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## Ashrafi vows to provide best facilities to Hajj pilgrims



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Pakistan Ulama Council head Allama Tahir Ashrafi said Hajj pilgrims will be facilitated in every possible way.  
Addressing a press conference, Ashrafi said it was not possible to take picture of every pilgrim during Hajj and Umrah while there was no precedent of the practice both in Shariat and ethics.  
Those who have done this have violated the Pakistani and Saudi Arabian laws, Ashrafi stated, adding that the government should immediately take action against such elements who have done this.  
He said action against such violators on the part of the Saudi government was a shameful act which would disgrace the country.  
The cleric informed the Hajj would also be performed under the Road to Makkah policy.  
He said he and Maulana Fazlur Rehman were nominated as member of the Islamic World Association.  
Talking about Middle East unrest, he said an independent Palestine State was only solution to the issue.

## Security forces kill two terrorists in DI Khan



**Soon Times Correspondent**  
DI KHAN  
The security forces killed two terrorists during an intelligence-based operation in Dera Ismail Khan, military's media wing said on Sunday.  
According to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the security forces conducted an IFO in Dera Ismail Khan on the reported presence of terrorists.  
During the conduct of the operation, an intense fire exchange took place between the troops and the terrorists, and resultantly two terrorists, Faheem Nawaz Gandapuri and Molsin Nawaz, were killed.  
"Weapons, ammunition and explosives were also recovered from killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against the Security Forces as well as innocent civilians including target killings and extortion," the ISPR added.  
Sanitisation operation is being conducted to eliminate any other terrorist found in the area as Security Forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country.

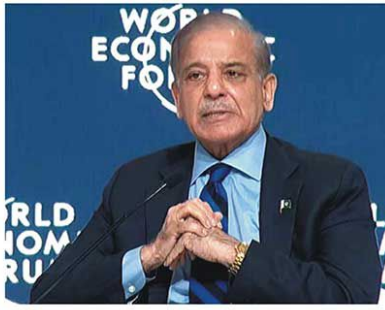
## Army holds free medical camp in remote North Waziristan tehsil



**Soon Times Correspondent**  
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The Pakistan Army organised a mobile health unit in Spinwam tehsil of North Waziristan on Sunday to provide free treatment to local residents.  
According to Radio Pakistan, over 800 people from Gulab Khel and Zakir Khel areas, located adjacent to the Pak-Afghan border, received treatment at the camp.  
Patients were provided with free medicines and access to ultrasound facilities.  
A dedicated female doctor was available to attend to women's healthcare needs.  
Attendees were educated about general hygiene practices and the importance of polio prevention.  
The local population expressed their gratitude to the Pakistan Army for organising the free medical camp.

# PM Shehbaz calls for global health equity, climate resilience at WEF

"The yawning gap between the Global South and the Global North should be bridged," he underscored.



**RIAYDH**  
Web Desk  
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday, while terming the global inequity in the health sector as the first and foremost problem, called for bridging the widening gap between the Global South and the Global North.  
Expressing his views during a session of the World Economic Forum (WEF) on global health in the Saudi capital of Riyadh, the premier highlighted that the Covid-19 pandemic had exposed the existing gaps largely between the Global North and Global South in terms of provision of health facilities and distribution of vaccines.  
PM Shehbaz said that the issue of climate change had also

completely changed the landscape. He noted that "Pakistan was not responsible for any global emissions, yet in 2022, it faced worst climate-triggered floods which hugely devastated the infrastructure and buildings and as a consequence, they had to spend billions of rupees to rehabilitate the affected people".  
He emphasised that for such rehabilitation efforts, they had to seek costly loans, questioning, "Can a developing country like Pakistan afford it?"  
He observed that developing countries like Pakistan required substantial resources for providing health facilities.  
"The yawning gap between the Global South and the Global North should be bridged," he

underscored.  
Sharing his personal experiences, the prime minister said that treatment for fatal diseases like cancer was too costly for the poor population of Pakistan.  
During his stint as the chief minister of Punjab, he recalled, he had provided about 130 million people with the best medical treatment initiatives like screening and treatment facilities for hepatitis in the remotest and backward areas of the province, where the poor people had been in dire need of basic facilities like education and health. The prime minister further informed that as the former chief minister, he also established the first kidney and liver hospital in Punjab.

