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Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti and provincial minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar receiving world karate champion Shahzaib Rind

Islamabad police prohibits officers, staff from social media activity sans permission

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police personnel on Tuesday were barred from expressing any opinions or sharing content on social media platforms without prior permission, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

Officers were restrained from speaking at public forums in their official capacity, publishing articles in print media, or giving opinions or official statements across all social media platforms without seeking permission beforehand, according to an office memorandum issued by the Inspector General of Police (IG) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi.

The directive prohibited making videos or taking pictures in police uniform within government premises, buildings, vehicles, or private places for personal publicity and glorification.

"No officer or official shall upload any kind of secret or official documents, pictures, or content of such documents on social media," the memorandum stated, according to the APP.

It further barred the sharing of personal, political, or religious views on any media platform. IG Rizvi said in the memorandum that official channels regarding police activities will only be operated by the Public Relations Branch of the Central Police Office (CPO).

Officers or officials wishing to highlight positive departmental activities on social media must obtain regular departmental permission from the deputy inspector general (DIG) headquarters, and through the public relations branch of the CPO, the report said. The directive further instructed that unit heads will be responsible for personally supervising and monitoring the social media activities of officers and officials in their respective divisions, zones, and units.

"Strict departmental action, in accordance with the rules, will be taken in case of any violations," the report added. The policy would remain in force until further notice, with officers of all ranks required to ensure its strict implementation.

World Karate Combat Champion Shahzaib Rind Receives Hero's Welcome in Quetta

Sports Reporter:

QUETTA: Shahzaib Rind, the newly crowned World Karate Combat Champion, was warmly welcomed upon his arrival in Quetta today. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, personally received the champion at the airport, marking a proud moment for the province.

Provincial ministers and other dignitaries were also present to honor Shahzaib's remarkable achievement.

Shahzaib Rind clinched the prestigious title by showcasing exceptional skill and determination, bringing home the World Karate Combat Championship trophy. In a brief address, Chief Minister Bugti praised Shahzaib's dedication and hard work, stating, "Shahzaib Rind's victory is a testament to the talent and potential of our youth.

His success on the world stage brings immense pride to Balochistan."

Shahzaib expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and vowed to continue striving for excellence in his sport. The event concluded with a celebratory procession through the streets of Quetta, where enthusiastic supporters cheered for their local hero.

PM Shehbaz arrives in New York on 5-day visit ahead of UNGA session

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrived in New York on Tuesday on a five-day visit to the United States to attend the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The premier is set to address a plenary meeting for the UN General Debate on September 27. The Government of Pakistan today shares pictures of the premier's arrival in New York on its X account, where he was received by Munir Akram, Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN.

According to state-run Radio Pakistan, the prime minister will spend his busy day today, attending multiple events and meetings on his schedule.

PM Shehbaz will attend the reception given by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres for the heads of member states, where he will have informal meetings with the heads of various countries.

The premier will also participate in the opening ceremony of the UN UNGA session. He will also have a meeting with Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, where the two leaders will discuss promotion of bilateral cooperation between their countries, Radio Pakistan stated.

Earlier today, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, while speaking at the UN 'Summit of the Future', said no sustainable development can take place till "tragedies like Gaza are perpetuated by the developed world".

The premier is also accompanied by information minister Attullah Tarar, education minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Special Assistant Tariq



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arriving in New York.

Fakri. At the UNGA, PM Shehbaz will reaffirm Pakistan's steadfast commitment to multilateralism and support for the role of the UN in fostering global peace, security, and prosperity.

Before he departed to London from Islamabad last week, PM Shehbaz said in a post on X that he would "present Pakistan's perspective to the world, advocate our interests, and strengthen international partnerships".

According to a curtain raiser issued by the Foreign Office last week.

The prime minister is expected to emphasise the importance of addressing long-standing issues that have been on the agenda of the UN Security Council, such as the Palestine and Kashmir issues.

