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Murad Ali Shah Visits Indus Motor Manufacturing Hub, Reaffirms Support for Local Auto Industry

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Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah visited Indus Motor Company's (IMC) manufacturing facility at Port Qasim Authority, emphasizing his government's commitment to fostering the large-scale production of hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) in Pakistan. During his visit, Chief Minister Shah toured IMC's state-of-the-art facility and received a comprehensive briefing on the latest production processes, including the globally renowned Toyota Production System. IMC, a key player in Pakistan's automotive industry, has been a driving force behind the 'Make in Pakistan' initiative, promoting localization and introducing fuel-efficient, environmentally friendly vehicles. Notably, the company recently launched the 4th generation Corolla Cross, Pakistan's first locally manufactured HEV with the highest-ever local content in the SUV category. Chief Minister Shah was also

briefed on IMC's recent export achievements, including the successful export of raw materials to Egypt, marking the company's integration into Toyota's Global Supply Chain. Additionally, IMC has commenced exporting vehicles, including the Toyota Fortuner, Hilux, and Corolla Cross models, to Oceanian countries. These milestones highlight IMC's commitment to advancing Pakistan's automotive industry on the global stage. Expressing his admiration for IMC's efforts, Chief Minister Shah stated, "Indus Motor has set a benchmark in the automotive industry with its dedication to innovation and sustainability. Toyota is a trusted name in Pakistan, and the heavy financial investment in this state-of-the-art plant, along with the focus on human capital, underscores the company's commitment to quality and safety." He added that the Sindh Government is keen to support initiatives that drive economic growth and promote environmental responsibility across the country.

Court rejects Bushra Bibi's interim bail request in May 9 cases



Soon Times Correspondent
RAWALPINDI
The court has dismissed the interim bail plea of Bushra Bibi, wife of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, concerning 12 cases related to vandalism on May 9, 2023. Over 500 accused, including Imran Khan, were present in the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Rawalpindi in connection with the May 9 incidents. During the proceedings, the court directed that the investigation into Bushra Bibi be completed within seven days. The court remarked that when an accused is arrested in that many cases, an investigation becomes necessary. Subsequently, the court rejected Bushra Bibi's interim bail application in the cases related to the events of May 9.

NAB court acquits Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in illegal appointments case



Others who were acquitted included former managing director of PSO Imranul Haq, former petroleum secretary Arshad Mirza and Yaqoob Sattar. The former premier spoke to media outside the NAB court Karachi where he expressed gratitude for his acquittal after four long years, stressing the need for closure of the NAB if country was to be run smoothly. He said his newly-launched party was ready to stand by all those parties who would work according to the constitution, adding that courts should review its procedure of handling cases.

Soon Times Correspondent
KARACHI
The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Monday acquitted all accused including former premier Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in a case of illegal appointments in the Pakistan State Oil (PSO). The hearing was held in the NAB court Karachi in which court accepted application of the NAB authorities of taking back the case and acquitting all those accused.

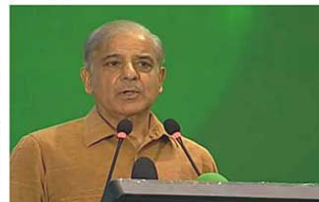
PM Shahbaz announces one million smartphones for students on merit

Pledges to allocate ample resources to the youth to help transform the country into developed nation

Soon Times Correspondent
ISLAMABAD



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said the federal government will provide one million smartphones to top-performing students across the country, including those from Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and remote areas of Balochistan. He made the announcement while addressing an event marking the International Day of Youth, organized by the Prime Minister's Youth Programme. He said each province has its separate programs to support students. He pledged to allocate ample resources to the nation's youth to help transform the country into a thriving, developed nation. He recalled his service as chief minister of Punjab under the leadership of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) president



Nawaz Sharif. He aimed to provide opportunities for the youth to change the country's destiny as prime minister. "The country's youth have the potential to elevate the nation to new heights, if given access to modern education and resources," he added. He expressed his vision of equipping talented youth with modern education, Information Technology, and Artificial Intelligence to spark a revolution in the country, similar to the progress seen in China. He highlighted his

previous efforts in providing modern facilities to students at Danish Schools. Shehbaz Sharif also lamented that despite having abundant resources and 77 years of independence, the country remains heavily burdened by debt. He noted that extreme poverty prevents many from affording basic needs, such as arranging marriages for their daughters, while the country's elite class enjoys significant privileges. Additionally, the prime minister announced that he will personally fund the education of 1,000 agricultural graduates in China, aiming to equip them with modern technology to boost agri production. However, he also committed to sending 200,000 youth for IT training and advanced education, he said adding that he will unveil a comprehensive development plan for the country on August 14.

NAB seeks closure of Punjab University case against ex-vice



Soon Times Correspondent
LAHORE
The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has requested the closure of the Punjab University case. NAB Lahore filed a petition in the Accountancy Court Lahore to dismiss the reference against Punjab University former Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujahid Kamran and others. In its petition, NAB argued that after reviewing the evidence, they found no substantial proof against the accused. The bureau has asked the court to approve its request for withdrawing the reference.

Imran Khan warns of protests if attempts made to extend CJP Isa's term



Khan further accused authorities of orchestrating crackdown on PTI under false pretenses

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Islamabad
Founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Imran Khan, has warned of potential protests if the government disregards decisions concerning reserved seats and attempts to extend the Chief Justice's term. During an informal discussion with journalists in

Adiala Jail, Khan expressed his discontent with the current political climate, comparing Pakistan's situation to that of Bangladesh under Sheikh Hasina. "Our conditions are worse than Bangladesh's," Khan claimed. Describing the conditions, the PTI's supreme noted that Hassan Wajid had appointed

her own Army Chief, Chief Justice, and police chiefs while sidelining opposition parties. He drew parallels between these events and Pakistan, stating "These events have occurred and are occurring in Pakistan as well." In a critique of the government's handling of the 9 May incidents, Khan accused the authorities of orchestrating a crackdown on PTI under false pretenses.

"The same people who stole footage of 9 May were responsible for the events of that day. Half of our leadership was jailed, while the rest went underground or were coerced out of the party," stated Khan. The former premier warned that any attempt to extend the Chief Justice's term or disregard Supreme Court decisions would result in

widespread protests. The former Prime Minister further condemned the alleged electoral fraud, stating that the government's fear of exposure is leading them to place their own judges in tribunals and violate the constitution by not holding elections in two provinces. This, he argued, is a deliberate effort to avoid the scrutiny that would come with reopening.

Imran Khan's inciting speeches, long marches led to May 9 riots, asserts Azma Bokhari

Says, Maryam Nawaz has zero-tolerance policy against women violence

Soon Times Correspondent
LAHORE
Punjab Minister for Information Azma Bokhari claimed that Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan's public gatherings, inciting speeches, and long marches led to the May 9 riots. During her press conference along with PML-N leader Hina Pervez Butt, she insisted that intolerance was prevailing in society. The minister disclosed government plans for women safety and security, saying virtual police stations cater to women issues.



