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Sindh CM establishes petroleum committees in oil & gas producing districts

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh government has established District Petroleum Social Development Committees in oil and gas producing districts.

The committees have been established in 20 districts of Sindh. The 20 committees were established with the approval of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah.

The Sindh Energy Department has issued a notification for the establishment of the committee.

According to the notification, Dr. Khalida Sikandar Mendhro has been appointed as the Chairperson for Badin district while Syed Saleh Shah has been appointed as the Chairman for Dadu district.

Moreover, Abdul Bari Khan Pitafi has been appointed as the Chairman for Ghotki district while Syed Hussain Tariq Jamot has been appointed as the Chairman for

Hyderabad district. Further, Dr. Sohrab Khan Sarki has been appointed as the Chairman for Jacobabad district while Sikandar Rahpoto has been appointed as the Chairman for Jamshoro district.

Similarly, Qamaruddin Gopang has been appointed as the Chairman for Qambar Shahdaddot district while Gul Muhammad Jakhri has been appointed as the Chairman for Kashmore district.

Nawab Wasan has been appointed as the Chairman for Khairpur district while Muhammad Ali Bhutto has been appointed as the Chairman for Larkana district.

Makhdoom Jamil-uz-Zaman has been appointed as the Chairman for Matiari district while Mir Munawar Ali Talpur appointed as Chairman Mirpur Khas district.



ISLAMABAD: Paramilitary soldiers alert at the D-Chowk in the Federal Capital ahead of PTI protest in the Federal Capital.

PTI leaders courting arrests to avoid participation in 'illegal' protest: govt

Ministers blame PTI for disrupting country's economic progress by spreading "chaos and violence"; Strict action to be taken against miscreants as per law: Naqvi; State will not permit "mob attack" on Islamabad: Asif.

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): Strongly reacting to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's "do-or-die" protest in Islamabad, the federal ministers have termed it an "illegal and unnecessary", claiming most of the opposition party leaders and workers are "courting their arrest to avoid their participation in the so-called final call".

During his visit to different areas in Islamabad on Sunday, Information Minister Ataullah Tarar said that as per information came from Punjab and Islamabad, most of the former ruling party's top and low tiers leaders were voluntarily surrendering to the police for their arrest to avoid participation in the Islamabad protest.

"One thing is pretty

clear that the PTI's leadership does not want a release of their leader [Imran Khan] from the jail," he added.

He said the PTI had only one demand which was to get an NRO-like concession for the release of their leader from the jail, but the government cannot do anything in this regard.

This is the domain of the courts where the PTI is supposed to argue and fight for the release of their leader who has been facing different charges, he added. "Life in Islamabad is normal as people are taking strolls in parks and children are playing various sports at different places, but some major highways have been closed to maintain law and order in the city," he noted. He held the PTI responsible for the

roads' closure and inflicting financial damage to traders and businessmen. The PTI did not only want to derail the economy but was also hell-bent on damaging the foreign relations of Pakistan with friendly countries.

Tarar said the PTI had a track record of creating chaos and anarchy, and vandalising public properties. He added the PTI had orchestrated the May 9 arson and vandalised the sensitive installations and memorials of martyrs, just to create chaos and anarchy.

"Our responsibility is to ensure security in Islamabad," he said, adding the miscreants would be dealt with iron hands. He said the PTI had only one demand which was to get an NRO-like concession for the

release of their leader from the jail, but the government cannot do anything in this regard. This is the domain of the courts where the PTI is supposed to argue and fight for the release of their leader who has been facing different charges, he added.

Tarar said the PTI had a track record of creating chaos and anarchy, and vandalising public properties, citing the sit-in of 2014 when their workers torched the Parliament and injured many policemen including SSP Asmat ullah Junejo. He categorically said that nobody would be allowed to disrupt the economic progress achieved in the last eight months which witnessed a substantial increase in remittances that jumped to \$8.8 billion in the first quarter.

Bilawal expresses deep concern over deteriorating law, order situation in Kurram

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the Kurram district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, urging that the safety and security of citizens be ensured immediately.

In a press release issued by the Media Cell Bilawal House, Chairman PPP stated, "On one hand, the Kurram district is burning in the fire of unrest, and on the other, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government is absent from the scene." He pointed out that in the last few days, 80 citizens had been killed in Kurram, and people are not even safe in their homes.

"The government's silence during this turmoil is tantamount to being an ally of the terrorists", he said.

Bilawal Bhutto em-

phasized that maintaining law and order is the primary responsibility of the provincial government, but the PTI-led provincial government has failed to protect the lives and property of the citizens. "We condemn the criminal negligence of the PTI government in Kurram."

He concluded by saying, "My heart is bleeding for the victims, and we cannot stand to see Khyber Pakhtunkhwa burn in the flames of lawlessness."

The Peoples Party will play its role in ensuring peace and order, not only in Kurram but across the entire province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa."

Bilawal Bhutto has also directed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi to provide a detailed report on the situation in the Kurram district.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses a ceremony marking World Children's Day at Nishan-e-Pakistan.

People rejected PTI's politics of confrontation: Musadiq

KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Petroleum Musadiq Malik on Sunday said people had rejected PTI's politics of agitation and confrontation, which is aimed at destabilizing the country and no any convoy was taken out from Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa CM and Bushra Bibi heading towards Islamabad but they would never succeed in their nefarious designs, he said while addressing a press conference here at PSO head office.

Federal Petroleum minister said PTI was ruling in KP since last 11 years and during their rule in the province several major terrorist incidents were

occurred. He cited APS tragedy, Police Lines incident and several other terrorist incidents claiming lives of innocent civilians as well as security forces Jawans.

Senator Musadiq said in the past our security forces had initiated successful operations like Zarab-e-Azab and eliminated terrorist networks from our soil and terrorists had fled away but when PTI took over the reins of power in KP they brought all terrorist elements back to our soil.

He said terrorists were involved in killing of miners, innocent people in tribal areas of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and PTI is responsible of all these terrorist incidents.

Zulfiqar pays tributes to legendary comedian Ismail Tara on anniversary

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister for Culture and Tourism Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah on Sunday paid tributes to the legendary comedian late Ismail Tara on his third death anniversary.

He said, "Ismail Tara rose to fame through his style and lively acting."

Shah said the deceased Ismail Tara always spread laughs and shared happiness and he would always be there with his great character and name. "I express my solidarity with the fans and family on Ismail Tara's death anniversary," he added.



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Hussain Shah along with Minister for Culture Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah addressing media persons during Sindh Craft Festival 2024 at Port Grand.

Nisar Khuhro reviews arrangements for PPP's Foundation Day

HYDERABAD (APP): President Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Nisar Ahmed Khuhro along with PPP's Information Secretary Senator Aajiz Dhamrah and General Secretary PPP Hyderabad district Waseem Rajput jointly presided over a meeting to review the arrangements for 'Youm-e-Tasees' (anniversary of the Foundation Day) of Pakistan Peoples Party.