## FM Ishaq Dar appointed as deputy prime minister



**Soon Times Correspondent**  
Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has been appointed as deputy prime minister of the country, according to a notification issued by the Cabinet Division on Sunday.  
"The Prime Minister has been pleased to designate Mr Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, as Deputy Prime Minister with immediate effect and until further orders," read the notification.  
Dar was appointed as the country's foreign minister after the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) formed a coalition government

following the February Selections.  
Dar, 73, a chartered accountant and a seasoned politician, is also a close relative of, and close aide to, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif.  
The appointment of four-time finance minister as foreign minister suggested a ramped up role for economics in the nation's diplomacy as the country tries to secure another International Monetary Fund Deal and shore up external financing from foreign capitals.  
"Economic diplomacy is the need of the hour for sure," Dar had told Reuters following his appointment in March.  
Before Dar's appointment, then Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Pervez Elahi remained the only national politician who was appointed country's deputy prime minister on June 25, 2012 after the then ruling Pakistan People's Party and the PML-Q had forged a political alliance at the Centre.  
Last month Dar was named as the country's foreign minister. He has earlier served as finance minister from 1998 to 1999, then from March to May 2008.

## Punjab CM's dictionary doesn't include 'No', says Azma Bukhari



**Soon Times Correspondent**  
ISLAMABAD  
Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari asserted that Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz's dictionary was devoid of the phrase "can't be done," referring to the CM's medication to resolving public crises.  
Speaking at the Islamabad Press Club, Punjab Information Minister insisted that her party and government were media-friendly and vowed to facilitate the media.  
She affirmed that, as an information minister, she would only censor false and fake news; otherwise, there would be no censorship or hindrance in the dissemination of news.  
She vowed that journalists' issues would be solved on a priority basis and that a deadline system would be implemented to clear the backlog on journalists' applications.

Azma Bukhari announced plans to build Media Town Phase 2 in Islamabad, making it accessible to the metro station. She revealed plans for a new housing phase for journalists in Islamabad, similar to Lahore.  
She also highlighted that her party was the only one that hadn't reduced media funds, as funds were being withheld for journalist support.  
The media, she emphasized, was active as it served as an accountability watchdog for incumbent governments. She highlighted that CM Maryam Nawaz's belief in public access to facilities and her dedication to working day and night.

## CM Maryam Nawaz pledges workers' safety and health

■ Punjab CM shared her message in observance of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.



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LAHORE  
Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has vowed to prioritize the health, welfare, and protection of workers across the province.  
Punjab CM shared her message in observance of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.  
Maryam Nawaz articulated her commitment to fostering a positive and safe environment in workplaces, stressing that the safety and well-being of workers were paramount.  
Asserting that every worker

deserved safety and security, she announced the launch of a campaign for occupational safety in collaboration with the private sector.  
She underscored the importance of adhering to safety regulations and providing necessary training to prevent accidents and ensure workplace safety.  
CM Maryam Nawaz disclosed plans to amend labor laws, with provisions for fines against companies found negligent in ensuring the safety and health of their employees.

She emphasized that the government was responsible for implementing occupational safety measures and will enforce them rigorously.  
Highlighting the significance of safety gear for workers, Punjab CM emphasized that every organization bore the responsibility for ensuring the safety of its employees.  
Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz asserted that with these measures in place, Punjab aimed to create a safer and more secure working environment for all its workers.

## IHC denounces 'false, malicious' social media campaign against Justice Babar Sattar



**Soon Times Correspondent**  
The IHC's public relations officer in the statement said, "Justice Babar Sattar has never had any nationality other than that of Pakistan. He studied law at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and pursued graduate education at Harvard Law School. He worked as a lawyer with a law firm in New York and while living and working in the US, was issued the Permanent Resident Card (also called green card) after being regarded as a person of extraordinary ability. He left his job in the US in 2005 and returned to Pakistan and has lived and worked in

Pakistan since then.  
"Justice Babar Sattar's wife and children are citizens of Pakistan and the US. They were living in the US till 2021, but returned to Pakistan after Justice Babar Sattar was appointed as a judge of the IHC and now live in Islamabad."  
The IHC PRO said all the properties that Justice Sattar held, whether in the US or Pakistan, were either inherited or bought while he was a lawyer and they were registered in the tax returns. He bought no property since he became the judge, the official said.  
The statement prior to Justice Sattar's elevation as a judge of the IHC, he had reported to the IHC chief justice that he was a Pakistani national and had a green card that allowed him to travel to the US without a visa.  
As per the IHC statement, the judge's mother was an educationist who established a school in Rawalpindi in 1992 as its sole proprietor. While Sattar had no ownership interest in it and was neither involved with its management.

