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## At least 40 dead in gun attack on passenger vans in Kurram district

**SHO says 25 people injured; Kurram DC says two separate convoys were of members of the Shia community; President Zardari, KP CM condemn attack.**

KURRAM (Agencies): At least 40 people were killed and several others injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire on passenger vehicles in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's (K-P) Kurram district on Thursday.

The convoy, which was en route from Parachinar to Peshawar, came under heavy fire in the Ochut area, a remote part of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

According to police, the gunmen targeted the convoy from surrounding hills, hitting several vehicles with automatic gunfire.

Authorities reported that the attack left 38 dead, including a woman, while several of the wounded are in critical condition, raising concerns that the death toll

may increase. Soon after the incident, medical teams quickly responded, transferring injured passengers to nearby hospitals. The provincial government has deployed additional security forces to the region, while officials confirmed a perimeter has been established around Ochut as search operations continue for the attackers.

The motivations behind the ambush remain unclear, and no group has yet claimed responsibility.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, while condemning the incident at a press conference in Islamabad, confirmed that 38 people were martyred in the gun attack.

Following the incident, Naqvi contacted

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to discuss the growing terrorist attacks in the province. Both agreed to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

CM Gandapur emphasised the need for stronger coordination on security matters. Condemning the attack, he ordered the provincial law minister, relevant lawmakers, and the chief secretary to visit Kurram, closely monitor the situation, and submit a detailed report.

President, PM strongly condemn. Meanwhile President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday strongly condemned the incident of firing took place in Kurram district targeting the passengers vehicles.



**KARACHI:** Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses during power demonstration show of the Pakistan Armed Force Special Service Group Commandos for counter terrorism activities on the sidelines of the 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS-2024) under the aegis of Defence Export Promotion Organization (DEPO), held at Nishan-e-Pakistan Park located on Seaview Beach Karachi.

## CM Sindh says: IDEAS 2024 further solidifies Pakistan's position as key player in global defence, diplomacy

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday said that IDEAS 2024 has further solidified Pakistan's position as a key player in global defence and diplomacy, with the nation firmly committed to fostering peace through strength and collaboration.

He noted that Karachi witnessed a momentous occasion today as Pakistan hosted the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS) 2024 under the theme "Arms for Peace." The event showcased Pakistan's military prowess, technological advancements, and unwavering commitment to peace and regional stability.

Addressing an esteemed audience at Nishan-e-Pakistan, which included

senior military officials, defence experts, diplomats and industry leaders worldwide, the CM expressed sincere gratitude to international guests for their participation. "Your presence underscores the importance of collaboration and mutual respect in addressing common challenges. Events like these remind us of our shared commitment to stability, peace, and diplomacy," he remarked.

The Karachi Show, a key highlight of IDEAS 2024, featured spectacular demonstrations by the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force. The CM said that the show emphasised Pakistan's readiness to defend its borders and uphold the values of freedom and democracy.

At the event, special recognition was given to the Pakistan Navy for organizing an impressive display, highlighting its professionalism and dedication to safeguarding the country's maritime interests.

Murad Shah reaffirmed that Pakistan's philosophy of "strength for peace" was emphasized. He stated, "Military capability should serve as a deterrent to conflict rather than as an instrument of aggression. Our goal remains peace and stability."

The event also showcased Pakistan's advancements in the defence industry, with indigenous products meeting international standards, reflecting the nation's progress toward self-reliance. Delegates explored opportunities for collaboration on challenges such as terrorism, piracy, cyberspace.

## Bilawal urges Centre to review six canals project on Sindh River

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has demanded the federal government to review the 'six canals project' under Green Pakistan Initiative on River Sindh and first take all the stakeholders into confidence regarding the project.

In a video statement released on Thursday, Bilawal Bhutto maintained that he feared the project would become controversial if objections raised by Sindh and Balochistan were not heeded.

The PPP chairman advised the Centre not to initiate such projects which would become controversial like Kalabagh Dam project.

"Try to evolve consensus among provinces. We can make Green Pakistan Initiative a success," Bilawal said and warned "Forcing opinion on others will result in political insta-

bility which will have negative impact on the economy."

A few days back, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had tasked Deputy PM Ishaq Dar with addressing the reservations aired by Bilawal Bhutto.

PM's Adviser on Law and Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik had said that the prime minister had asked Dar to contact the PPP's leadership and address the allied party's reservations.

