

Karachi weather update: Light to heavy rains 'likely' In next 24 hours

Traffic police issued safety precautions urging people to keep their vehicle's speed low due to wet, slippery roads

In its forecast on Sunday, the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) said the port city will witness light to heavy rains in the next 24 hours. Several areas across Karachi—such as Malir Halt, Defence, Korangi, Landhi, Quaidabad and their adjoining areas—received light showers today. The system of rain, as per the Met Office, is still present in Karachi with the city expected to remain cloudy with strong winds. The current temperature in the city is recorded 27°C, said the PMD, adding that the maximum temperature is likely to increase up to 32°C. It further added that the speed of sea breeze may exceed 15 to 25 kilometres per hour, while the percentage of humidity in the air is 88%. Meanwhile, in light of the rainy weather in the city, traffic

police have issued safety precautions urging motorists to use left side of the road. The traffic police have advised to avoid suddenly using brakes as the road may become slippery due to wet conditions. "While driving, keep the speed low and keep the distance from the next vehicle as much as possible," said the traffic police in its advisory. Heavy rains cause destruction on the other hand, at least eight people have been killed and dozens others suffered injuries in separate rain-related incidents across the country. Heavy monsoon rains have wreaked havoc in Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Toba Achakzai, Qila Abdullah, Ziarat, Pishin, Chaman, Jacobabad, Sukkur, Khairpur and other areas of the country. Flash floods triggered by the heavy rains damaged houses and crops besides washing away roads and bridges in different areas. In addition to this, the roofs and boundary walls of several houses also collapsed. At least, 10 people were injured in rain-related incidents in different parts of



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Rift rumours: 'Concerned' Imran Khan to meet PTI leaders in Adiala jail

Ex-PM has expressed apprehension over "impression" of grouping in the party, says KP CM's adviser

By Special Reporter

PESHAWAR: Rumours of rift between party leaders, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) incarcerated founder Imran Khan has directed Aftab Khan and Junaid Akbar to meet him at Rawalpindi's Adiala jail. Speaking to Geo News on Sunday, Adviser to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister on Information Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif confirmed the development and said that Khan has expressed concern over the "impression" of grouping in the party. The confirmation as the former ruling party has been facing internal turmoil after Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Communication and Works Shauqat Ahmad Khan resigned over alleged corruption and had governance by the CM Amin Gandapur led government in the province. The resignation came after Shauqat, during his meeting with Khan in Adiala jail, complained about embezzlement in various departments of KP following which the ex-prime minister warned members of his party's government in KP that they would be held accountable for corruption and governance issues in their

departments. The party then constituted a three-member committee to monitor corruption and governance in KP. Sources privy to the matter said that Shauqat alleged that he was unable to perform his duties properly due to the corruption and had governance in the province and alleged that CM Gandapur's interference in his department was affecting his performance. In response, the KP chief minister revealed that he had signed a summary seeking Shauqat's demissionation on the committee's recommendation. The issue has caused a rift among party leadership with Aftab Khan and Junaid Akbar patting their weight behind Shauqat which apparently didn't sit well with the KP government which has demissioned the latter as CM Gandapur's focal person. The News reported on Sunday. Elaborating on the issue, Barrister Saif said that the PTI founder had directed Akbar's name to be included in the accountability committee and who was removed from the body at a later stage. Sources say that both the PTI leaders are expected to meet Khan next week after the KP government had complained of the duo. Speaking to the media persons in Islamabad earlier in the day, the KP CM's adviser recalled that "some people" had complained of corruption in KP to Khan after which the former premier held meetings with Gandapur and various others and



conveyed a message stressing no tolerance for corruption when I met the PTI founder he said that he would form a committee and noted that the forum would decide on the complaints, Saif said. Commenting on Ahmad's removal, the KP government spokesperson noted that the committee found former provincial minister guilty of the complaints that were levelled against him. "Ahmad resigned before his dismissal. The matter should have ended after the resignation [but] an impression was given that there were differences in the party," said Saif. Recalling his meeting with the incarcerated PTI founder on Saturday, he said: "[Imran] Khan has said that if anyone has any objection then [he should know] that I have formed the committee."

