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## Justice Qazi Faez Isa sworn in as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan

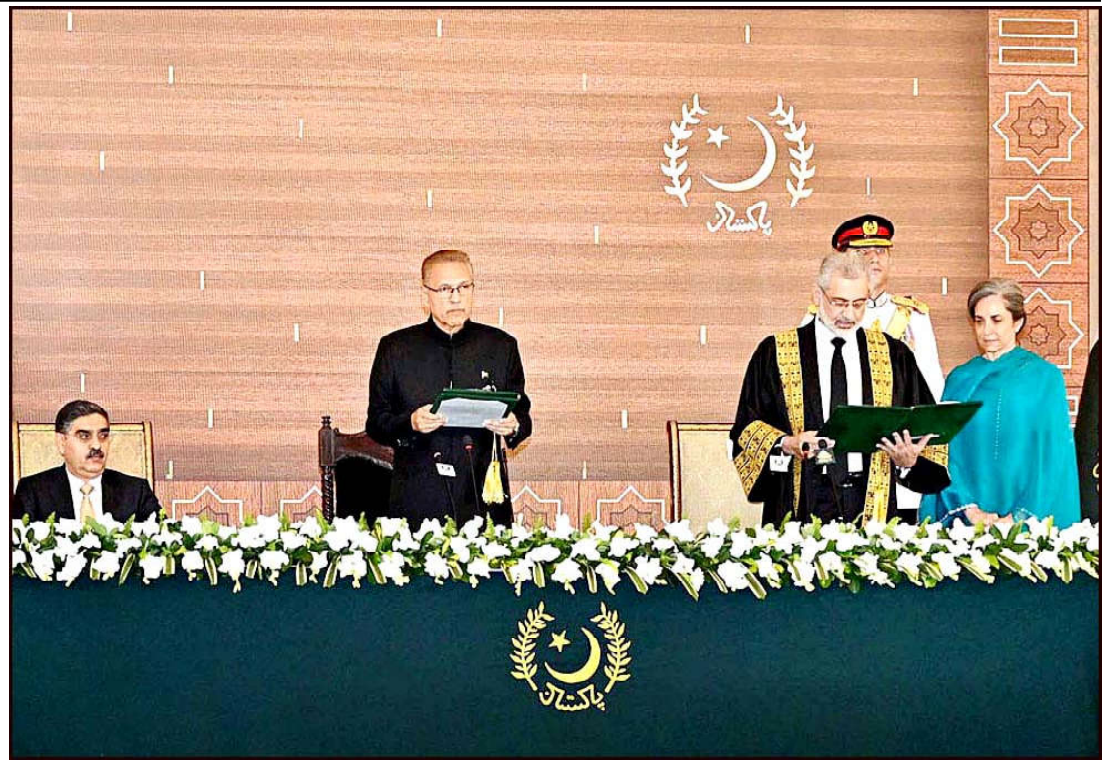
The Government and military officials including caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Army Chief General Asim Munir, Provincial Governors, Chief Ministers, senators and foreign ambassadors attended the ceremony

ISLAMABAD (INP): Justice Qazi Faez Isa has taken oath as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP). President Dr. Arif Alvi administered the oath. High-ranking government and military officials, caretaker Prime Minister, federal ministers, senators, foreign ambassadors, and other dignitaries witnessed the oath taking ceremony. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, following which the notification for Justice Isa's appointment was read out. The president then administered the oath to Justice Isa, whose wife Sarina Isa stood by his

side. Born in Quetta on October 26, 1959, Justice Qazi Faez Isa is the son of the late Qazi Mohammad Isa of Pishin, who was in the forefront of the Pakistan Movement and a close associate of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Justice Isa's father was the first person from the province to acquire the Bar-at-Law degree and helped establish the All India Muslim League in Balochistan after his return from London. His father had served as the only member on the Central Working Committee of the All India Muslim League

### CJP forms full court for SC Practice and Procedure Act hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Sunday constituted full court headed by him for hearing the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 on Monday (tomorrow). An eight-judge larger bench of the apex court headed by the former CJP Umar Ata Bandial, had suspended the enforcement of the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023 on April 13. Justice Qazi Faez Isa who sworn in as the 29th chief justice of Pakistan today, has constituted bench for the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act hearing. The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 — a bill that required the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance by a committee of three senior judges will be heard by a supreme court bench on Monday (tomorrow).



