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File photo of PTI and Police clash in Islamabad

Case Filed Against PTI Balochistan President Dawood Shah Kakar

Mannan Mandokhail:

Quetta: A case has been registered against 23 individuals, including PTI Balochistan President Dawood Shah Kakar, for alleged violations of various laws, police reported on Monday.

The case, lodged by SHO Airport Police Station Abdul Hai Grami, accuses the individuals of inciting roadblocks at Kizbi Chowk and nearby areas. Charges include interference in government operations, violating the Loudspeaker Act, and other related offenses.



Police officials stated that the actions disrupted public order, causing inconvenience in the affected areas. Further investigations are underway to determine the extent of involvement by the accused.

This development comes amid heightened political activities in the province, as authorities maintain a strict stance against public disturbances.

7th polio case for Dera Ismail Khan takes Pakistan's 2024 tally to 56

NEWS DESK: Another polio case was confirmed to be detected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan on Wednesday, taking the country's tally for the current year to 56.

Pakistan is one of the last two countries in the world, alongside Afghanistan, where polio remains endemic.

Despite global efforts to eradicate the virus, challenges such as security issues, vaccine hesitancy, and misinformation have slowed progress.

The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at Islamabad's National Institutes of Health (NIH) confirmed the detection of the case in a boy, according to a press release issued by the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC).

It added that it was the seventh polio case of the year from DI Khan, one of the seven polio-endemic districts of southern KP.

Balochistan Assembly: PPP, PML-N Lawmakers Submit Resolution Seeking PTI Ban

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly has submitted a resolution urging the federal government to ban Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), accusing the party of inciting unrest and targeting state institutions.

The resolution was presented by provincial ministers Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, Mir Muhammad Saqib Umran, Mir Muhammad Asim Kurd, Ms Rabeha Hameed Khan Durran, and Baluch Muhammad Kakar, along with parliamentary secretaries Wali Muhammad Noorzi and Barkat Ali Rind, and MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail. It strongly condemns PTI's actions following the nationwide riots on May 9.

The submitted resolution outlines several accusations against PTI, including: Spreading Chaos: Alleging that PTI's violent agenda has negatively impacted the judiciary, media, and economy.

Anti-Federation Activities: Highlighting statements by a provincial Chief Minister against the Federation, which it claims align with anti-state agendas.

Misuse of Resources: Accusing the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government of using state machinery to attack federal institutions.

Baseless Allegations: Condemning PTI's resolution in the KP Assembly targeting security forces.

The resolution expressed unwavering support for Pakistan's armed forces, praising their sacrifices and role as protectors of the nation.

It condemned PTI for allegedly fostering public unrest and targeting state institutions.

A Call for Immediate Ban: The resolution urges the federal government to ban PTI to curb the party's alleged anti-state activities and restore peace and stability.

This submission reflects Balochistan's stance against political unrest and its support for national institutions and the armed forces.

BUITEMS Hosts 7th Job Fair, Connecting Over 90 Companies with Balochistan's Youth

Syed Ali Shah:



QUETTA: The 7th Job Fair organized by the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) concluded successfully, connecting over 90 leading companies with thousands of students, graduates, and young professionals. The event provided a robust platform for networking, career opportunities, and skill-building.

The job fair attracted students from BUITEMS and other institutions across Balochistan, creating a vibrant environment for career development. Companies from sectors like technology, healthcare, engineering, and hospitality offered job openings, internships, and career advice.

CM Bugti Graces The Job Fair: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, graced the closing ceremony, emphasizing the importance of empowering youth through access to career opportunities.

"The future of Balochistan lies in the hands of our youth, and initiatives like this job fair equip them with the tools they need to thrive," he said, pledging continued government support for youth development.

VC Dr. Khalid Hafeez Appreciates Ahsan Achakzai: Prominent organizations, including UNHCR, OGDCL, Islamic Relief, Serena Hotels, and KYB Ghani Motors, participated, offering diverse career opportunities.

BUITEMS Vice Chancellor, Mr. Khalid Hafeez, praised the organizing team led by Mr. Ahsan Achakzai, Director UAFA, for their efforts in making the event a success.

The fair empowered final-year students, alumni, and graduates by providing insights into the job market, enhancing employability, and fostering industry connections.

The government reiterated its commitment to supporting such initiatives, aimed at uplifting the youth of Balochistan.

Balochistan Government Launches Pink Scooty Initiative to Empower Women

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has introduced a "Pink Scooty Initiative" to empower women by providing scooters to female government employees and students.

