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Chairman Pakistan People's

Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, met with former

Prime Minister Muhammad

Nawaz Sharif on Thursday

to discuss the country's cur-

rent 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 wel-

comed Bilawal Bhutto upon

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 Pa-

kistan and its people, calling it an auspicious sign, while

also welcoming the arrival of

the Saudi investor delegation

his arrival.

Nawaz, Bilawal meet

to explore solutions for

Pakistan's current situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): agreed that these activities

mark a highly positive de-

velopment for Pakistan's

international standing and

that time has proven the 2006 Charter of Democracy

(CoD) to be a historic and

timely decision. He cred-

ited the charter with stabi-

lizing democracy, allowing

Parliament to complete its

term, and uniting political

parties against non-demo-cratic forces that promoted

Sharif emphasised the need

for a justice system where institutions and public opinion hold more weight

than individual influence.

importance of preventing

any single individual from

dominating and potentially destabilizing Pakistan's

democratic system. He ad-

vocates for a system where

no one person has the au-

thority to undermine the

democratic process at will,

ensuring the country and its

people are protected from

being led into darkness by

Muhammad Nawaz

Nawaz stressed the

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Mohammad bin Salman. kistan and Saudi Arabia on Thursday signed 27 Memorandum of Understandings (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 coopera-

Prime 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

many more such events in process. times to come.

government's resolve to implement these MoUs and to transform them into through "hard work and untiring efforts"

"Our Saudi brothers 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.

He hoped that today's no delay or red tape-ism ceremony would lead to in the implementation

Recently, he said that He expressed the Pakistan had secured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme which he hoped would be agreements in future the last programme. He through "hard work and thanked the Saudi leadership for their support in having the programme as Minister lead by Khalid Bin Abdul without their support, the programme could not have materialized.

"Finally programme is through, but we hope that this will be the last programme as we have already through a



Mr Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih called on Prime Minister Muhammad

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

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP), Sindh Flood Housing Emergency Reconstruction Project (SFHERP), and Karachi Water and Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP). Sindh Flood Emer-

gency 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 Reĥabilitation, 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 work-

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Sved Murad Ali Shah and a World Bank

delegation led by its Director Mr Najy Benhassine review the development

PPP always welcomed healthy

criticism and tried its best for the

welfare of the people of this homeland

Says People's Party believes in good governance; Prisons

are being improved and prisoners are being rehabilitated

ing towards multi-hazard

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, made on the Yellow Line, with contracts signed in August 2024 and mobilization underway.

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.

and the hosting of the the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in the federal capital. The two leaders individual ambitions. Karachi Mobility

BRT System Development and Capacity Building. Significant progress has been





ness delegation, meet with General Sved Asim Munir, NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

#### **Oatar Consul General** Meets Speaker of Sindh **Provincial Assembly**

KARACHI (INP): Nayef focused at development of Consul General of the State of Qatar, met with Syed Awais Qadir Shah, Speaker Provincial Assembly of Sindh, at his office Thursday.

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

Speaker appreciated Qatar's efforts in promoting football in the region and congratulated them on successfully hosting the World

Cup. Discussion were also

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 ses-

Syed Awais Qadir Shah honoured the Consul General with a Sindhi 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 Muttahida Qaumi Move-ment-Pakistan (MQM-P) leader and Member of the National Assembly Mustafa Kamal praised Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, calling him the 'world's best governor.'

According to details, MQM-P leader Mustafa Kamal called on renowned religious scholar Dr. Zakir Naik in Karachi.

During the meeting, Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori was in attendance. The meeting also included participants from various minority communities and

other religious groups. 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

(INP): the way he is working, he will earn it soon."

Kamal also recalled

that he had once received the 'World's Best Mayor

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

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

#### wonderful team work, The prime minister managed to improve our hoped that in future there economic indicators, inflawould be many more such tion came down from 32% ceremonies both in Saudi to 6.9% this month, our Arabia and Pakistan. policy rate has come down He assured the from 23% to 17.5%, ex-Saudi delegation that the ports are increasing, foreign people of Pakistan from MoUs signed today remittances at Saudi Crown Prince would be fully materialing", he said. remittances are also increas-



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 scholar Dr. Zakir Abdul 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

tended by the university's Patron-in-Chief Mufti

Karim Naik, and other prominent figures.

Governor 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 Chan-cellor Mufti Abdul Rahim's pivotal role in the university's development, highlighting that his vision The event was at- and dedication have elevated the institution to a

#### distinguished position. Veteran politician Elahi Bux Soomro laid to rest

KARACHI (APP): Veteran politician and former Speaker National Assembly Elahi Bux Soomro was laid to rest after funeral prayer offered here on Thursday.



The funeral prayer was attended by the Sindh Chief Minister Syed Mûrad 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.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori met with Dr. Zakir Naik and 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.

#### **President visits** China embassy | to condole killing of

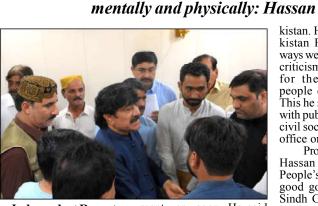
Chinese citizens ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday visited the Embassy of China here and offered his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan over the tragic killing of Chinese citizens in a terrorist attack in Karachi that took place on October

7, 2024 Strongly condemning the terrorist attack, the president reiterated the resolve to bring the perpetra-tors 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.



portfolio in their meeting at CM House.

