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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over 45th meeting of Public Private

CM decides to construct new

#### PM hails major achievement Pakistan's annual inflation slows to 9.6%, first single-digit stat in nearly 3 years

August annual CPI figures down from 27.4% this time last year and 11.1% in July; Govt's prudent policies steering country's economy towards stability, says PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): The core inflation measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI) decelerated further to 9.6 percent during August 2024 as compared to 11.1 percent recorded during July 2024, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported Monday.

According to PBS data, the CPI based inflation during the same month of last year (August 2023) was recorded at 27.4%.

On month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.4% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.1% in the previous month and an increase of 1.7% in August 2023.

According to data, CPI inflation Urban increased to 11.7% on yearon-year basis in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 13.2% in the previous month and 25.0% in August 2023. On monthon-month basis, it increased 2023

to 0.3% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.0% in the previous month and an increase of 1.6% in

increased to 6.7% on yearon-year (YoY) basis in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 8.1% in the previous month and 30.9% in August 2023. On monthon-month (MoM) basis, it increased to 0.6% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.2% in the previous month and an increase of 1.9% in August 2023.

to an increase of 15.7% a month earlier and 27.9% in



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, addressing a symposium on "Climate Change and Health Development Consequences in Pakistan at the Pakistan Academy of Sciences.

Azam Nazeer Tarar says

#### **Chief Justice** Qazi Faez Isa not interested in extension

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar says Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa is not interested in extension of his

Speaking to media in Islamabad, Tarar clarified that during a recent meeting with Chief Justice Isa and the Attorney General, the chief justice made it clear that he had no interest in having an extension.

such discussions should not be entertained further.

He asserted that Chief Justice Isa was a distinguished figure and reiterated that continuous speculation about the extension was unfounded. Tarar urged the me-

dia to shift focus to other topics.

Tarar argued that the debate over a two-thirds majority was relevant only if an extension was being Tarar emphasised that considered.

#### Road repair work to start immediately after rain ends in Karachi: Saeed Ghani

**Independent Report** KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Minister, Saeed Ghani, has said the repair work of the main roads in Karachi damaged due to accumulation of rain-

roads, alleys, and streets in different areas of the city damaged due to monsoon

He informed the house that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation under the



water will begin as soon as the monsoon season comes to an end. The Local Government Minister stated this on Monday while speaking during the session of the Sindh Assembly to respond to the call attention notices submitted by the Opposition legislators. Ghani remarked in the house that monsoon rains in Karachi had been continuing for a prolonged period. He said that after repairing the highways, work would immediately be launched to restore small

Competitive and Livable City of Karachi Project had carried out work to either build or restore 400 roads in the city. He said that recent rains had damaged around 14 to 15 of these roads. Ghani assured the concerned lawmakers that the Sindh government would conduct a probe into these damages. He informed the concerned Opposition MPAs that repair work couldn't be immediately launched to restore roads in Karachi during monsoon rains

August 2023. CPI inflation Rural,

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation on YoY increased to 10.8% in August 2024 as compared August 2023. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.3% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.0% a month earlier and an increase of 4.1% in August

Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah presiding over the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Private Partnership Policy (PPPP) Board decided to carry out afforestation along the River Indus in the districts of Jamshoro and Matiari, covering an area of 34,995 acres.

Additionally, reforestation activities will be undertaken over 88,022 hectares in the riverine areas of seven districts of the province through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The CM also approved a proposal to construct an expressway starting from Karachi Port Terminal to Jam Sadiq Bridge where the Malir express-

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by provincial ministers, Dr Azra Pechuho, Nasir Shah, Saeed Ghani, Zial Lanjar, Advisor Livestock Najmi Alam, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, to undertake ARR activities Advocate General Hassan over 100,000 acres of iden-

#### **President condoles** death of Governor Punjab's mother-in-law

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday expressed deep sorrow and grief over the death of mother-in-law of Governor Punjab Saleem Haider Khan.

Offering his heartfelt condolence to the governor. the president prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family members to bear the loss with equanimity.

#### PM seeks enhanced collaboration with China in key sectors

SLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that Pakistan aims to enhance its collaboration with China in areas such as information technology, artificial intelligence, modern agriculture,

and other sectors. In a conversation with Chinese Ambassador to Patistan Jiang Zaidong, the prime minister remarked that the friendship between Pakistan and China has endured and remained strong throughout the years. He stated that the friendship between Pakistan and China has withstood the test of time, with China providing unwavering support to Pakistan during every challenging period.

#### **Sindh Police** find five missing persons as court receives recovery report

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh Police have submitted a report of the recovery to the Sindh High Court (SHC) which claimed that they have traced and recovered five missing individuals from Karachi

Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto of the SHC heard petitions related to the missng persons.

The government lawyers and police officials were present in the court for the proceedings

#### expressway, maripur, forestation KARACHI (APP): Sindh Akbar, PSCM Agha Wasif, VC NED Dr Sarosh Lodhi, Asif Brohi, provincial secretaries and other con-

Partnership Policy Board, at CM House in Karachi.

meeting, the CM said that the World Wildlife Fund reported in 2017 that Pakistan was a forest-poor country, with less than six per cent (6pc) of its total area as opposed to a minimum of 25pc. He added that we were facing severe climatic conditions due to climate change. "The floods in 2022 are an example of the risks which it faces", he said, adding that enhancing for-

meeting such challenges. The CM said that our Sindh Forest Department (SFD) has successfully undertaken Delta Blue Carbon projects, it improved mangrove cover and also brought in revenues through a carbon credit mechanism. He directed the forest dept

est cover would improve

the province's resilience in

The Forest Department has informed the Chief Minister that it has identified 34,995 hectares in the Riverine area of Matiari and Jamshoro districts for various purposes. This includes reforestation on 2,674 hectares, an access road area of 694.63 hectares, 188.7 hectares for settlements, 3,200 hectares of existing forest, and 6,757.36 hectares of other adjoining ar-

The CM instructed the forest department to plant native species of trees such as Babul, Kandi, Bahan, and Neem, in addition to other trees.

The CM directed the Local Government department to finalize the proposal for the construction of another Expressway [nomenclature would be decided later) starting from KP Terminal to Jam Sadqi Bridge where Malir Expressway starts.

will help to give direct access to the Port traffic to

the Motorway," he said. The CM directed the PPP Unit to finalize the proposal on the PPP Unit, otherwise, the provincial government would construct it from its re-

The Local Government Department (LGD) has proposed a solution to address traffic congestion issues and facilitate heavy traffic from Karachi port at the ICI bridge intersection. The proposal aims to provide quick and safe access to commuters from Mauripur Road to the Karachi Beach area by constructing the Mauripur Expressway and ICI Inter change on a PPP mode.

The Mauripur Ex ressway will be eight ilometres long with two lanes in each direction, a toll plaza, and a weight bridge Additionally, there will be a one-kilometre, two-lane (one-way) interchange at



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Jiang Zaidong calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

#### Floods damage various crops, cause Rs86.86bn loss to Sindh: Bux Mahar

**Independent Report** KARACHI: The Sindh government's Agriculture Department has released an initial report detailing the damage caused to crops by the recent heavy monsoon

The Agriculture Minister Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar announced that the floods have devastated various crops across Sindh, resulting in an estimated loss of Rs86.86 billion to farmers, according to a communique on Monday.

The Minister Mahar the damages, stating that acres.

been completely destroyed. Specifically, 293,580 acres of cotton crops have been affected.

According to Mehar, rice crops have been fully destroyed on 35,271 acres and partially damaged on 269,016 acres. Similarly, date palms have suffered complete loss on 53,195 acres and partial loss on 32,849 acres.

