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Fight against terrorism to continue until last extremist is eliminated: ISPR

DG ISPR says that recent terrorist activities in the region were orchestrated by both domestic and foreign adversaries; Pakistan Army conducts over 130 counter-terrorism operations on daily basis

ISLAMABAD (APP): Director General, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry on Thursday said the Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies were conducting more than 130 operations on daily basis to combat terrorism across the country.

Addressing the press conference, the DG ISPR highlighted the military's relentless efforts to maintain peace and security amid terror threats, particularly in Balochistan.

The briefing comes after a series of deadly terror attacks in Balochistan on August 26, which claimed the lives of 50 people, including 14 security person-

nel. In response to these attacks, security operations have been intensified across the region.

He said that security forces had carried out 32,173 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) so far in 2024, with 4,021 conducted in the past month alone. During these operations, 90 terrorists, referred to as "khawarij," were neutralized. He reiterated the resolve of the Pakistan Army, police, and intelligence agencies to continue the fight against terrorism, stating "The war against Fitna al-Khawarij and terrorism will continue until the last terrorist is eliminated."

The DG ISPR also paid tributes to the sacrifices of 193 soldiers who



embraced martyrdom in the last eight months, calling them real heroes of the nation. He assured their families that their sacrifices would not be in vain.

Highlighting a recent operation in the Tirah Valley against the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan

(TTP) and other militant groups, DG ISPR Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said that since August 20, 37 terrorists had been killed, including a top commander, Abuzar, also known as Saddam. Four soldiers were martyred during the operation, he added.

"These successful IBOs are a testament to the bravery and commitment of our security forces to eradicate terrorism," he added.

Referring to the August 26 attacks in Balochistan, reportedly orchestrated by Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), the DG ISPR attributed the violence to "internal and external enemies" hell bent upon destabilizing the province's peaceful environment. He pointed out the military's swift response, during which 21 terrorists were eliminated.

Acknowledging the challenges in Balochistan, he noted that certain elements exploited some sort of 'deprivation' among the local population.



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with General Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) attended Concluding Session of Army War Game held in Rawalpindi.

PM lauds Pak Army's role in maintaining regional stability

Shehbaz commends army's innovative strategies and structural reforms aimed at strengthening deterrence capabilities; Expresses satisfaction over operational preparedness of Pakistan Army

RAWALPINDI (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed his complete satisfaction over the operational preparedness of Pakistan Army, acknowledging the pivotal role of the Armed Forces in maintaining strategic stability in the region.

The prime minister, who was attending the concluding session of Army War Game, also acknowledged the Armed Forces' role in preserving the delicate balance of power, essential for peace

in nuclearized South Asia, according to a press release.

He was comprehensively briefed on the recently concluded war-game and operational readiness of Pakistan Army, across the full spectrum of threat.

Prime Minister Shehbaz commended the innovative employment concepts and structural reforms aimed at enhancing the deterrence regime

which would ensure the imposition of retributive cost on any adversary in

the event of aggression.

The military leadership reaffirmed their unwavering resolve to safeguard the national sovereignty and territorial integrity at all cost. It was reiterated that Pakistan Army remained fully cognizant of the prevailing security challenges and would continue to enhance its capabilities to thwart any aggressive designs against Pakistan.

Federal Ministers for Defence, Finance and Information, Chief of the Army Staff and senior military officials were in attendance.

Seven-day anti-polio campaign to begin in Sindh from 9th September

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KARACHI: An important meeting regarding the upcoming Polio Campaign was held on Thursday, co-chaired by Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah and Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Karachi, Secretary Health, Secretary Transport, representatives of Police, WHO, UNICEF, and Coordinator EOC Sindh Irshad Ali Sodhar, while all commissioners and deputy commissioners from across the province joined via video link.

The meeting decided that the Polio Campaign will be conducted from 9th to 15th September in 30 districts of Sindh. During this special drive, 9.4 million children will be administered polio drops. Sindh Coordinator for Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Irshad Ali Sodhar, briefed the meeting and confirmed that the training of campaign staff has been completed. He also shared that, in collaboration with the district administration, bus terminals in Karachi have been mapped. Special teams, in cooperation with the Sindh Transport Department, will be deployed at the Sohrab Goth Bus Terminal, where 150 buses depart

daily, to ensure children are vaccinated.

Addressing the participants, Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho emphasized that children arriving from other provinces, particularly from Afghanistan, must be administered polio drops at all railway stations and bus terminals. She urged all District Health Officers (DHO), Deputy Commissioners (DC), partner organizations, polio staff, and EPI staff to ensure that every child is vaccinated properly. "We need to put in extra effort to start cleaning the environment from the virus, and this can only be achieved through joint efforts from everyone involved. The responsibility of eradicating polio lies with all of us," said Dr. Pechuho.

Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah expressed his strong commitment to the campaign, stating, "We must demonstrate our true commitment to polio eradication, and I will personally be in the field to show my support for the polio teams. I expect the same level of commitment from all field officers and stakeholders." He assured full support from the Sindh government and directed all relevant departments to play a proactive role in ensuring the campaign's success.

CS Sindh secretariat offices, expresses displeasure over absence of officers

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KARACHI: Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah conducted a surprise visit to various offices in Sindh Secretariat today. During the visit, several officers, including secretaries and additional secretaries, were found absent until 9:45 AM, prompting strong displeasure from the Chief Secretary.

According to the spokesperson for the Chief Secretary, show-cause notices and displeasure Notes have been ordered against the absent officers. The de-

partments affected include Excise, Labor, Mines & Minerals, School Education, Planning, Women Development, and Industries, whose secretaries were not present in their respective offices at Old KDA and Tughlaq House.

The Chief Secretary has issued strict directives to all officers to ensure punctuality. Any further negligence in this regard will result in serious disciplinary action. A report regarding the absentees will also be forwarded to the Chief Minister for further review and action.



LAHORE: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Fateha over the martyrdom of Captain Muhammad Ali Qureshi during his visit to Lahore.

President Zardari visits family of martyred Captain Qureshi

LAHORE (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari visited on Thursday the residence of Captain Muhammad Ali Qureshi, who was recently martyred in Balochistan, and offered his profound condolences to his family.

