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#### Zardari, Shehbaz Sharif condemn assassination attempt on Trump



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari have condemned the assassination attempt on former US president Donald Trump.

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The premier in a social media post expressed prayers for Trump's speedy recovery. He said that amy form of violence in the political process was condemnable.

"Just learnt that former President Trump was shot at an election rally. This is a shocking development. I condem all violence in politics. Wish the former President swift recovery and good health," the prime minister stated in a post on X, erstwhile Twitter.

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President Zardari expressed deep shock over the attack on Trump's rally, saying that such violence had no place in politics.

In a statement issued by the Presidency, Zardari expressed his best wishes for the speedy recovery of Donald Trump. He also offered heartfelt condolences over the loss of life in the attack.

#### PTI MNA Ameer Sultan 'abducted' from Lahore: Asad Qaiser



SoonTimes Correspondent ISLAMABAD Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Asad Qaisar s party MNA Ameer Sultan was abducted by ur men on Sunday.

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Sulfan was elected to the lower house of the parliament from NA-110 in Jhang and was reportedly abducted while he was at his house at Sarvar Road, Lahore. He was abducted by unknown men in Lahore to force him to switch loyalities, "the former speaker added He said the country will fail if it not run according to the constitution as this document sets the purpose of every institution which must be followed. He said the PIT would not beak off from its ideological stance and its struggle would continue and the party leaders should be allowed to make the decisions of their own choices.

#### Govt mulls NA, Senate session to 'discuss' SC verdict on reserved seats



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD. The government is considering convening the Senate and National Assembly sessions to discuss Supreme Court's decision regarding reserved seats for SIC (Sunni Ittehad Council). Sources revealed to Media that Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Azam Nazir Tarrar has suggested to convene a session of the parliament in a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. It is learnt that the parliamentarians belonging to the ruling PMI.-N have been instructed to stay in the cupital while a final decision to summon the session will be taken tomorrow (Monday) in a meeting presided over by Navaz Sharif. According to sources, the government "wanted to devise a strategy before going for review appeal against the Supreme Court had on Friday annulled the decision of the Peshawar High Court and the order of the Election Commission (ECP) regarding reserved seats and ordered to give seats to the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI).

## CM Punjab Climate Leadership Development Internship program initiated across Punjab

The program is a platform for community service and environment protection.



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program has been initiated across Punjab. The program has been initiated on the instructions of Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz for environment protection under 'My Punjab Smog Free campaign. CM Maryam Nawaz stressed for collective efforts to mitigate the environmental challenge of smog. Young graduates would perform community service under Smog Fee Punjab Initiative. Young graduates 18 to 25 years old who graduated two years ago are eligible for the intenship program. Interns will be paid a stipend of Rs. 25000 monthly.

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community service certificate by the Environment Protection Department and Purplab Higher Commission. Students can register commission. Students can register commission of the program is a palation for community service and environment protection. Government requested for public support to mitigate the serious issue of smog. The Punjab government has issued directives for reduction of environmental pollution. Plant more trees and avoid burning crops. Avoid plastic use. Reduce the smoke emitted from vehicles and factories.

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Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz
highlighted the significance of collective efforts for a clean environment. She emphasised that the Punjab government's initiative would reduce smog this year.

## PM orders committee to reactivate Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project

ISLAMABAD:

Such mises Correspondent ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the formation of an urgent committee to reactivate the Neelum-IhelumHydropower Project. Chairing a meeting at the PM House on Sunday, Sharif reviewed the progress and challenges facing the project. A detailed briefing revealed that power generation was halted on May 2, 2024, following a pressure drop in the head race tunnels. Former federal interior secretary Shahid Khan, leading the investigation, reported significant

Shahid Khan, leading the investigation reported significant financial losses due to the closure. The investigation highlighted that a similar issue in 2021 during the PTI regime was ignored, exacerbating the current situation. The project's construction had overlooked crucial geophysical and seismic factors, and decontact-overset linius of the number was and the number of the number was and the number of the nu

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PM Shehbaz criticised the past negligence and demanded a thorough investigation to identify those responsible. He emphasised the need for immediate completion of the report and strict

action against the culprits.

The meeting included key ministers and officials, who discussed the technical and administrative lapses that led to the project's

PTI's Sanam Javaid 'rearrested' yet again after an hour of release

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Pakistan Tchreek-e-Insaf
's (PTI) Saman Javaid,
who has been jailed for
months, was rearrested
once again just almost an
hour after her release
following acquittal by an
Islamabad court on Sunday in a
case registered by the Federal
Investigation Agency (FIA).
The social media political
activist had walked free earlier
today following months of
incarceration, but was taken into
custody by Islamabad police
soon after.
It may be noted that Javaid's
release has been blocked
multiple times as she had been
released from a jail in
Gijranwal on Statrday as well
but the FIA handeuffed her
again minutes after her release

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The Lahore High Court (LHC)
last week cleared the PTI
activist of charges in a case
linked to the May 9 riots, while

allowing her plea against physical remand granted by an anti-terrorism court. However, the FIA team booked and arrested her in a new case pertaining to the May 9 events, upon her release from prison on Saturday. The FIA Cyber Crime Cell had lodged a case against her for allegedly posting inciting remarks on May 9, urging people to attack the Jinnah House, The News reported. Following her arrest, the FIA team transported Javaid to Islamabad, where she was presented in a district and sessions court for acquisition of remand.

## Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi remanded in NAB custody for eight days in Toshakhana case

The court issued order within 24 hours after arrest of the couple on Saturday afternoon from jail



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD A NAB (National Accountability Bureau) court on Sunday remanded PTI founder Ilmran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi in NAB custody for eight days in a fresh Toshakhana esc. The court issued order within 24 hours after arrest of the couple on Saturday afternoon from Adiala jail after their release in irregular marriage case.

Addaia jan and the income in irregular marriage case. Accountability court judge Muhammad Ali Warraich heard the NAB plea for remand in

Adiala jail after government approved their trial in jail due to "security concern." NAB Deputy Director Mohsin Haroon requested for the physical remand and the judge granted his pilea. Counsels for Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi Chaudhry Zahoer

Counsels for Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi, Chaudhry Zaheer Abbas and Usman Gul, opposed the NAB plea for remand. However, the judge gave them in NAB custody and ordered to produce them on July 22. Advocate Zaheer Abbas later

told media that the NAB had requested a 14-day physical remand but he opposed it pleading that the couple had to attend proceedings in the £190 million-reference.

The NAB implicated the couple in a fresh case for keeping and selling illegally 10 valuable gifts from Toshakhana. According to the NAB report, Imran Khan is accused of taking and selling seven watches, diamonds and gold jewellery unlawfully.

#### JI protests nationwide against inflation, overbilling

Soon Times Correspondent
LAHORE
Jamaa1-e-Islami (JI) emir Hafiz
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Nacemur Rehman announced that JI was
protesting nationwide against inflation
and there would be sit-ins across big and
small cities.
He also disclossed about the sit-in on July
26 in Islamabad against the huge spike in
electricity tariff and taxes.
Public mobilisation would continue and
the movement was against the antipeople budget. He said the party and
public would keep protesting until their
demands were not met.
Government has to provide relief in the
overbilling of electricity and the unfair
slab systems. Government is increasing
billson the direction of the IMP.
He asserted the elite and cruel
government was increasing taxes and
petroleum prices.



The movement 'Haq to Awaam ko', which gave rights to the public, was against antipeople measures of the incumbent government, Hafiz Naeem said. 
They were warned to take to streets for their rights and move to courts. 
It emir invited the public for a peaceful protest and sit-in on July 26. 
Hafiz Naeemur Rehman considered the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had no ethical credibility and stood after the Supreme Court verdict.

#### CONDOLENCE



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# Editorial & Opinion

# IPO-Pakistan drive country's economic growth' prosperity

Pakistan, emphasized the critical role of intellectual property in driving economic growth and prosperity .The Chairman IPO -Pakistan has stressed for the critical role of intellectual property in safeguarding national security and driving economic growth during a meeting with Ambassador (Retd) Qazi M Khalilullah, Executive Director, Center for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS)for, said a press release issued here on Sunday.Chair IPO-Pakistan stressed that a robust intellectual property system is vital for attracting investments, promoting

innovations in strategic technologies The effective protection and management of intellectual property is essential for a nation's economic and national security," Faruk Amil said. "It encourages innovation, attracts foreign investment, and helps to build a competitive edge in the global market." He further emphasized that intellectual property protection is critical for the development of strategic industries such as telecommunications, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. The meeting was attended by key officials from CISSS and IPO-Pakistan, including Mr. Aftab Dr. Saba Sahar, Associate Director, CISSS, Lt Col Azfar Bilal Qureshi TI (M) (Retd), Associate Director Research, CISSS, and Ms. Saima Kanwal, Senior Patent Examiner, IPO-Pakistan. The participants discussed the importance of intellectual property in the knowledge economy and its impact on national security and economic prosperity. Ambassador (R) Qazi M Khalilullah expressed interest in exploring areas of mutual collaboration between CISSS and IPO-Pakistan to strengthen intellectual property regimes and promote research and development in strategic technologies. "This collaboration will

help to identify and protect innovation and intellectual property in strategic sectors, ultimately contributing to the economic growth and national s of Pakistan," Ambassador Khalilullah said.The meeting highlighted the importance of intellectual property in today's knowledge economy and its impact on national security and economic prosperity. The participants agreed to continue exploring opportunities for collaboration and cooperation between CISSS and IPO-Pakistan. The meeting concluded with a commitment to work together to promote intellectual property protection and innovation in Pakistan.

#### **Domestic Violence : Causes** Consequences, and Solutions



Igra Ashraf

According to WHO the intentional use of power to harass threatened and assault against one person, group or community which may cause severe consequences in the form of injury mental disability or disorder ,cardio diseases and death is known as violence . Therefore, intentional use of physical force or power to harm or threatened the other is the violence. There are many types of violence but some highlighted of them are, sexual assault, physical abuse, emotional or behavioral abuse, forced marriages, financial

abuse, and domestic violence.

