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## Punjab CM Maryam's victory challenged in election tribunal

general elections has been challenged. Justice Anwar Hussain of the ET judge heard the appeal filed by Mehr Shafiq who contested against Maryam Nawaz from PP 159, Lahore. Submitting his application, the applicant claimed that the victory notification of Maryam Nawaz is contrary to facts and should be invalidated. During the proceedings, the CM's lawyers argued that the appeal is not admissible.

## Imran Khan alleges intelligence agency's interference in Jail matters

confusion stating, "Five months have passed since the elections, and I still do not know who won or lost." He also spoke about the recent resolution by the US Congress on alleged election irregularities in Pakistan highlighting that it had passed with 85% support. "Even the most powerful Israeli lobby has never managed such a resolution. The US conducted thorough research before approving this resolution" He cited reports from PILDAT and FAFEN confirming electoral fraud, alleging that the chief election commissioner was appointed to cover up these irregularities. "The entire country says it was a fraudulent election," Imran stated. "The world is echoing what the commissioner of Rawalpindi and former Prime Minister Kakar told Hafiz Abbasi."

## Shahid Khaqan Abbasi demands to abolish NAB

created to make political cases. He said that former NAB Chairman Javed Iqbal used to say that he didn't make cases without the direction of former PM Imran Khan. He said that the government's people said that the budget was a failure, the additional tax of Rs four thousand billion was a new thing in this budget, and the burden would fall on the people. He said that if the government starts taxing its exports it will be difficult to do export.



## PM Shehbaz Sharif highlights investment potential in meeting with Tajik president

Both leaders discuss ways to strengthen cooperation in various fields and improve regional connectivity

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Information Minister Attaullah Tarar and Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fataeh are part of the PM's delegation. During his two-day visit, Shehbaz will meet different Tajikistan leaders, including Chairman of Majlisi Namoyandagon of Majlisi Oli Mahmudov Zoir Zokirova and Prime Minister Qohir Rasulzoda, according to a Foreign Office statement. The visit is a part of regular high-level exchanges between Pakistan and Tajikistan. The two sides would engage in wide-ranging discussions on areas of mutual interest to further deepen bilateral cooperation, especially in the areas of regional connectivity, trade, people-to-people contacts and energy as well as cooperation on multilateral issues. The two sides would also sign agreements and MoUs in diverse areas of cooperation.

## Country can only be run through politics, says Rana Sana

the country can only be run through politics and political parties. Addressing a seminar on Tuesday, Rana Sanatullah urged the people to dispel the impression that politics is a negative word. "When a person faces injustice or inequality, we say that politics is being done with him," Rana Sana said. "We all should be clear in it that this country can only be run through politics," said the veteran politician. He added that we should move forward in form of a movement and there is a dire need to bring change in ourselves. The provincial sports come in the ambit of Inter-Provincial Coordination ministry and it needs drastic changes, he added. "Athlete Arshad Nadeem achieved success without any support and it was his personal struggle that made him a star," he said.

## Non-bailable warrants for CM Gandapur issued

The anti-terrorism court (ATC) of Islamabad has issued non-bailable arrest warrants for KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur. A case was registered against Ali Amin Gandapur in connection with an FIR at the I-9 police station for protesting against the decision of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in October 2022. The court rejected Gandapur's request for exemption of attendance before the court.

## Bushra Bibi gets bail in 190m pounds case

Accountability Court Judge Muhammad Ali Waraich presided over the hearing against the PTI's founder and Bushra Bibi in Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi. The court approved Bushra Bibi's pre-arrest bail request, providing some relief in the ongoing legal battles faced by the former first lady. However, prison officials stated that she cannot be released due to her conviction in the Iddat case.

## Govt calls Imran Khan's arrest Pakistan's 'internal affair' despite UN criticism

Law Minister Tarar describes the former PM as 'lawfully convicted' individual

sovereign state where constitutional and legal matters are upheld through the judiciary. He affirmed that the former premier is serving his sentence as a lawfully convicted individual, entitled to all rights under national laws and international norms. Following this, the minister further highlighted that granting relief to the founder of PTI in various cases reflects a commitment to transparent and impartial trials, adhering strictly to constitutional principles, laws, and international standards. Earlier in the day, the US State Department had also said that the detention of Imran Khan is an internal matter for Pakistan. This statement was part of a broader discussion during a recent press briefing where Vedant Patel, Principal Deputy Spokesperson of the State Department, addressed various concerns involving Pakistan and Afghanistan.

