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## CM Murad urges MPs to actively participate in administering polio drops to children

KARACHI (INP): On World Polio Day, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses the anti-polio drive program and presiding over a Provincial Task Force meeting, announced the adjournment of the ongoing provincial assembly session to allow all the members to actively participate in administering polio drops to the children under the age five-year in their respective constituencies.

Mr Shah said that the move is aimed at strengthening the anti-polio campaign initiated during the tenure of former prime minister Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and bringing it to a successful conclusion.

The chief minister said that a five-day anti-polio drive is starting from October 28 to November 3 and this time there would be zero tolerance against the refusal cases, that's why he has decided to engage parliamentarians and other elected members, civil society and the ulemas.

The task force meeting and the World Polio program were held at CM House. Provincial ministers, Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Syed Sardar Shah, Saeed Ghani, Jam Khan Shoro, Shahina Sher Ali, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, IG Karachi Javed Odho, provincial secretaries, commissioners and deputy commissioners, Provincial coordinator (EOC) Irshad Sodhar, Incharge provincial government partners Aziz Memon, Dr Sara of WHO and other in anti-polio drive, polio workers and children.

World Polio Day: addressing the gathering, the CM said that Prime Minister Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto launched the polio eradication campaign in 1994. "30 years have passed since that campaign, but unfortunately, we are still struggling against polio to save the future of our children."

The CM said that there were 40 polio cases

in the country, including 12 in Sindh, 20 in Balochistan, Six in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and one in Punjab. He added that Afghanistan has 23 cases. "The frequent movement of the people from Afghanistan to Pakistan and from one province to another is said to be one of the reasons behind the eruption of polio cases," he said.

On World Polio Day, the Sindh government, in collaboration with its national and international partners, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to eradicating polio from the province, Mr Shah said and added that he has instructed the deputy commissioners to ensure the administration of the polio vaccine to the children, emphasizing that failure to meet this target will not be tolerated.

Murad Shah also said that the SSPs have also been given clear instructions to provide appropriate security to the polio teams so that they could achieve their targets.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah chairs the Provincial Task Force meeting on Polio Eradication, held at CM House in Karachi.

## 'Will not sit idle until Pakistan purged of poliovirus,' says PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday paying tribute to the efforts and sacrifices of the polio workers, and support by the international partners, reiterated his government's resolve to make Pakistan a polio-free country to save the future of millions of children.

The prime minister, addressing an event held on World Polio Day dedicated to recognise the sacrifices of the polio workers, said that the resurfacing of the polio cases in the country required reuniting the efforts to fight the menace.

He reaffirmed that the government would face the challenge with an unwavering commitment to purge the country of this crippling disease.

The prime minister, who earlier launched a nationwide polio vaccination drive by administering polio drops to the children, appreciated the support from international partners including the World Health

Organisation, UNICEF, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who had contributed to Pakistan's efforts to fight out the polio.

"With this commitment, we will meet success and polio will be pushed out of the country and will never be allowed to resurface," he resolved, and also appreciated the Saudi government's support.

Calling them the "real heroes" the prime minister paid tribute to the sacrifices of the polio workers in the polio eradication efforts and also distributed shields among the family members of the martyred polio workers and also to those who sustained injuries during the polio vaccination drives.

"Around 40 cases have been reported across four provinces. Today, we make a pledge to handle these cases effectively. We will not sit idle until the virus is eliminated from the country. This is a challenge which we have accepted," he remarked.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanges views with Federal Minister for Privatisation & Communication Aleem Khan at CM House.

## US envoy lauds restoration of Karachi's historic Frere Hall at completion ceremony

ISLAMABAD (APP): The United States (US) Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome on Thursday praised the successful completion of the restoration of the historic Frere Hall, a project funded by the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP).

Addressing a ceremony held at Frere Hall, Karachi, Ambassador Blome expressed his admiration for the initiative, stating that the restoration symbolizes the shared values and collaborative spirit between the US and Pakistan.

