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CM Baqar condemns killing of children in Palestine on World Children's Day, leads walk

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Baqar has said we are commemorating World Children's Day all over the world but simultaneously Israel is killing innocent children in Palestine, which needs to be condemned in strong words.

This he said while talking to the media persons just after leading the Walk organized by the Sindh Child Protection Authority (SCPA) of the Social Welfare Department at Seaview to commemorate World Children's Day here Sunday. The walk was attended by Minister Health Dr Saad Niaz, Secretary of Social Welfare Department Sajid Jamal Abro, Secretaries and senior officers of different departments.

The event brought to-

gether children, parents, community leaders, NGOs, and government officials. The Caretaker Chief Minister emphasized the significance of children's rights, their promising future, and the government's commitment towards Child Protection. "We must remember the children being killed by Israel in Palestine," he said and prayed for their protection and care.

The CM said that World Children Day observed globally each year was dedicated to promoting and advocating for the rights and well-being of children.

He added that the walk was initiated to raise awareness about the rights and needs of children, emphasizing collective responsibility in ensuring

children's secure and promising future.

Baqar appreciated the social welfare department that has reunified 2275 missing children with their families, prevented and addressed around 200 child marriages, rescued 235 kidnapped children with invaluable assistance from the police, diligently addressed 883 cases of child abuse and violence, provided essential support and care to the affected children.

Notably, rescued 1472 children from child beggary, ensuring them the chance to lead lives full of promise and opportunities.

He said that World Children's Day was a powerful reminder of our responsibility to protect and nurture the future leaders of our nation.



KARACHI: Participants are holding awareness walk on the occasion of World Children Day led by Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir, Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister organized by Social Welfare Department, at Defence area in Karachi.

Methodical Australia outplay India to lift sixth World Cup trophy

Sports Desk

AHMEDABAD: Australia defeated India by six wickets to lift the World Cup for the sixth time at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday.

Chasing a modest total of 241 runs, Australia lost three early wickets for 47 runs. David Warner departed for seven runs in the second over of the innings. Later, Marsh and Smith also fell cheaply.

Then Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne built a match-winning partnership of 192 runs and guided their team to victory. Head smashed a century and got out for 137 runs. Marnus scored unbeaten 58 runs. They achieved the target in 43rd over.

India's Bumrah took two wickets while Shami got one scalp.

Earlier, Australian skipper Pat Cummins won the toss and put India into

bat. India were off to a good start but succumbed to home ground pressure lost

three wickets inside 100 runs. Australia drew first blood when opener Shubman Gill was removed in the fifth over by Mitchell Starc. He had scored four runs off seven deliveries.

Captain Rohit Sharma seemed to heading towards another big score but Glenn Maxwell cut his stay at the crease short. He had hit three sixes and four boundaries in his 31-ball knock of 47.

Shreyas Iyer went back to pavilion hitting just one four by skipper Pat Cummins.

Experienced Virat Kohli steadied the innings but could not post a big total as Cummins shattered his timber at 148 on the board for a personal 54. It was an unlike Kohli innings as he took 63 deliveries to compile it. Australia bowled out the South Asia side for 241 in the final over.

PM Kakar congratulates team Australia on winning ODI Cricket World Cup

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar congratulated Team Australia on their victory in the One Day International Cricket World Cup final against India on Sunday.

"I congratulate Australia for winning the Cricket World Cup 2023 (CWC23)," he said in a post on X, formerly twitter. He also praised phenomenal inning played by Travis Head who scored 137 runs off 120 balls. The prime minister also commended team India for their spirited performance.



Australia celebrate their sixth men's ODI World Cup win, India vs Australia, Men's ODI World Cup final, Ahmedabad.

Talks with airlines underway to reduce air tickets for Hujjaj: Aneeq

KARACHI (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed has said that the ministry is holding talks with airline companies to reduce price of air tickets for Hajj pilgrims.

This was stated by him while addressing a programme organized by the Karachi Business Forum in Karachi on Sunday. Aneeq Ahmed said

that this year around 90 thousand Hajj will perform Hajj and they all would be provided SIMs with internet package free of cost.

He said that Hajj had been digitized with the launch of an application.

Aneeq Ahmed said that the government would provide female Hajj with abbaya having a Pakistani flag on the backside of their head.

Senate to meet in Islamabad today

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Senate session will be held at the Parliament House in Islamabad today Monday at 3:00 pm.

The House will transact private members' business in which several bills will be introduced.

Besides, the House will also discuss matters of national and international importance.

Repatriation of illegal Afghans continues

ISLAMABAD (INP): The repatriation of illegal Afghans from Pakistan continues as 235,821 people returned to Kabul during the countywide operation.

The apex committee of the National Action Plan (NAP) in a meeting on October 3, chaired by Caretaker PM Anwaarul Haq Kakar gave a deadline to all foreign nationals living illegally in the country until October 31 to leave voluntarily or face deportation.

According to official data, 472 families have returned to Afghanistan in 236 vehicles during last 24 hours.

The government of Pakistan is facilitating the illegal Afghans in the repatriation process at the Torkham and Chaman borders.

So far, 235,821 illegal Afghan nationals have returned to their country after the deadline for voluntarily returning expired on October 31. Earlier, Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti rejected any 'manhandling' of illegal immigrants in Pakistan's repatriation process.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) President, Asif Ali Zardari exchanging views with Dr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan during meeting held in Karachi.

Minister for introducing Sindh's tourist attraction at international level

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KARACHI: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Tourism and Environment Arshad Wali Muhammad on Sunday said that the Sindh government was taking steps to introduce the Sindh province's tourist attractions at the international level in the World Travel Market, London. Sites with attractive scenery will be included in international tourism.

He expressed these views while meeting a delegation of journalists. The caretaker provincial minister said that the tourism industry is investing heavily in the world travel market and the Sindh government is trying hard to ensure that Sindh can get its due place in the

tourism industry formulating an integrated strategy for aviation companies, hotel management industry and guides to promote the trend of local and international tourism in Sindh in a market-oriented manner, resulting in employment opportunities at the local level and suitable environment will be available for foreign investment.

The provincial minister further said that the natural lakes and the difference in ambient temperature at the highest point in Sindh are a source of attraction for tourists, in the context of which the tourism department is making proposals for the promotion of the hotel industry, which will be finalized very soon.

CM Baqar visits shrine of Abdullah Shah Ghazi

KARACHI (APP): The Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Baqar visited the shrine of Hazrat Abdullah Shah Ghazi here on Sunday.