**Independent Report** 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 depart-

ment very soon. He said that the youth of Sindh province should not be despair as Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilwal Bhutto Zardari and President Asif Ali Khan Zardari are working for the pros-

#### ments of Sindh Govern- perity of the people of Pa-**Commissioner Karachi** chairs meeting of anti-corruption committee

KARACHI (APP): Com- ticipants about the details missioner 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 re-

viewed in the meeting. The anti-corruption officers briefed the parof complaints against various departments. It was told that the Anti-Corruption department received complaints against 43 officials

It was told 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 offi-

#### 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

# the concerned firm and company will be cancelled.

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kistan People's Party al-

ways 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 Al

Hassan Zardari said that

People's Party believes in

good governance and the Sindh Government imple-

ments the best practices for

good governance. Talking

about the works and services

department, the minister said

that any contractor who could

not complete the develop-

ment work then the license of

# Daily doice of Masse Independent

#### Mental wellness

World Mental Health Day, observed on Oct 10 each year, is an opportunity to focus on an oft-neglected aspect of one's well-being. The theme for 2024, 'Mental Health at Work', highlights the urgent need to address mental well-being within professional environments. With a significant portion of adult life spent at work, creating healthy workplaces becomes not just an ethical responsibility but also an economic necessity. Workplaces that fail to prioritise mental health can contribute to burnout, anxiety, depression, and other serious issues, while those that do foster mental well-being help employees thrive both professionally and personally. Workplace stress and mental health issues have gained increasing attention in recent years across the globe, but the situation is concerning in Pakistan. The prevalence of mental disorders in Pakistan is estimated to be as high as 10pc, affecting approximately 20m people. Despite such staggering numbers, mental health remains a stigmatised topic, particularly in professional settings where discussing mental well-being is often viewed as a sign of weakness. The challenges of job insecurity, excessive workloads, and limited access to mental health resources exacerbate the problem, leaving many employees to struggle in silence.

For a developing country like ours, where the workforce is already strained due to economic pressures, addressing mental health at work is critical. Low wages and poor working conditions, especially in sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, and even the burgeoning digital economy, only intensify the crisis. In many cases, employees hesitate to seek help for fear of being judged or seen as incompetent. This reinforces the cycle of untreated mental health issues that can lead to reduced productivity, absenteeism, and high turnover rates, all of which affect the national

Pakistan suffers from a lack of institutional support and policies that address mental health in the workplace. Unlike many developed nations, where employee assistance programmes, flexible work arrangements, and mental health awareness training are becoming standard, such initiatives are rare in our corporate and industrial sectors. This gap underscores the need for both a cultural shift and legislative reforms to promote mental well-being at work. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of mental health in every aspect of life, including the workplace. As remote work becomes more common, especially in the IT and services sectors, the boundaries between work and personal life have blurred, leading to heightened stress. The emphasis on mental health at work could not be more timely, urging employers to rethink how they support their employees. On this World Mental Health Day, the message is clear: mental health at work must become a priority. There must be a concerted effort in Pakistan to initiate conversations about mental health in the workplace. It is only by addressing these issues that we can create an inclusive, productive, and healthier workforce.

# **Stressed hospitality**

#### F.S. Aijazuddin

In Pakistan we plan with finesse, and then execute a mohalla known then as in distress. Some still recall the obstacles placed by the then chief minister Punjab in the way of the Lahore LitFest in ear-Line (a permanent unface of once lovely Lahore), he withdrew perthe mission at penultimate minute for the LLF to be held at the

Lahore Arts Council. Hurriedly, the LLF had to relocate to a local hotel. To the chagrin of like the Indian film star Shar-mila Tagore could noise of generators in makeshift auditoria.

This year, the openits definition takes more than a year to plan, fell victim to politics. What should have been a momentous, joyous event for our country was crippled by a dharna by a disgruntled party.

press their views. We might, however, lea-rn a lesson from the Japa- ing, the rhythm of worknese. A visitor there once ers hammering silver into factory workers standing monotony of baking endoutside the gate. They held placards listing their demands. When asked, they explained that they were on strike on behalf of all their colleagues. There was no need for the rest of the workers to strike. They would continue working so that production would not be anything beyond a foreign, inhospitable land.

interrupted. With us, protest is synonymous with disruption. We cannot complain without causing

chaos Lahore Biennale compressed Lahore's past into its present. It was an art exhibition held in the house off Temple Road where the author Ved

Mehta grew up in the litical dharna, the 1940s. Met-reurous, Ved's family lived in schedule had to be rearranged at short notice. father's house famous tribute to the tenacity of (the gate still has the the organisers. They

Mehta gali. He made his lier years. Annoyed at the Mehta') in his autobiogcriticism of his Orange raphy Face to Face (1957). The house remains as his sightly scar across the family left it in 1947, sans contents and sans its soul

Each room had been converted into a mini gallery, showcasing the talent of individual artists. The inner courtyard where Ved played became a theatre. For an the audience, attractions hour, Lahore's past was recalled by a film — Life in the Walled City of be barely heard over the Lahore — made by Shireen Pasha in 1991.

Shireen studied at the National College of ing of the Lahore Arts, Lahore where her Biennale 2024, which by talent as a painter glistened like gold in a class of dark lignite. She leaped from the limitation of a canvas to the big screen, and from there to the welcoming arms of the West.

Her film on Lahore is Kiplingesque. It shows Everyone with an the daily routine of wresopinion has a right to ex- tlers, the round of milkmen, the gleeful, competitive abandon of kite-flynoticed a trio of Japanese wafer-thin slivers, the less moons of naans, and the heavy breakfasts on cold Lahori mornings.

Shireen interspersed these images with recollections by elderly residents of the old city geriatrics to whom the havelis were home and The film concluded with shots of a younger Nusrat Fateh Ali before fame gripped his throat.

Lahore Biennale 2024 criss-A prequel to the crossed Lahore's geography, including events at Sha--limar Gardens, the Lahore Fort, and Brad--laugh Hall which history has forgotten. Because of the po- ceit. -- Courtesy Dawn

met-iculously crafted ranged at short notice. That it was held at all is a marble plaque bearing the saw Lahore as an artistic name 'Dr. Amolak Ram tapestry, a historical continuum, not the stunted span of an elected or selected government.

Participants at another moot — the SCO gathering of biggies in Islamabad — have their own problems, their own variants of dissent. They will though be treated here with liberal hospital-

Flush with the pro-spect of \$7 billion from the IMF, our Foreign Office has asked the Pun-jab government for "15 VVIP vehicles, including bulletproof cars, for dep-loyment with the 12 prime ministers attending the SCO conference". In response, the Punjab government announced plans to purchase "79 new luxury vehicles for provincial ministers, parliamentary secretaries ... and VVIP protocol duties". The cost? A paltry Rs612 mil-

Wasn't it Thomas Jefferson who advised paupers like us: "Never spend your money before you have it."