Any type of violence is not bearable because it is against the dignity of mankind. Domestic violence is most observed type of by their domestic circle including partner, family members, and by family friends or close relatives. In simple words the victim and offender are in domestic circle. Domestic violence maybe in the form of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional or behavioral abuse, economic abuse, acid attacks, honor killing and dowry deaths but within the intimate relationships of victim and offender. It is worst form of violence because it is not by outsiders or strangers and there is less or even no moral or emotional motivation or support to fight against it within our society. Morewomen are assaulted than that of men .Important thing is that emotional abuse or violence is the most dangerous but unfortunately it is most underreported.

domestic violence but some of them are following which need to proper cerement, such as frustration, any behavioral disability or trauma faced in childhood made usually person abusive or offender, any type of social stress , anxiety hypertension, extra marital affairs, forced marriages and no compatibity and compromise or understanding between the both partners, and there are many social reasons like unemployment poverty, distress also responsible for it . Above mentioned factors made a person offender which commit the crime of domestic

violence.

In the history of Pakistan now there are many cases regarding domestic violence has been reported, no doubt actions are taken by authorities but still these cases are actually underreported. As a case in study that the daughter of former diplomat was murdered by his neighbor. Noor mukadam was brutally tortured with knife, raped and then murdered. There are many housewives, girls and women and somehow men are facing the domestic violence. Syeda Sania Zehra bukhari a20year-oldpregnant woman brutallymurdered byher husband on property dispute, which is also a wild face of domestic violence or economic violence. This is poor mentality that woman cannot owned a personal property. Recently reported case of TV anchor Ayesha Jahanzaib who was brutally beaten by her husband Haris Ali. There are many such other incidents of domestic

Domestic violence leaves so many consequences in the form of anxieties , depression .hypertensionheart diseases or diseases, injuries, obesity, diabetics, sleepingdisorders, social isolation, disorder (PTSD), and many other insecurities included

Moreover, as per the Law of Pakistan if the offence is falling under the Pakistan penal code (PPC), then this crime will be punishable as per the PPC.A certain amount of fine will also be imposed on offender which will be paid to the victim as a compensation. On the other side if this is not fall under the PPC then offender punished for imprisonment of maximum three ears but not less than six months depending on the intensity of the violence and certain amount of fines are also imposed on offender. Hence, it is documented that laws are there in Pakistan to deal with the domestic violence but to control this gigantic evil there are certain methodologies and improvements are needed, such as electronic, print and even social media should be more vigilant to report these cases to seek authorities' attention for certain measures, certain awareness seminars should be arranged by government to create awareness among the people so they can freely and without of fear can report their cases. The officials should be more fair while dealing with their cases not doing any type of counter demotivation, state have to impose strict check and balance against forced marriages and dowry systems. Many nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are playing a very effective role in this, so, this is dire need that government have to collaboratively work with these NGOs whose are actually working in the above mentioned serious

In a nutshell, right now Pakistan is dealing with many domestic violence cases but still there is a hope that it can be eradicated by collaborative and collective work on spreading awareness regarding this serious

#### **Punjab:Marching Towards** A Welfare Society (II)



Abdul Rashid Shakir

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Welfare societies boast of their productive education systems and affordable healtheare facilities, besides having dependable arrangements of waste management and environmental protection. They not only protect the interests of general public but also bring special initiatives to respond to the development needs of major driving sectors of economy like youth, business community and farmers. They also ensure equitable socio-economic growth of the marginalized segments of society like the have-nots, low-income groups, differently-abled persons, vidows and orphans. A dissection of major achievements of first 100-Days of Chief Minister Maryam Nawa Sharif-ted Punjab Government reveals that the

Maryam Nawaz Sharif-led Punjab Government reveals that the Government is treading the right course to ensure welfare of its people in majorfields like education, health, waste management, environmental protection. Transport and communication, besides taking measures for the development of youth and farmers.

and farmers. well thought-out and recently approved Public Schools Reorganization Program (PSRP), climination of ghost students and rationalization of teachers in schools, outsourcing of some 6000 non-performing schools in Phase-I, reactivation of more than 500 dysfunctional schools, teachers' training, curriculum development, accountability of teachers' and continuous monitoring of teaching-learning outcomes in schools, besides a decision to adopt Phase-III of Pakistan National Curriculum 2023 are some of the major interventions of Punjab School Education Department understing the visionary leadership of proactive the visionary leadership of proactive the visionary leadership of proactive Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif restructuring of school

education in Punjab. education in Punjab.
A Rs 27-billion CM Punjab Nutrition
Program: Free Milk Program is a
milestone initiative of the Government
to deal with stunting and malnutrition
in primary-sehool children across
Punjab, in order to improve their
growth and learning outcomes. The
Government also intends to not only

Government also intends to not only check school drop-outs but to bring out-of-school children (OOSC) to good schools, besides introducing Early Years Education as an integral part of school education.