Airport authorities directed to take precautions against monkeypox

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By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) on Sunday directed the authorities concerned to implement precautionary measures against monkeypox at airports after a case of the infectious viral disease was reported in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Since a new strain of the virus appears to spread more easily through close contact, it has raised concerns throughout the world. The first indication of the new variant's global spread was a case that was verified in Sweden on August 15 and linked to an expanding outbreak in Africa. In this regard, the PCAA directed all the airlines arriving from abroad to provide masks to their passengers. "Whereas, it has been made mandatory for staff of the airlines and ground handling service as well to wear masks," it said. The authority instructed airlines to ensure sanitising hands of the staff and passengers, while their luggage should also be disinfected. The passengers having symptoms of monkeypox should be isolated, it ordered. A health officer in

KP's Mardan district had said the location of the confirmed, airport patient, a man the officer said had recently returned from Saudi Arabia, was unknown. He had initially received tests and advice at a hospital in Peshawar. Dr Javed Iqbal had told Reuters, but later returned to his home a few hours away in Mardan and then went to another district. "When we visited his home in Mardan, it was locked from outside and his neighbours told us that the family has left for Dir," said the DHO Mardan. "We approached our fellow colleagues of the health department in Dir district, but they couldn't trace him even in Dir." The national health ministry had said it was carrying out contact tracing of the patient it had identified, who they said was from Mardan. They were also boosting airport surveillance and monitoring with extra health personnel, the ministry had stated. Federal Ministry of Health spokesperson Said Shah had said so far they had no confirmation of the new variant, but the sequencing of the sample of the confirmed patient was underway. "Once that's done, we will be able to say what strain it is," Shah had said.



PTI founder 'picks' August 22 for Islamabad rally

Gathering will be attended by people from KP; party will try to avoid violation of law on its part, says Barrister Saif

After its prolonged struggle to hold a powershow in Islamabad, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has "decided" to hold a public rally in the federal capital on August 22, said Adviser to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister on Information Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif on Sunday. Addressing journalists in Islamabad, Saif reassured that the party will try to avoid any violation of law on their part and said: "We guarantee that there will be no law and order issue." His statement comes amidst former ruling party's months-long struggle to hold a public gathering in the federal capital wherein authorities have time again denied it the permission to hold a rally citing security concerns. In June,

Islamabad High Court's Justice Beher Sattar, while hearing a petition filed by the Imran Khan-founded party seeking permission to hold a rally, had directed the party and the city's administration to amicably sort out the issue after which the deputy commissioner allowed the PTI to hold a public gathering. However, Islamabad Chief Commissioner Muhammad Ali Raza Dhawa later suspended the no objection certificate (NOC) citing the beginning of the month of Muharram and security concerns along with complaints lodged by the local people. Subsequently, the party moved the IHC seeking contempt of court proceedings against those responsible for the suspension of the NOC. After the PTI's plea was disposed

of by the court, the party then once again sought the district administration's permission for a public meeting on August 13 in the federal capital. The former ruling party, for months, has been striving to hold a public rally and Barrister Saif's announcement comes after his boss and KP CM Ali Amin Gandapur's statement, made earlier this month, regarding a public gathering in Islamabad. "No one can stop us from [staging a rally]," Gandapur had said while addressing the PTI public gathering held in KP's Swabi to mark the one-year imprisonment of party founder Khan. Elaborating on the party's rally today, the CM's adviser said that the public gathering will be attended by a large number of people from KP. Noting

that the PTI founder made it clear that the party was to approach the administration and the courts, Saif re-emphasized that the country was facing a difficult situation. "Don't create more bitterness by patting yourselves," he said. After its prolonged struggle to hold a powershow in Islamabad, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has "decided" to hold a public rally in the federal capital on August 22, said Adviser to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister on Information Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif on Sunday. Addressing journalists in Islamabad, Saif reassured that the party will try to avoid any violation of law on their part and said: "We guarantee that there will be no law and order issue." His statement comes amidst former ruling