She highlighted the provision of justice in the Sania Zehra case and vowed to provide justice in every case. She stated Sania Zehra didn't commit suicide instead her husband and mother-in-law murdered her and portrayed it as suicide. She questioned the May 9 judicial commission demand by

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. She claimed that May 9 wasn't planned in a day but planned for one year. She alleged that PTI leaders Hassan Nazki and Yasmin Rashid were involved in the riots, stating that Rashid led the protest. How it could be a mere coincidence that citizens

reached army installations, she asked PTI. Azma Bokhari alleged that PTI leaders set the PTV office, toll plaza, and ambulance on fire and attacked army installations and statues. Giving her response to the comparison of protest with recent Bangladesh students protest, she asserted that Bangladesh students took to the street for having valid reasons for the job quota. The information minister referred to the UK riots, saying England was a prime example where those involved in re-tweeting controversial posts were penalised.

On this special day, let us celebrate the freedom and unity of Pakistan. I am so grateful for the sacrifices made by our forefathers to give us this beautiful country. May Pakistan continue to prosper and grow in the years to come.

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Youth of Punjab, Future of Punjab

“Youth is real asset of a nation, and true architects of its future,” said Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif in her message on International Youth Day. She added, “Focusing on education, training and character building of youth is very important.” Madam Chief Minister said, “PML-N government believes in giving opportunities to youth for materialising their dreams into reality.” She

added, “Under Chief Minister’s Youth Initiative, many programs are going on for the welfare of young generation.” She highlighted, “E-bikes and petrol bikes are being given for the convenience of young students, second phase of which will be brought soon.” Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said, “Youth are being imparted IT skills as per need of international job market.” She added, “PML-

N Government is again going to equip talented youth with laptops.” She highlighted, “Soon the youth will be given scholarships for higher education, God willing, there will be no lack of funds for the education of youth.” Madam Chief Minister said, “The energy and skillset of youth are very important for the development of country.” She added, “I am sure our youth will make Pakistan a developed nation with hard

work and dedication.” Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif noted, “Arshad Nadeem is a shining example of success through hard work for the youth.” She said, “The government of Punjab will provide all possible facilities to its youth. They have to shine the name of their country.” She added, “I want to see laptops, books and higher degrees instead of stones and petrol bombs in the hands of youth.”

The Azerbaijan-Armenia Peace Process



Dr. Muhammad Akram Zaheer

The United States sees a big chance to increase its influence in the South Caucasus through the ongoing peace talks between Azerbaijan and Armenia. This region, located between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, is important due to its location and role in transporting energy resources. A peace deal between Azerbaijan and Armenia, negotiated by the U.S., could help the U.S. gain more influence in this strategically significant area. It would also help stabilize the region and give the U.S. a stronger position in an area where Russia has traditionally been very influential. Historically, Russia has had a lot of control in the South Caucasus, which includes Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The U.S. hopes to use a successful peace agreement to counterbalance Russian power and build new partnerships in this region, which is rich in energy and key transit routes. This fits into the U.S. goals of limiting Russian expansion and promoting stability through diplomacy. For the U.S. to succeed, it must improve its relations with Azerbaijan, as historically, the U.S. has had stronger ties with Armenia due to historical connections and a significant Armenian community in the U.S. To mediate effectively, the U.S. needs to balance its approach to both Armenia and Azerbaijan. This means acknowledging

Azerbaijan’s importance and supporting its interests without upsetting Armenia. Improving relations with Azerbaijan will involve more than just diplomatic efforts. The U.S. should focus on economic and military cooperation, support for energy and infrastructure projects and a fair approach to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. By being seen as a fair mediator and a supportive partner, the U.S. can strengthen its position in the region. A successful peace deal would not only benefit Azerbaijan and Armenia but also improve the U.S.’s strategic position in the South Caucasus. This would challenge Russian influence and create a more stable and cooperative environment, leading to better economic opportunities and security in the region.

Panama faces a significant challenge with migration through the Darien Gap, which is both a security and economic issue. This area has long been known for illegal activities and since 2010; the number of migrants passing through has increased, especially due to Venezuelans leaving their country. Criminal groups now use the gap more for their operations than migrants use it for finding work.

Panama, with a population of only 4.4 million, struggles to manage the hundreds of thousands of migrants passing through each year. Stopping this migration alone could upset neighboring countries, so Panama has requested help from the U.S. The U.S. has strong reasons to support Panama. The Panama Canal is vital for Caribbean security and connecting North and South America. Panama is also important for U.S. trade and

could be a good place for relocating some U.S. manufacturing. The U.S. has previously tried to get Panama to control banned goods better but has had limited success. A stable Panama is crucial for the U.S., especially since both countries are concerned about migration through the Darien Gap. The U.S. worries that criminals or spies might be among the migrants. To manage this, the U.S. works with Panama and has signed an agreement to help manage migrant flows. This deal involves sending migrants back to their home countries and training Panama on how to make these decisions while respecting local laws. The U.S. has also implemented visa restrictions on officials from transportation companies that facilitate illegal migration and has given these companies guidelines to reduce illegal transit. However, the agreement does not stop migrants from physically crossing the border. It relies on the idea that migrants will be deterred from risking their journey if they know they might be sent back. Panama faces difficulties due to its challenging terrain and limited resources for large security operations. Reports indicate that Panama has put up barbed wire in some areas and is redirecting migrants to a town called Bajo Chiquito after they cross the Darien jungle. Colombia and Venezuela will be most affected by these actions. Colombian President Gustavo Petro has criticized the plan, suggesting it could lead to more deaths and that countries should focus on economic development rather than punishment. Colombia is already struggling with around 3 million Venezuelan migrants and the situation might worsen after Venezuela’s elections in July.

Freedom is meaningless without the completion of the ideology of Quaid-i-Azam and Iqbal!