The caretaker chief minister placed a sheet of cloth (Chadar), to pay his respects, on the shrine and prayed. He visited the shrine without any protocol.

Final process of fixing hearing Imran Khan cases hearing begins

ISLAMABAD (Online): The final proceedings have been started in the Supreme Court regarding the appointment of the most important cases for hearing regarding PTI Chairman Imran Khan.

Bench headed by Justice Sardar Tariq will hear the bail plea of Chairman PTI on Nov 22.

This request has been made in the case of chairman PTI's cipher. The case will be decided by a three-member bench headed by Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Ayesha Malik are also part of the bench. Chairman PTI's bail application in the cipher case will be heard on November 22. It should be noted that the chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had approached the Supreme Court against the cipher case case.

TTP uses American arms against Pakistan: Pentagon

NEW YORK (Online): Terik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) is using American weapons against Pakistan, revelations came out in pentagon report presented in US House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Islamic Emirates is providing support to TTP against Pakistan: report

Pentagon report revealed all the secrets that after the American withdrawal, 7.2 billion dollars worth of defense equipment was left in Afghanistan. Chairman of the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Michael McCaul, said that "the Islamic Emirate is helping the TTP to arm itself against Pakistan."

Zabihullah Mujahid, the spokesman of the Islamic Emirate, denied the American statement and called it baseless, however, the American report said that the supply of weapons to the TTP has significantly damaged the security of the region.

Pentagon report also revealed the secret of the TTP's use of American weapons against Pakistan. After the American withdrawal on August 30, 2021, \$7.12 billion worth of defense equipment remained in Afghanistan, provided 427,300 weapons of war, of which 300,000 remained at the time of withdrawal, after the American withdrawal, these weapons came under the control of the Islamic Emirate and later ended up in the hands of anti-Pakistani groups.



Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori meeting with Pakistani Ambassador Sardar Masood Khan at Pakistani Embassy in Washington.

PPP has been fully prepared for elections, says Asif Zardari

KARACHI (INP): Former president Asif Ali Zardari said on Sunday that the country has been moving towards transparent elections on Sunday.

Talking to media Zardari said that the People's Party has been fully prepared for the upcoming general elections.

It is to be mentioned here that the Election Commission of Pakistan has announced that the elections will be held in the country

on February 08 next year. He reposed his 'full confidence' on the election commission to conduct a transparent election.

Zardari, who has been co-chairman of the PPP, claimed that the People's Party has been the only political party of the country with ability to contest elections in any environment.

He hoped that the PPP will emerge as the majority party in elections on Feb 08.

DRAP confiscates fake medicine, seals pharmacies in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) conducted an inspection of the pharmacies in Karachi, confiscated fake medicines, and sealed several medical stores in Karachi on Sunday.

The Caretaker Health Minister of Sindh directed the relevant authorities to

initiate a crackdown against the profiteering and fake medicine sellers in the province.

Following the instructions, a team from the DRAP inspected the pharmacies in Karachi and sealed several medical stores in different localities who were allegedly found guilty of selling fake medicines.



KARACHI: Sindh Caretaker Minister for Health Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz talking to media persons regarding MDCAT test outside Exo Centre.

Application for early hear of Arshad Sharif Sumoto filed in SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): There is a possibility that the petition filed in the Supreme Court to set the Arshad Sharif Sumoto case for early hearing is likely to be set for early hearing.

Trial is likely to be held in the week beginning November 27.

According to the Supreme Court's policy of early hearing of important and urgent cases, the case will be scheduled for hearing. The petition was filed on behalf of Arshad Sharif's mother, in which it was said that the investigation is at a standstill due to the pending Supreme Court case, the way things

are going, there is disappointment in the family. It was heard that the case should be fixed in the week starting from November 27.

It should be noted that during the spontaneous notice on the investigation into the murder of journalist and anchor Arshad Sharif, when Shaikat Siddiqui, the lawyer of Arshad Sharif's mother, requested the Supreme Court to give instructions to investigate five persons including Imran Khan, then the Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said that how we issue direct instructions is the work of the investigation team.

41,000 students across Sindh participate in MDCAT 2023

KARACHI (INP): The Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2023-24 was held across Sindh on Sunday and 41,000 students took part in the examination. The earlier held test was cancelled after complaints of cheating. A total of 4,790 seats — 3,600 for MBBS and 1,190 for dental studies — are available at the public and private sector medical institutions of the province. 41,000 students from across Sindh participated in the test that began at 10:30 am. Officials said four centres were set up in Karachi (at Expo Centre), Jamshoro (at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences), Shaheed Benazirabad (at Bilawal Sports Complex) and Larkana (at Police Training School bus terminal).



KARACHI: Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab addresses during the Sindh Moorat March to raise awareness and support for the transgender community's fight for equal rights held at Frere Hall in Karachi.

Late breast cancer diagnosis causes 44,000 deaths annually in Pakistan: Begum Alvi

ISLAMABAD (APP): First Lady Begum Samina Alvi said on Sunday that nearly 44,000 women die of breast cancer every year in Pakistan due to late diagnosis and stressed that thousands of women and their families could be saved if it was diagnosed at an earlier stage, with chances of survival up to 98 percent.

However, she regretted that there was a lack of awareness about the early symptoms of this disease in Paki-

stan. As a result, the disease kept spreading silently and proved fatal. The first lady was addressing the Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association's (PFOWA) annual charity bazaar.

The spouses of Islamabad-based diplomats organized stalls on the occasion depicting the culture, cuisine, and artifacts of their respective countries. The proceeds of the charity bazaar will be used for the welfare of the low-income staffers of the Min-

istry of Foreign Affairs.

Begum Alvi said that they had started a comprehensive, inclusive, and nationwide breast cancer awareness campaign. "One of the major challenges before us was to convey our message to women living in far-flung areas of the country. Most of the cancer cases in Pakistan were reported in the third or fourth stages, which not only made the treatment painful and expensive but also reduced the chances of survival.



KARACHI: Shiite Muslims chant slogans during a demonstration against Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, and to show solidarity with Palestinian people, in Provincial Capital.

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Rupee's recovery against dollar

The rupee is expected to maintain its upward trend in the coming week, helped by dollar sales by exporters and optimism about the country's economy following its deal with the International Monetary Fund...

Worthwhile to mention here is that IMF staff and the Pakistani authorities recently reached a staff-level agreement on the first review under Pakistan's stand-by arrangement (SBA)...