PM Shehbaz is also set to attend several high-level meetings on the sidelines of the UNGA session, including 'High-Level Meeting on Existential Threat Posed by Sea-Level Rise', which will take place on Wednesday from 10am to 1pm and from 3pm

to 6pm (New York time). He will also attend the UN Security Council's Open Debate on 'Leadership for Peace', which is scheduled for 11am tomorrow (New York time).

According to the Associated Press of Pakistan, the premier will highlight the impacts of climate change on countries; Pakistan's sacrifices in its fight against terrorism; challenges faced by debt-burdened countries; India's occupation of Kashmir; and the ongoing genocide of Palestinians by Israeli forces.

PM Shehbaz is also set to meet with the UN chief, presidents of the UNGA, European Commission, and the World Bank; Bill Gates; and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, the report added.

In a scheduled meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the prime minister will consult on ways to persuade the international community to accelerate its efforts to end Israel's oppression of Palestine, APP had said. NEWS DESK.

PMDC MDCAT Results Spark Student Protests Over Key Issue

Syed Muhammad Yaseen:

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan — On September 22, 2024, the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) conducted the highly anticipated Medical and Dental College Aptitude Test (MDCAT) across 30 cities, with a staggering 167,000 medical aspirants participating.

Concerns Over Answer Key Accuracy

After the exam, universities released answer keys within hours, but many students quickly raised alarms about their accuracy.

sized the severity of the situation, stating, "Any mistakes made by the university could jeopardize our futures."

SZABMU's Response to the Protest

In light of the protests, SZABMU authorities have called for calm, urging students to submit their complaints through the university's official complaint



cell. They assured that all grievances would be thoroughly reviewed to find a suitable resolution for the students' futures.

Call for Public Release of the MDCAT Answer Key

As tensions rise, many aspirants are demanding the public release of the MDCAT 2024 question booklet. This would allow them to compare their answers with the official key and identify any errors systematically.

Student Protests Demand Transparency

A day-long protest organized by SZABMU students highlighted their dissatisfaction with the answer key and the grace marks policy. Protestors, including Batool Kazmi, asserted that around 25 questions on the test did not align with the PMDC syllabus, fueling their frustrations.

Voices from the Protest

Adeel Khan, a protestor, emphasized the need for transparency and fairness in the MDCAT evaluation process.

Federal constitutional court a 'necessity' to end provincial disparity: Bilawal

NEWS DESK: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhatto-Zardari on Tuesday said that a federal constitutional court was "a necessity to end provincial disparities", among other things.

The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) was part of a broader set of legislation, which the government wanted to introduce under the controversial 'Constitutional Package'.

A draft of the proposed amendments circulating in the media gave an idea about the government's plan to modify the powers of the apex court. The government, which pulled back from pushing the Constitutional Package through parliament, has neither owned nor denied the rumoured change in its powers.

As per the reported draft, the government intends to add 184(A) to the Constitution to empower the FCC to interpret the Constitution and hear appeals against any law passed by the parliament.

Likewise, under the proposed Article 184(A)(2), appeals against the decisions of high courts would also be heard by the FCC. Another proposed change is to transfer all pending appeals against the orders of high courts to the FCC after the constitutional amendment is passed.

Meanwhile, the government also intends to amend the Constitution to give the FCC "exclusive and original jurisdiction" other than the Supreme Court to decide any dispute between federal and provincial governments.

Addressing the Sindh High Court Bar Association on the issue today, Bilawal said: "If we want to strengthen this judicial system, want that our citizens are given speedy justice and that there is no longer any disparity between the provinces, which is the most important thing, then an FCC is a necessity and a need."

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Public-Private Partnerships: A Solution to Balochistan's Education Crisis

Editorial:

The recent dismissal of 114 absentee teachers in Balochistan marks a pivotal moment in the province's long-overdue effort to address the crisis in its education sector. With an inquiry underway against an additional 2,000 teachers, the Balochistan government is sending a clear message: education is no longer to be taken lightly. Chronic absenteeism has plagued the region's schools for years, compromising the quality of education for countless children. The actions taken by the provincial government, under the leadership of Education Minister Rabeela Hameed Khan Durran, reflect a commendable commitment to accountability, transparency, and educational reform.