Speaking at the occasion, Nisar Ahmed Khuhro said that PPP would organize multiple programmes and seminars in all districts and district level on its foundation day to be celebrated on 30th November so that workers of Pakistan People's Party and people could meet and educated about the

struggle of the Party for the cause of democracy.

Nisar Khuhro urged Nazims of all Union Councils, Town Chairmen, District Council Chairmen, MNAs and MPAs to fully participate in gatherings of Youm-e-Tasees.

The Party leaders also exchanged their views about the programmes chalked out for the Foundation Day.

On this occasion, feteha was also offered for Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Shaheed Muhatarma Benazir Bhutto, Mir Murtaza Bhutto and other martyrs of the Party.

Azhar Siyal, Altaf Jatoi, Engineer Sikandar Hayat, Amin Shaikh and other workers were also present on the occasion.



SIALKOT: Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif is listening the problems of people at his residence.

PTI protest: Karachi police put on high alert

KARACHI (INP): Karachi police have been put on high alert amid ongoing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protests.

As per details, Karachi Police Chief Javed Alam Odho has directed the police force to remain on high alert amid the ongoing PTI protests.

The police chief has instructed all DIGs and SSPs to remain available at all times and ensured that police stations are fully alert. "We are prepared to handle any emergency situation," stated Javed Alam Odho.

Additional personnel have been placed on standby, and field presence has been emphasized to maintain law and order. "In the current circumstances, police patrolling and visibility should be evident," added the Karachi Police Chief.

This comes as security measures are heightened across the country in response to PTI's protest activities.

On the other hand, around 1257 PTI workers have been detained in Multan division including the party's members of national and provincial assemblies', sources said.

Police has detained over 200 PTI workers marching towards Islamabad on the Party's call, party sources shared.

Imran Khan is only making missed calls, says Tessori

LONDON (INP): Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori has stated that former prime minister Imran Khan was making "missed calls" and would not be able to reach anyone for the next five years.

In a conversation with a private TV channel in London, Tessori said that PTI members would eventually "go in circles and return to where they started," describing the current political situation as a "game of emotions and the last over."

He added that the situation will soon come to an end, and that frustration was evident in their statements.

Tessori also commented on the controversial statement by Bushra Bibi, noting that even her own

party did not endorse it. He said if Imran Khan made such a statement to Bushra Bibi, he would have violated his oath. He further explained that if any such matters did occur, Imran Khan had taken an oath as prime minister not to disclose state secrets.

Tessori emphasized that any attempts to link these issues would go against the country's sovereignty and integrity.

Regarding Pakistan's economic stability, the Governor stated that the country was making efforts towards recovery, with support from friendly nations.

He warned that whatever actions PTI took, would not be welcomed by either the friendly countries or the Pakistani public.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohnsin Naqvi receiving High level Belarusian delegation on their arrival.

Any attempts to disrupt the country's peace and stability would not be tolerated: Shehla

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan People's Party prominent leader Shehla Raza Sunday issued a stern warning to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), cautioning that any attempts to disrupt the country's peace and stability would not be tolerated.

Talking to PTV news channel, Shehla has called on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to prioritize national interest over personal agendas, adding, "PPP would not tolerate any attempts to disrupt the country's peace and stability."

She expressed grave concerns over

the escalating terrorism situation in KP but instead of addressing this critical issue, PTI launched a massive protest aimed at attacking the federal government, which was strongly condemnable.

Moreover, she emphasized, "PTI has consistently avoided participating in serious dialogue with both the Opposition and the government." Shehla Raza stressed the need for unity and mature solutions to Pakistan's problems, rather than resorting to chaotic politics or attacking the federal government.

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Short-changed?

The COP29 climate summit in Baku has stretched past the Friday deadline into overtime, with negotiations still underway at the time of writing. Although the final outcome is not likely to be known for some time, suffice it to say that what started with a bang may end in a whimper. The central sticking point at the summit was the establishment of a New Collective Quantified Goal for climate finance over which the Global North and Global South continued to remain at an impasse. Developed countries, historically responsible for the bulk of GHG emissions, were expected to commit to a robust financial framework. Instead, they stalled, with their draft proposals offering placeholder numbers and prioritising private financing over public grants.

Reportedly the wealthy nations have agreed to raise the climate finance figure to \$300bn, while the developing nations want a bigger contribution. The amount proposed by the former is still in huge contrast to the minimum of \$1tr a year needed by 2030 just to meet Paris Agreement goals.

It is particularly concerning given that Pakistan alone faces a climate finance gap of \$348bn by 2030. Whatever the outcome, there will likely remain a deep disconnect between climate reality and wealthy nations' commitments. The fact that developing nations like Sierra Leone were thinking of walking out of the deal speaks volumes for how short-changed they feel. Besides how much must be paid, the question that emerged was who must pay. European nations insist that high-emitting economies such as China and Gulf states share the burden. However, the Global North cannot deflect responsibility for historical emissions. Meanwhile, the recent election of Donald Trump — who believes climate change is a hoax — as US president, cast a pall over the talks. Some of the wealthy nations believe the world's biggest economy will want nothing to do with the finance goal during Mr Trump's tenure.

Pakistan's delegation, led by negotiator Arif Goheer, aptly criticised the draft agreement as "disappointing". Our diplomatic efforts at the summit, including hosting over 40 events, demonstrate our commitment to global climate action. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reiterated the pressing need for grants, not loans, to avoid deepening debt traps. Domestically, Pakistan has taken steps to address climate vulnerabilities, unveiling its National Climate Finance Strategy and launching the Recharge Pakistan initiative to manage flood risks through ecosystem-based solutions. However, these ambitious plans require substantial financial backing. While the eventual target may unlock some funds, accessing them through the current maze of red tape will remain a challenge. As the nations continue to argue, the international community must recognise that climate finance is not merely about numbers — it is about enabling vulnerable nations to survive and adapt to a crisis they did little to create. For now, we remain far from this essential goal.

A city in peril

Ayman Zafar

Cities are an integral part of history and one of the most complex creations of mankind. The architecture of a city is the main tangible evidence of man's intellectual and cultural journey through the past — and Lahore, indeed, is a city where history, art and culture have been woven seamlessly into the lives of its people. Unfortunately, the Lahore we know today seems to be stifled by an unremitting haze of pollution, neglect, and indifference.

The city gasps for breath, choked by a thick blanket of smog that descends every winter, suffocating its citizens. Pollution is no longer just an inconvenience; it is a health emergency, a manmade catastrophe, fuelled by political apathy, regulatory failure, and unchecked urbanisation.

Imposing illogical bans on people's livelihoods is hardly a solution (in case anyone important enough to take action has stumbled upon this piece). The issue goes far beyond the present crisis. It dates to years of neglect — when activities endangering the environment should have been monitored, when the looming 'environmental crisis' should have been treated with urgency, and when there was still time to reverse the damage caused by the misdoings and sheer failures of those in charge. Instead, here we are, tangled in the noise of daily politics, fixated on power struggles, prejudiced rivalries, and judicial controversies, while the people of Lahore are left to suffer and quite literally, suffocate.