This effort aims to enhance women's mobility and independence across the province. Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti handed over pink scooters to Tira Atri, a college student, and a female police officer during a ceremony in Quetta.

Speaking at the event, CM Bugti stated, "Scooties will be provided to female students in universities, colleges, and second-

ary schools to ensure their independence. We want to empower women in every possible way."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the appointment of five female Deputy Commissioners in Balochistan, emphasizing their active roles in promoting gender equality in governance.

The initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to fostering opportunities for women and ensuring their inclusion in various spheres of life. The distribution of pink scooters will continue in the coming months.



PM Shehbaz declares tough measures ahead, vows to end disruptions for Pakistan's progress

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has strongly condemned the recent protests in Islamabad, crediting the Army Chief for providing full support in quelling the unrest. He vowed that those responsible for the disruptions would no longer be allowed to destabilise the nation.

Speaking at a federal cabinet meeting on Wednesday, the PM stated that the security forces successfully ended the protests through a well-executed strategy, bringing much-needed peace to the capital and the country.

PM Shehbaz highlighted the severe economic damage caused by the protests, noting the disruption of daily life and the negative impact on businesses, workers, and the broader economy. He pointed out that shops and factories had been closed for several days, leaving daily wage workers and vendors unable to earn a liv-

ing. "The protests have brought daily life to a standstill, with many struggling to feed their families. Hospitals faced difficulties in treating patients, and the stock market plummeted," he explained.

The KSE-100 index saw a sharp drop during the protests but rebounded by nearly 4,700 points once the situation was resolved. PM Shehbaz stressed that investors are hesitant to invest in a disruptive environment but are quick to return once stability is restored.

He made it clear that the government would take strong measures to prevent further disruptions.

"It is time to make tough decisions because we have no other option but to focus on the development and prosperity of our country. These agents of chaos will no longer be given any opportunity to disrupt Pakistan's progress," he asserted.



ATC rejects bail plea of Imran Khan in 8 cases related to May 9 riots

NEWS DESK: The Lahore Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has rejected the post-arrest bail applications of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan in eight cases related to the violent events of May 9. The decision was made after hearing arguments from both the prosecution and Khan's legal team.

Khan's lawyer, Barrister Salman Saffar, argued that his client was in jail when the May 9 incidents occurred and that the protests were a result of public reaction to his client's remarks. The defence further claimed that Khan had been involved in numerous cases, some of which had already been dismissed, and that any accusations

against him were politically motivated.

Barrister Saffar noted that the allegations against Khan were part of a broader narrative that had been constantly changing. He referred to the cases involving the cyber controversy, claiming that the legal team had already secured relief in those matters through the courts. He also criticised the government's inconsistent handling of the allegations, stating that accusations of a conspiracy against the state had not been substantiated. Furthermore, Saffar stated that he was not seeking discharge or dismissal of the cases but was requesting bail, citing that Khan.

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OPINION VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Polio Crisis Worsens in Balochistan: 23 Cases, Flawed Strategy Under Fire

Editorial: QUETTA: Balochistan continues to grapple with a worsening polio crisis, with 23 cases now reported in the province, contributing to a nationwide total of 46 cases. Despite numerous vaccination campaigns and financial aid from international organizations like UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO), the virus remains rampant, particularly in Balochistan, which has the highest caseload despite making up only 5% of Pakistan's population. In a recent high-level meeting, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti instructed health officials to urgently raise the province's polio immunization rate from 38% to 60%. Chief Minister Bugti, along with Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar and senior health officials, reviewed current strategies and emphasized the need for an efficient, structured approach to eliminate the virus. Bugti directed Lady Health Visitors (LHV) and Lady Health Workers (LHWs) to intensify their roles in the anti-polio drive, stressing community-friendly methods and reducing public inconvenience. However, the provincial government's response has come under fire as the virus continues to spread. Despite an emergency declaration and ongoing campaigns, critics argue that both the government and international health agencies are failing to address the root causes behind low immunization rates. Observers note that outdated strategies and ineffective outreach are contributing to persistent gaps, with children in remote and high-risk areas left vulnerable. This publication has repeatedly advocated for adopting indigenous approaches tailored to the unique needs of Balochistan's communities. As polio cases rise, the province's struggle highlights governance and management deficiencies in the health sector. Health Secretary Mubeen-ul-Khan acknowledged gaps in routine immunization, but meaningful change remains to be seen as the government's efforts, with rising polio infections and limited improvements, it is clear that Balochistan needs a revamped, locally driven strategy if Pakistan hopes to become polio-free.