He said, "On behalf of the US government and the American people, it is an honor to join you today as we celebrate the completion of this remarkable project. Thanks to the AFCP, Frere Hall will continue to serve as a space for Karachi's vibrant artistic community

and as a testament to the city's rich cultural heritage."

Ambassador Blome highlighted the cultural and educational significance of Frere Hall, noting that the restoration project reinforces its role as a center for civic engagement and learning in the heart of Karachi. He commended the Sindh Exploration and Adventure Society (SEAS) for their leadership in the restoration effort, led by Dr. Asma Ibrahim and Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari. The project, which spanned three years, involved local students in learning the skills of historic preservation, reflecting a commitment not only to cultural heritage but also to skill development and economic growth.

"Restoring Frere Hall and making it structurally safer and more accessible for public gatherings like today."



KARACHI: On the 29th day of the 38-day World Cultural Festival Karachi, organized by the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, the UAE Consul General in Syria, Dr. Provincial Minister for Culture Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah and President of the Arts Council Mohammad Ahmad Shah talking about UAE cuisine.

## CENTCOM magazine lauds COAS Asim Munir as strong voice against extremists

RAWALPINDI (PR): US central command's magazine Unipath has paid tribute to Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir for his military diplomacy and his commitments for economic improvement in the country.

According to magazine, General Asim Munir has taken decisive action against Tehrik-i Taliban Pakistan (TTP) within Pakistan, known as Fitna al Khawarij. Under his leadership, through July 2024, 22,409 intelligence-based operations have been conducted against terrorists and their facilitators. They eliminated 398 terrorists, including 31 high-value targets.

US magazine writes that General Asim Munir's tenure as the Chief of the Army Staff has been characterized by determined action against extremism, proactive measures to address security challenges and a commitment to fostering socioeconomic stability.

General Asim Munir's approach to military diplomacy has not only strengthened Pakistan's relations with key global partners but has also underscored the nation's role in promoting regional peace and stability. As Pakistan navigates through intricate geopolitical dynamics and internal challenges, Gen. Asim Munir works to guide the Army and nation toward a future marked with professionalism, resilience, prosperity and unity.

Pakistan is also confronted with a formidable challenge in the form of fifth-generation warfare, a complex blend of conventional and unconventional tactics aimed at the implosion of societal structures. Gen. Asim Munir has expressed his resolve that the Pakistan Armed Forces, with the support of the nation, are fully prepared to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the motherland against the full spectrum of threats.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presenting souvenirs to front line Polio Workers and the relatives of those Polio Workers who embraced martyrdom in the line of duty.

## Bilawal says Fazl tried to make constitutional amendment controversial

ISLAMABAD (INP): PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman tried to make the 26th Constitutional Amendment 'controversial' by passing remarks against one of their clauses.

In an interview with the BBC, Bilawal said that the coalition government could have got the amendments passed even without the support of the JUI-F. "But we followed the Charter of Democracy (CoD) and tried to develop a consensus among political parties," he further said there was not much difference between a constitutional court and a constitutional bench. "By a constitutional court, we don't mean a separate structure," he opined.

Bilawal Bhutto, expressed confidence that the party's numbers were sufficient to proceed with a constitutional amendment, even without the support of Maulana Fazlur Rehman. Bhutto stated, "A significant task like the 26th Constitutional Amendment can be undertaken by any Chief Justice, and it was not feasible in the presence of Mansoor Ali Shah." He also noted concerns over attempts to politicize Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa.

Bhutto addressed the events of May 9, when military installations were attacked, highlighting the government's intent to prosecute those responsible. He criticized the court's interpretation of the constitution, claiming it obstructed the government's decisions.



WASHINGTON DC: Finance Minister Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb delivers the keynote address on Pakistan's economic outlook at the Wilson Center in Washington DC.

## NHA Sindh's revenue target should be set at Rs 25b for current financial year

KARACHI (INP): Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Thursday said that the National Highway Authority Sindh's revenue target should be set at Rs 25 billion for the current financial year.

