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Pakistan, Saudi Arabia sign MoUs valuing \$2.2 bn in multiple sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Thursday signed 27 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) valuing US \$2.2 billion in various sectors including industry, agriculture, Information Technology (IT), food, education, mine & minerals, health, petroleum, energy and other areas of mutual cooperation.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif accompanied by Saudi Investment Minister Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih and Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Syed Asim Munir witnessed the exchange of the signed copies of the MoUs.

Addressing on the occasion, the prime minister said the visit of Saudi business delegation was a true manifestation of great sincerity and affection for people of Pakistan from Saudi Crown Prince

Mohammad bin Salman. He hoped that today's ceremony would lead to many more such events in times to come.

He expressed the government's resolve to implement these MoUs and to transform them into agreements in future through "hard work and untiring efforts".

"Our Saudi brothers lead by Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih have done remarkable job to promote Saudi economy and with his presence here, we will have his full cooperation to promote bilateral investments and business opportunity," he remarked.

The prime minister hoped that in future there would be many more such ceremonies both in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

He assured the Saudi delegation that the MoUs signed today would be fully material-

ized and there would be no delay or red tape-ism in the implementation process.

Recently, he said that Pakistan had secured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme which he hoped would be the last programme. He thanked the Saudi leadership for their support in having the programme as without their support, the programme could not have materialized.

"Finally this programme is through, but we hope that this will be the last programme as we have already through a wonderful team work, managed to improve our economic indicators, inflation came down from 32% to 6.9% this month, our policy rate has come down from 23% to 17.5%, exports are increasing, foreign remittances are also increasing", he said.



A delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by Investment Minister H. E. Mr Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad.

CM, WB delegation review \$ 3.124b development projects in Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and the World Bank delegation, headed by Country Director Najy Benhassine thoroughly reviewed the \$3.124 billion Sindh portfolio to establish new deadlines for various development projects.

The high-level meeting, which took place at the CM House on Thursday was attended by provincial ministers, the Chief Secretary and other key officials, while the World Bank team included sector heads to assist in the review process.

The active Sindh portfolio includes 13 development projects, of which \$1.36 billion has already been disbursed by the World Bank. The projects span a wide range of sectors, including water management, infrastructure, solar energy, education and health services. Some of the key initiatives under review were the Karachi Mobility Project (KMP), Sindh

Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP), Sindh Flood Housing Emergency Reconstruction Project (SFHERP), and Karachi Water and Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSISP).

Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) aimed at rebuilding infrastructure and providing livelihood support to areas affected by the 2022 floods and focuses on improving Sindh's capacity to respond to climate-related disasters. The \$500 million project consists of four major components: Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Livelihood Support, Institutional Strengthening and Project Management. It was noted in the meeting that payment backlogs have been significantly reduced and they are expected to be cleared by the end of the month.

Sindh Flood Housing Emergency Reconstruction Project (SFHERP) is working towards multi-hazard resilient housing reconstruction in flood-hit areas. With a budget of \$500 million, the project has three main components: Housing Reconstruction Grants, Institutional Strengthening, and Project Management. The meeting revealed that landless individuals have been granted land and their titles are being transferred to them as part of the project's broader effort to secure housing for flood victims.

Karachi Mobility Project (KMP) is aimed at improving mobility and safety along key corridors in Karachi, includes the construction of the Yellow Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. This project has three components: Urban Road Infrastructure, BRT System Development and Capacity Building. Significant progress has been made on the Yellow Line, with contracts signed in August 2024 and mobilization underway.

Nawaz, Bilawal meet to explore solutions for Pakistan's current situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, met with former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Thursday to discuss the country's current situation and explore solutions to the challenges it faces. The meeting took place at Punjab House, Islamabad, where Pakistan Muslim League-N President Nawaz Sharif warmly welcomed Bilawal Bhutto upon his arrival.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction over the inflation rate drop from 32% to 6.9%, the reduction in the policy rate, overall economic progress, and the continuous improvement in economic indicators, including the record \$8.8 billion sent by overseas Pakistanis. The two leaders expressed optimism about the swift relief for Pakistan and its people, calling it an auspicious sign, while also welcoming the arrival of the Saudi investor delegation and the hosting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in the federal capital.

