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PM Kakar congratulates team Australia on winning WC Travis Head shattered billion dreams as Australia wins 6th World Cup title

Sports Desk
AHMEDABAD: Opener Travis Head hit a sparkling 137 to power Australia to a record-extending sixth World Cup title with a convincing six-wicket win over India in Ahmedabad on Sunday.

Chasing a tricky 241 for victory in the final, Australia slipped to 47-3 before the left-handed Head hit his second century of the tournament to steer the team home with seven overs to spare.

Head's knock and his marathon stand of 192 with Marnus Labuschagne, unbeaten on 58, ended India's dominant run of 10 unbeaten matches at the event.

Head fell after his 120-ball knock laced with 15 fours and four sixes before Glenn Maxwell hit the winning runs to trigger wild celebrations in the Aussie camp.



Australia's Pat Cummins celebrates with the trophy and teammates after winning the ICC Cricket World Cup.



LAHORE: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq addressing the Gaza March in front of Punjab University.

Govt of Balochistan decides to start crackdown against social media indulged in anti-state propaganda

Interim Minister for Information Jan Achakzai confirms reports about crackdown, reveals social media accounts and pages spreading baseless propaganda about expulsion of illegal immigrants identified too

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QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has decided to start crackdown against the social media indulged in the anti-state propaganda about expulsion of the illegal foreign immigrants from the country.

taker Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai also confirmed the crackdown against the social media involved in the anti-state propaganda. He informed that the government has decided to take wholehearted action against the social media accounts and pages doing posts based on the lie against the repatriation of illegal immigrants.

The Minister Information said that some groups were busy in the anti-state and anti-government propaganda after making pages and accounts on the social media.



BEIJING: Caretaker Adviser to Prime Minister on Aviation, Air Marshal (Retd) Farhat Hussain Khan speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Pakistan's Serene Airline operations at Daxing Airport.

Two real brothers among three killed in Kech roadside explosion

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QUETTA: Three persons including two real brothers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion took place in Hoshap area of Kech district on Sunday.

the dead were included two real brothers. The bodies of deceased were removed to their native area Balgitar.

According to the reports reaching here, a vehicle was on its way carrying three persons in Hoshap in Kech district when it was hit by a roadside bomb explosive device. As the explosive device went off after the vehicle struck it, three persons died on the spot, the reports suggested adding

Meanwhile, as per the initial reports, the deceased were carrying the explosive material themselves when it went off. However, further investigations were in progress till ours going to the press.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information Jan Achakzai and others addressing the ceremony of Emerging Women Award.

Thousands attend JI's Gaza Solidarity March in Lahore

LAHORE (INP): Thousands of citizens have attended Jamaat-e-Islami's (JI) Gaza March in Lahore to show solidarity with Palestinians in besieged densely populated strip and occupied West Bank suffering from the aggression of the Israeli occupation forces.

Gaza March, JI Pakistan Ameer Sirajul Haq said that the innocent children of Gaza were waiting for the help of Muslim countries amid Israeli bombardment.

Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) organised the Gaza Solidarity March at Lahore's Punjab University (PU) Campus Bridge today which was attended by thousands of citizens including women and children.

He slammed rulers of the Muslim countries for doing nothing for the relief of Palestinians except making tall claims. He also criticised that the rulers of the Muslim countries did nothing in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit except for consolation.

While addressing the

Universal Children's Day being observed today: Govt.'s utmost endeavour is to get every child in schools, says caretaker Chief Minister

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki says we have to provide our children bright and safe future

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that it is our government's utmost endeavour to get every child in the schools all over province.

Pakistan. The theme of Children Day is "For Every child, every right." It may be mentioned here that World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

He said that the government is paying special attention on health of children besides ensuring education for all.

He said that we have to provide our children a bright and safe future. This

is why, the government is paying special attention on the health and education of the children, Mr. Domki maintained. He said that the children below five years of age are being administered the anti-polio vaccine besides implementing the routine immunization programme to save them from various diseases. He said that it is our endeavour to get every child in school. The government has also taken wholehearted measures for recreation and sports activities for the children in the educational institutions and otherwise.



