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Severe hot, dry weather forecast for Sindh

Pakistan Meteorological Department on Saturday forecast severe hot and dry weather in most districts of the Sindh province during the next 24 hours. However, strong winds (dust-thunderstorm) are expected in Sukkur, Shikarpur, Qambar Shahdadkot, Jacobabad, Larkana, Moenjodaro, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad, Ghotki, Khairpur and Noshero Feroze. Mainly, severe hot and dry weather is likely to prevail in the province. APP



CTD claims arrest of suspect supplying drone tech to TTP in Karachi

Sindh Home Minister Lanjar lauds CTD operation

The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), in a joint operation with a federal civilian intelligence agency, arrested a suspect in Karachi for allegedly supplying drone technology and electronic equipment to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) for use in drone-based attacks, a CTD spokesperson said on Saturday.

According to the CTD, the suspect is the brother of Talal alias Zaid Baloch, an alleged active member of the banned TTP currently based in Afghanistan and listed among the department's most-wanted militants.

In a statement, the CTD described the arrest as a significant development, claiming that the suspect played a key role in the procurement and supply of

modern drone technology and explosive-related material allegedly used in terrorist activities.

Officials said that, on the instructions of his brother, the suspect allegedly purchased drone motors, propellers, batteries, controller boards and other electronic items that could be used in the preparation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The CTD further claimed that the suspect was also involved in procuring Google Pixel 3 and OnePlus mobile phones, as well as Mini DJI and Air 2 drones.

According to investigators, the equipment was purchased from markets in Karachi, including Saddar, Bolton Market and Ranchore Line, or obtained through online platforms.

During initial interrogation, the suspect allegedly admitted that the equipment and electronic components were intended for use

in the preparation of IEDs, suicide jackets and drone-based attacks, the CTD claimed.

The department added that two kilograms of explosive material, a drone, a battery and a remote control were recovered from the suspect's possession. Further investigation is under way.

Sindh Minister for Home, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, has highly appreciated the successful joint operation conducted by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Sindh and a federal civil intelligence agency, which led to the arrest of a key facilitator involved in supplying advanced drone technology, electronic equipment, and explosive materials to terrorist elements.

The Home Minister praised DIG CTD Azfar Mahesar, SSP Irfan Bahadur, and their entire team for their professionalism, effective strategy, and timely

action. He stated that the achievement reflects the result of tireless efforts, effective intelligence sharing, and close coordination between CTD Sindh and the federal civil intelligence agency.

Home Minister Sindh said that identifying and dismantling a supply chain involved in providing modern drone technology, electronic equipment, and explosive materials to terrorist networks, and apprehending a key individual associated with it, represents a significant breakthrough in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

He further stated that Sindh Police, CTD Sindh, and the federal civil intelligence agency are working in close coordination against terrorist elements and their facilitators, enabling law enforcement agencies to effectively prevent potential security threats and safeguard

public safety.

The Home Minister directed the concerned authorities to intensify efforts against the arrested suspect's associates, facilitators, and the broader network connected to terrorist support activities, ensuring that all those involved are brought to justice.

He reiterated that facilitators, supporters, and collaborators of terrorist organizations cannot escape the reach of the law and that indiscriminate action will continue against all individuals involved in anti-state and terrorist activities.

He also urged citizens to promptly report any suspicious activities, unusual electronic equipment, or questionable buying and selling of such items through the CTD Helpline 1102, so that timely preventive action can be taken in the interest of public safety and national. NEWS DESK

Police in Larkana halt forced child marriage of two teenagers

Larkana police's Women and Child Protection Cell (WCPC), along with other officials, conducted a raid and stopped a forced child marriage involving two teenagers in Khero Dero village of the district on Friday.

A 13-year-old girl was being forced into marriage with her 16-year-old cousin when WCPC officials, the SHO of Women Police Station Larkana and the SHO of Lashari Police Station reached the spot, according to a statement by Child Protection Officer Larkana Gada Hussain Abbasi.

Naween Mangi, who runs the Ali Hasan Mangi Memorial Trust in Upper Sindh, alerted the police about the marriage.

After finding out about the girl being "forcibly married off," Mangi said she tried to intervene through the community to stop the marriage. When that did not work, she involved the district police.

The WCPC statement added that the groom and his family fled upon police's arrival. "The girl, along with her parents, was brought to the Women Police Station Larkana for her safe custody," the statement added.

The girl's parents were counselled regarding the legal age of marriage, police said.

Officials also obtained a written surety from the parents that they would not marry their daughter until she turns 18, according to police.

"Police was proactive and helpful," Mangi told.