The President prayed for elevation of ranks of Captain Muhammad Ali in Jannah. Recognising his sacrifices and contributions for the nation, he paid tributes to Captain Qureshi's courage, bravery and dedication.

President Asif Ali Zardari highlighted the sacrifices rendered by the security forces in the fight against terrorism and noted that former prime minister Mohi-ud-Din Benazir Bhutto was also martyred at the hands of terrorists.

The president reassured the nation of unwavering commitment to eradicating terrorism from the country, emphasising that efforts would continue till the menace was completely eliminated.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch of the book "Pakistan's 100 Most Successful CEOs and Diplomats."

Ahsan stresses collaborative efforts to achieve sustainable economic goals

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives on Thursday stressed collaborative efforts to achieve the objective of sustainable economic goals in the country.

Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch of the book titled "Pakistan's 100 Most Successful CEOs and Diplomats" which highlighted the essential role of private institutions and civil society in collaboration with the government to achieve national development.

Addressing the event, Minister Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the significance of this gathering, calling it a milestone in shaping the future of Pakistan.

He noted that the event brings together visionary and influential individuals who are playing a pivotal role in the country's economic and social progress.

The Minister lauded the contributions of these individuals in modernizing national institutions. He referred to them as the architects of society who lead in productivity, innovation, leadership, and quality, propelling the nation towards the path of sustainable growth.

He also extended his gratitude to Ejaz Nisar and his team for uniting leaders from various sectors on a common platform. The Minister underscored that this collective effort is a vital step toward economic stability and securing a brighter future for the nation.

Planners, facilitators of May 9 riots to face punishment: Asif

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Thursday said that planners and facilitators of May 9, would face punishment as per law of the country.

Talking to a private television channel, he said that facilitators and beneficiaries of May 9, would also face action. The convict of May 9 riots would be given severe punishment, he added.

All main-power for May 9, mayhem was provided by PTI, he stated.

In reply to a question about solution of Balochistan issues, he said that some elements were causing main hindrance in the development of Balochistan region.

Chinese envoy visits APNS office

KARACHI (APP): Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong on Thursday visited the office of All Pakistan Newspaper Society (APNS) here.

Acting Consul General of China at Karachi, Zhang Hao and other notables were also present on the occasion. Former president APNS, Hameed Haroon, Finance Secretary APNS Shahab Zuberi, Members APNS Kazi Asad Abid and Bilal Farooqi and others accorded a warm welcome to the Chinese Ambassador on his arrival at APNS Office.



ABU DHABI: Chief Guest His Excellency General Salem Saeed Al Jabri, UAE's Assistant Foreign Minister for Military & Security Affairs, H.E. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Commodore Shahid Wasif SI (M), Mission Commander, Pakistan Navy and Brigadier Abdullah Al Mohairbi, Deputy Commander UAE Navy at the cake cutting ceremony held in connection with Pakistan Defense Day in Abu Dhabi.

Israeli attacks on refugee camps breach of int'l laws: FO

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Thursday strongly condemned the assault by the Israeli occupation forces on refugee camps in Jenin and Tulkarm cities of the occupied West Bank, calling it a breach and contempt for international laws.

"Targeting individuals sheltered in refugee camps is yet another breach of international humanitarian law by the Israeli occupation forces, demonstrating their contempt for international law and basic tenets of decency and acceptable international behavior. Pakistan calls for an immediate cessation of these raids masquerading as military operations in the West Bank. We believe that the path to lasting peace cannot be achieved through aggression," Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at her weekly press briefing.

The spokesperson also urged the UN Security Council to play its role to prevent Israeli occupation forces from further attacks against civilians, hold Israel accountable for war crimes, and take measures to protect the Palestinian people.

Apprising the media of the recently held 50th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Cameroon and attended by Foreign Secretary Muhammad Sajjad Qazi, she said the forum reaffirmed its consensus on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute by declaring that the final settlement of the dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and a UN-supervised plebiscite was indispensable for durable peace and stability in South Asia.

Nasir Hussain Shah meets Chairman PPP

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KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Energy and Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah met Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at Bilawal House Islamabad and discussed energy sector and Sindh Development Funds.

Nasir Shah said that he has requested Chairman Bilawal Bhutto to talk to the Federation to release the funds that have been with-

held and committed by the Federation. Minister energy said that the federal government had promised to build houses and other infrastructure for the flood victims, which have not yet been released.

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto has discussed with the federal government to release funds as soon as possible with which the flood victims will be rehabilitated.

Loss of 4 billion in cotton crop due to recent rains: Mahar



SUKKUR (APP): Provincial Minister for Agriculture Sindh Sardar Muhammad Bukhsh Khan Mahar Thursday said that he has held a meeting with the fertilizer companies to ensure the supply of fertilizers to farmers.

Talking to the media, he said that farmers were facing the several issues related to fertilizers.

He said that "we have a plan to eliminate fertilizer hoarding and black marketing and how to control fertilizer smuggling."

In this regard, coordination between the district administration, agriculture department and fertilizer companies was necessary.

"Our effort is to ensure timely demand and supply, while there are no issues of overpricing and hoarding," he added.

The Provincial Minister said that "powers have been transferred to the inspectors of the Agriculture Department, we need to take action against dealers who manufacture fake fertilizers and create fluctuations in fertilizer prices, besides action to be taken against counterfeit pesticides manufacturers."

Sardar Muhammad Bukhsh Khan Mahar further said that due to the recent rains, "we have suffered a loss of 4 billion rupees in the cotton crop. The loss of farmers due to the rains in 2022 was also compensated, and this time too, we are making a plan to do the same."



Pakistan Army is the guarantor of survival and defense of the country!

By Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri

Today we are celebrating the victory of the September 1965 war in the form of

for a strong army and a strong defense to protect it. Pakistan Army is the guarantor of the survival and defense of the country. The enemy has tried our arms

an inch of land of their beloved motherland. After the war of 1965, the enemy became convinced that he could never win against Pakistan on the battlefield, so he adopted the strategy of trying to harm Pakistan through stealth and conspiracies. Engaged in conspiracies against integrity. Especially in Pakistan's important province of Balochistan, India is continuing its dirty conspiracies. Every day cowardly acts against the integrity of Pakistan are being carried out by a few desperate people who have failed every time in their



Pakistan Defense Day, in which we defeated the enemy India who attacked Pakistan in the dark of night and we won an eternal victory and the world saw that the entire nation was defeated the enemy. A lead wall was built ahead and along with the Pakistan Army, they inflicted such a defeat on the enemy that they will remember for the rest of the world. If the current situation is examined, it may be correct to say that we have been in a state of war for 77 years. Our arch enemy and opponents of peace have not recognized Pakistan as a claimant of peace till date. Pakistan has always been seeking lasting peace and efforts were also made for this, but due to specific geographical boundaries, Pakistan has always been the target of international powers and is still so. Everyone in the region tries to use Pakistan for their own interests through friendship or enmity. Although Pakistan has always played its vital role for peace in the world. The world is very well aware of Pakistan's sacrifices against terrorism. In many places in the world, the Pakistani army has played a prominent role in peacekeeping and the UNO's missions are a witness to this. Pakistan wants friendly relations with all its neighbors, but India, which is the eternal enemy of Pakistan, which has not recognized Pakistan wholeheartedly since the first day, is always creating a fabric against Pakistan. India wants to confuse Pakistan so that he can achieve their nefarious goals, but it is the great grace of ALLAH that the entire nation and the Pakistan Army have always crushed the evil ambitions of India and its followers and it will continue to crush the enemies in the future. Pakistan is a security state; there is a dire need

many times but in every bad time, Pakistan forces have proved that they are the great army of the world and despite this no fire can come on the country of Pakistan. The day of September 6 reminds us of the great achievements of the Pakistan Army. In the war of 1965, the Sons of the country made such a history that it left the world in awe. The manner in which the largest tank attack on the



Chondah front was repulsed is a unique chapter in war history. The soldiers of Pakistani army got under the enemy's tanks by tying bombs to their bodies and destroyed the tanks. This spirit is not found in any other army in the world. Similarly, Pakistan Air Force destroyed the Indian Air Fleet and M.M Alam made history by destroying 5 aircrafts of India in a few minutes, he set a record that probably no one could break this record in war achievements for the rest of the world. Pak Navy also met the Indian Navy, which was full of spirit and had few resources. Gave a full response to the actions of and caused heavy damage. Therefore, the September war is full of eternal stories of the love of the Pakistani nation and the Pakistani forces for the country. Despite having fewer resources, Pakistan destroyed them and did not allow India to occupy even

nefarious purposes because they are faced with the Pakistani forces and the brave nation who will matter what the enemies do to them. It is a fact that the people of Balochistan have always been patriotic and know that if there is Pakistan, then we are. The only regret is that the anti-national and self-interested elements want to create hatred among nations by using the name of BALOCH and carrying out terrorist acts against other nations, but they will never succeed in this goal. Very soon these cowardly elements will be brought to their logical end. When India carried out nuclear explosions, then Pakistan also had to do nuclear explosions in response because the world should not think that Pakistan is in any way a weak country or that it does not have nuclear capability. After the nuclear explosions, the enemy changed his strategy. Now the enemy

Defence Day - A tribute to unyielding spirit of Armed Forces



By Ali Jabir

Amidst challenges of maintaining domestic peace in the wake of foreign-sponsored terror onslaught, the nation is celebrating another Defence Day on September 06 - a day steeped in history, valor and national pride. Every year, this day reminds us of our obligations to the sacrifices of men and women in uniform who had defended nation's sovereignty over the decades from the battlefields of 1965 and 1971 to the icy heights of Kargil and through the tumultuous War on Terror. Hats off to our defence forces for always standing as a bulwark against aggression, both external and internal and no matter it is full-fledged war or terrorism threats, the legacy of sacrifices continues to inspire and unite the nation.

The origins of Defence Day trace back to 1965 Indo-Pak War, beginning with escalating tensions over the disputed region of Kashmir and culminating into a full-scale conflict between India and Pakistan on September 6, 1965, launched a surprise attack on Lahore, aiming to capture the city. The Pakistani military, despite being outnumbered, mounted a fierce defense. The battle of Lahore and another key engagement in Sialkot and the defense of the strategic Chamb sector highlighted the courage and resilience of Pakistani soldiers. Heroes like Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, who received Nishan-e-Haider for his gallantry, became symbols of national pride.

On the night of September 5-6 Indian army, without a formal declaration of war, crossed the international border, launching attacks on Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan's Army and Air Force halted the offensive, inflicting significant casualties on the aggressor. Besides Lahore and Kasur, an Indian Army Corps also launched a major thrust east of Sialkot with armored and infantry divisions, supported by gallant 3 Frontier Force and B Company 13 Frontier Force (Reconnaissance & Support). This prompted a swift response from Pakistan, with a 30-mile front established to halt the enemy's advance at Chawinda front. This sector witnessed the largest tank battle since World War II, led by 6 Armored Division, valiantly supported by 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and 4 Corps Artillery. Due to heavy losses inflicted on India, this front is remembered as 'Graveyard of Tanks'.

operations, and sponsoring terrorism. The turn of the 21st century brought a new and complex challenge to Pakistan in the form of the War on Terror and this new kind of warfare required the military to adapt to counterinsurgency operations, facing an enemy that was often elusive and deeply entrenched in difficult terrain. Operations such as Rah-e-Rast, Rah-e-Nijat and Zarb-e-Azb were pivotal in dismantling terrorist networks in tribal areas and restoring the state's writ. The military's success in these operations came at a tremendous cost with thousands of soldiers martyred and many more wounded. The efforts of the armed forces not only curbed terrorist threats but also paved the way for rebuilding the war-torn regions, enabling displaced populations to return to their homes. In recent years, the armed forces have been battling the remnants of terrorism through operations like Radd-ul-Fasaad and Azm-e-Nau. Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad in 2017 and now the Azm-e-Nau, aim at eliminating the residual threat of terrorism and consolidating gains made in earlier operations. Radd-ul-Fasaad focused on intelligence-based operations, counter-terrorism measures and decentralization programs - reflecting a comprehensive approach to national security while operation Azm-e-Nau is part of a broader strategy to strengthen Pakistan's conventional deterrence.