JEDDAH: Minister Overseas Pakistanis, Jawad Sohrab Malik meets with Pakistani Community, Saudi Employers and HRM Exec.

Malik paves way for enhanced collaboration in Saudia's job market

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Jawad Sohrab Malik, focused on developing the Pakistani workforce in KSA during his interactions with Saudi employers and human resource executives in Jeddah.

235,821 Afghans return to homeland

ISLAMABAD (APP): As many as 235,821 Afghans have so far been repatriated to their homeland, according to Radio Pakistan.

In Saudi Arabia, he concentrates on solidifying connections and optimizing opportunities for the Pakistani community.

During the meetings, SAPM emphasized the crucial role of human resource development aligned with the requirements of the Saudi market and economy.

Pakistan budget insufficient to tackle climate change: IMF

ISLAMABAD (INP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Sunday Pakistan had limited budget to tackle the aggravated climate condition in the country.

tries more likely to be affected by the climate change and earlier 30 million people were affected by the floods in 2022.

Award ceremony organized to recognize invaluable services of women in different sectors

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information emphasizes women leadership have to play role to cope with challenges of modern era; announces women summit to be held in Qta

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QUETTA: The award ceremony was held to recognize the invaluable services of women in different sectors here at the Government Post-graduate Girls College, Quetta cantonment on Sunday.

length about the issues faced by the women in the society. He stressed the need to provide conducive safe environment for the working women at their workplaces.

The ceremony was organized by the Quetta Citizen Rights Movement where the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai was the chief guest.

He also spoke at

However, we wouldn't make allegations on anyone, but would take practical measures, he added.



ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi inaugurating Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association's Annual Charity Bazar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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 Pakistan. 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 Ministry 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. Apart from this, mammography, ultrasound, and screening facilities are either lacking in our country or these facilities are very expensive," she added.

Referring to autism, children with disabilities, and the importance of early detection of breast cancer issues, she said that these initiatives hold immense importance, as they have the potential to save many lives.

About progress on public awareness, Begum Alvi said that they had reached out to millions of mobile users across the country with the help of ring-back tone and messages, and in this year, over 140 million SMS on breast cancer had been sent to mobile users in Pakistan.

She said that now the number of cancer cases in the third and fourth stages has decreased in different hospitals in Pakistan, while the reporting of cancer cases in the first and second stages has increased.

Now, mammography, ultrasound, and screening facilities are being provided at subsidized rates in different hospitals across the country, and the number of these facilities has also increased, she added.

1,700 centers nationwide offer free TB diagnosis, treatment: Health Secretary

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government is firmly committed to fighting tuberculosis (TB) in Pakistan, offering free diagnosis and treatment at 1700 centers across the country, said Federal Secretary of Health Ifthikhar Ali Shallwani.

Speaking at the Union Conference on Lung Health in Paris, Shallwani mentioned that the Government has allocated significant resources for the diagnosis and quality treatment of the disease. The Government has pledged \$33 million for this cause, supporting 1,700 state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment facilities across Pakistan.

Shallwani emphasized that the Government of Pakistan is firmly dedicated to eradicating tuberculosis (TB), and comprehensive efforts are underway towards this goal.

In the year 2022, more than 424,566 TB cases were effectively treated nationwide, with a treatment success rate of 94% compared to the TB cases reported in 2021. The diagnostic services comprise a network of 1,800 microscopy labs, 420 GeneXpert molecular diagnostics, 17 Culture labs, and 3 DST labs.

The Health Secretary revealed that 3,684 cases of Drug Resistant TB were registered for second-line anti-TB treatment, targeting an estimated 15,900 DR TB cases through 50 DRTB healthcare services.