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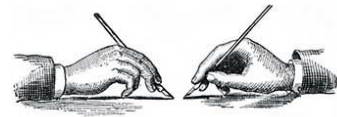
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## ECO members Visa Relaxation

The Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), during its summit held yesterday, unanimously adopted Pakistan's suggestions for developing more airline connectivity and relaxation of visas within and to the region. Secretary General ECO directed its Secretariat to also consider Pakistan's suggestions for the inclusion of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank in the coordinating functions of the recommended ECO Tourism Advisory Committee. Pakistan's suggestion in the ECO Summit for making more efforts for human resource development and for more airline connectivity was highly lauded by the participating

members. The meeting of the ECO Commission, which met in Shahrissabz, was attended by the Head of the ECO Tourism Sector, elected Uzbekistan, as Chairman of the summit on the proposal of Pakistan. Meanwhile, the Summit adopted a joint communiqué recommending the formation of an ECO Advisory Committee on Tourism after incorporating suggestions from Pakistani representatives, Salman Javaid, Senior Member of PTDC BOG, to include efforts for joint marketing for the promotion of inter- and intra-regional tourism. Later, the Uzbek Tourism Council hosted a tourism forum attended by representatives of the member

states and Secretary General ECO. This forum was addressed by all the heads of delegation of the ECO member countries, wherein they highlighted the tourism attractions in each country and suggested including activities for promotion of tourism within and to the region. Highlighting the active role of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) for the promotion of tourism within the country and in the region, Pakistan's representative Salman Javaid described all the attractions of Pakistan's tourism products, infrastructure, and governmental efforts in this regard. He also advised the forum about the commonality of heritage between

Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and the region. Furthermore, he suggested establishing more airlinks between the ECO Region. Uzbek members also lauded the suggestions of the Pakistani representative for starting more flights from Pakistan to Uzbekistan. The special correspondent of APP, who represented the event, interacted with all the locals and media representatives from the whole region and projected Pakistan's positive image. Many delegates talking to this correspondent greatly appreciated the talk and suggestions presented about Pakistan by the head of the delegation.

### A Voyage to Explore Healthcare Frontiers



**Saniya Ismail**

There, they had the privilege of meeting Dr. Najma Najam, a renowned figure in Pakistan's neuropsychology field, and Dr. Tahir Zahoore, the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at NIU, among others.

These distinguished individuals shared their inspiring journeys with the students, introduced their respective departments, and even extended internship opportunities to interested students. A group photo was taken to commemorate the occasion, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

To everyone's surprise and delight, NIU arranged refreshments for the UO students, leaving them overjoyed and on cloud nine.

The journey resumed, this time heading towards Sheikh Zayed Hospital. The students from the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics were brimming with energy, excited for their inaugural glimpse into the professional realm as nutritionists. Dr. Rabail, the Head of the Nutrition Department at Sheikh Zayed Hospital, graciously arranged refreshments for the students upon their arrival at Sheikh Zayed Hospital.

During their visit to Sheikh Zayed Hospital, the students had the opportunity to explore the hospital's kitchen facilities. They gained insights into how dietary plans are tailored for patients across various wards, learned about the meticulous hygiene standards and food handling procedures implemented on a large scale, and observed firsthand how meals are served to patients and their caregivers.

The journey continued, fueled by the students' enthusiasm and heightened thirst for knowledge. Their next stop was FMH, Dr. Shazia Zara, the Clinical Director at FMH, delivered an inspiring speech detailing her own journey and struggles in establishing the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics at FMH. She shed light on various aspects of study, including body sciences and pathology.

Dr. Shazia recounted her initial encounter with a diabetic patient, recalling that she initially advised the patient to avoid sugar completely. However, she emphasized to the students the importance of not just focusing on academic performance and GPA but also on gaining exposure to real patients. She urged them not to be driven solely by financial gain

but rather to cultivate a thirst for learning and professional growth. In essence, Dr. Shazia encouraged everyone to embark on a journey of practical application and hands-on experience in their chosen field, emphasizing the significance of practical knowledge over theoretical learning. Following her motivational talk, the hospital faculty guided the students on a tour of their facilities, allowing them to visit various wards where patients were undergoing treatment.

The students emerged from this tour enriched with valuable insights that transcended mere academic knowledge. They gained a profound understanding of their future roles as professional nutritionists, realizing their potential to make a substantial impact in healthcare. The experience instilled in them a sense of confidence, recognizing that their contributions are equally significant to those of MBBS students.