Since 1965 war, India remained continuously engaged in sabotage activities against Pakistan and shamefully disintegrated the country by supporting separatist movement in East Pakistan. The sacrifices of soldiers in battles like the defense of Dhaka, the naval engagements in the Bay of Bengal and the air battles over the subcontinent were immense. Whether it was 1948, 1965, 1971, or Kargil operation, Pakistani soldiers, operating in extremely challenging conditions, displayed extraordinary bravery. As during last 25 years Pakistan and India did not engage in a full-fledged war, Indian governments and spy agencies had always been busy in destabilizing activities by fuelling extremism, conducting covert

As the country faces a resurgence of terrorism and navigates a volatile security landscape, the nation is celebrating another Defence Day with a resolve to safeguard the motherland and pay tribute to our valiant soldiers who laid down lives for national defence.

The Unforgettable War: Pakistan's victory against all odds in 1965

By Sultan Shoaib

There is no doubt that a nation cannot be negligent about its defense, as a nation's defense is directly proportional to the security of its borders and the bravery of its people. The 17-day war that started on September 6, 1965, is a symbol of dignity and independence for the Pakistani nation, reminding us every year in September how the Pakistani armed forces thwarted India's nefarious intentions.



In the 1965 war the Pakistani army defended the country's borders with such honor that it proved to the world that we are a living nation and who's never compromise on their defense. It should not be forgotten that the India that claims to be a champion of peace today had imposed war on a smaller country 59 years ago. In the 1965 war, India was a bigger enemy in terms of numbers, but Pakistan defeated them on every front with the grace of Allah. Despite being outnumbered Pakistan's 125 tanks and 9,000 soldiers bravely fought against India's 500 tanks and 50,000 soldiers and humiliated them. The Chawinda battle in the Sialkot sector was the largest tank battle in the history of wars after World War II. Pakistan's army destroyed 45 Indian tanks and captured several others, making Chawinda a symbol of defeat for India. After the defeat, the Indian soldiers became demoralized and started fleeing, leaving their tanks behind.

The Pakistani army took advantage of the situation and captured several enemy posts, which is why Chawinda is called the "tank graveyard" for Indian tanks. The Pakistani army also captured hundreds of enemy soldiers. Similarly, in the Lahore sector the enemy had planned to capture Lahore but Major Aziz Bhatti stood in their way. He was the company commander in the Burki area of the Lahore front. Major Aziz stood firm like a wall against the Indian tanks for five continuous days. Finally, on September 12, 1965, he embraced martyrdom after being hit by an Indian tank shell, but he foiled the enemy's plan to enter Lahore. According to Indian records, the 1965 war was a significant defeat for India. The Indian Ministry of Defense admitted that India suffered heavy losses in the war, with 59 of their 460 aircraft and 43 of Pakistan's 186 aircraft being destroyed. However, independent sources claim that over 100

started on September 6, 1965 proved that the Pakistani army and nation are a living nation and cannot be defeated by any power in the world. The 1965 war was a resounding testament to Pakistan's unyielding spirit and unwavering dedication to its sovereignty. Like a beacon of hope the nation stood tall against the odds, its people and armed forces united in their quest for freedom and dignity. The bravery and sacrifices of our heroes, etched in the annals of history, continue to inspire generations, their legacy a shining reminder of the power of courage and unity. As we remember this pivotal moment in our past, we honor the indomitable will of a nation that refused to be defeated, and we recommit ourselves to the ideals of freedom, justice, and peace that have always guided us. May the spirit of 1965 continue to ignite our hearts and minds, illuminating the path towards a brighter future for all.

Similarly, our Navy also defended the maritime front and made the nation proud. In September the smaller but brave and united nation faced the enemy's attacks with such valor that their plans were foiled. Despite having less military equipment, the Pakistani armed forces and the nation proved that they have the capability to defend every inch of their sacred land with their passion, enthusiasm, and martyrdom spirit. The 17-day war that

Defence Day, our pride

6th September our Defence day is one of the proudest moments for Pakistan as a nation which was built on the basic elements of love, brotherhood and fraternity. It is a day of such wisdom, love sacrifice, nobility and honor that it leaves your heart to cry. As a child I was always delighted by and indulged in the celebrations not knowing of what truth

amongst human beings. However, it is very sad to see that this disease of politics has entrapped the world and it is immensely dreadful for the whole of humanity. On this day during the 1965 Indo-Pak war Pakistan defeated India and her armies with such zeal, courage and passion of patriotism, with such strength and



lied behind them. But as I grew up and saw the world covered up with grotesque toxins such as violence, pride and politics, I wondered where humanity is? but when I came to know of the whole incident as to what act of bravery and courage and patriotism was shown by our soldiers and even the normal citizens during this whole incident the War of 1965, I saw hope, and realized that there is solitude and love

nobility that the world is amazed while just listening as to what happened on this day. The Indian army without permission crossed the borderlines and attacked Pakistan without a warning thinking of attacking us in a way that we might get surprised and under such stress and chaos give up and surrender to them. This is totally against war ethics and is actually a shame towards them. However little did

they know of the bravery that is vested in every Pakistani's veins. We certainly did not crack under pressure and instead gave India a lesson she deserved. As our heroes, our brave martyrs did astonishing works involving not only exhibiting practical application of the bravery instilled in their hearts and love for their homeland. In addition, attacks for five days and nights in Defense of the strategically vital BRB Canal. Being courageous throughout the constant fire from enemy small arms, tanks and artillery, he organized the Defence canal, directing his troops to answer the fire until he was hit by an enemy tank shell which killed him. Could one imagine of such bravery and courage to go in front of tanks waiting to shoot you? Or when we hear about how Pilot officer Rashid Minhas took control of such a mind distorting situation. He was going for a take-off on a routine training flight but suddenly an Instructor pilot forced his way into the air craft and took off. When Rashid Minhas realized that this person was actually an Indian agent and was leading the aircraft towards India, he tried to regain control of the plane but could not do so. Hence, without any hesitation, looking death into the eye, he damaged the controls and forced the air craft to crash thirty two miles away from the border. This is just two of the examples of such nobility and act of patriotism shown by our heroes, of the bravery and sacrifice given by so many of our heroes. Our Army is such a huge blessing for us that we can't imagine.