He mentioned that a TB/HIV Collaboration included screening 61% of registered TB patients for their HIV status. Additionally, enrolled patients received social support in the form of cash incentives, totaling PKR 12,000 per month during their treatment. It was conveyed that over 7,500 healthcare workers have undergone training through an online training course designed for both

doctors and paramedics. The Federal Secretary of Health disclosed that the National TB Control Programme in Pakistan, with backing from the Global Fund, WHO, and other collaborators, is executing a national strategic plan (NSP) from 2020 to 2023 aimed at eradicating TB in the country. Additionally, an NSP for the years 2024-26 has been formulated.

The Global Fund has earmarked over USD 185 million for tuberculosis (TB) in Pakistan, covering the implementation period from January 2024 to December 2026. Looking ahead, there are plans to enhance the scale of rapid molecular diagnostics, increasing GeneXpert machines from 420 to 774 in the year 2024. Other initiatives include expanding Digital X-ray and Artificial Intelligence (AI) machines for TB diagnosis from 12 to 136, fortifying 37 Divisional Laboratories.

NH&MP issues updates regarding road closures and traffic diversions

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Highways and Motorway (NHMP) on Sunday issued traffic advisory for travelers across Pakistan for the awareness about closures of several road and traffic diversions till next updates.

According to the spokesman of NHMP, the Motorway North Zone has issued updates for the commuters that on the M-1 Motorway (Peshawar to Islamabad) and told that two sections are closed due to road work from Wali Interchange (KM 450) to Near Wali Interchange (KM 451) in the northbound lanes, while from Near Swabi Interchange (KM 422) to Near Swabi Interchange (KM 422.400) in the southbound lanes will remain closed due to maintenance work.

The NHMP authorities warned that Motorway Central-I that one section will be closed from (Kot Momin to Lahore) due to road work.

The NHMP authorities said that the western bypass Sahiwal (KM 1099) to western bypass Sahiwal (KM 1099) in the northbound lanes will be closed due to construction work.

Moreover, on the Motorway Central-II, the M4 Motorway (Pindibhatiya to Abdul Hakeem), three sections are closed due to road work, from NFC Society (KM 1231) to NFC Society (KM 1231) in the southbound lanes, from Kehror Chowk (KM 862) to Evershing pump (KM 861.5) in the southbound lanes and from Adda-5 Faiz (KM 908 to 909 SB) in the southbound lanes, the spokesman added. He said that IMDC, N-75 Highway (Islamabad to Murree), two sections are closed due to road work, from 41 (KM Nursery) to 42 (KM Lakot) in the northbound lanes, from 13 (KM 17mile) to (KM Due to asphalt work) in the northbound lanes and the drivers are advised to plan their trips accordingly and allow extra travel time.

ECP to settle delimitation disputes for thirteen districts in next two days

ISLAMABAD (APP): The two benches assigned by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) are set to address representation filed in connection with delimitation of constituencies in thirteen districts on Monday and Tuesday.

According to the timetable provided by the ECP spokesperson on Sunday, Bench No. 1 will handle objections pertaining to Mandi Bahauddin and Khanewal districts, while Bench No. 2 is designated for objections related to Kech and Gujrat districts.

The proceedings of the ECP (Election Commission of Pakistan) Bench will commence with Bench No. 1 focusing on addressing objections pertaining to districts DG Khan and Sahiwal on Tuesday.

Concurrently, Bench No. II will be dedicated to hearing representations concerning the delimitation of constituencies in districts Jhal Magsi, Jaffarabad, Nasirabad, Kachi, Sohbatpur, Usta Mohammad and Harnai on the same day.



ISLAMABAD: Workers of Capital development Authority (CDA) is installing artificial green grass alongside Constitution Avenue in Federal Capital.

IRCRA distributes aid to Afghan refugees at Torkham Border

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. President Madani underscored the need for Pakistan and Afghanistan to formulate a unified strategy addressing common concerns, such as terrorism and extremism, to foster economic stability in both nations. He stressed the importance of fostering strong working relations between the two fraternal nations to address these challenges effectively.

He expressed gratitude to the Afghan refugees for their continual contributions to the development of Pakistan. In return, the Afghan refugees acknowledged the generosity of the Pakistani people in keeping their doors open during challenging times and providing them with ample opportunities.