One recalls the 1974 Islamic Summit in Lahore when Mr Bhutto commandeered the residences of the rich and their luxury cars for visiting VIPs. These included Saudi King Faisal and Libya's Col Qadhafi. They made no complaints. In 2008, before the SCO meeting in Dushanbe, the Chinese gifted the host Tajikistan 105 vehicles, including 80 buses and 20 luxury cars for the visiting heads of state. We still owe the Chinese \$3bn deposited to window-dress our reserves. We did not need to rice-paper our poverty with con-

# Gaza's children

#### Aamnah Arshad Kamal

since the onset of the water. Before they can and conflict in Gaza, the recover from their predevastating toll on children's mental health there continues to unfold. More than 42,000 people have been killed curity. They are in a in Gaza since the start state of toxic stress, as of the conflict, according to the Gaza health stant terror of bombardministry, with the majority of identified victims being women and children. This prolonged conflict, marked by air strikes, displacement, and the loss of family

and the youth. Mental World mental health crisis being faced by children children of Gaza have from 2008 to 2024. The anxiety. current attacks have so rubble. Keeping in mind the demography, we can assume that a little under half the casualties are children. However, it is quite clear that

medical aid, and with-As we mark one year out sufficient food and vious scars, they are retraumatised — on a daily basis — and are left with no sense of sethey live under the con-

There are many

ment and firing.

health disorders including stress disorder, anxiety and homes, has left and depression among deep psychological the children. One such wounds on children study, conducted after from losing family past conflicts in Gaza, is the 'Consequences Health Day, observed of war-related traumatic each year on Oct 10, is stress among Palestina crucial time to raise ian young people in awareness about the the Gaza Strip: a scoping review', published in Science Direct. living in war zones. The It concludes that the majority of children in been confined to a nar-row strip of land, which toms of PTSD: "The has been blockaded for mental health of chil-15 years, and, along dren and young people with the rest of the in- in the Gaza Strip is a habitants, have faced a pressing public health on discovering their talnumber of intense periods of assault by Israel, PTSD, depression and

Psychologist Iman far proved to be the Farajallah has conmost devastating for ducted a number of Gaza's 2.3 million studies on childhood people. Besides the trauma focused on Palhuge death toll, thou- estinian children. For sands of people are her 2016 doctoral dis-children's mental health missing, many of them sertation titled Children perhaps dead under the of War: Psychological Impacts of War and manage the adverse Post-war Trauma on the Palestinian Children in the Gaza Strip, Dr Farajallah interviewed children and their famiall children in Gaza have lies in the area. She of Gaza's children is experienced the trauma found that anger and of war and it is no won- aggression were comder that the Gaza Strip mon among them as a has been called the result of witnessing Is-"most dangerous place raeli bombings take the the healthcare system in the world to be a lives of close family has collapsed, no treat-child" by Unicef members. Among the ment is even partially spokesperson James signs of mental trauma and PTSD displayed by Large numbers of children were: depreschildren in Gaza are in- sion, anxiety, continu- structure is carried out. jured; they have been ous traumatic stress

left without parents and disorder, hyperactivity, shelter, without vital a preference for being alone, screaming, nightmares and bed-wetting, frightening thoughts and flashbacks of trau-

Watching people around them die, especially parents and close family members and friends, makes the children in Gaza very afraid, lonely and depressed. They do not receive the studies to support the emotional support or evidence of mental psychological care needed, thus these post-traumatic negative feelings exacerbate their mental health issues. The lack of security resulting memb-ers, homes and safe places to live, prolongs the stress they

Intense conflict has destroyed scho-ols and recreational structures in Gaza, disrupting childr-en's education, which in turn impacts their cognitive development and learning. Besides not being able to go to school, children also lose out ent, interests and skills.

As a result, their future progress is hampered, adding to their feelings of depression and hopelessness.

Interventions that focus on reducing the effect of war on are crucial to helping the affected youngsters psychological effects in the long term. However, effective intervention and treatment of the mental health problems only possible when there is peace in the region and the infrastructure is restored. Since possible until the war completely stops and reconstruction of infra--- Courtesy Dawn

# Commerce News

# Saudi Minister highlights Pakistan as "prime investment destination" at Business Forum

Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh, Pakistan has the potential to become a high-return, low-risk investment highly attractive for Saudi

Speaking at the signed during the ongoing Pakistan-Saudi Arabia forum, with many more Business Forum, the currently minister commended negotiation reforms, highlighting the agreements

Special agreements, amounting to He increase in Pakistani

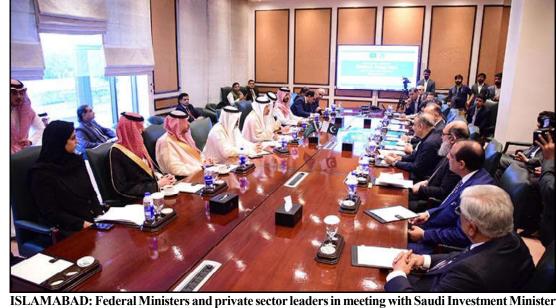
Pakistan's initiatives and emphasized that these

Saudi Minister for one-stop shop, a single-Investment, Sheikh Khalid window system, and the underway. The minister encouragement. window system, and the Special Investment acknowledged the sheikh on Thursday said that Facilitation Council (SIFC) Ministry of Commerce's as pivotal factors in commitment to enhancing streamlining investment trade relations between the processes. He expressed two countries, noting that destination, making it optimism about the 27 bilateral trade has already surged by approximately \$2 billion, expected to be 80 percent, rising from \$3 billion in 2019 to \$5.4 billion today. He also under highlighted the significant

investment licenses, which

ISLAMABAD (APP): establishment of a special organically, reflecting the demonstrating the Saudi

expressed enthusiasm about the announcement from the Saudi Crown Prince regarding a \$5 billion investment in Pakistan, revealed during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit shortly after he took office. "I'm delighted to have the Public Investment Fund (PIF) represented among us," he



H.E. Eng. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih to discuss enhancing trade and investment.

