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File Photo: Children outside a shelter-less school in Killa Abdullah, Balochistan.

JUI-F chief calls current assembly 'illegitimate,' demands fresh polls

NEWSDESK: Jamaat Ulema-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman reiterated his demand for new national elections, calling the current assembly "illegitimate" during a meeting with party members in Khushab on Saturday. He remarked, "The country is moving in the wrong direction; we demand fresh elections."

According to Express News, Rehman maintained that JUI-F would remain in opposition and does not intend to ally with the government, adding, "We've negotiated with the government as an opposition party and will continue this stance."

The JUI-F chief also voiced his intent to preserve the essence of the 26th Constitutional Amendment, ensuring that its core contents are not altered within other legislative amendments.

On the topic of recent leniency granted to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders, Rehman declined to comment but advised PTI.

65 Teachers Terminated in Pishin, CM Bugti Pledges Full Enrollment

Education Desk:

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, announced the dismissal of 65 teachers in Pishin district due to chronic absenteeism, signaling a stricter accountability drive within the education sector. The CM underscored that improving education is a core objective for the province, as reflected in a recent post on X where he emphasized, "Our commitment to achieving 100% school enrollment across Balochistan remains unwaver-

ing." The current administration has ramped up efforts to ensure education accessibility in alignment with Article 25-A of the Constitution, which guarantees free and compulsory education. Despite these initiatives, more than 3 million children remain out of school across the province, highlighting the urgent need for reforms. This recent action is part of CM Bugti's broader campaign, which has already led to the termination of 800 chronically absent teachers across Balochistan.

He stated, "We are determined to reopen all non-functional schools and hold educators accountable." Reaffirming his commitment, the CM expressed, "Every child deserves an education, and we will not tolerate negligence." Efforts are underway to address resource constraints and prioritize education, ensuring all students have access to learning.

Explosion Injures Three FC Personnel In Dukki Balochistan

Hussain Zarkoon:

DUKKI: Three Frontier Corps (FC) personnel sustained injuries following an explosion targeting an FC Quick Response Force (QRF) vehicle near Mande Tuck in Dukki, police sources reported.

The blast occurred as the FC QRF vehicle was patrolling the area, triggering immediate concern among security forces. Local police, responding swiftly, cordoned off the scene to ensure the safety of residents and launched an investigation into the incident. As security efforts intensify across the province, authorities continue to investigate the blast's origins and enhance preventive measures.

Health Department Chagai Leads Polio Awareness Program in Dalbandin

Riaz Baloch:

DALBANDIN: The Health Department of Chagai held an impactful awareness session on polio, led by District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, highlighting the crucial role of teachers in eradicating this disease. Communication Officer Zahir Shah Mashwani provided a comprehensive briefing, stressing the importance of vaccination in preventing polio's severe impacts on children. During the program, DHO Chagai Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch addressed the dangers of polio, explaining, "Polio is a virus that can cause lifelong disability or death. Symptoms like fever, headache, and

sudden paralysis can signal infection, and it spreads easily among children." He urged teachers and parents to stay vigilant, ensuring every child under five receives polio drops in each campaign to strengthen immunity. Community leaders and educators, including GTA Ahini Chagai President Attaullah Sipad, Khalifa Nazir Ejbari, and Head Master Mir Imran Sanjrani, attended the event. DHO Baloch concluded, "The polio virus is a persistent threat. By supporting health workers and ensuring vaccinations, we can protect our children and eliminate polio from Pakistan."



Justice Yahya Afridi Takes Oath as Pakistan's 30th Chief Justice

Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD: Justice Yahya Afridi was sworn in as the 30th Chief Justice of Pakistan during a ceremony at the President House on Friday. President Asif Ali Zardari administered the oath to the

newly appointed Chief Justice, who succeeds outgoing Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa. The event marked a significant transition in Pakistan's judiciary, with Justice Afridi pledging to uphold judicial integrity and the rule of law.



National Party Holds Convention: Dr. Malik Baloch Criticizes Economic Strife and Democracy's Decline

Syed Ali Shah:

Quetta: At the National Party's seventh central convention, chaired by Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, party leaders and representatives addressed global economic turmoil, regional conflicts, and the state of democracy in Pakistan. Dr. Malik highlighted the shift from a unipolar to multipolar economic world, where powers like China, India, and Brazil are gaining influence. He criticized U.S. and Israeli aggression, especially the ongoing violence in Gaza, and warned of potential impacts if the conflict spreads to Iran. Addressing democracy in Pakistan, Dr. Malik stated that democratic values have been undermined, with key institutions overtaken by the establishment. He voiced concern over enforced disappearances, weak-

ened nationalist voices, and growing youth disillusionment with parliamentary politics, adding, "Balochistan's assembly has lost respect as governance is controlled by the establishment." Central and provincial leaders, including Senator John Muhammad Baladi, Khairbakhs Baloch, and Yasmin Lahri, presented progress reports from their units, while provincial representatives voiced commitment to upholding Balochistan's national rights and historical identity. The National Party emphasized its role as a unifying force for progressive, nationalist, and philanthropic activists across Pakistan, rallying to protect regional rights amidst the country's changing political landscape.