At the crossroads of rivers and rivalries

By Anna Hashmi: Water is more than just a lifeline - it's a tool of power, diplomacy and survival, especially in regions where access to it is a source of tension and conflict. As the world faces growing water scarcity, managing shared water resources is becoming a geopolitical challenge of the highest order. Nowhere is this more evident than in the water conflicts involving Israel, Palestine, India and Pakistan, where diplomatic maneuvering over rivers and dams shapes the political landscape as much as any border dispute. In the arid Middle East, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is deeply intertwined with water. Israel controls nearly 85% of the shared water in the West Bank including the Mountain Aquifer and Jordan River, leaving Palestinians to survive on the project of the available supply. UN figures say the Israeli population used to be virtually 300 liters per person, whereas the Palestinians are now barely accessing 70 liters, as opposed to 100 - the minimum recommended by WHO. In South Asia, the stakes are equally high. The Indus Waters Treaty's limitations have become glaringly obvious as India continues to build dams and hydroelectric projects on the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) that are supposed to flow freely into Pakistan. India's Kishanganga and Baglihar dam projects, which, Pakistan claims, reduce the flow of water into its territories, have led to multiple disputes being taken to international arbitration. For Pakistan, these projects represent not just an environmental concern but an existential threat. The headworks of major Pakistani rivers are located in Indian territory, making Pakistan vulnerable to India's water policies. This dependence is a ticking time bomb, especially in times of drought or political tension. Internally, Pakistan faces a water management crisis, with the Kalabagh Dam issue epitomising the deep divisions within the country. Proposed as a 3,600 MW hydroelectric project capable of storing 6.1 mat water, the Kalabagh Dam has been a political flashpoint for decades. The provinces have different views on the project, with Punjab proposing the project as a measure to regulate floods and provision of electrical power which is much in demand. Sindh, KPK and Balochistan have strong objections to the proposal. Sindh apprehends the dam would curtail the water flow of the Indus river and its farms will be deprived of water. KPK believes the dam will only pave the way for a large dam project of Nowshera and many will be made homeless. The project has been transformed from one of inundation to the most stark definition of inter-regional distrust, the consequences of which only serve to demonstrate the need for a more participatory approach in dealing with national water projects. The way forward is clear: regional cooperation and sustainable water management must be prioritised. First, water-sharing agreements, like the Indus Waters Treaty, need to be updated to reflect modern realities: climate change, rising populations and increased water demand. Nations must invest in efficient water infrastructure, from modern irrigation systems to dams that do not disrupt ecosystems or displace large populations. International bodies should oversee disputes to ensure agreements are upheld, and any new projects should be subject to environmental impact assessments that consider not just technical feasibility but the human cost. Moreover, governments and populations alike must come to terms with a critical reality: there is no mega project without a mega sacrifice. However, adequate compensation, resettlement plans and livelihood support must be guaranteed to all those displaced by large-scale infrastructure projects. Water diplomacy is no longer an option - it is a necessity. Countries must view cooperation, not competition, as the only way forward. Whether it's sharing the Kalabagh Dam debate, the future of water diplomacy will determine the fate of millions. Only by we hope to secure a future where water flows not just as a resource, but as a tool of peace and stability.

Nobel lessons: fixing Pakistan's broken institutions

By Shaheel Ahmed Shah: Economists Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson have been awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics for their groundbreaking research on the vital role institutions play in driving economic development. Their findings carry profound implications for Pakistan, a country grappling with economic struggles intricately linked to governance and institutional quality. The trio's work reveals that the key difference between prosperous and struggling nations lies not in natural resources or geography, but in the inclusiveness of their institutions. They argue that inclusive institutions - those that encourage equality, innovation and investment - are the bedrock of sustained economic growth. In contrast, extractive institutions, which concentrate power in the hands of a few, hinder progress and lead to poverty and instability. Pakistan's persistent challenges, both related to economy and governance, can be traced to long-standing institutional weaknesses that perpetuate inequality, corruption and inefficiency. The country has endured "elite capture", where a small group of powerful families, politicians and military leaders dominate resources and shape institutions to serve their interests, which stifles long-term prosperity. While the Nobel-winning economists focus on the broader role of institutions, the role of civil society, though implicit, is critical to the success of inclusive systems. Inclusive institutions often rely on mechanisms supported by a vibrant civil society, including a free press, the rule of law, and public participation in governance. These components are essential for keeping governments accountable, preventing extractive tendencies, and ensuring that inclusive institutions remain resilient. In the Pakistani context, this analysis underscores the pivotal role civil society must play in addressing institutional shortcomings. For too long, Pakistan's political instability and concentration of power have fostered extractive institutions that prevent equitable growth. Civil society must be strengthened to foster more inclusive systems that promote citizen engagement and accountability. The current government faces considerable challenges, including government restrictions, censorship and resource limitations, which often reduce the impact of civil society organisations. The Nobel laureates offer insights from institutional failures that have plagued Pakistan. Their work leaves no doubt that power concentrated in a few hands traps people in poverty and instability are often

