

Punjab Police to use paintballs to identify troublemaker protesters

LAHORE: Punjab Police have decided to procure modern equipment—paintballs to enhance the capacity of the Anti-Riot Force. Amid tear gas, rubber bullets, and stun grenades, police are turning to a lesser-known crowd control agent, paintballs. Paintball guns compress air to fire small spheres that on impact, dispense liquid paint or an irritant powder. It is believed that paintballs are safe for crowd dispersal. The use of paintballs facilitates the identification of angry protesters. —APP

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SECP allows CISs to invest in short term Sukuk

ISLAMABAD: In order to broaden the scope of investment avenues for Open-End Money Market Collective Investment Schemes (CISs), the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has allowed the Money Market CISs to take exposure in short term corporate Sukuk along with commercial papers. However, the cumulative exposure of Money Market CISs in commercial papers and/or short term Sukuk is capped at 20% of net assets of the CIS to mitigate the risk of Money Market CISs. —APP

ECP issues written verdict over IK's disqualification

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday issued a detailed verdict on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's disqualification in the Toshakhana case.

The ECP, in a detailed decision with a delay of 3 days, stated that Imran Khan deliberately submitted the wrong returns to the ECP, adding that the former PM did not disclose the gifts received in the returns.

"The bank's record of gifts presented by Imran Khan does not correspond to the value of the gifts," it added. It further stated that the money received from the sale of gifts was not disclosed in the year 2018-19, and that Imran Khan hid facts in the returns of the financial years 2020-21 and violated sections 137, 167, and 173 of the Election Act.

The PTI chairman's disqualification was done under Sections 137 and 173 of the Election Act, it stated. On the other hand, the ECP made a major mistake in the issued detailed verdict by mentioning the constituency of the former PM as NA-5, although he was elected from Mianwali's constituency NA-95. While from NA-5 the PTI leader Sahibzada Sibghatullah won the election. —DNA

18 PML-N MPs face suspension over ruckus in PA

LAHORE: Punjab Assembly Speaker Muhammad Sibtain Khan on Monday suspended the membership of 18 PML-N MPs who created ruckus in the assembly when the ruling PTI tabled a resolution against the verdict of the Toshakhana reference.

The speaker has suspended the membership of 18 lawmakers belonging to the opposition party PML-N. The action was taken as the PML-N members staged a protest in the legislature when the PTI lawmaker tabled a resolution against the verdict of the Toshakhana reference resulting in disqualification of ex-PM Imran Khan. The members who have been subjected to action include Azma Zahid Bokhari, Rahila Khadim, Mian Abdul Rauf, Samiullah Khan and others. The suspended members have also been barred from entering the assembly premises for 15 days.

The notification issued by Punjab Assembly Secretariat, citing the reasons behind the suspension, read the members protested and chanted slogans in the legislature which falls in misconduct. Hence, the speaker of the house resorted to action against them. —DNA

Toshakhana case exposed true face of Imran: Talal

FAISALABAD: Former state minister and central leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Muhammad Talal Chaudhry said on Monday that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) decision in Toshakhana case had exposed true face of a so-called 'Sadiq and Ameen' Imran Khan.

Addressing a press conference at his residence here, he said the ECP had released detailed decision of Toshakhana case. He said that Imran Khan not only secured precious watch but he and his family members also got precious I-phone, tea set, cups, tissue box, etc. from Toshakhana at very nominal prices.

He said that Imran Khan was pressuring the government with long march call threats. But, in fact, he himself was frightened and seeking backdoor dialogue to get relief. He said that the PDM government was all set to tackle the proposed long march in an effective manner.