Chief of National Party (NP), Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch is addressing the national council session of the party. Photo provided by the party

Rana Sanaullah says Justice Mansoor Ali Shah compromised stature with letter

NEWS DESK: Federal Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination Rana Sanaullah has criticized Justice Mansoor Ali Shah's recent letter, asserting that the Supreme Court judge failed to uphold his stature by engaging in what he called "regrettable" language. In a press conference at Model Town, Lahore, Sanaullah expressed his disappointment, suggesting that Justice Mansoor's recent statements were unbecoming of his role, Express News reported.

Sanaullah commented that he wished the judge had refrained from penning the letter, stating, "Going for umrah would have sufficed instead." He further voiced concern over the rising use of divisive language among judges, citing recent exchanges as uncharacteristic and "disappointing" coming from individuals in respected positions. The minister also commented on the recent appointment of Justice Yaliya Afridi, expressing con-

fidence in the choice. He noted that Justice Afridi has maintained independence from the group dynamics within the judiciary, amidst growing friction among judges. Sanaullah condemned the ongoing use of language between judicial members, stating that terms like "disgraceful" and "shameful" have been circulating in exchanges that resemble "street brawls." Reflecting on past events, he stated that Pakistan's economic troubles began with a judicial conspiracy in 2017 involving former Chief Justice Saqib Nisar, who, he alleged, acted unlawfully to remove an elected prime minister. He further asserted that Pakistan's economy had been stabilized due to the efforts of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, adding that recent constitutional amendments have brought hope for closing the "backdoor channels" that had previously harmed the country.

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Sindh High Court Orders MDCAT Reconduct Amidst Paper Leak Scandal

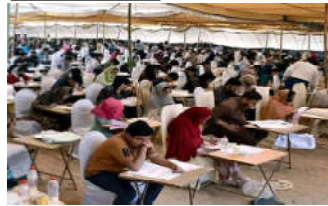
Syed Muhammad Yaseen:

KARACHI: In a major development, the Sindh High Court has ordered the re-conduct of the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2024 for students in Sindh province. The decision comes after a significant paper leak scandal involving the Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS), which conducted the original exam on September 22, 2024.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) confirmed the paper leak during a court hearing, prompting the court to take swift action. To ensure transparency and fairness, the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi has been appointed as the new conducting body for the re-examination.

Key Details of the Re-Examination:

- Syllabus: The re-examination will adhere to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) syllabus.
- Pattern: The test will consist of 200 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
- Subject-wise Breakdown:
 - Biology: 68 MCQs
 - Chemistry: 54 MCQs
 - Physics: 54 MCQs
 - English: 18 MCQs
 - Logical Reasoning: 6 MCQs
- Duration: The exam will be 3.5 hours long.



Textbooks: The new Sindh province textbooks will be followed.

The re-examination is expected to be held within the next four weeks.

This decision aims to rectify the damage caused by the paper leak and provide a fair opportunity to all aspiring medical and dental students in Sindh.



WASHINGTON DC: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with Ms. Deemah Al Yahya, Secretary General, Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO).

Finance Minister lauds Asian Development Bank (ADB's) partnership with Pakistan

WASHINGTON (INP): Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb has appreciated Asian Development Bank partnership with Pakistan to support its development agenda. He expressed these views while talking to President of the Asian Development Bank Masatsugu Asakawa in Washington.

The Minister also welcomed the launch of the new ADB office in Islamabad and expressed the hope for early finalization of ADB's Country Partnership Framework.

Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb commended the Bank for completing the Capital Adequacy Framework and for exempting Pakistan from

surcharges beyond exposure limits for the next three years. He also appreciated ADB's support for a Policy-Based Loan of USD 500 million for the Climate & Disaster Resilience Enhancement Program, scheduled for consideration by ADB's Board on 29th of this month. During the meeting, both sides agreed on the importance of domestic revenue mobilization, regional cooperation, and the timely completion of ADB's new office in Islamabad.

The Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has thanked the Group CEO of Dubai Islamic Bank for timely support in bridging the financing gap and appreciated its

AIOU honoured with Meritorious Award 2024 by Asian Association

ISLAMABAD (INP): Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) has awarded the AAOU Meritorious Service Award 2024 to Dr. Zahid Majeed, Director of Academic Planning & Course Production at AIOU.

This award acknowledges and appreciates Dr. Zahid's 23 years of effort and contribution to the field of Open and Distance Learning (ODL).

The AAOU, established in 1987, is an association of Asian Open Universities, currently comprising over 60 full-time members and around 30 associate members. Each year the association invites applications for the AAOU Meritorious Service Award, from both member and non-member institutions.

The evaluation process for this prestigious award is highly competitive. This year, the jury comprised the Chancellor of the Open University Philippines, the President of Asia e University, Malaysia, and the Director of Distance Learning, Hong Kong Metropolitan University.

After thorough evaluation and document-to-document analysis, nominees from Korea, India, and Pakistan were considered. The jury members rigorously examined each candidate's qualifications, research contributions, and impact on Open and Distance Learning.