Punjab Honarmand Merit Scholarship Program is another key intervention of the government for the promotion of higher education in the province, especially in remote areas. Under the Program. 100% feor of 25000 students doing BS from government and 08 selected private universities will be paid by the Government.

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32 Field Hospitals and 200 Clinics on Wheels are providing quality healthears extrices at the doorsteps of around 6000 patients across Punjab on daily basis. Responding to the resounding success of this program, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has decided to add 500 more Clinics on Wheels in the fleet, besides extending the theProgramme to all cities of Punjab. The provision of free medicines in health centers and hospitals, free home delivery of 02-month medicines to cardiac, cancer, TB and hepatitis patients, revamping &

upgradation of 2500 Basic Health Units (BHUs), 300 Rural Health Centers (RHCs), Tehsii Headquarters Hospitals (THQs) and Tertiary Hospitals in the province are no doubt remarkable achievements of the government in improve its healthcare sector.

The construction of first public-sector cancer hospital, Nawaz Sharif Cancer Care Hospital Lahore, Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cardiology Sargodha, the provision of eardiology and cardiac

provision of cardiology and cardiac surgery facilities in 08 districts of the surgery facilities in 08 districts of the province in Phase-I, and in all 3d districts of Punjab in Phase-II are other milestone initiatives of the Government to revolutionize healthcare system in Punjab. The Chief Minister's resolve to provide cancer, cardiology, peads and burns treatment units in all cities before the end of her O5-year term is a commendable resolution. A plan to establish Rescue & Trauma Centers along with ambulance service on Motorways, besides the launch of air ambulance service in the province are testament to service in the province are testament to the Government's efforts to provide reliable healthcare facilities well in-

reliable healtheare facilities well in-time to the people in distress. Effective waste management is essential to have a clean and healthy environment. Under "Suthra Punjab (Clean Punjab)" Program, sustainable Waste Management Companies will start operations in all districts on Public Private Partnership basis, in order to provide credible end-to-end waste disposal solution to the masses. Waste would be collected from door to door usposa solution to the masses, waste would be collected from door to door and taken to landfill sites for proper disposal. Governments "Zero Waste Mission" on the three days of Eid-ul-Azha was a successful full-dress rehearsal of the Clean Punjab (Suthra

rehearsal of the Clean Punjab (Sulfra Punjab) "Pogram,
The 'No to Plastic' campaign, the largest plantation drive in the province, Green Punjab Plant for Pakistan, and a decision to plant trees along both sides of roads in the province are key Government measures to ensure environment-resilient and smog-free Punjab for generations to come. Rapid transportation and easy communication are very much needed for the promotion of conomic activities. To achieve this end, the Government is taking various initiatives to provide a state-of-the-art liceup-free public transport system in Punjab. 700 new hybrid and E-buses for all major cities of the province are being procured. The Government is also giving 30,000 petrol and e-blues for all major cities of the province are being procured. The Government is also giving 30,000 petrol and e-blues to students on interest-free easy monthin stall ments, besides plans to introduce the state of th

The provision of high speed Wifiserrice for the modern tech-savvy youth at 200 points across Lahore, with a resolve to extend this service to the entire province, is another landmark are solve to extend this service to the entire province, is another landmark initiative of the Government for skill development and promotion of IT-based services in the province. The construction of Pakistaris first IT Gity, Nawaz Sharif IT Gity, Lahore, and the introduction of new education stream Middle Tech, Matric Tech and Inter Tech in schools and colleges, along with the existing science and arts streams, are other major initiatives of the Government to enhance productivity of its youth to ensure their socio-economic development. Physical sports offer a constructive way of engagement for youth. The Government has decided to not only rehabilitate & upgrade school grounds to provide students with healthy sports activities but it has also decided to convert these school grounds into community sports grounds for the general public to use them in the evening. It has also decided to develop sports groundsst UC-level, besides making play grounds children-friendly, in order to alford people good facilities

making playgrounds children-friendly, in order to afford people good facilities for healthy engagement. The first-ever Chief Minister Punjab Pink Game

Chief Minister Punjab Pink Games 2024 for the female players were held in Lahore in May, in which around 1300 female players from 16 universities of Lahore participated. The Government has plans to start a Punjab League. Featuring sports competition across Punjab in which around one million youth of the province will participate. A griculture is undoubtedly the backbone of our economy. It contributes 24% to country's \$375-billion GDP, and 37.4% to the 67.25 million employed labor force out of the total labor force of 71.76 million in the country. Given its linkages with other sectors of economy, growthof agricultures directly proportional to economic growth. employment generation and poverty reduction in the country. Given its linkages with other sectors. It not only provides raw material to major industries like textile, leather and sugar but also accounts for three fourth of the country's total exports. Punjab has a major share in contributes 60% to its agriculture sector as it contributes 60% to its agriculture are sector. Not only crops but all other subsectors. It is footen that the subsectors like livestock, fisheries, poultry, forestry and horticulture are being developed. A Rs. 400-billion Kissan Package. Chief Minister Punjab Kissan Card Program is a remarkable initiative of the Government of Punjab, under the pracetive and vibrant for the country of the processor of purplass fishers and posticides at subsidized rates, besides a loan at 60.49% and the farmer to pay just 40% for farmers but would also save them from the exploitation of middlement.