The Tresmark, a financial technology firm, in a weekly client noted that "As soon as the staff-level agreement was announced with the IMF, the top machinery, including the caretaker prime minister, the interim finance minister, and the governor of the State Bank of Pakistan came out with guns blazing and spoke all positives to reinforce the sentiment..."

The reversal in currency's trend has reintroduced exporters to sell forwards, even though forward premiums were down by 30 percent (one and three months ended the week at 190 and 430 paisa)...

The remittances and exports are improving. The current account deficit for October is expected to shrink to \$100 million. It is projected that Pakistan will get approximately \$1.2 billion in financing from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank before the end of the year...

The very classmates I ridiculed had the answer to why the media got it wrong: the liberal elite coastal media did not attempt to understand or fairly report on Trump supporters. It was a big

Being seen & heard



Muna Khan

Going to graduate school in the US as a mature student meant I felt a disconnect with younger students, especially around language and identity issues. It took some time for me to understand words like 'woke' and 'gaslighting' but it provided much humour in the classroom.

I was studying journalism having practised it for about 20 years and had more in common with my professors than students who complained they did not feel seen or heard. I took 'seen and heard' to mean as sources in reporting whereas they meant the opposite — 'truly understood'.

Donald Trump won the election a few months into these discussions. His unexpected victory was blamed on Russian hackers, Facebook ads, Hillary Clinton, but a Harvard study blamed it on the press "specifically the overwhelmingly negative tone of news coverage"

Along with social media, he holds the widening inequality, populism, bigotry and a decline in religion and community participation responsible for

teaching moment for me and I said I would always try to understand the other perspective in my work but it's been a struggle especially when those others use abusive language.

David Brooks' new book How to Know a Person offers insight on how to better see, hear and also be heard in an age where digital connectivity has caused isolation.

This may sound like self-help territory but unlike other guides, Brooks' book is meticulously researched. He references neuroscience, psychology, history, education, and the arts to present an understanding of human connections.

Some of his self-help suggestions — how to start conversations — while trite, even silly, speak to a larger issue, not just in the US. Our screen time has upended our social skills. It was possible to have friends with opposing views on a host of issues but that seems impossible now.

Of course, societies need more empathy and human connections are vital for us to thrive. It's why I support ease of travel restrictions between India and Pakistan especially for families and artists, sports people, students on exchange program-mes.

an absence of values born of kindness.

Here, I disagree with him slightly based on my time as a student in the US where I saw an emergence of a new moral code and I believe that doesn't sit right with Brooks, a white conservative who supported the Iraq war and is pro-Israel.

I believe the pushback to Israel's propaganda is also proof that young people are calling out the lies because they now can 'see, hear' Palestinians, who have been denied space in the press. Go to TikTok to see the videos of users reading a 20-year-old letter by Osama bin Laden to the Americans and agreeing with him.

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Issue of refugees



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Hundreds of thousands of undocumented Afghan refugees are returning to their country. In principle, it makes perfect sense. No country allows illegal foreign nationals to stay on its land.

However, since this forced return has coincided with the steep rise of terrorism in Pakistan, a correlation has developed in the public consciousness that the expulsion of Afghan refugees is Pakistan's answer to the Taliban government's non-cooperation on the issue of the TTP.

There is a view that Afghan refugees were victims of foreign aggression and oppression. Some would even suggest that Afghan refugees have lived in Pakistan long enough to be deemed economic migrants.

Amidst this diversity of views, the debate has begun to affect the over-

all trajectory of Pak-Afghan ties. Pakistanis wonder why the Taliban government is not sensitive to Pakistan's high concern about TTP-sponsored terrorism. The answer lies in recognising the fact that the Taliban of Afghanistan and the Taliban of Pakistan are two sides of the same ideological coin.

Further, the TTP wants to do what the Afghan Taliban would welcome: establish an Islamic emirate in the tribal belt straddling the Pak-Afghan border. It is clear that the government would want the return of refugees to proceed without any manhandling, and with immediate redressal of complaints.

Given these realities, our government needs to adopt a two-pronged approach. Politically, Islamabad should sustain its efforts to persuade Kabul to not allow the TTP to plan attacks against Pakistan using Afghan soil.

Let us also address a related question that is being asked, ie, why the Afghans are not grateful to Pakistan for all that was done for them in the past four decades. Indeed, Pakistan had helped Afghans push out the Soviet forces and also gave them humanitarian access during the US-led 'war on terror'.

action against the Afghan Taliban leadership that often visited Pakistan to meet their families and receive medical treatment. Consequently, Washington accused us of playing 'good Taliban (Afghan), bad Taliban (Pakistani)', meaning a double game.

In hindsight, when the US started a dialogue with the Taliban and managed to obtain some written commitments from them in return for withdrawing its troops in 2021, should Pakistan not have opened its own dialogue with the Taliban on how they should deal with the issues of TTP, border management, and the return of refugees, if and when they returned to power?

Yet, we must stay engaged with them on the diplomatic and political tracks for candid discussions on the bilateral issues mentioned. If we are to learn from history, all such matters should be discussed in Pakistan's parliament.

The Afghans tend to view their country as the 'economic roundabout' that could connect West and Central Asia with South Asia. They cite a verse of Allama Iqbal, which characterised Afghanistan as the 'heart of Asia'.

Commerce News

Mudassar Iqbal says: UN FAO's 40 ambitious projects to revolutionize agriculture in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) on Sunday unveiled a dynamic portfolio of 40 diverse projects strategically dispersed across various regions of Pakistan.

In an exclusive panel interview with the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), Country Representative Florence

Rolle and Assistant FAOR (Programs) Dr. Aamer Irshad highlighted the proactive role of the FAO in numerous initiatives and programs aimed at strengthening Pakistan's agriculture and food security sectors.

The FAO's involvement extends beyond traditional

agricultural support. The organization actively engages in sustainable natural resource management, providing humanitarian assistance during emergencies, and collaborating closely with the Pakistani government on policy development.



PESHAWAR: Visitors take keen interest in antique vehicles during Annual Vintage and Classic Car Show 2023 held at Services Club Pakistan in Peshawar.

Use of certified seeds crucial for achieving agriculture growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan Hybrid Seed Association (PHSA), Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday said that the use of certified seeds, particularly hybrid seeds, is indispensable for achieving sustainable agricultural production in Pakistan.

Speaking to a delegation of progressive farmers, he said, "By promoting their adoption, we can contribute to increased food production,

economic growth, and environmental resilience."