The minister further noted that sugarcane crops have been fully destroyed on 26,382 acres and parprovided a breakdown of tially damaged on 69,689

## We will go for talks with those who have decision power: Imran Khan

RAWALPINDI (Online): PTI founder Imran Khan has said he is already for talks and has never refused

'We will talk to them who have decision power. if I am appointed chancellor of Oxford University then it will be matter of honor for Pakistan, he said this in an informal talk with the journalists in Adiala jail here Monday.

We have given mandate to Mehmood Khan Achakzai and if he brings some offer from them then the talks will go ahead. If we talk to them it means we have accepted fraud

if election is opened then

their politics will come to

He held "they say us

insurance policy. to talk. What talk we can go for with them who fear

end.2 records will be written in Guinness book of record. One this they gave respect to boot and second record will be recorded Nawaz Sharif sought support of 4 chiefs and even then he lost the election. Nawaz Sharif kept on saying vote ko izzat do for two and half years and criticizing army and martial law

The other party was not allowed to play match.
74000 votes were got cast for the victory of Nawaz Sharif. When they hear about talks then they start crying for May 9, he said adding May 9 is their

I have never heard any one else than Khawaja Asif for chiding army, If May 9 has to be investigated then iudicial commission be con-

#### **Baseless litigation** causes increase in number of pending cases: CJP

ISLAMABAD (APP) Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on Monday remarked that the baseless litigation used to waste the courts' time and lead to an increase in the number of pending cases.

He gave these remarks during a hearing of a case regarding the distribution of property. The CJP noted that litigations was done on a property dispute after the

death of 75-year-old owner He questioned that why a 75-year-old man would gift his land to people other than his two sons. Unfortunately, such baseless and fabricated cases are wasting courts' time and causing an increase in the number of pending

#### PTA starts banning of mobile sims on expired ID cards LAĤORE (APP): The Pa-

kistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has started the second phase of banning of mobile SIMs to prevent their illegal use.

According to the spokesperson of PTA, in the second phase, the identity cards of the current mobile sims are overdue. He says citizens should renew their ID cards to avoid being banned.

According to the spokesperson, in the first stage, fake SIMs and expired ID cards were being blocked 16 fake SIMs and invalid ID cards were blocked in the first phase while more than 69 thousand illegal sims were blocked

## CM calls on Chairman PPP, briefs about recent wave of terrorism, flood situation in Balochistan

Mir Sarfraz Bugti called on the Chairman Pakistan Peoples
Party (PPP), Bilawal
Bhutto Zardari in
Zardari House,
Islamabad on Monday.

During the course of meeting, there was discussion about the political situation Balochistan between

the Chief Minister and Chairman PPP. Besides, the rains and flash Chief Minister briefed in the province.

Independent Report
KARACHI: The Chief about the recent wave of terrorism and the steps being taken to overcome the same in

the province. Mir Sarfraz Bugti also informed Bilawal Bhutto Zardari about the flashflood situation after the recent

rains in the province. He also briefed the Chairman PPP about the measures taken to tackle the situation emerged fol-PP. lowing the recent the rains and flashflood



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti photographed with Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

#### Approval accorded to set up new National Cyber Crime **Investigation Agency: NA told**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar apprised the National Assembly that approval has been given to set up new National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency in the country as FIA lacked cyber-crimes investigation

Responding during the Question Hour, vamped, he added. holding would continue till new cyber crime investigation agency. It would also be examined which employees of FIA would be merged in the new cyber-crime investigation agency, he

He said that cyber crimes cases already with FIA would not be ended rather these would be transferred to the new agency.

The minister said that employees of abolished ministries would either be retained or be given golden handshake. After dissolution of Public Works Department (PWD), some of

its employees would be retained while others would be given golden handshake,

To a separate question, the minister said that the government has taken some new initiatives for skills development of youth in the country. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission supplementary questions (NAVTC) was being re-

Attauman Tarar sam local manpower would be fully operationalization of trained as per market demand of other countries. The IT exports witnessed increased and was recorded as \$ 3.1 billion, he added.

To another question, he said that proper survey was being carried out before construction of any road adding that it was need of the hour to construct 10th Avenue. After traffic count, it was decided whether the road would be constructed or not, he added. The minister said that besides Margalla National Park, Lakeview Park and other green areas were developed in the federal capital.



## **Indonesian Consulate** delegation meets Mayor Karachi

egation from the Indonesian Consulate, led by Mr. Arie Poluzzi, the Consul for Information and Social, Cultural Affairs, met with Karachi's Mayor, Barrister Murtaza Wahab in the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's (KMC) head office on Monday and discussed matters of mutual interest with him.

The delegation also included Mr. Teguh Wiweko, d'Affaires, Sana Sarfraz, the Information & Culture Staff Officer and other of-

During the meeting, Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab welcomed the Indonesian Consulate delegation to the KMC head

They discussed Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab's recent visit to Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. The Mayor expressed gratitude for the facilitation provided by the

Indonesian Consulate for his visit to Jakarta and emphasized the need to enhance mutual cooperation regarding local government systems in the future.

Mayor Karachi noted that his visit to Jakarta, Indonesia's largest city and the second most populous city in the world, was very successful. He had the opportunity to learn and understand many aspects of the local government system there. During his visit, meetings with local officials highlighted various areas of local government that could expand relations and cooperation between Pakistan and Indonesia.

He mentioned that Jakarta, located on the northwest coast of Java, is one of the world's modern cities and holds the distinction of being Southeast Asia's largest metropolitan area. Similarly, Karachi is Pakistan's largest city and a major commercial and

business hub.

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#### Bad air

A recent report by the Air Quality Life Index delivers a sobering message for South Asia on its air

Though the report highlights an 18pc decline in air pollution in 2022, attributed largely to abovenormal rainfall, it also underscores the grim reality that air pollution remains the most significant external threat to public health in the region — including Pakistan. It highlights that South Asia continues to grapple with dangerously high levels of air pollution and that, despite the recent decline, the region still accounts for a staggering 45pc of total life years lost due to pollution. It paints a worrying picture: if the World Health Organisation's air quality guidelines were met, the average person in South Asia would gain 3.5 years in life expectancy. In Pakistan, the situation is equally alarming. While the report notes a 10pc decline in particulate matter levels in 2022, the average resident's life expectancy is still reduced by 3.3 years due to air pollution. In cities like Peshawar and Lahore, where pollution levels are even higher, life expectancy is shortened by over

One of the most striking aspects of the AQLI report is its focus on inequality. It reveals that people living in the most polluted areas breathe air that is six times more polluted than those in the least polluted areas. Consequently, their life expectancy is reduced by an average of 2.7 years. This inequality in pollution exposure reflects broader socioeconomic disparities and underscores the need for targeted interventions in the most

This report should ring alarm bells for our leaders, but instead this subject is largely met with indifference. The increase in the number of vehicles and the reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation have been major contributors to the country's pollution crisis. Since the early 2000s, the number of vehicles has quadrupled, while electricity generation from fossil fuels in Pakistan and neighbouring countries has tripled from 1998 to 2017. Without significant policy changes, the demand for energy and the corresponding pollution levels are likely to rise further, exacerbating the public health crisis. In the past, citizens' attempts to report high pollution with independent monitors have been met with criticism and denial. The government must take stock of this report and make long-term policy decisions to protect the future of its citizens. In the landmark Shehla Zia case, the Supreme Court declared the right to a healthy environment to be part of the fundamental constitutional rights of all citizens. While the state has taken initiatives like installing more pollution monitors and shutting down factories during high-pollution periods, they need to be part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy that includes promoting electric vehicles, transitioning to cleaner technologies in industries and enforcing stricter emissions standards

## The VNSA threat

#### Mohammad Ali Babakhel

Modern states are faced

Tuesday September 03, 2024

with numerous traditional and non-traditional security challenges, including threats from Violent Non-State (VNSAs). Actors VNSAs are usually defined as groups that employ violence and propagate and support extremism for the furtherance of their ideological or pomost of today's armed conflicts take place phenomenon can also be described as 'the enemy