Zafar Iqbal Zafar

Pakistan was revealed to the Muslims on the twenty-seventh night of Ramadan, which is the night of the revelation of the Qur’an, the same night of the revelation of Pakistan. Loving Pakistan is a Sunnah. It is a duty to protect it. It is a duty to end the Yazidi system. The goal of Hussain’s life is today. It will be a century since he was freed. But if we look back and remember the time of the establishment of Pakistan, then the soul gets sad and starts narrating the story of that difficult phase with tears dripping from the eyes when the migration was based on the settlement of the land that became Pakistan with our own blood. It was based when millions of families tied everything in the name of Pakistan and walked away. After the passing of the century, I keep the goal of my elders’ migration and the goal of establishing Pakistan in front of me. It starts to happen. Seeing the conditions of slavery of the generations of those who sacrificed for this country in the name of freedom makes the blood boil. Then the blood of the poor was shed to make Pakistan. Freedom from those who oppress humanity by using force or freedom from those who usurp the interests of others by using the law for their own benefit? Or freedom from the government of people of other religions on one religion? Or freedom from those who make wrong decisions about our

fate and future? As if the movement to get rid of all oppressive conditions forever was the name of freedom, which was the goal of the efforts of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah Allama Iqbal and all his colleagues. Many religious and political leaders of India associated freedom with the departure of the British. Hazrat Allama Iqbal interpreted the meaning of freedom in the eyes of Muslims and explained that Pakistan should become Dar-ul-Salaam, not us, but Islam should become free. This was the real purpose of the concept of Pakistan. The Hindus declared and admitted this idea to convince the Muslims that the Muslims should withdraw from the demand for the establishment of Pakistan. He replied to the Muslim scholars with his lips that the difference between the meaning of freedom and freedom is much greater than the difference between the meaning of Islam and Islam. He remained a slave. For Muslims, the meaning of freedom is that they should obey God and not be ruled by any human being. And in the Islam that you are calling Islam, except for a few steps, you have freedom from some personal laws. Beyond that, they will not get any freedom. This is the difference between your Islam and the Islam for which we want freedom. Hazrat Allama Iqbal said this in his poem. Mullahs allowed to bow in Joke Hind! The ignorant think that Islam is free. As Muslims, it is our duty to break the bonds of British slavery and end its power, but our goal with this freedom is not to become free, but our first goal is to make Islam free and Muslims to become powerful, therefore Muslims should. It cannot be helpful in establishing such a government whose foundations

are based on the same principles on which the British government is based. We do not want to erase one falsehood and establish another falsehood. But if the result of India’s independence is that it remains as it is, or becomes even worse, then a Muslim curses such freedom of the country a thousand times, writing, speaking, spending rupees, eating sticks, going to jail, being shot in the way of such freedom. Everything is haram and absolutely haram. Freedom is not the name of migrating from one part of the earth to another, but freedom is the name of getting rid of the oppressive system and getting human rights. Respect, peace, security, law, employment, living in religious principles is the name of freedom of Pakistan. Only the good conditions of the country teach us to love the country and only the bad conditions violate the sanctity of freedom. The land does not oppress the people, but the people oppress the land, that is, they make the land narrow for the people. The land of my homeland Pakistan is it is worthy of prostration, just as the prostration done on this earth reaches God, similarly, every oppression that happens on this earth also reaches God. Freedom gains development and strength only by changing the system. Poverty, inflation, unemployment, injustice, lawlessness and above all anti-Islamic actions are the biggest insult to this holy land of Pakistan and freedom from this shameful system is the meaning of free freedom. A true patriot is the one who will make this country the Pakistan of Iqbal and Jinnah. When the anti-Islamic dirty system is completely dead in this country, then my Pakistan will be truly alive.

‘Murder of justice’: PTI decries SC ruling on vote recount in three NA constituencies

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders on Monday expressed deep disappointment with the Supreme Court’s ruling on vote recount in three National Assembly constituencies, calling it a “murder of justice.”

The Supreme Court, earlier in the day, overturned the Lahore High Court’s (LHC) decision that nullified the vote recount in three National Assembly constituencies where Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) candidates had secured victories.

A three-member bench, led by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Issa, delivered the reserved verdict with a 2-1 majority, ruling in favour of the PML-N leaders who had filed the appeals.



Justice Aqeel Abbasi

However, Justice Aqeel Abbasi of the Supreme Court dissented from the majority decision, opposing the ruling in favour of PML-N candidates Azhar Qayyum Nagra, Abdul Rehman Kanju, and Zulfikar Ahmed.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar, alongside Omar Ayub, Raouf Hassan and Shibli Faraz, strongly criticised the verdict. “We are extremely disappointed with the Supreme Court’s ruling.

This is nothing short of a murder of justice. Our seats have been handed over to another political party with the stroke of a pen,” Gohar said. He added that PTI has been subjected to severe injustice, alleging that attempts were made to strip the party of its symbol to prevent them from contesting the elections. “But every time, we emerged victorious,” Gohar stated. Gohar emphasised that the role of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is to conduct free and fair elections in the country. “If the election commission fails in this duty, it must be held accountable,” he asserted.

Senate Opposition Leader Shibli Faraz criticised the legitimacy of those declared victorious in February 8 elections, saying, “According to Form 47.



President Asif Ali Zardari offering Fataha for Lieutenant Uzair Mehmood Malik Shaheed, during his visit to the Shaheed’s home, in Attock on August 12, 2024.

Govt Is Trying To Suppress The Judiciary: Omar Ayub



Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha: Opposition leader Omar Ayub Khan

and opposition leader of Punjab Malik Ahmad Khan Bhachar appeared in anti-terrorism court. August 17 has been

fixed for the hearing of the case. On this occasion, the opposition leader Omar Ayub Khan while talking to the media said that this fake government is occupying the people. Inflation will increase instead of decreasing. The government is trying to suppress the judiciary to take decisions of its own accord. Sindh government is the most corrupt government. Chief Minister Sindh is trying to suppress our people in every possible way. The situation in Sindh has worsened and the crime rate has increased. Rulers who came to the power by Form 47 can not handle the administrative matters. People's problems are increasing instead of decreasing. People of Punjab are forced to commit suicide due to inflation.



Islamabad: Celebrate Chef of Masala TV and Team Legend with their Ex Chef Israr on the cooking class held on 10th August at Legend Islamabad.

01 of The Robbers Got Arrested While His Accomplices Escaped In Police Encounter

Soon Times Correspondent Kot Momin:

Three robbers snatched a motorcycle from a citizen during a robbery. After the incident, they fled from the spot. A blockade was set up near the Madani Kmo Factory to arrest the dacoits. During the blockade, when the police tried to stop the suspicious motorcycle, the motorcycleists fired directly at the police. The police fired in the air under the right of self-defense. Meanwhile, more police force was called. As soon as the incident was reported, SHO Malik Naseem

reached the spot along with a heavy contingent of police. The exchange of fire between the police and the robbers continued for half an hour. At the end of the shooting, the police conducted a search operation and a robber was arrested in an injured condition. Accused Danish Ali resident of Kot Momin was injured by the firing of his own colleagues. The accused was wanted by the police in various cases. Other accomplices of the accused managed to escape. Raids are being conducted to arrest them.