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EDITORIAL

Internet Issue in Pakistan

According to WISPAP nation's internet speed has nosedived by a staggering 30-40 per cent

Welcome to Pakistan, where internet speed has become the latest oxymoron. If you're finding yourself stuck in an endless buffering loop, fret not, you're not alone. According to the Wireless and Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan (WISPAP), the nation's internet speed has nosedived by a staggering 30-40 per cent. That's not just a speed bump; it's a full-on roadblock. If the internet were any slower, we'd be using carrier pigeons. The root of this digital debacle seems to be increased security and surveillance measures. Imagine a firewall so comprehensive it turns the internet into a digital sloth. WISPAP has linked the speed issues to increased security and surveillance whose aftermath might result in severe economic consequences as well. By many accounts, the government's alleged 'trial run' of this firewall has morphed into a nightmare for e-commerce and online businesses whose very survival could be at stake. Meanwhile, the nation's WhatsApp users are suffering from painfully slow uploads and downloads. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government and the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) have remained quiet as millions across the country continue to face trouble accessing internet services due to limited connectivity particularly while using mobile data. In some regions. Not only that, government ministers have not only acknowledged that a firewall trial is going on in the country but also defended it as a cyber security measure that every government in the world takes. This is a claim that has been debunked by digital rights experts in Pakistan who say that firewalls are essentially a form of pre-censorship that should have no place in any democracy in this day and age. It is amazing to see the government talking about web management systems and firewalls. When a government - a democratically elected one - starts to justify censorship, that should be a cause of concern for the country's citizens because it essentially means the government does not believe in freedom of speech and expression. This is 2024 - the internet is not some novelty luxury but a fundamental need. It seems though that the state would rather have us sitting in caves around bonfires, what with a slow WhatsApp, a ban on X (formerly Twitter), and even blackouts at times. In a democracy, the internet is not disrupted. In a democracy, freedom of expression is guaranteed with limitations on incitement to violence and hate speech. However, while we do not take any action against hate speech or incitement to violence, we are quick to ban social media platforms and slow down the internet because the state does not have any counter-narrative to fake news or propaganda. So what, exactly is the government's big plan to save 'Digital Pakistan'? A start could be to stop treating the internet like a nuisance and start seeing it as a vital economic artery. If Pakistan continues down this path of digital doom, it might find itself more isolated than a dial-up user in a fiber-optic world.

August 14 event organized by Awami Development Organization

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In his speech that this is the result of many years of struggle. The independence of the country of Pakistan is based on the two-nation theory. Independence must be celebrated. Living nations celebrate their independence day with enthusiasm and resolve that we have to do our best for the welfare of our country. Protect your country from harm. Every voice raised against our country has to be suppressed. We have to do something that does not disrespect the country. Independence Day is very important in the life of nations. Chief Executive Awami Development Organization Maher Saifullah Al Hussaini said that this is the pledge day when nations express their identity, rights and recognition with unity and enthusiasm. Allah has blessed Pakistan with countless blessings. Here, there are vast plains, mountains, seas, deserts, forests. There are four seasons, no one denies the geographical importance of Pakistan. Self-sufficient in Cotton, Rice, Mango, Peas, Apricots and second, third, fourth in the world. Pakistan ranks 25th in terms of agricultural production and 55th in terms of industry in the world. Pakistan has vast gas reserves. Development of any country requires agricultural, industrial, mineral and manpower. Allah has given all these blessings to Pakistan. The question is, what are we celebrating, are we celebrating back-breaking inflation, which has robbed the poor of their right to live, basic necessities of life are not available to half the population. Well-known journalist Faridullah Chaudhry was of the opinion that our rulers do not know what poverty is. Neither they are aware of the monster of unemployment, nor they are aware of the prices of flour, sugar, ghee, dal, vegetables. By removing inflation, by bringing back looted wealth, by ending food shedding, by making electricity cheaper, by making justice quick and cheap, by making an Islamic constitution or by trying to implement the existing

