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Sindh CM orders crackdown on illegal foreigners, drug mafia after KPO attack investigation

KARACHI (APP): The investigations in the Karachi Police Office (KPO) attack case, presented in the 31st Apex Committee meeting held under the chair of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah revealed that a Madarsa teacher was found involved in the terrorist attack and was killed there during the operation.

The meeting was held at CM House on Thursday and was attended by Senior Minister Sharjeel Memon, Home Minister Zial Hassan Lanjar, Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab, Corps Commander Karachi Lt Gen. Babar Iftikhar, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, PSCM Agha Wasif, Secretary Home Iqbal Memon, Commissioner Karachi Hassan Naqvi, DG Rangers Maj Gen Azhar Waqas, IG Police Ghulam Nabi Memon, Adl IG Karachi Imran Yakob and Chief Collector Customs Yakob Mako, Director

FIA Zaem Iqbal and others. The Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) presented an investigation report to the Apex Committee which revealed that a Madarsa teacher was found involved in the KPO attack dated February 17, 2023. The teacher was a terrorist and had attacked the KPO along with his accomplices.

During the KPO clearance operation carried out by the agencies, the terrorists were killed and through their fingerprints and other investigations, it was revealed that one of them was a teacher in Madarsa.

It was pointed out that illegal foreigners were studying in different educational institutions, including Madarsas. At this, the CM in consultation with the Apex Committee members decided to carry out a joint mapping of the illegal foreigners living in the province and educational institutions so that actual data of illegal foreigners could be developed.

Home Minister Zia Lanjar, and Home Secretary Iqbal Memon briefing the meeting said that 43,762, and 1,653 illegal foreigners have been repatriated and deported respectively. As many as 42,109 illegal foreigners have returned voluntarily, 81,106 have Proof of Residence (PoR) card holders and 65,936 have other cards.

It was pointed out that 57,000 fake/bogus Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) have already been blocked while 17,217 were under the process of blockage.

Murad Ali Shah said that the joint mapping of illegal foreigners living in the province, particularly in Karachi was necessary so that their credible data could be developed for their repatriation.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over 31st Apex Committee meeting at CM House.

World Press Freedom Day: Bilawal expresses solidarity with journalists, media professionals

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in message on World Press Freedom Day to be marked on Friday has expressed solidarity with journalists and media professionals worldwide.

Historically, the press in Pakistan has served as a watchdog, uncovering injustices, exposing corruption, and amplifying the voices of the marginalized, he added.

The PPP Chairman expressing concern over challenges such as censorship, fake news, and violence faced by journalists, urged media organizations to uphold journalistic integrity, impartiality, and professionalism in their reporting. He reiterated the party's unwavering support for press freedom, grounded in democracy and liberty principles.

He underscored, the 1973 Constitution's guarantee of freedom of expression, including press freedom, a legacy of Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. "Under his leadership, reforms liberalized media policies, fostering greater independence," he noted.

Asif Zardari resigns as PPPP chairman

KARACHI (INP): President Asif Zardari has resigned from the chairmanship of the Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians (PPPP).

Sources say Asif Zardari has informed the Election Commission of Pakistan about his resignation from the presidency of the Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians.

Sources further revealed that after Asif Zardari's resignation from the party presidency, there is consideration being given to appointing Asif Zardari's sister and provincial assembly member Faryal Talpur as the new president of the Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians.

Asif Zardari's resignation from the party comes at a time when some quarters are criticising him for leading a political party despite being the President of the country.

COAS says Army well aware of constitutional limits, expect same from others

RISALPUR (APP): The army is well aware of its constitutional limits and expects others to prioritise upholding the Constitution as well, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir said on Thursday.

"Those who blatantly disregard these limitations cannot point fingers at others," he said while addressing the passing out parade of the Pakistan Air Force. "Article 19 of the Constitution clearly defines the boundaries of freedom of expression."

The Army Chief was addressing the passing out parade of the Pakistan Air Force. He said that the growing arms race was likely to disturb the balance of power in the South Asia region.

The COAS said, "Advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics and quantum computing are changing the use of air power as well as expanding its scope. However, without a strong air force, a country is at the mercy of any aggressor."