Malik further said that the deputy premier would soon hold a meeting with Mr Bhutto-Zardari in this regard, adding that some misunderstanding might have caused those reservations.

It may be recalled that during a media talk on Thursday (November 14), the PPP chairman had accused PML-N of reneging on commitments after the passage of the 26th Constitutional Amendment.



**KARACHI:** Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Gulbar Khan meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori.

## Sindh CM urges Centre to convene CCI meeting

KARACHI (INP): Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah urged the federal government to convene meeting of the Council of Common Interest (CCI).

As per details, the Sindh CM said that Article 154 (3) made it mandatory for the federal government to summon the CCI meeting within 90 days however no meeting has been summoned in last nine months.

He maintained that as per the constitution three sessions should have been summoned by now (after nine months).

Yesterday, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has demanded in a letter that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif should summon an immediate session of the Council of Common Interest (CCI).

"Provinces currently grappling with scores of economic and other inter-

nal problems, which required convening a meeting of the CCI," KP chief minister wrote in a letter addressed to the prime minister.

He said the CCI session will help to settle scores of mutual issues among the federal government and provinces.

"Convening a session of the CCI within 90 days period, has been mandatory under Article 154," the letter read. "Previous session of the Council of Common Interest was held in January this year," KP chief minister pointed out in his letter.

It's worth mentioning here that PPP-led Sindh government and the Centre are currently at odds as Bilawal Bhutto Zardari yesterday declined a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, requested by the federal government following his criticism.



**BAKU:** Turkish Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Abdulkadir Uraloğlu with Federal Minister Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan on the eve of COP29.

## Big blow to PTI IHC bars protests, urges interior minister to engage PTI for peaceful dialogue

ISLAMABAD: In light of recent legislative developments surrounding public protests, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued a directive prohibiting demonstrations, rallies, and sit-ins that violate the new law on public gatherings.

However, the court has instructed Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to initiate peaceful negotiations with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to ensure that future pro-

tests are conducted within constitutional limits.

Chief Justice Aamer Farooq issued a five-page written order in response to PTI's petition challenging the restrictions on public protests on Thursday.

The IHC directed the Interior Secretary to form a committee, either under the leadership of the Interior Minister or a suitable official, to facilitate dialogue with PTI's leadership.



**ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif chairing a review meeting of the Public Procurement and Good Governance.

## Sharjeel Memon urges Federal Government to prioritize Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway for National Economic Growth

**Independent Report** KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway is not just a

Court Reporters Association in Karachi. The delegation, which included Liaquat Ali Rana, Amin Anwar, Asghar Umar, Azam Zahrani, Sajid Awan,

analists. He also highlighted the important role of court reporters in maintaining transparency and accountability within the judicial system. He told the delegation that fitness certificates are being issued for old buses, but there are only two inspectors in Karachi, which is insufficient to cover all the vehicles. Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that each department has a specific role, and if each department performs its responsibilities efficiently, many problems can be resolved. He also noted that the Red Line BRT project includes the pipeline of the K-4 water project along with other utilities, which has caused some delays. Despite several challenges, work on the BRT project is progressing rapidly. He further mentioned that work on the BRT was halted during the caretaker government, resulting in delays and difficulties for the public.

He said that Karachi needs 15,000 buses to meet the growing demand for public transport. The Sindh government is actively purchasing double-decker buses along with other buses. The People's Bus Service has been launched in Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana, and Sukkur.

The Sindh government is working to provide services like the People's Bus Service in every city of the province. He said that to reduce traffic pressure on Karachi's roads, illegal bus stands have been relocated outside the city.



matter for the Sindh government but for the entire country. The motorway is essential for the country's economy as it supports businesses nationwide. The federal government should prioritize the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway project and begin work as soon as possible so that the entire nation can benefit. He made these remarks while speaking to a delegation of the

Shahid Hussain, Zafar Soomro, and others, met with Sindh Senior Minister and Provincial Minister for Information, Transport, and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon.

Talking to journalists, Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the Sindh government has taken several steps for the welfare and professional development of jour-



**KARACHI:** Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza visiting 12th International Defence Exhibition and Seminar-24 at Expo Center.

## Acting Governor Sindh visits IDEAS 2024

KARACHI (INP): Acting Governor Sindh, Syed Awais Qadir Shah Thursday visited the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS 2024) at the Karachi Expo Centre.

During his visit, Syed Awais Qadir Shah toured various pavilions showcasing advanced defense technologies and equipment.

