

CRIME CORNER
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IGP Islamabad issues directives for enhanced crime fighting measures

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, presided over an important meeting regarding crime control at Central Police Office Islamabad, a public relations officer said.

The meeting was attended by DG Safe City Shakir Hussain Dawar, DIG Headquarters Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanveer, DIG Security Muhammad Jawad Tariq, and other senior police officers.

During the meeting, IG Islamabad assessed the implementation of orders related to crime prevention and the apprehension of criminals.

He reviewed the overall



crime situation in the federal capital and directed the officers to ensure timely arrests in cases of robbery, murder, and street crime, as well as to secure solid evidence in ongoing investigations.

The IGP emphasized that protecting citizens' lives, property, and dignity is the

top priority of Islamabad Police.

He directed all police officers to ensure effective patrolling in the city and to combat criminal elements. Furthermore, he instructed strict checking at all entry and exit points of the city and to maintain vigilance over suspicious individuals.

Islamabad Traffic Police conducts psychological workshop for officers



Following the directions of Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad, Muhammad Sarfarz Virk, a psychological workshop was organized in collaboration with students from the Department of Clinical and Professional Psychology of Riphah International University.

More than 150 male and female police officers from Islamabad Traffic Police participated in the workshop. During the workshop, students provided

regarding various mental exercises aimed at solving the problems faced by the officers and shared their valuable experiences.

CTO Islamabad said that the officers of Islamabad Traffic Police are continuously engaged in their duties on the roads to maintain traffic flow in the federal capital.

He emphasized that maintaining traffic flow during various law and order and emergency situations in Islamabad is a significant challenge, which

poses both physical and mental difficulties for the officers and personnel.

Keeping this in mind, the arrangements of such psychological workshops aim to further improve the performance of officers and personnel in light of the prevailing law and order situation.

He further stated that such workshops will continue to be organized in the future to ensure that officers can effectively fulfill their duties in a professional manner.

13 outlaws arrested; weapons and drugs recovered



Police apprehended 13 outlaws involved in different criminal activities including selling drugs, liquor and possessing illegal weapons. Police teams also recovered a huge cache of drugs, liquor, and weapons with ammunition from their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that, the Islamabad Police Karachi, Aalpara, Sumbal, Koral Company and Industrial Area police

stations teams took legal action against accused involved in selling drugs, liquor and possessing illegal weapons and arrested the accused namely Muhammad Asim, Raheem Ullah, Abdul Hadi, Muhammad Zubair, Umar Farooq, Zeeshan, Vishal and Fahad.

Police teams also recovered 355 liters of liquor, 276 gram heroin, two 30 bore pistols, and one 223 bore rifle with ammunition

and iron punch from their possession. Moreover five absconders were also arrested from various areas of the city during the last 24 hours.

Senior police officer said that the Islamabad Police is actively working to ensure the safety of citizens' lives and property in the federal capital, emphasizing that no elements will be allowed to disrupt citizens' peace. Protecting the lives, property, and dignity of citizens is the Islamabad Police's top priority.

Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activities to the relevant police station, emergency helpline "Pukar-15" to help make the city crime-free through cooperation and the police and the public.

Islamabad, Tehran explore new partnership in urban development

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD—Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, and Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri-Moghaddam, Thursday underscored the shared vision to advance urban sustainability, particularly in infrastructure development and solid waste management, where Iran has considerable expertise.

Highlighting this bond, he referenced streets in Iran named after Muhammad

Both sides in a high-level meeting on World Cities Day, discussed avenues for mutual cooperation in urban development.

The Iranian Ambassador praised Islamabad's status as a green, beautiful, and meticulously planned city, noting that Pakistan and Iran share a deep cultural connection.

Chairman Randhawa responded with enthusiasm,

Ali Jinnah and Allama Iqbal and appreciated Pakistan's gesture of renaming a road in Islamabad as Iran Avenue.

The ambassador emphasized Tehran's municipality's interest in collaborating on projects with Islamabad, particularly in infrastructure development and solid waste management, where Iran has considerable expertise.

Chairman Randhawa responded with enthusiasm,



describing the CDA's ongoing efforts to enhance Islamabad's beauty and modernity.

He expressed a keen interest in learning from

Tehran's urban management practices and welcomed the opportunity for collaborative projects in solid waste management and infrastructure.

Commissioner calls for intensified efforts in anti-polio campaign



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HYDERABAD—Commissioner Shahed Benazirabad Division, Syed Muhammad Sajid Haider, conducted an on-ground review of the ongoing national anti-polio campaign, visiting the Government Dispensary Baqar Nizamani Tando Adam and a village where a polio case was recently reported.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Sanghar Dr. Imran-ul-Hassan Khawaja, District Health Officer Dr. Doulat Jamali, and WHO Divisional Coordinator Dr. Jahangir Korai, Commissioner Haider assessed the performance of polio teams and gathered feedback from residents on the campaign's effectiveness. During the visit, Commissioner Haider instructed Deputy Commissioner Dr. Khawaja to further intensify efforts in the Sanghar district, particularly in light of the recent polio case. He emphasized that every child must receive the polio vaccine to ensure they are

safeguarded against the virus. The commissioner directed the health teams to prioritize administering the vaccine to children not found at home during initial rounds by creating a comprehensive list and ensuring follow-ups.

Commissioner Haider urged health department officials to utilize all available resources to achieve campaign targets, especially in underserved and nomadic communities. He appealed to parents to cooperate with district authorities in this national cause, stressing the importance of vaccinating children to eliminate polio.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Khawaja and District Health Officer Dr. Jamali briefed Commissioner Haider on the campaign's progress, highlighting that the district administration and health department have mobilized all efforts to monitor the teams closely and meet designated targets, with particular focus on covering children whose parents initially refused vaccination.