September 6: A day of national pride in Pakistan's military history



On September 6, 1965, Pakistan faced a grave challenge to the sovereignty and integrity, which the nation and its valiant armed forces met with great courage and determination, defeating the sinister designs of much-larger enemy – India.

Since then, the nation has been observing the Defence Day every year with great zeal, seeking Allah Almighty's blessing and support for the country's integrity, prosperity and independence.

The day is commemorated to revive the national spirit and renew the pledge of defending the country against all sorts of threats, paying homage to the sons and daughters of the soil who laid down their lives and endured the vagaries of war in defending the motherland.

Fifty-five years back, it was the first full-fledged war with India after a clash in 1947-48 on the core issue of Kashmir, which unfortunately still remained unresolved even after the passage of more than 70 years, besides becoming a nuclear war flashpoint. Later, the two armies also fought in 1971 and 1999 and remained eyeball-to-eyeball several times.

The latest episode took place in February, 2019 when Indian aircraft intruded Pakistani airspace after the Pulwama incident, whom the Pakistan Air Force gave a befitting reply by gunning down its two fighter jets and arresting a pilot.

Initially, the Indian forces intruded Pakistani area in the Rann of Kutch in April 1965, whom was ejected in a sharp and short conflict. Both the armies had fully mobilized, with eyeball-to-eyeball contact. Pakistan proposed cease-fire, India accepted, following which an agreement was signed and the forces were disengaged.

Past midnight on September 5-6, without a formal declaration of war, Indian army crossed the international border and attacked Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan Army and Air Force halted the attack in its tracks, inflicting heavy casualties on the aggressor. On September 7, a single Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Pilot, Squadron Leader Muhammad Mahmood Alam, Sitara-i-Juraat, in his F-86 Sabre, shot down five Indian Air Force (IAF) attacking Hunter aircraft in a single sortie, an unbeaten world record till date.

On September 6-7

night, three teams of Pakistan's Special Services Groups were parachuted on the IAF bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara to neutralize them.

To relieve pressure on Lahore front, on September 7-8 night, after crossing two major water obstacles in a bold thrust, Pakistan's armoured and mechanized formations supported by artillery and PAF overran area Khem Karn, six to eight miles inside Indian territory. Vital Indian positions at Sulemanki and across Rajasthan and Sindh were also captured in bold and swift attacks.

As soon as the pres-

ence of India's one Armoured Division was confirmed, Pakistan Army rushed forward to stop the onslaught on a 30-mile front. The biggest tank battle since World War-II was fought on the Chawinda front by 6 Armoured Division, under command 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and valiantly supported by 4 Corps Artillery led by Brigadier A.A.K. Choudhry, Hilal-i-Juraat.

Pakistan Air Force (PAF) support helped turn the tide of the battle. Before a counter offensive by 6 Armoured Division on 22 September could be launched, India asked for cease-fire in the United Nations. India's aggression against Pakistan's international borders without a formal declaration of war, had cost it, apart from heavy personnel, material and

economic losses, 1617 square miles of territory as compared to 446 square miles of Pakistan's open and undefended territory. Many of our martyred national heroes were given awards for their gallantry and bravery. The highest military award of Nishan-i-Haider was awarded to Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, for his

extraordinary role in defending the Lahore Bedian area in 1965.

Where the country's armed forces proved their mettle, despite being short in number and having limited resources, the whole nation stood by them shoulder-to-shoulder in thwarting the attack.

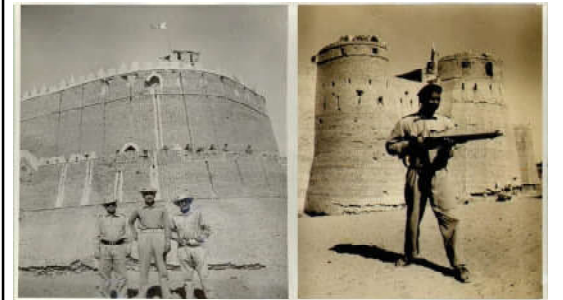
otic songs to defend the motherland. Some of the evergreen heart-warming national songs include "Aye Watan Key Sajeelay Jawano, Ae Mard e Mujahid Jaag Zara. A Putter Hatan Tey Nai Wekday, Ae Rahe Haq Key Shaheedo", "Mere Dhool Sipahheeya", Rang Laye Ga Shaheedon Ka

Pakistan armed forces were fighting a war to defend the territorial integrity of the country against a formidable enemy. They did defend the country in a befitting manner. When the war ended Lahore and Sialkot were far away from the reach of the enemy. The enemy suffered heavy losses in terms of military hardware.



Lahore, Yeh Hawaon Key Musafir, Umeed-e-Fatah Rakho, Apni Jaan Nazar Karoon, Ab Fatah-e-Mubeen Hai, Khitta-e-Lahore Tere Jaan Nisaaron Ko Salaam, Hum Haidery Hain, Toheed Key Matwalon and Jung Khed Nahi Hundi Zaniyaan Di."— APP feature

Defence Day: For honour and inspiration



By Arif Iftikhar

Very often we take for granted our freedoms as citizens of an independent country and the peaceful surroundings of our city and other places in Pakistan that we visit. This freedom and peace is ensured by the military and security agencies that work round the clock to protect our country from foreign and other kinds of domestic threats. Their role is to work for the defence and security of the country under the guidance of the civilian government; and their personnel make great sacrifices, if necessary, in the course of their duty.

The contributions of the defence services provided by our military forces are marked by the annual celebration of the national Defence Day in our country.

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The contributions of the defence services provided by our military forces are marked by the annual celebration of the national Defence Day in our country. Defence Day, as the name suggests, commemorates the day when our national armed forces successfully defended the attack of Indian forces on our country in the 1965 war. It is a tribute to our armed forces and all the martyrs of the war. It is celebrated on September 6 each year. The enemy attacked

our borders on September 6, 1965, with a view to invade the attacked areas. It was a reaction to stop the advance of Pakistani military in India Occupied Kashmir. They mainly attacked the regions of Lahore, Sialkot and the desert areas of Sindh. The battle lasted till September 22, 1965, when both sides accepted the United Nations-administered ceasefire.