Artificial Intelligence Just Taking Baby Steps

Syed Muhammad Qaseem: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence in computer systems. In simple words, AI enables machines to perform tasks that require human intelligence. Those tasks can be learning from past experiences, solving problems, and making predictions based on provided data. Until now, AI has just started taking baby steps but it is growing at a much rapid rate. Every invention had various positive and negative impacts on human civilization. According to Google's CEO, Sundar Pichai "AI will have a more profound impact on human beings than fire, electricity, and the internet". This innovation also has both positive and negative impacts on human beings. If it is left unchecked it will have disruptive impacts on human creativity, the job market, and the flow of information. However, the positive use of AI will bring major advancements in medical science, education, agriculture, etc. Thus, Countries are trying to develop AI fighters, robots, and drones for the militarization of power. This will attract the attention of their rival countries to build AI war machines for the balance of power. Hence, like nuclear weapons, AI will further escalate the arms race unless we have a ban on its use for the purpose of war. AI is a Major Threat to Human Creativity Creativity is a unique characteristic of human beings due to which they bring development, prosperity, modernization, and easiness in their lives. But machine intelligence is growing so rapidly that it has posed a grave threat to the creativity of God's human creation. Only a few clicks and in some seconds, an AI program can write a book, a novel, a poem, an assignment and an article. Furthermore, it can sing a song, draw a painting, solve a problem, and make a prediction. On the other side, it takes much effort and time for a human to do all these tasks. Due to the lazy and comfort-seeking nature of human beings, now they mostly rely on AI to perform these tasks. With the passage of time AI is learning more skills and human's reliance on AI is further increasing. This increase in reliance on AI will cause the death of creativity in humans. AI and Job Market "AI is coming to take your job", this news was seen on many news platforms when ChatGPT was launched in Nov 2022. As stated earlier, AI is efficient and less time-consuming in performing a task. Therefore, it has made millions of people jobless in almost every field, whether they are hotel waiters, drivers, journalists, software engineers and content writers etc. AI-driven cars neither have sleep problems, consequently, companies are manufacturing AI-driven cars to avoid road accidents. Journalists and content writers demand huge salaries for their work, while ChatGPT is free AI app that can do the same tasks freely and quickly. More interestingly, AI will replace its own founders (Software Engineers) as AI can write code and find errors in it. To sum up, AI has much potential to replace the human workforce. Positive Impacts of AI Along with negative impacts, AI can also be advantageous for humans if used for welfare purposes. In the following paragraphs, some advantages of AI are described if AI is used positively. AI can Revolutionize the Medical Field AI along with synthetic biology can transform the world shaped until now. AI and synthetic biology can eradicate debilitating diseases, and find treat-

ments for pandemics, thus providing health benefits. AI has also made a lot of achievements in the field of surgery. Last year, an AI robot performed a successful egg surgery in which the inner layer of an egg was stitched. Additionally, an AI Chatbot can also prescribe medicines and treatment for the provided symptoms. In the coming years, AI will further advance itself in the medical field and people will take numerous benefits from it.

Prediction Based on Provided Data

Humans remain curious to predict things of the outcome of events. If data is fed to an AI, it can find patterns in that data, and based on those patterns it can give predictions. For example, AI can predict election results, market demand for a product, predict weather etc. In the US 2020 presidential elections, an AI model was trained to predict the outcome of elections. Tweets and Facebook posts were fed to the model from which AI separated positive and negative sentiments about former US President Trump and current US President Joe Biden. Based on the high number of positive sentiments, the AI model predicted that Trump would win the elections, and he won. So, humans can take advantage of this feature of AI and can reap its benefits.