It's truly baffling that individuals occupying high-ranking positions — armed with de-

grees from prestigious universities and boasting decades of supposed experience — believe they are entitled to those seats, no matter how they were secured: through manipulation, deception, or outright disregard for the public. And yet, despite their credentials and claims of competence, the issues of environmental security are dismissed as unworthy of attention. As disappointing as it is, the mindset, cultural blind spots, and self-serving incompetence of the country's policymakers leave them incapable of understanding the severity of the crisis. But of course, priorities are clear — why focus on the suffocating air millions are forced to breathe when a quick trip to the UK for a throat infection is much more pressing? Meanwhile, the rest of us? Well, we can continue to suffer.

It comes as no surprise to anyone paying attention that environmental degradation has long been the price of so-called development in Pakistan. Successive governments have mastered the art of crafting policies full of promises and impressive jargon, yet the gap between these declarations and implementation is staggering. Take, for instance, the National Environmental Policy 2005, seen as a comprehensive blueprint to tackle environmental challenges at the time. It now gathers dust, undermined by a lack of enforcement and funding, and an even greater lack of political will.

Meanwhile, malpractice continues to thrive in the agriculture, food and water sectors, continuing to expose people to toxic chemicals and creating health crises that remain undressed. Like I said, if one is to examine the

country's environmental and climate change efforts diligently, a disheartening pattern emerges: policies churned out over the years like clockwork, each signalled as a breakthrough, but backed by little practical action. We seem stuck in an endless cycle of announcements and photo ops, while the air we continue to breathe, grows increasingly poisonous, and is unfit for life.

Where does the blame lie? It's tempting to point fingers in every possible direction — inept policymakers, uninterested administrators, and industries running wild — but the vacuum of accountability looms largest. In this void, the judiciary often steps in, attempting to address environmental crises through public interest litigation. But let's be honest — judicial intervention is a stopgap, not a long-term solution, which is what is required from the government. The judiciary can issue directives and develop laws, but without political will to enforce them, they are little more than mere words on paper. And as the air continues to thicken with smog and indifference, we're only left to wonder: is it too much to hope for leaders who prioritise lives over optics? Or perhaps this is the reality we must accept: in the grant hierarchy of priorities, the survival of a city and its people will always come second to the persistent pursuit of power.

For now, the sun is out and I'd like to soak it all in — who knows, when we'll get to see it again. My humble advice: do the same while you still can, and demand that those responsible for this crisis finally take action before it's too late.

Image of the past

Muna Khan

I envy my parents for living in Karachi when they did. My father, like others who lived here between the 1950s to Gen Zia's accession, describes a city that sounds alien. He narrates stories about how he would go to Café George (for the patties) after work or take my mother to watch a movie; he remembers watching Cleopatra in 1966. Weekends were spent listening to one of the many live bands, both local and visiting acts from abroad, or at various nightclubs.

My friend Mohsin's earliest memories are hearing his daada tell his mother to get the kids ready, after which he'd take all the children all over the city, on trams — like an adventure. Mohsin also remembers visiting famed tea cafés which were intellectual hubs in Karachi, as a kid with his professor father. I credit Mohsin's endless curiosity to the exposure he got here.

This Karachi was open for everyone; sometimes you needed to pay to get into clubs but it remained egalitarian in its attitude. Now, people with money work hard to keep others out. Signs of 'right to admissions reserved' represent the rot in society.

The beach, parks or spaces like Frere Hall are some spots where the rich and poor cross paths, though I have witnessed efforts to keep poor families out of parks in DHA. We have seen how real estate is trying to gobble up beach land to create exclusive residences.

When we gate ourselves into smaller spaces in the name of safety — I still don't understand what we are in danger of — we lose a sense of a wider community which brings

with it a sense of belonging, one that you can't get in silos or screens. The mohalla of your elders — which once raised children along with parents and extended family — no longer exists. We don't know our neighbours anymore.

Where can we go to meet each other in the open, except gated parks or arts and literary events, which only occur once a year?

After visiting several of the sites of Karachi Biennale a fortnight ago, and enjoying several interactions with folks from all over the city, I sought out similar experiences. I miss The Second Floor, which Sabeen Mahmud opened in 2007, because it provided a space for us to get together. I enjoyed visiting Pakistan Chowk Community Centre in 2018 when I took my students on a heritage walking tour through the Old Town neighborhood. I've taken a few friends on this walk which I recommend to get a glimpse of what our city was, and is, like.

Thankfully, last Sunday I went to the renovated Khalidina Hall on M.A. Jinnah Road to check out the exhibit 'Crafting Resistance' which showcased artisans' work.

Here visitors could try their hand at spinning cloth grown from flax, using several blocks to block print, or weave yarn on a portable loom under the advice of the artists. There were other art opportunities for children and adults. Entry is free, even for the qawwali scheduled this evening.

I met three people I hadn't seen in years and would have met more, like the curator of this initiative, if I had stayed longer. I liked being in the space, whose inte-

rior was restored though a collaboration between Numaish Collective and the Karachi Metropolitan Council — in three months, proving that if you have the will, funds and fortitude, anything is possible. I want to mention the brass lighting because one of the civil engineers of this project, Shakeel uz Zaman, discovered during the restoration that the lights were brass and had them restored. I mention this small detail to demonstrate that restoration need not be an extravagant affair. And that restoration purely for the sake of it is pointless if you aren't going to use the building. I appreciate Khaliqina Hall and library are being used for the purpose its founder, Ghulam Husain Khaliqina, intended: a space for literary and recreational pursuits. Incidentally, the architect of this 1906 building was the Iraqi Jewish man from Lahore, Moses Somake.

This was Karachi's diversity. It is not one that is difficult to reclaim. Alas, how do you expect a city to restore its past when it can't seem to manage its crumbling present? It will have to find a way.

Instead of demolishing old buildings to create new ones, either under the guise of cost-effectiveness or to show modernity, I join a chorus of voices — far more knowledgeable than I — beseeching the authorities to restore our buildings, return our city to a semblance of its past. The Numaish Collective has shown us the way.

Look at the Walled City project of Lahore which has done a remarkable job at conserving the city's heritage and helping people connect with it, feel pride in it. Surely Karachiites deserve the same.

Commerce News

Ambassador Harerimana says: Rwanda, Pak have huge trade potential; health sector needs to promote bilateral cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Rwanda to Pakistan, Ms Fatou Harerimana on Sunday said that bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and Pakistan in the health sector and public health is inevitable and there is potential on both sides in this sector.

There is a need to further increase the bilateral economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Rwanda, for which the role of the private sector from both sides is very important, the Ambassador said and added that Pakistan and Rwanda enjoy friendly relations underpinned by mutual respect, growing economic ties and cooperation at multilateral fora.