He urged stakeholders, including government bodies, agricultural extension services, and seed producers, to collaborate in fostering an environment that encouraged the widespread adoption of certified seeds.

US transition to electric vehicles faces delays

NEW YORK (APP/APP): The US transition to electric cars has hit a speed bump, with concerns about vehicle range and limited charging capacity adding to core affordability issues.

Automakers in recent weeks have pushed back EV sales targets and delayed capital projects as they seek to reduce inventories of unsold EVs at dealerships.

"The slowdown in EV sales is much more pronounced than it is for other categories of vehicles and that isn't related to the economy," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData.

"The EV has a problem attached to it," he said. "It's a much more difficult and complex purchase because of the range of the vehicles and the charging infrastructure."



HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) President, Adeel Siddiqui take keen interest at stalls during Furniture Expo held in Hyderabad.

Govt's move of establishing Industrial Advisory Council commendable: Atif Akram

ISLAMABAD (INP): Presidential candidate of FPCCI, Atif Ikram Sheikh has commended the government's move of setting up the Industrial Advisory Council and assured the full cooperation of the business community.

In a statement issued on Sunday, Atif Ikram Sheikh, who has also served as VP FPCCI, Chairman PVMA and President ICCI said that Muhammad Ali Tibba, Fawad Ahmed Mukhtar, Raza Mansha, Aamir Fayyaz Sheikh, Waqar Ahmed Malik, Abdul Samad Dawood, Shehbaz Yasin Malik, Shahzad Asghar Ali, Syed Haider Ali, Farooq Naseem, Ahsan Bashir and Sameer Chinoy

confronting industrialisation proactively.

Moreover, the council members include all the provincial chief secretaries, including the chief secretaries of Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, the finance secretary, the commerce secretary, the industry and production secretary and the chairman of FBR.

Grand Souq Lahore to foster business growth, say experts

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA), also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab), has announced the launch of Grand Souq Lahore (GSL), to foster local and national business growth.

It will be constructed at an expansive 68-kanal area at the Rescue 1122 Academy at LOS bus stop, Ferozpur Road, here. A spokesperson for the CBD told APP that the project aims at facilitating and empowering the local business community, adding the project construction would be

drawing inspiration from international architectural marvels in Dubai and Turkey, adding it will be meticulously crafted to meet global standards.

To further ease business operations, CBD Punjab has introduced an accessible installment plan for interested stakeholders, he said. The GSL will boast an outstanding sophisticated infrastructure in local history, including three floors with versatile retail spaces ranging from 350 to 550 square feet and underground parking, he added.

construction of mega project told APP on Sunday that the local business community and investors serve as the backbone of our economy.

Grand Souq Lahore is an anticipated hope marking a significant milestone in empowering these enterprises while fostering economic growth.

CDA needs to focus on development works in markets: Trade Associations

ISLAMABAD (INP): The presidents of trade associations of the markets of the federal capital Islamabad have urged the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to focus on development works in all major markets to facilitate the growth of trade activities.

They were speaking during a meeting at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Sunday.

Addressing the office bearers of market associations, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that traders were paying various taxes to the CDA and were making significant contributions to its revenue, therefore, it was the responsibility of the civic body to develop

markets on modern lines for smooth growth of trade activities.

He said that with the efforts of ICCI, CDA has allocated spaces in various markets for the installation of filtration plants and assured that ICCI would keep pushing CDA for the uplift of markets. He said that ICCI in collaboration with market associations was planning to organize a winter festival in Islamabad and hoped that all markets would fully cooperate in making the festival successful.

Vice President ICCI Engineer Azhar ul Islam Zafar said that unity among traders is the key requirement to get their issues resolved and assured that the ICCI would keep fighting for their cause.



KARACHI: People are busy buying used items in a Sunday weekly bazaar at North Karachi area.

businesses, thriving and meet to diverse consumer needs.

Exploring the immense potential of GSL, business industry experts anticipate it to be a game-changer, elevating the local economy and setting new benchmarks in business development.

The project would further help promote environment-friendly urban regeneration projects on vertical principles. Pre-financial feasibility has been determined based on development as economic advancement and shall generate employment in various formations of the project, Amin said. Imran

Amin further expressed that development shall also enhance vertical activity in surrounding areas, especially within the main markets including Anarkali, Gulberg, Mall Road, and other commercial activity areas with a boost in major business activity. Imran Amin further said the GSL project would be associated with CBD directly and that development has been categorized into five districts — namely, Commercial Zone, Digital District, Residential District, Entertainment and Government Zone, each district having unique characteristics and dynamics.

KP govt decides to make universities self-sufficient

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PESHAWAR: A high level meeting chaired by Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Syed Arshad Hussain Shah on Sunday decided to develop financial plans to make all public sector universities financially self-dependent. The meeting also decided to activate search committee for appointment of Vice Chancellors. The committee will submit its report within a week to the provincial minister. The CM emphasized to improve the administrative affairs and governance of the universities to solve the problems being faced by the universities. The chief minister asked to promote high standard of higher education based on the demand of market adding that priorities should also be given to quality of research work. He said the secondary and higher secondary education system should be aligned with the priorities of higher education institutions. For this purpose, the CM asked to hold consultation with the stakeholders.



KARACHI: Member of the Trans community take part in Sindh Moorat March.

Dadocha dam to supply 35 mln gallons water per day to Rwp City

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Dadocha Dam will help overcome water shortage in Rawalpindi as after construction of the dam, it would supply 35 million gallons of water per day to Rawalpindi city, said Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Liaquat Ali Chhatta. He said that water scarcity has become a global problem and different countries are considering different ways to meet the shortage. Pakistan is also one of the countries suffering from a water crisis, the Commissioner said. Due to the non-construction of dams, per capita availability of water here has decreased four times during the last 50 years, Liaquat Ali Chhatta said. Due to the shortage of dams, millions of cuases rainwater is wasted every year or causing floods, he added. The government of Punjab is giving priority to the problem of water scarcity and is paying special attention to the construction of small dams, he said and informed that the approved cost of the dam being built in Dadocha village near Rawat Industrial Estate was Rs 6492 million, which would now be estimated again.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali inspecting the various stalls during culture day at Edwards College Peshawar.

Naqvi visits Chakwal, assures madrasa students of justice

CM also visits Bagh-e-Jinnah, seeks its upgradation

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi reached Chakwal on Sunday and met madrasa students who were subjected to molestation and torture by some teachers and assured them and their parents of complete justice.