Chief Secretary Punjab Reviews The Implementation of Public Welfare Initiatives of CM Punjab In Sargodha



Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:

Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman visited Sargodha to review the implementation of public welfare initiatives of the Chief Minister Punjab. He inspected Khushab Road, other bazaars and issued necessary instructions regarding removal of encroachments and improving the traffic system. The Chief Secretary directed the administrative officers to permanently remove encroachments in cities and control the 'unruly rickshaws' without making anyone unemployed. He said that to resolve the problem of

parking and encroachments in bazaars, the municipal corporation officials must be assigned permanent duties. He asked the deputy commissioners to remain in the field for two hours every day to improve the traffic system and remove encroachments. The Chief Secretary also inspected the Salwanali Road disposal station where he was briefed by the chief officer Municipal Corporation about the sewage system. Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Ajmal Bhatti, Deputy Commissioner Aurangzeb Haider Khan and Superintending Engineer Public Health Engineering

Syed Solat Raza were also present. Later, the Chief Secretary presided over a meeting at the Commissioner's Office, which was attended by the divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners, additional deputy commissioners and assistant commissioners of Sargodha, Khushab, Mianwali, Bhakkar. The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress on the public welfare initiatives of the Chief Minister Punjab in the four districts of the division and took a briefing from the deputy commissioners on Suthra Punjab, price control, anti-polio, and revenue matters. He also asked the deputy

commissioners of Sargodha, Khushab, Bhakkar and Mianwali to submit a sanitation plan for their respective districts for the next three months. The Chief Secretary said that Suthra Punjab, price control and anti-polio should be the priority of every deputy commissioner, adding that all the assistant commissioners should be mobilized to achieve the goals of Suthra Punjab. He directed that the land record computerization work be completed as soon as possible. He said that the deputy commissioners must prepare an emergency plan to deal with floods, urban flooding and hill torrents. The Chief Secretary said that a zero-tolerance policy has been adopted regarding corruption in government institutions. He emphasized that officers would have to work 18 hours a day to improve public service delivery and governance. Expressing concern over the presence of polio virus in Punjab, the Chief Secretary ordered that the deputy commissioners are required to monitor the anti-polio activities themselves in districts and take regular reports on the performance of the field staff. He said that the shortage of manpower in municipal and revenue institutions is being met.

MC Becomes Defaulter of More Than 07 Crores of FESCO

Soon Times Correspondent Bhera:

With the connivance of the staff municipal corporation is a defaulter of more than 7 crores of FESCO. Instead of paying the electricity bills, the officers are busy in approving the files prepared under the guise of development works. It has been stated that geo-tagged photos and location must be made part of the file for payment of development works. But the officers are busy with other activities instead of monitoring the work in the field ignoring all these matters for their alleged commission. This is causing irreparable loss to the public

treasury. Muhammad Ashraf, Farman Ali, Muhammad Yusuf and others have said that due to the incompetence of officials, the Municipal Corporation Sargodha has not been able to pay the electricity bills to FESCO for the last four months, resulting in arrears of more than Rs 7 crore. They have requested the Commissioner Sargodha and Deputy Commissioner Sargodha to keep a close watch on the finances of the Corporation and stop payment on contractor files produced without geo-tag photos and location so that the Corporation does not face further financial crisis.

CJP Isa criticises judges for disrespecting ECP

Top judge underscores need for respect towards ECP in SC ruling

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad:

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), Qazi Faez Isa, has expressed concern over the conduct of some judges, stating that while the chairman and members of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) deserve respect, it is regrettable that certain judges make derogatory remarks. The remarks were made as the apex court issued a ruling regarding the recounting of votes in three constituencies of the National Assembly. The majority decision, authored by CJP Isa, emphasised that the ECP is a constitutional body and its officials, including the chairman and members, are entitled to respect.



institutions and officeholders deserve respect, and an institution's credibility is enhanced when it performs its duties upholding the dignity of constitutional bodies.

within the scope of respect. The written decision also acknowledged that the requests for recounting votes in three constituencies were submitted on 9th and 10th February. The Election Act of 2017 was amended on August 5, 2023, granting Returning Officers the authority to order vote recounts. The high court, however, failed to consider sub-section 5 of Section 95 during the case. The ruling underscores the need for judicial decorum and respect towards ECP, reinforcing the importance of

IESCO Power Suspension Schedules For Today

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad:

According to Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO)'s spokesman, System Maintenance/Development Work is in process. Therefore power supply of below mentioned feeders/areas will be temporarily suspended as per given schedule: On 13th August 2024, Islamabad Circle, 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Upper Topa, Patriata, TDGP, 1-10/1, 1-10/2, New Exchange, Dhalla Feeders. From 06:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Rawalpindi City Circle, Ghosia Colony, Chakra Feeders, Rawalpindi Cant Circle,

New Kalliam, Old Kalliam, Jhatta Hathial, Bisali, Industrial, Bhal, Gumti, Jarar Camp, Swan Garden-I, PAF, MES, Gracie Line, Rahimabad, VVIP Feeders, Chakwal Circle, Deara Muslim, Lilla, Tuba, Rawal, GPO Chowk, Main Bazar, Murat, Tala Gang City Feeders, Jhelum Circle, Abbaspara, Ajmal Shaheed, Pakhwal, Jakhhar F-7 katchary, F-9 Chuck Dulat feeders and surrounding areas will remain closed. IESCO management apologizes to its esteemed customers for the power outage. If the work is completed ahead of time, the power supply can be restored even before the scheduled time.

Malicious campaigns against state institutions Will not be allowed, warns Mohsin Naqvi

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad:

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi warned that malicious campaigns against state institutions would not be allowed as these institutions were assets of Pakistan. Naqvi met Muttalaha Qaumi Movement (Pakistan) MQM-P convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui. Both sides exchanged views on national and political affairs and condemned the propaganda against the state institutions. He asserted that state institutions were the esteemed assets of Pakistan and propaganda against them showed anti-state



sentiments. Any effort against creating hurdles in national development and public prosperity would not succeed, Naqvi reiterated. Khalid Maqbool suggested that everyone should unite and work together for the sake of Pakistan.

PTI hints to move no-trust motion in National Assembly



Soon Times Correspondent RAWALPINDI Senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Ali

Muhammad Khan on Monday hinted to move no-trust motion in National Assembly. Talking to media outside

Adiala Jail, PTI leader said that no-confidence motion may be moved against the prime minister if their mandate isn't restored. He said that the elections were held on the direction of Chief Justice of Pakistan on Feb 8 but the mandate of PTI was stolen that day. He also demanded a judicial commission to probe the alleged rigging into Feb 8 elections. "We'll not move the no-trust motion on the orders of United

States or Ambassador Donald Lu," said Ali Muhammad Khan. He added that the government is standing on Form-47 and there is no democracy in the country these days. According to PTI leader, there will be anarchy in the country if the verdict of Supreme Court isn't implemented on reserved seats. He also demanded to investigate the May 9 vandalism.

Reduced gas pressure expected in Sindh and Balochistan due to leak

Soon Times Correspondent Karachi

A gas pipeline leak is expected to cause reduced gas pressure in several areas of Sindh and Balochistan, according to a statement from Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC). The company reported that a leak was detected in the Gambat GPF IV feeder line, which supplies gas to SSGC. As a result, the system is experiencing a shortfall of 38 MMCFD (million cubic feet per day) of gas.