The two leaders agreed that these activities mark a highly positive development for Pakistan's international standing and economic progress.

Nawaz Sharif stated that time has proven the 2006 Charter of Democracy (CoD) to be a historic and timely decision. He credited the charter with stabilizing democracy, allowing Parliament to complete its term, and uniting political parties against non-democratic forces that promoted sit-ins and unrest.

Muhammad Nawaz Sharif emphasised the need for a justice system where institutions and public opinion hold more weight than individual influence.

Nawaz stressed the importance of preventing any single individual from dominating and potentially destabilizing Pakistan's democratic system. He advocates for a system where no one person has the authority to undermine the democratic process at will, ensuring the country and its people are protected from being led into darkness by individual ambitions.



RAWALPINDI: Minister of Investment, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Khalid Bin Abdulaziz Al Falih, accompanied by a high-level government cum business delegation, meet with General Syed Asim Munir, NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

Qatar Consul General Meets Speaker of Sindh Provincial Assembly

KARACHI (INP): Nayef Shahein R.M. Al-Sulaiti, Consul General of the State of Qatar, met with Speaker of Sindh, at his office Thursday.

Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations, cooperation, and trade between Qatar and Pakistan.

Speaker appreciated Qatar's efforts in promoting football in the region and congratulated them on successfully hosting the World Cup. Discussion were also

focused at development of sports and other sectors in Sindh.

Speaker Syed Awais Qadir Shah expressed his commitment to enhancing bilateral economic ties.

The Consul General commended the Speaker's office for its efforts and contributions.

Speaker Shah invited H.E. Al-Sulaiti to attend an upcoming assembly session.

Syed Awais Qadir Shah honoured the Consul General with a Sindh cap, ajrak, and a legacy shield.



HYDERABAD: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P) Chairman, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui addresses to media persons during press conference regarding Youth Convention, at Bagh-e-Mustafa Ground in Hyderabad.

Mustafa Kamal declares Kamran Tessori 'world's best governor'

KARACHI (INP): Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) leader and Member of the National Assembly Mustafa Kamal praised Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, calling him the 'world's best governor.'

Earlier, the University of Karachi conferred an honorary doctorate degree (honoris causa) upon esteemed Islamic scholar and speaker Dr. Zakir Naik.

The degree was awarded by Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, also the university's chancellor, in recognition of Dr. Naik's contributions to Islam.

Dr. Naik, a state guest in Pakistan, is visiting the country at the government's invitation. During his stay until October 28, he will address public gatherings in multiple cities, including Lahore and Islamabad.

During the meeting, Kamal remarked, "You [Zakir Naik] are sitting with the world's best governor. Although he hasn't received the award yet, considering



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with senior party leaders meet with President PML-N, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and senior party leaders at Punjab House.

Governor praises Al-Ghazali University contribution in promotion of higher education

KARACHI (APP): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori on Thursday praised Al-Ghazali University for its significant contribution to the promotion of higher education. The Governor of Sindh expressed these views while addressing a simple and dignified ceremony of Jamia Al-Rasheed and Al-Ghazali University held at the Governor House.

He emphasized that the university is not only equipping students with education but also preparing them to face modern challenges.

The event was attended by the university's Patron-in-Chief Mufti

Abdul Rahim, Islamic scholar Dr. Zakir Naik, and other prominent figures.

Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori further stated that Al-Ghazali University has rendered remarkable services in the fields of knowledge and research. The university is striving to enhance educational standards and contribute to societal progress.

He commended Chancellor Mufti Abdul Rahim's pivotal role in the university's development, highlighting that his vision and dedication have elevated the institution to a distinguished position.

Strongly condemning the terrorist attack, the president reiterated the resolve to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice.

4 Khwarij killed in two separate IBOs in KP

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Security Forces on Thursday killed four Khwarij terrorists in two separate intelligence-based operations (IBOs) conducted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). On October 9, the Forces conducted an IBO in general area Janikhel, Bannu District on reported presence of khwarij, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

During the conduct of the operation, after an intense exchange of fire, two khwarij were killed. In another operation, conducted in general area Hassan Khel, North Waziristan District on October 10, the Army troops effectively engaged khwarij location and in ensuing fire exchange, two more khwarij were killed.