## Political instability pushes Pakistan to economic crisis, Shibli Faraz

case which is being dragged out. The last general elections are being criticized globally. A UN report reads it will be made a case study, he claimed. Shibli Faraz said the economy of Pakistan is deteriorating owing to the unfair elections. He categorically said that IMF does not hold a soft corner for Pakistan. Only the genuine public representatives can put the country on the right track, he added. Kanwal Shauzab alleged that the ECP has violated Article 17 of the constitution of Pakistan by unjustly delisting the largest party--PTI.

# ECP misinterpreted SC order, denying 'Bat' symbol to PTI: Justice Minallah

Justice Minallah went on to ask the ECP counsel whether the judiciary should endorse an "unconstitutional interpretation by a constitutional body?" The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on December 22, 2023 stripped the PTI of its election symbol in view of irregularities in its intra-party polls. The Supreme Court on January 13 upheld the ECP order, forcing the PTI candidates to contest the February 8 general elections as independents.



Today's hearing began with Attorney General Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan presenting his arguments. Awan told the court that he had received records on reserved seats, dating back to 2002 and 2018. He highlighted that in 2002, Article 51 governed the allocation of ten non-Muslim reserved seats. In the 2002 National Assembly, after excluding 14 independent members, reserved seats were distributed among two political parties. Moving to 2018, he noted there were

272 full seats with elections for three postponed and 13 independent candidates elected, nine of whom later joined political parties. Reserved seats, according to the constitution, are allocated to political parties based on their election results. The AGP clarified that parties qualify for these seats only if they win at least one seat. Responding to Awan's explanation, Justice Minallah questioned, "Attorney General, you have not answered the fundamental question."



## Youth Engagement and Global Cooperation Initiatives.

Representing Pakistan at OIC Youth Forum in Uzbekistan, Focal Person to PMYP for Green Youth Movement & International Linkages, Syeda Amna Batool, highlighted Pakistan's initiatives in Education, Employment,

Entrepreneurship and Environment. The forum united young leaders from OIC member states to address pressing global issues and advocate for youth empowerment. As well as to strengthen the global ties in bilateral meetings with other

delegates, Syeda Amna also showcased Government's resilient efforts towards the youth insertion in Pakistan's progress. Amna's participation also reflected Pakistan's commitment to youth engagement and global cooperation. Her contributions enriched the discussions, reflecting Pakistan's dedication to the OIC's goals. On the occasion, Minister of the Youth Affairs of Uzbekistan, Alisher Sa'dullayev appreciated her active involvement in the forum and also presented a souvenir.

### Political, Judicial, and Military Interventions



Amjad Rana

Political, judicial, and military interventions have been the primary causes of instability in Pakistan, contributing to its tumultuous political landscape. These interventions have repeatedly disrupted the democratic process, undermined civilian governance, and fostered a climate of uncertainty and conflict. Political interventions often manifest as power struggles between different political factions, corruption allegations, and the inability of elected Prime Minister to complete their terms. Key examples include Benazir Bhutto Dismissed twice from office due to allegations of corruption and mismanagement, her removals were influenced by political rivals and presidential powers. Her terms were marked by internal party conflicts and opposition pressure. Nawaz Sharif Removed multiple times from office, first due to a power struggle with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, then through a military coup by General Pervez Musharraf, and later disqualified by the Supreme Court on corruption charges. Each removal reflected intense political rivalry and the use of judicial and military means to settle political scores. The judiciary in Pakistan has often been involved in the political process, sometimes acting independently and at other times perceived as being influenced by political or military pressures. Examples include Yousaf Raza Gillani Disqualified by the Supreme Court for contempt after refusing to reopen corruption cases against President Asif Ali Zardari. This intervention was part of a broader judicial activism trend, sometimes seen as overreach into the executive domain. Nawaz Sharif Disqualified by the Supreme Court in the Panama Papers case. The