The current demand of these industrial customers is around 130-140 mmcsfd (million standard cubic feet per day), with future demand estimated to be 80-100 mmcsfd.

SSGC further noted that Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has already deployed a team to repair the pipeline, with the work expected to be completed within the next 20 hours.

During this period, residents in some areas of Sindh and Balochistan may experience lower gas pressure due to the ongoing leak.

On August 6, a major oil and gas reserve was discovered in Kohat's Tal Block district in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, with the Razgir-I formation



revealing promising deposits that could significantly strengthen Pakistan's energy resources.

According to the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), the well is currently producing approximately 159 barrels of oil and 16.4 million standard cubic feet of gas daily.

The discovery is the result of a collaborative effort between OGDCL, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), and Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL) with the drilling operations to be commenced in January 2024.

Last month, the SSGC launched a dedicated pipeline, investing Rs3.86

billion, to supply fuel at high pressure to industrial consumers in the western part of Karachi.

The new phase aimed to address low-pressure gas issues for industrial customers in the region.

According to a press statement, the gas utility integrated a 31-kilometer-long, 24-inch diameter pipeline from MVA ACPL to SMS Surjani, solving low-pressure supply problems for industrial customers in the western region.

SSGC's Managing Director, Imran Maniar, inaugurated the pipeline, underscoring that the project will separate low-pressure domestic and commercial consumers from high-pressure industrial consumers in the SITE and Hub Industrial Areas.

This new pipeline is expected to meet approximately 269 mmcsfd of demand.

The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced a shutdown of gas supply to almost half of Karachi, the country's economic hub, for 24 hours on July 26. The temporary suspension was due to the installation of a new pipeline in the western region of the city.



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01 of The Robbers Got Arrested While His Accomplices Escaped In Police Encounter

Soon Times Correspondent Kot Momin:

Three robbers snatched a motorcycle from a citizen during a robbery. After the incident, they fled from the spot. A blockade was set up near the Madani Kino factory to arrest the dacoits. During the blockade, when the police tried to stop the suspicious motorcycle, the motorcycleists fired directly at the police. The police fired in the air under the right of self-defense. Meanwhile, more police force was called. As soon as the incident was reported, SHO Malik Naseem

reached the spot along with a heavy contingent of police. The exchange of fire between the police and the robbers continued for half an hour. At the end of the shooting, the police conducted a search operation and a robber was arrested in an injured condition. Accused Danish Ali resident of Kot Momin was injured by the firing of his own colleagues. The accused was wanted by the police in various cases. Other accomplices of the accused managed to escape. Raids are being conducted to arrest them.

Heat and rain punish Karachi's homeless

Soon Times Correspondent Karachi

For Mithu, 30, and the twenty members of his extended family, home is beneath the KPT Interchange Flyover in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city of 20 million. They migrated from Tando Allahyar, 200 kilometres northeast, in search of better opportunities. Unlike people living in high-rise apartments and office developments nearby, they have no shelter from the elements.

On a sweltering late July day, as his sister Soutri made rotis on a makeshift red brick stove, Mithu wiped the sweat from his brow. "We must go to empty plots to relieve ourselves or bathe, even in this heat. We carry water here in containers from nearby colonies," he said. "What will the government do for us? We have no faith in the government to help us in



either heatwave or rains." Mithu's family, like many others, are missing from any official statistics. Asma Ghayoor, director of information technology at the Sindh Building Control Authority, told Dialogue Earth: "You will not find any numbers, data, or plans about the homeless or displaced. At best, they might serve as potential voters near elections. Other than that, their issues are largely ignored."

Amber Alibhai, general secretary of Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE), a not-for-profit organisation established in 1988, described the homeless as "the invisible people of this megacity." At times of climate-induced disasters such as floods, police may intervene, she said, but even police stations lack adequate space, so the

homeless are usually just moved to another location. "In order to be able to monitor them and collect data, NADRA [the National Database and Registration Authority] needs to be brought on board."

Muhammad Toheed an urban planner and the associate director at Karachi Urban Lab, highlighted the challenges of supporting the homeless. "Without knowing the exact number of homeless individuals and their locations, it is difficult to allocate resources, plan emergency responses and implement long-term solutions to address their needs," he said. These issues extend beyond extreme heat events. Some civil society organisations suggest that Pakistan has an overall homeless population of around 20 million, or 9% of its population, but no specific information for cities like Karachi exists even in the civil society sector and there is little data to back this up.

MQM-P considers separating from govt if Tessori is replaced: Farooq Sattar

Soon Times Correspondent KARACHI

MQM-P's senior leader Dr. Farooq Sattar has announced that any move to replace Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori could lead to a reconsideration of their alliance with the ruling PML-N government.

Sattar said that when the coalition government was formed, it was agreed that Kamran Tessori would remain as the Sindh governor.

He warned that if the position was unilaterally changed, MQM-P might find no reason to stay in the government.

Earlier, Deputy Minister Ishaq Dar



dismissed rumours about Bashir Memon being appointed as the new Sindh Governor, stating that consultations with the PPP are ongoing and a decision will be made in the coming days.

Sindh faces shortage of textbooks

Soon Times Correspondent Karachi

Sindh Textbook Board Jamshoro, despite a delay in the commencement of the academic year, has failed to provide books in the market for schoolchildren in the province including in Karachi.

Countless students to experience a bizarre start to their academic sessions due to a shortage of books in the market.

Mathematics, English and Computer books for matriculation are not available



in the market, while Urdu books of class 5, Chemistry, and Computer books for 9th class

The parents and schoolchildren are trying hard to get the missing books.

CJP Isa criticises judges for disrespecting ECP

● Top judge underscores need for respect towards ECP in SC ruling

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), Qazi Faez Isa, has expressed concern over the conduct of some judges, stating that while the chairman and members of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) deserve respect, it is regrettable that certain judges make derogatory remarks.

The remarks were made as the apex court issued a ruling regarding the recounting of votes in three constituencies of the National Assembly.

The majority decision, authored by CJP Isa, emphasised that the ECP is a constitutional body and its officials, including the chairman and members, are entitled to respect.



institutions and officeholders deserve respect, and an institution's credibility is enhanced when it performs its duties

within the scope of respect. The written decision also acknowledged that the requests for recounting votes in three constituencies were submitted on 9th and 10th February.

The Election Act of 2017 was amended on August 5, 2023, granting Returning Officers the authority to order vote recounts. The high court, however, failed to consider sub-section 5 of Section 95 during the case.

The ruling underscores the need for judicial decorum and respect towards ECP, reinforcing the importance of upholding the dignity of constitutional bodies.