Boosting Agriculture Through AI

Pakistan is an agriculture-based country, and enhancing the agriculture sector will boost the country's economic performance. AI can increase agricultural productivity by predicting the best time to cultivate and harvest a crop. It is also capable of identifying soil conditions, plant diseases, weather forecasts, and when plants need to be irrigated. Moreover, AI can analyze the

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A vision to behold

By Rafia Zakaria: A laudable effort to showcase the country's talents was initiated recently and is ongoing. The Pakistan National Architecture from Pakistan 1940s to today' is open for viewing at the Qatar National Museum in Doha, Qatar. Designed by architect Raza Ali Dada, and curated by the team of the ArtMill, Qatar's Museum of Modern Art, with Indus Valley School's director of graduate studies Zameen Shah, Manzar presented a team of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the ruler of Qatar and Shaykha Al Mayassa Bint Hamad whose vision has been instrumental in creating a vibrant museum culture in Qatar. Featuring some 200 works of art, Manzar presented a multidimensional, multilayered and dynamic narrative of the country that can only be told through its art. It eloquently captures a moment of simultaneity between triumph and loss as reflected in Salima Hashmi's painting 'Zones of Dreams', which delivers a complicated texture of Pakistani history and visual culture. Manzar does not limit itself to paintings, its multidimensional approach includes sculpture, architecture, and installations that together weave the tapestry of Pakistan's visual legacy. While it is impossible to enumerate and mention the many iconic pieces included in the exhibition, one of the unmistakable stunners is Rashid Rana's 'The Red Carpet'. Viewed from afar, the piece appears to be a print of a beautiful and intricate red Persian rug. On closer inspection, it is revealed to be a mosaic compilation of hundreds of photographs of butchered meat. The beguiling red of the carpet is, in fact, an apt metaphor for the story of a very complicated country. The salt in Doha's air recalls a Pakistani city on another shore that has too often

been erased or overlooked in the recollections of art culture.

Also remarkable is acclaimed Pakistani artist Shahzia Sikander whose pioneering reclamation of Mughal miniature is present through some resplendent pieces including two stills from her 2016 animation 'Disrupts on its Rapture'. Sikander's work underscores the interactive genius of Pakistani art and its ability to reclaim ancient form for modern times. Sikander, whose work has been exhibited everywhere from America to New Zealand, is a prime example of a Pakistani artist who began her journey at the National College.

changes are backed by genuine enforcement. Civil society must be empowered to hold the government accountable.

Lifting restrictions on free speech, dismantling laws that allow for targeting of activists, and fostering a free press are crucial first steps. If the government truly intends to hold inclusive institutions, it must allow civil society to operate freely, without fear of retaliation. Only by embracing these bold actions can Pakistan hope to break free from its cycle of poverty and underdevelopment.

Pakistan name women's U19 squad for T20 Asia Cup

LAHORE (INP): The women's National Selection Committee has named a 15-member Pakistan U19 squad for the six-team ACC Women's U19 T20 Asia Cup, which will be played in Kuala Lumpur from 15-22 December. Zoolishan Ayyaz has been appointed captain, while Komal Khan has been named as the vice-captain. The squad is:

Top-order batters: Areesha Ansari (Kasur), Fizza Fiaz (Lahore), Muhammad Anees (Islamabad), Rawail Farhan (Lahore) and Zoolishan Ayyaz (Wah Cantt)

Wicketkeeper-batters: Komal Khan (Lahore), Wasifa Hussain (Karachi)

Spinners: Aleesa

Muhammad Khan (Lahore), Hama Akram (Rawalpindi) and Tayyaba Imdad (Abbottabad)

Fast bowlers: Fatima Khan (Lahore), Hama Akram (Karachi), Mahnoor Zeb (Mardan), Shahar Bano and Lodhrain

Player Support personnel: Aisha Jilil (manager), Mohsin Kamal (head coach), Muhammad Hanif Malik (assistant coach), Nahida Khan (fielding coach), Muhammad Usman Shahid (analyst), Rabia Siddiq (physiotherapist)

Schedule of matches (all matches at Bayuemas Cricket Oval, Points and Net Run-Rate (NRR) will be carried forward to the Super-Four Stage):

15 December – Sri Lanka v Bangladesh (9.0am, KL time); Pakistan v India (2pm, KL time)

16 December – Sri Lanka v Bangladesh (9.0am, KL time); Pakistan v Nepal (2pm, KL time)

17 December – Bangladesh v Malaysia (9.30am, KL time); India v Nepal (2pm, KL time)

18 December – 5th/6th position play-off (2pm, KL time)

19 December A1 v B1 (9.30am, KL time); A2 v B2 (2pm, KL time)

20 December – A1 v B2 (9.30am, KL time); A2 v B1 (2pm, KL time)

22 December – 3rd/4th position play-off (9.30am, KL time); final (2pm, KL time)



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez presenting a commemorative shield to Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail on the occasion of the opening ceremony of job fair at BUTIEMS University.

