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LAHORE: A delegation of PML-N leaders with Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman after a meeting.

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Court acquits five TLP activists in terrorism case

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Tuesday acquitted five activists of the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in a case registered under terrorism charges, creating disturbance and damaging state properties. The court held that the prosecution failed to prove charges against the accused. ATC Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar announced the decision after hearing detailed arguments of the defence counsel and prosecution. Advocate Mian Mohsin Raza and Advocate Isra Chaudhry represented the TLP workers.

Ferozewala police had registered a case against the TLP workers in 2021. They were accused of creating disturbances and damaging state properties. Those who were acquitted included Makhdoom Anjum, Sakhawat Ali and Asif Ali Rizvi.

ACE Punjab releases performance report for September 2022

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Anti-Corruption Establishment Punjab has released the performance report for the month of September 2022. In a statement, DG-ACE Nadeem Sarwar said that 2398 complaints were received in September 2022; out of which, 1929 complaints have been resolved while 351 inquiries have been initiated and 92 cases have been registered. Nadeem Sarwar said that the Anti-Corruption Establishment submitted 49 challans in September and conducted 20 raids. The ACE Department arrested a total of 70 accused persons while recovering 11.37 million rupees. It also arrested 11 absconders and two judicial accused, he further said.

ANF recovers over 84 kg narcotics; arrests three

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) on Tuesday managed to recover over 84 kg of narcotics and arrested three accused. According to an ANF spokesman, ANF in an operation at Lahore International Airport recovered 780 grams Ice drug from the bag of a passenger namely Saifullah, a resident of Sialkot, going to Jeddah on flight no PA-472. In another operation, ANF Balochistan conducted a raid near Lasbela on Gaddani Highway and recovered over 84 kg charras besides netting two accused namely Khair Muhammad, resident of Jhang and Imran, resident of Quetta. Separate cases have been registered against the accused, he said and informed that raids were being conducted to net the accomplices of the accused.

Vast scope of France investment in Pakistan, says Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

-French Ambassador Nicolas Galley calls on Balighur Rehman

LAHORE: French Ambassador Nicolas Galley called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House Lahore here on Tuesday.

Issues of mutual interest and promotion of bilateral trade were discussed in the meeting.

Speaking on this occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that there is a need to promote trade between the two countries.

He said that there are immense opportunities for France to invest in Pakistan in many sectors including agriculture and livestock. Governor Punjab said that he is grateful to the French government for

supporting Pakistan on GSP plus status and hopes that France will continue to support Pakistan on GSP plus status.

Governor Punjab also thanked the French ambassador for helping the flood victims.

Governor Punjab said in the context of the past events in France that one should try to understand the point of view of others so that such incidents do not happen in the future; the French Ambassador endorsed the Governor of the Punjab on this matter.

On this occasion, French Ambassador Nicolas Galley said that France wants to further promote bilateral cooperation with Pakistan in various fields including trade.



Saad Baig to captain Pakistan U-19 against Bangladesh



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Promising wicketkeeper-batter Saad Baig will captain Pakistan U19 in the next month's series against Bangladesh that will be played at Faisalabad's Iqbal Stadium.

The two sides will face off in a solitary four-day match, three One-Days (45-over) and two T20s. The two boards have made the decision to replace the last two one-day matches with T20s to provide an all-round, all-format exposure to teenage cricketers in competitive setting of international cricket.

Sixteen-year-old Saad, who hails from Karachi, has had an impressive 2022-23 season. He was the second best batter in the 50-over National U19 Cup with 299 runs at a staggering average of 99.67 and a strike rate of 109.12. The left-handed Sindh Blues batter also struck two centuries in four outings with 103 being his highest score of the tournament. Behind the stumps, he was involved in nine dismissals. In three-day National U19 Championship campaign, Saad scored 200 runs and dismissed 11 batters in six matches.