He praised Pakistan's defense sector and the tireless efforts of the Pakistan Armed Forces, whose unconditional efforts and dedication have made it possible for the nation to host such a globally renowned event.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting Governor said, "IDEAS 2024 is a proud moment for

Pakistan. It not only reflects the strength of our defense sector but also serves as a vital platform for promoting international collaboration in defense and security."

He also appreciated the role of the Sindh government in hosting this prestigious exhibition, emphasizing its importance in positioning Pakistan as a key player on the global defense stage.

IDEAS 2024 has brought together exhibitors from 55 countries, offering a significant platform for advancing defense cooperation, showcasing cutting-edge technology, and building strategic partnerships. The event will continue until November 22, 2024.

## Commissioner Karachi imposes ban on littering garbage into nullahs

**Independent Report** KARACHI: The Commissioner, Karachi Division, has imposed complete ban on littering, throwing of garbage, solid waste, dumping of debris and other materials into the Nullahs of Karachi Division by waste pickers, scavengers, recyclers or any individual / person for a period of 02 months w.e.f. 20.11.2024 to 19.01.2025, with immediate effect.

The Station House Officers (SHOs) of concerned Police Stations are authorized to register complaints under Section 188 PPC in writing against the violation of Section 144 Cr.PC.

## Qureshi posted as Secretary Agriculture Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Suhail Ahmed Qureshi, an officer of PSS (BS-20) presently posted as secretary (GA) Services, General Administration & Coordination, was transferred and posted as Secretary Agriculture, Supply & Prices Department with immediate effect vice Rafique Ahmed Buriro transferred.

According to notification issued here on Thursday, Rafique Ahmed Buriro, an officer of PAS (BS-20), Secretary Agriculture, Supply and Prices was transferred and directed to report to Service, General Administration & Coordination, Sindh.

## ICC Champions Trophy 2025 displayed at National Stadium Karachi



**KARACHI (INP):** As part of Pakistan's preparations for the ICC Champions Trophy, the coveted trophy was put on display at the National Stadium Karachi.

The event included a special photo session, drawing cricket enthusiasts and officials eager to catch a glimpse of the prestigious prize.

Following the photo session, the trophy will be taken to various iconic locations in Karachi, allowing fans across the city to celebrate the occasion.

The ICC Champions Trophy tour highlights Pakistan's role as a host nation, generating excitement ahead of the much-anticipated tournament.



**Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf being briefed at a stall during IDEAS 2024.**



Maryam meets NDU delegation, briefs participants on Punjab development initiatives

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif Thursday met the participants in the 26th National Security Workshop of the National Defence University (NDU), who gave her the title of 'Super CM'.

is better than other provinces. No recommendation in any sort of appointment has been made in Punjab. I do not pay heed to anyone on the issue of merit. Every sector is in a state of decline due to lack of accountability. The journey of development and prosperity gets affected due to political instability. Unfortunately the governments are not allowed to function properly.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo with a delegation of Parliamentary Leader of PPP Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, and MNA, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani in Governor House.

PPP is not in favor of bill to impose agricultural tax on farmers: Governor

LAHORE: Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan People's Party in Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, and Member of National Assembly, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani met with Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in Governor House Lahore. During the meeting, various issues faced by the farmers were discussed.

FBR officer shot dead a citizen over 'monetary issue'

PESHAWAR (APP): A man was killed by an officer of FBR in front of Customs House here Thursday, said SP Cantt Aitzaz Arif.

Governor Kundi to convene APC to address security, governance issues in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday expressed grave concern over the deteriorating security situation in the province and announced to convene All-Parties Conference (APC) in early December to address security and governance issues in the province.



PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry and President City University Sabur Sethi awarding degree to a graduate student at the 13th Convocation of City University of Science and Information Technology.

Kundi condemns attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, strongly condemned the attack on the passenger vehicles in Lower Kurram district on Thursday and expressed his deep sorrow over the loss of more than 30 precious lives.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the country's economy depends on agriculture. Farmers play an important role in the country's economy. He said that Pakistan People's Party has always raised its voice in favor of farmers.

Azma Bokhari says: PTI's 90pc members against Nov-24 protest

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari has said that 90 per cent of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members are opposed to the protest scheduled for November 24.

Man killed, son injured in road accident

FAISALABAD (APP): A man was killed and his son suffered injuries in a road accident near Gatwala on Wednesday night.