VNSAs either at-They have a hierarchy that usually operates influence. Where a chain of command is absent, VNSAs exist as loosely organised groups. In exceptional situations, some VNSAs control territory and have established parallel administrative control. Some defined political objectives, while others operate in ambiguity. Some are active in rural areas, while others are mainly in urban areas. Groups active in urban areas require more sophistication and proficiency. A few groups prefer targeting the military, while others prefer civilians. Some groups appoint women in important roles; in others, they

serve in support roles. VNSAs can take full advantage of the weaknal and external security policies and may derive neighbouring or powerful states. Some groups exert considerable influence on the daily lives and activities of the such as shared beliefs, people within their terri- expectations and norms tory. For example, the within certain ethnic, re-Moro Islamic Liberation ligious, cultural, and elusive dream. -- Cour-Front in the Philippines, ideological groups can tesy Dawn

the Liberation Tigers of recruit 'high-commit-Movement in South siderable influence in the

However, the scale

of territorial control is VNSAs may be able to cause great disturbances litical objectives. Since or create disorder. A group may not aim to change the regime but within states, the VNSA merely to destabilise the state. On the other hand, territorial control enables a group to exploit resources, indulge in illetract volunteers or re- gal businesses, and incruit activists by force. troduce speedy and inexpensive justice, imand command structure proved health facilities, and environmental prooutside state control or tection standards. In a few instances, VNSAs have tried to redistribute netic option or regional wealth, protect local people, and offer basic social services. The introduction of the concept of 'revolutionary justice' provides a sense of protection to common folk VNSAs may have clearly and improves support for VNSAs within the

community. the distribution and exsources and individual identities. Upon joining the group, individuals adopt an alias or a nom de guerre, ensuring their protection and gaining a new identity at the expense of their family identity. The

organisational identity of members assumes priority, especially for young members, who nesses in a state's inter- may feel more valued and elevated within their new family. As members their strength from of this new family, they adopt new norms, values, and behaviour pat-

Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Sri ment' individuals. On the Lanka, and the Sudan other hand, the opportu-People's Liberation nity to exploit economic resources, such as by ex-Sudan have wielded con-tracting natural resources, taxation, criminal activity, or external patronage, may attract 'low-commitment' indinot the sole factor deter- viduals seeking shortmining the success of term personal gain. This such groups. Even with- creates a distinction beout territorial control, tween 'activist' and 'opportunist' groups. For example, the PKK may be classified as an activist group, while the Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone can be characterised as an opportunist group.

The operational pr-

-sence of VNSAs

wi--thin states raises qu--estions about the efficacy of the state ap--paratus and indicates the need for intros-pection. Such circumstances warrant a na--tional-level kiinternational milit-a--ry Globalisa-tion strengthened VNSAs, as planning, training, financing, fa---cilitation, and targeting operations are now conducted in different parts of the world. Besides employ-VNSAs influence ing a coercive approach, states must also opt for ploitation of local re- an inclusive approach where appropriate. Deradicalisation and reintegration should be top priorities. A living state has to be protective and humane. It must act as a shield for innocent citizens, protecting

them from extremists. Globalisation, technology, and innovation have enabled VNSAs to be innovative, keeping themselves unpredictable and testing the patience of states, govern-

ments, and people. Without cooperation among states, the use of technology, and Social resources, an active role of the public in countering narratives, defeating VNSAs will remain an

### SCO's ambitions

#### Huma Yusuf

Interior Minister Mohsin Nagvi last week told the Senate that the coordinated attacks across Balochistan were aimed at subverting the upcom-Shanghai Coope-ration Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government meeting, which Pakistan will host this October. Linking the militant attacks to the SCO highlights how high

stakes the upcoming meet

is for Islamabad. But how

Pakistan's broader foreign policy landscape? Balochistan attacks' implications for the SCO is largely driven by bilateral India-Pakistan dynamics, as Islamabad waits to hear back from Delhi regarding India's attendance. India has not attended any Saarc meetings in Pakistan since 2016, and any high-level participation in the SCO meet would be a major departure from Delhi's current approach to non-en-

gagement. Whether or not India shows up, regional the underlying resent-terrorism is likely to be ment among Central top of the agenda. The SĈO, after all, has its roots in security cooperation, fighting what the organisation terms are the 'three evil forces': terrorism, separatism and religious extremism.

In recent years, secounterterrorism discussions have focused on Afghanistan's role in fuelling regional terrorism. Afghanistan is an observer at the SCO, but the Afghan Taliban-led government has not been invited to meetings, as members disagree about how to engage the country. They agree, however, that stability and effective counterterrorism in Afghanistan is a top priority for the wider region. Given that our Foreign Office just declined an tion (and so reduce mem-

one can expect robust discussions on how to based militant groups at

the summit. The Balochistan attacks will feature too. India has often made veiled statements Pakistan's role in regional terrorism at SCO forums. Given longstanding concerns about India's backing of Baloch militant groups, Islamabad will take the opportunity to land a reverse blow.

But this is also why significant is the SCO in the SCO is unlikely to be more than a talking shop. While it is growing in size The focus on the and significance, frequently framed as a Eur-Nato, it is too plagued by tensions among its members to take meaningful strides as a bloc. Beyond the India-Pakistan rivalry, there's the India-China dynamic, with New Delhi still wary of throwing its support behind a Beijingenterprise. The simmering ten-

sions don't end there. There are sectarian tensions (say, between Iran and Afghanistan), and the underlying resent-Asian states who feel increasingly sidelined as the SCO evolves from a small, security-focused regional grouping to a geopolitical platform with Eurasian and anti-Westbecame a member in July; dialogue partner Turkiye is considering membership despite its Nato links; and the SCO itself is eyeing simpatico coun-rity tries like Hungary as potential members to further extend the organisation's

reach into Europe). SCO has sought to expand its scope beyond regional security by floating plans for increased connectivity, joint en-Afghan Taliban offer to bers' dependence on the Courtesy Dawn

mediate with the TTP, dollar) and boosting regional trade. But the economic competitive dytackle Afghanistan- namics between China and India, and China's reluctance to share its tech know-how with Russia, keeping it in the position of a captive consumer rather than a rival producer, continue to curtail these economic aspirations

In his book, The New Cold War, Robin Niblett argues that China and Russia are making overtures ac--ross the Global South because they are se--eking to build international appetite for their autocratic political systems. In this context, part of the driver asian counterpoint to for growing and empowering a multilateral grouping such as the SCO could be to create forums where autocratic approaches — such as the suppression of free speech and dissent or limits to judicial independence in the name of national security — are normalised. There is a danger that the SCO becomes a grouping of countries seeking to walk away, hand in hand, from democratic prin-

This is a scenario that Pakistan — an ostensible, multiethnic, multi-linguistic, religiously diverse and youth-oriented democracy — should seek to ern ambitions (Belarus avoid, particularly in its current chairmanship of the SOC HoG council.

It could do that by opting to veer the discussion away from secuconsiderations alone, to include human rights considerations in discussions about Afghanistan. What, for in-As it grows, the stance, are the SCO members going to do about the latest Afghan Taliban edicts that seek to erase women from the public sphere entirely? Without ergy infrastructure, bank- tackling fundamental toping platforms to enable ics such as human dignity local currency transac- and prosperity, the SCO will only ever get so far. -

# Commerce News

# Denmark wants to invest in Pakistan's mining industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kamal Khan, said a news Pakistan. Denmark on Monday release. In 2 expressed its commitment to investing in and modernizing Pakistan's mining industry during a attendance. high-level meeting.

of FL Smidth headed by the including Chris Reinbold, president of Mining Products, Iqrar Hussain, global key account project manager during a meeting with Federal Ministers Dr Musadik Muhammad Aurangzeb, Abdul Aleem Khan, Jam

decades.

having

In 2017, FL Smidth Danish expanded its operations by Ambassador to Pakistan, opening an after-sales Jakob Linulf, was also in service office in Islamabad, FL Smidth, a leading workforce to provide The interest was global supplier of comprehensive services to expressed by a delegation technology and services to cement plants across the the mining and cement country. The company is CEO Mikko Keto industries, has been active now looking to extend its

> The company has played a significant role in Petroleum, Dr. Musadik the development of the country's cement industry, having supplied highlighted the approximately 60-70% of government's focus on the

employing a local in Pakistan for over three expertise to Pakistan's mining sector.