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti deserves appreciation for upholding the banner of merit in teachers recruitment and directing the education department to make sure out of school children are in schools.

This bold move is not an isolated effort but part of a broader strategy that includes reopening 400 previously non-functional schools, enhancing educational infrastructure, and establishing School Management Committees (SMCs) to engage local communities in governance. These initiatives are critical in a province where vast rural areas and underdeveloped regions have long suffered from a lack of access to quality education. Reopening these schools, particularly in remote areas, will provide educational opportunities and bring long-term benefits to underserved communities.

However, while these steps are vital, Balochistan faces deep-seated structural challenges that will require more comprehensive solutions. The province's shortage of educational facilities, coupled with the continued lack of qualified and committed teachers, underscores the need for further innovation.

In this context, an approach recently introduced by the Punjab government could offer a promising model. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has announced plans to hand over thousands of government-run schools to public-private partnerships (PPPs) to improve the quality of education. This initiative seeks to leverage the expertise and resources of the private sector to address inefficiencies within the public system. Balochistan, with its unique challenges, could benefit greatly from such a strategy.

The PPP model could provide much-needed support in teacher training, curriculum development, and school management. By incorporating private sector efficiency with public accountability, it could address the chronic problems of absenteeism and underdevelopment. It also allows for innovative educational approaches, as well as better oversight through community involvement, enhancing the role SMCs are already playing in Balochistan.

While the province's government has made significant strides in improving the educational landscape, adopting the PPP model could be a game changer. A partnership between public and private entities has the potential to create a sustainable system, offering both modern educational resources and stringent oversight to ensure that students receive the education they deserve.

Rabeela Hameed Khan Durran's vision of a robust, effective education system is laudable, and the ongoing reforms are a step in the right direction. But if Balochistan is to truly turn the page on its troubled education sector, it must embrace innovative solutions like public-private partnerships to bring about the transformative changes that its children so desperately need. Only by doing so can the province ensure a brighter, more promising future for the next generation.

Society's safety net

By David Walmesley

A RECORD number of newspapers have signed up for World News Day 2024, recognising the positive influence of journalism in the world over. More than 600 newspapers and media associations across the globe are joining to bring awareness to the purpose of journalism, a trade that is under constant attack.

It's a day to pause, and reflect on the importance of independent news and often brave journalists who make a difference in their communities and countries, by providing the proof that leads to the truth.

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In the Balochistan province, nestled amidst the craggy mountains and vast plains, lies a small Pashtun village named Gulzarabad. Here, the rhythm of life is dictated by age-old customs and traditions, and weddings are the pinnacle of societal events.

Amidst the preparations for the wedding of Zainab, the daughter of a respected Pashtun elder, Malik Abdul Rahman, Zainab's father has caught the eye of Shahid, a young man leading to financial strain and debt.

Drawing inspiration from the winds of change sweeping through the region, Malik Abdul Rahman proposes a modest bride price, one that reflects the true essence of the tradition without succumbing to its extravagance. His stance is met with nods of approval from both families, signaling a departure from the ostentatious displays of wealth that have become all too common.

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families deliberate over its amount. Malik Abdul Rahman, a man of principle, is keenly aware of the pitfalls of exorbitant bride prices. He understands the burden it places on young grooms and their families, often leading to financial strain and debt.

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'81 industries shut down in 5 years due to electricity crises

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh Assembly was on Monday informed that 81 industrial units, including 10 textile mills and five sugar mills, have shut down

over the past five years due to the persistent electricity crisis.

In response to queries from lawmakers, Parliamentary Secretary of Industries and Commerce Department, Ali Ahmed, told the house that the provincial

government is extending cooperation to industrialists.

However, Leader of Opposition Ali Khursheed expressed dissatisfaction with the responses, seeking information on the number of industrial units closed and new ones established between 2018 and 2023.

Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani intervened, clarifying that the question pertained to the labor department. Ahmed reported

that 6,856 industrial units remain operational across the province, with 915 new units established. Among the closed units are 10 textile mills and a cement factory.