Furthermore, they grasped the holistic approach of nutritionists, not only treating ailments but also preventing diseases through dietary interventions. They acknowledged that their role extends beyond that of a clinician, as they have the capacity to initiate innovative programs and initiatives, even from the comfort of their homes. The key takeaway for the students was the importance of consistency and persistence in their journey towards excellence in their field. They embraced the notion that with enthusiasm, energy, and a continuous thirst for learning, they can achieve remarkable milestones and contribute meaningfully to the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

The voyage through hospital tours undertaken by the students of the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Okara was not just a physical exploration but a profound educational experience. From meeting esteemed professionals to witnessing the intricate workings of hospital departments, the tour provided invaluable insights into the multifaceted role of nutritionists in healthcare. As they return to their classrooms, these students carry with them not only theoretical knowledge but also a deeper understanding of their future impact on patient care and community health. With newfound inspiration and a commitment to continuous learning, they stand poised to embark on a journey of excellence in their chosen field, armed with the belief that their contributions are integral to the broader landscape of healthcare.

### Human Trafficking and Pakistani Youth



**Writing by  
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To live a peaceful and comfortable life is the desire of every human being. And to fulfill this desire, a human being has a dire need of wealth. In order to achieve wealth, a human being does various things, makes various recipes and takes many steps in the same way. From which wealth can come easily, man makes initial efforts to acquire wealth from his surroundings and when the opportunity to earn wealth is not available to him in the surroundings, then he is willing to take a long journey for it, even if it is traveling is extremely difficult because it has no meaning in front of the acquisition of wealth and a luxurious life. If we look at it in this context, many unemployed youths today are disappointed due to not getting government or private jobs, while other developed people are looking for a bright future. Countries work. And when they are not able to go legally, these unemployed youths try to cross the border illegally, which is a very difficult distance, they resort to mafia agents to cover this distance, are, which in the language of the law is remembered by the term human trafficker. Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are among the countries whose population is increasing very rapidly. And if there is an

majority of them go to European countries illegally. These young people pay millions of rupees to human traffickers and hand them over to them. Along with the youth, their families are equally guilty in this bloody game. Recently, a heart-wrenching incident occurred in the sea of Greece which left the entire nation dead. The nature of the incident was something like that a boat with about 350 people on board was going to Greece, but due to being overloaded and in the middle of the sea, the boat could not maintain its balance and sank, in which many Pakistanis were also on board. In which the majority died and many went missing. This tragedy drew the attention of the government of the time to human traffickers and their business, and created a sense of awareness among the people. How human traffickers and mafia extort lakhs of rupees from the unemployed youth of our country by luring them with jobs abroad and a golden future and leave them to die at the mercy of the merciless waves. Details of the accident that happened in the Greek sea. According to the data collected after the sinking of a boat full of illegal immigrants in which about 350 Pakistanis were on board, more than 75 people were found dead and many are still missing, or there is no trace of the dead. The families of these people are overwhelmed with grief due to the death of their loved ones and are worried about the missing persons. These people can kiss the dead faces of their loved ones and hold them in their hands. And among them there were many people who were not even seen by their families for the last time. The Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Shabbaz Sharif took notice of this incident and an inquiry committee has been formed to

villages and towns on foot through difficult paths of thick forests, but many years ago when the successive influx of migrants for the Greek government, the security, administrative and created economic problems and the entry of immigrants took a serious situation, then the Greek government made strict security arrangements on these routes, which made it impossible for immigrants to enter. A second route was taken in order to continue. Migrants through this route first enter Dubai by air, from Dubai by land to Egypt and from Egypt to Libya, a small stretch of sea between Libya and Italy, which is entered by boat through the coastal borders of Italy or Greece. The passengers who survived the tragic tragedy of the sinking of the migrant boat in the Greek sea have made sensational revelations about the deaths of Pakistanis in the accident. According to the British media, the surviving passengers of the boat that sank near the coast of Greece, speaking to Coast Card, said that the Pakistani passengers were forced to go to the lower part of the boat while those of other nationalities were allowed to go to the upper part. According to the passengers, the chances of death are higher in the lower section, while the chances of survival of those riding in the upper section are higher. were done and severely punished. Women and children were apparently kept in a closed place due to the presence of men. These agents charge lakhs of rupees and thus bargain for their lives because they are aware of the fact that they will not be able to come back and their pool will not be opened.



A group photo of Ambassador of Pakistan to China H.E. Mr. Khalil Hashmi with panelists at "Pakistan Professionals and Students Forum" hosted by Pakistan Embassy in Beijing on April 28, 2024.





## PHA officers are experts in organizing fairs only: Citizens

Soon Times Correspondent

**Sargodha**  
The flower show organized by Parks and Horticulture turned out to be a flop show. PHA blocks the city's famous highway, University Road at evening torturing the citizens. PHA officers seem to be experts in organizing fairs only. These views were

expressed by the citizens of Sargodha. They further said that Director General PHA and his team seem to be experts in organizing fairs only. While parks, square and intersections appear to be waste cesspools. There is no park in the city that can be described as a model of PHA performance. Apparently, the officers are crying about lack

and non-availability of funds. The misbehavior with families in these fairs is not hidden from anyone. While the citizens are being tortured by unnecessarily blocking the road. The citizens demanded the government to transfer such officers to make PHA an active institution.