Our military was successful in defending not only the areas attacked but also in protecting the lives of thousands of civilians and their homes. As such, we owe a duty to honour and respect all the military personnel of our country who gave up their lives so that we, our relatives and our fellow countrymen could live peacefully. This respect and honour should also extend to all those military personnel who supported our martyrs, risked their lives and lived to tell the tale.

Many of our martyred national heroes were given awards for their gallantry and bravery. The highest military award of Nishan-i-Haider was awarded to Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, for his extraordinary role in defending the Lahore Bedian area in 1965.

He is among a handful of other gallant and brave military personnel who were martyred and awarded the same award in other battles and wars. They gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the defence of Pakistan.

Defence Day – Manifesting an indomitable resolve against aggression

By Ali Jabir

ISLAMABAD : The valiant nations always rise to the call of duty by emerging stronger and resolutely to demonstrate unwavering resolve and determination



to defend their homeland and honor.

Whether it is internal strife or foreign aggression, these nations exhibit unyielding courage with their valiant fighters even laying down their lives for the independence, sovereignty and well-being of their people.

Such a day was experienced by the Pakistani nation on September 6, 1965, when its neighbouring enemy India imposed unwanted aggression ambushing in the darkness of night with an ambition to kneel down its people.

But our valiant armed forces, backed by the nation's courage and determination, defended the motherland's sovereignty and integrity with unparalleled

valor. From the initial clashes along the Eastern Border to the full-fledged war, Pakistan embarked on a path of glory that showcased its mettle on the ground. It sent a clear message to

the world, "When this nation unites with its armed forces, no enemy can shake its resolve."

Since then, the Pakistani nation has observed Defence Day every year on September 06, with great zeal and enthusiasm to reaffirm its commitment to defending our country against all threats.

On this day, the nation pays tribute to brave sons and daughters of Pakistan who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and passed on the legacy of valor and loyalty to future generations.

Fifty-eight years ago, Pakistan found itself engaged in a full-fledged war with India. The initial Indian incursion into Pakistani territory occurred in April

1965 in the Rann of Kutch. Pakistan forcefully ejected them, with both sides fully mobilized, standing face-to-face. Pakistan proposed a ceasefire, which India accepted, leading to an agreement and the dis-

engagement of forces.

However, the situation escalated on the night of September 5-6 when the Indian army, without a formal declaration of war, crossed the international border, launching attacks on the Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan's Army and Air Force halted the offensive, inflicting significant casualties on the aggressor.

On September 7, Squadron Leader Muhammad Mahmood Alam, a PAF pilot, achieved an unmatched feat by shooting down five Indian Air Force Hunter aircraft in a single sortie. Pakistan's Special Services Groups executed para-drops on Indian Air Force bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara on the

same night to neutralize them.

To relieve pressure on the Lahore front, Pakistan's armoured and mechanized units, backed by artillery and the PAF, swiftly overran the Khem Karn area, penetrating six to eight miles into Indian territory. Key Indian positions in Sulemanki and across Rajasthan and Sindh were captured in bold and rapid offensives.

Simultaneously, an Indian Army Corps launched a major thrust east of Sialkot with armoured and infantry divisions, supported by gallant 3 Frontier Force and B Company 13 Frontier Force (Reconnaissance & Support). This prompted a swift response from Pakistan, with a 30-mile front established to halt the enemy's advance. The Chawinda front witnessed the largest tank battle since World War

II, led by 6 Armored Division, valiantly supported by 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and 4 Corps Artillery.

The Pakistan Air Force played a crucial role in turning the tide of battle. Before a counteroffensive by the 6 Armored Division on September 22, India requested a ceasefire through the United Nations.

India's aggression, without a formal declaration of war, came at a significant cost, resulting in heavy personnel, material and economic losses, along with the loss of 1617 square miles of territory compared to 446 square miles of Pakistan's open and undefended land.

Many of Pakistan's martyrs received awards for their gallantry and bravery, including Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, who was posthumously awarded the highest military honor, Nishan-i-Haider, for his



exceptional role in defending Lahore at Bedian.

While the armed forces showcased their mettle, the entire nation stood shoulder-to-shoulder, united against the enemy's aggression. Pakistani artists, including Mehdi Hassan, Alam Lohar, Noor Jehan, Saleem Raza and others, played a vital

role in boosting morale with patriotic songs, fostering a sense of unity and resilience.

The enemy had suffered a resounding defeat with our forces silencing India's reckless territorial ambitions and ill-will towards Pakistan.

"The victory in the 1965 war was made possible by the national spirit and unity that must always be remembered and upheld," stated Lieutenant General (Retd) Amjad Shoab.

"On this day the whole nation especially people from Lahore, Sialkot and other border areas demonstrated unique unity," he added.

Other defence analysts also underline the importance of this day and call on the nation to always emulate the spirit and determination of that historic day.

"India had been re-

lentlessly seeking to destroy Pakistan since its inception, but it is our unity as a nation that foiled all bids of our enemy," remarked Lieutenant General (Retd) Ghulam Mustafa.

Brigadier (Retd) Mahmood Shah has also reiterated that Pakistan's victory in the 1965 war was due to national unity and the heroic performance of its armed forces.

"This unity and determination must continue to be the pillars of Pakistan's defense and progress in the years to come."

This Sunday, once again the nation will stand united to renew its vigor and enthusiasm, sending a clear message to hostile neighbours that Pakistan remains prepared and determined to thwart any threats to its sovereignty and integrity.—APP Feature



Google to produce 0.5 mln Chromebooks in Pakistan by 2026, presents first to PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): The global tech giant Google on Thursday launched an initiative to produce half a million Chromebooks in Pakistan, marking the occasion by presenting the first device to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at a ceremony held here.

Regional Director of Google for Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Farhan S. Qureshi presented the Chromebook to the prime minister.

The prime minister, addressing the ceremony, appreciated the contribution of Google on global level and in Pakistan as well.

He believed that the young generation of the country was much capable in the field of Information Technology that could play key role in economic development of Pakistan.

He said the federal and the provincial governments should utilize all possible resources to ensure their education and empowerment.

The prime minister informed that the government had set a target of IT export worth USD25 billion in next five years that was quite achievable.