The assembly unanimously approved the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances Bill, 2024, aiming to regulate narcotics, synthetic drugs, and psychotropic substances. The amended bill allows narcotics control officers to conduct

searches and arrests without warrants, granting them the power to break open doors and remove obstacles during raids.

As per the new amendment, officers must be of at least inspector rank to conduct searches and arrests. Authorised officers can arrest individuals suspected of committing offenses under the Act. The law also regulates substances such as ice, meth, crystal, ecstasy, and molly.



QUETTA: Chairman Prime Minister (PM) Youth Program Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan is meeting Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail.

The 21st CAEXPO opens a window to upgrade business connection: Pak trader

NANNING (INP): Polished rosewood furniture, elegant jade ornaments, figured brass wares... On the first day of the 21st China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the dazzling array of specialties in the Pakistan Pavilion catches the eyes of visitors from the globe.

"We are so honored to participate in the CAEXPO, a high-level platform connecting all parts of the world, which allows our traditional products to enter thousands of households in China," said Muhammad Kamil, Managing Director of Pak Link Enterprises, who has been exploring in the Chinese market for many years.

He told China Economic Net that he would further promote more types of local specialty products in the Chinese market to let more people fall in love with "Made in Pakistan."

"Pakistani furniture is elaborately crafted by our most skilled craftsmen, the saffron from the northern region is sought after in China's high-end culinary market, as well as our jade and brass handicrafts, as a cultural heritage passed down for centuries, can add a touch of color to the homes of our friends around the world, including in China," Kamil introduced.

Every year, the CAEXPO is bustling with activities across all exhibition sections. The most lively and attention-grabbing zones, however, are undoubtedly the ASEAN Pavilions, Exhibition of Products from RCEP Countries and the Belt and Road International Pavilion, which feature unique and high-quality products from different countries and regions.

In addition to Pakistani crafts, durians from Southeast Asia were among the most popular products. Many booths fea-

turing durian and durian-based products were packed with people. Especially in demand were Malaysia's White Coffee of Musang King flavor, durian pastries, and durian egg rolls, which were highly sought after by Chinese buyers and achieved significant sales success.

"The CAEXPO has made 'durian freedom' possible," a visitor, who is a long-time fan of durians noted. In addition to durians, rice from Cambodia, Rambutan from Indonesia, and bananas from the Philippines were also showcased, allowing visitors to experience the unique charm of different cultures.

The Belt and Road International Pavilion, which debuted at the 14th CAEXPO, has now become one of the most popular destinations. Pakistani gemstones, African handicrafts, Russian snacks and candies, Nepalese

Thangka paintings, Polish amber jewelry, and Iranian home decor items were all highly sought-after, often drawing large crowds around the booths.

As an important platform driving economic and trade cooperation between China and ASEAN countries, the CAEXPO, attracting 1.3 million exhibitors and visitors in the past 20 years, has enabled more and more enterprises to ride in the express train of bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

Since the first CAEXPO, China-ASEAN economic and trade cooperation has been upgraded continuously. In the first half of 2024, the total trade value between China and ASEAN reached 3.36 trillion yuan, an increase of 10.5%. Over the same period, China's total import and export value with Belt and Road countries reached 10.03 trillion yuan, up by 7.2%.



ISLAMABAD: The Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), Rubina Khalik, called on the President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Electioneering picks up ahead of SCBA annual elections on October 31

ISLAMABAD (INP): The election campaigns of the candidates have gained momentum as the Supreme Court Bar Association's (SCBA) annual elections will be held on October 31. Flexes and posters of the candidates have been displayed outside the Supreme Court's (SC) Lahore Registry and the Lahore High Court (LHC).

The candidates for coveted posts such as that of the president, vice presi-

dent and secretary have started contacting senior lawyers to ensure their victory. This year, the SCBA president will be from Balochistan. Rauf Ata and Muneer Ahmad Kakar are the Independent Group's and the Professional Group's candidates for the seat of the president, respectively.

The initial list of voters will be published today, while the complaints could be filed by September 26.