judiciary's decision was seen by many as influenced by political pressures and rivalries, highlighting the contentious role of the judiciary in political matters. The military has been a dominant force in Pakistan's politics, often stepping in through coups or exerting behind-the-scenes influence. Key instances include Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Ousted in a military coup by General Zia-ul-Haq, who justified his actions by citing the need to restore order and address unrest. This coup marked a significant period of military rule that profoundly affected Pakistan's political development. Imran Khan's removal through a no-confidence vote was perceived to have indirect military support due to his strained relations with the military establishment over key appointments and policy decisions. These interventions have collectively contributed to a cycle of instability, undermining democratic institutions and governance. The frequent changes in leadership, the use of non-democratic means to resolve political conflicts, and the overarching influence of the military have hindered the development of a stable and mature democratic system. This instability has resulted in Economic Challenges Political instability has adversely affected economic policies and growth. Frequent leadership changes disrupt economic planning and implementation, leading to inconsistent policies and investor uncertainty. The constant political turmoil has hampered effective governance, leading to poor public service delivery and weakening of state institutions. Repeated political and military interventions have eroded public trust in the democratic process and institutions, fostering a sense of disillusionment and apathy among the populace. For Pakistan to achieve sustained political stability, it must address the root causes of these interventions. Strengthening democratic institutions, ensuring judicial independence, and delineating the military's role to prevent political interference are crucial steps. Institutional reforms and promoting transparent governance will be essential in overcoming these challenges and fostering a stable political environment. No prime minister of Pakistan has ever completed a full term in office. Most prime ministers have been dismissed or disqualified from holding office. Several others have resigned. The first prime minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, was assassinated. The remaining prime ministers were designated to carry out a partial term after the office became vacant. The office of prime minister was inaugurated alongside Pakistan independence in 1947. It was

abolished for several years under the country's second constitution, which instituted a presidential system of government. The office was restored in December 1971, at the tail end of the war between West Pakistan and East Pakistan (now Pakistan and Bangladesh, respectively), but it was abrogated later that month. It was reintroduced in 1973 with the promulgation of the country's third constitution. The frequent changes in leadership and the involvement of non-democratic forces in the political process have impeded the development of a stable and mature democracy in Pakistan. The repeated interruptions to civilian rule by military coups and judicial interventions reflect ongoing struggles to establish a robust democratic framework. These challenges highlight the need for institutional reforms and the strengthening of democratic processes to ensure stability, transparency, and accountability in governance. The political history of Pakistan, marked by frequent removals and disqualifications of Prime Ministers, underscores the complexities of governance in a country where political, judicial, and military forces frequently intersect. For Pakistan to achieve sustained political stability and democratic maturity, it must address the underlying issues of power struggles, military influence, judicial overreach, and corruption. Strengthening democratic institutions and promoting transparent governance will be crucial in overcoming these challenges and fostering a stable political environment. However according to history Liaquat Ali Khan (1947-1951) - Pakistan's first Prime Minister, assassinated in 1951. Khawaja Nazimuddin (1951-1953) - Dismissed by the Governor-General. Muhammad Ali Bogra (1953-1955) - Dismissed by the Governor-General. Chaudhry Mohammad Ali (1955-1956) - Resigned. Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy (1956-1957) - Dismissed by the President. Ibrahim Ismail Chundrigar (1957) - Resigned after a short tenure. Feroz Khan Noon (1957-1958) - Dismissed by the President. Nurul Amin (1971) - Served briefly during the Bangladesh Liberation War. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (1973-1977) - Dismissed by the military. Muhammad Khan Junejo (1985-1988) - Dismissed by the President. Benazir Bhutto (1988-1990, 1993-1996) - First female Prime Minister, served two non-consecutive terms. Ghulam Mustafa Jato (1990) - Caretaker Prime Minister. Nawaz Sharif (1990-1993, 1997-1999, 2013-2017) - Served three non-consecutive terms, each ending prematurely. Balkh Sher Mazari (1993) - Caretaker Prime Minister. Moin Qureshi (1993) - Caretaker Prime Minister.

### Self-Study-The Ultimate Path to Self-Improvement



Iftikhar Uddin Anjum

In a world where education is increasingly accessible through various platforms and methodologies, the concept of self-study stands out as a particularly powerful tool for personal and professional development. The essence of self-study lies in the individual's autonomy and commitment to learning independently, without the structured environment of a traditional classroom. This article explores why self-study is arguably the best way to improve oneself, delving into its benefits, strategies for effective self-study and the inherent value it brings to personal growth. One of the most significant advantages of self-study is the ability to learn at one's own pace. Traditional educational settings often follow a rigid schedule that may not align with every student's learning speed. Some individuals grasp concepts quickly, while others may require more time to fully understand the material. Self-study allows learners to spend as much time as needed on challenging topics and move swiftly through those they find easier. This personalized approach ensures a deeper understanding and retention of knowledge. Self-study fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills. When individuals study independently, they are often required to seek out resources, ask pertinent questions and find solutions without immediate guidance. This process encourages analytical thinking and the ability to approach problems from multiple angles. Over time, these skills become ingrained, making self-learners adept at tackling complex issues both in academic and real-world scenarios. The self-directed nature of self-study cultivates intrinsic motivation and self-discipline. Without the external pressures of a classroom, such as grades or deadlines imposed by teachers, learners must rely on their internal drive to progress. This internal motivation is often more sustainable and meaningful, leading to a lifelong love of learning. Additionally, the self-discipline developed through consistent self-study habits translates into other areas of life, enhancing overall productivity and goal achievement. The digital age has democratized access to information, making self-study more feasible than ever before. Online platforms, open educational resources and digital libraries provide an abundance of materials on virtually any subject. From video lectures and interactive courses to scholarly articles and e-