constitution, education, hospitals, traffic. The system, after implementing the traffic law, celebrated by eliminating unemployment, in such a situation that the people are longing for basic rights and cannot by the necessities of life at reasonable prices, in such a situation, the state loses its purpose. How should we celebrate independence? Professor Maher Zabor Alani said that we are celebrating lawlessness. Law in the country is only for the poor. The rich, the powerful can kill and have no fear. Our newspapers are full of this lawlessness, there is no such thing as justice in the country. In a country where there is no justice in the courts, decisions are delayed so much that life passes. Cases are not decided. In 77 years, we could not make a constitution of our country according to the resolution of Pakistan. The tradition of celebrating national day is a sign of living nations. A national day is a symbol of unity, a day of thanksgiving. It is a day of renewal, a day of renewing your purpose. Our nation, 77th Independence Day is being celebrated on 14th August. And I wonder what are we going to celebrate. Are we a living nation? Do we have unity? What do we want to renew our commitment to? Do we even remember our purpose, are we using the blessings that Allah has given us in the land properly and in the interest of the nation and the country? The truth is that we have forgotten the purpose of establishing Pakistan. Mehr Ahmad Hasan Khasra, former member of District Council Leh, said in his address that this promise was made to Allah by our ancestors. We had to fulfill this promise. The fact is that we do not even realize this promise. Our leader was aware of this, he said, "We did not demand Pakistan just to get a piece of land, but we want to get a laboratory where we can test the golden principles of Islam." Now it was our duty to complete Pakistan, to make Pakistan an Islamic model, to make a practical effort to implement Sharia law and to work day and night for the development of Pakistan. They have the right to celebrate. On the occasion of Independence Day, when we look back at our past, we do not hold our heads high in the world scene. Instead of being a nation, we are living like a mob. Our political system has not been stabilized and the direction of economic and social system has not been correct. Naseem Fatma Loan Officer said in her address that the summary assessment of the performance of the Presidents and Prime Ministers of Pakistan shows that the performance of the majority has not been admirable and when the rulers are in this condition, how can the national prestige be elevated. Can time demands that our rulers change their attitude. Dr. M. Ramzan said he led in prevention and vaccination against hepatitis B and C and gave reasoned answers to the questions of the participants. On this occasion, Muhammad Abid Javed, Finance Officer, Shamsun Mozoria Program Officer, Ahsan Salim Project Coordinator also inaugurated the program.



M.R. Malik

Like every year, this year too, the Awami development organization not only celebrated August 14 with great enthusiasm, but also distributed checks and certificates to potential borrowers in the PMIFL project under the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) in this era of high inflation. A grand function was held on the occasion in which the chief guest was Ms. Samia Atta Shahani MPA Muslim League-N while the guests of honor were Dr. Farhat Mehdal, Deputy MS District Headquarters Hospital Leh, Dr. M. Ramzan Provincial Coordinator APL Donor Agency Lahore Zohoor Alam Thani was Assistant Director of Colleges, Mr. Muhammad Shehryar DO (Social Welfare, Faridullah Chaudhry (Geo News). The chief guest of the ceremony, Ms. Samia Atta, Member of the Provincial Assembly, said in her address that on August 14, 1947, Pakistan established its feet on the map of the world. On August 14, the people of Pakistan celebrate Independence Day at the national level. This Independence Day reminds us of our goal of freedom, to reflect on how successful we are in our goal and how well we are pursuing our goal. This Pakistan was not achieved because Allama Iqbal had a dream at night and it became Pakistan in the morning. Behind this freedom are the eternal sacrifices of our elders. The spirit of the event, Mehr Tufail Lohanch, said



Colonel Mohammad Yameen Khan was shot on the chest by the enemy who was dedicated to patriotism

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Former assembly candidate, great personality, brave leader, Hardil Aziz, the star of Pak Army, was the star of Khawra, who took the enemy's bullets on his chest. In a fall of patriotism, Colonel Muhammad Yameen Khan Sahib, Born on the headland of Village Bulan UC Kachili Khawra, Colonel Yameen Khan was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Pakistan Army in 1966. In the Indo-Pak war of 1971, Chhamb



By Muhammad Bashir Khan. Organization member of Pakistan Muslim League-N, Azad Kashmir.