## Annual Parents' Day function organized at Fauji Foundation College



Soon Times Correspondent

**Nowshera Soon Sakasar.**  
Annual Parents' Day function was organized at Fauji Foundation College, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's leader and member of provincial assembly Malik

Hasan Aslam Awan as the chief guest and students and their parents along with local dignitaries participated in the event. Principal of the college Retired Colonel Malik Shahid Aziz thanked the guests. He highlighted the performance of the college and the aims and objectives of the Fauji Foundation in the field of education. He said that the students who graduated from prestigious educational institution, Fauji Foundation School, College Nowshera are serving in high

positions in medical, engineering and other fields. Special guest Malik Hassan Aslam Awan said, education is the source of development of nations. To join the developed countries, more effort and dedication is needed to acquire education according to the modern requirements. I will strive to upgrade the schools in my constituency. He appreciated the performance of the Fauji Foundation College, Soon Valley. He asked to study the leader of PTI Inam Khan's book "Pakistan". In the ceremony, the students presented tableaux, national songs, sketches and other programs and received appreciation from the audience. Finally, shields, certificates were distributed among the position holders children.

## Sale of meat of female animals continues despite the Govt's ban

Soon Times Correspondent

**Bhera.**  
Despite the government's ban on the sale of meat of female animals, the sale of meat of sick, emaciated and female animals continues in the city with the

connivance of the Livestock Department. Butchers are charging arbitrary rates due to the neglect of the Price Control Magistrate. Social leaders Muhammad Arshad, Muhammad Ilyas, Yaqub Ali, Muhammad Anwar and Muhammad

Ramzan have demanded the Deputy Commissioner Sargodha and Assistant Commissioner Bhera to take immediate notice of the sale of unhealthy meat in the city. Also, they should ensure the supply of meat of healthy animals to the public.

## Warm reception of Iranian President Raisi in Pakistan signifies a strong bond between the two nations: Kafeel Hussain

Soon Times Correspondent

**Karachi.**  
Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi received a warm welcome in Pakistan, as stated by President K.H.A. Business and International Relations, CEO Kafeel Hussain Group, and renowned architect Kafeel Hussain during Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi's visit to Pakistan. He expressed that Ibrahim Raisi's visit, carrying a message of goodwill, is a source of pride for both nations, who are considered brothers. Kafeel Hussain emphasized that the Iranian President's visit will not only enhance the national economy but also aid in addressing the



challenges related to electricity, gas and petroleum products in Pakistan. He also mentioned that ensuring affordable electricity and gas supply to the public and business community will help in curbing smuggling activities. He underlined the importance of the Pak-Iran partnership in the fight against terrorism. Kafeel Hussain said, by collaboration with Iran, Pakistan can overcome these challenges. He stressed the necessity of bolstering diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Iran to combat smuggling, thereby creating job opportunities, educational prospects, and business ventures for the people of both countries.

## PS in Quetta are being auctioned while posting SHOs

Soon Times Correspondent

**Quetta.**  
Posting at police stations located on Chaman highway of Quetta is the most expensive. While the rates of posting of SHOs in the remaining 23 police stations are Rs 3 to 4 lakh. Police sources, on condition of anonymity, have said that due to the high rate of posting, no decent officer can get posting on merit. All the police stations in Quetta are being publicly sold and are regularly auctioned.

Among the most expensive selling is police station Shalko's SHO for 20 lakh advance Rs 5 lakh weekly extortion. Posting of SHO in police station New Sariab is for Rs 15 lakh advance and Rs 4 lakh weekly extortion, in Panjapal police station Rs 40 lakh advance Rs 10 lakh weekly extortion, in Kharotabad police station for Rs 5 lakh advance and Rs 2 lakh weekly, in Bruni police station for Rs 7 lakh advance and Rs 2.5 lakh weekly, in Airport police station for Rs 10 lakh

advance and five and half lakh weekly extortion, in New Kuchlak police station 8 lakhs advance and Two and a half lakhs per week, in New Khaliquabad police station for 8 lakhs advance and 3 lakhs weekly and in Nausahri police station for 15 lakhs advance and 6 lakhs extortion. In other 22/23 police stations posting charges are Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh advance and Rs 20 thousand and Rs 70/80 thousand weekly extortion. Till date no report has been taken on this issue at any level.