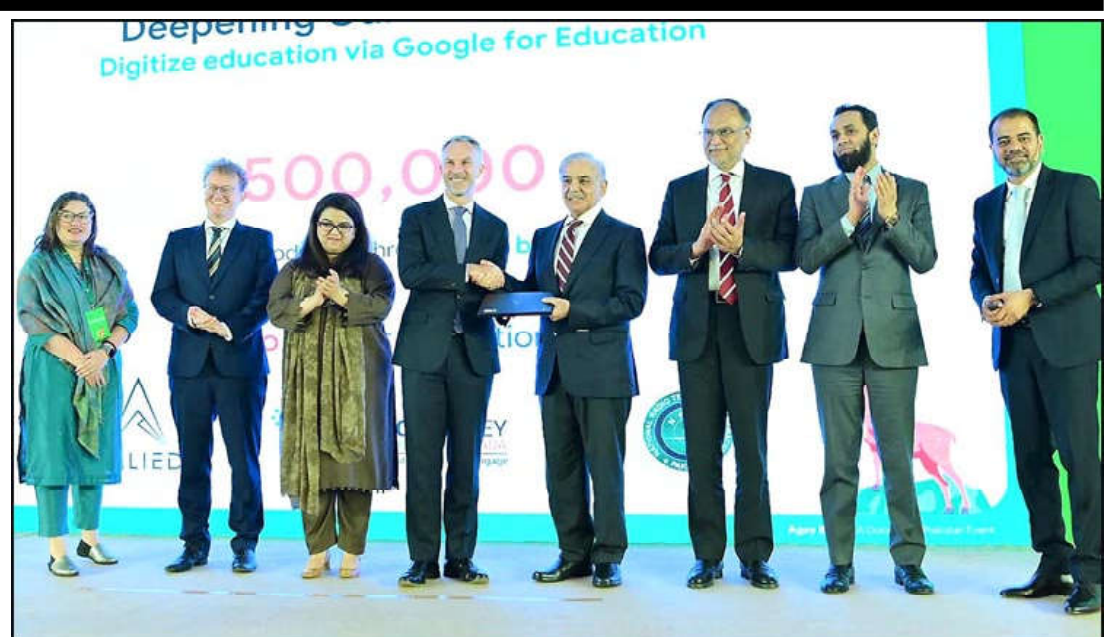
He asked the IT experts and entrepreneurs to present a plan to help government achieving the target besides promoting Small and Medium Enterprises and freelancers.

PM Shehbaz Sharif also resolved to make the country's governance system totally paperless and digitized to get rid of massive corruption in the best interest of people of Pakistan.

He said the government had hired a new Secretary for Ministry of IT and Telecommunication through a transparent way.

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja said Google was playing important role in digitization of Pakistan under the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Farhan Qureshi said focusing on technology would help increase economic activities in the country. He highlighted that there were huge opportunities for freelancers in Pakistan to move forward in various fields of technology.



ISLAMABAD: President Asia Pacific of Google presents locally manufactured Chrome Book to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



KARACHI: MQM Pakistan activists hold protest outside K electric.

No case of new Mpox variant reported in Pakistan: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Thursday said that no case of the new variant of Mpox had been reported so far while screening was underway at all airports to monitor the spread of the disease.

Responding to a calling attention notice by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, he said that Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif had directed the concerned departments to make strategies to control the spread of a new variant of mpox after the declaration of public health emergency by the World Health Organization on August 14.

He said the surveillance system had been activated at all airports to monitor international flights especially coming from central Africa while the National Command and Operation Center was monitoring the situation regularly.

The Minister informed that only five cases of the old variant of Mpox were reported yet while no case of the new variant was reported in the country.

NA told Every pilgrim likely to get back Rs 100,000

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs Chaudhary Salik Hussain on Thursday informed the National Assembly that every pilgrim is likely to get back Rs 100,000 as recounting is going on in the ministry.

Replying to various supplementary questions during the Question Hour, the minister said Hajj's expenditure for the current year was already Rs 100,000 less than last year. A relief of around Rs 35,000 was also given to every pilgrim in airfare during the current hajj, he added.

Rangers arrest 4 suspects involved in multiple street crimes, injuring citizens

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Rangers Sindh and District East Police in a joint operation based on intelligence information in Sohrab Goth and Gulshan-e-Maymar, arrested four suspects involved in injuring 12 to 15 citizens during robberies and street crimes.

According to a Rangers spokesperson on Thursday, the arrested individuals have been identified as Jawad Ali alias Javed alias Farhan, Sajjad alias Jani, Rab Nawaz alias Rabu, and Abid Ali alias Fahad Bengali. Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from their possession.

During interrogation, the suspects revealed that four different gangs are actively involved in

robberies, motorcycle snatching, and thefts, and the arrested individuals are operating their own gangs. They admitted to committing over 400 armed robberies in Gadap Town, Gulshan-e-Maymar, and other areas of Karachi.

The suspects also confessed to injuring 12 to 15 citizens during these robberies, snatching mobile phones and cash, and stealing and selling more than 250 motorcycles in Sakran, Balochistan. They are habitual offenders and have been nominated in more than 19 FIRs registered at various police stations in Karachi.

The arrested suspects, along with the seized arms and ammunition, have been handed over to the police for further legal action.

September 6th stands as defining moment in nation's history: CNS

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf on Thursday said September 6th stood as a defining moment in the nation's history, when the indomitable Armed Forces exhibited unparalleled resilience, valour and unwavering determination in the defence of the country.

In his message on Defence Day, the Naval Chief said, "This chapter, etched in glory, fills every heart with pride as we honour the profound patriotism, unmatched professionalism and immense sacrifices made in the face of enemy's sinister designs. This day sends a powerful message: defence of our motherland is impregnable and as united people, we are resolute in our ability to safeguard the sovereignty of this land."

"Today, we pay tributes to the courageous heroes who were audacious in their planning, undaunted in their action and instilled fear in the hearts of our enemy. Pakistan Navy's Operation 'SOMNATH' remains a shining example to this unflinching resolve, as we commemorate this venerable occasion to honour the feats and sacrifices of our brave sentinels of sea, our Navy stands vigilant and unfaltering in its commitment to defend maritime borders and secure our vital sea routes - the lifeblood of our economy."