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Justice Qazi Faez Isa as Chief Justice of Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Domki and other high ups participating in CJP oath taking ceremony.

### PM Kakar leaves for US to address 78th UNGA session

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday proceeded on a five-day official visit to attend the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78) in New York, United States. During his stay, the prime minister will hold meetings with the global leaders on the sidelines of the session, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The caretaker prime minister will also attend an important conference on climate change. PM Kakar is also

scheduled to interact with the international media and visit prominent US think tanks. During this high-level debate, he will engage in discussions concerning a range of pressing global issues. His address to the UNGA on September 22 is keenly anticipated and is expected to shed light on Pakistan's perspectives on the current global landscape. Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani during this diplomatic mission, further reinforcing Pakistan's commitment to global cooperation and multilateralism.

### Jazeera appointed 1st-ever woman SC registrar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) has appointed Ms. Jazeela Aslam as Registrar Supreme Court (SC). Likewise, Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmed had been appointed as Secretary to the CJP while Abdul Sadiq is appointed as staff officer, said a press release issued here on Sunday. It said that before her appointment as Registrar SC, Jazeela Aslam was serving as the District and Sessions Judge Okara, and in the same position, she has served in Kasur and Sialkot. She is the senior most lady District and Sessions Judge in Punjab.

Ali Muhammad says: 'Govt implementing zero tolerance policy against power theft mafia'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power, and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali Sunday reassured that the interim government was implementing a zero-tolerance policy against the power theft mafia in the country and would not spare any person who proved guilty of having connivance with electricity thieves. While talking to a private news channel, the minister said with strict directives IESCO had launched the crackdown against electricity thieves and their facilitators in all circles, adding that we are collaborating with all related departments and law enforcement agencies on the district level to ensure that the process is carried out swiftly. The crackdown will continue against the elements involved in electricity theft with the co-operation of the relevant departments, he added.

### Jan Achakzai meets Deputy Ambassador of UAE's invites to visit Quetta



ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai met the Deputy Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Charge d' Affaires, Rashid AlAli in UAE's Embassy, Islamabad. During the course of meeting, bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest were discussed between the Provincial Minister Information and Deputy Ambassador of UAE. Moreover, the investment opportunities were also discussed in the meeting between them. Jan Achakzai also invited Excellency Rashid AlAli to visit Quetta on behalf of the Government of Balochistan, which he accepted.

### Ameer Sirajul Haq to lead dharna: JI Quetta to stage protest sit-in against inflation in front of Governor House

Independent Report Sunday afternoon. Hafiz Noorullah noted with concern that there is a record inflation in the country. The life of people has been made miserable due to the price-hike, he said adding that they have become disappointed with the caretaker government as well. The JI Quetta leader particularly referred to the recent increase in the prices of petrol and petroleum products after increasing the tariff of electricity. This would cause more inflation in the country, adding he feared.

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### Governor, caretaker CM, CJBHC, Ministers participate in oath taking ceremony of CJP

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki, Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan and other personalities participated in the oath taking ceremony of the new Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa in Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Sunday.

The Governor Balochistan and others congratulated Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa on assuming the office of Chief Justice of Pakistan. He also congratulated him on assuming new responsibilities as CJP. Other personalities attending the oath taking ceremony were included the senior Judge of BHC, Mr. Justice Hashim Khan Kakar, caretaker Provincial Minister for Law, Prosecution, Amanullah Kanrani Advocate, Advocate General of Balochistan, Asif Reki, office bearers of Pakistan Bar Council from Balochistan, High Court Bar Association another senior lawyers including Munir Ahmed Kakar, Ali Ahmed Kurd, Qasim Khan Gajezai, Rahib Khan Buledi, Amanullah Kakar, Ayub Tareen, Qari Rehmat, Khalil Panezai, Afzal Harifal, Shah Hussain and Ali Ahmed Kakar. Meanwhile, while meeting the new CJP, Governor and other personalities expressed best wishes for his more success in future.

It may be mentioned here that the President Dr. Arif Alvi administered oath to the new CJP at the ceremony also attended by the caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaarul Haq Kakar, Chief of Army Staff, General of Army Staff, Governors of other provinces, caretaker Chief Ministers, different political elders, other dignitaries and high military and civil officers.