## Lesco detects 75,276 power pilferers in 222 days

Soon Times Correspondent

**LAHORE.**  
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 75,276 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 222 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. LESCO spokesman told the media on Sunday

would continue without any discrimination until the complete end of electricity theft. The electricity pilferers as well as the LESCO officers and employees who facilitate them were also being brought to justice. The spokesman added, the LESCO found 304 customers stealing electricity through various means and 144 cases had been registered against the accused, while five accused were arrested during the last 24 hours.

## The efforts of the management of PGC Bhera are commendable: Speakers



Soon Times Correspondent

**Bhera**  
Eradication of educational backwardness and awakening the hidden talent among the students to enable them to pursue higher education is an ongoing charity. For this purpose, the efforts of the management of Punjab Group of Colleges Bhera in the private sector are commendable. These views were expressed by Khatwaj Zahid Naseem Advocate, Chairman of Nalheeda Mehboob Elahi Foundation, Shaheen Farooqi, President of Bhera Press Club Registered, Majlis Naib Amir and successor of Hizbul-

Ansar, Sahibzada Asif Abrar Bagwi, Member of Sargodha Chamber of Commerce Chaudhry Muhammad Ajmal Gondal, educationist Malik Ghulam Murtaza and others. The women were represented by Vice President of Tehsil Bar Bhera Anila Noreen Mehr Advocate. The speakers said that there has been a big change in the private sector of education in the region with the establishment of Punjab Group of Colleges. On this occasion, College Principal Prof. Ashar Rashid said that students are provided with modern technology, free education and scholarships.

## 1,320 MW power to be added to national grid from Thar Coal project: minister

Soon Times Correspondent

**KARACHI**  
Provincial Minister for Energy, Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Saturday said 1,320 megawatts electricity will be added to the National Grid after the completion of the first phase of the Thar Coal project. He expressed these views in a meeting held at the office of Sindh Energy Department.



The CEO of Shanghai Power Meng Donghai and CEO-SSRC Jain while Secretary Energy Sindh Kazim Jatoi and other senior officers of Energy Department were also present. The minister said the 2,300-megawatt Thar Coal Block-I Power Generation Project will play an important role in meeting the energy requirements. Nasir Shah assured the delegation of immediate removal of all obstacles in the project. He said that Sindh government will provide all possible cooperation regards project so

that it could be completed as soon as possible. He directed the delegation to take special care of the local people in the project and provide them with all possible facilities. He added that Thar Coal Project was very important for the whole country including Sindh. Nasir Shah said that according to the vision of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, Sindh government was focusing on public welfare projects like solarization or energy projects in the province.

## Journalists protest against fake operation & arrests by Anti-corruption

Soon Times Correspondent

**Pindi Bhattian:**  
According to the details, Pindi Bhattian Anti-corruption team raided the Pindi Bhattian Tehsil complex. At a tea stall outside the Assistant Commissioner's office, a daily wage earner Muhammad Yusuf, son of unknown, caste Muslim Sheikh, resident of Thatta Pothohar, Tehsil Pindi Bhattian, was detained. A few thousand rupees were taken out of his pockets and the locker of the stall. After that, the anti-corruption team raided the land record center. An SCO named Rehan Shah was detained from there. In the presence of dozens of people Rehan Shah was searched comprehensively, from which no money

was found. However, the anti-corruption team detained the money taken from the pocket of the tea stall employee Muhammad Yusuf and locker of his tea stall, and on the other hand the officer of the Land Record Center, Rehan Shah, who had no money. They were taken to an unknown location. On the questioning of a local journalist present on the occasion, the anti-corruption team went wild and not only the officials tried to take away the mobile phone from the local journalist but also threatened him with serious consequences. Political and journalistic figures and institutions across the region have strongly protested against the fake operation and arrests and misbehavior with the local journalist.

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## Aiman Khan's doppelganger unhappy with comparisons, cites unnecessary trolling by netizens



(Web Desk) Social media content creator Mona Liza has gained widespread attention due to her striking likeness to a renowned Pakistani drama industry's actor Aiman Khan.

While many people would be thrilled to have their face compared to the photos of superstars, Mona is the subject of a doppelganger storm that has persisted since the photos were made public. Images of Mona dancing at a wedding went viral on social media, drawing both comparisons and criticism in quick succession.

In case anyone thought the influencer was intentionally trying to imitate the lshq Tamasha actor, Mona prepared a fierce response on her Instagram account. She started off by making it clear in an emotional post that she had never specifically looked for any analogies of this kind.

In a frustrating manner she said, "I never said I looked like Aiman Khan and I never had any comments on my videos because they are jealous."

## Ayeza Khan, Feroze Khan to share screen for new project



(Web Desk) Renowned Pakistani actors Ayeza Khan and Feroze Khan will share the screen in an upcoming project.