Mobile phone imports decreases over 18% to \$246 mln in 3 months

BT NEWS

ISLAMABAD—The import of mobile phones into the country has witnessed a decrease of 18.93 percent during the first three months of the current fiscal year (2024-25) as compared to the corresponding months of last year.

Pakistan imported mobile phones worth US \$ 246.472 million during July-September (2024-25) as compared to the imports of US \$ 304.029 million during July-September (2023-24), according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).



Meanwhile, on a year-to-year basis, the import of mobile phones also dipped by 17.62 percent during the month of September 2024 when compared to the same month of last year.

The import of mobiles into the country during September 2024 was recorded at \$ 102.629 million against the exports of \$124.576 million in September 2023.

Navigating Digital Technology: Promoting Peace and Tolerance in Pakistan

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The contemporary landscape of Pakistan, digital technology has emerged as a double-edged sword, offering both opportunities and challenges. The pervasive influence of social media platforms and online communication tools has the potential to foster dialogue and understanding among diverse communities. Promoting peace and tolerance through these digital channels, Pakistan can address its longstanding issues of sectarianism and ethnic conflict. Educational initiatives that harness digital technology can serve as catalysts for social change, encouraging empathy and cooperation among individuals from different backgrounds. Leveraging digital technology for peace building requires a concerted effort from various stakeholders, including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and civil society. Campaigns that emphasize shared values and common goals can utilize social media to reach a broader audience, thereby countering extremist narratives that often proliferate online.

Furthermore, fostering critical thinking skills in young people will empower them to navigate the complexities of information dissemination in the digital age. Social media platforms serve as crucial arenas for public discourse, where diverse narratives compete for attention. A sense of community and shared identity among users, these campaigns can create an environment that encourages positive dialogue and mutual understanding. Moreover, the viral nature of social media allows for rapid dissemination of messages that resonate with collective aspirations. When highlight universal themes such as equality, justice, and compassion, they not only attract a wider audience but also facilitate engagement across ideological divides. This

strategic approach enables the creation of counter-narratives that undermine extremist ideologies by promoting inclusivity and social cohesion. Ultimately, shared values presents a promising avenue for mitigating the influence of radical perspectives online. Cultivating an informed and engaged citizenry committed to common goals, society can collectively challenge extremist views and foster a more harmonious digital landscape.

In contemporary society, digital technology emerges as a pivotal tool for fostering peace and tolerance, particularly in conflict-prone regions such as Pakistan. The proliferation of social media platforms allows diverse narratives to be shared, enabling individuals to engage in constructive dialogues that transcend cultural and religious divides. By facilitating communication among

advocate for social justice. By creating virtual spaces for collective action, citizens of Pakistan can unite in their pursuit of a more inclusive society. Embracing digital solutions will not only promote peace but also fortify the foundations of democracy within the nation.

Pakistan, a nation characterized by its diverse cultures, languages, and traditions, possesses the potential to foster an environment conducive to harmony. Achieving this goal necessitates the implementation of innovative strategies that address the multifaceted challenges faced by its society. Education reform plays a pivotal role in this endeavor; curricula must be designed to promote tolerance and mutual respect among different communities. Incorporating teachings that celebrate diversity, educational



various communities, these platforms can help dismantle stereotypes and promote mutual understanding.

Digital technology offers innovative educational resources that can be harnessed to teach the values of tolerance and coexistence. Online courses and webinars can provide critical insights into conflict resolution strategies while promoting empathy through storytelling initiatives. Such educational endeavors are essential for cultivating an environment conducive to harmony, as they empower individuals with the knowledge necessary to challenge extremist ideologies. In peace building efforts digital technology can enhance community engagement by mobilizing grassroots movements that

institutions can serve as catalysts for social cohesion.

Inclusivity must be at the forefront of any initiative aimed at promoting harmony in Pakistan. This involves recognizing and valuing the rich tapestry of its society, which includes various ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. Policymakers should engage marginalized groups in decision-making processes to ensure their voices are heard and respected. Such engagement not only empowers these communities but also fosters a sense of belonging that is crucial for national unity. Cultivating an environment conducive to harmony in Pakistan requires both innovative strategies and a steadfast commitment to inclusivity.

Metro Bus, with a track-record of public service, requires overall refurbishment

BT NEWS

ISLAMABAD—The Metro Bus, with a full track-record of public service, urgently requires multiple initiatives to ensure safe and smooth traveling for general public in twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

Apparently, an overall refurbishment seems to be the sole option in order to streamline the service, launched over a decade



ago, to provide a reliable and efficient mode of transportation. Metro Bus, with a track-record of public service, requires overall

refurbishment. Regular commuters, especially elderly, were not fully satisfied with operational issues, just like faulty escalators,

elevators and damaged chairs at different stations, especially from Faiz Ahmad Faiz station to Islamabad International Airport routes. Firdous Shamim, an

elderly commuter said: "Peeling paint, damaged chairs, non-functional escalators, elevators and broken stair tiles at most of the stations depict negligence on the part of the officials." "It is a tough task to climb stairs at this age, as often I find escalators at different stations particularly at, Faizabad, NHA and G3 Western stops," she added.



ISLAMABAD: Under the direction of SSP Traffic Muhammad Sarfarz Virk, legal actions are being taken by the traffic police against illegal parking.