Jodrian was entrusted with the task of defending the river 'law, so that the enemy could not cross the river. The enemy wanted to cross the river and occupy Labore. He prevented the crossing of the river but forced the enemy to run away leaving dead bodies behind. As a result, 2 bullets fired from the MG 45 ripped the chest of the young man Mujib and two remained in the body. Having poisonous effects, they affected the pancreas and proved to be fatal in 2024. Syed Akber, who was present with him

After walking on elbows and knees from Mubaj Jung with his belt used around his waist, he covered a distance of two kilometers and reached CM, H Khanan. They were stationed at the highest point. They were observing the enemy every day. During the 1971 India-Pakistan war, four bullets passed through the chest of the patriotic young Lieutenant Mohammad Yameen Khan. And two tablets remained embedded in the body. Due to the tablets being embedded, pus was in the body continued to accumulate in the body organ, the pancreas, which in 2003 stopped the pancreas from doing its primary job of controlling blood sugar. 23 to 202. Medicines to control sugar continued to take and the increase of these toxic substances in the body not only stopped controlling blood sugar, but also completely affected the digestive system, due to which inflammation of the pancreas was created and severe. In pain, he was shifted to CMH Rawalpindi where he is currently undergoing treatment on ventilator.

Is nuclear the answer to our energy SOS?

Energy sector, dominated by inefficient state-run enterprises, has become a labyrinth of mismanagement

Energy security serves as the cornerstone of socio-economic development for any nation. Unfortunately, Pakistan has been ensnared in a web of energy challenges for decades, struggling to find a sustainable path forward. The energy sector, dominated by inefficient state-run enterprises, has become a labyrinth of mismanagement where the state's overwhelming influence in generation, transmission, and distribution has stifled innovation and market dynamics. The country has struggled to establish a competitive energy market, resulting in sub-optimal decisions that have exacerbated the crisis. Weak planning and short-term expedients have led to policy frameworks that impose an unbearable burden of escalating energy costs on the populace, disproportionately impacting the vulnerable and hindering economic growth. As the nation grapples with these systemic issues, the urgent need for a transformative approach to energy policy is evident - one that prioritizes efficiency, sustainability, and equitable access for all citizens. Pakistan must embark on a bold quest to redefine the institutional framework of its energy sector. A robust regulatory backbone is needed, anchored by a unified and authoritative energy regulator, to incorporate seasonal pricing to address the demand drop of over 10,000MW during winter, and ultimately transition away from a uniform tariff system. Optimizing gas allocation and transitioning imported coal plants to local resources are crucial moves for alleviating the energy crisis. However, it is important to acknowledge that there is no silver bullet for these complex challenges. The journey ahead will be long and fraught with obstacles as we navigate the intricate maze of deregulation, commercial viability, and sound policymaking. Implementing these changes will require tenacity, collaboration, and a shared vision for a sustainable energy future. In a critical moment for the energy sector, where reorganization towards sustainability is imperative, crafting a balanced energy mix becomes not just essential but transformative. Pakistan has a generation capacity of ~5,885MW, including 'take or pay' and must-run power plants. In this configuration oil and gas dominate the landscape at 46.85 per cent (21,499MW), followed by hydro at 23.18 per cent (10,635MW) and imported coal at 10.18 per cent (4,672MW). Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) which offer an economical, reliable, and environmentally safe solution