Decisions on these complaints will be announced the following day on September 27, while the final list of eligible voters will be issued on September 28. The candidates would be able to file their nomination papers between September 30 and October 5, while the final status of these papers after the scrutiny of their papers would be announced on October 8.

The initial list of the candidates will be displayed on October 9, while appeals against the accep-

tion or rejection of these papers will be received on October 10, and the hearings of these appeals will continue until October 15. The candidates will be able to withdraw their candidatures by October 17, and on October 19, the final list of the candidates will be displayed.

On October 31, polling will be held from 8:30 in the morning to 5:00 in the evening, and the results will be announced on November 4.

Bangladesh army chief pledges support for Yunus' interim government 'come what may'

DHAKA (INP): Bangladesh's army chief vowed to back the country's interim government "come what may" to help it complete key reforms after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, so that elections could be held within the next 18 months.

General Waker-uz-Zaman and his troops stood aside in early August amid raging student-led protests against Hasina, sealing the fate of the veteran politician who resigned after 15 years in power and fled to neighbouring India.

In a rare media interview, Zaman told his office in the capital Dhaka that the interim administration led by Nobel laureate

Muhammad Yunus had his full support and outlined a pathway to rid the military of political influence. "I will stand beside him. Come what may. So that he can accomplish his mission, Zaman, bespectacled and dressed in military fatigues, said of Yunus. The pioneer of the global microcredit movement, Yunus has promised to carry out essential reforms to the judiciary, police and financial institutions, paving the way to hold a free and fair election in the country of 170 million people. Following the reforms, Zaman - who took over as the army chief only weeks before Hasina's ouster - said a transition to democracy should be made between a year and a year-and-a-half, but underlined the need

for patience. "If you ask me, then I will say that should be the time frame by which we should enter into a democratic process," he said. Bangladesh's main two political parties, Hasina's Awami League and its bitter rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party, had both previously called for elections to be held within three months of the interim government taking office in August.

Yunus, the interim administration's chief adviser, and the army chief meet every week and have "very good relations", with the military supporting the government's efforts to stabilise the country after a period of turmoil, said Zaman. "I'm sure that if we work together, there is no reason why

we should fail," he said. More than 1,000 people were killed in violent clashes that began as a movement against public sector job quotas in July but escalated into a wider anti-government uprising - the bloodiest period in the country's independent history.

Calm has returned to the teeming streets of Dhaka, a densely packed metropolis that was at the heart of the rebellion, but some parts of the civil service are not yet properly functional after the dramatic fall of Hasina's administration. With much of Bangladesh's police, numbering around 190,000 personnel, still in disarray, the army has stepped up to carry out law and order duties nationwide.

Pakistan achieves first buffalo calf births via OPU-IVF-ET technique

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan recently achieved a significant milestone in biotechnology with the birth of buffalo calves through OPU-IVF-ET (Ovum Pick-Up, In-Vitro Fertilization, and Embryo Transfer) technique for the first time in the country's history.

Royal Cell Biotechnology (Pakistan), a subsidiary of the

Royal Group of China, introduced the technology in Pakistan.

In trials at Ibrahim Dairy Farm, Faisalabad, embryos from elite buffaloes were successfully implanted into recipient buffaloes, resulting in 6 pregnancies from 8 transfers and ultimately 5 births, Dr. Qaiser Shahzad, a senior official at the Royal Cell Pakistan, told

Gwadar Pro. Similarly, two calves were born from 5 transferred embryos at the HAS Dairy Farm, Gujranwala, he said. This development is part of the Royal Group's broader 'Buffalo Breeding Project' under 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'. Dr. Shahzad added, The IVF procedure aims to improve buffalo breeds for

higher milk production, significantly reducing the breeding cycle, he concluded. OPU-IVF-ET involves ultrasound-guided collection of eggs from superior breeds (OPU), production of embryos via IVF and finally transferring the embryos into healthy buffaloes to achieve pregnancies and eventually births of elite animals.



QUETTA: Naval Commandant Officer Abdullah Sidiqui presenting a commemorative shield to Dr. Rababa Khan Buledi, Provincial Adviser of Women's Development Department.