PTI's current protest was not less than May 9 riots: Sharjeel Memon

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Minister for Information Sharjeel Inam Memon has berated the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for staging a protest in Islamabad and derailing the country, saying, "PTI's protest was not less than May 9 riots. During a press conference in Karachi, Memon criticised the PTI for sabotaging law and order whenever a foreign delegation visited Pakistan.

Sindh minister stated that KP CM Ali Amin Gandapur missed KP province's machinery and resources for political interests leading the PTI protest. PTI's actions would be written in black words in history.

"We are not supporters of the government set-up in KP but PTI leadership actions don't deserve a government in the province," he stressed.

PTI wanted the killing of innocents but federal government didn't let the nefarious goals get successful. He lamented PTI founder for his narrative that his spouse would not join politics, Memon insisted that but Bushra Bibi proved more political and she incited violence and agitated the public during the protest. Sharjeel Memon alleged that FC, Punjab Police and Rangers were attacked despite all odds.

Memon and adjourned the case hearing without proceedings until December 4.

Bushra Bibi, Gandapur flee D-Chowk as authorities launch grand operation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder's wife Bushra Bibi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur reportedly fled D-Chowk as authorities launched a grand operation against the protesters. According to sources, hundreds of Punjab and Islamabad police personnel are taking part in the grand operation as around PTI protesters 450 were arrested. The law enforcement agencies have successfully cleared the Hule Area, Khyber Chowk and Kulsom Plaza from PTI protesters, as per sources. Police fired tear gas shells as PTI protesters while gunshots were also heard.



QUETTA: National Party Central Secretary Shai addressing a press conference.

Daniyal, Dahani rule out of One-Day International series against Zimbabwe

BULAWAYO (INP): Fast bowlers Ahmed Daniyal and Shah Nawaz Dahani have been ruled out of the ongoing One-Day International series against Zimbabwe and will return to Pakistan today (Wednesday).

Ahmed sustained a hamstring injury, while Shah Nawaz suffered a left ankle injury during Sunday's training session.

Initial scans and clinical assessments confirmed their respective injuries.

Upon their return to Lahore, both players will report to the National Cricket Academy, where they will undergo rehabilitation and follow the prescribed protocols to ensure a safe return to competitive cricket.

The duo have been replaced by Abbas Afridi and Jahandad Khan, Tahir and Usman Khan.

Information and ex Senator Kabir Ahmed

BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT QUETTA OFFICE AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBOL QUETTA

SUIT NO.37/2024

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SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS: 644,203,444/- US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE # XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 644,203,444/- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or, i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 27-12-2024.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 25th day of November, 2024.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN) Registrar Banking Court Quetta

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Tender Fee Rs: 1000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Code
1	IMPROVEMENT OF WEIR FLOOD/IRRIGATION 499,365,100 SCHEME TESHIL PHELAWAGH DISTRICT DEWA BUGTI.	

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 1 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 345,405,570 PKR Amount in subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), C-3 and above (Up to 500 million); Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE440 (Irrigation & Flood Control Systems), CE244 (dams only), CE245 (Irrigation Only). The bidder must have completed 1 No Similar Nature Scheme in the last 5 years. The bidder must have 1 No of Similar Nature Scheme in hand. The Bidder must provide Cover of Rs. 1000 from the National Bank of Pakistan. The Bidder must provide CDOR or Bank Guarantee of 2%. **Procedure of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee/Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-aided from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.2024.2024.gov.pk or by visiting the office of the Executive Engineer, Registration Division, Dewa Bugti. Last Date of Bid Submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically until 12 December, 2024 10:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 11:00 AM on EPPS System Address: Irrigation Department Dewa Bugti Phone No: 0354-0264 Fax No: 03456070155 Email: rsahafmed@ghwr650@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REGISTRATION DIVISION DEWA BUGTI

PRO No.21082711-2024

BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT QUETTA OFFICE AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBOL QUETTA

SUIT NO.36/2024

Bank Alfalah Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

Ubaid Ullah S/o Baboo Khan,

Lecturer, Government Boys Degree Collage, Gwadar.