### Domki greets Justice Qazi Faez on assuming office of Chief Justice of Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki congratulated Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa on assuming the office of Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP). He also expressed best wishes for the new Chief Justice of Pakistan by personally meeting him at his oath taking ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr Islamabad.

It may be mentioned here that the Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki participated in the oath taking ceremony of CJP along with the caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar and Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar.



DUKE: Provincial President PKMPA Abdul Qahar Wadan leading the rally taken out by against illegal cut on Pashtoon population in Digital Population census and other problems of the masses.

### Caretaker Provincial Minister Home pays tributes to martyr police cop Syed Muhammad

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali has paid tributes to the Head constable of police, Syed Muhammad who was martyred by unknown armed assailants in Quetta on Saturday night. In a statement issued here on Sunday, the caretaker Provincial Minister Home said that head constable Syed Muhammad embraced martyrdom during duty and he set the highest example of dutifulness. He said that police department would never forget the brave son who rendered sacrifice of his life in the line of duty.

He also said that the Balochistan police is the force of custodian of over 1600 brave martyrs like Syed Muhammad. The Minister taking notice of the incident sought report from the concerned high ups. He also ordered to arrest the culprits involved in the killing of Head constable immediately. He prayed for the departed soul besides praying for the patience of bereaved family of the martyr police jawan.

### ICCI Business Role Model Awards ceremony: Governor calls for preparing comprehensive strategy to boost economic system

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has underlined the need to prepare comprehensive strategy for strengthening economic system and increasing national yield by grooming effective human resource and accommodate them at the national and provincial level. The Governor noted with pleasure that Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan and Balochistan with best human resources, therefore, it is necessary to put into action the policy of taking all along so as to take new strides of national development soon.

The Governor was addressing the award distribution ceremony held under the auspices of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the federal capital on Sunday. Also present on the occasion were the President ICCI, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawri, Chairman Founder Group, Khalid Iqbal Malik and former President, Zafar Bakhtawri and others. Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that the ceremony of the people associated with the commerce and trade organized by ICCI in view of the present political and economic circumstances of the country is well-timed and appropriate. He said that this is a fact that Balochistan has immense importance because of its strategic location and there is a very important role of the province in development and prosperity of the country. Balochistan province has great prospects of profitable investment as such it is necessary for the investors to fully benefit from these opportunities. In this regard, we would have to provide all necessary facilities and opportunities to the investors and industrialists to make investment in the province, adding he stressed.



ISLAMABAD: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar distributing awards under organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### AML chief Sheikh Rashid arrested

ISLAMABAD (INP): Awami Muslim League (AML) leader and PTI ally, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, was arrested by Islamabad police on Sunday. As per details, Sheikh Rasheed's counsel Sardar Raziq has confirmed that the AML chief has been arrested by men in plain clothes from his residence. According to reports, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's two nephews namely Sheikh Raashid Shafique and Shaikh Umar were also arrested along with him from his house located at Bahria Town Phase -III Islamabad.

### Attempts at subtracting Nawaz Sharif from politics have failed: Maryam

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President and party's Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz said on Sunday that former prime minister and the PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif stood vindicated, and now it was time for Pakistan's triumph. Addressing meetings of different party wings as part of preparations for giving a warm reception to Nawaz on his homecoming next month, she said that every attempt to subtract former prime minister from politics failed. "By the grace of Almighty Allah, respect for Nawaz Sharif in people's hearts has increased," she claimed. Former Punjab Chief Minister and PML-N leader Hamza Shehbaz was also present in the meetings.

Maryam was of the view that the people of Pakistan had to pay the price for Nawaz's ouster. She expressed the hope that from today courts would do justice to the Sharif family. "I pray to the Almighty Allah that justice should be for all. She opined that prejudice against the party supremo was actually against the country and the nation. "What Pakistan needs is a fresh beginning," PML-N's chief organizer said, and stressed the need for ridding the country of politics of confrontation, violence and vengeance. She expressed the resolve that after coming to power, the party would develop all parts of the country, including Sindh. "Our war is against inflation, poverty and bad governance," she asserted.



LAHORE: PML-N Senior Vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz presides over the party meeting at Model Town. Former chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shehbaz is also present.



# Naqvi reviews measures for elimination of smog

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LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, during a meeting held at his office on Sunday, reviewed measures being taken for elimination of smog.