QUETTA: Finance Secretary Babar Khan is presiding over the Capital Investment Fund Policy 2024 meeting.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) urges players to support captains of all formats

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has urged players to fully support their captains in every situation. Sources revealed during the PCB's Strategic Connection Camp in Lahore.

The camp, attended by both players and coaches, focused on improving communication, and team spirit, and addressing concerns raised by the players. According to sources, the

PCB has conveyed to the players that fear of being dropped or losing the captaincy should not hinder their commitment to the team's success. All players, particularly those capable of performing across all three formats of the game, have been urged to work together to build a united front.

PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi reinforced the message of unity, stressing that success is only possible if players back one another and support their captain, irrespective of the format. To address ongoing concerns, the PCB plans to form a special committee independent of management, where players can freely voice their issues. Sources indicate that players raised concerns over a lack of communication between them and both the international and domestic cricket departments.

During separate sessions with coaches and PCB officials, players discussed the need for a clear policy

on workload management and selection processes. In response, the coaches and officials assured the players that their problems would be addressed.

Additionally, the players were instructed to stand by their captain at all times and contribute to team success through mutual support. The camp also hinted that changes in captaincy are unlikely, as the PCB focuses on long-term stability and unity within the squad.

No decision yet about Imran Khan's military trial, govt tells IHC

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday disposed of the petition filed by former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan, seeking a court order to the government not to hold his military trial in May 9-related cases when it was informed that the government had not taken any such

decision as yet. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the petition.

Additional Attorney-General (AAG) Munawar Iqbal Duggal and a representative of the Ministry of Defence appeared in the court while Ijaz Bhandari and Faisal Farid

Chaudhry represented the former prime minister. During the hearing, the AAG told the court that if any such decision was taken, the legal procedure would be followed. "If the government decided in favour of the trial, it would first file an application in the court of a civil magistrate," he informed.

The government last Monday too had informed the IHC that the military trial of Imran Khan was not on the cards.

However, Bhandari expressed the fear that there was a possibility that the former prime minister could be tried in a military court, saying one

of the PM-LN leaders, Barrister Aqeel Malik, had said this at a press conference.

He also prayed to the bench to take notice of the presser addressed by the ISPR DG in which he, without naming the PTI founder, had hinted at his trial in a military court.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, however, directed the AAG to give a definite reply on September 24 (today).

Thousands of people went berserk on May 9, 2023 after hearing the news of the arrest of their leader Imran Khan from a court in Islamabad by the Pakistan Rangers personnel.



ISLAMABAD: Belarusian delegation headed by Minister for Energy Aleksei Kushnarenko is meeting with the delegation of Minister of Economic Affairs under the leadership of Minister Ahmad Cheema.

First Karate Combat World Champion Shahzeb Rind calls for sports culture development

ISLAMABAD (INP): Shahzeb Rind, Pakistan's first Karate Combat World Champion, proudly claimed his title in the name of his nation, emphasizing the urgent need for a sports culture in Pakistan.

In a press conference at the residence of former Federal Minister Sardar Yar Mohammad Rind, Rind revealed his personal sacrifices, training for three months in America without a sponsor. He expressed gratitude for ex minister Rind's support during his challenging journey.

Shahzeb Rind shared that his victory surprised the world, especially as he faced skepticism due to his Pakistani identity. Despite being underestimated, he dedicated two years of hard work to raise Pakistan's flag in the global arena.

He highlighted the lack of training infrastructure and support for young athletes in Pakistan, contrasting it with other

countries where children receive scholarships and training from a young age.

He said that the government of Pakistan should patronize the youth. They have the ability to surprise the world. He said that there was a time in the final match that he felt like he had lost. But my heart And the mind did not accept defeat. And I preferred to fight till the end and die even though I fell. He said that my opponent had hit me with such a powerful punch on the head that I went into a semi-unconscious state.

"If I lose, what face will I show to the nation? I was a Muslim and I had a passion in me. I wanted to fight for Pakistan. My opponent got the upper hand over me. But Allah gave me strength and I got the upper hand over my opponent with the help of the prayers of the nation and my parents" he added.