Federal Minister for Malik, welcomed the Danish delegation and the cement plants in mining sector. He said that

Smidth would go beyond financial investment, including the transfer of technology, training, capacity building, and introducing new ways of

He also mentioned the government's strategy to establish small industrial clusters to enhance competitiveness.

Jakob Linulf, the Danish Ambassador, said that Pakistan holds a significant place on Denmark's agenda, with growing momentum for collaboration.



Jam Kamal held a meeting with CEO of FL Smidth Mikko Keto and Danish Ambassador H.E Jakob Linulf.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi is called on by representative delegation of UK-Pakistan Trade & Investment Board at Governor House.

## **Finance Minister holds** review meeting with Pak, **Kuwait Investment Company**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with the leadership of Pak-Kuwait Investment Company (PKIC) here on Monday to discuss the strategic initiatives and future directions of the joint venture in Pakistan. According to press release issued by finance ministry, the attendees included Managing Pak-Kuwait Investment Company, Saad ur Rehman Khan, Finance Secretary and senior officials from the Finance Division.

Investment Company for its strategic contributions to Pakistan's economy, especially in sectors vital to the nation's long-term development.

specifically acknowledged PKIC's proactive approach to integrating Islamic finance into its operations, noting that this approach not only aligns with Pakistan's development priorities but also resonates with the broader goals of ethical and

sustainable growth. On the occasion, Saad

The finance minister ur Rehman Khan provided commended Pak-Kuwait an overview of PKIC's highlighting the PKIC initiatives in the real estate sector leveraging Islamic finance structures to fund He major infrastructure projects addressing Pakistan's investment needs while ensuring that investment activities adhere to Islamic principles, thereby attracting a broader range of investors. The discussions also highlighted PKIC's dedication to supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Pakistan

## Rana Tanveer assures stable sugar prices amid surplus stock

ISLAMABAD (APP): ensuring a stable market Federal Minister for price. Industry and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain on Monday chaired a meeting of the Sugary Advisory Board (SAB) that reviewed the availability of the commodity stock and its

Among others, the meeting was attended by Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, a news release said.

of sugar for export, prevent price hikes.

According to reports, the average retail price of sugar has decreased by Rs 2 per kilogram, and the market price remained Řana Tanveer Hussain

said there was a surplus stock of sugar in the country, and any price increase would be unacceptable. The unacceptable. government's commitment The government to maintaining stable sugar reaffirmed its benchmark prices aims to protect condition for the retail price consumers' interests and

#### RCCI organizes 'Hum Se Hai Pakistan'

RAWALPINDI (APP): In a spirit of national pride and recognition of the vital role of women in Pakistan's development and progress, the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has organized the event titled, "Hum Se Hai Pakistan - Celebrating Independence Day 2024, at the chamber house.

Chief Traffic Officer of

City Traffic Police, was

the chief guest on the

According to the details, Beenish Fatima,

occasion. Several distinguished personalities, including Kanwal Cheema, Founder and CEO of My Impact Meter, Abida Malik, President of Behbud Association and Awais Manzoor Tarar, Additional Director General RDA also attended the event.

These notable figures. along with other esteemed guests, were welcomed by RCCI President Saqib Rafiq and Group Leader Sohail Altaf

#### **Senate body told** Initiatives undertaken to enhance country's water storage

The Senate Standing Committee on Water Resources on Monday apprised that the ministry has undertaken initiatives to increase the country's water storage and the share of hydropower generation in the overall energy mix.

The committee which met with Shahadat Awan in the Chair was further told that as of now, there are six ongoing projects being financed by the Federal

Government. These **Public transport** fares reduced by 2 percent

SARĞODHA (APP): In a move to provide relief to the public following the government's decision to reduce the prices of petroleum products,the Secretary Regional Transport Authority (RTA),Malik Muhammad Tahir, held a meeting with public and goods transporters on Monday. During the meeting, it was agreed to immediately reduce fares by two percent. The Secretary of the RTA stated that since the government has reduced the rates of diesel and petrol, transporters should also reduce their fares accordingly.

Basha Dam, Mohmand Dam, Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme, Nai Gaj Dam, Kachhi Canal

Tĥe will be completed in Flood Commission, December 2029, while the Pakistan Council of installed capacity of Mohmand Dam is 800 Resources (PCRWR), MW and it will be CEA, and Pakistan completed in December Commission for Indus 2025. Briefing the Water (PCIW).

the Ministry of Water Resources, Syed Ali Murtaza said that the focus is on the development of Project, and Dasu the country's water Hydropower Project. resources and six entities installed were assigned to the capacity of Diamer Basha ministry, namely Dam is 4500 MW and it WAPDA, IRSA, Federal Research in

#### **Punjab** internship program launched for Agricultural graduates

SARGODHA (APP): In a N Rana Munawar Ghous the agricultural sector in Punjab, the provincial government has initiated an Agriculture Transformation Program aimed at providing internships to young agricultural graduates. As many as 41 selected candidates from the district received their one-year internship offer letters during a ceremony led by Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA) of Pakistan Muslim League-

significant move to enhance Khan and Assistant Commissioner Sargodha Amina Ehsan Tarar on Monday.

The ceremony was attended by Agriculture department including Director of Agriculture Shahid Hussain and Deputy Director Masood Saqib. The PML-N MPA Rana Manawar Ghous congratulated the selected agricultural graduates while emphasizing the dual benefits of the program.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in a meeting with the representative of delegation of International Lawvers Association at Governor House.

# CM Punjab reviews green transport system project

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has reviewed the Green Transport System project under which 5,000 electric buses will be run across Punjab.

In the first phase 1,000 buses would be provided to start the project in major cities of Punjab and in five years, an 'end-to-end' green transport system will be launched in major cities.

September 12 in Rahim Yar

Khan. "Approval has been

granted to deploy three

companies of the Army

and Rangers in the area.

Additionally, extraordinary

security preparations are

in place for the cricket

series with Bangladesh.

Efforts will be relentless in

maintaining peace and order

disrupting public order will

be dealt with firmly, and

operations will persist

until the last terrorist in the

Kacha area is eliminated.

Those

Punjab.

Chinese delegation led by Liu Junhua, Chairman of Chinese vehicle company Chongqing CRR Hang Tong, here on Monday, the CM discussed the launch of a proposed Green Transport System Project in Punjab.

The CM said, "We

cooperation and expertise" the CM said. She said that traffic

jam is a big problem, environmental pollution is also increasing, adding that people are increasingly being attracted towards electric vehicles. "We are a transport system. We want a complete green eager to benefit from want to completely transport system for the China's skills in the redesign the transport people of big cities. China transport sector" she is leading in every sphere pledged.

benefit from their said Chinese transport companies will be welcomed in Lahore and will be fully supported. She added, "We want to run bullet trains, metro buses and electrified buses in every district of Punjab. system of Punjab. We want transport infrastructure.



LAHORE: Provincial Health Minister and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee for law and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique chairs 12th Law and Order meeting at Home Department.

#### Three died, 1 injured due to rockfall in Kohistan

GIIGIT (APP): A bus traveling from Rawalpindi to Gilgit was hit by a rockfall in the Kohistan area, as a result, three passengers were died and one injured. The bus was operated by Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO) Express company which offers daily services from Gilgit to Rawalpindi, Chilas, and Karachi.