books, the variety and quality of resources available cater to diverse learning preferences. This accessibility empowers individuals to tailor their study experience to their specific needs and interests. Traditional education can be expensive, with costs associated with tuition, textbooks and other materials. Self-study, on the other hand, can be significantly more cost-effective. Many high-quality resources are available for free or at a minimal cost online. This affordability makes education accessible to a broader audience, regardless of financial constraints and allows for continuous learning without the burden of accumulating debt. Establishing clear, achievable goals is crucial for successful self-study. Define what you want to accomplish in both the short and long term. Goals provide direction and motivation, helping you stay focused and measure progress. Break down larger objectives into smaller, manageable tasks to avoid feeling overwhelmed and to maintain a sense of accomplishment as you complete each step. While self-study offers flexibility, maintaining a structured schedule can enhance productivity. Designate specific times for study sessions and stick to this routine as consistently as possible. A structured approach helps build momentum and makes it easier to form positive study habits. Balance is key, ensure your schedule allows for breaks and leisure activities to prevent burnout. Utilize a variety of resources to enrich your learning experience. Combine textbooks, online courses, videos, podcasts, and practical exercises to cover different aspects of the subject matter. Engaging with diverse materials can provide multiple perspectives, deepen your understanding, and cater to different learning styles. Active learning techniques, such as summarizing information, teaching others and applying concepts to real-world situations, enhance comprehension and retention. Instead of passively reading or watching content, actively engage with the material. Take notes, ask questions and participate in discussions or study groups. The more you interact with the content, the better you will understand and remember it. Regular self-assessment is vital to track your progress and identify areas needing improvement. Use quizzes, practice tests, and self-reflection to evaluate your understanding of the material. Constructive feedback, even if it is self-generated, can highlight strengths and weaknesses, guiding your future study efforts. Maintaining motivation over long periods can be challenging. Set up a reward system to celebrate milestones and accomplishments. Rewards can be as simple as a break, a favorite snack, or an activity you enjoy. Recognizing your efforts and successes keeps morale high and encourages continued dedication to your studies. Self-study empowers individuals by placing them in control of their learning journey. The autonomy to choose what, when and how to learn fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility. Successfully navigating self-study builds confidence in one's abilities and instills a belief in the power of self-improvement. This confidence extends beyond academics, influencing personal and professional endeavors. The skills and habits developed through self-study contribute to lifelong learning. In a rapidly changing world, the ability to continuously acquire new knowledge and adapt to emerging trends is invaluable. Self-study nurtures a growth mindset, encouraging a proactive approach to personal and professional development. This adaptability is particularly relevant in the modern job market, where continuous learning is often necessary to stay competitive. Independent learning encourages creativity and innovation. Without the constraints of a structured curriculum, learners can explore topics that genuinely interest them and approach problems in unique ways. This freedom to experiment and think outside the box often leads to innovative solutions and fresh perspectives. Creativity is a critical skill in many fields, driving progress and inspiring new ideas. Self-study is not limited to academic subjects; it encompasses a wide range of personal interests and skills. Whether learning a new language, mastering a musical instrument, or delving into philosophy, self-study contributes to holistic personal development. This well-rounded growth enriches one's life, enhances cultural awareness, and fosters a deeper appreciation for diverse fields of knowledge. Individuals who engage in self-study and personal improvement often make significant contributions to society. Equipped with specialized knowledge, critical thinking skills, and a passion for lifelong learning, they are well-positioned to drive positive change in their communities and beyond. Whether through innovation, mentorship, or civic engagement, the impact of self-motivated learners can be profound and far-reaching. In conclusion, self-study represents a powerful and versatile approach to self-improvement. Its benefits, ranging from personalized learning and critical thinking development to cost-effectiveness and lifelong learning, underscore its value in the modern world. By embracing effective strategies such as setting clear goals, creating structured schedules and engaging in active learning, individuals can maximize the potential of self-study. Beyond academic achievement, the skills and habits cultivated through self-study contribute to holistic personal development, creativity and societal impact.

