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PTI says worker killed in police crackdown in Lahore following imposition of Section 144

The PTI said on Wednesday that one of its workers was killed in Lahore as police launched a crackdown on those participating in the party's rally following the imposition of Section 144.

The party, which had decided to kick off its election campaign today, had planned to take out a rally from Zaman Park to Data Darbar. PTI Chairman Imran Khan and other leaders were also expected to be in attendance.

However, the party later decided to dedicate the demonstration to the judiciary and postponed the launch of its canvassing drive until Saturday.

Prior to the start of the rally, the Punjab Home Department had asked PTI leaders to take "extra precaution", saying that such public gatherings in the face of security threats were "not advisable".

Section 144 imposed in Lahore amid "threats"

Shortly after, the government had proceeded to impose Section 144 in Lahore. Officials had also taken scores of PTI workers into custody for violating the ban and used water cannons in an effort to disperse them which had led the PTI chairman to call off the rally.

In a tweet after calling off the rally, Imran said that party worker Ali Bilal was "murdered by Punjab police".



"Shameful, this brutality on unarmed PTI workers who were coming to attend an election rally. Pakistan is in the grip of murderous criminals," he said, adding that the party would file cases against the Punjab inspector general, the Lahore capital city police officer (CCPO) and others for "murder".

In a second tweet, Imran shared a video of Bilal, adding that it showed that the PTI worker was alive while being transported to the police station.

"So he was killed while in police custody — such is the murderous bent of the present regime and the Punjab police,"

PTI claims police violence led to worker's death

Imran later said he wanted the party's district presidents and office bearers across the country to offer funeral prayers in absentia for "our martyred worker".

When asked to comment on the incident, the Lahore CCPO's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Syed Mubashir

he said. had initially said he had "no idea".

Later, he told Dawn.com that as per the available information, "this is an accident".

The Lahore Capital City Police said: "Eleven police personnel, including two DSPs (deputy superintendent of police) [and] one SHO (station house officer), were injured due to the violence of PTI workers."

It added that one "seriously injured policeman is in critical condition."

Meanwhile, PTI Secretary General Asad Umar vowed that Bilal's killer would be "brought to justice one day". "The use of force has now reached such a

level that the sons of the nation are being martyred," he tweeted.

Awami Muslim League leader and PTI ally Sheikh Rashid also strongly condemned the alleged murder. "The PDM (Pakistan Democratic Movement) and Punjab caretaker government have crossed all limits of fascism and cruelty," he said.

Imran Khan berates interim Punjab government

PTI chief Imran had called off today's rally after police had launched a crackdown on party workers. "Stop everything. We are not taking out the rally that we were supposed to as, I am saddened to say, that all the moves they (the government) are making are aimed at running away from elections."

"They are trying to ensure that chaos spreads and that is why I'm saying to my workers to finish it, we will not carry out the rally," he said in a video address. Imran alleged that the government had launched a crackdown on PTI workers not for the sake of law and order but in an effort to avoid conducting elections in the province. "We cannot give them (government) any excuse to delay the elections," the PTI chief, again calling on party workers to return to their homes. "They picked up and took away our people today as well — around 100 workers — for what reason?" he asked. Web Desk

Balochistan police leave for Lahore to arrest PTI Chief Imran Khan

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Balochistan police left for Lahore to arrest the Pakistan Tehrik e Insaaf (PTI) Chief Imran

Khalil Kakar, a resident of Nawa Killi had submitted an application at the police station accusing the PTI Chief of inciting 'hatred' against state



Khan. "Yes, a police team left for Lahore to arrest the former premier", a senior police official told Daily Quetta Voice via telephone. He requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The Bijli road police station in Quetta had registered a first information report (FIR) against the PTI Chief on an application of a citizen.

Former Prime Minister wanted by Quetta Police

The Federal Interior Minister, Rana Sanaullah had announced a few months back that the former premier would be kept in the Mach Jail if arrested. So far, there was no word about the arrest of the former premier by the Balochistan government.

Inclusion of Women in Digital Economy project on cards in Balochistan

Sheikh Razaq

Quetta: The Balochistan government is all set to start the "Inclusion of Women in the Digital Economy" project, said Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, Parliamentary Secretary of Law, Science, and Information Technology here on Wednesday.