# emerged have more than doubled,

Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal meeting with delegation from the China Asia Economic Development Association (CAEDA) here in Islamabad.

#### **Provision of affordable** electricity to consumers govt's top priorities: Awais

ISLAMABAD (APP): per unit for which Minister for Power agreements Division Sardar Awais Independent Ahmed Khan Leghari on Producers (IPPs) were Thursday said that mutually revised and reduction in power tariff and provision of He said the prime electricity to the people at minister set up a National affordable price were Task Force to bring reforms government's top in the power sector. Five priorities. Addressing at IPPs were identified and press conference here, the negotiation were started minister said that various with them, he added. pragmatic measures were being taken to slash electricity prices in order thoroughly studied and

to the masses. He said the electricity power price should reduce Rs 10

Power

reassessed. He said the prime

He said every section of the agreements were to provide maximum relief then mutually reached at an agreement to terminate the power purchase agreements with 5 IPPs.

#### **PSX loses** 216 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend, losing 216.06 points on Thursday, a negative change of 0.25 percent, closing at 85,453.22 points against 85,669.28 points on the last trading day. A total of 503,750,595 shares were traded during the day as compared to 596,052,076 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 27.912 billion against Rs. 31.341 billion on the last trading day. As many as 313 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 115 of them recorded gains and 189 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 9 companies remained unchanged.

#### more investments into Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): investors will be Federal Minister for encouraged to invest in Investment, Privatization Pakistan," the federal

Reforms to encourage

and Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan, said here on Thursday that the institutional and policy reforms introduced by the incumbent government would further encourage more Saudi investor to invest in Pakistan. "I am confident that

with institutional and policy reforms, we have introduced, more Saudi to offer.

minister said while addressing Pakistan-Saudi Arabia Business Forum.

He said, the business forum provides unique opportunity to build deeper commercial ties between the two brotherly countries and invited Saudi Businessmen to explore wide rage investment opportunities Pakistan has

#### **CM Maryam focusing** to ensure agriculture development: Kirmani

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Agriculture Minister Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said on Thursday that till now 1.25 million farmers had got their registration done for obtaining Punjab Chief Minister's Kisan Card. He said this while presiding over the meeting held in Deputy Commissioner's Toba Tek Deputy Singh office, said a press release. The meeting reviewed arrangements

regarding Punjab Chief

Minister's visit to Toba

Tek Singh and kisan card

activation ceremony. The

minister said that after printing of kisan card its provision was ongoing. He further said that Punjab Chief Minister was taking all possible measures to ensure agriculture development.

He said that Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz would be chief guest of Kisan Card launching ceremony in Toba Tek Singh. Kirmani said that under the scheme, a subsidy of Rs 1 million would be provided to farmers for getting tractor under green tractor scheme.

# Pakistan at good place on economic front, open for business, Finance Minister ISLAMABAD (APP): Aurangzeb highlighted Business-to-Business

Federal Minister for government policies aimed Finance and Revenue, at strengthening the Senator Muhammad private sector to lead the significant progress in Aurangzeb here on country's business and macroeconomic stability Thursday expressed economy. The minister over the past 12-12 optimism about Pakistan's emphasized that the months. Pakistan achieved prospects, stating the country was at a good place on economic front and open to business.

Business

government's role was not a primary surplus, reduced to do business but to its current account deficit facilitate the private sector. to less than \$1 billion,

Addressing the Arabian delegates to increased foreign exchange Pakistan Saudi Arabia promote trade and reserves to cover two

He welcomed Saudi stabilized its currency, and investment through a months of imports.

#### **ANF** seizes 65 kg drugs in four operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting four operations managed to recover 65 kg drugs worth Rs 5.2 million and arrested six accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman

here on Thursday. He said, in an operation, 13.2 kg hashish was recovered from a rickshaw intercepted near Sangjani toll plaza and two accused were arrested. 308 grams hashish was recovered from an accused netted near a major educational institution in

Karachi

## **Chinese PM's visit** to boost economic prospects: LCCI

Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry relationship between (LCCI) has expressed the optimism that the Chinese Prime Minister's visit will boost economic prospects of Pakistan.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid and manufacturing. Nazir Chaudhry said, "The visit signifies a critical opportunity to boost

LAHORE (APP): The more Chinese investment." They said that the Pakistan and China had been marked by strong economic ties but this visit takes it a step further.

> They added that the business community expect to see a wave of investment in critical sectors such as energy, technology, infrastructure

They further said that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Pakistan's economic had already laid a solid prospects by attracting foundation.

# **Empowered women play** vital role in development of any society: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of HER Market Place Leaders Club led by Founder President Leaders Club, Sana Khan, called on Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore. During the meeting, Sana Khan informed the Governor of Punjab about the initiatives taken by the Leaders Club regarding financial independence and business

development. Talking on this asion, Governor occasion, Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that empowered women play an important role in the development of any society. He said that women are not only take care of their families, but

Secretariat in Lahore.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Centre of Excellence on

Extremism (KPCVE) on

Thursday organized a one-

day seminar at Government

College Peshawar on the

issue of drug abuse and the

social problems arising

from it. The seminar was

to develop strategies to

prevent drug addiction and

raise awareness among Peshawar.

to the society by working shoulder to shoulder with shoulder to shoulder with men in various fields. Governor Punjab said that women are proving their mettle in various fields.