#### FIA put on notice on bail plea of Oriya Maqbool Jan

LAHORĒ (Online): Sessions court Lahore has issued notice to FIA on the bail plea of writer and anchorperson Maqbool Jan.Additional Sessions judge of Sessions court Lahore took up the bail plea for hearing Monday. The petitioner took the plea FIA arrested him on baseless grounds. FIA registered case on the basis of tweet.

## Workshop held to discuss EPA role to protect environment

Project Management Unit Pakhtunkhwa Integrated Tourism Development Project (KITE) arranged a one-day training workshop Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role to develop and enforces environmental regulations and to protect environment, EPA guidelines, WB safeguard documents compliance and KITE-GRM in

Peshawar. The workshop began with a warm welcome from Project Director KITE DoŤ Touseef Khalid, he explained the aim of today workshop is orienting development authorities and DoAM staff on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role and requirements.

Dr. Habib Jan, Deputy Director of EPA, delivered an in-depth and comprehensive session, shedding light on the EPA's guidelines and the the workshop's significance.

of 2014. Consultant Dr. Irfan elaborated on safeguarding documents, discussing PCRMP and ESMP, while Shafqat Ali Khan explained the KÎTE-Grievance Redress Mechanism.

Attended participants from Tourism department and its allied authorities including Galiyat Development Authority, Kaghan Development Authority, Upper Swat Development. Authority, and Directorate of Archaeology and Museums KP, the workshop was meticulously crafted to equip attendees with indispensable knowledge for ensuring environmental compliance, especially within the realm of tourism projects. Additional Secretary, Mr. Yasir Ali Khan of the Department of Tourism lauded KITE's capacity-building efforts and distributed certificates to participants, emphasizing

## **Punjab government launches** innovative 'Smart Classroom' project with Huawei LAHORE (APP): Punjab of the "Back to School" technology, Punjab sets a

Chief Minister Maryam Sharif has unveiled the Smart Classroom Project at the government Kinnaird Girls High School, Empress

This cutting-edge initiative, developed in collaboration with Huawei, represents a major leap forward in transforming education in Punjab by integrating advanced technology into the classroom said a news release issued by Huawei

The Smart Classroom Project is a key component Huawei's

Local Government Minister

Zeeshan Rafiq said on

Monday that water supply

and sewage projects had been started in 200 cities of

with Local Government

Minister Zeeshan Rafiq in

enrollment campaign. It new benchmark for introduces state-of-the-art technology, including cameras that record lectures, allowing students to review and engage with lessons outside of class time. This initiative aims to enhance educational more interactive and

accessible. Huawei's support is remarkable for this project, highlighting its strong commitment to advancing educational innovation.

province were reviewed.

Ahmad Mian and

Managing Director Punjab

meeting.
The Minister said:
"PMU has created a

Secretary

Government

Pb. Govt starts sewage

projects in 200 cities:

**LG Minister** 

LAHORE (APP): Punjab and big cities across the

35 districts of Punjab.

A meeting was held at the office of Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC) with Local Government The Municipal Development The Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC) with Local Government The Minister and Company (PMDFC)

the chair. The ongoing and complete database of 100

new projects for providing municipal services at small cities while maps of 75 cities are also ready.

## of the project, stating, 'Incorporating Huawei's

educational excellence and

technological integration in

Punjab Maryam Nawaz

highlighted the significance

Minister

quality and make learning technology into our classrooms is a testament to our commitment to providing high-quality education to every student in Punjab. Our goal is to elevate every government school to the standards of best institutions.

#### CM takes notice of acid throwing incident MUZAFFARGARH

(APP): Chief Minister

Punjab Maryam Nawaz sought a report from Inspector General Police Punjab about acid throwing incident in Rohealiawali district Muzaffargarh. According to police, Bashir Ahmed, resident of Basti Mullana Banda Ishaaq, along with his two sons Imran, Irfan and another companion Khadim Hussain allegedly threw Khadim acid on three women identified as Kalsoom Bibi (50), Sawaira Bibi (20) and

## PTI chief begging for talks with Nawaz **Sharif: Azma**

Salman Rafique chairs

measures

LAHORE (APP): The 12<sup>th</sup>

Law and Order meeting took place in the Home

Department, chaired by Provincial Health Minister

and Chairman of the

Cabinet Committee for law

and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique, here on Monday.

Provincial Minister Bilal Akbar Khan also

attended as a committee

member. The meeting

involved a comprehensive

review of the law and order

situation across the

province, with Punjab

Home Secretary Noorul

Amin Mengal and other

relevant officers providing

Khawaja Salman

Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said stated that Imran Khan has been begging for negotiations with Nawaz Sharif for the past one and a half years but he does not even consider appropriate to mention the PTI chief's name.

In her remarks in response to Barrister Saif's statement, she said Imran Khan is an ungrateful. backstabbing and opportunistic and no one is willing to sit with him. She those who fail to understand the politics of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab said that Imran Khan is desperately seeking negotiations, but the PML-N has no interest. "PTI's political orphans are creating imaginary scenarios on their own. One who refers their benefactors as Mir Jafar cannot be trusted," she added. Bokhari emphasized that Nawaz Sharif's politics, vision, and mission are solely focused on the development and prosperity of Pakistan. She criticized

# International News

## Russia fires a barrage of drones, cruise and ballistic missiles at Kyiv as children return to school

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: Russia launched an overnight barrage of drones and cruise and ballistic missiles at Kyiv, officials said Monday, as children prepared to return to school across Ukraine. Some pupils found classes canceled because of damage from the

Several series of explosions rocked the Ukrainian capital in the early hours. Debris from intercepted missiles and drones fell in every district of Kyiv, wounding three people and damaging two kindergartens, Ukraine's Interior Ministry said. City authorities reported multiple

After more than 900 days of the war, Russia and Ukraine show no sign of letting up in the fight or moving closer to the negotiating table. Both sides are pursuing ambitious ground offensives, with the Ukrainians driving into Russia's

sian army pushing deeper into the Donetsk region of of the industrial Donbas move to peace talks.'

Vladimir Putin said Monday that Ukraine's Kursk assault won't prevent Russian forces from advancing in eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian forces haven't achieved their goal of diverting Russian troops from the fighting there, he said.

'The main task that the enemy set for themselves — to stop our offensive in Donbas — they haven't achieved it," Putin told school students during a trip to southern Siberia.

However, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said last month buffer zone that might prevent further attacks by Moscow across the border. Putin predicted that

Kursk region and the Rus- Ukraine's Kursk offensive. which began Aug. 6, will fail and that subsequently eastern Ukraine that is part Kyiv officials will want "to

Russia launched 35 Russian President missiles of various types and 26 Shahed drones at Ukraine overnight from Sunday to Monday, the Ukrainian air force said. Nine ballistic missiles, 13 cruise missiles and 20 drones were downed, it

Residents of the capital hurried into the city's bomb shelters.

Oksana Argunova, an 18-year-old student at a Kyiv high school, said that she was still shaking after the nighttime scare.

I woke up, my neighbor was shouting: 'Let's go down (to the shelter), there that the aim of the Kursk are big explosions. We all incursion is to create a ran," Argunova told The Associated Press. Monday was the first

day back at school after the summer vacation.