The meeting decided to make the urban roads dust-free for eradication of smog and roads would be washed for the prevention of smog. A task had been assigned to Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) to wash the roads of Lahore while

Deputy Commissioners have been directed to launch a crackdown against those involved in selling substandard fuel.

The meeting was informed that financial assistance will be provided with the collaboration of World Bank so as to make the industries environment friendly. The CM ordered to ensure implementation of Smog Prevention & Control Rules 2023 and sought a comprehensive plan from all departments concerned to bring down

smog at the lowest level. He directed to seal the institutions for two months on committing frequent violation of anti smog policy. An advance affidavit should be taken from the farmers to prevent them from burning the residue of rice and other fields. Mohsin Naqvi directed that Vehicle Inspection and Certification System (VICS) and other relevant institutions should ensure issuance of Transport Fitness Certificate.

Environment experts

put forth their proposals and recommendations in the meeting. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed Ahmad Principal College of Earth Environmental Sciences Punjab University said that motorcycle rickshaw was the main cause of environmental pollution. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed stressed that a long term policy was essential for the elimination of smog. Kilns should be transferred to agricultural waste instead of coals.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi offering Dua after inaugurating extension project of Police Helpline Centre at Liberty.



PESHAWAR: Advisor to CM on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar addressing a meeting during his visit to Khyber Eye Foundation.

## CM aide visits Khyber Eye Foundation

PESHAWAR (Online): Special Assistant to Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar on Sunday visited Khyber Eye Foundation and expressed satisfaction over the healthcare initiatives.

Chairman Muhammad Adnan Jalil and esteemed board directors and administrators, welcomed Dr. Riaz Anwar and all accompanying guests.

During the visit, all guests were given a tour of the Khyber Eye Foundation and received a detailed presentation about the hospital's operations.

Chairman Muhammad Adnan Jalil briefly expressed his thoughts, emphasizing the foundation's importance as a charitable institution and its provision of free healthcare services to the underprivileged and needy individuals in the region.

Dr. Riaz Anwar, the Special Assistant Health

expressed his satisfaction with the hospital's performance, noting that he had heard numerous commendations about the facility from his acquaintances.

He stated, "I am now convinced that Khyber Eye Foundation is a reputable brand, and it serves as a beacon of hope for the less fortunate."

He further added, "This hospital is a testament to your hard work and dedication, and I assure you that I am always available to contribute to the progress of this institution. Whenever there is a challenge, I will be here to address it."

At the end of the visit, Dr. Riaz Anwar was honored with a shield as a token of appreciation. Additionally, former Chairman Mr. Muhammad Ghayur Sethi, who played a significant role in the foundation's growth, received a shield for his relentless efforts.

## KP leads the way in sustainable land use planning, building control

PESHAWAR (Online): In a significant stride towards responsible land management and sustainable development, the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has achieved a milestone by introducing the first-ever Land Use Plans for six districts. These districts include Peshawar, Charsadda, Mardan, Nowshera, Abbottabad, and Swabi, all of which have been grappling with rapid urbanization and development challenges. This groundbreaking initiative is in line with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Land Use and Building Control Act 2021 and aims to ensure the judicious utilization of land and its invaluable resources.

The primary objective of these Land Use Plans is to prioritize the responsible use of land resources. By doing so, the government seeks to promote sustainable growth and development within the region. The plans have experienced

rigorous evaluations and have received approval from the Land Use and Building Control Council, underlining their importance and alignment with regulatory standards.

To ensure the effective implementation of these plans in their true spirit, the Provincial Land Use Plan Project (PLUP), Urban Policy & Planning Unit, Planning & Development Department in collaboration with the World Bank sponsored Khyber Pass Economic Corridor Project (KPEC) of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, organized a comprehensive two-day event. This event served as a platform to unite all key stakeholders who will play pivotal roles in the successful execution of the Land Use Plans and the Land Use and Building Control Act 2021. These stakeholders include members of the Provincial Land Use and Building Control Council, the Planning and Development Department.

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## DC orders PHA to beautify city

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh has directed the Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) to evolve a comprehensive planning for city beautification.

During his visit to PHA Complex, he said that the government was contemplating to make Faisalabad a model city. Therefore, the city should be made attractive from all aspects, he said and directed the PHA officials to ensure plantation in green belts and parks of the city.

