk
OTTAWA: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is planning to reshuffle his cabinet this week, likely replacing ministers deemed to have struggled in their posts or who are not planning on running again in the next election, two government sources said. Trudeau has periodically reshuffled his cabinet since taking power in 2015. The shakeup — which the Canadian Broad-

Two protesters burn Koran in front of Iraqi embassy in Denmark

Monitoring Desk
COPENHAGEN: Two protesters set fire to a copy of the Koran, Islam's holy book, in front of the Iraqi embassy in the Danish capital on Monday, risking a further deterioration of relations between the two countries. Protests have raged across Iran and Iraq after Denmark and Sweden allowed the burning of the Koran under rules protecting free speech.



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg is lifted away by police when she takes part in a new climate action in Oljehammen in Malmo, Sweden.

Iran kicks off air force drill as US sends more fighter planes to the region

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Iran on Sunday began an annual air force drill in the central part of country, state media reported, as the U.S. sends more fighter planes to the region to deter the Islamic Republic from seizing commercial vessels in the Persian Gulf area. The official IRNA news agency said 11 Iranian air force bases participated in the drill, dubbed Fadaeian Velayat-11, or Devotees of the Supreme Leader-11. It said an air base at the southern port of Bandar Abbas at the mouth of the strategic Strait of Hormuz is active in the drill. The Strait of Hormuz is the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all crude oil passes. The report said more than 90 fighter planes, bombers and drones would participate in the drill.
Air Force Chief Gen. Hamid Vahedi said the drill's message is one of friendship, peace and security in the region. "Sustainable security, improving and fostering regional ties, peaceful coexistence and defending air borders are on the agenda," he said. From time to time Iran holds such drills and says they are designed to assess force's combat readiness and demonstrate the nation's military capabilities.



Tourists are seen after being evacuated following a wildfire on the island of Rhodes, Greece.

15 dead, all missing passengers found after Indonesia boat sinks

Monitoring Desk
BUTON TENGAH: At least 15 people were killed on Monday after a wooden boat sank off the coast of Indonesia's Sulawesi island, search and rescue officials said, adding that all missing passengers had been accounted for.
The boat sank with 48 people onboard just after midnight (5pm GMT on Sunday), the local office of Indonesia's search and rescue agency said in a statement. Six people were rescued and taken to hospital for treatment, it added, and the cause of the sinking was being investigated. Muhamad Arafah, head of the local search and rescue agency in Kendari city in Southeast Sulawesi, said in the statement that the 27 other passengers had been accounted for and all the victims had been identified. The agency had earlier reported that 19 were missing and that search efforts were ongoing, but Arafah said the operation had now been "declared finished and closed".

Second US submarine arrives in South Korea amid North Korea tensions

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: A U.S. nuclear-powered submarine arrived in South Korea on Monday, only days after the first U.S. nuclear armed submarine made port in the country in four decades, as the two allies seek to boost American strategic assets to deter North Korea. The USS Annapolis entered a naval base in South Korea's southern island of Jeju, to load military supplies while on an unspecified operational mission, the South Korean navy said.