In a message issued here on the eve of women's day, the parliamentary secretary of information technology said that a project called Inclusion of Women in the Digital Economy will soon be started to equip the women of Balochistan with IT skills making them economically strong and financially independent.

Women's access to digitalization will reduce the gender-based gap



"This program of teaching digital skills to women will help in women's access to digitalization and will reduce the gender-based gap in the IT sector."

She noted that for greater access of women to technology programs in Balochistan, efforts are being made on viable projects that will prove effective for the economic development of women.

The parliamentary secretary emphasized the need for making womenfolk more empowered as the said project will provide basic skills of digital financial services and it can lift a large number of women out of the poverty line.

Still, a lot needs to be done for women's empowerment: Dr. Rubaba

"Although many steps have been taken for the betterment of women in Pakistan, still a lot of work needs to be done in this regard," she said, expressing her satisfaction that women's issues are now discussed openly in the media while legislation regarding women is also improving.

She further noted that women's participation in the political process has increased, whereas civil society is seen to be more active in raising voices for women's rights.

Dr. Rubaba said the provincial government is committed to providing maximum opportunities to the women of Balochistan. The efforts of the government will prove fruitful, and they will yield positive results in days to come.

897 doctors to be appointed on contract basis in Balochistan

Health Desk

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has decided to recruit 897 doctors on a contract basis to improve health services in remote parts of the province.

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo approved the summary sent by the health department for the appointment of doctors on a contract basis, an official handout issued here on Wednesday said.

The vacancies of the doctors include medical officers, lady medical officers, dental surgeons, specialists, professors, and assistant professors. All the newly appointed doctors would be posted in rural Balochistan, the handout mentioned.

The new doctors on the contract would not be posted in any big government hospitals rather they



would be posted in remote areas of Balochistan. A committee headed by the Secretary of Health Balochistan would conduct tests

and interviews of the doctors. However, senior doctors would also be part of the recruitment committee, the handout concluded.

A levies man martyred another injured in Kharan attack

Ibrar Ahmed

Unknown accused opened fire and martyred a levies personnel and injured another one in Balochistan's Kharan district on Wednesday.

Levies sources said unknown accused attacked a levies check post at Dali located in Washuk Kharan road. As a result of the attack, one levies personnel was martyred and another sustained injuries. One attacker was also injured when levies retaliated.



However, the injured terrorist was not arrested and he escaped along with other attackers. The number of attackers could not

be known immediately. However, the injured levies personnel was rushed to nearby hospital for medical treatment.

Levies and senior administration officials reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.

Police officials involved in baton-charging Islamabad Aurat March have been suspended: Sanaullah

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said on Wednesday that police personnel involved in baton-charging the participants of Aurat March — a public demonstration held annually in various cities to mark International Women's Day — in Islamabad had been suspended.

In a tweet, the minister said "other persons responsible for misbehaviour" were also being identified and proper action would also be taken against them.

In an earlier tweet, the interior minister had vowed that "strict legal action" would be pursued against those responsible for the "mistreatment" of citizens participating in the march.

Sanaullah said he had taken strict notice of the behaviour meted out to the participants of the march, adding that the Islamabad police chief had been summoned regarding the matter.

One of the march's organisers, Punjrush, explained what had happened during the rally, saying that transgender persons were performing when police charged at the protesters, causing some of them to get "crushed".

"Then they started pushing us so we started to push back [...] and then they started fighting and we started fighting and it just got confusing," she said.

Separately, Climate Change Minister Sherry Rehman also condemned the Islamabad police's action against citizens participating in the march.



"The Islamabad police had no business baton-charging a small peaceful procession," she tweeted after a video of a police official pushing a female participant back emerged online.

"It is the women holding laithis that need to be pushed back, not progressive women. Sad to see this happening. I will seek an inquiry," she said.

In another tweet, she strongly condemned the violence, adding that she had sought an inquiry on the incident. "There is no excuse for this. That too on International Women's Day. This is not what we fought for and will not tolerate it," she said.

The minister added that the incident had been brought to the attention of the interior minister.