According to a handout issued here, the CM acquired information about the incident and remarked that those responsible would not be able to go Scot-free.

"Children are our future and it is our responsibility to provide them justice," he said and promised that harsh punishment would be given to the culprits.

The CM was informed that both the accused had been arrested after their identification through CCTV cameras. Talking to the media later on, the CM said, "We feel a lot of sorrow and shame over the incident. Every madrasa is not bad and few people had committed an evil and immoral act." He

said the inspector general of police (IGP) had been assigned the task of investigating the case and secretary prosecution would perform his duty diligently during the court proceedings. The CM ordered for taking care of privacy of the affected children. "We honour the decision of not holding a medical. I request the local media not to make public the names and pictures of the affected children," he requested. "The affected children need to be brought

out of trauma and their normal life needs to be restored. We will restore studies of the children and will also get them out of trauma," promised Mohsin Naqvi. The CM directed the commissioner and deputy commissioner for undertaking measures for education and rehabilitation of the affected children. The IG Police, Doctor Usman Anwar, RPO Rawalpindi, Commissioner Rawalpindi, DPO Chakwal and Deputy Commissioner Chakwal were also present.

KP CM directs completion of digital record of patwar system

PESHAWAR (APP): An important step to ensure public services delivery in a more efficient and transparent manner in various service delivery outlets of the provincial government, the Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice @ Syed Arshad Hussain Shah has directed the concerned authorities for taking necessary steps on urgent basis to install live Internet Protocol Cameras (IPCs) at patwar kahanas, police stations and offices of DCs, ACs, DPOs, DSPs and Tehsildars across the province. He further directed to complete installation of IPCs at all aforementioned public service outlets/offices by the end of this month.

He also directed the concerned high ups to set up a Centralized Monitoring Cell for the surveillance of those cameras and to put in place a mechanism for direct access of the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and Inspector General of Police offices to those cameras via IP network. He underlined the need to initiate implementation of this project without any delay and directed the quarter concerned to immediately issue proper directives in written regarding installation of IPCs at all aforementioned offices. He was presiding over a meeting of the Board of Revenue held here at Chief Minister's House.



KARACHI: Parents of students waiting outside Expo Centre as the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2023-24 is being held.

Ex-ministers quit PTI, join IPP

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former federal minister Ali Nawaz Awan parted ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and announced joining Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP).

According to party sources, Ali Nawaz met IPP Patron-in-Chief Jahangir Khan Tareen and President Aleem Khan in Lahore and announced joining their party. Aoun Chaudhry and other IPP leaders were also present. Jahangir Tareen and Abdul Aleem welcomed Ali Nawaz in the party folds.

Stemming out domestic violence still a far cry

LAHORE (APP): Despite essential legislation and repeated efforts to control this menace, domestic violence still persists in societies worldwide — thanks to ignorance of people to religious and legal obligations and their deep entrenchment in primitive sociocultural norms. It persisted as an insidious issue in our society for decades that transcends geographical, economic, racial, and cultural boundaries, inflicting its impact on women through verbal abuse, physical assault,

beatings, and tragically sometimes even murder. The repercussions extend far beyond mere physical injuries, reaching into the realms of compromised health, weakened psychological well-being and profound emotional distress. Unfortunately, our country is also not immune to this pervasive problem. The roots of domestic violence are deeply embedded and multifaceted with factors like women's low education, poverty, lack of awareness, misinterpretations of

Islamic teachings and adherence to customary and prevalent cultural customs contributing to this menace. Significantly, this issue disproportionately affects families in the lower socio-economic strata as men with higher education usually exhibiting a lower propensity to abuse their family women.

Besides other factors, domestic violence against women is a case of failure of respective institutions in effective implementation of relevant laws," remarked Sabahat Rizvi, Secretary Lahore High Court Bar Association. "Being a law practitioner, I can validly attribute the increasing cases of domestic violence to a general tendency of overall lethargy by such institutions and a spirit of male dominance in society," she added. At the same time Sabahat argued that women's welfare is not a government responsibility alone as she also pointed out a growing societal conservatism contributing to the rise in such incidents.

"Men, in their personal capacity, perceiving themselves as more powerful, engage in acts of violence against women," she explained. "Therefore, the remedy lies in proper awareness of women and rigorously enforcing relevant legislation to curtail men."

The Punjab government has taken several measures to counter this negativity on part of men folk and its detrimental consequences by establishing Punjab Women's Helpline 1043 and Women Safety Mobile Application.

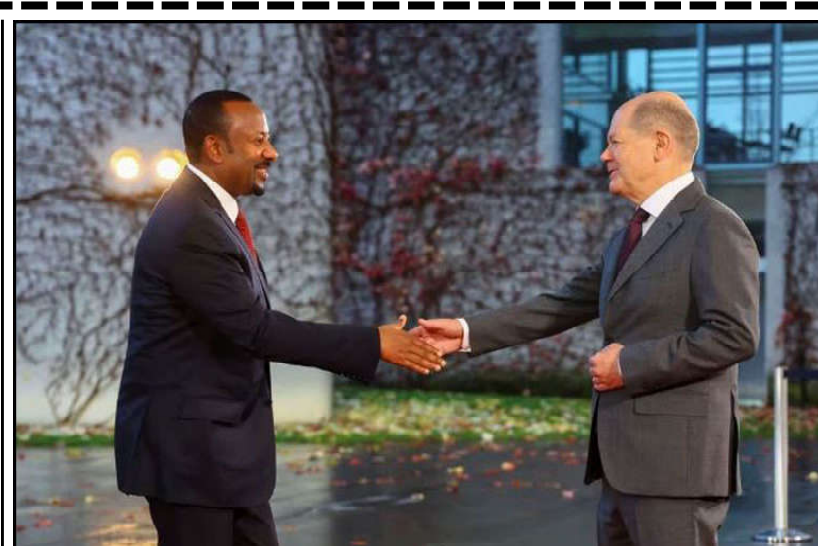
International News

Heavy fighting in north Gaza after hostage deal report denied

Monitoring Desk
GAZA: Fighting raged on Sunday between Hamas militants and Israeli forces in parts of north Gaza and Israeli air strikes killed dozens of Palestinians in the enclave's centre, witnesses said, as a report of a tentative hostage release deal was denied. The Washington Post reported that Israel and Hamas had reached a tentative US-brokered agreement to free dozens of women and children held hostage in Gaza in exchange for a five-day pause in their war, citing people familiar with the matter. It said the hostage release could begin within the

next several days, barring last-minute hitches. All parties would freeze combat operations for at least five days while 50 or more hostages are released in groups every 24 hours, the Post reported. Hamas took about 240 hostages during its deadly cross-border rampage into Israeli communities sheltering at two schools.