PN Task Group destroyed Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwaraka, establishing uncontested dominance at sea from the very outset of the conflict.

In the annals of history, this action as well as mere presence of PNS/M GHAZI in the Indian Ocean confined the Indian Fleet within harbours, too petrified to venture out into the open seas, the Naval Chief said.

He added that "As we commemorate this venerable occasion to honour the feats and sacrifices of our brave sentinels of sea, our Navy stands vigilant and unfaltering in its commitment to defend maritime borders and secure our vital sea routes - the lifeblood of our economy."

"National Defence & Air Force Days Cycle Race" on Sept 8

KARACHI (APP): Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), under the aegis of Pakistan Cycling Federation (PCF) will organize National Defence and Air Force Days Cycle Race on Sunday, September 8.

This mega event cycle race is being organized to demonstrate the greater spirit of solidarity with our armed forces and to pay rich tributes to our martyrs. Cycle Race to be kicked off from SSGC's head office at 09:00 am and will conclude at Hyderabad Toll Plaza.

The event will also mark the presence of PCF's President, Syed Azhar Ali Shah along with other officials. Secretary SSGC Sports Board, Asif Ansari has been nominated as Chairman Organizing Committee by PCF whereas, SSGC's Sardar Nazakat Ali will be the Organizing Secretary.

This race aims not only to promote cycling as a sport but will also serve as a platform to unite cycling enthusiasts from different regions, who promote camaraderie and sportsmanship. Both PCF and SSGC are leaving no stone unturned to make this event a memorable one for all participants and spectators.



HYDERABAD: Students are participating in the rally in connection with Pakistan Defense Day at Latifabad.

Commissioner Larkana for eradication Polio in Larkana

LARKANA (APP): Ghulam Mustafa Phul Commissioner Larkana range has said that all resources should be used to eradicate polio and it should be made successful by involving revenue and local government employees in the polio campaign.

He made this statement while presiding over the meeting of Divisional Polio Eradication Committee in his office on Thursday.

In the meeting, the strategy for the next campaign was formulated after considering the past polio campaigns. Commissioner said that the inclusion of revenue and local government employees in the campaign will help polio teams a lot because they can monitor the campaign at the local level.

He directed all the Deputy Commissioners of the division to direct the Mukhtarkars, Assistant Mukhtarkars, Tapidars

AC warns shop holders to avoid placing good outside shops

LARKANA (APP): Assistant Commissioner Larkana Raja Darya Khan Qureshi along with Anti-encroachment Force and Municipal Commissioner Larkana on Thursday visited Bandar Road, Pakistani Chowk and other business areas of the city and took action against the encroaching shopkeepers by keeping goods outside the shops.

Along with confiscating the goods outside the shops, the motorcycles standing on the footpaths and roads were transferred to the respective police stations and the owners of the motorcycles were challenged by the traffic police.

During the visit, the Assistant Commissioner strictly instructed the shopkeepers to avoid placing goods on both sides of the road, otherwise strict action will be taken against them.



LARKANA: Activists of Peoples Party Shaheed Bhutto (PPP-SB) holding protest demonstration for arrest killers of Martyred Mir Murtaza Bhutto and his friends and demanded justice for them, held at Jinnah Bagh

Offices of wildlife department closed from last three years

By Tanveer Ahmed Soomro

MIRPUR MATHELO: Wildlife department office closed from three years in Ghotki district, all the staff started receiving salaries sitting at home, while in this situation the hunting enthusiasts are hunting license freely, and those who get legal hunting license are sent to the Sukkur office two hundred kilometers away. Asked to contact, it is reported that a large room was given to the wildlife staff at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mirpur Mathele, but the staff refused to set up an office there citing the lack of a washroom.

the staff of the district office, including a Game warden, two inspectors, constables. And other staff numbering more than thirty are receiving salaries sitting at home, while in this situation the hunting enthusiasts are hunting license freely, and those who get legal hunting license are sent to the Sukkur office two hundred kilometers away. Asked to contact, it is reported that a large room was given to the wildlife staff at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mirpur Mathele, but the staff refused to set up an office there citing the lack of a washroom.

USC slashes prices by 10-15PC on 800 items

MULTAN (APP): Utility Stores Corporation Zonal Manager Multan Faisal Sultan disclosed on Thursday that prices of over 800 items at the USC outlets had been slashed by 10 to 15 per cent to provide relief to masses. He was accompanied by Regional Manager Multan Ahsan Manganah, Warehouse In-charge Israr Fareed and Area Manager Ghazanfar Ali.

Additionally, help desks have also been set up at different locations to address consumer complaints, said Faisal. He said that reforms within the USC were being introduced and the new savings package would surpass even the Ramzan package in terms of benefits.

EPI organises seminar on 'Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine'

KARACHI (APP): The Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Sindh, with the support of UNICEF, organized an advocacy Seminar on the "Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine".

The objective of the seminar was to spread awareness about the virus, its prevention and the treatment in Sindh.

Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho was the chief guest of the seminar while provincial Health Secretary Rehan Iqbal Baloch attended as guest of honour. The health leadership in Sindh is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of the population, with a special focus on protecting females from preventable diseases. The HPV vaccine plays a crucial role in preventing cervical cancer, ensuring a healthier future for women across our province, EPI officials said.

Addressing the seminar, Health Minister Azra Pechuho said that the Human Papilloma Virus infects women and causes cervical cancer. Dr. Pechuho said that the Sindh government will launch HPV vaccine in Sindh and girls aged 9 to 14 years would be vaccinated from next year.

She said HPV vaccine should be administered to all women up to 50 years of age but it would be compulsory from next year for young girls of adolescent age (9 to 14 years). "We are considering vaccinating girls in schools so that the maximum target could be achieved," Dr Pechuho said.

Hafeez Bugti appointed SSP Ghotki

Independent Report MIRPUR MATHELO: Hafeezur Rehman Bugti appointed as SSP Ghotki, Sumeer Noor Channa transferred to Jacobabad, according to the details, on the orders of IG Sindh Police, Hafeezur Rehman Bugti has been appointed as SSP Ghotki immediately while SSP Ghotki Dr. Sumeer Noor Channa has been transferred to Jacobabad.



KARACHI: Fishermen on the way for fishing on small launch in the morning.