Rwanda and Pakistan,

with a longstanding relationship spanning sixty-two years, actively collaborate in various fields, including trade, health, and investment, she remarked.

She said that Rwanda's real GDP of Rwanda grew by 9.7% in the first quarter of 2024, exceeding the previous year's growth rate of 8.2% and the country has shown remarkable resilience, driven by strong consumer spending in key sectors such as services and industry.

The ambassador said that despite ongoing challenges, Rwanda's labor market experienced a strong recovery, with over half a million new jobs created in the fourth quarter of 2023, marking

the most significant reduction in unemployment since the COVID pandemic.

"The labor market expansion in Rwanda was broad-based, with women benefiting slightly more than men and to leverage its youth demographic, Rwanda needs to expand labor force participation, as only 2.8 million out of 8.1 million working age individuals are employed full time.

She said that Rwanda aspires to become a Middle-Income Country by 2035 and a High-Income Country by 2050.

It plans to achieve this through the implementation of the second National Strategies for Transformation (NST-2).

Iftikhar Malik says: Trade linked to preventing attacks on Pak from Afghan soil

LAHORE (APP): SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry's former president, Iftikhar Ali Malik, said on Sunday that Kabul's decisive action for prevention of Afghan territory use by terrorists for attacks on Pakistan could unlock immense opportunities for bilateral trade and economic growth in both neighbouring Muslim countries.

In a statement issued here, he said the region holds tremendous potential for trade, energy projects and connectivity initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline. He said such mega ventures require stability and cooperation, making it imperative for both states to prioritise trust and dialogue bringing an end to perpetual menace of terrorism.



LAHORE: Petrol Pump on Ravi Road closed due to ongoing protest.

Memon expresses concern over deteriorating condition of roads in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (APP): President of Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCSTS), Muhammad Saleem Memon, expressed grave concern over the deteriorating condition of roads, infrastructure, and other civic amenities in Hyderabad.

In this regard, Chamber President also wrote a letter to Deputy Commissioner, Hyderabad in which he has stated that despite earmarking a total budget of Rs.356 billion for 2024-

25 by the Sindh Government, including Rs. 959 billion for development projects and Rs 55 billion for district development programs, Hyderabad's roads and basic facilities remain in deplorable condition.

Highlighting non-repairing of major roads such as Auto Bhan Road, Badin Stop, Hali Road, Tilak Incline, Station Road, Foudari Road, Grunagar, Tando Yousuf and all units of Latifabad, he noted that these have not only caused

severe traffic congestion but also led to a significant increase in accidents. Additionally, the absence of streetlights has exacerbated street crime in the city, adding to the citizens' woes.

Lamenting local government, he remarked that despite the allocation of billions in developmental funds, Hyderabad's roads present a dilapidated picture, reflecting the lack of priority given to the city's development by local authorities.

Handmade carpet industry urgently needs govt support: PCMEA

LAHORE (INP): A delegation of Pakistan Carpet Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMEA) called on Chief Collector Customs Peshawar, Khawaja Khurram Naem, and Collector Matin Alam to discuss issues related to the Turkham border.

Pattern-in-Chief Abdul Latif Malik, Vice Chairman Riaz Ahmed, and Senior Central Leader Usman Ashraf apprised the FBR officials of the problems faced in the import of partially

manufactured carpet goods through the Turkham border and the resulting unusual delays in the dispatch of export orders to various countries, negatively impacting exports and foreign exchange earnings.

Chief Collector Khawaja Khurram Naem assured the delegation that all possible steps would be taken to resolve the issues.

The delegation also presented shields to the FBR officials on behalf of the association.

Various food points penalised over law violations

MULTAN (APP): The food safety teams took action against non-standard food production and delivery units and imposed heavy fine over hygiene rules violations. According to details, a water plant on Jalalpur Road was closed till improvement due to water sample failure. Similarly, Rs. 80,000 fine was imposed on Sweets and Bakers at Bilal Chowk, Sohan Halwa Unit at Chowk Fawara and Bakery at Chowk Khuni Burj for dirt in the production area, lack of food grade certificates for hacking.

Malaysians show interest in importing Pakistani food

LAHORE (APP): Malaysians have expressed strong interest in importing high-quality Pakistani food and snacks to meet the rising demand.

A delegation of Pakistani food exporters, led by Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Saifur Rehman, is currently on a two-week tour of Malaysia to explore untapped export markets.

According to a report received from Kuala Lumpur, here on Sunday, the growing interest is driven by the increasing popularity of Pakistani snacks and food products, which are known for their rich blend of flavors, spices,

and traditional recipes. Pakistani basmati rice, spices, confectionery, processed food, and various types of internationally recognized nimko have particularly gained traction in the Malaysian market.

Saifur Rehman said that with Malaysia's diverse multicultural population, there is a significant demand for Halal-certified products. Pakistan, with its strong Halal compliance standards, is well-positioned to meet this demand, creating more opportunities for Pakistani exporters to penetrate the Malaysian market.



KARACHI: A mechanic busy in repairing sewing machine at his workplace in the Provincial Capital.

SBP asked to give collateral-free loans to woman entrepreneurs

FAISALABAD (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) should provide long-term loans without collateral at 3pc to women entrepreneurs in order to ensure their active participation in the national economy.

This was demanded by Imran Mehmood Sheikh, Central Chairman All Pakistan Bedsheet and Upholstery Manufacturers Association (APBUMA).

Addressing an awareness session, organised by the SBP in connection with World Women Entrepreneurship Day, he said that the ultimate objectives of such

events are to encourage women to become active participants of the national building process instead of becoming a burden on society.

He particularly underlined the role of Small & Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) and said that APBUMA is one of the largest representative bodies of the SMEs with 600 members out of which 350 belong to Faisalabad alone.

He said that high markup has become a threat to the existence of small and medium entrepreneurs as most of the businessmen have limited financial resources.

Governor Kundi issues directives for TDPs relief in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Crescent has been deployed to the areas of Hangu and Thall for rapid emergency response. This deployment aims to ensure that relief efforts are swiftly and effectively carried out in response to the needs of the TDPs. Additionally, Governor Kundi assured that food supplies for the displaced populations in Darsmand and Thall have been secured for the upcoming days, ensuring that no individual is left without essential resources during this challenging time. Today, in collaboration with the district administration, the

Pakistan Red Crescent conducted a thorough assessment of the situation. A comprehensive report based on the findings will be submitted shortly to further guide the relief efforts. Pakistan Red Crescent Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remains steadfast in its commitment to providing continuous support and assistance to the displaced individuals, ensuring their immediate needs are met with the utmost urgency. It is worth mentioning here that dozens of persons were died and injured during the ongoing clashes between local tribes.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Minority Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora in a group photo with Sikh community at Dera Sahib Gurdwara.