The funeral prayer was attended by the Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, former President Dr Arif Alvi, provincial Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and other prominent personalities.

Earlier, senior politician Elahi Bux Soomro breathed his last on Wednesday night after protracted illness at the age of 98 years.



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President visits China embassy to condole killing of Chinese citizens

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday visited the Embassy of China here and offered his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan over the tragic killing of Chinese citizens in a terrorist attack in Karachi that took place on October 7, 2024.

Strongly condemning the terrorist attack, the president reiterated the resolve to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice.

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KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Works and Services and Prisons Haji Ali Hassan Zardari said that employees from one to four grades will be appointed in different departments of Sindh Government very soon. He said that the youth of Sindh province should not be despair as Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and President Asif Ali Khan Zardari are working for the prosperity of the people of Pakistan.

He said that the Pakistan People's Party always welcomed the healthy criticism and tried its best for the welfare of the people of this homeland. This he said while meeting with public, journalists and civil society activists in his office on Thursday.

Provincial Minister Ali Hassan Zardari said that People's Party believes in good governance and the Sindh Government implements the best practices for good governance. Talking about the works and services department, the minister said that any contractor who could not complete the development work then the license of the concerned firm and company will be cancelled.

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Commissioner Karachi chairs meeting of anti-corruption committee

KARACHI (APP): Commissioner Karachi Syed Hasan Naqvi on Thursday chaired the meeting of Anti-corruption committee-II in his office here.

Anti-corruption officials and representatives of concerned departments participated in the meeting, said a statement. Various complaints of bribery and corruption in different departments were reviewed in the meeting.

The anti-corruption officers briefed the participants about the details of complaints against various departments. It was noted that the Anti-Corruption department received complaints against 43 officials.

It was noted that the maximum number of complaints i-e 10 were received against registration department officials. The meeting approved an open inquiry into all ten complaints against the registration department officials.

Fatima Sana to return home from World Cup after father's death

KARACHI (INP): Fatima Sana, the Pakistan captain, will return home to Karachi on Thursday via the first available flight following the death of her father, a PCB media statement said. It's likely she will miss Pakistan's next game against Australia in Dubai on Friday. Sana's absence will be a big blow for Pakistan, who need to win at least one, preferably both games, to stand a chance of qualifying for the semi-finals from a tough Group A.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia reaffirm deepening economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Thursday reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in key areas including economy, agriculture, mining and information technology.

In the meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and the visiting Saudi delegation led by Saudi Minister for Investment Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, both sides underlined the need to work together to build a prosperous and peaceful future for the region as well as for the Islamic World, according to a President House press release.

Welcoming the delegation, the president emphasized the longstanding and time-tested relationship between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). He expressed Pakistan's desire to elevate the bilateral ties into a long-term strategic and economic partnership, underscoring

that such collaboration would bring the two brotherly nations further closer.

President Zardari reaffirmed Pakistan's deep respect for the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and reiterated Pakistan's unwavering commitment to stand in solidarity with Saudi Arabia. He also praised the visionary leadership of Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud.

The president also highly commended the remarkable progress Saudi Arabia was making under Vision 2030 and expressed gratitude for the Kingdom's continued support to Pakistan during challenging times. The president said that he was happy to witness the progress and prosperity of Saudi Arabia.

Engr. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih said that Saudi Arabia recognised the strategic geographical significance of Pakistan and

its potential for natural resources and renewable energy. He informed that Saudi Arabia had planned to invest in the infrastructure and mining sectors of Pakistan and, in this regard, his delegation would sign 25 agreements in different sectors to boost economic cooperation between the two brotherly nations.

He expressed the hope that the signing of the agreements would mark a new era of economic cooperation between the two countries. Both sides emphasized to increase collaboration in the areas of agriculture and information technology. The meeting was attended by Minister for Petroleum Senator Musadik Masood Malik, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan, Minister for Interior Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony Chaudhry Salik Hussain and Senator Saleem Mandviwalla.



ISLAMABAD: A Saudi delegation led by Saudi Minister for Investment Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih called on President Asif Ali Zardari at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Governor commends Sindh Police for ensuring foolproof security of Dr. Zakir Naik

KARACHI (APP): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori met with Inspector General Sindh Police, Ghulam Nabi Memon at the Governor House and praised IG Sindh, the Additional IG, and other officers and personnel for their efforts in ensuring foolproof security for Dr. Zakir Naik, a distinguished scholar and a state guest.