He said that if it was any other

country, there would have been celebrations in this country for many weeks to win this title. Because European countries spend billions of rupees on their people to win this title. And the youth are trained for many years. I belong to a middle class family. From childhood I was interested to do something for Pakistan.

He stressed that his win was not for monetary prizes but for national pride, calling on the government to support the youth and develop sports programs. Rind's heart and determination drove him through intense competition, even when facing a near-defeat moment in the finals. "I wanted to fight for Pakistan," he said, emphasizing the support of the nation behind him.

As Rind celebrated his historic win, he urged for improvements in sports infrastructure and the establishment of professional training centers to nurture talent in Balochistan and beyond.

Durable peace in world only possible after resolutions of Kashmir, Palestine issues: Atta Tarar

NEW YORK (INP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that durable peace in the world was not possible without permanent resolution of Kashmir and Palestine issues.

Talking to media outside the United Nations General Assembly, he said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had raised both issues at all international forums.

He said on Palestine issue, the PM had stated that war crimes were being committed in the area, genocide of ammiss.

Palestinians were being committed and the world should take notice and bring the perpetrator Israel to justice.

He said the Prime Minister had also made clear that Pakistan wanted restoration of pre-1967 borders in which Jerusalem should be the capital of Palestine.

"We want immediate ceasefire in Gaza and accountability of the aggressor Israel for war crimes and genocide being com-

mitted in Palestine", he remarked.

Tarar said that Pakistan had dispatched humanitarian aid through ships and C-130s. Moreover Pakistan had offered to give admission to Palestinian medical students in Pakistani institutions, so that they could complete their education without any hindrance.

He said the Kashmir issue would figure in the Prime Minister's engagements in the United Nations.

Besides, he said climate change was a major issue for Pakistan which contributed only 2 per cent of the gas emissions but had to bear the brunt of adverse effects of the climate change.

He said the UN secretary general had himself visited Pakistan and himself saw the impact of climate change in Pakistan due to heavy floods.

He further said that Pakistan had also badly suffered in the war against terrorism and it was still suffering in this war launched by the western powers.

The minister said that after

2018 Pakistan was isolated on foreign policy affairs as Pakistan's friends both in East and West were unhappy.

He said now the warmth in relations with all friendly countries was restored and cooperation was showing surge.

He said that talks with the International Monetary Fund had been concluded and final endorsement was due shortly.

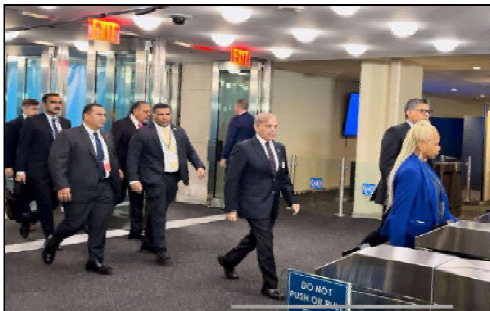
He said there was also good news about Pakistan's economy and the world should come and invest in Pakistan to take advantage of its huge potential.

He said that Bloomberg had termed the Pakistan stock market as an emerging stock market and Moody's and Fitch had upgraded its rating.

He said there was good news that inflation had fallen to 9.6 per cent whereas exports have increased by 14 per cent. Information technology exports have touched the 3.1 billion mark and remittances have also shown an upward trend.



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Lieutenant (R) Saad Bin Asad is meeting with SSP Traffic Bahram Khan Mandokhail regarding the improvement of traffic in Quetta city.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrives at United Nations in New York to attend the 79th session of UNGA.

PHC organises full court reference in honour of retiring Justice Shahid Khan

PESHAWAR (INP): The Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday organized a full court reference in honor of Justice Shahid Khan on the occasion of his attaining age of superannuation and paid homage to his services.

The event was graced by Chief Justice PHC, Judges and Registrar of PHC, the Advocate General, the Deputy Attorney General, the District and Sessions Judge of Peshawar, Principal Officers of the Peshawar High

Court, former Judicial Officers, and members of the legal community. In his address, Fida Gul, President of the Peshawar High Court Bar Association, paid homage to Justice Shahid Khan, reflecting on his distinguished judicial career.