CM pays tribute to female martyr flying officer

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has paid glowing tribute to Mariam Mukhtiar, Pakistan's first female martyr pilot, on her ninth death anniversary. In her message, she praised martyred pilot's exceptional courage, patriotism, and unwavering dedication to her country. "Mariam Mukhtiar proved that the daughters of the nation are second to none in their efforts for the construction and defence of the country," the CM stated.

Recalling Mariam's heroic actions, she highlighted the pilot's selfless sacrifice in preventing her aircraft from crashing into a populated area, thereby saving countless lives. "She set an eternal example of sacrifice," she remarked, emphasising the lasting legacy of such courage. The CM also pointed out that martyrs like Mariam Mukhtiar are a source of pride and inspiration for future generations. "Martyrs remain alive forever in the hearts of their people," she

added. In recognition of the broader role of women in national progress, the CM underscored that women are contributing equally alongside men to every sector, displaying immense talent and commitment. "Every daughter of Pakistan is a source of pride for the country," she affirmed. The CM said that Mariam Mukhtiar's unparalleled sacrifice serves as a shining example of patriotism and selflessness that will continue to inspire the nation for years to come.

Govt committed to safeguarding rights of minorities: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Minorities Ramesh Singh Arora attended a seminar on "Minorities' Rights & Constitutional Protection" held at the Renewal Centre Auditorium in Youhanabad on Sunday. The event brought together a diverse group of participants, including Parliamentary Secretary of HR&MA Sonia Asher, former Minister Ejaz Alam Augustine, government officials, religious leaders, and representatives from various minority communities. The seminar served as a vital platform for discussing the protection of minority rights under the Constitution of Pakistan and raising awareness about the importance of safeguarding these rights in the contemporary social and political landscape. In his keynote address, Minister Ramesh Singh Arora highlighted the government of Punjab's firm commitment to ensuring the constitutional protection of minorities. He emphasized the provincial government's ongoing efforts to create an inclusive society where equal opportunities and rights are guaranteed for all citizens, irrespective of their religion or ethnicity.



HYDERABAD: Transgender community (gathered from all over Sindh) celebrating their annual function Moorat March, demanding equality, protection and creating the opportunities in public and private sectors for betterment in their lifestyle, in the city.

Franchised PTI collapsed: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb expressed her gratitude to the people of Punjab and Lahore, stating that the "franchise PTI" has collapsed today as it stands rejected by the public. She remarked, "It would have been better if internal matters were resolved privately. The people of Punjab are aligned with Pakistan's and the province's progress." She further commented, "Al-Jihad' has fallen victim to chaos and disruption. Bushra Bibi and Aleema Baji are both missing, and soon there will be news of Ali Amin Gandapur's disappearance as well." Marriyum Aurangzeb added that Bushra Bibi and Aleema Baji have sided with the PTI founder. "The instigator is behind bars. First, he was involved in looting the nation, and now he has been busy spreading unrest. They have always advocated for shutting the country down and acted upon it. Half of their so-called revolution was arrested before it even began, while the other half fled. Neither the revolution arrived.



LAHORE: Provincial Information Minister, Azma Bukhari addressing a press conference in the Provincial Capital.

KP CM acting as puppet: Bukhari

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari has said that situation in Kurram, Bannu and Bara is sensitive, but unfortunately Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur is busy in making preparations to run over the federation. In a statement issued here on Sunday, she said that today 12 people were killed in firing incident in Kurram, adding that during last three days in various clash incidents, 75 person were killed and 80 others injured. Azma Bukhari said

Kundi pledges ending violence against women

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi has vowed his commitment to ending violence against women, calling it a matter of not only human rights but of national progress. He said this in a special message on the International Day for the 'elimination of violence against women' here on Sunday. He emphasized that societies and nations move forward when women are empowered and allowed to thrive in all areas of life. Governor Kundi said that the elimination of violence against women is not merely an aspiration but a fundamental necessity for the development of any society. He acknowledged that true progress is achieved when women are treated as equal participants in economic, political, and social spheres. In his message, the Governor highlighted that the silence around violence must be broken and that the systemic norms which perpetuate such abuse need to be challenged.

60 shops sealed for smog SOPs violation

LAHORE (APP): The district administration has intensified its crackdown on smog-causing activities, sealing 60 shops and imposing fines amounting to Rs 60,000 on violators over the past 24 hours. A total of 2,564 shops, markets, and shopping malls were inspected citywide to enforce anti-smog SOPs, with 92 establishments shut down for non-compliance. Assistant commissioners across Lahore's zones conducted targeted operations. In City Zone, 477 locations were inspected with no violations reported. In Cantt, 250 establishments were checked, with action

taken against seven violators. Model Town saw inspections at 422 sites, resulting in action against 12 violators. Similar efforts in Raiwind, Shalimar, Ravi, Allama Iqbal Town, Wahga, Nishtar, and Saddar zones led to swift penalties for non-compliance, showcasing the administration's commitment to enforcing smog control measures. Deputy Commissioner Syed Musa Raza emphasized the administration's proactive stance in addressing smog and urged citizens to take necessary precautions, including wearing masks.

Kurram Agency tragedy sparks outrage, grief

PESHAWAR (APP): The tragic incident in Kurram Agency has ignited widespread grief and anger among the people and political leaders of provincial metropolis on Sunday. Civil society and political party leaders have expressed deep sorrow over the loss of innocent lives. Residents are demanding swift justice and the arrest of those responsible for the attack. Awami National Party (ANP) President Aimal Wali Khan has announced a protest on November 25th to express solidarity with the bereaved families.

International News

Israel attacks central Beirut; 120 more killed in Gaza

Monitoring Desk
BEIRUT: A powerful airstrike killed 15 people in central Beirut and 13 others were killed in attacks north-east of the Lebanese capital, while around 120 Palestinians were killed as Israel continued to press its offensive in Gaza and Lebanon. Eight of the victims, four of them children, were killed in a strike on the Lebanese village of Chimstar and five people died in an attack on the village of Bodai, the ministry said. Both villages are in the Baalbek district. In Beirut, an eight-storey building was struck with four missiles, including bunker penetrating types designed to hit un-

derground targets, said a Lebanese security source. At the site of the Israeli strike in central Beirut, Amin Chirri, a member of parliament, said there had been no Hezbollah leader in the building that was struck. The Israeli military made no immediate comment. Saturday's blasts shook the Lebanese capital at around 4am and left a deep crater. Beirut smelled strongly of explosives for hours afterwards. Rescuers searched through rubble, in an area of the city known for its antique shops. It was the fourth Israeli airstrike this week targeting a central area of Beirut, in contrast to the bulk of Israel's attacks on the capital region. "There was dust and wrecked houses, people running and screaming, they were running, my wife is in hospital, my daughter is in hospital, my aunt is in the hospital," said Nemir Zakariya, who held up a picture of his daughter after the strike. "This is the little one, and my son also got hurt — this is my daughter, she is in the American University (of Beirut Medical Centre), this is what happened." Separately, at least five people were killed and two wounded in an Israeli strike on Roum village in southern Lebanon on Saturday.