According to media reports, both the talented actors are all set to appear in new drama series.

Ayeza and Feroze are two immensely skilled Pakistani actors with huge following on social media.

The new drama would be directed by Farooq Rind, who just recently gave superb hit drama 'Mastana'.

Ayeza Khan is currently receiving praise for her role as Mahnoor in 'Jan E Jahan', while Feroze Khan is being lauded for his performance in 'Akhara'. Ayeza Khan has earlier given many super-hits including 'Chupke Chupke', 'Pyare Aizaal', 'Meray Paas Tum Ho' and 'Chand Tara'.

## No world record but Duplantis soars in Suzhou Diamond League



(Web Desk) Armand Duplantis missed out on another pole vault world record but made a strong statement ahead of this year's Olympic Games by easing to victory in the second Diamond League event of the season. The 24-year-old Olympic champion had broken his own world record with a stellar effort of 6.24 metres at the Xiamen season opener last week and wrapped up another victory in China with his best of 6.00m too good for the rest of the pack.

With the bar raised to 6.25m, Duplantis was primed to break the mark for a ninth time but he was unable to clear the height in his three attempts, coming agonisingly close in his final chance to leave some fans disappointed.

"I felt great today, really good. To jump 6.00m today and complete a successful tour, I have a lot of good takeaways," Duplantis said.

"I felt a little bit flat today, but still really good. I just feel conditions have to be perfect for me to jump a world record and I wasn't quite feeling it off the runway tonight."

"Now I go back home and train for a few weeks till my next competition in Ostrava."

Ben Broeders of Belgium and Sam Kendrick of the United States managed vaults of 5.82m behind the winner.



## Gary Kirsten, Jason Gillespie appointed coaches of white- and red-ball teams

The PCB chief announced the appointments at a press conference along with COO Salman Naseer

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday announced the appointment of Gary Kirsten of South Africa and Australia's Jason Gillespie as head coaches for the men's national team for white- and red-ball, respectively.

The PCB chief announced the appointments at a press conference here alongside Chief Operating Officer (COO) Salman Naseer and Azhar Mehmood, who was announced as the assistant coach in all formats.

Kirsten and Gillespie are world famous coaches, he said and added that they have been appointed for two years.

"Assistant coach Azhar has been settled in the UK but he accepted the PCB offer for country's sake," Naqvi stated. He said that the purpose of appointing foreign coaches was to give the Green Shirts the "best of the best."

"This was pending for so long. Yesterday when I was standing with the physiotherapists [...] they were so happy that we had gotten the device for them [...] the cricket board's job is not to accumulate money in the bank, its job is to spend the money on cricket and the team [...]"

Replying to a question about the side immediately after completing his assignment in the Indian Premier League," the press release said. Besides the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 and other bilateral white-ball series, Kirsten will also be in charge of the side for next year's ICC Champions Trophy 2025 in Pakistan, ACC T20 Asia Cup 2025 and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 in India and Sri Lanka, it added.

## IMF's Georgieva says Pakistan faces 'significant' economic difficulties



(Web Desk) International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Sunday expressed her concerns about the economic situation of Pakistan. She was speaking at a World Economic Forum (WEF) session in the capital of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh.

She said that China's performance in the first quarter was better than expected, while Pakistan was facing significant difficulties.

According to Georgieva, Egypt has performed better but it still has difficulties. Expressing her thoughts she said, "The global economy had suffered more than \$3 trillion losses due to the coronavirus pandemic. The less developed countries had to face more losses due to the pandemic."

Some countries, like China and India, had steered out of the coronavirus crisis. Speaking about the economic situation of advanced economies, Georgieva said, "The economy of the United States is better, but the situation in the Eurozone is not good."

She said that the performance of emerging markets like Indonesia, Malaysia and India is also good. "The IMF has three basic priorities. The first priority is to bring inflation down to the target. It is also the IMF's target to create a balance between income and expenditures," said Georgieva.

She said, "The pandemic and wars had depleted the reserves of many countries. There will be more hardships in the coming days."

## Lodhran Pilot Project hosts Women's Exhibition Cricket Match



Soon Times Correspondent Lodhran:

Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP) hosted Women's Exhibition Cricket Match. The unveiled Trophy for South Punjab Women's Champions League 2024, and Commences T20 World Cup 2024 Countdown. The Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Andrew Schofer, expressed his excitement about witnessing the talented young women cricketers at the event. He remarked, "I am impressed with the talent and passion of these women playing here today."