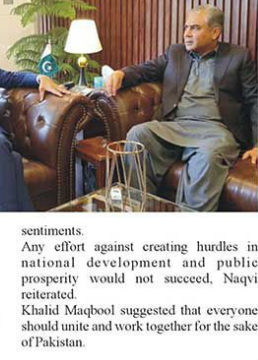
Malicious campaigns against state institutions Will not be allowed, warns Mohsin Naqvi

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad:

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi warned that malicious campaigns against state institutions would not be allowed as these institutions were assets of Pakistan.

Naqvi met Muttahida Qaumi Movement (Pakistan) MQM-P convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui.

Both sides exchanged views on national and political affairs and condemned the propaganda against the state institutions. He asserted that state institutions were the esteemed assets of Pakistan and propaganda against them showed anti-state



sentiments. Any effort against creating hurdles in national development and public prosperity would not succeed, Naqvi reiterated.

Khalid Maqbool suggested that everyone should unite and work together for the sake of Pakistan.

PTI hints to move no-trust motion in National Assembly



Soon Times Correspondent RAWALPINDI

Senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Ali

Adiala Jail, PTI leader said that no-confidence motion may be moved against the prime minister if their mandate isn't restored.

He said that the elections were held on the direction of Chief Justice of Pakistan on Feb 8 but the mandate of PTI was stolen that day.

He also demanded a judicial commission to probe the alleged rigging into Feb 8 elections.

"We'll not move the no-trust motion on the orders of United

States or Ambassador Donald Lu," said Ali Muhammad Khan. He added that the government is standing on Form-47 and there is no democracy in the country these days.

According to PTI leader, there will be anarchy in the country if the verdict of Supreme Court isn't implemented on reserved seats.

He also demanded to investigate the May 9 vandalism.

In Iraq's summer, residents of Kurdistan's Arbil ache for water



ARBIL
The taps have run dry, and the wells are almost empty. In the capital of Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region, 80-year-old Babir hasn't bathed in weeks and impatiently waits for trucked-in water deliveries.
"There is nothing worse than not having water," said Babir, who gave only his first name, in his modest house in Arbil's Darfo suburb.
As in several other densely populated areas of Arbil and its suburbs, Babir and his neighbours rely on groundwater as their primary water source.
But for years, they have dreaded summer, when relentless drought, a lack of wells and power outages that bring pumps to a halt leave them cut off the supply of water. For everything from bathing to watering plants, cooking and washing, they have been forced to depend on trucked-in water.

Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Pakistan Embassy in Iraq on 77th Independence Day

Baghdad
The Pakistan Embassy in Iraq will celebrate the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan with a flag hoisting ceremony scheduled for 9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. The ceremony will take place in the backyard of the Al Mansoor Meliya Hotel. The Embassy will remain closed on this day, August 14, 2024, in observance of the national holiday. All members of the Pakistani community in Iraq are cordially invited to join the celebration. Those interested in attending are requested to confirm their presence by sending a message to the official Embassy WhatsApp numbers: 009647834950183 or 009647846192482, by 1:00 PM on August 13, 2024. This event is a significant opportunity for the Pakistani community in Iraq to come together and celebrate the pride and heritage of their homeland.



India arrests Bangladeshis escaping political turmoil after Hasina's ouster

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Web desk
India has detained nearly a dozen Bangladeshi nationals attempting to cross the border as they fled escalating violence and political unrest following the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
Border officials reported on Monday that hundreds more are gathered along the frontier, pleading for entry into India.
Sheikh Hasina, who resigned abruptly on August 5 after 15 years in power, fled to India amidst rising violence targeting minority communities in Bangladesh. Hindus, who represent the largest minority group and are a key support base for Hasina's Awami League, have been particularly affected, with reports of widespread attacks on their homes, temples, and businesses.
India's Border Security Force (BSF) has arrested 11 Bangladeshis since Sunday as they attempted to cross into West Bengal.
BSF deputy inspector general Amit Kumar Tyagi stated that several hundred more remain stranded in normal's land along the border, seeking refuge.

Helicopter crashes into roof of Cairns Hilton Double Tree hotel, killing pilot

SYDNEY
A helicopter on an unauthorised flight crashed into the roof of a Hilton hotel in Australia's northern tourist town of Cairns on Monday, killing the pilot and forcing hundreds of guests to evacuate after a blaze, authorities said.
Emergency crews were called at about 2 am (1600 GMT on Sunday) after the twin-engine helicopter hit the roof of the hotel, setting part of the structure on fire and triggering the evacuations, Queensland state police said in a statement.
Police said the helicopter had been taken from its hangar at Cairns airport for an "unauthorised



flight", but did not elaborate. The pilot, who has yet to be identified and was flying alone, was declared dead at the scene.
Police said the flight was an isolated incident and there was no threat to public safety. They added that the pilot's intent was unknown, as was the manner in which the aircraft was taken.
The crash took place at Hilton's Double Tree Hotel in Cairns, a gateway city on the route to the Great Barrier Reef, staff at its reception desk said. At 5.30 pm (0730 GMT), it was still closed, with guests moved elsewhere, they added.
Two hotel guests, a man in his 80s and a woman in her 70s, were discharged after being taken to hospital, state broadcaster ABC said, adding that two of the helicopter's rotor blades.

Gazans flee as Israeli forces push into Khan Yunis



KHANYUNIS
Palestinians fled southern Gaza's main city as Israel warned of a new military operation, a day after one of the deadliest reported strikes in more than 10 months of war.
The fighting in the besieged Gaza Strip between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants since Hamas's October 7 attack has sent tensions soaring across the region, including in the occupied West Bank where medics said an Israeli man was killed Sunday in a shooting.
Intense diplomacy in recent days sought to avert a wider war in the Middle East following the killings of Iran-aligned militant leaders, while international mediators invited Israel and Hamas to resume stalled talks towards a long-sought Gaza truce and hostage-release deal.
AFP journalists said hundreds of Palestinians fled northern neighbourhoods of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza's main city already ravaged by months of bombardment and battles, after Israel issued fresh evacuation orders in the early morning.
The military dropped leaflets and sent mobile phone messages warning of "dangerous combat" in Al-Jalal district and telling Palestinian residents to leave the area, which until Sunday was designated a humanitarian safe zone.
Similar evacuation orders have preceded major military incursions, often forcing Palestinians displaced numerous times by the war to pack up and leave for safety

Sports & Showbiz

Melbourne Stars beat Pakistan Shaheens in Top End T20 series



DARWIN, Australia
Pakistan Shaheens fell 47 runs short against Melbourne Stars in their second match of the Top End T20 series on Sunday at the Gardens Oval in Darwin, Australia.
Tayyab Tahir's unbeaten half-century (57 not out, 43b, 6x4s, 1x6) went in vain as Shaheens finished with 128-9 in 20 overs in pursuit of the 176-run target. Opening batter Sahibzada Farhan scored 26 off 13 balls chubbing two fours and two sixes.
Following Haseebullah's (11, 20b, 1x6) departure in the seventh over with the scorecard reading 44-2, the Shaheens batting line-up collapsed as they lost seven wickets for just 47 runs. Tayyab and Arif Yaqoob added an undefeated 37-run partnership for the last wicket. Earlier, Melbourne Stars, after opting to bat first, got off to a strong start as the opening pair of Liam Blackford and Ashley Chandrasinghe stitched a 91-run partnership.

