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World Cup squad

The stress was on continuity — trusting and backing players who had been with the team — as Pakistan's squad for the World Cup was named on Friday...

For the World Cup campaign, Pakistan are hoping that things fall in place. It wasn't like this, though, before the Asia Cup, where Pakistan went in as the world's top-ranked ODI side...

Lavish diplomacy



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Earlier this month, India hosted, with gaudy fanfare, the 18th meeting of the G20. The outcome was an 83-paragraph declaration...

However, it was not the substance but the optics and pomp and show that appeared to have been the host's top priority...

By hosting the G20 summit, and, earlier, the SCO meetings, and playing an active role in expanding BRICS, India wants to send a message that a country, which is the world's most populous...

This diplomatic extravaganza has, however, not been without its embellishments. In order to showcase a 'shining' India, shanty neighbourhoods were hurriedly erased...

due to Kashmir's disputed status. More notably, Xi Jinping chose to stay away from the summit, the first time a Chinese president has done so...

India is struggling to balance its strategic partnership with the US with its cooperation with Russia and China. As for India's claim to a permanent seat at the UNSC...

The theme India chose for the summit 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' seems to have been designed to appeal to the developing world...

Interestingly, the most noted outcome of the event was an initiative that was not part of the summit's agenda or its declaration but a separate MOU signed on the sidelines...

The idea of a possible economic corridor between India and Europe through the Middle East was first floated in 2021 by Spanish scholar Michael

Tanchum, who wrote a paper titled India's Arab-Mediterranean Corridor: A Paradigm Shift in Strategic Connectivity to Europe...

Details of the initiative are still unclear. A map floated by the UAE (which erroneously shows the disputed territory of Jammu & Kashmir as part of India) indicates a route from Mumbai to Dubai...

India's attempt to use the G-20 event for self-aggrandizement seems to have run into further problems as Canada has officially called it out for arranging, through its state agents...

Where do I begin? The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) released, on Tuesday, the latest statistics that showed that more than 21 million voters have been added to the electoral rolls since the last general elections...

Wilting in the wilderness



Ghazi Salahuddin

Oh, to be young. Poets, writers and philosophers have celebrated this magical phase in one's life. A young person, anywhere and in any surroundings, would personify hope and adventure...

By way of a disclaimer, I must confess that I have been a proclaimed pessimist for many years and my disillusionment with the youth of Pakistan may have deepened because of my loss of hope in the future of this society...

Very briefly, I have to share my understanding of the young being largely removed from the realities of the national state of affairs. They have been depoliticized. Despite the wave that rose on social media, the impression that Imran Khan was able to mobilize the youth was not certified by the long marches and 'jail bhari' stratagems...

Commerce News

CM Naqvi says: Punjab endeavouring to benefit from Chinese technology, expertise

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that Punjab would harness technology and expertise from China across all sectors.

Interacting with media outside the Hazrat Mian Mir shrine, Naqvi emphasised that during his visit to China along with a 15-member delegation comprising provincial ministers and high-ranking officials the discussions centered only on technology.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi talking with media persons at Sufi Sain Hazrat Mian Mir Shrine, during annual URS Sufi Saint Hazrat Mian Mir, in Provincial Capital.

'Pakistan has always exposed India's war crimes in occupied Kashmir'

ISLAMABAD (INP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter has thanked the United Nations agencies take immediate action on the war crimes committed by the Indian Army in the occupied territory.

He emphasized the importance of avoiding physical contact with infected individuals and refraining from sharing personal items such as handkerchiefs, pillows, and makeup.

However, people are still not returning to the markets."

Earlier, the caretaker CM attended a ceremony held to mark the beginning of the 400th Urs celebrations of the saint Hazrat Mian Mir, and laid a wreath at the shrine.

He also laid a foundation stone for a 'langar khana' (free kitchen) to be established with the cooperation of the Medina Foundation.