The meeting was also attended by renowned

PM grieved over demise of x-NA speaker Elahi Bux

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed his deep grief over the death of senior politician and former National Assembly Speaker Elahi Bux Soomro.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that late Elahi Bux had efficiently carried out his responsibilities as National Assembly speaker, and with his death, Pakistan had become bereft of an intellectual and a seasoned politician.

Praying for the departed soul and strength for the bereaved family, he said that the services of late Elahi Bux to Pakistan would always be remembered.

SFERP efforts for providing relief to gender based violence victims lauded

KARACHI (APP): The Secretary Rehabilitation Government of Sindh, Dr Waseem Shamsad Ali on Thursday appreciated the efforts of the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) in providing relief to victims of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and harassment by establishing a desk in the control room of Rescue 1122.

He also emphasized that this type of training should continue and that awareness-raising initiatives be implemented so that the community gains a better understanding of these issues, existing laws, and available channels for assistance.

The Additional IG Operation Khadim Hussain, also supported the establishment of the gender desk under SFERP, stating that it would help the police department address such cases that had previously gone unreported.

Sahil Adeem declared fugitive in indecent remarks case

KARACHI (APP): Following his indecent remarks against the Sindh community, the Judicial Magistrate in Karachi declared Sahil Adeem a fugitive.

As per the details, a famous Pakistani public speaker, Sahil Adeem, uttered bad words about the Sindh nation in one of his speeches after which a lawyer filed a case against him in City Court police station Karachi.

At UN, Pakistan demands probe into 'theft and illicit sale' of nuclear materials in India

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan has called on the UN Security Council to thoroughly investigate the "recurring" incidents of theft and illicit sale of nuclear and other radioactive materials in neighbouring India. A recent Indian media report said that police had arrested three smugglers in the western Gopalganj district of Bihar with a rare Californium stone which is highly radioactive and fetches a high price in the international market.

"The Security Council should be deeply concerned at the recurring incidents of theft and illicit sale of nuclear and other radioactive materials in our Eastern neighbour," Ambassador Munir Akram, Pakistan representative to the UN, told a committee established by the 15-member Council pursuant to its resolution 1540 that requires UN member states to take specific steps to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

"In the latest incident last August 2024, a group was found in illegal possession of a large quantity of highly radioactive and toxic substance Californium, worth US\$ 100 million," he said, adding that three incidents of theft of Californium were reported also in India in 2021. These incidents, Ambassador Akram suggested the existence of a black market for sensitive materials. At the same time, the Pakistani envoy said, "While preventing non-state actors from acquiring sensitive materials, rights of States to peaceful use of dual-use technologies must be safeguarded. Export-control regimes should not serve as tools of coercion and discrimination."

Under the terms of resolution 1540, the Security Council demands that all States refrain from providing any form of support to non-state actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer, or use nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons and their means of delivery, in particular for terrorist purposes.



HYDERABAD: Provincial President PPP Nisar Ahmed Khoro speaking at a press conference at Sagir House.

Rasheed Solangi says: Policies formulated up to the final stages of inspection and approval of all matters

KARACHI (APP): He further elaborated that all aspects, including the approval of residential and commercial building plans for private and public sale projects—whether they involve plazas, bungalows, or open plots—will be thoroughly reviewed by the committee. This process will cover everything from building and structural plan approval to the issuance of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for advertising and selling. So far, the committee has approved 80 cases. The Director General emphasized that this will provide better and more accessible facilities for citizens and builders/developers, while ensuring that no legal loopholes remain, thus increasing the confidence of allottees and opening up more investment opportunities for the construction industry.



KARACHI: Students of Government College for Women Sharafi Goth are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, held at College premises in Karachi.

KMC extinguishes fire at an eatery

KARACHI (APP): Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's fire brigade took immediate action on Thursday to fully extinguish a fire that broke out in a three-story building of the Food Inn restaurant located in Sindh Muslim Society. Afterward, the cooling process was also completed while Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad personally monitored the fire extinguishing operation at the restaurant and remained in constant contact with the officials.