The girl expressed willingness to stay with her parents, and she was handed over to them, the statement said further. The statement further said that if the girl had refused to stay with her parents, the case would have been produced in court and she would have been sent to a Darul Amaan.

Mangi told that she would not have felt comfortable sending the teenage girl to a Darul Amaan, owing to concerns about the living conditions in such facilities.

She said she was concerned about the girl's safety and that her organisation is closely monitoring the girl and her family, adding that police had not offered protection to the girl but remained in contact with her.

According to Mangi, the groom's family has publicly stated that the two teenagers are married and that the girl is missing. However, the girl's parents have confirmed in a video statement that she is at home and not missing.

Mangi acknowledged that despite counselling and obtaining written surety from the girl's parents, the risk of another attempt at underage marriage remains because the custom is deeply entrenched in society.

She added that her organisation is closely monitoring the family, and is "very confident" that the girl's rights will be protected.

According to the United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef), Pakistan is home to over 19 million child brides, with nearly 1 in 6 young women married before the age of 18 and as many as 4.8m girls married before the age of 15. AGENCIES



First Lady Aseefa Bhutto visits the family of Saba Hyder to express solidarity during the challenging period. She also prayed for her complete recovery.

SMEs demand new industrial policy

Sheikh Tahseen, President of the Federal B Area Association of Trade and Industry, Karachi, while reacting to the announced federal budget, has said that the budget has not completely addressed the problems of the Industrialists. He said that the non-payment of refunds in the budget and silence on energy tariffs are worrisome for the industry. Economic challenges will continue to be faced due to the lack of facilities for the export sector in the budget. There were no signs of industrial promotion in the budget, as the government did not implement the suggestions of industrial associations.

Tahseen said that the export sector has been put into perplexities by ignoring small and medium industries. He noted that the relief provided to the property and travel sectors in the budget will benefit the economy. The federal government should focus on the export sector in the new industrial policy after the budget, as boost in foreign exchange earnings and new employment opportunities can only be achieved by promoting exports. He expressed disappointment that on the allocation of merely PKR 10 billion for the Karachi 4 project in the budget. NEWS DESK

Justice incomplete: Baldia culprits still at large?

By Junaid Khan

Even after 14 years of the Baldia Factory incident, the families of the victims still await justice. Victims' association and labor unions claim that those responsible for the tragedy still remain unpunished. During press conference at the Karachi Press Club, the representatives of the Baldia Factory Fire

Affectees Associations, in affiliation with National Trade Unions Federation (NTUF) claimed that the allegations of erupting fire were merely put on the scapegoats; real culprits of the tragedy still remain at large.

Nasir Mansoor, the General Secretary of the NTUF expressed, the Supreme Court's verdict has strengthened their narrative that Baldia Tragedy was neither a terrorist attack nor

an extortion case, but the negligence of the owners of the factory and the government institutions. He noted that the Industrialists did not want the inspection of fire safety, as most of the factories in Karachi are operated as a prison. He urged for the complete investigations of the failures and shortcomings of the Labour Department, Fire Brigade, Social Security, EOBI and other relevant institutions with ensured accountability wherever negligence is proven.

Zara Khan, Saeed Baloch and other trade unionists and activists articulated that the Supreme Court has declared the evidence for the terrorism claim insufficient. It is now necessary to re-evaluate the role of the factory owners, and across the country, especially in Karachi, a comprehensive, independent and transparent safety inspection of all factories be carried out to identify

real hazards, and to prevent such tragedies in the future. They added that the group insurance case pending in the court of the Commissioner of Compensation should be decided as soon as possible so that the affected families can get their legal rights.

The families of the Baldia Fire Affecteds demanded that the money provided by the German brand KIK for long-term compensation, which the International Labour Organization (ILO) transferred into an insurance company as an investment, without consultation with the affected and labour unions.

The details of that agreement must be shared with the affected families and the representatives of the labor unions immediately, whereas, the affected families and labour unions must be included in every decision regarding the agreement, pensions, and long-term compensation support.

PM condoles with Aijaz Jakhrani on son's death

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday visited the residence of Pakistan Peoples Party member National Assembly Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani and condoled with him on the death of his son.

He prayed for the deceased and for patience and fortitude for the family.

The MNA thanked the Prime Minister for his visit. Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar accompanied the Prime Minister. Members National Assembly Syed Naveed Qamar and Syed Agha Rafiqullah were also present on the occasion.

Member National Assembly Chaudhry Muhammad Tufail called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. During the meeting, the Prime Minister condoled with the Member National Assembly on the death of his elder brother Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal. NEWS DESK



UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LAHORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Migration of BSN Generic (4-Year Degree Program) Students in Public Sector Nursing Colleges of Punjab

Pursuant to the Migration Policy for Public Sector Nursing Colleges notified by the Government of Punjab on 13 May 2026, online applications are hereby invited from eligible students seeking migration into the 2nd and 3rd years of the BSN Generic (4-Year Degree Program) in public sector nursing colleges of Punjab.