Fog, smog to engulf plain areas of Punjab: PMD

ISLAMABAD (APP): Fog with smog is likely to develop in plain areas of Punjab at morning hours during the next 24 hours as per the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) forecast on Sunday.

Mainly dry weather for most parts of the country, while partly cloudy in upper parts.

As per the synoptic situation, a shallow westerly wave was present over western parts of the country.

The weather will remain dry in most parts of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Balochistan, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.

Search, combing operation conducted against illegal foreigners

ISLAMABAD (APP): Following these directives, a search and combing operation was conducted in different areas of Bani Gala and Sabzi Mandi police stations jurisdiction by CTD, FC, QRF and local police teams under the supervision of SP CTD.

During the search and combing operation 48 houses and 111 individuals were thoroughly checked, while 05 suspects were shifted to the police station for further verification purposes.

ICCPO Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan said that the purpose of the search and combing operations was to heighten the security in the Federal Capital.



combing operation against illegal foreigners at Bani Gala and Sabzi Mandi police station jurisdiction, a public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directives of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the search and combing operations are being conducted in different areas of the city, to ensure the safety and security of the Islamabad citizens.

37th annual general meeting of PSDE to be held today

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) is organizing 37th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) to deliberate on how international financing aligns with domestic growth agendas on Monday.

The theme of the event titled "Breaking the Aid-Debt Chains," which will be organized in collaboration with Bahauddin Zakariya University (ZBU), Multan scheduled to take place from November 20 to 23, 2023, and seeks sustainable solutions to economic challenges, especially in the context of recent environmental catastrophes like devastating floods, said a press release.

A crucial aspect to be explored during the conference is the assessment of government spending at various tiers and revenue realization against potential over the last decade. This evaluation, encompassing federal, provincial, and local levels, is vital for achieving consolidated fiscal balances and efficient governance.

NDRMF working out plan to transform IIA into 'zero emission' EV-based airport

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), a dedicated financial entity focused on investments in disaster risk reduction, risk financing, and climate change, is working on a plan to transform the Islamabad International Airport (IIA) into an emission-less electric vehicle (EV)-based airport, which will be the first of its kind and an environmentally friendly initiative.

Pakistan approved its EV policy back in 2019 with its global nationally determined commitments (NDCs) pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting of its conference of the parties to the convention (COP) forum to convert 30 percent of transport over EVs by 2030. An official of the NDRMF told APP that it was a unique initiative to set a model of EVs replicable across the country and enable the key players to initiate steps for rolling out better options for introducing electric vehicles in the market.

He added that it was a tedious task, and the fund was making dedicated efforts in this regard to achieve its objective.

"Moreover, the Fund is also working on the country's first ever risk financing strategy, which will be tabled at the highest-level forum of the federal cabinet for approval."

The fund, he said, had redefined its role as a financial intermediary working to strengthen the fiscal space of the country in terms of dollar value by promoting carbon markets, saffron, and olive oil harvesting-like initiatives, whereas it was also venturing into updating the oceanographic data of the country, which was also done back in 1986.

The country has huge knowledge gaps in disaster and climate risk modeling that need to be addressed through modern and advanced technological solutions providing informed and real-time data. To address that issue, the Fund has established a special data center with the assistance of the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), which will be rolled out in January 2024 and will be accessible to all.

CDA initiates studies for recycling of capital's solid waste

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has initiated studies for recycling and disposal of the capital's solid waste intending to reduce environmental pollution which is posing a threat to the health of the general public.

"The detail of studies included waste characterization studies, waste generation studies, situational analysis report, municipal solid waste (MSW) collection, haulage, treatment and disposal, rapid assessment report of landfill sites Islamabad and communication and behaviour change strategy," an official told APP. The Urban Unit Lahore carried out studies during the period from January to March 2023 with a total cost of Rs. 21,926,175 million. However, this is an unfortunate fact that CDA has been unable to develop an international system for solid waste disposal, in the capital owing to land availability and legal issues. The authority is working on developing a system whereby it will be initiating a mechanism of solid waste minimization, reuse, segregation at source and recycling of waste keeping in view the standards for optimum disposal.