He said the Pakistan Air Force had always lived up to the expectations of the nation. It patrolled the airspace in all kinds of difficulties with unparalleled bravery and professionalism, a great example of which was demonstrated before all in February 2019.

The Army Chief, while addressing the passing out of cadets, said, "You are the center of our hopes, the guardian of the skies and the guarantor of regional unity. You are expected to lead a life adorned with the virtues of character, courage and competence."



RISALPUR: Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir giving away Sword of Honour for overall best performance in College of Flying Training to Aviation Cadet Squadron Under Officer Muhammad Junaid Maik during graduation Ceremony of 149th General Duty (Pilot), 95th Engineering, 105th Air Defence, 25th A&SD, Eighth Log and 131st Combat Support Courses at the PAF Academy Risalpur.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Khazar Farhadov calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

President condoles demise of UAE's Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohamed Al Nahyan

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday expressed condolences over demise of Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohamed Al Nahyan, the Representative of the United Arab Emirates' Ruler in Al Ain.

"Deeply saddened at the demise of the Representative of the UAE's Ruler in Al Ain Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohamed Al Nahyan, I express my condolences to the UAE's leadership," the president said in a message issued by the President House. He said Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohamed Al Nahyan played important role in shaping the legacy of the UAE.

Interior Minister Naqvi, Sindh Governor discuss political, economic situation

KARACHI (INP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that strict actions were necessary to eliminate street crimes from Karachi and the federal government was ready to give complete support to the Sindh government in this regard.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said this while talking to Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori at the Governor's House in Karachi. During the meeting, Naqvi also discussed with Kamran Tessori the current political and economic situation of the country and the role of security forces in establishing law and order. On the occasion, Naqvi told Tessori that all resources would be used for the establishment of peace and order in the country especially in Karachi. Governor Sindh said the federation and the provinces were on the same page in the elimination of crimes. Tessori also appreciated Mohsin Naqvi's public welfare initiatives as Chief Minister of Punjab, adding that Mohsin Naqvi was famous for completing public projects in Punjab with lightning speed.

ECP reappoints Omar as secretary for two-year term

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Thursday reappointed Omar Hamid Khan as its secretary for the period of two years.

A notification issued here said that Omar Hamid Khan, a retired BS-22 officer of the Secretariat Group, had been reemployed as Secretary for a two-year term in the public interest, in accordance with Rules 8 & 11 of the Election Commission (Officers and Servants) Rules, 1989.

Legislation will be done against drug trafficking in schools: Memon

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Minister Sharjeel Memon said on Thursday that the legislation will take place against drug trafficking in schools.

Expressing his thoughts, Memon asserted: "The PTI is launching a smear campaign against the institutions. The PTI had been involved in terrorism on social media."

Memon said: "The PTI does not want to hold negotiations, but it is pleading for the deal, but the institutions are not ready for the deal." "All the groups within the PTI have their own narrative. During the last one and a half years, every group of the PTI has been requesting the deal."

He made it clear that strict action will be taken if the weapons are exhibited. Speaking about the illegal immigrants, Memon said: "The action will be taken against the illegal immigrants according to national policy."

Headline Inflation decelerates further to 17.3% in April

Lowest inflation rate in two years - result of hard work done by PDM-led govt: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday, declaring the downward trend of inflation as a welcome news for the people, said that the inflation falling towards the lowest level in two years was a sign of improvement in the economy.

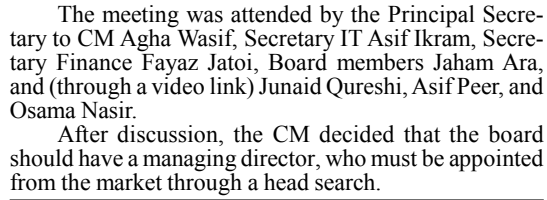
"This is the result of the hard work done during the 16-month-long government led by the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and continued by the interim government," he said in a statement issued by the PM Office.

The prime minister pointed out that the inflation rate had come down from the peak of 39% to 20% last month and then to 17% in the current month.

He said bringing down the inflation rate was the top priority of the government.