**Poem : "Voice of Eternity"**  
Written by Bareera Aamir

Listening the whistles of sanan  
Watching the screen and laughin  
Eating roasted wings in blood  
While taasting the bottles in fun  
Givin' your backs to foe's?  
Froding your hum's and mow  
Praying and joining the pilgrimages  
While helping the hostiles in shelter  
Labeling your name under same lane  
Do you think it's the greater plan?  
Putting your head on prayer mat at 2AM  
Showing creathes that you are the pious PM  
Almightly will push you with pressure  
There is no place for you Hippocrates  
Martyrdoms will never forgive you  
So how can the nature not expode you?  
Indeed cam the direct ticket to hell  
Wake up to real life before you join your shell

# Regional News

## Bullish trend continues as PSX surges by nearly 900 points

**KSE-100 stands at 79,717.31 points, marking substantial 1.12% increase from previous 78,825 points**



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued its bullish streak on Tuesday, with the KSE-100 index gaining an impressive 892 points. This surge propelled the index to stand at an all-time 79,717.31 points high during

intra-day as of 2:18 PM, marking a substantial 1.12% increase from the previous 78,825 points. Earlier on Friday, the PSX reclaimed the title of the world's best-performing market in the outgoing fiscal year 2023-24, with a remarkable cumulative increase of 89% (or 94% in US dollar terms) after the market closed at an all-time high of 78,445 points. The market made history multiple times throughout the year, achieving record gains primarily in June 2024. Market capitalization, or the total value of all shares, hit a record high of over Rs10 trillion. Read PSX continues its record-breaking spree. Yesterday, the PSX opened the new fiscal year on a positive note, gaining nearly 380 points. Initially lackluster with an intra-day low of 78,427.79 points, the market picked up momentum throughout the day with the KSE-100 index benchmark rising by 675 points driving the bulls to stand at 79,120. The uptrend was primarily driven by a modest Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation of 12.6% year-on-year in June 2024 and expectations of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan agreement worth \$6.8 billion. "Stocks closed higher amid thin CPI inflation at 12.6% in June 2024 and the finance minister's affirmation of a larger and longer bailout agreement with the IMF this month in the wake of positive talks for a \$6-8 billion loan," said Ahsan Mehanati, MD of Arif Habib Corp.

## Work on Hindu & Christian Marriage Act is progressing rapidly: Ramesh Singh Arora

Soon Times Correspondent Lahore: Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs, Ramesh Singh Arora, stated that due to the mistreatment and hatred towards religious minorities in India, Narendra Modi has faced embarrassment on every forum. Whereas practical steps are being taken across Pakistan to ensure the protection of the rights of religious minorities. The Pakistan Muslim League (N) government desires to extend the Kartarpur Corridor. He expressed these views while addressing a seminar organized by a private institution on the protection of the rights of religious minorities in Lahore on Tuesday. He said

that the Department of Human Rights and Minority Affairs is developing short, medium, and long-term plans, while work is also progressing rapidly on a five-year roadmap with the cooperation of the World Bank. The Provincial Minister further stated that this year, a significant number of young people were invited for the Baisakhi festival from 12 countries to dispel the fear that they might face visa issues when traveling to other countries after visiting Pakistan. He added that work on the Hindu and Christian Marriage Acts will also be completed soon to ensure the elimination of the sense of deprivation among religious minorities.

## Commissioner pays homage to Late XEN PHE Sargodha

Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha: The sudden death of my distinguished colleague Engr Rana Muhammad Ali has put me in deep sense of grief and sadness. As XEN PHE Sargodha, his services will always be remembered by his colleagues and the citizens of this city. It was stated by the Commissioner Sargodha Division Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti while expressing his views on Tuesday on the sad demise of XEN Public Health Engineering Sargodha. He said, "Indeed Rana Muhammad Ali was a dedicated officer who sacrificed his life during performing his duties. His work and services will persist beyond his physical presence, echoing through the projects he conceived and the mechanisms he developed." The Commissioner further said that infact, late Engr. M Ali has left behind a testament to his skill and vision, having



contributed to the advancement of social structure and the improvement of everyday life. "I am confident that his expertise in problem-solving and innovation continues to inspire his staff and other colleague engineers", he added.

## In a first, woman jurist Justice Aalia Neelum 'nominated' as LHC top judge

Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD: Justice Aalia Neelum has been nominated as the chief justice (CJ) of the Lahore High Court (LHC) in a first event of a woman judge being named for the post, sources said on Tuesday. The jurist was unanimously nominated by the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) during a meeting headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa earlier in the day. Justice Aalia is third in the seniority list of the LHC after the elevation of former LHC CJ Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan to the Supreme Court.