Additionally, a Rs 30-billion Green Tractor Scheme is another major program of the Government to facilitate farmers. Under the scheme, a farmer will pay just 30% of the price of a tractor while the remaining 70% will be paid by the Government. Projects be paid by the Government. Projects for shrimp farming, productivity of oil seeds, and solarization of agricultural tube wells are some of the other key interventions of the Punjab Government for the development of agriculture in the province.

## Iraq assures best facilities for Pakistani pilgrims

panic attacks,post-traumaticstress



Iraq has reassured its full cooperation in providing the

best facilities to Pakistani pilgrims.

This was expressed by Iraq's Ambassador Hamid
Abbas Lafta during his meeting with Interior Minister
Mohsin Naqvi and Minister for Overseas Pakistanis
and Religious Affairs Chaudhry Salik Hussain, in

They discussed measures to provide maximum facilities to pilgrims visiting Iraq. They also discussed the permission of free of cost entry visa for Pakistani pilgrims and increasing their quota.

increasing their quotal. Speaking on the oceasion, Interior Minister said we aim to provide all possible facilities to the pilgrims. He also requested to double the quota of Pakistami pilgrims this year. The Ambassador provided a list of travel agents who illegally overcharged pilgrims. Mohsin Naqvi assured Iraqi Ambassador of taking action against travel agents who charge illegal fees from pilgrims. During the meeting, it was agreed to quickly finalize the visa waiver agreement on diplomatic and official passsnorts.

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They also agreed to sign Memorandum of Understandings between Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and the Ministry of Labor of Iraq.



# Regional News

#### DWP approves 04 development schemes of Local Govt & 02 of Highways



Soon Times Correspondent

Four development schemes of local

government and two development schemes of highways were approved in the divisiona working party meeting held under the

chairmanship of Commissioner Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti. Among the four schemes chairmanship of Commissioner Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti. Among the four schemes approved of the local government are Shiraz Park Block A, New Satellite Town Road sewerage restoration and installation of tuff tiles, Chak No. 55 South and adjacent Colonies sewage system rehabilitation, Chak No. 101 South and Adjacent Colonies sewerage system restoration, apart from the restoration and four walls of the cemetry, includes the construction of Chakkok Link Roads adjacent to the road from Chakwal Road to Dera Jutt Parhar in Khushab. Among the highways schemes approved by the Working Party are the construction and repair of a three-kilometer road from Sheikhwala village in Bhera tehsil of Sargodha, about four-and-a-half-kilometer road from Gujrat Road to Chak No. 57 North via 55 North DC Sargodha Captain Retired raptain Raptai road from Gujrat Road to Chak No. 57 North via 55 North. DC Sargodha Captain Retired Aurangzeb Haider Khan, Director Development Bilal Hassan, XEH Highways, XEN Local Government, Deputy Director Technical Rana Shahid Imran and DC Khushab Zeeshan Shabbir Rana participated in the morties the works via the statement of the control of the statement of the search via the statement of the search o in the meeting through video link

## Press Club Sargodha gives farewell party to Director Information



Soon Times Correspondent

Soon times Correspondent Sargodha: Transfer is the part of a government job. However, the moments spent in any city and the friends there are always remembered. These views were expressed by Director Information Sargodha Division Ahmad Nacem

Malik while addressing the farewell ceremony given in his honor by Sargodha Press Club last evening. Acting President Sheikh Muhammad Usman, General Secretary Rana Sajid Iqbal, former President Hanan Chaudhry and other officials and members were also present on this occasion. Ahmad Nacem Malik Sargotan is my own city, the time spent here as Director Information will always be remembered. During this time, all journalists gave love and respect to me more than before. I will continue to render services for the welfare of journalists of Sargodha after going to the Lahore headquarters as well. All the participants, including the President of the Press Club. Sheikh Muhammad Usman, praised the steps taken by Director Information Ahmad Nacem Malik, who is transferred to Lahore, for the local journalists. They said that whether there is a problem of accreditation cards or financial grant, Nacem Malik sent the case to Lahore without delay. At the end of the event, a sumptuous dinner was also served in honorof the participants. here as Director Information will always

## SNGPL disconnected 29 illegal connections & imposed Rs 0.6 million fine

Soon Times Correspondent

Lahore:
In a continued effort to combat gas theft,
Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited
(SNGPL) has disconnected 29 illegal gas
connections across Punjab, Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa, and Islamabad, imposing fines totaling Rs 0.6 million. In Lahore, the SNGPL team disconnected 04 connections for illegal gas use and imposed fines amounting to Rs 0.12 million. In Multan, 12 connections were disconnected for illegal gas use and an additional 02 for using compressors. The Faisalabad team disconnected 03 connections for illegal use and levied fines of Rs 0.04 million. In Bahawalpur, 03 connections were cut for illegal gas use

and 02 more for compressor use. In Guiranwala, 01 connection Gujranwala, 01 connection was disconnected for illegal use, resulting in fines of Rs 0.19 million. The Sahiwal team disconnected 02 connections for illegal gas uses, and in Sheikhupura, fines totaling Rs 0.308 million were imposed for gas theft