for base-load electricity generation have a modest share of 7.9 per cent (3,620MW). Despite their relatively small footprint in the energy mix, NPPs have demonstrated their usefulness by generating over 17.43 per cent of the nation's electricity during 2022-23. In a country where the average nuclear energy costs \$44.96 - compared to the hefty \$847.05 for oil and \$430.22 for R.L.N.G. - sticking to these policy options highlights a puzzling trend in energy policy. Surely, this misalignment burdens consumers with inflated costs and amplifies the ongoing energy crisis. It is important to mention that Pakistan has assured lifetime supply contracts for each NPP. Many of factors has conspired to keep nuclear power stammering on the back burner of Pakistan's energy strategy, casting a shadow over its real potential. The story of nuclear energy is often muddled with myths of high initial costs and an ununderstood tariff structure as handy excuses to stick with pricier, less sustainable energy sources and keep the energy crisis alive. The long gestation period of nuclear plants is a stumbling block for regimes chasing quick political wins instead of long-term solutions. Without the latest high-tech political ploys, governments shy away from nuclear energy, even though it promises stable, affordable and clean electricity. As a result, this energy source remains largely untapped, leaving Pakistan exposed to volatile fuel prices and an unsustainable energy mix. It's time to dispel these myths and recognize that harnessing nuclear power can unlock energy security and economic resilience for the nation. In the 1970s, skyrocketing fossil fuel prices nudged many countries toward nuclear power. Today, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), nuclear energy meets nearly 10 per cent of global energy demand, with many new plants sprouting up worldwide. This shift is fueled by the compelling benefits of nuclear energy, making it an attractive choice in the quest for sustainable power. Firstly, NPPs operate at an impressive capacity factor of around 80 per cent, far surpassing the sub-50 per cent performance of most other energy sources.

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Newly licensed lawyers are our nurseries and we all have to play our part until they become good lawyers

Chief Justice Azad Kashmir High Court Sadaqat Hussain Raja has said that newly licensed lawyers are our nurseries, we all have to play our part until they become good lawyers. Divisional Bar Association is providing bar rooms in Poonch. Within days, the Divisional Bar Association will provide bar room facilities. He said that the field of advocacy is very important. A judge advocates even after retirement. I have always given priority to merit and ability. The qualification required to make any lawyer a judge is the basic point which cannot be ignored. Khan, Sardar Sikandar Hayat Khan has an

important role which cannot be ignored under any circumstances. All possible measures will be taken to make the judicial system more stable and strong. Addressing a reception organized by the District Bar Association Poonch in honor of the recipient lawyers. President District Bar Association Poonch Sardar Asim Irshad Advocate, Sardar Abdul Khaliq Advocate Sardar Manshah Sarwar Advocate and others also spoke and members of Bar Council Bar Association Abbaspur, Hajira, Siddhnoi also attended Chief Justice of Azad Kashmir High Court. He distributed the shield to the newly licensed lawyers and gold

medalists who obtained prominent positions and clarified that today I have solved the long-standing problem of bar room for the bar association and I will solve the rest of the problems also on priority basis. He said that on the demand of the divisional bar, we will set up courtrooms in all three divisions, while drug courts will be set up in all three divisions. He said that lawyers in Azad Kashmir are demanding medical facilities. We have also included non-professional and business people, due to which there are some difficulties, but the lawyers are trying to solve the problems. He said that when there is bitterness,

there is also sweetness. Addressing on this occasion, President Bar Association Poonch Sardar Asim Irshad Advocate, former President Sardar Abdul Khaliq Advocate said that in this reception ceremony of District Bar Association Poonch Azad Kashmir High Court. Our morale is boosted by the presence of Chief Justice Sadaqat Hussain Raja and we hope that all appointments and other matters will be resolved on merit in his presence. On this occasion, District and Sessions Judge Rawalakot Raja Shamreez Khan, Raja Mahmood Kayani Siddhnoi from Bagh, Sardar Anil Advocate from Baloch, Ifukhar Samin Sagar from

Sardar Zeen Hajira, Sardar Sabir from Khwaja Adeeel Abbaspur, Khwaja Ghulam Asghar from Dhirkot, Amjad Gardizi Nasir Akram from Advocates Bar, Counsel Zubia Badr Ameer Hamza Tariq Masood Advocates Former President Bar Association Sardar Shamsah Abdul Khaliq Raja Ejaz, Senior Advocates Sardar Arif Advocate Younis Khan Intiaz Akbar, Qazi Kamran Advocates and a large number of women lawyers were also present.