He appreciated the vision of Leaders Club to Humayun Iftikhar, Dr. Ijaz providing business said that Leaders Club is business opportunities to

Governor Punjab about HER Marketplace and Second Emerging Women Awards 2024. The delegation also invited the Governor of Punjab as a special guest at the Women

LAHORE: Members of All Pakistan Clerks

Association (APCA) are holding protest demonstration

against massive unemployment, increasing price of

daily use products and inflation price hiking, at Civil

**KPCVE** organizes

seminar on prevention

of drug abuse

PESHAWAR (APP): The students and the broader

Violent

Club to be held at Aiwan i Iqbal Complex, Lahore on 16 November. Dr. Aamir Khan, Founder Leaders Club, Anam Tariq Khan, Dr.

empower women by Sindhu and Irfan Khan were also present on this opportunities to them. He occasion. In addition, Governor Punjab Sardar playing a positive role in Saleem Haider Khan the development of the attended the Chehlum country by providing ceremony of his mother in law in Malal, Attock District and prayed for the On this occasion, the higher ranks of the of the delegation briefed the deceased. On this occasion, former Federal Interior Minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Sardar Muhammad Ali . Sardar Faizan Haider, Sardar Hasan Ali and a large number of local dignitaries were present.

#### **Police arrest** 21 outlaws in DIKhan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Dera police during the successful operations against the criminal the criminal elements arrested atleast 21 outlaws and recovered weapon, and drugs from their possession in the limits of Paharpur and Shorkot police stations here on Thursday. According to the police spokesman, on the direction of District Police Officer, Dera Nasir Mahmood, operations against criminal elements

are going on indiscriminately throughout the district. Shorkot police station led by SDPO Imranullah Khattak along with SHO Manzoor Khan conducted a search and strike

operation in different localities. During the raid the police team arrested the accused Muhammad Salim son of Falakshir resident of Mandran Kalan, who was wanted in the murder case. The police recovered 9mm bore pistol with ammunition from the possession of Nimatullah. Saver Program, both of the chief guest.



President Leaders Club, Sana Khan, in a group photo with Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

#### **Senior minister meets WB carbon consultant**

Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb met with World Bank Carbon Consultant Mr. Morton, on Thursday.

On this occasion. bilateral discussions were held regarding important measures regarding green carbon credit, industrial emission control system, development domestic carbon credit and anti-smog program. Senior Provincial

LAHORE (APP): Senior Minister Marvam Nawaz has been taking steps for six months to protect her people from the negative effects of smog. Punjab is currently going through a transition phase. CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif wants to invest in the development of energy, transport and forests, she added. She said that with the support of Australian firm, discussions are also going on about bio-refinery

1 for environmentally Minister Marriyum friendly destruction of Aurangzeb said that Chief crop residues. The senior

# MRS responded to over 2.6 mln emergencies in 7 years in punjab LAHORE (APP): Provincial which beneficial for the

Minister for Émergency Services Khawaja Salman Rafique congratulated all District Emergency Officers and the staff of the Motorbike Rescue Service (MRS) on completing seven successful years of service.

Speaking at the cakecutting ceremony for the 7th anniversary of the Motorbike Rescue Service, the minister praised Rescue 1122 as one of the most disciplined organizations. He commended the Rescue 1122 team, under the leadership of Dr. Rizwan Naseer, for swiftly launching the Air Ambulance Service and the Pak Life people of Punjab. He further said that Rescue 1122 not only provides a sense of safety to the people of Punjab but also extends its expertise through the Emergency Services Academy, which has trained over 26,000 emergency professionals from across

the country, to establish the

emergency system in

neighboring provinces. On the completion of 7 vears of Motorbike Rescue Service, a ceremony was held at the Command and Control Centre, Lahore in which Provincial Minister for Emergency Services, Khawaja Salman Rafique was

#### Three shot dead over enmity

FAISALABAD (APP) Three people were killed over enmity near Tandlianwala on Thursday. According to Rescue-1122, Haq Nawaz s/ o Sakhawat, Maqsood s/o Alam Sher and Waqar s/o Muhammad Azam (rickshaw driver) were on their way to the court to appear in a case when armed rivals opened fire on them. As a result, they all died on the spot. Rescue team moved the bodies to Tandlianwala city police.

#### Two dead **bodies found** in Karak

PESHAWAR (APP): Two dead bodies were found in the Sirajkhel area of tehsil Takht Nusrati in district Karak on Thursday. Local police said some

unknown accused dumped the bodies of the girl and a boy after killing them somewhere else. Police said the incident was likely to be the result of an honor

#### Motorcyclist killed in road accident

CHICHAWATNI (APP): A motorcyclist died in a road mishap on GT Road here on Thursday. According to a police spokesman, a 50-year-old man, namely Rustam, was riding a bike on GT Road when a truck hit his bike. A result, he died on the spot.

#### CM KP authorized to hold jirga for solution of all matters with peaceful negotiations

PESHAWAR (APP): The provincial peace jirga including Aimal Wali Khan attended by the leadership of ANP, Professor Ibrahim provincial peace jirga attended by the leadership and representatives of all religious and political parties here Thursday authorized the Chief Minister Khyber Pakthunhwa to hold a Jirga for resolution of all matters through peaceful negotiations.

The Spokesman of KP Government in a statement here said the grand provincial jirga was attended by Federal Minister for Interior Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Khyber Pakthunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, CM KP Ali Ameen Gandapur Federal Minister Engr Amir Muqam, Speaker KP assembly Babar Salim Swati, leaders and representatives of religious

Khan of Jumat e Islami, Mohsin Dawar, Mian Iftikhar Hussain of ANP, Muhammad Ali Shah Bacha of PPP, Sikandr Hayat Sherpao QWP, Dr Ebad Khan of PMLN and others here at Chief Minister House.

The Assembly Provincial including leadership of all religiouspolitical parties assigned CM KP the responsibility of conducting a peace jirga with concerned for solution of all matters through consultation and peaceful means. The CM KP has accepted the responsibility of conducting a peace jirga and thanked the participants for reposing trust in him.



LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique watching the stalls on the eve of World Mental Health Day ceremony at Punjab Institute of Mental Health.

# KMU hosts ceremony for **MDCAT 2024 toppers**

of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Finance, Muzammil Aslam government. He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of a five-week universities and an event profession.