Cell: 0312-2079151. DEFENDANT

SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS: 628,927,25/- US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE # XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 628,927,25/- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or, i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 27-12-2024.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 25th day of November, 2024.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN) Registrar Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT QUETTA OFFICE AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBOL QUETTA

SUIT NO.34/2024

Bank Alfalah Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

Abdul Hakeem Kassar So Faiz Ul Haq Kassar,

Teacher, Government Primary School Near Obaidullah General Store Zargobon Town, Quetta.

R/O House: 8-32/31 Near Salam General Store, Tareen Road Quetta.

Cell: 0310-8065976. DEFENDANT

SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS: 368,560,75/- US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE # XLVI, 2001.

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Speakers for fostering safe, inclusive and respectful work environments for women

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Office of the Auditor-General of Pakistan organized an awareness seminar on the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010.

Aimed at fostering safe, inclusive and respectful work environments for women.

The event was organized in collaboration with UN Women and brought together key stakeholders from various sectors, according to a press release issued by the office of AGP on Wednesday.

In his keynote address, Chief Guest Auditor General of Pakistan Muhammad Ajmal Gondal emphasized the importance of fostering an environment where all employees—especially women—feel valued, respected, and safe.

He stressed that true organizational success stems from the relationships cultivated within the workplace.

“For an organization to truly succeed, it is essential that all employees feel safe, valued, and respected, and that their voices are heard,” Gondal stated.

He further committed to building a workplace where harassment of any form is completely intolerable, and swift, effective action is taken when issues arise.

Dr. Iram A. Khan, Additional Auditor-General (HGs) and Chair of the Seminar, shared the Auditor-General Office’s initiatives for the well-being of female employees.

She highlighted the estab-

lishment of inquiry committees at both the head office and field offices to address harassment complaints.

Dr. Khan also spoke about the creation of a daycare center at the head office, ensuring the comfort and safety of working women.

She reiterated the Department’s commitment to a safe and inclusive environment, setting an example for other organizations in the country.

Fauzia Viqar, the Federal Ombudsman for FOSPAH, highlighted the significant progress made by her office in tackling workplace harassment across Pakistan, providing valuable insights into the legal framework and support systems in place.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs the Federal Cabinet Meeting.

F-8 Exchange Chowk Interchange to be opened on Dec 31

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday visited the F-8 Exchange Chowk Interchange project to review the ongoing construction progress.

He announced that the underpass will be opened for traffic on December 31, while the entire project will be inaugurated in the second week of February.

The minister emphasized the importance of completing the project within the set timeframe and commended the contractor, CDA (Capital Development Authority), and

workers for maintaining round-the-clock construction even during protests. He urged them to sustain their high level of commitment.

In a major development for traffic management, Naqvi revealed plans to make F-10 Chowk signal-free to ensure smoother traffic flow on Jinnah Avenue. He reviewed the out-

plan for the F-10 Chowk project, recommended changes and instructed for the construction to begin promptly. “Our aim is to provide maximum convenience to the public,” said Naqvi, adding that

the successful completion of these projects will result in significant improvements to Islamabad’s traffic system.

During a detailed briefing, officials informed the minister that Piling work will conclude by December 3 and Pile caps will be completed by December 12 while the entire interchange project is on track to be finalized within a record timeline.

The F-10 Chowk initiative is expected to be completed in tandem with the F-8 Interchange, promising long-term benefits for commuters.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi inquiring about the health of injured ASP Muhammad Akram at PIMS Hospital.

PTI’s sit-in will continue, says Gandapur

MANSEHRA (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur said on Wednesday that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf’s (PTI) sit-in is a movement that is ongoing and will continue until the call of the founder [to call it off].

Gandapur was addressing a news conference here along with Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub.

He said that the PTI is a peaceful party. “We talk about the rule of law, protection of the constitution, true freedom and democracy in the country. Unfortunately, for the last two and a half years, our party has been subjected to oppression.”

Gandapur said cases were fabricated against [the PTI leadership]. “Our mandate was stolen. Our leader is in jail in concocted cases. Our voters were tortured. We demand our rights but we are not allowed to protest peacefully.”

The chief minister said a

cruel tradition has been set which is unprecedented in history. “We do not get justice from courts. We have only one choice, to protest without permission.”

He said “whenever we demanded to hold rally in Islamabad we were tortured.”