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SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- FEVER
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Social, political and literary personality Safia Ishaq cut the cake on the happy occasion of Independence Day

Female guests Ghulam Zahra, Nabeela Akbar, Sajida Asghar, Shahla Adil, Nazia Butt

By **Bureau Report**

Rawalpindi: In honor of Ammar Ashfaq, a student of Military College Sui Balochistan, who won a silver medal in a race in Moscow organized by the World Military Sports Council at Sardar Palace Bengoon on behalf of the President of Pakistan Azad Kashmir Party and former Prime Minister Sardar Tavoor Ilyas Khan, A solemn appreciation ceremony was organized. The former Prime Minister while addressing the ceremony said that it is a matter of pride for me to hold a ceremony in honor of Ammar Ashfaq. Made the name of the country Pakistan proud. There is a lot of talent in our state. We look great steps to promote sports in Azad Kashmir before, during and after

power Positive activities like sports play a key role in building a healthy society. Developed nations give special importance to sports. We should also fully support our boys and girls in every field. Youths like Ammar are a source of pride for our state and a role model for other students.

On this occasion, the former prime minister encouraged Ammar Ashfaq and awarded him with a huge cash prize. In the ceremony, the grandfather of former prime minister, Honorable



Muhammad Sharif Khan, Advisor to the Government Sardar Ahmad Sagheer, Member District Council Sardar Zafar, Chairman Union Council Jandala Tamota, Sardar Arbab, Sardar Ayaz and other dignitaries were present.



Islamabad Traffic Police Inspector Aman Shikhatia inspecting a vehicle for illegal parking in front of Shalab Nara At Mad Aala.

Famous forger Mah Noor's plea rejected

By **Court Reporter**

Muzaffarabad: The case of famous forger Mah Noor's bail application was followed by Gnahar

Sarkar, the accused was denied bail. Criminal proceedings were initiated and an FIR was registered. On which, on 13/8/2022, counsel Gohar Rehman Maghal, while arguing, proved the



Rahman Maghal Advocate on behalf of the prosecution. According to the details, in the court of District and Sessions Judge, Muzaffarabad, in the case of Manwar v

forger, fraud and deceit of the accused, in the light of which, on 17/8/2024, District and Session Muzaffarabad rejected the bail application of the accused.

Businessmen and industrialists stay away from politics and political people for God's sake Farazur Rehman

Founder and Founder Chairman
and President of Pakistan Business Group (PBG)

In a paper addressing his friends, he said, "Pakistan is so we are, and we have to think about what we have given to our country." Farazur Rehman.

By **Wasim Qureshi**

Farazur Rehman, founder and founder chairman and president of Pakistan Business Group (PBG), addressed his friends in a paper and said, "Pakistan is what we are, and we have to think about what we have given to our country." Farazur Rehman further explained that the main objective of PBG is to promote networking and business activities, especially through international chapters to bring overseas Pakistanis closer to Pakistan, and connect them with business contacts here. Farazur Rahman said that when he realized that every school of thought had created a world of its own and people could not get out of their circle, he decided that there should be a forum where every school of thought was brought together to converge. Recounting his experiences, he said, "For the last several decades I have been in business and politics, not only me but also my elder brother Farhan-ur-Rehman is a well-known figure in this country. So, people's minds have changed. Sense said we are from PBG, some said we are against PBG, and even small groups were against us. I remember my dearest friends away from me done. But this is all

part of life. Farazur Rehman said that PBG has achieved everything it promised and will achieve more with God's grace. Our main aim was to bring people together and introduce a community system where no caste, religion, or any All kinds of differences should be kept aside and a power should be created, which is based on the development of Pakistan and its own development. Thank God, its foundation is laid with strong pillars, and in time to come this plant will surely become a mighty tree under which my dear Pakistani brothers and sisters will feel safe and strong. He added, "Now that the plant is three full years old, I have watched over it as much as all my members as one."