If the participants in the long-march demonstrate in a peaceful manner, then they would be provided all facilities and complete security. But if they violated the law, they would be dealt with an iron hand, he warned. He said the govt was also ready to hold dialogue with Imran Khan, but he would not be given any 'NRO'. He said that the present government would complete its constitutional tenure and no one would be allowed to take the law into his hands and create public nuisance. —DNA

PFA seeks KCCI's help over Tier-I retailers' issue

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: Senior Vice Chairman Pakistan Furniture Association (PFA) Rana Waheed Murad, while referring to several discussions and a meeting held on June 22 with the then Finance Minister Miftah Ismail and Chairman FBR, stated that it was principally agreed in the said meeting that the furniture retailers will be brought into fixed tax regime but unfortunately, the agreement reached stands unimplemented to date hence, the Karachi Chamber must take up this serious issue with relevant authorities so that furniture shopkeepers could be pulled out of Tier-I retailers category and subjected to fixed tax.

Rana Waheed, who led a PFA delegation to KCCI, appreciated Chairman Zubair Motiwala, who, as Chairman of the Anomaly Committee formed by the government after this year's Federal Budget announcement, effectively advocated PFA's valid demand and also succeeded in convincing the policymakers to provide relief which was agreed but remains unimplemented. The situation has created a lot of problems for businessmen as-



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador Permanent Representative-designate to OIC Jeddah, Syed Mohammad Fawad Sher calls on President Dr Arif Alvi at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Pak name removal from gray list a great achievement: Baligh

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Prime Minister's Advisor on Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at the Governor House, Lahore, here on Monday. During the meeting, various issues including matters of mutual interest were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan's name being removed from Financial Action Task Force (FATF) gray list is a great achievement. He said that this has restored the prestige of Pakistan in the world and we have been emerged as a responsible state and nation. He said that the role of the Army Chief is very important in this regard, while Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, the entire team of Prime Minister Pakistan and related departments deserve congratulations for this success. He added: exiting the gray list will have far-reaching consequences on the country's economy.

Governor Punjab said that the federal government is trying to save the country from economic and other problems and the situation is improving with time. He said that everyone has to play his/her role for the development of the country. He further said that the country is currently facing many challenges, and the politics of negativity and chaos will not only hinder the economic development of the country, but will also bring instability in the country. Earlier, a delegation of Pakistan Textile

Traders Association led by Chairman Adnan Umar Saigal met Governor Punjab Balighur Rehman at the Governor House, Lahore. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan is currently passing through important phase in terms of economic development, and the Muslim League (N) government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is determined that Pakistan has to be strengthened and stabilised economically in all circumstances. He said that the Muslim League (N) and the coalition parties accepted the responsibility of the government in difficult situation, adding that that they were well aware that this decision might cost them politically, but at that time they preferred to save the country at the cost of politics and decided to save the country and steer it out of crisis.

He said that Alhamdulillah, the situation is gradually improving, adding that with political stability in the country, the economy of the country is also improving. Governor Punjab said that things have started to improve and the entire team under the leadership of the Prime Minister is working hard. Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that it is positive development that Pakistan's name has been removed from FATF's gray list, it will not only strengthen the country's economy, but also increase textile exports. He said that the industry is a major source of employment in the country. He said that the country earns a lot of foreign exchange from export of cotton and its related textile products. On this occasion, the delegation in-

formed the Governor of Punjab about the various problems faced by the textile industry. The Governor of Punjab assured the delegation that their problems will be conveyed to the relevant quarters. The delegation included President Rana Nadeem Abbas, Waheed Ahmed, Khaliq Usmani, Sheikh Inam Elahi, Wilayat Hussain, Javed Amjad and Raheel Ahmed.

Meanwhile, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman expressed deep sorrow and grief over the death of Arshad Sharif in Kenya. The Governor of the Punjab expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family and prayed that Allah may grant the deceased a place in His mercy and give patience to the bereaved family. (Amen).

ICCI urges govt to address Panadol shortage in market

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) said that the people are facing great problems and the business of pharmacies is also suffering due to the shortage of Panadol in the market and urged that the government should address this issue on priority basis to save the consumers from further troubles.