After Justice Shahzad's elevation, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan had been appointed as the acting CJ for the high court by President Asif Ali Zardari under Article 196. Meanwhile, Justice Shafi Muhammad Siddiqui was also unanimously

nominated for post of Sindh High Court (SHC) top judge. The slot was vacated after former SHC CJ Aqeel Ahmed Abbas's elevation as a top court judge with Justice Shahzad and Justice Shahid earlier this month. Justice Aalia: a brief profile Hon'ble Justice Miss Aalia Neelum was born on November 12, 1966 and got the LL.B. degree from University of the Punjab in 1995. She was enrolled as an advocate a year later. She also served as an advocate in the top court after her enrollment in 2008. The lady jurist has rendered a number of reported judgments on numerous important issues since her elevation to an LHC bench in 2015.

## "The US has absolutely no right to meddle in the internal affairs of Pakistan." (Shujauddin Shaikh)

Soon Times Correspondent Lahore: The US has absolutely no right to meddle in the internal affairs of Pakistan. This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. He said that the resolution passed in the American Congress relating to the political affairs of Pakistan demanding an investigation into alleged rigging in the general elections of February 2024 is condemnable and a nefarious attempt to pressurize Pakistan. 75 years of history is witness to the fact that the US has always brewed conspiracies against Pakistan for its own benefit and purpose. Moreover, how does the very US that fully backs Israeli oppression and brutality in Gaza preach reformation in other countries. The Ameer said that there is no doubt that there were significant irregularities in the general elections held in February 2024. Events which took place before and after the elections placed a huge question mark on the impartiality of state institutions and the transparency of the Election Commission. Appalling and regrettable examples of political oppression were set. The mystery of Forms 45 and 47 remains unsolved due to which the nation is still suffering from uncertainty while political and economic instability continues unabated. Nevertheless, reform in the election process



and providing the rightfully demanded justice to the oppressed is solely the responsibility of Pakistan's people and its institutions, and interference from any other country can in no way be tolerated. He said that the need of the hour is to avoid revenge politics. Political parties and all relevant stakeholders must resolve all state issues through mutual dialogue and negotiation, so that no foreign power is handed the opportunity to meddle in Pakistan's internal affairs. We must swiftly decide that no foreign powers will be allowed to dish dictation in any matter whatsoever.

## Political Parties to submit their consolidated statements of Accounts (Form-D) for financial year 2023-2024 before 29th August

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad: The Election Commission of Pakistan reminds all the heads of Political Parties, in terms of section 210 of the Elections Act, 2017 read with section 204 of the Act and rule 159 & 160 of the Election Rules, 2017, thereof, that they are required to file with Election Commission their Consolidated Statement of Accounts on (Form-D) for financial year, 2023-24 ended on 30th June, 2024 on or before 29th August, 2024. It may be recalled that Section 210 of the Elections Act, 2017 provides that a Political Party shall, in such a manner as may be prescribed, submit to the Commission, within sixty days from the close of a financial year, a consolidated statement of its accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant on Form-D containing: (a) Annual income and expenses; (b) Sources of its funds; and (c) Assets and liabilities.

3. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts to be submitted to the Election Commission complete in all respect and shall accompany by report of a Chartered Accountant with regard to the audit of accounts of a political party and a certificate signed by an office-bearer authorized by the party Head stating that: i. No funds were received by the party from any source prohibited under the Elections Act, 2017. ii. The statement of accounts contains an accurate picture of the financial position of the party. iii. The information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. iv. The above statement is audited by the Chartered Accountant and detailed report thereof is annexed. 4. The statement of accounts is to be submitted on Form-D as provided in the Elections Act, 2017. Printed Forms are available, free of cost, in the Election Commission Secretariat, Islamabad and in the offices of the Provincial Election

Commissioners, Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Form-D/ Proforma for source of funds are also available on ECP's Website. 5. Overwriting should be avoided. The attested copy of Membership / Certificate issued by ICAP in respect of Auditor engaged shall be annexed to the Form-D along with last valid renewal certificate. 6. The Form-D shall also accompany a legible copy of each of the bank statements for the period of 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 of the party, along with a bank reconciliation statement. 7. The subject statement shall be addressed to the Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan, Constitution Avenue, G-5/2, and Islamabad and shall be delivered through an office bearer of the party, duly authorized by the party head in terms of rule 156 of the Election Rules, 2017. Statements received through post, fax, courier service or any other mode shall not be accepted.