Israeli forces invaded late last month after a devastating aerial blitz in response to Hamas's attack, and say they have wrested control of large areas of the north and northwest around Gaza City.



Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali is welcomed by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz before the "Compact with Africa" summit in Berlin, Germany.

Japanese troops drill on island seen as vulnerable to China

Monitoring Desk
JAPAN: Japanese marines in amphibious assault vehicles stormed an island beach at the edge of the East China Sea on Sunday in a simulated attack to dislodge invaders from territory that Tokyo worries is vulnerable to attack from China. As tensions run high with neighbours China, Russia and North Korea, the drill on the southwest island of Tokunoshima capped an 11-day series of exercises nationwide dubbed 05JX, meant to show the readiness of

ground, sea and air forces to defend Japan's territory and infrastructure, including nuclear power plants. "The goal of JX is to show that if there is an emergency situation resulting from an attack, that we are able to respond in a joint way," General Yoshitake Yoshida, chief of staff of the Self-Defence Forces' Joint Staff, said after observing the drill on Tokunoshima. Ground Self-Defence Force amphibious assault vehicles launched from two Maritime Self-Defence Force landing ships anchored off-

shore. Other troops arrived in semi-inflatable rubber boats, with heavy equipment carried to shore on military hovercraft. Unlike many of the beaches along Japan's southwest island chain stretching toward Taiwan, the one on Tokunoshima does not have a coral reef that would make military operations more difficult. The scope and pace of military exercises in Japan are likely to increase over the next few years, including with US forces, after Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in December.

APEC divided on wars in Gaza, Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
SAN FRANCISCO: Pacific Rim leaders showed divisions over the wars in Ukraine and Gaza after a two-day summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum on Friday. Days of meetings involving ministers and leaders were dominated by a summit on Wednesday between US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping aimed at cooling tensions between the world's two largest economies, which have alarmed the region. The 21 APEC members, which include Russia and Muslim-majority Indonesia and Malaysia, went into the meetings divided over Russia's war in Ukraine and the Israeli war on Gaza, and that is how

they left. A statement issued by the US echoed last year's APEC leaders' declaration in saying that "most" APEC members "strongly condemn aggression against Ukraine."

It said the leaders exchanged views on the Gaza crisis, with some objecting to language of the chair's statement in an accompanying "Golden Gate Declaration" covering economic issues "on the basis that they do not believe that APEC is a forum to discuss geopolitical issues." Some APEC leaders shared the united messages of the Nov. 11 joint Arab-Islamic summit in Riyadh, the chair's statement said. Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia in a joint statement said they were among those who supported the messages of the Riyadh summit.

Argentina readies to vote in likely presidential election thriller

Monitoring Desk
BUENOS AIRES: Argentines head to the polls on Sunday in a delicately poised presidential runoff, with voters seeking a solution to triple-digit inflation and rising poverty and two clashing visions for the country's future on offer. The election sees Peronist Economy Minister Sergio Massa go head-to-head with outsider libertarian Javier Milei. Massa offers continuity but has been at the helm during the worst economic crisis in two decades. Milei pledges economic shock therapy, from shutting the central bank to ditching the peso. With many voters unconvinced by either, some have characterized the vote as a choice of the "lesser evil": fear of Milei's painful economic medicine or anger at Massa over the economic crisis. Many Argentines say they won't vote at all. Whoever wins, it will shake up Argentina's political landscape, its economic roadmap, trade in

grains, lithium and hydrocarbons, and its global ties with partners including China, the United States and Brazil. "The election will mark a profound rupture in the system of political representation in Argentina," said Julio Burdman, director of the consultancy Observatorio Electoral. "I think all the political forces as we have known them are going to be transformed." The story of the election race has been the shock rise of 53-year-old economist and former TV pundit Milei, driven by the disenchantment of Argentines with the traditional political parties on both the left and right. Milei has a slight edge in opinion polls, but most show a tight and uncertain race. Massa, 51, an experienced political wheeler-dealer, has been clawing back votes with tax cuts and campaigns highlighting Milei's radical plans to slash state spending.



Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force's Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade (ARDB) soldiers take part in a marine landing drill as a part of the country's nationwide 05JX military exercises at Tokunoshima island, Kagoshima prefecture, southwestern Japan.

Iran's Khamenei urges Muslim states to cut political ties with Israel for 'limited period'

Monitoring Desk
DUBAI: Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei appealed to Muslim states with political ties with Israel to at least cut them for "a limited time," state media reported on Sunday, weeks after he called for an Islamic oil and food embargo on Israel. "Some Islamic governments have condemned Israeli crimes in assemblies while some have not. This is unacceptable," Khamenei said before reiterating that the main task of Islamic governments should be to cut off Israel from energy and goods. "Islamic governments should at least cut off political ties to Israel for a limited time," Khamenei added. During a joint summit between members of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation and the Arab League in Saudi Arabia's capital on Nov. 11, Muslim states did not agree to impose wide-ranging sanctions on Israel.

Musk's X dumped by blue chip firms after White House rebuke

Monitoring Desk
SAN FRANCISCO: Elon Musk, the billionaire owner of Tesla, SpaceX and social platform X, came under fire from all sides this week after endorsing an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory and then — in an ostensible attempt at damage control — terming phrases associated with the Palestinian cause "euphemisms that imply genocide". On Wednesday, the world's richest man sparked outrage by endorsing an antisemitic post on X that falsely claimed that members of the Jewish community were stoking hatred against white people. The original post was perceived as a reference to a longtime conspiracy theory among White supremacists that Jews have a secret plan to bring in illegal immigrants to weaken white majorities. Most notoriously, the idea was promoted by the man who carried out a mass shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018.

Azerbaijan, Armenia agree on principles of peace treaty

Monitoring Desk
YEREVAN: Armenia and Azerbaijan have been able to agree on the basic principles for a peace treaty but are still "speaking different diplomatic languages", Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on Saturday, according to Russia's TASS news agency. The two countries have been at odds for decades, most notably over the breakaway Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh, which Baku's

forces recaptured in September, prompting a mass exodus of ethnic Armenians from it. But Pashinyan said there had been some progress in talks over a peace treaty even though he was cited as saying that the two countries still often struggled to agree on some things. "We have good and bad news about the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace process," TASS quoted Pashinyan as saying in Yerevan. Release of a large number of prisoners would result in "a significant pause... and a massive surge of humanitarian relief", he said.