#### Investigators inspect the site of the Russian missile strike in an office building, amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict, in Kyiv, Ukraine. Israel set for general strike after prisoners found dead

**Monitoring Desk** GAZA STRIP: Israel's main union on Sunday ordered a nationwide general strike after soldiers recovered the bodies of six prisoners from the

Gaza Strip. The remains of the six were recovered on Saturday 'from an underground tunnel in the Rafah area" in southern Gaza, the military

Hamas's Oct 7 raid on Israel, 97 of whom remain captive, including 33 the army says are dead. Scores were released during a negotiated one-week truce in November, but relatives of those still held believe not enough is being done to free

Campaign group the Hostages and Missing Families Forum said a ne-

#### assessed or any casualties. majority after snap vote Japan of liminary results from the Central Election Commission

reported by the TASS news agency. It had 69 seats in the outgoing parliament. Just over 2 million people in the en-

#### Saudi tanker, another oil ship attacked in Red Sea, sources say

**Monitoring Desk** LONDON: A Saudi-owned crude tanker and a separate Panama-flagged oil ship were attacked on Monday in the Red Sea off Yemen two sources familiar with the matter said, although it was unclear if the vessels were hit by Iran-aligned Houthi militants. The sources said the Saudiflagged Amjad and Panamaflagged Blue Lagoon I were sailing near to each other when they were hit, although the tankers were able to continue their voyages with no major damage

#### China warns retaliation over potential new chip curbs

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: China has warned severe economic retaliation against Japan if it further restricts sales and servicing of chipmaking equipment to Chinese firms, Bloomberg News reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter. Toyota Motor privately told Japanese officials that Beijing could react to the curbs by cutting Japan's access to minerals required.

## Six killed, 13 wounded in Kabul suicide bombing: police

Monitoring Desk KABUL: A suicide bomber triggered explosives in the Afghan capital on Monday, police said, killing six people and wounding 13 more. Violence has waned in Afghanistan since the 2021 Taliban takeover, however, several militant groups remain active, including the regional chapter of Islamic State. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Monday afternoon's attack, which took place in the Qala-e-Bakhtiar area of Rabul's southern outskirts.

Kabul police spokes-man Khalid Zadran said "a person wearing explosives on his body detonated", and one woman was among the fatalities. "The injured tals on time and investigations are ongoing," posted on social media platform X. Afghanistan's Taliban authorities have declared security their highest priority since surging back to power following the chaotic withdrawal of foreign forces three years ago.

While their sweeping security operations have led to a decline in militants challenging their rule, according to analysts, they also downplay or delay confirmation of attacks. The last suicide attack in Afghanistan claimed by the regional chapter of Islamic State was in the southern city of Kandahar — the Taliban's historic stronghold.

## Storm sets off floods and landslides in Philippines, leaving at least 14 dead

**Monitoring Desk** MANILA: A storm set off

landslides and unleashed pounding rains that flooded many northern Philippine areas overnight into Monday, leaving at least 14 people dead and prompting authorities to suspend school classes and government work in the densely populated capital region.

Tropical Storm Yagi slammed into Casiguran town in the northeastern province of Aurora Monday afternoon and gained strength with sustained winds of 85 kilometers (53 miles) per hour and gusts of 105 kph (65 mph), according to the weather bu-

The storm, locally called Enteng, gained speed and was moving north-westward at 20 kph (12 mph) toward the country's northernmost provinces. It was forecast to strengthen further, possibly becoming a typhoon, before blowing away toward southern China in the next two days, the weather bureau said.

At least 14 people died, mostly due to landslides and drownings, of-

ficials said. A landslide hit two small shanties on a hillside in Antipolo city on Monday in Rizal province just to the west of the capital, killing at least three people, including a pregnant woman. Four other villagers drowned in swollen creeks, Antipolo's disaster-mitigation officer Enrilito Bernardo Jr. told The Associated Press by telephone.

'The creeks overflowed and a part of the hillside gave in because of the heavy rains," Bernardo said. Four residents died in

separate landslides in central Cebu city and Northern Samar province. Three others died in the eastern city of Naga — two by drowning and one due to electrocution, officials said. Storm warnings were raised in a large swath of Luzon, the country's most populous region, including in metropolitan Manila, where schools at all levels and most government work were suspended due to the storm.

#### Russia's Putin says his young family members speak fluent Mandarin Chinese

**Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that young members of his family speak fluent Mandarin, though he told school children they should not forget the importance of English too despite the growing popularity of Chinese. Putin has two daugh-

ters with his ex-wife Lyudmila and they speak Russian, English, German, and French. Putin, who divorced his wife in 2014, rarely speaks about his family but has at least three grandchildren, according to Russian media. "Some of my family

members, the little ones, speak Chinese too - they speak it fluently," Putin told pupils of Secondary School No. 20 in Kyzyl, Tuva, about 4,500 km (2,800 miles) east of Moscow. Amid a growing partnership

between China and Russia. Mandarin has been growing in popularity across Russia as a foreign language of choice, a trend Putin said was due to developing contacts across economics, politics and society.

Putin, who speaks fluent German but has also taken lessons to improve his English, said that pupils should not forget the importance of English. "English is a great lan-

guage, it has given humanity a great deal in terms of combining knowledge and uniting people in the field of culture, and so on," Putin said. Russian, English, Tatar, German and Chechen are the most widely spoken languages in Russia, according to the 2022 census. While Mandarin is spoken far less it has been growing swiftly in popularity in recent years as a foreign language.

#### Taliban chief tells Afghan officials to enforce new morality law

Monitoring Desk ABUL: Taliban supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada has ordered Afghan officials to enact a sweeping new morality law curtailing women's rights and enshrining an austere vision of Islamic society. Taliban authorities last month announced the law, which includes rules that women's faces, bodies and voices should be "covered" outside the home, among 35 articles dictating behaviour

and lifestyle. While many of the measures have been informally enforced since the Taliban's takeover in 2021, their formal codification sparked an outcry from the international community and rights groups. Akhundzada told civil and military officials "they should implement ... the law of promoting virtue

#### gotiated "deal for the return of the prisoners" was ur-They were among 251 hostages seized during gently needed. Azerbaijan's ruling party retains parliamentary

**Monitoring Desk** BAKU: Azerbaijan's ruling party retained its majority in snap parliamentary election, preliminary results showed, in the country's first vote since staging a lightning offensive a year ago to recapture the breakaway territory of Karabakh. The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a rights watchdog, criticised the vote, saying it had fallen well short

ergy-rich nation cast their ballots, bringing the turnout at the time of the close of polling stations to 37.3%, said Central Election Commission chief Mazahir Panakhov. Exit polls suggested dozens of other seats would go to canof democratic standards. didates who are nominally in-President Ilham dependent of political parties but in practice back the gov-Aliyev's party was on course to win 68 out of 125 seats in ernment as well as to minor parliament, according to prepro-government parties.

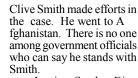
#### Consider case of Aafia Siddiqui as case of army chief extension in service: IHC asks AAG

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) while rejecting plea of Additional Attorney General (AAG) Munawar Iqbal Dogal for giving 5 weeks more time in Dr Aafia Siddiqui case who is imprisoned in US jail has remarked "consider it this is case of extension in army chief ser-

"When Dr Aafia Siddiqui returns any day to Pakistan then you should all apologize to her collectively. Let the history write one US lawyer contested this case free, these remarks were given by Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan during the hearing of petition related to release and return of Dr Aafia Siddiqui to Pakistan

Imran Shafiq counsel for petitioner Fouzia Siddiqui and amicus curiae Zainab Janjua appeared in regard. the court as well

counsel for Fouzia Siddiqui in US appeared in the court through video link.



Khan remarked I cannot understand government fears

AAG Munawar Iqbal Dogal said government is supporting Aafia Siddiqui on permanent basis. When any decision of policy level has to be taken then it takes time. Government of Pakistan is endeavoring fully. One -progress has been achieved which I have to put before the court.

AAG said public appeal in US can be filed through US lawyer. If US lawyer says public appeal can be filed then will government do it. Policy decision will be made in this

AAG Munawar Iqbal Clive Smith who is Dogal said I regret to the

Justice Sardar Ejaz remarked AAG Sahb "don't



NAUNDERO: Taluka Education Officer (TEO) Abdul Qayyum Kartio and Head Mistress Khadija Khuhro are distributing free textbooks among the primary students during the Free textbook distribution ceremony held at Government Boys Primary School-01, in Naundero.