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a mosque at Nuseirat refugee camp, in central Gaza Strip.

EU cannot pick and choose as ICC warrants are binding, says Borrell

Monitoring Desk
NICOSIA: European Union governments cannot pick and choose whether to execute arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court against two Israeli leaders and a Hamas commander, the EU's foreign policy chief said on Saturday. The ICC issued the warrants on Thursday against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister Yoav Gallant and Hamas leader Ibrahim Al Masri, for alleged crimes against humanity. All EU member states are signatories to the ICC's founding treaty, called the Rome Statute. Several EU states have said they will meet their commitments under the statute if needed, but Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has invited Netanyahu to visit his country, assuring him he would face no risks if he did so. "The states that signed the Rome convention are obliged to implement the decision of the court. It's not optional," Josep Borrell, the EU's top diplomat, said during a visit to Cyprus for a workshop of Israeli and Palestinian peace activists. Those same obligations were also binding on countries aspiring to join the EU, he said. "It would be very funny that the newcomers have an obligation that current members don't fulfill," he said.



Leader of the radical right Alliance for Uniting Romanians (AUR) George Simion stands with his wife Iliuca at a polling station, during the first round of the presidential election in Bucharest, Romania.

Romanians vote in presidential election focused on high living costs, Ukraine war

Monitoring Desk
BUCHAREST: Romanians started voting on Sunday in the first round of a presidential election that may give hard-right politician George Simion a chance of winning, with voters focused on high living costs and the country's support for Ukraine. Opinion surveys show leftist Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu, 56,

Iran protests 'violent' arrest of students in Russia

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Iran has lodged a protest with Moscow regarding what it described as the "violent" arrest of Iranian students at a university in the Russian city of Kazan, state media reported on Saturday. Two Iranian students who visited a visa extension centre at Kazan Federal University on Friday were arrested after being subjected to "inhumane and unprofessional beating" by the police, according to the IRNA state news agency, which cited a statement from Iran's consulate in the city. In response Iran submitted "a protest note" to the Russian Foreign Ministry condemning the "violent treatment of the Iranian students by the police", IRNA said. Iran, a close ally of Russia, has requested "explanations" for the incident. The two students were released late on Friday following interventions by the consulate.

Nato chief discusses 'global security' with Trump

Monitoring Desk
BRUSSELS: Nato chief Mark Rutte held talks with US president-elect Donald Trump in Florida on the "global security issues facing the alliance", a spokeswoman said on Saturday. "They discussed the range of global security issues facing the Alliance," spokesperson, Farah Dakhllallah, said in a brief statement. The meeting took place on Friday in Palm Beach, spokesperson said. In his first term Trump aggressively pushed Europe to step up defence spending and questioned the fairness of the Nato transatlantic alliance. The former Dutch prime minister had said he wanted to meet Trump two days after Trump was elected on Nov 5, and discuss the threat of increasingly warming ties between North Korea and Russia. Trump's thumping victory to return to the US presidency has set nerves jangling in Europe that he could pull the plug on vital Washington military aid for Ukraine. Nato allies say keeping Kyiv in the fight against Moscow is key to both European and American security. "What we see more and more is that North Korea, Iran, China and of course Russia are working together, working together against Ukraine."

Afghan women turn to entrepreneurship under Taliban

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: When Zainab Ferozi saw Afghan women struggling to feed their families after Taliban authorities took power, she took matters into her own hands and poured her savings into starting a business. Two-and-a-half years after putting 20,000 Afghani (\$300) earned from teaching sewing classes into a carpet weaving enterprise, she now employs around a dozen women who lost their jobs or who had to abandon their education due to Taliban government rules. Through her business in the western province of Herat, the 39-year-old also "covers all the household expenses" of her family of six, she told AFP from her office where samples of brightly coloured and exquisitely woven rugs and bags are displayed. Her husband, a labourer, cannot find work in one of the poorest countries in the world. Ferozi is one of many women who have launched small businesses in the past three years to meet their own needs and support other Afghan women, whose employment sharply declined after the Taliban took power in 2021. Before the Taliban takeover, women made up 26 percent of public sector workers.



US president-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with Nato Secretary General Mark Rutte in Palm Beach, Florida.

Russia says US using Taiwan to stir crisis in Asia

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: The United States is using Taiwan to provoke a serious crisis in Asia, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko told TASS news agency in remarks published on Sunday, reiterating Moscow's backing of China's stance on Taiwan. "We see that Washington, in violation of the 'one China' principle that it recognises, is strengthening military-political contacts with Taipei under the slogan of maintaining the 'status quo', and increasing arms supplies," Rudenko told the state news agency. "The goal of such obvious US interference in the region's affairs is to provoke the PRC (People's Republic of China) and generate a crisis in Asia to suit its own selfish interests." The report did not cite any specific contacts that Rudenko was referring to. China views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, a claim that Taiwan's government rejects. The US is Taiwan's most important international backer and arms supplier, despite the lack of formal diplomatic recognition.

Russia supplied air defense missiles to North Korea in return for its troops, South Korea says

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: Russia has supplied air defense missile systems to North Korea in exchange for sending its troops to support Russia's war efforts against Ukraine, a top South Korean official said. The U.S., South Korea and Ukraine say North Korea sent more than 10,000 troops to Russia in October, some of whom have recently begun engaging in combat on the front

lines. North Korea's troop deployment threatens to escalate the war, and what Russia could give to the North in return has been a source of rampant international speculation. The most alarming development for South Korea and the U.S. would be Russia transferring sophisticated weapons technology that can enhance North Korea's nuclear-capable missiles targeting its rivals.

President reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to women's rights, end to violence

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has reaffirmed on the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women', that they were united in solidarity with women and girls across the world who endured violence in many forms. "This day serves as a reminder to intensify our efforts to end violence against women and girls," he said in a message on the observance of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25.

On this day, he reaffirmed commitment to protect the rights of women, provide them with a safe and enabling environment, and reduce gender-based violence.

"We need to empower women by providing them education, focusing on their skill-building and ensuring their financial independence. It is also essential to raise awareness about women's rights and eliminate violence against them," he stressed.

The president said that violence against women was a pervasive human

rights issue that affected nearly one in three women globally.

The urgency for immediate and collective action could be gauged from the fact that thousands of women lost their lives annually in acts of violence, he observed.

"This year's theme 'Every 10 Minutes, a Woman is Killed. #NoExcuse. UNITE to End Violence against Women' calls upon us to increase investments in prevention strategies, survivor support, and systemic reforms to address this grave violation of human rights", President House Media Wing, in a press release, quoted the president as saying.

The president said Pakistan stood committed to this cause, aligning its national efforts with this global call to action.

Former Prime Minister Shehbaz Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto championed the rights of women, he said, adding in her address at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, she called for economic independence, social equality, and

education of women.