PESHAWAR (APP): The honoring the top position Adviser to the Chief Minister holders of MDCAT 2024 organized by Khyber Medical University (KMU) on Thursday emphasized Peshawar. He remarked that that health and education are today's event is a clear the highest priorities of the testament to the provincial government's commitment to elevating the health sector to international standards. training program for The introduction of British-provincial nurses in level nursing training will collaboration with the significantly enhance the provincial health department quality of nursing, fostering and a consortium of British overall growth in this vital

# International News

# US calls out Israel at UN for 'catastrophic conditions' in Gaza

community about its

dangers and consequences.

from various fields, including

Deputy Director HED

Zakaria Khan, Professor Dr

Nadia Khan Betani, KPCVE

Principal Research Officer

Chairman of the Islamic

Studies Department at

Muhammad

Government

Prominent experts

UNITED NATIONS: Israel needs to address urgently "catastrophic conditions" among Palestinian civilians in the besieged Gaza Strip and stop "intensifying suffering" by limiting aid deliveries, its ally the United States told the UN Security Council on Wednesday.

Referring to reports of squalid conditions in south and central Gaza, US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield said: 'These catastrophic conditions were predicted months ago, and yet, have still not been addressed. That must change, and now." "We call on Israel to take urgent steps to do so," she said in a blunt statement.

The 15-member Security Council met over the humanitarian crisis a year said. after a deadly attack by

on southern Israel sparked the war in Gaza. Israel has since laid to waste much of entire population of 2.3 million has been displaced.

Israel says Hamas killed some 1,200 people on Oct. 7, 2023, while health authorities in Gaza say nearly 42,000 people have been killed so far during Israel's retaliation.

Thomas-Greenfield also addressed a recent Israeli order for civilians in Gaza's north to evacuate able to return to communities to rebuild.

demographic or territorial change in the Gaza Strip, including any actions that businesses. reduce the territory of Gaza," Thomas-Greenfield

Philippe Lazzarini,

Palestinian militants Hamas the head of the UN Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA, told the Security Council: "Hundreds of the enclave and almost the thousands of people are again being pushed to move to the south, where living conditions are intolerable.

"Yet again, Gazans are teetering on the edge of a man-made famine," he said.

The UN has long complained of obstacles to getting aid into Gaza and distributing it during the war. Reuters reported last

week that food supplies to Gaza have fallen sharply in again, saying they must be recent weeks because Israeli authorities have introduced a new customs rule on some "There must be no humanitarian aid and are separately scaling down deliveries organized by

"We need to see fewer barriers to the delivery of aid, not more of them,' Thomas-Greenfield said.

# Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Ukraine's President Volodymyr

Zelenskiy shake hands on the day of a bilateral meeting inside 10 Downing Street in London, Britain.

# At least 192 killed in wave of violence between drug gangs in northwest Mexico

**Monitoring Desk** CULIACAN: At least 192 people have been killed in a wave of violence that began last month between warring drug gangs in Mexico's northwestern state of Sinaloa, the State Public Security Council, a local civilian-led watchdog,

The council, which consists of members of Sinaloan society such as academics, business representatives and nonprofits, said that to date, nearly 200 mur-

ders and 226 disappearances have been reported since the onset of the violence on September 9. Around 200 families have fled the violence, with 180 businesses closing and 2,000 jobs lost amid the armed conflict between the leading factions of the Sinaloa Cartel.

Following the arrest of notorious drug kingpin and Sinaloa Cartel co-founder

# before age 18, UNICEF says

while girls and women were worst affected, 240 to 310 million boys and men, or around 1 in 11, have experienced rape or sexual as-

"The scale of this human rights violation is overwhelming, and it's been hard to fully grasp because of stigma, challenges in measurement, and limited investment in data collection," UNICEF said in releasing the report. It comes ahead of an inaugural Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against

#### Russia says 'Nuclear Five' states to meet soon in New York **Monitoring Desk**

MOSCOW: A group of five nuclear weapons states will hold a meeting in New York in the next two weeks, Russian state media quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as saying on Thursday. The group brings together Russia, the United States, China, France and Britain, all of which are nuclear-armed states and permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.Ryabkov did not announce a specific date or say what level of officials would attend.

#### **Overshooting** 1.5C risks 'irreversible' climate impact Monitoring Desk

PARIS: Any breach of what climate scientists agree is the safer limit on global warming would result in "irreversible consequences" for the planet, said a major academic study published on Wednesday.

Even temporarily exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius before bringing temperatures back down — a scenario known as an "overshoot" — could cause sea level rises and other disastrous repercussions that might last millenia.

#### EU must unite entire continent, says Zelensky peaceful, so that integration

Monitoring Desk
DUBROVNIK: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday called on the European Union to "unite the whole continent" as he pushes for more military aid to repel Russian forces. But a key meeting with international allies planned for Saturday was postponed after US President Joe Biden called off a planned European visit to focus on the threat from Hurricane Milton to

The EU must "unite the whole continent, all of Europe's democratic nations including your countries", Zelensky told the start of the summit in Dubrovnik.

united today it won't be peace closer.

processes that have begun must reach their result." he said pleading the case for his country and several Balkan states to be allowed into the bloc. Heads of state, pre-

miers and foreign ministers from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkiye joined Zelensky and Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic at the talks. Önly Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania and Slovenia are EU mem-

Zelensky said earlier the summit "will discuss "If Europe is not international efforts to bring

## Biden, Netanyahu speak, Israel vows lethal retaliation against Iran

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTŎN:

President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had a call on Wednesday (Oct 9) amid tensions with Iran, while Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant promised an Israeli strike against Iran will be "le-ended: "Whoever attacks thal, precise and surpris-

The 30-minute call

was the first known chat for Biden and Netanyahu not understand what hapsince August and coincides with a sharp escalation of Israel's conflict with Iran and the Iranbacked Lebanese Hezbollah, but with no Lebanese sign of an imminent ceasefire to end the conflict with Iran-backed Hamas in Gaza. The call was "direct

and very productive", White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters while acknowledging the two leaders have disagreements and are open about them. The Middle East has been on edge awaiting Israel's response to a missile at-

carried out in retaliation for Israel's military escalation in Lebanon. The Iranian attack ultimately killed no one in Israel. After describing Iran's Oct 1 missile attack as a failure, Gallant said in a video issued by his office after the us will be hurt and will pay a price. Our attack will be deadly, precise and above all surprising, they will pened and how it happened, they will see the results.