He said that main roads of the city including canal road should be beautified by using all available resources for rehabilitation and renovation of its green belts and intersections.

Director General PHA Zameer Hussain and others were also present on the occasion.

## Four illegal wagon, bus stands sealed

MULTAN (APP): District administration sealed four illegal wagons and bus stands during an operation conducted at Vehari Chowk.

According to official sources, the illegal wagon and bus stands including Rajput Travels, Madeenah Flying Coach, Wains Transport and Hussain Travels were sealed by the officials of the district administration.

In response to directives from Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, the officials district administration took swift action against illegal bus stands established at Vehari Chowk.

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## Task Force accelerates operation against illegal housing societies

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Task Force formed on the special directives of Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chhatta to take action against illegal housing societies has accelerated its ongoing operations against those violating the rules.

According to an RDA spokesman, the district administration, local police, and Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) had jointly launched a grand operation against illegal housing societies, criminals hiding

there, weapons, and their private guards allegedly involved in criminal activities. The Task Force was also taking action against those who had illegal arms and recruited guards without the permission of local police.

The four-member task force, comprising RDA Director General as chairman and Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue, Superintendent of Police Saddar, and Chief Officer District Council as members, was formed last week, he informed.



KARACHI: Jam-at-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference held at Idara-e-Noor-ul-Haq in Karachi

## Federal health dept for combating dengue in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): The Federal Health Minister has commended the exemplary efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in combating dengue and has directed other provinces to undertake similar actions.

In a high-level meeting, Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadim Jan praised the effective and timely efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in controlling dengue, according to a handout issued here on Sunday.

He also emphasized the importance of other provinces adopting measures against dengue similar to those implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

All Provincial Health

Ministers, Secretaries, the Director-General of Health Services, and senior health officials of their respective health departments participated online in the meeting to discuss various critical healthcare topics.

However, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Advisor on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar, Secretary Health Mahmood Aslam Wazir, Director-General Health Services Dr. Shaikat Ali, and other officials participated.

In accordance with statistics provided at the meeting, Balochistan reported the most dengue cases—2,627—followed by Punjab (1,961), Sindh (1,014), and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (234 instances).



MULTAN: Head Muhammad Road is currently undergoing expansion to ensure smoother traffic flow. This vital route connects several cities in South Punjab, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK).

## LDA organises family cycling event

LAHORE (APP): To provide with healthy activities to citizens, the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) organised a grand family cycling event, here on Sunday.

The event was organised on the directions of Commissioner Lahore Muhammad Ali Randhawa by the LDA with the help of private sector.

The cycling event was held to combat smog, to promote a healthy environment and encourage positive civic activities, said Commissioner Lahore and DG LDA. He said the family cycling event started from Liberty Chowk, passing through Main Boulevard Gulberg, Zahoore Elahi Road and concluded back at Liberty Chowk.

Randhawa led the ride and completed the track. Cycling groups, families, children, a large number of citizens and media houses also participated in the event. Officers from the LDA, MCL, district administration, police, PHA, LWMC, and Rescue-1122 also participated in the family cycling event.

The commissioner said that the purpose of the event was to raise awareness about environmental pollution in the city. "Lahore is our home and citizens should come forward to promote a healthy environment," the commissioner said.

He stated that a green line has been designated for bicyclists from Liberty Roundabout to Zahoore Elahi Road. Cycling events will be included in the city's annual calendar.

## US diplomat underscores strong partnership between US, people of Sindh

KARACHI (APP): United States Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer's visit to Karachi underscored the strong partnership between the United States and the people of Sindh. He explored opportunities to enrich development, trade and commercial ties and showcased the strength of our people-to-people relationships, the cornerstone of our bilateral relationship.

As co-host of the second Green Shipping roundtable, Schofer underscored the crucial role of sustainable shipping

practices in mitigating the impact of climate change. The Green Shipping roundtable stakeholders discussed opportunities to reduce carbon emissions in the port, shipping and logistics sectors in Pakistan.

Port authorities, industry, and other key actors in the ports and shipping value chain discussed how to promote environmentally friendly and sustainable shipping practices and ways to support the Green Shipping Challenge at COP28. Andrew Schofer stated, "Through events

like the one today, we are encouraging bilateral dialogue on climate action and exploring innovative solutions to strengthen Pakistan's climate resilience." He praised the attendees' commitment and engagement to support a sector-wide transition to more sustainable shipping practices.