"She firmly believed in creating a society free from exploitation and maltreatment of women where they could rise to the highest level in politics, business, diplomacy, and other spheres of life," he further added.

The president expressed his satisfaction that in Pakistan, they were making meaningful efforts to end violence against women.

"We have enacted laws to protect them against sexual violence, and harassment at workplaces. Pakistan has also established Family Protection Centres and Women's Crisis Shelters and increased access to counselling, helplines, and legal aid.

Yet, we still have a long way to go. Violence continues to limit women's access to education, employment, and equal opportunities, particularly for those in vulnerable communities," he added.

Through their collective efforts, President Zardari said, they could create a safer environment where no woman was subjected to violence.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi shake hands with Paramilitary soldiers before a press conference at the D-Chowk in the Federal Capital ahead of PTI protest in the Federal Capital.

'Do-or-die': PTI caravans en route to Islamabad amid arrests, clashes

Violent clashes across Punjab, Islamabad as PTI workers attack police; hundreds arrested; Protest paralyzes Islamabad, Rawalpindi; roads blocked, internet suspended

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): As PTI convoys from across the country were enroute to Islamabad on Sunday for the party's much-touted powershow — despite a court order and government warnings against it — the party claimed its workers were being arrested and dispersed using teargas.

On Nov 13, Imran Khan issued a "final call" for nationwide protests on Nov 24 (today), denouncing what he described as the stolen mandate, the unjust

passage of people and the passage of the 26th amendment, which he said has strengthened a "dictatorial regime".

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has ruled that PTI's planned protest is unlawful and directed the federal government to take all necessary measures to maintain law and order in Islamabad without disrupting public life, particularly as the Belarusian president is scheduled to arrive over the weekend with a high-profile delegation.

As PTI supporters, who had set off on their journey earlier in the day, began reaching Islamabad despite government warnings of arrests, the party claimed the police was detaining its workers and using teargas to disperse them.

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Bilawal for collective efforts to end all forms of violence

KARACHI (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Sunday has underscored the importance of collective efforts to end all forms of violence against women. He emphasized the need to empower women and safeguard their safety, dignity, and rights. Reaffirming the PPP's dedication to gender equality and women's empowerment, he called for a society free from fear, discrimination, and violence.

In a statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the PPP Chairman expressed grave concern over the widespread prevalence of gender-based violence, urging immediate action to address its causes through comprehensive legislative, social, and cultural reforms. "Violence against women is a gross violation of human

rights and a major impediment to achieving a just and equitable society. We must commit ourselves to eliminating it from all aspects of life, be it at home, in the workplace, or in public spaces," he said.

Highlighting the PPP's pioneering role in advancing women's rights in Pakistan, Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said, "The PPP has a proud history of empowering women by electing them as Prime Minister, Speaker, and Ministers, besides appointing judges and other key posts for the first time in the history of Pakistan." He credited Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto with laying the foundation for gender equality through the 1973 Constitution, which ensures protection against gender-based discrimination and promotes women's participation in all walks of life.



KARACHI: Students taking part in the entrance test for admission to the "Banu Qabal" program under Jamaat-e-Islami at Nishtar Park in the Provincial Capital.

PTI Sindh caravan faces police crackdown during journey to Islamabad

KARACHI (INP): PTI Sindh spokesperson Muhammad Ali Baloch provided details about the PTI Sindh caravan, which began its journey from Karachi to Islamabad under the leadership of PTI Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh.

The caravan passed through various routes, reaching Shikarpur, where it faced significant resistance from the police.

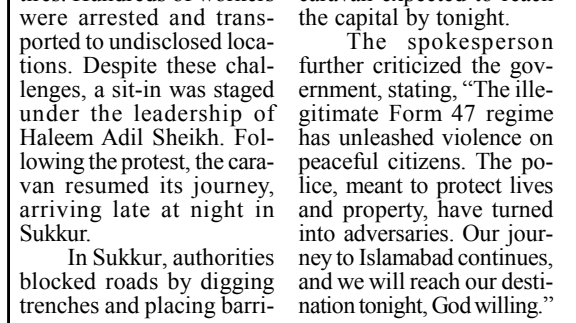
According to the spokesperson, Shikarpur police halted the caravan, subjected party workers to violence, and shot at vehicles, puncturing their tires. Hundreds of workers were arrested and transported to undisclosed locations. Despite these challenges, a sit-in was staged under the leadership of Haleem Adil Sheikh. Following the protest, the caravan resumed its journey, arriving late at night in Sukkur.

In Sukkur, authorities blocked roads by digging trenches and placing barriers.

The Sindh-Punjab border was sealed off with containers, cutting off transport routes. Some vehicles in the caravan were stopped at the border and near Pano Aqil, while others managed to take difficult routes to enter Punjab and continue toward Islamabad.

The PTI Sindh spokesperson accused the police of brutality across various cities, confiscating vehicles and assaulting workers. He confirmed that part of the caravan had already crossed into Punjab and was en route to Islamabad, with the entire caravan expected to reach the capital by tonight.

The spokesperson further criticized the government, stating, "The illegitimate Form 47 regime has unleashed violence on peaceful citizens. The police, meant to protect lives and property, have turned into adversaries. Our journey to Islamabad continues, and we will reach our destination tonight, God willing."



LARKANA: Activists of Sindh Taraqi Pasand Party (STP) are holding protest demonstration against building new canals to draw additional water from the Indus River, anti-people policies decisions and amending the Irsa Act held at Jinnah Bagh in Larkana.

SU conducts entry test for admissions to University of Mirpurkhas

HYDERABAD (APP): The Sindh University Testing Centre (SUTC) has expanded its testing services to other universities and institutions, conducting the entry test for admissions to eight disciplines of the newly established University of Mirpurkhas on Sunday.

The test for the academic year 2025 covered disciplines such as IT, Computer Science, Data Science, BBA, English and Commerce, attracting a total of 659 candidates in the Varsity's first ever batch.

According to the Director SUTC Dr. Aftab Chandio, the entrance test was held at the University of Mirpurkhas, where 233 female and 426 male candidates took part to try their luck for admissions. Out of 723 applicants, 659 were present for the test, which commenced at 10:15 AM and lasted for 90 minutes.

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Sindh health minister emphasizes parental role in Children's health

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho emphasized the need for parents to adopt a proactive approach and attitude towards the health of their children as part of the 'Big Catch-up' drive launched in Sindh, aimed at providing essential vaccinations to children under the age of five.

In an interview with a Private news channel, Sindh Health Minister stressed the importance of parents' proactive role in maintaining their children's health, adding, parents must take proactive steps to ensure their children's vaccination records are up-to-date.

"The campaign is a vital step in bridging the immunization gap, especially for children who fell behind on their vaccinations during the pandemic," Sindh Health Minister emphasized.