Murad chairs SDT board meeting to appoint MD from market

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presided over the 5th Governing Body meeting of the Sindh Digital Technology Board, which decided to appoint a managing director of the board through the head search process from the market.



Officers from SMC meet IGP Sindh

KARACHI (APP): A delegation of 38 officers from the 35th Senior Management Course (SMC) visited the Central Police Office (CPO) Karachi and met Inspector General of Police Sindh, Ghulam Nabi Memon.

Led by Abdul Khaliq Shaikh, Chief Instructor of the National Institute of Management (NIM) Karachi, the delegation had the opportunity to explore various departments of the Sindh Police and engage with senior officers, said a spokesman for Sindh Police on Thursday.

During their visit, the officers were warmly welcomed by DIGP Headquarters Sindh, Zubair Dareshak, who briefed them on the diverse challenges encountered in modern policing.

A key focus of the discussions revolved around the adoption of people-friendly policing strategies, aimed at fostering stronger ties between law enforcement agencies and the community.

IGP Sindh, Ghulam Nabi Memon, shared inspiring insights into the relentless efforts undertaken by the Sindh Police in combatting crime.

Pakistan seizes 'largest-ever' methamphetamine shipment bound for Belgium

KARACHI (INP): The Anti-Narcotics Force said on Thursday it has seized 224 kilograms of methamphetamine from Karachi port, describing it as the "largest ever" shipment of crystal ice in Pakistan.

In a statement, the ANF spokesperson said the drugs were discovered concealed within a consignment of soapstone, destined for Belgium via Afghanistan.

The drugs were initially smuggled from Afghanistan through the Torkham border crossing into Karachi, it said and added that the smugglers then attempted to conceal the methamphetamine within the roof and doors of five shipping containers.

The ANF seized all five containers at the Karachi port. Three individuals involved in the smuggling attempt, including two Afghan nationals, were apprehended while attempting to flee to their home country through the Torkham border.

Earthquake jolts Karachi

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According to the seismic center, the intensity of the earthquake was recorded at 2.3 on the Richter scale.

The depth of the earthquake was 84 kilometers, and the epicenter was located 38 kilometers northeast of Malir.

The tremors, which occurred at 5:52 pm, caused no reported loss of life or property.



KARACHI: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi along with Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori distributing ration among deserving people.

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KARACHI: Sindh Police Inspector General (IG), Ghulam Nabi Memon presides over a high-level meeting with National Institute of Management (NIM) 35th Senior Management Course (SMC) 38 officers of the Chief Instructional Institute of Management headed by Abdul Khaliq Shaikh, at CPO Headquarters in Karachi.

Three terrorists among two ringleaders gunned down in Tank IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Security Forces on Thursday killed three terrorists including two ring leaders during a joint intelligence-based operation (IBO) conducted in Tank District.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), during the conduct of operation, after intense fire exchange, the three terrorists were successfully neutralized who were identified as, Terrorist Ringleader Azmat alias Azmat, Terrorist Ringleader Karamat alias Hanzla and Terrorist Rehman.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar and Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attallah Tarar held an important press conference.

Pak-US Navies conduct bilateral exercise 'Inspired Union 2024'

KARACHI (INP): The bilateral exercise of Pakistan and US Navies 'Inspired Union 2024' was held at Karachi with an aim to enhance relations and interoperability between PN and USN through mutual exchange of professional experience and expertise in maritime domain.

The three-day exercise was participated by officers and personnel of United States Marine Corps, Coast Guards, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Diving, Legal, Naval Construction Force, Civil Affairs and Medical teams.

Multiple discussions and practical evolutions on professional topics of mutual interest were conducted during the exercise. Commander CTF-52, also called on Commander Pakistan Fleet and Commander United States Coast Guard. During these interactions, matters of mutual interest in maritime domain were discussed.

Conduct of Exercise Inspired Union was a regular feature between Pakistan Navy and US Navy. The exercise was manifestation of strong bilateral military relations between PN and USN aimed at promoting safe and sustainable maritime environment in the region. Exercise proved mutually rewarding to hone professional skills of participating personnel from both navies and learn from each other's experiences.



KARACHI: Lady Officers of Pakistan Navy and US Navy in an interactive session during Exercise Inspired Union 2024, in Karachi.