KP CM condemns armed attack on passenger vehicles in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, has strongly condemned the armed attack on passenger vehicles in the Uchaat area of Kurram district on Thursday.

UNODC delegation calls on Minister Arora

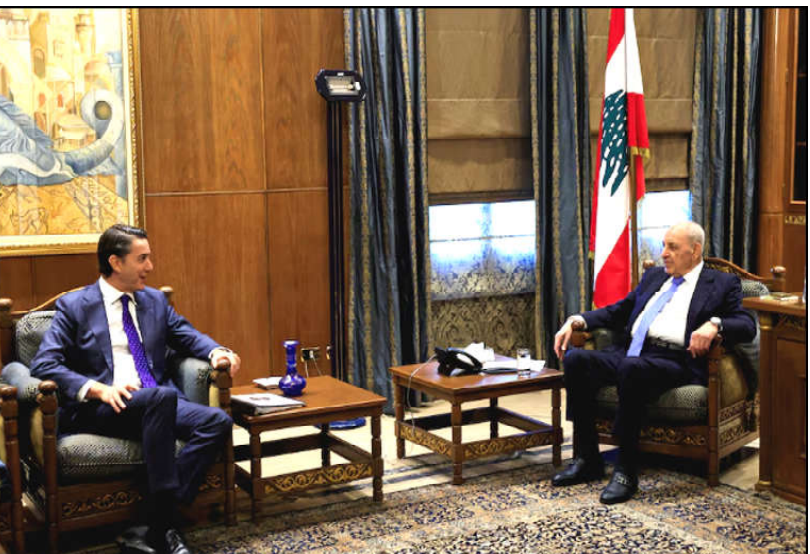
LAHORE (APP): A delegation from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Pakistan, comprising Syed Arslan Malik and Fatima Raza, along with Executive Director of the Youth Development Foundation, Shahid Rehmat held an important meeting with Provincial Minister for Minorities Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora and Secretary of Human Rights and Minority Affairs Punjab Ali Bahadur Qazi.

International News

ICC issues arrest warrants for Israel's PM Netanyahu, Gallant

THE HAGUE: The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Thursday issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence Minister Yoav Gallant, as well as Hamas's military chief Mohammed Deif.

rest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant over alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza. Netanyahu sacked Gallant as defence minister on November 5.



Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri meets with U.S. special envoy Amos Hochstein in Beirut, Lebanon.

Hezbollah says Israel 'cannot impose conditions' for truce

BEIRUT: Hezbollah's leader delivered a defiant speech on Wednesday (Nov 20) saying Israel cannot impose its conditions for a truce, as US envoy Amos Hochstein headed from Lebanon to Israel to try to end the war.

Russia, North Korea agree to boost charter flights after trade meeting

SEOUL: North Korea and Russia have signed a protocol on cooperation after meetings covering trade, the economy, science and technology in Pyongyang, North Korean state media KCNA said on Thursday.



Chief adviser of Bangladesh's interim government Muhammad Yunus with former premier and Bangladesh Nationalist Party chairperson Khaleda Zia at a reception in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Chinese defense minister declines meeting with Pentagon chief

WASHINGTON: China's defense minister declined a meeting with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin during a meeting of defense leaders in Laos, a move the Pentagon chief said on Wednesday was unfortunate.

Bangladesh ex-PM Khaleda Zia makes first public appearance in 6 years

DHAKA: Bangladesh's illness-stricken opposition leader Khaleda Zia made her first public appearance in six years on Thursday, months after her release from house arrest following the ouster of longtime foe Sheikh Hasina.

US again vetoes UNSC attempt for Gaza truce

UNITED NATIONS: The United States on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, drawing criticism of the Biden administration for once again blocking international action aimed at halting the 13-month conflict.

No hostages-for-prisoners swap deal with Israel unless Gaza war ends: Hamas

CAIRO: Hamas' acting Gaza chief Khalil al-Hayya said in remarks broadcast on Wednesday that there would be no hostages-for-prisoners swap deal with Israel unless the war in the Palestinian enclave ended.

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UN nuclear chief welcomes Iran's 'concrete step' on uranium stockpile

VIENNA: UN atomic watchdog chief Rafael Grossi on Wednesday welcomed Iran's "concrete step" on agreeing to cap its stockpile of highly enriched uranium after Tehran implemented preparatory steps to stop adding to its inventory.

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