Noah Lyles faces backlash from NBA players over world champion remarks



Sports Desk
Track and field star Noah Lyles found himself at odds with several NBA players after making comments questioning the validity of the "world champion" title used by NBA teams. The controversy began at last year's World Championships in Budapest, where Lyles secured victories in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races. Speaking to reporters, Lyles discussed his aspirations for raising the profile of track and field, expressing his desire for more former world champions to attend high-profile meets. However, his remarks took a critical turn toward the NBA.
"You know that thing that hurts me the most is that I have to watch the NBA Finals and they have 'world champion' on their head. World champion of what? The United States? Don't get me wrong, I love the US - at times - but that ain't the world," Lyles stated. He emphasized that track and field is a truly global sport, saying, "We are the world. We have almost every country out here fighting, thriving, putting on their flag to show they are represented. There ain't no flags in the NBA."
Lyles' comments touched on a long-standing criticism of American sports culture, where champions in domestic leagues are often referred to as world champions, despite competing only against teams from the US and Canada. The NBA, in particular, is home to many of the best basketball players globally, which some argue justifies the use of the term.
However, Lyles' remarks were not well-received by NBA stars. Kevin Durant, a two-time NBA champion and 2014 MVP, responded on Instagram, saying, "Somebody help this brother." Four-time NBA champion Draymond Green also chimed in, writing, "When being smart goes wrong," accompanied by a face-palm emoji. Devin Booker, an NBA star and member of Team USA, simply posted a face-palm emoji in response.

What angers Zoya during question-answer session on Instagram

(Web Desk)
Actor and model Zoya Nasir during a live question-answer session on Instagram got angry when a fan said she looks like 46 years old, inviting trolling from the netizens who said she is very particular about her age despite the fact that aging is natural process.
The session was going smoothly until a fan commented that Zoya looked like she was 46 years old. The remark infuriated the model, prompting a sharp response.
"Why would you say I look 46? I'm not even 35 yet," Zoya retorted angrily. "Why are you making such ridiculous guesses about my age?" A video of her reaction to the age-shaming comment quickly went viral, sparking a debate on social media.
Some speculated that her appearance might be due to facial surgeries, suggesting that these procedures could be making her look older. Others agreed that Zoya might indeed look 46, while some couldn't understand why the actor was so upset, noting that aging is a natural process.
The incident has divided social media users, with some feeling the comment was inappropriate.

Ana Barbosu reacts to IOC decision awarding her bronze medal over Jordan Chiles

Web Desk
Ana Barbosu is speaking out after the International Olympic Committee announced that she would be awarded the bronze medal that Jordan Chiles received at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
The Romanian first-time Olympian shared an empathetic message to the U.S. gymnast as well as to her teammate Sabrina Maneca-Voinesa after the IOC released its decision Aug. 11—hours before the Games' Closing Ceremony—following a court ruling that was made in response to an appeal by both Romanian athletes and the Romanian Gymnastics Federation.
"Sabrina, Jordan, my thoughts are with you," Barbosu, 18, wrote in English on her Instagram Stories. "I know what you are feeling, because I've been through the same. But I know you'll come back stronger. I hope from deep in my heart that at the next Olympics, all three of us will share [the] same podium. This is my true dream!"
On Aug. 10, the Court of Arbitration for Sport invalidated an inquiry Chile's coach had submitted during the Aug. 5 gymnastics floor exercise final that led to the athlete's score to be raised by 0.1 of a point

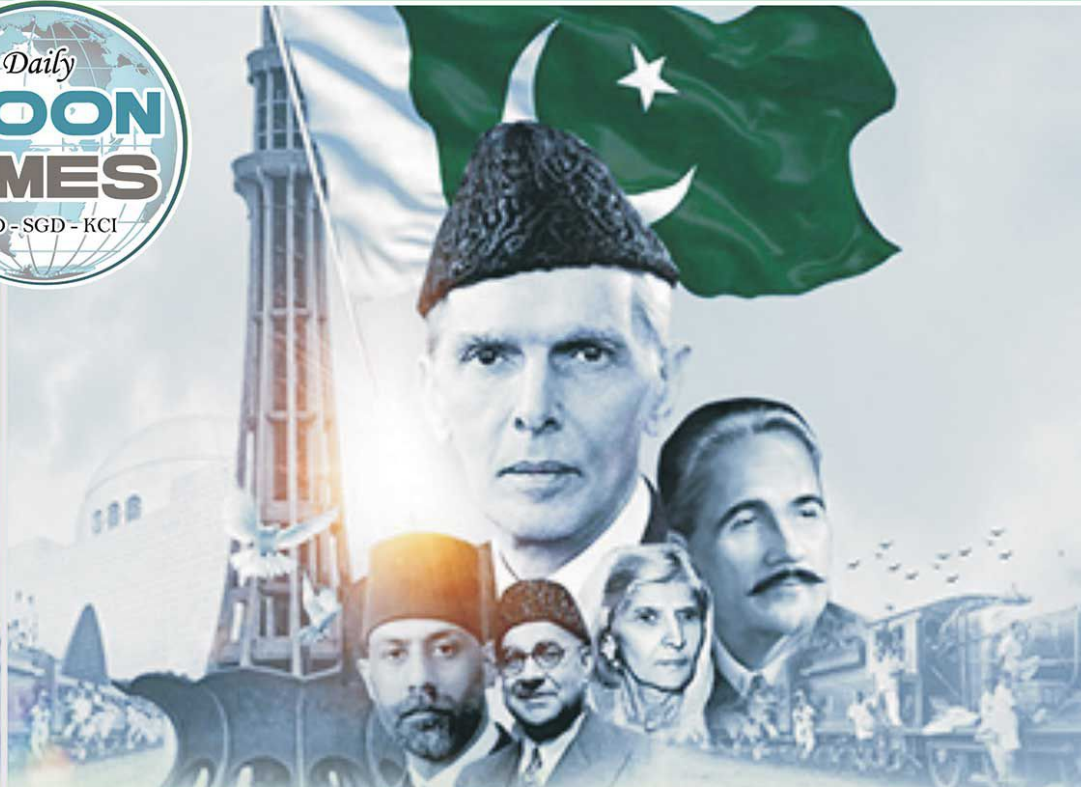


and for her to be boosted from fifth to third place to win her first individual Olympic medal.
Chiles' floor exercise final score revision came just as Barbosu was getting ready to celebrate making the podium. Her reaction to the change that denied her her first Olympic medal—a look of devastation as she let go on the large Romanian flag she previously held and put both hands below her heart—was caught on camera and went viral.