### Correction In Name:



I, Faisal Bashir son of Basheer Ahmed resident of Daud Khel Tehsil and District Mianwali had passed the matriculation examination from board of intermediate and secondary education sargodha against the roll number 227193 and my registration number was 35201-1105905-3 in the examination conducted by the board in April-May 2015. There is an error in spelling of my name. Hereby I want to revise the spelling of my name as Faisal Bashir from Faisal Basheer son of Basheer A h m e d f r o m B I S E Sargodha Advertiser-Faisal Bashir Son of Basheer AhmedM Y CNIC number is 35201-1105905-3Father's name and CNIC Basheer Ahmed. CNIC: 33100-8591473-9Address: Mohalla Behram Khel Near post office Daud Khel Tehsil and District Mianwali

## During June 386,733 Meters Were Checked, 263 Power Thieves were caught, 20.6 Million Fine Was Imposed & 57 Power Thieves Were Arrested: CEO IESCO

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad: Under the vision of the Government of Pakistan and the Ministry of Energy Power Division, and under the leadership of Chief Executive IESCO, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan, campaign against power thieves in the IESCO region continues. According to the details, in June 2024, IESCO detection teams checked a total of 386,733 electricity meters across the region. Direct power supply was being taken from 248 meters, while 14 meters were found tampered. On the Account of using direct power supply and tamper meters fine of Rs. 20.6 million charged to relevant customers. 148 FIRs

were registered against power thieves, and police arrested 57 individuals. IESCO Chief Dr. Muhammad Amjad Khan stated that power thieves are causing irreparable damage to Pakistan's economy and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He further stated that they are determined to make the IESCO region free from electricity theft. The IESCO Chief requested honorable customers to support IESCO in this national campaign and report power thieves to the helpline number 118 or the Complaint and Monitoring Cell at 051-9252933-34 for timely action.

## SNGPL disconnected 56 connections & imposed fine of Rs 2.4 million

Soon Times Correspondent Lahore: During the ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, SNGPL continued raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad. It disconnected 56 connections and imposed fine of Rs 2.4 million. In Lahore, the team disconnected 20 connections on illegal use of gas, imposed a fine of Rs 0.25 million and lodged 3 FIRs against gas theft cases. In Multan, the team disconnected 14 connections on illegal use of gas and 02 on use of the compressor. The regional team of Gujranwala

disconnected 01 connection on illegal use of gas, 01 on the use of compressor and booked an Rs 0.96 million against gas theft cases. In Bahawalpur, the team disconnected 07 connections on the use of compressors. The regional team of Faisalabad disconnected 01 connection on illegal use of gas and imposed a fine of Rs 0.02 million against gas theft cases. In Mardan, the team disconnected 10 connections on illegal use of gas and booked an amount of Rs 1.2 million against gas theft cases.



## US Supreme Court rules Trump has broad immunity from prosecution



WASHINGTON The US Supreme Court ruled on Monday that Donald Trump cannot be prosecuted for actions that were within his constitutional powers as president in a landmark decision recognising for the first time any form of presidential immunity from prosecution.

The justices, in a 6-3 ruling authored by Chief Justice John Roberts, threw out a lower court's decision that had rejected Trump's claim of immunity from federal criminal charges involving his efforts to undo his 2020 election loss to Joe Biden. The six conservative justices were in the majority, while its three liberal members dissented.

Trump is the Republican candidate challenging Biden, a Democrat, in the Nov. 5 US election in a 2020 rematch. The Supreme Court's slow handling of the case and its decision to return key questions about the scope of Trump's

## Palestinian group Islamic Jihad fires rockets into Israel, as tanks deepen incursions into Gaza



GAZA Violence flared on Monday as the Palestinian group Islamic Jihad fired around 20 rockets into Israel, while Israeli tanks deepened incursions into eastern Gaza City, residents said. Meanwhile, efforts to achieve a ceasefire backed by the United States have stalled.

The Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad fired a barrage of rockets into Israel on Monday as fighting raged in Gaza and Israeli tanks advanced deeper in parts of the enclave.



## Taliban told to 'include women' in public life at UN talks

It is third UN meeting on Afghanistan but the first that includes Taliban who seized power in 2021

DOHA Taliban authorities were told women must be included in public life, UN Under-Secretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo said on Monday as she defended a decision to sideline civil society groups at official talks in Doha.

Rights organisations have strongly criticised the controversial UN move to exclude the groups, including women's rights activists, from the two-day meeting on Afghanistan as the price for the Taliban government's participation.