10 outlaws held; drugs, liquors and weapons recovered

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 10 outlaws from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered drugs, liquors and weapons with ammunition from their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city.

Following these directions the Secretariat police team arrested an accused namely Kashif Iqbal and recovered 190 gram heroin from their possession. The Margalla police team arrested an accused namely Zeeshan and 20 liters of liquor from his possession.

Cutting educational expenses through novel methodologies

ISLAMABAD (APP): As continuously increasing education expenditures were reaching beyond parents capacity, experts believe that modern and novel teaching methodology could be one of panacea to address this issue.

In a tug of war between the parents and owners of private educational institutions, either the students miss the opportunities of quality education or the lives of their parents become miserable.

The owners, despite earning significant profit, are often seen complaining of extra expenditures in running their institutions due to the price hike of essentials. If, for a moment, their claims were accepted, there could have been no justification for them to continue with this business if there was no profit. But they go with it, and the easy way to recover their expenditures is to shift the burden to parents through an increase in fees.

Therefore, educational experts have come up with the notion of adopting proper planning, the use of the latest technologies, and

make us technologically efficient and help save money."

Dr. Siddiqui said different schools use bulk paper to maintain records of teachers and students and prepare reports, timetables, syllabuses, and much more. "Imagine how much money is spent on maintaining this physical record. But, by going paperless and moving databases to the cloud, they can cut down on a sizeable amount of money."

He regretted that non-formal education had been a deprived area since 1974, as after AIOU, only Virtual University was established to provide distant education. "Virtual or distant learning is an easy source for students to access quality education on lesser fees than to physically approach the educational institutions."

"Then there is another dilemma of the number of books and notebooks," he mentioned and said, "it is unkindness to our babies, seen carrying kilos of books on their backs."

"Why do we overload our primary-level students with books and notebooks?" he stated. "Can't we reduce the number of books and shift them to the latest modes of learning in this era of the latest technologies?"

He said the formal universities are converting to an online system, which will surely reduce the cost of education.

Keeping in view the hardships of parents, Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali, came up with the idea of amending the laws and creating a corporate cluster by using the physical assets of education departments to earn money and provide cheaper education to students.

"We can use science and technology parks as money-making hubs, and by cutting extra expenses, we can establish 'endowment funds' at colleges and universities to support needy students," he stated.

Recently, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) under the Higher Education Development in Pakistan (HEDP) project conducted an extensive capacity-building session for public sector universities



ISLAMABAD: Japanese children performing traditional dance during Pakistan foreign office Women's Association (PFOWA) annual Charity Bazaar 2023 at a local hotel in Federal Capital.

CM Baqar condemns killing of children in Palestine on 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. 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 together 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.



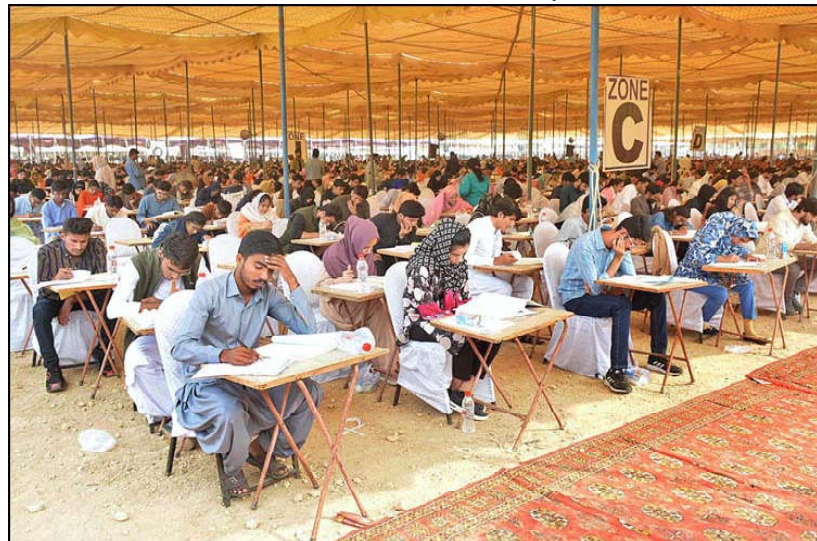
KARACHI: Sindh Caretaker Minister for Health Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz talking to media persons regarding MDCAT test outside Expo Centre.