“I want to make it clear, the sit-in is ongoing. It will continue as it is launched on the call of [Imran] Khan. He had said that the sit-in will continue until he says so. I want to tell the whole of Pakistan that our sit-in is continuing.”

The chief minister said that they [police] shot at our workers. “Hundreds of our people have been shot, the data of our martyrs is being compiled. The data of our workers who are arrested is also being collected.”

“I was also targeted. I was fired upon. Bushra Bibi, who was with me, was also fired upon,” he continued.

He said “we were going peacefully. The question is

why were we shot at? Whenever we got hold of a policeman or security force official, we let him go. Every family here has a member who is in police, Rangers, FC or army.”

He was all praise the PTI activists and said they have been fighting a war for our coming generations. Today the PTI founder is in jail for us. He is sacrificing for our real freedom.

He said when a chief minister could not get justice, how common people can get justice.

He assured the families of arrested workers that he would secure their release. “I salute my workers. We stand with the families of those arrested.”

It may be recalled that Gandapur reached Manshera along with Bushra Bibi and party General Secretary Omar Ayub from Islamabad late night when a grand operation was launched to disperse activists who were on a sit-in on the call of Imran Khan.

High level Chinese delegation visits GHQ, meets COAS Asif Munir

RAWALPINDI (INP): General Zhang Youxia, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the People’s Republic of China, along with a high-level delegation, visited General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi Wednesday.

The distinguished guest held a one-on-one meeting with General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS), followed by delegation-level discussions, said an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news

release. The engagements focused on matters of mutual interest, regional security dynamics, measures for regional stability, and enhancing bilateral defense cooperation.

General Asim Munir underscored the enduring and all-weather nature of Pakistan-China relations, emphasizing their foundation of mutual trust and cooperation.

He affirmed that this historic partnership has withstood the test of time and is poised to grow further. The COAS thanked Chinese leadership for

standing firmly with Pakistan, irrespective of changes in the international and regional environment.

Vice Chairman Zhang Youxia expressed China’s deep appreciation for Pakistan’s steadfast commitment to their strategic partnership.

He commended the Pakistan Army’s resolve and professional spirit in its ongoing counter-terrorism efforts and reiterated China’s determination to further strengthen this enduring relationship.

Anti-polio campaign in Kasur on Dec 16

KASUR, Nov 27 (INP): Deputy Commissioner Captain (R), Aurangzeb Haider Khan has announced to start a comprehensive anti-polio campaign on December 16.

The DC was chairing a meeting of Kasur District Polio Control Committee here Wednesday to review the polio eradication program.

According to DC office sources, the campaign, aims to administer polio drops to 751,828 children under five years of age, with the goal of achieving 100 percent coverage. To ensure the campaign’s success,

126 Union Council Monitoring Officers (UCMOs) and 578 area-in-charges will be appointed. Additionally, 2,785 mobile teams, 131 fixed teams, and 74 transit teams will be deployed to administer polio drops to children.

Aurangzeb emphasized that eradicating polio is a national duty, urging people from all walks of life to play their part in eliminating the disease.

He stressed that parents must ensure their children receive polio vaccine drops to protect them from lifelong disability. The campaign has garnered support from various stakeholders, including the World Health Organization (WHO), with relevant officers participating in the meeting to discuss the campaign’s strategy and implementation.

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People have rejected ‘Politics of lies, hypocrisy & violence’: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Wednesday said that the people of Pakistan had rejected the “Politics of lies, hypocrisy & violence” pursued by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Talking to media here, he said the narrative of

the PTI had failed miserably and its leaders had to run to avoid arrest.

He strongly rejected the PTI’s claims of killing of their activists in cross-firing from the law enforcement agencies, terming it “Totally baseless propaganda.”

He said the PTI concocted fake story of workers’ death after its workers had martyred personnel of the Rangers in a hit and run incident and also martyred the police personnel.

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TENDER NOTICE: TSE-24251593523 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, it is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER URBAN PLANNING & DEV. DEPARTMENT QUETTA DIVISION QUETTA invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates.

WALK IN INTERVIEW: Health Department Naseerabad Division requires the services of suitable candidates for the following posts purely on contract basis. Interested candidates who fulfil eligibility criteria mentioned below may appear for walk in interview on 08-12-2024 at 11:00 AM before the Divisional Health Committee Member Naseerabad at Commissioner Office, along with all relevant original documents and two sets of photo copies including domicile, CNIC and a duly filled up application CV.

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