The Federal Minister said this while chairing a high level meeting during a visit to the NHA office.

On the occasion, the NHA officials briefed the Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan on multiple ongoing projects of the Na-

tional Highway Authority. Speaking on the occasion, Abdul Aleem Khan said that financial stability of government institutions was the foremost priority and called upon the NHA that it should enhance its own resources.

The Federal Communications Minister instructed the NHA officials to further expedite work on 43 ongoing projects in Sindh.

He said that all projects of National Highway Authority should be of high quality and at par with the international standards.



RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir witness the ongoing Multinational Exercise Indus Shield-2024, at an operational Air Base of Pakistan Air Force (PAF).

## COAS Gen Asim Munir visits PAF to review Indus Shield-2024 exercises

COAS visits PAF operational air base to witness ongoing multinational exercise Indus Shield-2024

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir on Thursday visited an operational air base of Pakistan Air Force to witness the ongoing multinational exercise Indus Shield-2024.

The COAS was received by Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaher Ahmed Baber Sidhu. Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf was also in presence at the occasion, an Inter Services Public Relations news release said.

Exercise Indus Shield-2024 is the biggest multinational exercise of the region that is witnessing participation from 24 esteemed Air Forces converging to foster interoperability and training through state-of-the-art facilities embodying the exercise motto; "Stronger When Together."

COAS expressed his satisfaction over the combat readiness of Pakistan Air Force and the progress made through various modernization and up-gradation programs.



KARACHI: Vice Admiral Raja Rab Nawaz HI(M) handed over the command to Commander Coast Rear Admiral Faisal Amin HI(M) during Change of Command ceremony held at Karachi.

## KMC's main building to be shifted on solar panel system: Mayor Karachi

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that the main building of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) will be shifted to solar panel system next week while the mosque located within the KMC building premises will also be converted to solar energy.

He made these remarks while inspecting the solar panel system installed on the roof of the KMC's main building here on Thursday.

He said that in the next phase, more KMC buildings and streetlights will be shifted to solar en-

ergy, which will significantly reduce the financial burden on KMC and allow for the sale of excess electricity produced from solar energy to K-Electric.

During the inspection, Barrister Murtaza Wahab received a detailed briefing, which included information that the installation of the solar system to provide electricity to the KMC head office cost approximately Rs20 million. A total of 259 solar panels have been installed on the roof, which will generate between 650 to 700 units of electricity daily.

## Rear Admiral Faisal Amin takes over as Commander Coast

KARACHI (APP): Rear Admiral Faisal Amin took over the duties of Commander Coast during Change of Command ceremony held at Karachi, where Vice Admiral Raja Rab Nawaz handed over the command to the Rear Admiral.

Rear Admiral Faisal Amin got commissioned in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1992, a Pakistan Navy news release on Thursday said.

He is a graduate of Royal College of Defence Studies (UK), Army Command & Staff College (Quetta) and National Defence University (Islamabad). The Admiral has an illustrious naval career comprising vast experience of various Command and Staff appointments.

His key appointments include Commander 18th Destroyer Squadron, Assistant Chief Of Naval Staff (Operations), Principal Secretary to the Chief of the Naval Staff, Additional Secretary-III at Ministry of Defence, and Naval Secretary. In recognition of his meritorious services, the Admiral was awarded Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military).

## Bushra Bibi released from Adiala Jail after court order

ISLAMABAD (APP): Bushra Bibi, the wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder, was released from Adiala Jail following a court order from Special Judge Central, Islamabad.

A Special Judge in Islamabad, Shah Rukh Arjumand, ordered the release of Bushra Bibi, who had been in custody at Adiala Jail. The Islamabad High Court had earlier granted her bail in the Toshakhana II case.

However, her release was delayed due to the absence of Special Judge Central Shah Rukh Arjumand and the unavailability of Special Judge Central number two Humayun Dilawar. This meant the release process could not move forward immediately.