"Authorities will not sit across the table with Afghan civil society in this format, but they have heard very clearly the need to include women and civil society in all aspects of public life", DiCarlo told a Doha news conference.

The UN-hosted meeting began on Sunday and is the third such gathering to be held in Qatar in a little over a year, but the first to include the Taliban authorities who seized power in Afghanistan for a second

time in 2021. The talks were due to discuss increasing engagement with Afghanistan and a more coordinated response to the country, including economic issues and counter-narcotics efforts.

The international community has wrestled with its approach to the Taliban since they returned to power, with no country officially recognising its government.

## Victims of Hamas attack sue Iran, Syria, North Korea in US court



Web Desk: More than 100 victims and relatives of victims of the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas militants in Israel sued Iran, Syria and North Korea on Monday, accusing the countries of providing Hamas support and demanding at least \$4 billion in damages.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., by the Anti-Defamation League is the largest case against foreign countries in connection with the attack, and the first backed by a Jewish organisation, the ADL, said in a press release.

It accuses the three countries of providing financial, military and tactical support to Hamas. The US government has designated Iran, Syria and North Korea state sponsors of terrorism. More than 1,200 people were killed in the attack and 250 others were taken hostage, according to Israeli tallies. The plaintiffs in the case include US citizens injured on Oct. 7, as well as relatives and the estates of victims killed in the attack.

# Sports & Showbiz



## Pakistan qualify for T20 World Cup 2026, confirms ICC



Sports Desk: With the recent conclusion of the T20 World Cup, the 12 teams for the next edition of the mega event — which will take place in 2026 in India and Sri Lanka — have been finalised. The upcoming ICC tournament will also have 20 teams, divided into four groups of five sides each.

The first two spots of the event have been taken by India and Sri Lanka as hosts. The next 10 spots were determined by the Super Eight qualifiers at the 2024 and T20I team rankings. Through this, Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, South Africa and the West Indies all secured 2026 T20 World Cup spots as well as United States.



## Pakistani-origin cricketer Antum Naqvi joins Zimbabwe for India T20Is

Another Pakistani-origin cricketer, Antum Naqvi, joined Zimbabwe after receiving his maiden call-up for the five-match T20I series against India in Harare. However, the 25-year-old batter's inclusion in the squad is subject to confirmation of his citizenship status. Naqvi, a top-order batter, came to prominence at the beginning of the year when he became the first player to score a triple century for any Zimbabwean team in representative cricket. He scored an unbeaten 300 for Mid West Rhinos in the Logan Cup and captained them in just his second year in Zimbabwean domestic cricket. Naqvi boasts a strike rate of 146.80 in seven T20 matches. He was born in Brussels, Belgium, to Pakistani parents, and moved to Australia when he was four, where he earned a commercial airline pilot's licence. He put his aviator career

## Hina Khan pens inspiring note as she undergoes cancer therapy



(Web Desk) Hina Khan has been one of the most adored in the entertainment industry and is currently going through a difficult time in her life. The actress has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer, but she is tackling the suffering with courage and optimism. Fighting the dangerous disease with positivity requires strength, and we admire Hina's ability to inspire others who are on the same journey as her. After sharing the devastating news with her fans on June 28, Hina took to social media today (July 1) to encourage others who are fighting cancer. Hina penned a motivating note for the fans and those suffering from the same.

## Pakistan team 'deserves' criticism, says Rizwan after T20 World Cup debacle



Web Desk: PESHAWAR: Admitting the shortcomings, opening batter Mohammad Rizwan said Tuesday the Pakistan cricket team deserved criticism over dismal performance in the T20 World Cup 2024. "After the poor show, we deserve criticism. Those who can't face the flak, cannot succeed," the right-handed batsman said talking to media in Peshawar.



He said there was no single reason behind a team's defeat. There were multiple "weaknesses" which led to Pakistan's early exit from the tournament, he maintained. It should be noted that Pakistan exited from the T20 World Cup at the group stage which drew criticism from fans, analysts and cricketers alike, as they suffered defeat at the hands of minnows USA well. Rizwan said it was disappointing for the team members as well as they could not fulfill the nation's dreams. After the T20 World Cup debacle, the Green



Shirts could not claim that they wielded strong batting and bowling, he added. On grouping, he said the speculations about bias in the flag team were not true as they all played for the green flag. On Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi's remarks of need for "major surgery" in Pakistan team, the right-handed batsman said, "When you get hit, you get a surgery. He's chairman of the board and it is his right. It is his right whom he wants to retain and whom not."