The visit included a stop at Lincoln Corner Karachi, where Schofer met with students, entrepreneurs, and volunteers, applauding their dedication and creativity.

He highlighted the

## 22 bags of banned gutka recovered from car

MIRPURKHAS (APP): A team of CIA police found 22 bags of banned gutka locally called safina betel nut in a car Mirpurkhas on Sunday.

According to officials, on the instructions of SSP Mirpurkhas Adil Memon, CIA Police led by in-charge CIA Inayat Ali Zardari, raided the area of Kot Ghulam Muhammad Police Station late at night and recovered 22 bags of banned gutka safina from the car. Police arrested Abdul Waheed Brohi, a resident of Quetta and Amir Khan Brohi.

## PU inks MoU with DRAP on research, training

LAHORE (APP): To enhance mutual cooperation for research and training in the relevant field and to promote mutually beneficial relations, the Punjab University and Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood and Chief Executive Officer DRAP Asim Rauf signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the PU. Principal PU College of Pharmacy Prof Dr Syed Atif Raza, eminent dignitaries from

pharmaceutical industry, secretary Provincial Quality Control Board (PQCB) Punjab, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical consultant, regulators and faculty members were present.

According to the MoU, the collaboration would allow the academia to share its research in the field of pharmaceutical sciences, for its appropriate utilisation by the regulator and other organisations. The main objectives of this collaboration are to support research activities.



KARACHI: Sunni Tehreek (PST) Chief, Sarwat Ijaz Qadri addresses during ceremony in connection of the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday anniversary celebration of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) held at Qadri House in Karachi

## SPLA seeks representation in steering committee

HYDERABAD (APP): A meeting of the Provincial Executive Council of Sindh Professors and Lecturers Association (SPLA) Sunday demanded representation of the association in the steering committee to institute reforms in the education system.

The meeting, chaired by the association's President Prof Munawar Abbass, discussed the issues of the five-tier service structure, revision of the SNEs, seniority list and conduct of the board exams before the onset of the hot summer season.

The meeting welcomed the caretaker Sindh Education Minister Rana Hussain and Secretary Education Sadaf Anees Shaikh on assuming the charge.

The office bearers and the council's members of SPLA at the meeting expressed hope that the incumbent government would considerably address their issues.

They also called for conducting the exams of matric and intermediate classes by the month of April to spare the students and the teachers from the conduct of the exams in the hot summer season which set off from the month of May.

## Workers union demand payment of salaries

HYDERABAD (APP): Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA) Mehran Workers Union has demanded that eight employees of HDA's subsidiary Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) have died in the current year without being paid their salaries.

A meeting of the union, chaired by its President Muhammad Azam Rajput in Latifabad here on Sunday, said thousands of workers of WASA, which was responsible for water supply and drainage, had not received their salaries for the last 8 to 9 months.

Rajput said WASA had adopted a practice of not releasing salaries to its workforce until it received some bailout package from the Sindh government once or twice a year.

The Union's General Secretary Muhammad Aslam Abbasi said they demanded that the authorities should put an end to mismanagement which had marred the agency.

He requested the Sindh Government to pay the water and drainage bills which were owed by its government departments.

## 101 new dengue infections reported in 24 hours

LAHORE (APP): Punjab is grappling with a concerning upswing in dengue fever cases, as the latest report from the Health Department revealed a staggering total of 2,858 confirmed cases across 36 districts this year.

Lahore leads with 1,088 cases, followed by Rawalpindi with 592, Multan with 318, and Gujranwala with 106. In the last 24 hours alone, Lahore reported 31 new cases, Rawalpindi 39, Multan 12, Gujranwala 11, and Toba Tek Singh 2. One

new case each was reported in Attock, Narowal, Nankana Sahib, Okara, Sargodha and Jhang.

Currently, 100 dengue patients are receiving treatment in various hospitals throughout Punjab, with 56 of them in Lahore. Fortunately, there have been no dengue-related fatalities reported this year. Secretary Health Punjab Ali Jan Khan emphasised the importance of maintaining clean and dry surroundings as a preventive measure and urged citizens to cooperate with health department.



HYDERABAD: Members of Jeay Sindh Mahaz are holding protest demonstration for demanding expelling Afghan refugees from province, held in Hyderabad.