#### **Emirates doubles** connectivity, offering access to 1,700 global cities

KARACHI (INP): In the hanced connectivity, seampast year, Emirates has significantly expanded its global reach, doubling the number of cities it offers beyond its own network. unlocking travel opportunities to nearly 1,700 additional cities. This expansion has enabled over 61,000 passengers to seamlessly connect on the shared networks of Emirates and its partners every week.

Emirates has achieved with 162 partners, including 31 codeshare, 118 interline, and 13 rail and helicopter service partners, spanning over 100 countries. This extensive network provides travelers with en-

less single-ticket itineraries, improved baggage transfers, frequent flyer benefits, and lounge access, ensuring a smooth travel experience at every touchpoint. For customers of part-

ner airlines, popular destinations are more accessible through Emirates' extensive network of over 140 destinations, offering seamless connectivity at Dubai International Airport (DXB) this growth by forging new and industry-leading expepartnerships and deepening riences both on the ground and in the air. In the last year transport ecosystem. The airline now collaborates alone, Emirates launched 16 new partnerships, including codeshares with Avianca and Batik Air Malaysia, and finalized interline agreements with airlines such as KAM Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Condor, Flynas, and Kenya

#### Federal, provincial govts and mayor responsible for miseries of Karachiites: Monem Zafar

KARACHI (INP): Jamaate-Islami (JI) Karachi Ameer Monem Zafar has said that Karachiites have been facing immense problems, including infrastructure, water and power crises because of corruption and mismanagement on part of the federal government, the provincial government and

the illegitimate mayor. The JI leader expressed these views while addressing a large number of party workers at a reception held in his honour

at Karachi's district west. Speaking on the occasion, the JI leader further said that the nearby Hub Dam was overflowing, whereas at the same time, the adjoining districts of Karachi; West and Kemari, were facing acute shortage of water. He further said that the situation evolved to that level because the cil and the provincial as-

Highlighting the failures on part of the Pakistan People Party's government in Sindh, he said that street crimes and narcotics businesses have been skyrocketing in Karachi and other parts of Sindh. He further said that in

the water tankers mafia.

this backdrop, the JI has been raising voice for Karachi and Karachiites. The JI has not only been running the Karachi Rights Movement and Haq Do Awam Ko campaign but has also launched the country wide membership drive.

He further said that Karachiites have expressed their trust in the JI during the local government elections as well as the general elections. He added that the PPP had lost all the moral grounds to rulre as its man-date in both the city coungovernment was sheltering semblies were fake.

#### Larkana Police launches crack down against criminals

SUKKUR (APP): In a bold SSP move, the Larkana Range Police on Sunday night launched an operation against criminals near Pathan Wah and Jahan Wah in Salg Shikarpur, following strict instructions from Deputy Inspector General of Police Larkana Range, Nasir Aftab Pathan.

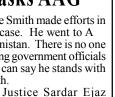
During the operation, a fierce exchange of fire ensued, resulting in the injury of police officer Ghoram Ali, son of Moja Khan Jakhrani. The officer was hit by a bullet and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Upon receiving news of the encounter, DIG Po- reports, the injured police lice Range Larkana immediately communicated with danger.

Jacobabad, directing them to send additional personnel and an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) to the scene. He emphasized the need to bring the accused to justice, stating that society must be freed from criminal elements. The operation is part of a larger crackdown on the hideouts, dens, and robberies of Marfani tribes in the area. A significant number of range police personnel, led by SSP Jacobabad Syed Saleem Shah, are currently conducting operations against the criminals in

Shikarpur and

Shikarpur district. According to medical officer's condition is out of



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairing a

## Ahsan suggests holding int'l summit to establish strong S&T, economic development linkage

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan qbal on Monday highlighted the key role of science and technology (S&T) and engineers in the economic development of the country. Accordingly, he suggested convening an international S&T Summit to invite the world's top scientists and researchers, aiming to find ways to establish a strong link between the science and technology sector and national economic development.

Addressing a symposium, the minister said today the country has thou-

**Ombudsman** 

office Sukkur

disposes of

complaints

SUKKUR (APP): The Fed-

eral Ombudsman regional

office in Sukkur has dis-

posed of dozens of com-

plaints against the federal

departments and provided

budsman regional office in

Sukkur, Sayed Mahmood

Ali Shah on Monday had

conducted investigation

into applications submit-

ted to his office against the

federal departments in-

cluding SEPCO, Sui Gas,

Passport Office, GPO.

NPB, Pakistan Railways

to applicants after conducting hearing into the

**Customs seize** 

drugs worth

Rs 2.25 million

in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Cus-

toms authorities success-

fully foiled an attempt to

smuggle drugs into Pakistan

via the International Mail

Office (IMO) at Jinnah In-

ternational Airport Karachi.

Acting on credible in-telligence, the Customs team, led by Collector Adeem Khan and sup-

ported by ADC Muhammad Faysal Khan

and AC Sharjeel Abbas

Wasan, detained a suspi-

cious EMS parcel labeled as

'Fresh Galangal (Thai Gin-

ger)' originating from Bangkok, Thailand. The parcel was sub-

jected to examination and a

lab test which revealed that

the package contained 500

grams of Marijuana (Can-

nabis), valued at approxi-

Mahmood, a resident of

Gulistan-e-Johar, Karachi.

lodged against the recipient.

and efforts are underway to

apprehend individuals in-

volved in the smuggling

Three crushed

to death by

speeding bus

in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): At least three people were killed af-ter a speeding passenger

bus ran over several motor-

cyclists in Karachi's Site

the tragic traffic incident

occurred on Monday near

Bhawani Chali in Karachi.

where a speeding passen-

ger bus ran over multiple

motorcyclists, killing three

people on the spot and in-

rescue teams arrived at the

scene, and transported the

deceased and the injured to

scene after the incident.

was attributed to the bus's

Soon after the incident.

The bus driver fled the

Initially, the accident

juring five others.

the hospital.

brakes failing.

According to details.

area on Monday.

The parcel was sent to

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operation.

and others.

Incharge, Federal Om-

relief to the applicants.

sands of Ph.Ds in the S&T and engineering sectors due to the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) initiative, the "Teachers Researchers Overseas Scholarship Scheme," which was initiated in 1998 under Vision-2010. At that time, the number of S&T Ph.D holders stood at around 350.

He explained that under the scheme, the government had offered 5,000 overseas and indigenous scholarships to brilliant students, resulting in a significant increase in human resource development, particularly in the S&T and engineering sectors.

"There is a need for effective utilization of their capabilities to find solutions to our issues, engaging them in university laboratories," he said, citing examples of developed na-tions, including America and European countries, that relied on solving issues—whether related to the corporate sector or national level—through labo-

ratories under professors. 'Unfortunately, Pakistan is totally disconnected in this area despite repeated attempts and having internationally acknowledged human resources," he ob-

faced numerous challenges related to agriculture, health and climate change; and there should be regular ideas from university labs to address these issues effectively.
"We are all aware of our

national problems," the minister said, adding that the government's 5Es framework focused on environment and climate change, food and water security.

He said the govern-ment has established a unit in the Ministry of Planning to monitor and evaluate ministries' Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) served. Ahsan Iqbal mentioned that the country framework.

## August marks deadliest month of 2024 amid rising violence in Balochistan: PICSS

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anti-State violence in Pakistan witnessed a complex trend in August, with an alarming rise in violence in Balochistan, while most other provinces showed signs of improvement. According to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS). August 2024 was the deadliest month of the year, with 254 people killed, including 92 civilians, 54 security personnel, and 108 militants. Additionally, 150 individuals were injured, rested 12 suspected mili-including 88 civilians, 35 tants, while militants kid-

PICSS reported that the majority of these casualties resulted from 83 militant attacks, which claimed 175 lives, including 92 civilians, 47 security personnel, and 36 militants, and left 123 people injured— 88 civilians and 35 security personnel. Security operations during the month led to 79 fatalities, including 72 militants and seven security personnel, and 27 militants were injured. Furthermore, security forces ar-

viduals, including a serving Lt. Colonel of the Pakistan Army and an Assistant Commissioner. According to PICSS Militancy Database August 2024 saw the highest number of deaths in mili tant attacks since July 2018. With 175 fatalities from militant attacks, this was the deadliest month in six years. Meanwhile, militants faced the highest fatalities at the hands of security forces in any



LARKANA: Members of Gadhi community are holding protest demonstration for demanding immediate release of missing Azad Ali Gadhi, held at Jinnah Bagh in Larkana.