Netanyahu promised that arch-foe Iran will pay for its missile attack, while Tehran has said any retaliation would be met with vast destruction, raising fears of a wider war in the oilproducing region which could draw in the United States.

The United States has said it supports Israel going after Iranbacked targets like Hezbollah and Hamas but has tried, unsuccessfully, to stem rising conflict, to tack last week that Tehran broker a ceasefire in Gaza.

# US warns Israel not to repeat Gaza ruination

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: The United States warned Israel on Wednesday against any Gaza-like military action in Lebanon after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened it with "destruction" like that in the Pales-

tinian territory.

But armed forces chief Herzi Halevi vowed to keep up Israel's intensive bombing of Hezbollah targets, "without allowing them any respite or recov-

ery".

The comments came after a much anticipated phone call between Netanyahu and US President Joe Biden, which had been expected to focus on Israel's response to last week's missile barrage by

The White House said the 30-minute call was "direct", "honest" and "productive"

"We're going to continue to have those discus-

sions with Israel on how they're going to respond,' Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant, who had been due to discuss Israel's response in US before the last-minute postponement of his visit, pledged: "Our attack on Iran will be deadly, precise and surpris-

Iran fired some 200 missiles at Israel in retaliation for the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. Biden has cautioned

Israel against attempting to target Iran's nuclear programme and is also against striking the country's oil installations.

Hezbollah said its fighters were locked in clashes with Israeli troops in southern Lebanon, using rocket-propelled weapons to repel Israeli attempts to breach the border

#### Han Kang of **South Korea** wins Nobel literature **prize 2024** Monitoring Desk STOCKHOLM: South

Korean author Han Kang won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature for "her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life", the award-giving body said on Thursday.

The prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy and is worth 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 mil-

"She has a unique awareness of the connections between body and soul, the living and the dead, and in her poetic and experimental style has become an innovator in contemporary prose,' Anders Olsson, chairman of the Academy's Nobel Committee, said in a

#### Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada on July 25, a violent shift in the power dynamics of the cartel founded by Zambada. One in eight girls and women raped or sexually assaulted

**Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: More than 370 million girls and women alive today, or

one in every eight worldwide, experienced rape or sexual assault before the age of 18, the United Nations children's agency said on Wednesday. The number rises to 650 million, or one in five, when taking into account "non-contact" forms of sexual violence, such as online or verbal abuse, UNICEF reported, in what it called the first global survey of the problem. The report said that

sault during childhood.

# Pakistan, Saudi Arabia reaffirm deepening economic cooperation

Thursday reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in key areas including economy, agriculture, mining and information technology.

In the meeting be-tween President Asif Ali Zardari and the visiting Saudi delegation led by Saudi Minister for Investment Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih here at the Aiwane-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

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 longterm strategic and economic the strategic geographical

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-kistan and Saudi Arabia on would bring the two broth-its potential for natural re-sources and renewable enerly nations further closer.

President Zardari reaffirmed Pakistan's deep respect for the Custodian of 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 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 pros-

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

PESHAWAR: Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi participating in Grand

Abbas, Administrative &

Logistics Associate. During

the meeting, the delegation

was received by Secretary of

Sindh Human Rights Depart-

along with Director Human

Rights Agha Fakhur Hussain

and Executive Director of the

Treaty Implementation Cell

stan II" project aims to fos-

ter human rights education,

strengthen institutional ca-

pacity, and advance busi-

ness and human rights in line

with the UN Guiding Prin-

ciples on Business and Hu-

man Rights and Pakistan's

National Action Plan on

Business & Human Rights.

The "Huqooq-e-Paki-

Jameel Junejo

Jirga organised by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

Sindh Human Rights Department

welcomes UNDP delegation

for briefing on EU-Supported

**Human Rights Project** 

discuss a new project aimed ment, Ms. Tehseen Fatima,

**Independent Report** 

KARACHI: Sindh Human

Rights Department has

hosted a delegation from the

United Nations Develop-

ment Programme (UNDP) to

at advancing human rights

across Pakistan, including

Sindh. The project, sup-

ported by the European

Union, is titled \*"Promotion

of Human Rights in Pakistan

II / Huqooq-e-Pakistan II"

and seeks to strengthen hu-

man rights governance and

the role of national and pro-

vincial human rights institu-

tions. The UNDP delegation

was represented by Amar

Hassan, Rights-Based Tech-

nical Expert, Samad Aftab,

Business & Human Rights

would bring the two broth- sources and renewable energy. He informed that Saudi Arabia had planned to invest in the infrastructure and mining sectors of Pakithe Two Holy Mosques stan 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 agreeand Prime Minister of Saudi Ments would mark a new era Arabia Mohammed bin of economic cooperation areas of agriculture and inmerce Jam Kamal Khan Abdul Aleem Khan, Minis-Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Minis-

Senator Saleem Mandviwalla

Digital domicile

system

introduced to

facilitate citizens

KARACHI (INP): In a sig-

nificant move to simplify

the process of obtaining do-

miciles, Karachi citizens no

onger have to endure

lengthy delays and corrup-

tion. The newly introduced

digital domicile system now

allows citizens to receive

their domicile within two

days at a cost of just Rs 660,

a major improvement from

the months-long process

Commissioner Karachi

Syed Hassan Naqvi -

speaking at the inauguration of the Digital Domicile Desk

at the Korangi Deputy Commissioner Office, an-

nounced plans to introduce

door-to-door delivery of domiciles in all districts. The

initiative aims to further

sioner Korangi - Jawad

Muzaffar – explained that

the number of required docu-

ments for domicile issuance

has been reduced from 15 to

added to prevent the issu

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

visiting virous Health cen-

ters established in remote

government was ensuring

latest health facilities and

medicines in Basic Health

Units (BHUs), Rural Health Complexes (RHCs)

and Dispensaries of the ru-

ties 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.