## AC & SHO hold Flag March to ensure public security

Nowshera Soon Sakesar: Flag march was conducted under the leadership of Assistant Commissioner Irfan Martin and SHO Malik Ijaz Ahmed. Officials from other law enforcement agencies also participated. On this occasion, AC Irfan Martin said that the purpose of holding the flag march is to assure the safety of the people and to ensure the security of Muharram. SHO Malik Ijaz

Ahmed said that providing foolproof security to the processions is the top priority of the police. Flag march and earch operations will continue to maintain law and order situation.

### **Patrolling Police Jaba Caught Timber** Truck smuggled from Soon Valley

Soon Times Correspondent Nowshera Soon Sakesar

Due to the negligence, incompetence or collusion of the officials of the forest department, the smuggling of wood in KP province could not be stopped despite the ban by the government. Due to the daily fires and illegal logging in the forests of Soon Valley, the Punjab government has imposed a ban on wood from private and government forests in other districts from Soon Valley. But despite this, smuggling of wood from the area of Range Officer Muhammad Mudassar of Nowshera Forest Department last night is a matter of concern. The driver of the smuggled timber truck did not have any official evidence of timber, on which the patrolling police handed over the smuggled timber truck to



Nowshera police station and registered a case. The representatives of the political and social organizations here have demanded from the Chief Minister Punjab and Deputy Commissioner Khushab that legal action should be taken against the officers and personnel of the forest department posted in the area from which the timber is being smuggled to control the timber smuggled from Soon Valley... Nowshera Soon Sakesar: Due to the

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## Flour millers postpone strike for 10 days

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The Pakistan Flour Mills Association
(FPMA) on Saturday announced
postponement of their nationwide strike until
22nd of the current month.
This decision to this effect was announced
during a meeting between the PFMA
delegation and members of a high-level
committee established on the directive of
Prime Minister Shehbax Sharif.
The meeting, held in Islamabad, aimed to
address concerns regarding the imposition of
withholding tax and its impact on the flour
milling industry will resume normal
operations nationwide from Sunday (July 14)
and ensure the supply of wheat products to the
market.

market.
Earlier, a number of flour mills were shut
down this past week for an indefinite period in
various parts of the country after the
government failed to address concerns of the
PFMA regarding imposition of withholding
tax on the commodity.
Thousands of flour mills across the country
had halted wheat washing and flour supply.

Reports said there was an impending shortage of flour in the market and people were also anticipating hoarding and overcharging by

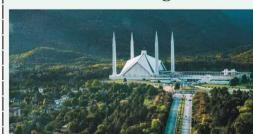
anticipating hoarding and overcharging by retailers. Thousands of flour mills in Lahore, Gujranwala, Multan and cities in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had kept shutters down. The closure of flour mills resulted in suspension of supply of 200,000 flour bages and was led by Central Chairman Asim Raza Ahmed and Tax Committee Chairman Farrukh Shahzad. The delegation apprised the committee about the ongoing strike, imposition of withholding tax, and its repercussions on the industry and the public.

public.

The committee listened to their concerns

The committee listened to their concerns and assured them of achieving a positive resolution by 22nd of this month. The office bearers of PFMA expressed their gratitude to the prime minister and committee members. The committee members included Minister of State for Finance Ali Pervaiz, Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Cheema, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar and FBR Chairman Amjad Zubair Tiwana.

#### Islamabad pioneers Climate Change Fund to combat environmental degradation



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In a landmark move, the Capital
Development Authority (CDA) has
established a Climate Change Fund, the
first of its kind in Islamabad, aimed at
mitigating the impacts of climate
change in the Islamabad Capital
Territory (ICT).
This initiative, driven by Federal
Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi,
marks a significant step towards
addressing environmental concerns in
the region.

addressing on a commending the efforts, Interior Minister Naqvi praised CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa and his Munammad All Randhawa and his team for their proactive approach. "The CDA team deserves accolades for this initiative," he stated.

As part of the Climate Change Initiative, the CDA is launching a

Carbon Credit Program" that plans to plant 4 to 5 million trees across 2000-

plant 4 to 5 million trees across 2000-10,000 kanals in the city. Chairman Randhawa highlighted that new sectors, avenues, and other open spaces have been designated for this extensive tree plantation drive.

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In addition to the Climate Change Fund, the CDA has also approved the "Margalla Hills Fund," which will allocate 1.5 per cent of revenue generated from recreational spots in Margalla Hills towards their protection and beautification. beautification.

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This initiative aims to preserve the natural beauty and ecological balance of one of Islamabad's most cherished landmarks. With these measures, Islamabad sets a pioneering example in climate action, promising a greener and more sustainable future for its residents.