### Sindh Madressatul Islam University celebrates 140<sup>th</sup> **Foundation Day of SMI**

Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organised a grand ceremony on Monday to celebrate 140th Foundation Day of Sindh Madressatul Islam (SMI) at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Students of SMIU Model School and SMI University performed on folk songs and delivered speeches on SMI's historic role in modern education which it played during pre and post-independence pe-

riod of Pakistan. A group of students led by a teacher Dr. Akbar Ali Chandio presented a poem on SMI. Messages of SMIU alumni who are studying abroad as well as those who are serving different organizations in the country were also played. A great tribute was paid to the founder of SMİ Khan Hassanally Bahadur Effendi and distinguished alumnus of SMI and founder of Pakistan Quaide-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and others. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chan-

KARACHI (APP): Sindh deans and officers also parnounced Rs.2000/- and Rs.3000/-for each student of SMIU Model School and SMI University, who performed during the Foundation Day, from his own pocket, not from SMIU.

In his address at the

ceremony Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai

talked on the social and educational conditions of this region in the colonial period of British rule and highenlightened thoughts, modern approach and tireless struggle of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi for establishment of a modern school- Sindh Madressatul Islam in Karachi for Muslim children. He said the period under British rule was most difficult for Muslims. They were deprived of their fundamental rights and were kept at a distance from official responsibilities, benefits and privileges. That social injustice compelled Hassanally Effendi and his friends to bring a change in



HYDERABAD: Flood affected people of Golarchi area are living under the open sky at roadside makeshift houses as they are waiting for government relief after destruction due to flash flooded caused by recent heavy downpour of monsoon season, near Hyderabad.

#### Mayor to take measures for Eid

single month since Febru-

ary 2017, highlighting the

Milad-un-Nabi SUKKUR (APP): Mayor Sukkur Barrister Arslan Sheikh here on Monday directed the concerned authorities to take measures for peaceful observing of Eid Milad-un-Nabi congregations. Talking to a delegation of Seerat-ul- Nabi conference committee, he said that best arrangements would be made for 12 Rabi Awwal and full proof of security will be

provided to congregations.

Mayor said that Eid Milad-un-Na-bi would be celebrated with religious harmony. He said that different areas inside the Sukkur city would be deco-rated including clock tower, Minara Road, Bander Road, Airow Chowk, Barrage road, Queence Road and ad-jacent markets. He also said that necessary instructions have been conveyed to Water and Sanitation Services of the SMC and SSP Sukkur for providing security and cleaning routes of congregations.

#### Four suspects arrested with weapons in Karachi search

operation KARAČHI (INP): Police arrested four suspects along with firearms during a search operation in Khamiso Ġoth, Karachi. Reports indicate that there was an exchange of gunfire between the police and the suspects in the New Karachi Industrial Area. Additionally, two other suspicious individuals were taken into custody during houseto-house searches and transferred to the po-

aimed to target drug dealers and criminals. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Central Zeeshan Siddiqui stated that the operation was conducted to locate criminal elements, and the

details of the suspi-

#### **CCoSOEs deliberates on** management, strategic direction of key SOEs

Minister for Finance and Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday presided over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Enterprises (CCoSOEs) that focused on various critical issues related to the management and strategic direction of key SOEs.

The meeting was attended among others by Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for Housing & Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Economic Áffairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, SBP Governor, SECP Chairman, TCP Chairman, PQA Chairman, federal secretaries, and other senior offic-

ISLAMABAD (APP): ers from the relevant ministries and divisions, a news

The committee discussed a summary of the Ministry of Commerce regarding the plan to reinvigorate the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP).

It was decided that given the peculiar nature of the entity, TCP may be categorized as an essential SOE under the SOEs Policy,

It was further decided that a detailed financial plan of the entity should be prepared, which should address the question of settlement of its liabilities.

The committee also considered and approved a summary of the Finance Division regarding the appointment of two Independent Directors on the Board of the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank of Pa-kistan.

#### Sindh will be made FMD vaccine free by June 2025: Najmi Alam

**Independent Report** KARACHI: Provincial Advisor for Livestock Syed Najmi Alam presides over a meeting of the Board of of Animal Health held in his

Syed Najmi Alam directed the department to work diligently on various products and submit them for final Directors of Sindh Institute approval through laboratory stages. He said that



projects were approved after discussing various agen-

Meeting approved the preparation of the foot and mouth vaccine and passed it through different stages. Najmi Alam on annual funds of directed that considering the lack of research funds, separate funds should be allocated and the department should be active for research work. In the meeting, it was approved to pre-

market soon, we will be the only organization that can export the vaccine. He said that a monthly report of carpet vaccines should be given; Sindh will be made FMD vaccine free by June 2025. He directed the department to formulate a 20year breeding policy. The vaccine made by Sindh Institute of Animal Health will be checked by private companies, June 2025 is the last deadline to control foot and pare the dog bite vaccine mouth diseases.

## Water from Manchar lake being released in Indus river: DC Jamshoro

HYDERABAD (APP): 8 gates at the canal's head Deputy Commissioner Hussain Wassan on Monday said 18,000 cusecs water is being released from the Manchar lake near Sehwan to the Indus River through Arhal canal's head and tail regulators.

Accompanied by the irrigation officers, the DC visited the lake, canals and distributaries to review the flood situation.

He said that water from the lake was being released in the river through Dadu district.

regulator and 5 gates at its (DC) Jamshoro Riaz tail regulator. He apprised that the level of the Indus was currently at 117 Reduced Level (RL) which happened to be below the lake's level at 123 RL."There is no imminent threat of flooding in

Manchar," he asserted.

The DC also inspected the work of restoration of the embankments of Main Nara Valley Drain (MNVD) from the Zero Point to the Indus link in

#### **DC** visits District Health office Nawabshah

HYDERABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad, Shahriyar Gul Memon, visited the District Health Office Nawabshah and Taluka Hospital Sakrand today to review the ongoing training of polio teams.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner received information from polio supervisors, UC in- to administer polio drops charges, lady health work- to children to make the ers, and polio teams about campaign successful.

Deputy Commissioner Shahriyar Gul Memon, while giving instructions to the health department officials, said that during the special anti-polio campaign starting from September 9 in the two tehsils of Sakrand and Qazi Ahmed, 100% target should be achieved

the ongoing training.

## **Seminar titled "Protection** from Harassment "held at SBBU

seminar titled "Protection from Harassment" was held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad.The seminar was chaired by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Muddad Ali Shah. Speaking the seminar Federal Ombudsman Secretary Syeda Sabah Shah said that eliminating incidents of sexual harassment against women is our top priority, for which we need to establish an inquiry committee in every institution, as well as raise awareness among employees. She added that a code of conduct is being implemented in this regard.

Sabah Shah further said that no laborer can harass cious individuals were women now, and violators will face punishment and fines

HYDERABAD (APP): A under the law. Creating an environment of respect and dignity for women working in government and private institutions is the responsibility of every institution. Vice Chancellor Profes-

sor Dr. Muddad Ali Shah said that society can only progress when it respects women, and we need to trust our sisters and daughters and support them at every turn in life. He added that harassing women at the workplace is a criminal offense, and women should contact the university's inquiry team. During the presentation, the Assistant Law Officer of the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat said that the purpose of this institution is to provide a better environment for women so that they can confidently play their role.