The Deputy Attorney General, Sana Ullah, also honored him while elaborating on the significant contributions to justice throughout his tenure.

The Advocate General of KP, Shah Faisal Utmankhel, remarked that "32 years of delivering justice is a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for any Judge."

He emphasized that the contributions of his lordship to the justice system will be fondly remembered.

Justice Shahid Khan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Justice, Judges, and the legal fraternity for organizing such a dignified ceremony in his honor.

Finally, the Chief Justice acknowledged the tireless efforts of Justice Shahid Khan in serving justice to society and assured that every Judge of PHC is committed to delivering justice effectively and as a priority. He noted that the 32 years of service by Justice Shahid Khan would be regarded as a significant milestone in the pursuit of justice by the Peshawar High Court.

JI to hold countrywide protests against high power cost on Sept 29: Hafiz Naem

LAHORE (INP): Emir Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Hafiz Naemur Rehman on Tuesday said that the party will hold countrywide protest demonstrations against increase electricity costs and the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) on September 29.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore, he said that IPP have received Rs 2,000 to 2,400 billion annually since 2000 while the salaries class was burdened with fuel price adjustments and TV taxes in electricity bills.

On the other hand, Hafiz Naemur Rehman said that landlords and IPPs enjoy tax exemptions.

The current system cannot be overlooked as it was struggle for rights of 250 million people and for personal gain, he added.

The JI leader also recalled the 13-day sit-in held in

Rawalpindi during which the government agreed to demands in front of the nation but failed to fulfill its promise of conducting a forensic audit of IPPs.

"Today is the 46th day, and nothing has been done," he said, reiterating the plan for mass protests on Sept 29.

Hafiz Naem further mentioned that their membership campaign continues to gain momentum.

and sit-ins are planned on major highways. He urged the government to refrain from actions that might disrupt democratic processes and vowed to escalate the "Give Rights to the People" movement into a new phase of resistance.

He also noted support from traders and stated that a referendum will be held from October 23 to 27 to decide whether people should continue paying electricity bills, given the substantial payments already made under capacity charges.

The JI chief warned that the referendum will be historic and could lead to further action, including a wheel-jam strike or even a million march, possibly escalating into a long march towards Islamabad if the government does not address IPP issues.

He criticized the government for fake claims of a decrease in inflation, calling it a manipulation of numbers. He called for an immediate reduction of the interest rate to 10%, with plans to gradually eliminate it.

Hafiz Naem also condemned Israel's recent attacks on Lebanon, dedicating a week in solidarity with the people of Gaza, Palestine, and Lebanon, paying tribute to their resistance against aggression.



RAWALPINDI: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam inaugurating a solar energy project of a beverage company.

Multan students protest: Agriculture varsity closed after death of female student

MULTAN (INP): A large number of students from the Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture in Multan have launched protests following the

tragic death of a female student Minahil who was involved in a motorcycle collision with a university bus.

The incident occurred Monday, and tensions have escalated as students gathered outside the university to voice their anger, chanting slogans against the university administration.

In response to the protests, the University of Agriculture has been closed for two days in mourning for the deceased

student.

The university spokesperson confirmed the closure, expressing deep sorrow over the loss and stating that this decision was made out of respect for Minahil.

The bus driver involved in the accident, identified as Amir, has been suspended as investigations continue.

The protests have intensified, with students demanding accountability and better safety measures from the administration.

A 5th semester student of the Bio-Chemistry Department of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture died after her motorbike hit a var-

city bus coming from the opposite direction on Monday.

Rescue 1122 sources said Manahil, 21, was daughter of Shaban of Doulat Gate. The body was shifted to Nishtar Hospital.

Shah Shams Police Station House Officer (SHO) Rao Mehtab told that they had reached the spot after the accident, adding that her motorbike hit the bus and fell down. Resultantly, she was run over by the bus and died on the spot, he added.

The police officer said that the girl's father had informed him that he did not want to lodge a complaint with the police.