"One day, just one day of the year our women, our courageous, talented but oppressed women, want to march and we find ways to disrupt it. What's wrong with us?" asked PML-N's Miftah Ismail.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) also condemned the use of force by the Islamabad police. It said it was also concerned about reports that religious organisations were trying to hinder women from taking part in the march. "Women have as much right to peaceful assembly as any citizen. The police are supposed to provide security to the marchers, not to resort to violence against peaceful demonstrators," the commission said. Web Desk

ECC allows PASSCO to procure 1.8 MMT wheat at Rs.3,900/40kg

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet here on Wednesday approved wheat procurement target of 1.80 million metric tons (MMT) at the rate of Rs.3,900 per 40 kilogram by Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation (PASSCO).

Research had submitted a summary on fixation of PASSCO's wheat procurement targets for the year 2023 and presented details on the public wheat stocks, projected release of wheat from PASSCO's stocks and carry forward stocks at the start of new food year on 01-04-2023.

wheat market, the ECC approved the recommendation of the ministry to assign wheat procurement target of 1.80 MMT @ procurement price of Rs. 3,900/40kg.



KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Ameer Engr Hafiz Naem ur Rehman talking top media.

Pakistan, Indonesia agree to enhance economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Indonesia here on Wednesday agreed to extend full support to enhance bilateral economic cooperation between both the countries.

Pakistan (SECP), Akif Saeed and senior officers from the finance division attended the meeting.

relations with Pakistan. She also shared various economic reforms introduced by the Indonesian government and steps taken for achieving sustainable economic development.

Imran Khan to stop spreading chaos & anarchy

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque on Wednesday said former Prime Minister Imran Khan was spreading chaos and anarchy in the country to achieve his political motives.

consult genuine workers of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) before taking any decision.

10 million jobs to the masses, but he failed to do so during his four-year government tenure which was marred by corruption and economic turmoil.

Women worst victim of Indian state terrorism in IIOJK

Islamabad: On the International Women's Day, the miseries and victimization of the Kashmir women at the hands of Indian troops, police, paramilitary and agencies continue unabated in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian forces' personnel. The report said that thousands of women lost their sons, husbands, fathers and brothers in the occupied territory who were subjected to custodial disappearance by Indian troops.

"I used to teach sewing and tailoring to girls in my village, but not anymore. Because of the injuries, I could not write my class 10 board exam".



QUETTA: National party central; leader Muhammad Ramzan along with ex MPA Yasmeen Lehri addressing a press conference.

Sahir Ludhianvi was remembered on 102nd birth anniversary

ISLAMABAD: Legendary poet and lyricist Sahir Ludhianvi was remembered on his 102nd birth anniversary here Wednesday for his stirring poetry that resonated deeply with young people, as well as his literary contributions to the film industry.

father due to a custody dispute. Ludhianvi attended Malwa Khalsa school, where he developed a passion for poetry, and later enrolled at Government College, Ludhiana.

composer SD Burman, and the duo went on to produce many memorable songs for films.

PAC Urges Politicians Not To Criticize National Institutions

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Wednesday urged the politicians and other individuals not to criticize and mock the national institutions for personal motives and advantages.

He urged the politicians belonging to various political parties to contribute their services to promote and project soft image of the country internationally.



QUETTA: Mulana Wali Muhammad Turabi addressing a press conference.

2200 women trained on different vocational skills

MUZAFFARGARH: Qasr-e-Behbood, a facility working under the umbrella of the social welfare department, has so far trained 2200 women on different vocational skills to help them earn a livelihood in a dignified manner.

acknowledged women's role in nation-building as pivotal and of paramount importance.

with respect. He highlighted the need for taking advantage of skills and talent of women for economic development.

Speakers of APHC-AJK seminar express concern over Indian atrocities on women in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar organized by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter in Islamabad today, expressed serious concern over the atrocities committed by Indian troops on women in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

cial guest. The speakers said the Kashmir women are bravely facing the worst Indian brutalities. They deplored that the Indian forces' personnel were using rape as a weapon of war to subdue the resolve of the Kashmiri women.

have been subjected to forced disappearance by Indian troops and police since 1989.

sure on India to give the Kashmiris their right to self-determination.

TENDER NOTICE: The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-III Quetta invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2%.

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