## Heavy rains forecast for Punjab on Muharram 8 and 9

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The Punjab Provincial Disaster
Management Authority (PDMA)
has issued a warning that
torrential rains are expected to hit
the province in the next few days,
particularly on Muharam 8 and 9
(July 15 and 16).
The PDMA has urged the
management of mourraing
processions to take preventive
measures in light of the weather
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PDMA spokesperson said that heavy downpours are predicted to lash the province tonight and continue through Muharram 8 and 9. The spokesperson advised procession organizers to stay alert and ensure safety measures are in place.

Additionally, the PDMA has directed rescue departments to remain vigilant, particularly during the forecasted days of heavy rain.

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# nternational News

#### Gaza officials say 90 Palestinians killed as Israel targets Hamas



CAIRO/GAZA/JERUSALEM
An Israeli airstrike killed at least 90
Palestinians in a designated
humanitarian zone in Gaza on
Saturday, the enclave's health
ministry said, in an attack that Israel
said targeted Hamas military chief
Mohammed Deif.
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Monammed Dell. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it remained unclear whether Deif and another Hamas commander had been killed and commander had been killed and promised to continue to target Hamas leadership, saying more military pressure on the group would improve chances of a hostage deal, even as three days of ceasefire talks separately halted.



#### Senior Hamas official says group withdraws from Gaza truce talks

PALESTINANTERRITORIES: A senior Hamas official told AFP Sunday that the Palestinian militant group has withdrawn from talks on a ceasefire in the Gaza war because of Israeli massacres and its attitude in

Israeli massacres and its attitude in negotiations. Another Hamas official said the group's military leader Mohammed Deif was "fine" and working despite Israel's huge bomb attack on a southern Gaza camp that it said targeted the wanted Hamas commander.

Gaza's health ministry said the attack left 92 dead. Hamas political leader Ismail Haniveh

22 dead.

Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh told international mediators Qatar and Egypt of the end of the talks on a ceasefire plan first outlined by US President Joe Biden in May, according to the senior official.

The first phase of the deal would have seen a six-week ceasefire with the exchange of most hostages taken in Hamas's Cetober 7 attack on Israel for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli gails.



### Trump rally shooting: FBI identifies 20-year old Thomas Matthew as 'subject involved'

The shooter was dead, one rally attendee was killed and two other spectators were injured

WASHINGTON:
The Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks as the "subject involved" in the attempted assassination, of former President Donald Trump, it said in a statement on Sunday.

Donald Trump was shot in the ear during a Saturday campaign rally, streaking the Republican presidential candidate's blood across his face and prompting his security agents to swarm him, before he emerged and pumped his first in the air, appearing to mouth the words "Fight Fight".

The shooter was dead, one rally attendee was killed and two other spectators were injured, the Secret Service said in a statement. The incident was being investigated as an assassination attempt, a source told Reuters.

Donald Trump, 78, had just started his speech when the shots rang out. He grabbed his right ear with his right hand, then brought his hand down to look at it before dropping to his knees behind the podium before Secret Service agents swarmed and covered him. He emerged about a minute later, his red "Make America Great Again" hat knocked off, and could be heard saying "wait, wait," before agents ushered him into a vehicle.

"I was shot with a bullet that pierced the upper part of my right car," Trump said on his Truth Social platform following the shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania, about 30 miles (50 km) north of Pittsburgh. "Much bleeding took place."

The shooter's identity and motive were not immediately clear.

#### Biden condemns 'sick' violence after Trump injured in campaign rally shooting

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US President Joe Biden led the
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if the reasons why we have to unite this
country. We cannot be like this, we
cannot condone this," Biden told
reporters in an emergency briefing at his
house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
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"The idea that there's political violence, or violence in America like this, is just unheard of. It's just not appropriate. Everybody, everybody must condemn it Everybody, "Elden said.

Vice President Kamala Harris said on X. Wae rep raving for him, his family, and impacted by this senseless shooting."



Biden's former boss, Barack Obama, echoed his words in a statement, saying there was "absolutely no place for political violence in our democracy."

"Although we don't yet know exactly what happened, we should all be relieved the political violent, and the property of t

North Korea's Kim sacks 'irresponsible' officials over new town project



Reuters
North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has sacked or demoted some senior officials for their "irresponsible" handling of his flagship project to build a new town in the country's north, state media KCNA said on

Samjiyon, where North Korea has been building what it called a "socialist utopia" and "a model of highly-civilised mountain city" with new apartments, hotels, a ski resort and commercial, cultural and medical facilities.

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While praising builders for their achievements so far, Kim said the irresponsibility of senior officials had caused a series of serious deviations including poor construction work and financial losses. He singled out Ri Sun Chol, minister of otto of series of serious deviations, which was the singled out Ri Sun Chol, minister of otto open control who was a series of the second control of the construction, control who was a series of the construction, control who was a series of the second control of the construction, control who was a series of the construction, control who was a series of the construction.

state construction control who was appointed in September, as a "good-for-nothing person" who has never even been to the site since December, suspending him and calling for a formal investigation.