He said this while talking to a delegation of Pakistan Chemists and Druggists Association, Islamabad Chapter that visited ICCI led by its Chairman Mian Tariq Saad. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that there is a great demand for Panadol in the market due to rising cases of dengue virus and malaria, across the country, especially in flood-hit areas, but its shortage has exposed the patients to

Over Rs856 m biggest recovery of smuggled goods: DG Chadar

Jahangir Hayat

LAHORE: The Directorate of Customs Investigation and Intelligence Monday disclosed that smuggled goods over Rs856 million have been recovered of which cosmetics amounting to Rs 60 million have been found expired which were to be dumped into the market after replacing the expiry tags.

The Director General Faiz Ahmad Chadar in a press briefing explained how tactfully the Customs I&I team consisting of ADC Rizwan Bashir and Deputy Collector Ali Asad led by Director Sima Shahzad made the historical seizure.

The Director General (I&I) Customs Faiz Ahmad Chadar has said that Chairman FBR, Asim Ahmad stressed the need to beef up country wide operations against smuggling and smuggled goods at the Directors' Quarterly Conference convened in

the headquarters office of the Directorate General Intelligence & Investigation, Islamabad on 5.10.2022. He said that the directorate was devised an anti-smuggling policy aligned with parameters of transparency and zero tolerance for smuggling.

He said that the Lahore Range office of the Directorate General has accordingly aligned it's available (albeit scarce resources) to achieve better results against smuggling. Accordingly, the Director (I&I), Lahore, Saima Shahzad, constituted a team under the supervision of Additional Director (ASO), Ch. Rizwan Bashir Kalair, to analyze a tip-off regarding a hideout place of smuggled goods inside a private school premises.

After proper surveillance, a team comprising of officers/officials of the Directorate including Deputy Director (ASO), Ali Asad and Superintendent (ASO), Rai Waqar and led by Additional Director

(ASO), Rizwan Bashir raided the godown on October 18, 2022 at 1800 hours, after obtaining proper search warrants u/s 162 of the CA, 1969. This has led to a huge recovery of F/O miscellaneous smuggled goods comprising fabric, shoes, cosmetics, tools, furniture, toys, fixtures, crockery and electronics. The detailed inventory of the smuggled goods recovered from the godown is given below in the table having total worth of approximately Rs 856 million, out of which cosmetics amounting to Rs 60 million have been found expired, which were planned to be sold after changing the tags of expiry. The material for removal of expiry dates and their substitution with new dates was also found in the premises.

The DG said that the aforementioned seizure is the biggest case in the history of Directorate (I&I) Customs, Lahore because of its high value.

Journalist Arshad Sharif shot dead in Kenya

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PFUJ demands probe into Arshad Sharif's murder

Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) President Afzal Butt on Monday demanded an inquiry into the murder of Arshad Sharif in Nairobi.

The PFUJ president expressed his grief on the tragic demise of Arshad Sharif and demanded of the Pakistan government to investigate the matter, according to media.

Deeply saddened by Arshad Sharif's death in Kenya: ISPR

Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic death of senior journalist and anchorperson Arshad Sharif in Kenya.

In a condolence statement on Monday, ISPR prayed for the departed soul and his family. "May Allah raise the ranks of Arshad Sharif and grant patience to the fam-

ily members of the deceased in this hour of sorrow," stated ISPR.

Arshad Sharif's death incident unfortunate: Rana Sanaullah

Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah while terming the incident that happened to Arshad Sharif in Kenya unfortunate has said we are in contact with the Kenyan government to find out the facts about the incident.

"The Pakistani embassy in Nairobi is providing full support in the case of Arshad Sharif. We equally share the grief of the grieving family," he added.

Kenyan Police issues report on Arshad Sharif death incident

The Kenyan police have issued a preliminary report on the death of senior journalist Arshad Sharif. According to which, one of the nine bullets that were fired hit Arshad Sharif in the head. In the police report, it was said that Arshad Sharif's car was being driven by his brother.