His enthusiasm highlighted the anticipation surrounding the T20 World Cup 2024, with the USA hosting its first-ever World Cup. Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP), in collaboration with Tareen Cricket Academy (TCA) and Kinnaird College Lahore, proudly hosted a Women's Exhibition Cricket Match on April 27th, 2024. The event, held at Kinnaird College Lahore, marked the unveiling of the trophy for the South Punjab Women's Champions League 2024.

2024 and the commencement of the countdown for the T20 World Cup 2024. Distinguished guests, including US Consulate Counsel General (CGs) from Peshawar, Lahore, and Karachi, alongside President LPP and owner of Multan Sultans, Mr. Ali Khan Tareen, graced the occasion. "The unveiling of the trophy for the South Punjab Women's Champions League 2024 symbolized a milestone in promoting women's cricket and recognizing the achievements of female athletes in the region," Ali Khan Tareen shared during the event. Dr. Abdul Saboor, CEO of Lodhran Pilot Project, stated "We are thrilled to host this Women's Exhibition Cricket Match. This event underscores our commitment to promoting women's empowerment through sports."

In an exciting match, the Kinnaird College Lahore team secured victory in the T10 match by 7 wickets, chasing the target in just 8 overs.



## Donald Trump is running against Joe Biden. But he keeps bringing up another Democrat: Jimmy Carter

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As Donald Trump campaigns for a return to the White House, he often reaches back more than 40 years and seven administrations to belittle President Joe Biden by comparing him to 99-year-old Jimmy Carter. Most recently, Trump used his first campaign stop after the start of his criminal house trial in New York to needle the 46th president by saying the 39th president, a recently widowed hospice patient who left office in 1981, was selfishly pleased with Biden's record.

"Biden is the worst president in the history of our country, worse than Jimmy Carter by a long shot," Trump said in a variation of a quip he has used throughout the 2024 campaign, including as former first lady Rosalynn Carter was on her deathbed. "Jimmy Carter is happy," Trump continued about the two Democrats, "because he had a brilliant presidency compared to Biden."

It was once common for Republicans like Trump to lampoon Carter. Many Democrats, including Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, kept their distance for years, too, after a rocky economy, energy shortages and an extended American hostage crisis led to Carter's landslide defeat in 1980. The negative vibes waned, though, with the passage of time and reconsideration of Carter's legacy as a political leader, Nobel laureate and global humanitarian. That leaves some observers, Democrats especially, questioning

Trump's attempts to saddle Biden with the decades-old baggage of a frail man who closed his public life last November by silently leading the mourning for his wife of 77 years.

"It's just a very dated reference," said pollster Zuck McCarty, whose Alabama-based firm has worked for Biden. "It's akin to a Democrat launching an attack on Gerald Ford or Herbert Hoover or William McKinley. It doesn't signify anything to voters except Trump taking a cheap shot at a figure that most Americans at this point believe has given a lot to his country and to the world."

Trump loyalists insist that even a near-centenarian is fair game in the rough-and-tumble reality of presidential politics. "I was serving it probably before President Trump. Joe Biden's worse than Jimmy Carter," said Georgia resident Debbie Dooley, an early national tea party organizer during Obama's first term and a Trump supporter since early in his 2016 campaign. Dooley said, "I'm old. Dooley justifies the parallel." "I'm old enough to remember the gas lines under President Carter." Any comparison, of course, involves selective interpretation, and Trump's decision to bring a third president into the campaign carries complications for all three—and perhaps some irony for Trump, who, like Carter, was rejected by voters after one term.

## France pushes efforts in Lebanon to prevent war between Hezbollah and Israel

NAQOURA, Lebanon: France's foreign minister said that he would discuss proposals with Lebanese officials on Sunday aimed at easing tensions between Hezbollah and Israel and preventing a war breaking out. France has historical ties with Lebanon and earlier this year Foreign Minister Stéphane Sejourne proposed Hezbollah pulls back 10 km (6 miles) from the Israeli border while Israel would halt strikes in southern Lebanon.



The proposal has been discussed with partners including the U.S. and Paris wants to keep up the momentum amid Israeli threats of a military operation in southern Lebanon. Israel and Hezbollah have traded hit for fat strikes in recent months, but the exchanges have increased since Iran launched missiles on Israel in response to the killing of members of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps' overseas Quds Force in the Syrian capital Damascus. More Israeli strikes hit southern Lebanon overnight

in Gaza, we could be talking about a war in southern Lebanon given the number of strikes and the impact on the area," Sejourne said after speaking to UNIFIL commanders. "I will pass messages and make proposals to the authorities here to stabilize this zone and avoid a war."

The UN peacekeeping mission known as UNIFIL, as well as unarmed technical observers known as UNTSO, are stationed in southern Lebanon to monitor hostilities along the demarcation.