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

Sher Alam emphasizes significance of election

KOHAT (APP): Leader of Awami National Party (ANP) Village Council Nankband Sher Alam Khan on Sunday said that the forthcoming election was critical and significant for Pakistanis to find their destiny. He was addressing a ceremony organized under the banner of ANP at the constituency PK 90 in Village Council Nankband. The event was attended by village dignitaries, community leaders, entrepreneur Farooq Khan and a sizable number of local youth. ANP Constituency PK 90 Candidate Yakub Khan, ANP District Kohat Leader Rahab Noor Afridi and the event organizer Sher Alam Khan also addressed the gathering. In his address, Sher Alam Khan underscored the critical nature of the upcoming election, portraying it as a momentous opportunity for the people of Pakistan. He urged the fellow citizens to choose leaders wisely, emphasizing the importance of candidates dedicated to address the fundamental issues.



JAMSHORO: Students are solving their question papers during Pre entry test for admission in the Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS).

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



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

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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 Scott-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 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. Meanwhile, Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited Bagh-e-Jinnah here on Sunday and reviewed overall conditions at the park.



HYDERABAD: Workers of Majlis Wehdat-e-Muslimeen participating in a solidarity rally in support of Palestinians at SSP Office Road.

Repatriation of foreigners continue in KP to their homeland

PESHAWAR (APP): The repatriation of the illegally staying foreigners from different parts of the country, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), continues, the home and tribal affairs department KP officials said here Sunday. Last day, 472 more foreign families were sent to Afghanistan, including 901 men, 541 women and 925 children, the official said. According to the data of KP Home Department, 2,21,441 people have gone to Afghanistan via Torikham border. Likewise, 3289 foreigners have been sent

back home from Angkor Ada, the official of the Home Department said here while another 419 foreign nationals have been transferred to the Khari Lachi border. Since September 17, a total of 2,25,149 people have gone to their homeland, the official informed. Similarly, 592 illegal foreigners were also deported through the Torikham border, a total of 3,855 illegally residing Afghans have been repatriated so far, said the official. As many as 3009 illegal Afghans were repatriated from KP. **5 marriage halls sealed, 30 arrested over violation of rules**

LAHORE (APP): The district administration has sealed 5 marriage halls, registered 12 cases, imposed Rs 43 lakh fine on the owners and got arrested 30 people over violation of the relevant laws. A spokesperson said here on Sunday that the Lahore division witnessed inspection of 316 marriage halls, and commence of laws violations at 25 locations. The district administration responded with fines totalling Rs 7 lakh and initiation of eight FIRs. Furthermore, three wedding hall proprietors faced arrest for non-compliance with one-dish

regulations and operating hour restrictions. In Rawalpindi division, 119 raids on marriage halls and marquee found infringements of the Marriage Function Act at nine venues. Consequently, a fine of Rs 5.15 lakh was imposed, leading to closure of two marriage halls. Meanwhile, the Dera Ghazi Khan division underwent scrutiny with inspections conducted at 1,463 marriage halls. Violations at 15 locations resulted in imposition of fines amounting to Rs 4.65 lakh, sealing of two marriage halls, and initiation of two legal cases.

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 Isteqdam-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. Separately, former provincial minister Sardar Asif Nakai also announced quitting the PTI and joining the IPP in a meeting with Jahangir Khan Tareen and Aleem Khan. Aoun Chaudhry, Samsam Bukhari, Nauman Langriyal and other leaders also participated in the meeting.

Over 13,000 candidates take admission test in LUMHS

HYDERABAD (APP): The Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) for admission in the degree programs of MBBS and BDS was conducted at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Jamshoro district on Sunday. The LUMHS spokesman informed that some 13,354 candidates including 7139 female candidates appeared in the test.