A. Eligibility Criteria

i. Only candidates who fulfill the following qualifications shall be eligible to apply for migration:

Migration Year/Semester	Eligibility	
	Annual System	Semester System
2 nd Year	Passed First Year BSN	Not Applicable
3 rd Semester	Not Applicable	Passed First and Second Semesters BSN
4 th Semester	Not Applicable	Passed First, Second and Third Semesters BSN
3 rd Year	Passed Second Year BSN	Not Applicable

ii. Candidates who have failed and are awaiting supplementary examination results shall not be eligible.

B. Conditions

i. Migration shall be allowed strictly on the basis of merit-cum-preference.
 ii. Migration shall not be permissible in the First Year (1st and 2nd Semesters) and the Final Year of the Program.
 iii. Migration between Morning and Evening sessions, and between Annual and Semester schemes, shall not be permissible. The session of the candidate shall remain unchanged.
 iv. Migration shall be allowed only once during the entire 4-Year Program.
 v. Migration within the same city shall not be permissible.
 vi. Mutual migration between students shall not be permissible.

C. Application Procedure

i. Applications shall be submitted exclusively through the UHS Migration Portal (www.uhs.edu.pk). Manual or hard copy submissions shall not be entertained.
 ii. Applicants shall accurately complete the prescribed online form and indicate their order of preference for institutions, where vacancies exist in the relevant year/semester. Once submitted, shall be final and non-reversible.
 iii. Each applicant shall generate and deposit a non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 500/- through the designated challan at any branch of the Bank of Punjab or via online banking, and upload proof of payment along with requisite details.
 iv. Applicants shall upload scanned copies (in picture format, not exceeding 1MB per document) of the following documents:
 a) Computerized National Identity Card (both sides).
 b) Matriculation Certificate/Result Card or equivalent.
 c) FSc. Certificate/Result Card or equivalent.
 d) Detailed mark certificates (DMCs) of all professional examinations passed.
 e) College Identity Card (both sides).
 f) Certificate from the College Principal affirming clearance of dues, satisfactory attendance, and absence of pending disciplinary proceedings.

D. Application Schedule

Description	Date
Online Application Start Date	15.06.2026 (from 09:00 AM)
Online Application Closing Date	29.06.2026 (by 05:00 PM)


E. Important

i. The number of vacancies in public sector nursing colleges shall be available on the UHS website (www.uhs.edu.pk).
 ii. Merit shall be determined on the basis of marks obtained in F.Sc. (Pre-Medical). Subsequent improvement of marks shall not be considered for migration. In the event that two or more candidates obtain identical marks in F.Sc., the marks secured in Matric (Science Group) shall be considered. If a tie persists, the candidate older in age shall be placed higher on the merit list.
 iii. Candidates selected for migration shall be required to join the concerned college within seven (07) days from the date of display of the Selection List. Failure to join within stipulated period shall result in the cancellation of migration and also render the candidate ineligible for migration for the remainder of the program.
 iv. Final orders of migration shall be issued by the Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab.

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HYDERABAD ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY (HESCO)

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that **Re-Tender Nos. 2025-26/XEN/Civil-95 to 105**, which were published on the HESCO and PPRA websites as well as in newspapers vide **PID No. 422/2025 dated 25-05-2026**, are hereby **cancelled on technical grounds** in accordance with **PPRA Rule 33**.

Any inconvenience caused in this regard is regretted. **PID(H) 435/2025**

Executive Engineer (Civil)
HESCO, Hyderabad

TENDER NOTICE NO.09/2026

A Public Sector Hospital invites sealed tenders from eligible / authorized distributors /reputed firms / suppliers registered with income tax / sale tax department on FOR basis. The bids must be reached to the undersigned on or before mentioning date/time, which will be opened in the presence of tenderers and their authorized representatives.

Sl. #	Tender #	Description	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Last Date/ Time of Bid Submission	Bids Opening Date/Time
1	09/2026	Purchase of Hygienic/ Store Items	2,000/-	07.07.2026 at 10:00 hours	07.07.2026 at 10:30 hours

A set of Tender documents along with terms and conditions can be downloaded from PPRA website (www.ppra.org.pk). An amount of Rs. 2,000/- (Non-Refundable) payable in shape of pay order / demand draft in favor of Head LAO, Public Sector General Hospital, H-11/4, Islamabad must be submitted alongwith technical proposal. The Competent Authority reserves the right to reject the tender.

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