Captaining Hyderabad Hunters in the Pakistan Junior League, the first of its kind U19 T20 tournament, Saad scored 149 runs including one half-century at a strike rate of 121. Basit Ali, who belongs to Dera Murad Jamali, has been rewarded for his phenomenal run in the PJJ and the One-Day and Three-Day tournaments with his selection in all three sides. Basit was the sole centurion of the inaugural PJJ and took home player of the tournament and best batter of the tournament awards for smashing 379 runs at a towering average of 63.17 and sparkling strike rate of 150.40. The right-hander was the fourth best run-getter in the three-day championship with 323 runs at an average of almost 54 and average 66.67 in the four one-day tournament matches as he piled up 200 runs.

73rd edition of Punjab Games get underway with a grand colourful opening ceremony

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Taimoor Masood announced the inauguration of 73rd edition of Punjab Games at a colourful grand opening ceremony here at National Hockey Stadium on Monday night.

It may be noted here that Sports Board Punjab (SBP) is organising the 73rd edition of Punjab Games with the collaboration of Punjab Olympic Association at various venues in the city from Oct 24 to 27, 2019.

Vice-Chairman SBP Rao Zahid Qayyum, Secretary Sports Punjab Ehsan Bhutta, former Secretary Sports Asadullah Faiz, Commissioner and President Punjab Olympic Association Aamir Jan,

Director General Sports Punjab Muhammad Tariq Qureshi, Bank of Punjab President Zafar Masud, Secretary POA Khalid Mehmood, Director Admin Syed Umair Hassan, Director Sports Nadeem Qaiser, CCPO Lahore Ghulam Mehmood Dogar, AC Model Town Sonia Sadaf, Secretary General Punjab Olympic Association Idris Haider Khawaja, Deputy Director Tariq Wattoo, Chief Consultant SBP Hafeez Bhatti, Assistant Director Zahoor Ahmed, Assistant Director Youth Affairs Nazish Noor were also present at the grand inaugural ceremony.

Several sports stalwarts such as Olympic javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem, Olympian Kh Junaid, Olympian Shabana Akhtar and boxing champion Usman Wazeer were also present at the gigantic opening ceremony.



LAHORE: A woman rides a motorcycle without wearing helmet as on her way.

Pakistan to launch first-of-its-kind pro squash league in early 2023

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) is gearing up to launch Pakistan Squash Professional League (PSPL) early next year, which will also involve foreign players, a top PSF official said on Tuesday.

"It will be a first-of-its-kind franchise-based squash league in the world. The inaugural edition will feature six teams with each one of them having two to three top-notch foreign players and as many Pakistan players," Secretary PSF, Group Captain Zafaryab Iqbal told APP on Tuesday.

"Currently, we are working on the modalities of the league and hopefully soon we will be able to give it a final shape. We are also looking for a window as we don't want the PSPL to clash with the Pakistan Super League (PSL), which will also take place in the first quarter of 2023. We will launch our league either immediately before or after the PSL," he added.

The eighth edition of PSL, the franchise-based cricket league is scheduled to be staged from February 9 to March 19.

According to Zafaryab, the PSPL will help in the development and growth of Pakistan players. "The PSPL will offer a unique opportunity to our young players to rub shoulders with the world's best players, giving them much-needed exposure. We believe it will also pave the way for the country to regain its lost status in squash," he said. The federation has also yet to decide about the venues of the league matches as the PSF secretary said the event could kick-start either from Karachi or Islamabad. However, he said the federation was considering holding the semifinals and final at Mazar-e-Quaid Karachi and Minar-e-Pakistan, Lahore. "Holding these fixtures at the

open places of these most popular sites will catch public attention, ultimately paving the way to once again popularize squash in the country."

He said the league would also offer a unique opportunity to the corporate sector to team up with the federation and help it increase the sport's popularity with a young audience. A successful conduct of the league will prove fruitful for the country. We can find and give chances to the fresh talent, who can excel at the world level," Zafaryab said the federation was trying to promote squash from the grassroots level to regain the glory and rebuild the country's supremacy in the game internationally. "Camps are being organized at the school and college level to attract youngsters.

The budding players are also being trained at our academies in Karachi, Abbottabad, Peshawar and Rawalpindi," he added.