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Kim also suspended all members of a construction inspection committee for the project, demoted a ruling Worker's Party official responsible for the matter, and vowed to reexamine vice premier and others over their resolvent of the property of th others over their neglect of duty

"Going round the newly-built hotels for domestic tourists, he severely pointed out that their construction was carried out at an outdated and backward level," KCNA quoted Kim as saying

"Those new buildings have to be remodelled and, consequently, this problem badly affects the general long-term plan for the city development



# Sports & Showbiz

## Pakistan players all set to feature in SAAF Athletics Championship



Pakistani athletes would feature in the SAAF Junior Athletics Championship and 4th SAAF Athletics Championship to be held in

India.

According to Chairman South Asia According to Chairman South Asia Athleties Federation Major Gen (R) Mohammad Akram Sahi, the SAAF Junior Athleties Championship would be held in Chennai, India from September 11, while the 4th SAAF Athleties Championship will take place in Ranchi, India from October 4. He said the men's and women's teams from seven countries are participating

in the Junior Athletics Championship.
The teams include Pakistan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Srl. anka. The championship will continue till September 13 and prizes will be distributed among the winning players at the end of the championship.
He said seven men teams and as many women teams would take part in the SAAF Athletics Championship. The participating teams include Pakistan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and 'Sri Lanka. The championship will continue till October 6.



#### Pakistan contingent to feature in Olympic Games

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Sports Desk
Pakistan would feature be
participating in the upcoming
XXIII Summer Olympic Games in
Paris, France with a contingent of
seven athletes competing in
Athletics, Shooting, and Swimming.
The composition of the Pakistan team
is as follows- Athletics: Arshad
Nadcem - Athlete, Javelin Throw
Qualified); Ms. Faiaga Riaz—Athlete,
100m (Universality Place) –
approved by World Athletics, Salman
Iqbal Butt – Athlete Support
Personnel and Dr. Ali Sher Bajwa –
Athlete Support Personnel, said a
press release.
Swimming: Muhammad Ahmed
Durrani – Athlete, 200m Freestyle
(Universality Place) – approved by
World Aquatics; Jehnaran Nabi –
Athlete, 200m Freestyle
Cliniversality Place) – approved by
World Aquatics; Jehnaran Nabi –
Athlete, 200m Freestyle
Cliniversality Place) – approved by
World Aquatics and Lt Col (R)
Ahmed Ali Kham – Athlete Support
Personnel.
Shooting: Ghulam Mustafa Bashir –

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Kishmala Talat – Athlete (10m Air Pistol, 25m Pistol, 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team) — Qualified, Col Junaid Ali — Athlete Support Personnel: Genandy Solodovnikov, Athlete Support Personnel. The contingent officials include Muhammad Shafiq — Chef de Mission (CDM), Javaid Shamshad Lodhi, Deputy CDM; Ms. Zainab Shaukat – Admin Official.
The Special Appointments from Comprise Dr. Syed Meesaq Hussain Rizvi, OLY — Chief Medical Officer, Kashif Jameel — NOC Olympic Attachär (Head of Officer), Rizvian Abmed – Welfare Officer), Rizvian Abmed – Welfare Officer (Koshif Jameel — NOC Olympic Attachär (Head of Officer), Rizvian Abmed – Welfare Officer) (Centified Safeguarding Officer in Sports). The athletes and team officials would depart in various groups from July 19 to 24 and will return in different groups after the conclusion of their competitions. Arshad Nadeen, Athlete (Athletic) and Ms. Jehanara Nabi, Athlete (Swimming) will represent as flag bearers of Pakistain in the Opening Ceremony on July 26.

#### Yashma Gill Jaiswal, Gill lead India to 10says no issue to befriend Babar Azam



KARACHI
Lollywood diva Yashma Gill said there would be no issue in it if she becomes the friend of BabarAzam.

Babar Azam.

She stated this during an interview with a private news channel where she also called the right-arm batsman as his favourite cricketer.

She said Babar represented Pakistan at international platforms and it is a matter of pride.

pride. Responding to another question, she said she had never received any messages from

natu never received any messages from cricketers. When asked if she has friendship with any cricketers, Gill replied: "How can she become a friend of a player since she never met any of them".





international series. A youthful India missing several regulars won the toos and elected to bowl, restricting their hosts to 152 for seven in 20 overs before reaching their target with 28 deliveries remaining. It is the second fine India have won a T20 fixture by 10 wickets, the last coming against the same opposition at the same venue in 2016. Zimbabwe's Pakistan-born captain Sikandar Raza top-secord in their inmings with 67 form 28 balles the home side made a good start with 63 for the first wicket between openers Wessly Madhevere (25) and

Tadiwanashe Marumani (32).
But Zimbabwe lost wickets at regular intervals when they tried to accelerate in the second half of the innings with seamer Khaleel Ahmed (2-32) the pick of the visiting bowling attack.
The target never looked big enough as Jaiswal and captain Shubman Gil (88 from 39 balls) meed to victory with a succession of cye-eatching boundaries. The fifth and final match of the series will be played at the same venne on Sunday.