Deputy Mayor Salman Abdullah Murad stated that upon receiving the report of the fire at the restaurant, eight fire brigade vehicles and a snorkel arrived at the scene. The restaurant is a ground-plus three-story building, and it

Entry test for admissions at SAU to be held on October 12

HYDERABAD (APP): The entry test for admissions at Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam will take place on Saturday, October 12. The test will be conducted for various undergraduate degree programs at the main campus, Umerkot campus and Khairpur College, with over 6,500 candidates expected to participate, including a significant number of female candidates. A spokesperson for the university announced on Thursday that all preparations in this regard have been finalized. An oversight meeting, chaired by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Mari, reviewed the arrangements.



PESHAWAR: Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi participating in Grand Jirga organised by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

Sindh Human Rights Department welcomes UNDP delegation for briefing on EU-Supported Human Rights Project

Independent Report KARACHI: Sindh Human Rights Department has hosted a delegation from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to discuss a new project aimed



KARACHI: A herd of female African elephants arrived in Karachi's Safari Park from Tanzania in June 2009. Madhubala, the sole survivor after her sister Noorjehan's passing in April 2023, will be relocated to join Malika and Sonia at Safari Park by November 2024. The UAE Consul General Dr. Bakheet Ateeq Alremeithi, arranged essential medications for Madhubala, provided on an urgent basis twice. Dr. Alremeithi personally visited the elephants to assess their well-being and planted a tree during his visit, demonstrating the UAE's commitment to animal welfare in Pakistan.

Health facilities being upgraded in district: DHO THARPARKAR (APP): District Health Officer (DHO), Dr. Lekhraj Sarangani on Thursday said steps had been taken to upgrade health facilities in the district.

He stated this while visiting various Health centers established in remote areas of the district.

The DHO said Sindh government was ensuring latest health facilities and medicines in Basic Health Units (BHUs), Rural Health Complexes (RHCs) and Dispensaries of the rural areas.

The treatment facilities were available free of cost at civil hospitals in the cities, he said, adding the provincial government was committed to provide health facilities to people at their doorsteps.

Three die in road accident

KARACHI (APP): A tragic traffic accident occurred near Bolari on Jamshoro Road, resulting in the loss of three lives.

A car traveling from Hyderabad to Karachi collided with a crash barrier, a Motorway police spokesperson said. The impact caused the vehicle to overturn and catch fire. Three persons including two women and one man, lost their lives due to the blaze.

The spokesperson said that the motorway police officials including DIG and SP rushed to the scene and initiated rescue efforts.

RD, Provincial Ombudsman held Khuli Kachehri at District Accounts Office

HYDERABAD (APP): On the directives of the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh and the Accountant General Sindh, Regional Director of the Ombudsman's Office Hyderabad Abdul Wahab Memon conducted an open court (Khuli Kachehri) at the District Accounts Office (DAO), Hyderabad. During the session, government employees from various departments presented their concerns, which were addressed individually.

Urgent matters were resolved on the spot, while relevant officials from the District Accounts Office were directed to resolve other pending issues promptly.

In addition to addressing grievances, 20 registered cases were heard during the open court. Most cases were resolved, while complex cases were referred to the relevant officers for immediate action.

Abdul Wahab Memon encouraged government employees to report corrupt officials to the Provincial Ombudsman's office. He assured that another Khuli Kachehri would be held in 15 days. He also pointed out that many issues arise due to a lack of technical knowledge among employees, and some delays are due to a lack of grants for certain government departments.

During the session, employees raised concerns regarding pensions, gratuity, GP funds and other issues related to the District Accounts Office.



LARKANA: Members of Memon community burnt tyres and blocking road as they are holding protest demonstration against the robbery incident in Otha Chowk area in the limits of Baqrani Police Station and demanding recovery of goods, held at SSP Chowk in Larkana.

KU observes World Mental Health Day

KARACHI (APP): The Department of Psychology of the University of Karachi conducted a community awareness session to observe World Mental Health Day 2024 at the KU's Chinese Teachers Memorial Auditorium on Thursday. KU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi emphasized the importance of addressing issues like mental health and well-being at home and workplace. He mentioned that good mental and physical health is very important for a society as it benefits not only individuals but also organizations and particularly communities.

He said that the public, private, and corporate sectors should focus on