Farazur Rehman said that all the executive members who supported me in bringing this mission here, and God willing, the responsibility of bringing this caravan to stability in Pakistan is yours. He said that I am sure that all the office bearers have Farazur Rehman said at the end of his speech, "I am happy that everyone is doing their work honestly. Advising



businessmen and industrialists, he said that for God's sake, stay away from politics and political people, whose aim is to take advantage of you, so that we do not differ in religion, language, caste and so on. Farazur Rehman said that remember, if Pakistan is there, then we are. Don't think what Pakistan has given you, rather think what you have given Pakistan.

IT minister denies govt involvement in internet 'blockade', 'slowdown'

Govt talked to experts and tried to figure out the situation day and night, says Shaza Fatima Khawaja

By **Web Desk**

As users continue to face intermittent disruption in internet connectivity, State Minister for Information Technology Shaza Fatima Khawaja Sunday denied the

cybersecurity attacks being carried out on the country and the world as well. With the evolution of cybersecurity threats, states need to have a better capability to ensure that the threats are [well] responded to," she said on Thursday. The minister maintained she is in contact with IT



government's involvement in the recent blockade and slowdown faced across the country. Acknowledging the public outcry over the persisting issue, she said, "I can swear that the government of Pakistan did not block the internet or slow it down." Addressing a presser in Islamabad today, Khawaja, instead, attributed the issue to the use of virtual private network (VPN) by internet users. She added that some applications were not downloading so people used VPN. "Turning VPN on slows down the phone." The minister said that the government talked to experts and tried to figure out the situation day and night. The minister's statement comes after millions across the country continue to face trouble accessing internet services due to limited connectivity, particularly while using mobile data in some regions. Several experts, including Wireless and Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan (WISPA), blamed the phenomenon on increasing security and surveillance owing to the installation of a firewall in the country to control unwanted content from reaching a wider audience. Earlier this week, Khawaja had defended its decision to enforce an internet firewall terming it a cybersecurity measure "that every country in the world takes". "Look at

Marwat back in PTI after meeting Imran

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA Sher Afzal Marwat met with party founder Imran Khan on Saturday, resolving their differences as per Khan's instructions. Khan greeted Marwat with a hug, signaling an end to their dispute. Marwat, speaking to journalists outside Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, where he met Khan after three months, said, "The party founder has entrusted me with leadership responsibilities for the August 22 rally in front of Barrister Gohar." He explained that all differences had been settled following Khan's instructions and assurances. Marwat said that he had been entrusted with organising a major public gathering on August 22. He noted that PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has emphasized unity within the party and importance of travelling to Lahore first. Addressing questions about his removal from the party, Marwat said that only Imran Khan has the authority to expel him. His basic party membership was recently cancelled through a notification, and he was asked to resign as PTI MNA. However, he insisted on

meeting with Imran Khan and stated that he would first consult his constituency and elders before making any decisions about resigning. In light of internal party disputes, Imran Khan granted Marwat a meeting. Meanwhile, the PTI core committee has recently rejected the resignation of Hamid Azhar as party president of Punjab. Marwat asserted that many incidents similar to May 9 occur, he would take full responsibility. "I will handle all planning independently from Imran Khan to ensure that no one blames him for the actions."

He promised peaceful protests and called on Imran Khan's supporters to energize the public. Marwat also mentioned plans to lead protests involving students, lawyers and farmers, citing frustration with the current environment. He stated



that he would prioritise travelling to Lahore and dismissed criticisms regarding his recent trip to London. He made it clear that he would not entertain objections to PTI members Shibli Faraz, Omar Ayub and others. Marwat had previously received a show-cause notice

due to controversial statements damaging the party's relationship with Saudi Arabia and violating the party discipline. He was expelled from the party after his response to the notice was deemed unsatisfactory, and he continued making statements.