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Special Edition



Pakistan Independence Day 14 August 1947

Migration Towards Land of Hopes and Dreams

A Celebration of Freedom and Unity
Every year, on the 14th of August, the people of Pakistan come together to celebrate their hard-fought journey towards independence. This day marks the culmination of sacrifices, struggles, and unwavering determination that led to the creation of the sovereign nation of Pakistan. The Independence Day of Pakistan is not just a day of celebration; it's a reminder of the power of unity, resilience, and the spirit of freedom.

Historical Context: The Road to Independence

The story of Pakistan's independence is one that is deeply intertwined with the history of the Indian subcontinent. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the region was under British colonial rule. The struggle for independence gained momentum with leaders like Allama Iqbal, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Liaqat Ali Khan and Quazi Mureed Ahmad Awan advocating for the rights and autonomy of the people.

The demand for a separate homeland for Muslims grew stronger, culminating in the historic Lahore Resolution of 1940, also known as the Pakistan Resolution. This laid the foundation for the creation of a separate Muslim state. After years of nonviolent protests, negotiations, and intense political maneuvering, Pakistan emerged as an independent nation on August 14, 1947.

Celebrations Across the Nation

Independence Day in Pakistan is a vibrant and colorful affair, with celebrations taking place in every corner of the country. The main event is held in the capital city, Islamabad, where the flag-raising ceremony takes place at the iconic Minar-e-Pakistan. The national anthem echoes through the air as the flag is hoisted, and the entire nation takes pride in this symbolic moment.

Throughout the country, schools, colleges, government buildings, and private homes are adorned with the national flag and green-and-white decorations. People wear traditional dresses in these colors as a show of patriotism. The streets are filled with parades, cultural performances, and fireworks displays, fostering a sense of unity and pride among the diverse population of Pakistan.

Unity in Diversity: A Melting Pot of Cultures

Pakistan is a land of diverse cultures, languages, and ethnicities. Independence Day serves as a platform to celebrate this rich tapestry of diversity, while also emphasizing the common thread that binds the nation together. The day encourages people to set aside their differences and come together in the spirit of unity and nationhood.

Cultural exhibitions, folk music and dance performances, and traditional craft fairs showcase the various facets of Pakistani culture. It's a time when people from different backgrounds connect, share, and appreciate the beauty of their nation's heritage. This celebration of diversity reflects the essence of Pakistan's identity.

Patriotism and Reflection: Looking Back and Ahead

Independence Day is not just about celebrating the past; it's also an opportunity for reflection and looking towards the future. It's a time to

remember the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation's independence. It's a reminder that the journey towards progress and prosperity requires continuous effort, dedication, and unity.

Educational institutions often organize seminars and discussions to help the younger generation understand the significance of independence and the responsibilities that come with it. The day instills a sense of patriotism and encourages citizens to contribute to the development of their country in various fields, from science and technology to arts and culture.

Challenges and Resilience: A Call for Progress

While Independence Day is a celebration, it's also a reminder of the challenges that Pakistan faces. The nation has come a long way since its inception, but it still grapples with issues such as poverty, political instability, and social inequality. The day serves as a call to action for citizens and leaders alike to address these challenges and work towards a better future. Pakistan's journey has been marked by this spirit of resilience and determination. This spirit is embodied by the countless stories of ordinary individuals who have overcome adversity to achieve extraordinary feats.

A Global Perspective: Diplomacy and International Relations

Independence Day also holds importance on the international stage. It's a day when Pakistan's diplomatic missions around the world organize events to showcase the country's culture, history, and achievements. It's an opportunity to foster international understanding and strengthen diplomatic ties. Furthermore, Pakistan's role in global affairs, particularly in relation to regional stability and security, is a focal point of discussions. The nation's commitment to peaceful coexistence and collaboration with other countries underscores its dedication to global progress.

Conclusion: Celebrating Freedom and Aspiring for Progress

Pakistan Independence Day is a testament to the resilience, courage, and unity of the nation's people. It's a day to celebrate freedom, diversity, and the shared identity that binds Pakistanis together. While there are challenges to overcome, the nation's progress, achievements, and potential are reasons for optimism.

As the green and white flag flutters in the wind, it symbolizes not just a nation, but a collective dream and aspiration. The journey that began in 1947 continues, with each generation adding its chapter to the story of Pakistan. Independence Day is a reminder that the pursuit of freedom,

progress, and unity is a journey that never truly ends.

The partition of India in August 1947 was a pivotal event in history, marked by mass migration and significant violence as Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs moved between the newly

formed countries of India and Pakistan. The migration of Muslims to Pakistan during this time was accompanied by a series of incidents that left a lasting impact on the region. Here are some key incidents that occurred during that period:

Massacres and Violence: The partition led to widespread violence, particularly in the Punjab region, which witnessed some of the most brutal incidents. Cities like

Lahore, Amritsar, and Rawalpindi witnessed large-scale massacres, with communities turning against each other. Muslims migrating to Pakistan often faced attacks from non-Muslim communities, and vice versa.

Train Massacres: One of the most tragic incidents occurred when trains carrying migrants crossed the borders between India and Pakistan. Many of these trains were attacked, resulting in the deaths of thousands of people. The most infamous of these incidents was the

region, resulting in further displacement of populations. Muslims migrating from Jammu and Kashmir faced difficulties due to the ongoing conflict.

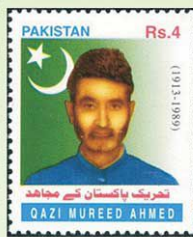
Ethnic Cleansing and Displacement: Muslims migrating to Pakistan often faced difficulties due to their religious identity. Many found themselves being forcibly evicted from their homes and communities, leaving behind their possessions and properties.

Violence in Cities: Major cities like Delhi and Karachi witnessed large-scale violence and forced migrations. Muslims who had lived for generations in these cities faced displacement as they moved to Pakistan or other areas with a Muslim majority.

Riots and Retribution: Retributive violence between communities was rampant during this time. Houses, businesses, and places of worship were destroyed, leaving a trail of destruction and bitterness.

Humanitarian Crisis: The mass migration created a humanitarian crisis, with millions of people displaced, often without access to basic necessities like food, water, and shelter. Refugee camps were set up to accommodate those who had fled their homes.

These incidents collectively constitute a tragic and tumultuous chapter in the history of the Indian subcontinent. The partition and subsequent migration resulted in the loss of countless lives, the



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"Train Massacre of 1947," in which a train from India to Pakistan was ambushed, resulting in numerous casualties. Jammu and Kashmir Conflict: The princely state of Jammu and Kashmir became a major point of contention between India and Pakistan. The partition led to a series of conflicts in the

uprooting of communities, and long-lasting scars on the social fabric of the region. The wounds of this period still resonate in the collective memory of the people, underscoring the importance of promoting understanding, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence between India and Pakistan.