Arshad Sharif's car did not stop despite the road block. The report said that the police officers opened fire on the car when it was not stopped and 9 bullets were fired at the car and one of the nine bullets hit Arshad Sharif in the head.

FO in contact with Kenyan authorities over killing: FM

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said the foreign office is in contact with the Kenyan authorities over the killing of journalist Arshad Sharif. In a statement on Monday, he expressed deep grief and sorrow over the killing of Journalist Arshad Sharif saying it is an irreparable loss to the journalists' community of Pakistan.

IHC summons report on the death of journalist Arshid Sharif

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned report on the death of journalist Arshid Sharif who has been shot to death in Kenya. The application seeking

Rupee settles at 220.41 against US dollar

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: Pakistan's rupee recorded back-to-back gains against the US dollar, and registered a marginal improvement of 0.20 percent in the inter-bank on Monday.

As per the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the rupee closed at 220.41 after appreciating Re0.43. On Friday, Pakistan's rupee finally ended its seven-session depreciation run against the US dollar, and closed at 220.84 after appreciating Re0.11. However, on a weekly basis, the currency depreciated by 1.1 percent or Rs2.41 against the US dollar, driven by uncertainties regarding foreign commitments.

As per market experts, the improvement in rupee comes after the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Friday removed Pakistan, by consensus, from its list of countries under "increased monitoring", also known as 'grey list' after four years. The decision was taken in a two-day FATF plenary and International Co-operation Review Group (ICRG) meetings held from October 20-21, 2021 in Paris and the same was announced in a press conference by the FATF's president, T Raja Kumar.

"Pakistan has made significant improvements to strengthen the effectiveness of this framework for combating terrorism financing," the FATF president acknowledged.

Pakistani troop martyred in firing from Afghanistan

RAWALPINDI: The army said Sunday that Terrorists from inside Afghanistan across the international border, opened fire on a military post in Hassan Khel Sector, NZ District. Own troops responded in a befitting manner.

During fire exchange one soldier, Assistant Lance Dafadar Waqar Ali (Age 32 Years, resident of Chota Lahore, Swabi) embraced Shahadat, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said. A statement said Pakistan has consistently been requesting Afghanistan to ensure effective border management. Pakistan strongly condemns the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for activities against Pakistan. Pakistan Army is determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our resolve. —DNA

Parvez Elahi

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Disability is very painful but it could be avoided with the polio vaccine. The CM noted that the fight against polio is the battle for the future of the nation's youth. The Special Campaign to Eradicate Polio (SNIDs) is starting today from Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Mianwali, Khushab, Sialkot, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Layyah, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rahim Yar Khan, DG Khan and Rajanpur. This campaign would continue for seven days in Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad and it would be run for five days in other districts, he mentioned.

CM assigns duties to Mansab, Babur

Parvez Elahi has appointed Rai Mansab Ali Khan as Chairman CM complaint cell (South Punjab) and Makhdoom Altaf Babar as coordinator to chairman CM complaint cell Punjab. He gave notifications to them at his office during a meeting as both thanked the CM for assigning the responsibility. The CM noted that joint efforts are needed to resolve the public problems at their doorsteps.

Parvez felicitates Chinese President

Chief Minister has congratulated Chinese President Xi Jinping on being elected for the third time. In a statement issued on Monday, the CM said that the election of President Xi Jinping for the third time is an expression of the full confidence of the people of China in him. This unique honor is an acknowledgement of his devoted services to the nation; he said and noted that Xi Jinping is a sincere friend of Pakistan as well as an eminent world leader. The Chinese President's ideology is based on high human values and broad thinking of public interest. Under his leadership, China has developed at a very fast pace.

CM condemns slaying Arshad Sharif

Punjab CM has strongly condemned the slaying of senior anchorperson Arshad Sharif in Kenya and extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family. Parvez Elahi has expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the incident and prayed that may Allah Almighty grant patience to the heirs.

Arshad Sharif's programs used to be different and unique; he noted and concluded that