Minister for introducing Sindh's tourist attraction at international level

KARACHI (APP): 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.



HYDERABAD: Vice president Pakistan society of internal medicine Prof. Bikha Ram giving shield to senior vice president Pakistan society of internal medicine Prof. Aftab Mohsin during world diabetes day seminar organized by Pakistan society of internal medicine Sindh.

KP govt decides to make universities self-sufficient

Independent Report
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 would 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 would 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 cusecs 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. The Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chhatta has said that construction work of Dadocha Dam would be resumed soon.



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

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 on Oct. 7.

The pause is also intended to allow a significant amount of humanitarian aid in, the newspaper reported, adding that the outline of the deal was put together during weeks of talks in Qatar. But both Israel's prime minister and US officials said no agreement had been hammered out yet, with a White House spokesman saying efforts were continuing to clinch a deal. The Post's report came as Israel appeared to be preparing to expand its offensive against Hamas militants to densely populated Gaza's southern half after air strikes killed dozens of Palestinians, including civilians reportedly sheltering at two schools.



Argentine presidential candidate Javier Milei greets people on the day of the second round of Argentine presidential election, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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.

Turkiye will try to rebuild Gaza if fighting stops

Monitoring Desk
ISTANBUL: Turkiye will make efforts to rebuild damaged infrastructure, hospitals and schools in Gaza if a ceasefire is achieved there, Turkish media reported President Tayyip Erdogan as saying on Saturday.

Russian doctors call for release of imprisoned artist who protested Ukraine war

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: More than 100 Russian doctors signed an open letter published Saturday that demands the immediate release of an artist and musician who was sentenced to seven years in prison for swapping supermarket price tags with anti-war messages.

Thursday, She was arrested in her native St. Petersburg in April 2022 and charged with spreading false information about the military with her messages opposing the war in Ukraine.

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 —



Ukrainians hold banners that read 'Money to the AFU', or Armed Forces of Ukraine, while attending a demonstration in central Kyiv, Ukraine.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

France test-fires long-range ballistic missile in bid to boost nuclear deterrence

Monitoring Desk
PARIS: France has successfully test-fired an M51.3 long-range ballistic missile, boosting the credibility of France's nuclear deterrence capabilities, the defence ministry said on Sunday.

The missile, which did not carry a nuclear weapon, was fired from the French army's Biscarosse missile testing site in southwest France and landed in the North Atlantic, "hundreds of kilometres from any coastline", the ministry said, without giving further detail.

Toronto police arrests man over hate-motivated incidents targeting Muslims in three attacks

Monitoring Desk
TORONTO: Police on Saturday announced the arrest of a 28-year-old man in three hate-motivated incidents, with the latest one taking place early this morning at the Toronto Islamic Centre.

UN plastic treaty talks grapple with re-use, recycle, reduce debate

Monitoring Desk
NAIROBI: A third round of United Nations negotiations in pursuit of the world's first treaty to control plastic pollution has drawn more than 500 proposals from those involved, participants said on the last day of the talks on Sunday.

Some said the number of submissions represented progress, while campaign group Greenpeace said it was "chaos".

France to send new medical supplies, hospital ship to Gaza

Monitoring Desk
PARIS: France will send more medical supplies and a second hospital ship to Gaza, President Emmanuel Macron's office said in a statement on Sunday.

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

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.

500 Rohingya refugees land in Indonesia

Monitoring Desk
BIREUEN: The mostly Muslim Rohingya are heavily persecuted in Myanmar, and thousands risk their lives each year on long and expensive sea journeys, often in flimsy boats, to try to reach Malaysia or Indonesia.

The latest arrivals mean more than 800 refugees have landed in Aceh province this week alone, after 196 arrived on Tuesday and 147 on Wednesday, according to local officials.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators rally across Europe

Monitoring Desk
PARIS: Thousands of protesters rallied across France and Britain on Saturday calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, while hundreds of others turned out again in cities across Europe.

Protests have been held across Europe since the unprecedented October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel unleashed the latest Gaza war.