Pink eye cases surge in Lahore: 85 new infections reported

LAHORE (APP): The provincial metropolis is currently grappling with a significant rise in cases of Pink Eye during the ongoing rainy season.

The health department officials reported 85 new cases of conjunctivitis, commonly known as Pink Eye, within the past 24 hours.

People afflicted with this infection are finding it difficult to venture outdoors due to the adverse effects of sunlight and dust on their eyes.

Noted eye surgeon, Dr. Intzar Hussain Butt, shared his recommendations with the APP, urging affected individuals to use prescribed eye drops, cold water, and tissues for eye cleansing.

Dr. Butt explained that conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane, known as the conjunctiva, which lines the eyelid and covers the eyeball.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of Ghamkol Sharif Kohat led by Pir Syed Junaid Shah meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

Ningxia, Punjab govts signs two sister cities agreements

LAHORE (INP): Ningxia province, China and Governments of Punjab have signed two agreements during visit of Punjab's caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi to China.

These agreements established Sahiwal & Wuzhong, as well as Bahawalpur & Zhang Wei, as sister cities.

The signing ceremony took place in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia province, with Minister for Industry and Agriculture SM Tanvir representing the Punjab government, according to Gwadar Pro.

The ceremony was attended by provincial ministers Azfar Ali Nasir and Ibrahim Hasan Murad, as well as Secretary Finance Mujahid Sherdil, alongside senior officials from Ningxia.

Under the terms of the agreement, mutual understanding and collaboration will be promoted through the exchange of delegations and cooperation efforts.

Furthermore, senior officials and line departments from these sister cities will share expertise and engage in reciprocal visits.

Weather turns pleasant in parts of Punjab after light rain

LAHORE (INP): The weather turned pleasant in several cities of Punjab including Lahore as light rain lashed in parts of the province.

Lahore was under dark clouds since morning and metropolitan also witnessed drizzle in many areas including Abbott Road, Shimla Pahari, Garhi Shahu and Mall Road.

The rain also lashed in Faisalabad, Chiniot, Sahiwal, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara and Patoki. The weather also turned pleasant in Bhowana, Sharaqpur and Lalian after light rain.

The low-laying areas were inundated while electricity remained suspended in many areas due to the tripping of several feeders.

KP Caretaker Minister pledges development for merged districts

PESHAWAR: KP Caretaker Minister Syed Aamir Abdullah Pledges Development for Merged Districts. The caretaker minister for Industry and Commerce, Tribal Affairs, and Technical Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Aamir Abdullah, has affirmed the government's commitment to utilizing all available resources for the development of merged districts.

He expressed the goal of bringing these regions to the same level of development as other districts within the province. Syed Amir Abdullah highlighted that the caretaker provincial government, led by Chief Minister Muhammad Azam Khan, is diligently pursuing federal funding for the merged districts.

During the visit, the provincial minister assured Orakzai district leaders of his intent to facilitate proper training for local residents.

expressed optimism about the prospects of receiving positive news in this regard.

These statements were made by the Provincial Minister during his address to the District Jirga in Kalaya, Orakzai district, where he also received a briefing from the Deputy Commissioner on the district's development and law and order.

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Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah visiting different stalls during the 2nd Gilgit-Baltistan Career Fest 2023.

'Newspaper Readership Day' In an age of rapid information dissemination, newspapers continue to hold special place

Independent Report PESHAWAR: On 'National Newspapers Readership Day', we celebrate the value of printed news in our lives.

In a world increasingly driven by digital media, this day serves as a reminder of the irreplaceable role newspapers play in shaping our society.

Readership Day' observed every year on 25th September is an opportunity to salute the editors, reporters, photographers, and countless others who work tirelessly to deliver the news to our doorstep every day.

Print media serve as a platform for dialogue, debate, and the exchange of ideas, nurturing a sense of national identity.

Today, I would like to address the vital role of a free press in upholding the principles of democracy, particularly in the context of free and fair elections.