US sees 'significant pause' if prisoners are released

Monitoring Desk
MANAMA: US President Joe Biden's main adviser on the Middle East said on Saturday there would be a "significant pause" in fighting if Hamas agrees to release prisoners. "The surge in humanitarian relief, the surge in fuel, the pause... will come when hostages are released," Brett McGurk told a security conference in Bahrain. Release of a large number of prisoners would result in "a significant pause... and a massive surge of humanitarian relief", he said.

Ashrafi stresses Afghan cooperation in effort to restore order

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in Middle East and Islamic Countries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmoed Ashrafi on Sunday said Pakistan not only prioritizes peace in Afghanistan but also places equal importance on maintaining peace within its own borders.

He, in an exclusive talk with APP, highlighted the objective behind the removal of illegal Afghans to restore order to the homeland, expecting that registered Afghan refugees and the Afghan government would collaborate with the Pakistani government in this effort.

Ashrafi who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council mentioned that in a meeting with the Army Chief, the religious scholars of all schools of

thought emphasized the importance of complete cooperation on matters concerning Pakistan. They explicitly declared any armed struggle by groups other than state institutions as forbidden, reassuring the state of their unwavering support, he added.

He said Pakistan was actively engaging with friendly nations, including Saudi Arabia, to effectively manage the situation in Gaza adding that Pakistan had not only doubled its aid to Palestine but was also open to considering additional increases to provide further support.

Ashrafi emphatically refuted the propaganda, clarifying that there was not placement of security glass between both the Army Chief and the scholars.

He emphasized that such misleading information serves as an adversary to Pakistan, aiming to sow chaos within the nation.



LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Sirajul Haq Addressing the Gaza March in front of Punjab University campus.

Siraj condemned mainstream political leadership's silence regarding Israeli atrocities in Gaza

Independent Report
LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Sirajul Haq has condemned the mainstream political leadership's silence regarding Israeli atrocities in Gaza, attributing it to a fear of the United States.

Addressing the Gaza March in front of Punjab University campus on Sunday, he criticized politicians for prioritizing self-interest and focusing on winning regions like Balochistan or Sindh while neglecting the dire situation in Palestine, including the killing of innocent children and women in the occupied area.

He expressed dismay that these leaders never truly represented the nation's sentiments on crucial issues, always aiming to please Washington and secure power with its backing.

Thousands, including women and children, participated in the march to show solidarity with the people of Palestine. Palestinian representative Dr. Nawaf al-Takroui also attended the event, expressing gratitude to the public and the Jamaat for raising their voices for Palestine.

The Jamaat chief pointed out that Pakistan's ambassador did not meet with the

Palestinian leadership in Doha due to fear of the U.S., contrasting it with diplomats from other countries who expressed solidarity. He questioned the absence of the caretaker prime minister or any government representative in the Gaza march, stating that people knew the reasons.

While acknowledging global pro-Palestine rallies and public pressure in Western countries to revise policies supporting Israel, Haq criticized Muslim world rulers for failing to take practical steps to support Gaza.

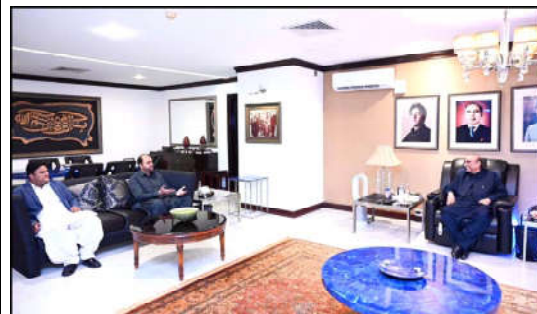
Parliamentary Caucus on child rights to ensure well-being of children: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf stressed on the significance of child rights and stated that the Parliament has always vigorously worked for the welfare and well-being of children.

He stated that the Parliament, especially the 15th National Assembly, has achieved many milestones as regards to effective legislation for child welfare and child safety.

He further said, "There is a positive correlation between the socio-economic progress of a country and the state of well-being of its children".

NA Speaker expressed deep resentment over the shameful violation of child rights and war crimes being committed against Palestinian and Kashmiri children and stated that instead of launching collective and universal initiatives for the betterment of children the world is still silently witnessing such heinous and gruesome acts of violence against children.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) President, Asif Ali Zardari exchanging views with Salman Abdullah Murad, Deputy Mayor Karachi during meeting held in Karachi.

SAPM Jawad meets Pakistani community in Jeddah

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Jawad Sohrah Malik has emphasized that the close coordination and robust exchange of ideas among the stakeholders of overseas employment was of essential to ensure capitalization of the opportunities for Pakistani manpower in the market of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He assured the Pakistani community in Saudi Arabia that the government

In Pakistan, four out of ten under five years of age are stunted: Agha Fakhar

Independent Report
KARACHI: Director General Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhar Hussain said that Children in Pakistan specially in Sindh Province are confronted with a triple burden of wasting, stunting and overweight and obesity. The country must therefore move away from vertical programming of malnutrition towards the coordinated management of children who are not growing well. This he said as a key speaker in a workshop "Global Action Plan on Children Wasting Framework" at a local hotel in Islamabad.

He added, "In Pakistan, four out of ten children under five years of age are stunted while 17.7% suffer from wasting. The double burden of malnutrition is becoming increasingly apparent, with almost one in three children underweight (28.9%) alongside a high prevalence of overweight (9.5%) in the same age group". DG SFA Agha Fakhar Hussain said that in this regard SFA is also working on Fortification programmes especially on Flour oil and salt fortification programs calories Count initiative, and school going kids awareness programmes.



JAMSHORO: Vice Chancellor of Liaquat University of Medical and Health Science Prof. Dr Ikram Din Ujjan visits during the Pre-entry test for admission to the Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS) at Jamshoro.

HWA organizes seminar on Universal Children's Day

NAWABSHAH (APP): Children from different child rights clubs have urged the district and provincial governments to invest funds and take extraordinary steps to protect the right to life, survival, health and education in the district. They revealed alarming statistics on education and child welfare in the district.

During a seminar organized by Hari Welfare Association (HWA) on the occasion of the Universal Children's Day in Benazirabad here Sunday, the child leaders said that 32 percent of the children were out of school, with 53 percent being girls, primarily due to poverty, lack of



ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi visiting the Palestinian stall and expressing her condolences for the martyrs of Gaza, at Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association's Annual Charity Bazaar.