Ultimately, they unanimously selected Dr. Zahid Majeed of AIOU, Pakistan.

The jury recognized Dr. Zahid's 25 years of contributions to ODL, particularly his research, writing, curricular development, and innovative approaches to include students with special needs in the ODL system.

They also commended his efforts to raise awareness within higher education institutions, particularly open universities, about the importance of supporting special needs students in an accessible, affordable, and flexible educational framework like ODL.

As a faculty and advocate of Special and Inclusive Education with over 25 years of experience, Dr. Zahid has authored several



QUETTA: Makran Border Trader Alliance head Junaid Reki addressing a press conference Quetta Press Club (QPC).



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain addressed the Pakistan Auto Parts Show (PAPS) 2024, organised by the Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts and Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) at Expo Centre.

Minister assures Kashmiri people of complete Pakistani government's support

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON Engr Amir Muqam on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day saluted the courage and valour people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK), who have rendered countless sacrifices in their struggle for realization of the basic rights.

Addressing a press conference on the eve of the 77th anniversary of Kashmir Black Day marked to protest India's illegal occupation of Kashmir on October 27, 1947 – the minister assured the Kashmiri people of complete Pakistani government support in their struggle for the right to self-determination and termed the Indian subjugation of Kashmiris a gross human rights violation.

Engr Amir Muqam was accompanied by All Parties Hurriyat Conference Leaders including Muhammad Farooq Rehmani and Parliamentary Secretary Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan MNA Anwar ul

Haq Chaudhry.

The minister said that October 27 was the blackest day in world history when India on this day in 1947 landed its army in Kashmir and illegally occupied the valley against the will of the people.

He urged the international community to play an effective role in resolving the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council's resolution and the aspiration of the Kashmiri people. He said that the incumbent government under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was highlighting the Kashmir issue at all appropriate platforms including United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Amir Muqam asked all parliamentary parties and people from all walks of life to participate in the walk from Islamabad around 10:00 am on the occasion of Black Day on October 27 to give a strapping message to India that the gov-

Zain Qureshi steps down as party's deputy parliamentary leader in NA

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistani Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA, Zain Qureshi stepped down as the party's deputy parliamentary leader in the National Assembly.

Zain Qureshi, who has been issued a show-cause notice by the party over his alleged indiscipline during the passage of the 26th constitutional amendment, said that he resigned from the post to ensure impartial inquiry.

The PTI MNA said that he has officially responded to the show-cause notice. "I was loyal to PTI founder Imran Khan and my father Shah

Mehmood Qureshi and will remain loyal to them," Zain Qureshi added.

Earlier, PTI MNA Zain Qureshi that he chose to go into hiding on advice of his father, Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

In a video statement, Zain revealed that he was ordered to disappear by his father Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

"I could never think of voting for this constitutional amendment," Zain stated, denouncing reports of him supporting the tweaks. He labeled these claims "baseless propaganda."

Lahore Youth Festival to be celebrated from November 8 to 10

LAHORE (INP): Lahore Divisional Commissioner Zaid-bin-Maqsood announced that the Lahore Youth Festival 2024 will take place from November 8 to 10.

This announcement was made during a meeting convened to discuss the organization of various events for the festival.

Responsibilities have been assigned to key departments including the district and cantonment administration, the Sports Department, the Metropolitan Corporation of Lahore (MCL), the Traffic Police, and the District Police.

The festival will feature several exciting events. Notably, a 30-kilometer cycling race is scheduled for November 9, while an 11.3-kilometer marathon will run from Arfa Karim Tower to Fortress Stadium on November 10. Additionally, a fun race of 3.9 kilometers will commence at Fortress, traversing Server Road, Aziz Bhatti Road, and Shami Road, and will conclude back at Fortress.

Commissioner Zaid-bin-Maqsood emphasized the importance of ensuring robust security and traffic management throughout the festival.

He instructed all involved departments to facilitate effective municipal arrangements. A briefing regarding rescue operations highlighted

that Rescue 1122 will have emergency and ambulance vehicles positioned along the race routes, ensuring the safety of participants and spectators.

Moreover, camps will be established at the start and finish points of the events, with branding displayed along the loops.

The Commissioner urged all relevant departments to prioritize security, traffic, and municipal arrangements in the event areas.

The Lahore Youth Festival aims to promote youth engagement through sports and cultural activities, fostering community spirit and participation across the region.

Lahore Deputy Commissioner Syed Musa Raza, Lieutenant Colonel Fahd, CTO Lahore Ammara Athar, DGP Punjab Sports Board Perviz Iqbal, SSP Security Muhammad Abdul Wahab, Lahore Cantonment Board Secretary Hasnain Bhaleer, DG PFA Asim Javaid, and MCL CO Shahid Khataia attended the meeting.

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Private Parties having sound financial position and reliable experience in advertisement/publicity sector may submit their offers to Electric Wing, Metropolitan Corporation Quetta on or before 15-11-2024. For further details please contact during office hours.

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