The treatment facili-

areas of the district.

He stated this while

The DHO said Sindh

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Deputy Commis-

streamline the process.

previously required.





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

scholar Dr. Zakir Naik, Mufti Abdul Rahim, and Additional IG Javed Alam

During the meeting, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori acknowledged the hard work of the Sindh Police, who worked tirelessly to provide robust security arrangements. Dr. Zakir Naik also ex-

pressed his gratitude to the Sindh Police for their exceptional security efforts.

#### **SFERP** efforts for providing relief to gender based violence victims lauded

KARACHI (APP): The Protection, Mental Health, Secretary Rehabilitation Government of Sindh, Dr 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 Res-

This desk, established by SFERP, allows people in Sindh to lodge complaints that were previously not entertained by Rescue 1122. Now, with the establishment of the gender desk, such cases will be handled by Rescue 1122 to provide relief to victims.

These views were exressed by Dr Waseem Shamshad Ali while Inaugurating a training program conducted in Karachi regarding Gender-Based Violence, Sexual exploitation and Harassment, Child and Disaster Risk Management for the staff of Sindh Rescue 1122 Headquarters to equip Rescue personnel with knowledge and better understanding of gender-related issues so that they can manage calls and provide referral services to victims in the absence of the gender 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 assis-

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 unre-



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.

## 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

ing 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 depart-

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



tvres and blocked road as they are holding protest demonstration against the robbery incident in Otha Chowk area in the limits of Bagrani Police Station and demanding recovery of goods, held at SSP Chowk in Larkana.

# PM grieved

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

over demise of

x-NA speaker

Elahi Bux

The prime minister, in a statement, said that late Elahi Bux had efficiently carried out his responsibili ties 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.

#### Sahil Adeem declared fugitive in indecent

remarks case KARACHI (INP): Follow

ing his indecent remarks against the Sindhi commu nity, 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 Sindhi nation in one of his speeches after which a lawyer filed a case against him in City Court police station Karachi

The court has also ordered to confiscate the property of Sahil Adeem.

Despite a non-bailable warrant issued against him, the accused has failed to appear in court. The magistrate directed the authori ties to publish the sketches of Sahil Adeem in newspapers to aid in his capture.

Advocate Abdul Fateh Chandio stated that the court has now ordered Adeem's arrest wherever he is found.

#### **NPCIHA Tando Adam** organizes rally

HYDERABAD (APP): rally under the banner of "Unite Pakistan, Strong Pakistan, Army is Our Strength" was organized by the NPCIHA, Tando Adam. The event was led by NPCIHA District President Mazhar Chandio, Vice President Gul Bahar Khaskheli, Tando Adam Taluka Chairman Rana Sadaqat, President of Tando Adam Arshad Awan and other local leaders.

During his speech Mazhar Chandio paid tribute to the martyrs and veterans (Ghazi) of the Pakistan Armed Forces, stating that they have always defended the nation without hesitation, facing the enemy bravely. He highlighted that both the martyrs and Ghazis displayed remarkable courage and selflessness, sacrificing everything for Pakistan.

He added that every Pakistani's heart beats with their protectors, and the Pakistan Army has never left its people alone during tough times. Chandio ex pressed hope for Pakistan's future, stating that one day Pakistan will rise with dignity on the global stage.

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

HYDERABAD (APP) The entry test for admissions at Šindh Agriculture University 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.

#### At UN, Pakistan demands probe into 'theft and illicit sale' of nuclear materials in India NATIONS was found in illegal posses-

(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

"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, permanent representative of Pakistan 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 (ŴMD).

"In the latest incident last August 2024, a group

sion 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 pur-



Ahmed Khoro speaking at a press conference at

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

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KARACHI: During the meeting, policies were formulated up to the final stages of inspection and approval of all matters. The Director General, while discussing the objectives and goals of the committee, stated that the Government of Sindh has taken serious and concrete steps to ensure 100% compliance with

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 issu-



building regulations and to prevent any illegal constructions. Furthermore, the government has taken into account the challenges faced by allottees, particularly concerning the building plans of ordinary citizens. To this end, all approvals will be subject to the committee's consent, and strict adherence to timelines for either approval or rejection of submitted cases will be en-

ance 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

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 Sindhi 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 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

(APP): also has a rooftop area. According to the information received, repair work was ongoing on the first floor of the building; however, the cause of the fire may have been a short circuit, as the kitchen of the restaurant remained unharmed. The Deputy Mayor

further stated that in a large and densely populated city like Karachi, the effective role of the fire brigade is extremely important. Therefore, arrangements for the immediate availability of the fire brigade have been made in residential and commercial areas, as well as in all industrial zones of Karachi. This strategy has been developed in consultation with and guidance from the relevant business and industrial associations,

GARHI KHUDA BUX: Peoples Party (PPP) Women

Wing President and MPA, Faryal Talpur is plant-

ing a tree to inaugurate "Green The District

Larkana" campaign during ceremony organized

by District Council Larkana, Chairman Aijaz

**KU observes World** 

Ahmed Leghari, held in Garhi Khuda Bux.

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 60 percent of the world's sectors should focus on population is in work.

so that they can produce better results.

**Mental Health Day** KARACHI (APP): The improving the mental health of their employees

> He observed that we as a nation do not like to discuss our problems with health experts, which is not a good sign at all. People should realize that treatment is necessary for good health. "There is a need to create awareness among people that mental illness is treatable like other physical diseases." On this occasion, the Dean of the College of Economics and Social Development of the Institute of Business Management, Dr Nadia Ayub, mentioned during her resentation on mental health at work that almost

Three die in road accident

KARACHI (INP): Atragic 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

In addition to address-

Accounts Office.

LARKANA: Members of Memon community burnt