CPEC has transformational impact on socio-economic landscape in Pakistan: Ahsan Iqbal

BEIJING (APP): The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), has emerged as a transformative force reshaping the socio-economic transformational impact on the lives of people in Pakistan, former Minister for Planning and Special Initiative Ahsan Iqbal said.

"When we started CPEC in 2013, Pakistan was suffering from a major energy crisis. We were experiencing power shortages for 16 to 18 hours per day, and we had major infrastructural bottlenecks with very poor physical

infrastructure," he said in an exclusive interview with China Global Television Network (CGTN).

And because of a lack of electricity, energy was not there, and industrial and agricultural production was suffering, which meant there was more unemployment, which was a major contributor to more poverty, he added.

Ahsan Iqbal said that through the CPEC, in three years, more than \$25 billion of investment came into Pakistan that modernized infrastructure and created new roads to connect many regions.

ECP to issue code of conduct for political parties along election schedule

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) another important decision came out to issue the code of conduct for political parties along with the election schedule. political parties' suggestions will also be included in the code of conduct. According to the sources, ECP has decided to issue another important decision to issue the code of conduct for political parties along with the election schedule.

Two burnt alive as truck catches fire in Sindh

THARPARKAR (INP): Two individuals were reportedly burnt to death after a truck overturned and caught fire on Diplo Nokot Road near Sindh's Tharparkar village on Sunday.

According to the details, a loader truck of a private contractor company - working in Thar - was transporting the roller which was overturned while taking a turn on Diplo Nokot Road near Sindh's Tharparkar village.

Plea against Pervaz Elahi physical remand likely to schedule next week

ISLAMABAD (Online): According to the Supreme Court's (SC) policy of speedy hearing of important and urgent cases, the hearing of the petition filed by former Punjab Chief Minister Pervaz Elahi against physical remand in the Supreme Court is likely to be scheduled next week.

However, in this regard, the details about the determination of the date will be revealed at the end of this week.

It should be noted that Parvez Elahi had filed an appeal against the session judge and High Court decision of physical remand.

Man shot dead due to personal enmity

HYDERABAD (APP): A man was shot dead near Jeelani mosque in the Latifabad unit 5 area here on Sunday allegedly due to some personal enmity.

The B-Section police informed that 48-year-old Farhan Musharraf was shot in the head by unknown men who were riding on a motorbike, leaving him dead on the spot.

Musharraf's son, Yazin, told the police that his father was returning from a rickshaw stand near Bismillah City when he was intercepted in the street of their residence.

The local people told the police that they saw 2

IRCRA distributes aid to Afghan refugees at Torkham Border, emphasizes deep ties between Pakistan, Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The International Research Council for Religious Affairs (IRCRA) on Sunday persistently carried out the distribution of aid and gifts to Afghan refugees at the Torkham border.

Supported by a select-group of philanthropists, IRCRA initiated the assistance process for Afghan refugees from the very outset. Concurrently, various charitable organizations, including local tribal elders, actively participated in aiding and supporting the departing refugees.

Participants among the Afghan refugee community expressed gratitude towards IRCRA and the Pakistani community for this compassionate gesture. Talking to media, IRCRA President Muhammad Israr Madani emphasized that a prosperous and stable Afghanistan was the shared aspiration of our nations and to achieve this goal, the organizations, institutions, and citizens of both countries must collaboratively contribute.



MOHENJO DARO: A tourist delegation from Japan are visiting and expressed keen interest in the historical ruins of the World Heritage Monuments of Mohenjo Daro.

Ziauddin Intermediate College Culminates Spelling Bee and Illuminating Sindh Art Exhibition with Grand Finale

Independent Report
KARACHI: Ziauddin Intermediate College proudly hosted the grand finale of its esteemed Spelling Bee competition, featuring 48 teams and a total of 144 participants. The highly com-



petitive event witnessed Happy Home School - O'Levels Campus securing the first position, closely followed by The Intellect School in second place and The Mama Parsi Girls Secondary School in third.

In tandem with the linguistic spectacle, the Art Exhibition on the theme "Illuminating Sindh in 2050: A Vision from My Perspective" showcased an impressive array of creativity, boasting over 800 entries across different categories, spanning classes 1-5, 6-8, and 9-12. A distinguished jury from the Arts Council Karachi meticulously judged the submissions, selecting the top 10 entries from across the province of Sindh. The event was graced by the presence of the Consul General of UAE, who bestowed shields upon the deserving winners.



KARACHI: Activists of National Union Trade Federation shouting slogans during protest against inflation in Pakistan, outside press club, in Provincial Capital.

Minister Bugti offers condolences to Maulana Tariq Jameel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti paid a visit to Maulana Tariq Jameel's residence to offer condolences for the passing of his son, Asim Jameel.

The Interior Minister prayed for forgiveness, recited Fatihah in memory of the departed soul, and implored the Almighty to raise the status of the deceased in Jannah, according to a press release.

The interior minister expressed sympathy, recognizing the significant loss for the entire family due to the untimely passing of the son. He sincerely prayed for Allah to bestow strength and resilience upon the grieving family in coping with this deep shock.

Notorious robber with Rs0.5mln head-money held with arms

DADU (INP): A notorious robber was injured and arrested with arms after exchange of fire with police at Link road near Mehrar in district Dadu on Sunday.

According to details, a gang of robbers engaged in planning robbery started firing a patrolling police.

In retaliatory firing of police, notorious robber Minthar Janwari was injured and held while his accomplices managed to escape.

Police recovered a Kalashnikov and bullets from possession of the wounded robber who was shifted to hospital for treatment.

The detainee having head-money of Rs500,000 was wanted by police stations of eight districts of Sindh in over 40 cases of murder, kidnapping, robberies and other severe crimes.

CTD officials allegedly abduct two citizens for ransom in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Society experiences a breakdown of law and order when its law personnel themselves act like thugs and start looting the public. One such incident occurred in the Sohrah Goth area of Karachi where some CTD officials allegedly kidnapped two citizens for ransom. According to details, some plain-clothes police officials allegedly abducted two citizens who were residents of Sohrah Goth near the Board Office and demanded Rs. 300,000 ransom for their release. In a video message released on Sunday, one of the abductees named Gul Muhammad said that he and Muhammad Noor were going somewhere on a motorcycle on Friday.

He said when they stopped at a petrol pump to get fuel near the Board Office, some plain-clothes men who dismounted from a police mobile.