She underscored the importance of embracing science and vaccination as essential tools for safeguarding children's lives and securing their bright future. She urged parents to prioritize their children's health over misinformation, emphasizing the importance of polio vaccinations. Responding to a query, she explained that the 'Big Catch-up' initiative aimed to vaccinate two million children across Sindh, including 800,000 kids in Karachi.

PM holds consultation meeting on PTI's protest

LAHORE (INP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired a consultative meeting held in Model Town Lahore on Sunday and discussed the current political situation.

According to media reports, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan also participated in the meeting.

The situation after the final call of protest by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was also discussed in the meeting. During the meeting, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif directed to remove the reservations of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP).



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Hussain Shah visiting stall during Sindh Crafts Festival at Port Grand.

Complete lingering project of Hyderabad-Sukkur motorway, demands Altaf Shakoor

KARACHI (INP): Expressing grave concern over the long delayed project of Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway, Pasban Democratic Party PDP Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday demanded to complete this vital road project on fast track basis to facilitate the masses.

He said this project known as M-6 Motorway, is an under-construction project. It will connect Sukkur to Hyderabad. The 306 km long M-6 motorway is the only missing vital link of North to South connectivity; i.e., from Karachi to Peshawar.

Altaf Shakoor said when motorway projects have already been completed in Punjab and KpK, it is a discrimination with the people of Sindh to deprive them of this facility by delaying this project for years. He said earlier, the Superhighway road was facilitated to give the name

of a motorway, while it is not a motorway in real sense and if compared to Sukkur-Multan or other motorways it is a third class road.

Talking about the criticality of the motorways, he said they are designed for high-speed travel and connect cities and regions. He said motorways make it safer and more convenient to travel between cities and to tourist attractions. He said motorways are part of trade corridors that link important trade routes in a country.

In our country, the motorways are part of the "National Trade Corridor Project" and the "China-Pakistan Belt Road Initiative".

Altaf Shakoor said when one enters Punjab from Sindh, he feels a sea change particularly in shape of motorways, highways and quality roads.

Police arrest two drug peddlers, recover mainpuri

HYDERABAD (APP): Police in its continued drive against narcotics and criminals, on Sunday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered mainpuri from their possession.

Station House Officer (SHO) Pinyari police station Inspector Liaquat Ali acting on a tip-off with his staff, arrested two drug peddlers Hassan Mirali and Zafar Jatou and recovered a huge quantity of mainpuri packets from their possession.

Police have registered a case against the accused under gutka and mainpuri Act.

Colourful events held in connection with World Children Day

SUKKUR (APP): Colourful events, education exhibitions and seminars were organised by the Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) in connection with the World Children's Day in different districts, including Khairpur Mirs, Sukkur and Ghotki. The event was celebrated in Village Muhammad Khan Lound District Ghotki under the EPI Demand Generation Project funded by UNICEF in partnership with RSNP by SRSO in district Ghotki.

The SRSO-EPI project team conducted different activities with children and the community to aware of the rights of children and promote children's rights and well-being. They said that each year WCD reminds us that children are our shared responsibility and must be protected from all forms of abuse, violence, and discrimination.

They emphasized to community members to ensure full vaccination courses for the children as a basic right to protect future generations.



ISLAMABAD: Police taken to arrested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers towards prison van.

Elected rep, Sindh govt, civil society collaboration yields positive results

SUKKUR (INP): A remarkable success story has emerged in upper Sindh where collaboration between elected representatives, Sindh government and civil society brought new hope for orphan children.

Pakistan Sweet Home Sukkur, achieved a significant milestone with 40 'Angels' (students) from Sukkur, Larkana, and Shaheed Benazirabad divisions have begun their education at renowned cadet colleges across the country, including Cadet College Suhawa Islamabad, Petaro, Larkana, Sanghar, and Ghotki.

Additionally, 34 'Fairies' (students) from Sweet Home are receiving education at Sukkur IBA Public School under the "Papa Jani Zamurd Khan Scholarship" program, following

SALU secures 3rd Position at inter university theatre festival

SUKKUR (APP): Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU), Khairpur's Institute of English Language and Literature (IELL) secured third position at the Inter-University Theatre Festival held at Sindh University's Naushehro Feroze campus.

According to the SALU Spokesperson on Sunday, the team from SALU captivated the audience and judges alike by performing the final scene of Christopher Marlowe's iconic play, Dr. Faustus. Their performance was lauded for its emotional depth, artistic direction, and compelling execution.

Vice Chancellor of Shah Abdul Latif University, Professor Dr. Yousuf Khushk, extended heartfelt congratulations to the winning team. He praised the students and faculty members for their dedication and hard work.

Four matches conclude in master oil inter club cricket tournament

KARACHI (INP): Four more matches were decided in the Master Oil Inter Club Cricket Tournament at various Grounds of the City.

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi with the collaboration of Master Oil Lubricant.

Union Sports beat M.Z. Cricket Club by 4 Wickets at Asghar Ali Shah

Stadium.M.Z. Cricket Club 103 all out in 28.5 overs. Amir Yousuf 41. M.Bilwal 3/14. Musawir Ahmed 2/8. Union Sports 108/6. Salah Khan 40 3x4 1x6. M.Mehdi 18. Amir Yousuf 3/14. M.Kashan 2/28.

In the 2nd Match Malir Cantonment Gymkhana beat New United Gymkhana by 2 Wickets at Landhi Gymkhana Ground. New United Gymkhana

222/9 in 40 overs. Najeer ullah 73 10x4 3x6. Muhammad Rashid 50 5x4 2x6. Taha Ahmed 26. Imran Khan 17. Khalid Rasheed 2/32. Israr ul Haq 2/45.

Malir Cantonment Gymkhana 223/8 in 30 overs. Niamat Khan 31. Zeshan Bangash 29. Ishtiaq Ghouri 29. Ibad Khan 29. Yasir Munir 23. Israr ul Haq 20 not out. Hasher Shah 3/42. Anas Khan 2/43.

In the 3rd Match Korangi Friends Colts beat Orient Star Cricket Club by 5 Wickets at Afza Ground. Orient Star CC 108 all out in 24 overs. Maaz Qureshi 26. Abdul Wahab 18. Awais Iqbal 2/12. Imran Sheikh 2/17. Yousuf/Habib 2/22.

Korangi Friends Colts 109/5 in 14.3 overs. Muhammad Imran 49 6x4 2x6. Noman Ikram 20.

Abdul Wasay Siddiqui 2/14. Muhammad Khawaja 2/23.

In the fourth Match United Sports beat Al-Falah Cricket Club by 156 runs at Young Fighter Ground. United Sports 304/5 in 40 overs. Faazullah 76 9x4 3x6. Owais Ali Khan 60 5x4 not out. Saad Nawab 38. Hassan Jaffri 30. Ahmed Ullah 29. M.Shehryar 25. Abdul Hadi 20. Shayan Khan 2/36.



HYDERABAD: Students standing in queue to enter in Public School for pre-entry test for admission in Law College.