

Sharjah Ruler: 'Majma' Al-Tawarikh' A Key Resource For Researchers

Sharjah (News Desk): His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, has announced the release of his latest historical work, "Majma' Al-Tawarikh", a comprehensive 45-volume collection offering meticulously documented and accurate historical records. Describing the



publication as a gift to researchers and scholars across the Gulf region and the Arabian Peninsula, His Highness noted that it will be available ahead of the upcoming Sharjah International Book Fair. Reaffirming Sharjah's commitment to heritage preservation, he highlighted the emirate's ongoing efforts to restore and protect archaeological sites, including the restoration of heritage landmarks such as the Kayed bin Adwan Al Qasimi Fort in Kalba and the reconstruction of Al Qawasim Fort, with careful preservation of artifacts and the Portuguese-era foundations in Dibba.

UAE President Issues Federal Decree Promoting Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed To Rank Of General

Abu Dhabi (News Desk): UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has issued Federal Decree No. 93 of 2025, promoting His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum—Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence—to the rank of General. The decree will be



published in the official gazette and will take effect from the date of issuance.

PITB Signs MoU With Pakistan Software Testing Board To Empower IT Talent With Global IT Certifications

Lahore (News Desk): The Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and the Pakistan Software Testing Board (PSTB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote global IT certifications across Pakistan. The MoU was signed by PITB Director Chaudhry Ahmad Islam Syan and PSTB President Dr. Muhammad Zohaib Iqbal on behalf of their respective organizations. This will enable aspiring professionals to obtain globally recognized credentials entirely free of charge.

Pakistan Calls For Boosting UN Peacekeeping Missions' Role To Resolve Disputes Like Kashmir

United Nations (News Desk): Pakistan has called for strengthening and better-equipping United Nations peacekeeping efforts to address the root causes of disputes, stating that “nowhere is this more urgently needed than in Jammu and Kashmir”—a longstanding issue on the UN Security Council's agenda. Addressing the 15-member body during a debate on 'Adapting Peace Operations for the Pursuit of Political Solutions—Priorities and Challenges,' Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, emphasized that the Security Council must ensure missions are deployed with credible political processes that address the root causes of conflicts and that mandates should be demand-driven, clear, sequenced, and context-specific. He urged the Council to fulfill its obligations and pursue a just and lasting solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in line with relevant UN resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. Highlighting Pakistan's deep engagement with UN peace operations over the past eight decades, Ambassador Iftikhar noted that Pakistan has been among the top troop contributors and hosts one of the UN's oldest missions—UNMOGIP, monitoring the Line of Control in disputed Kashmir. He stated that over 235,000 Pakistani peacekeepers have served in 48 missions across four continents, with 182 sacrificing their lives in the service of peace. Describing peacekeeping as a global success story, he pointed out that the UN's \$5.5 billion annual peacekeeping budget represents less than 0.3% of global military spending and emphasized that peacekeeping helps reduce violence, protect civilians, and sustain peace. While acknowledging peacekeeping is not a “silver bullet,” he insisted it remains vital. He stressed that peacekeeping's success depends on strong political commitment from member states, particularly the Security Council, and warned that political vacuums left by UN inaction are increasingly filled by destabilizing actors. Ambassador Iftikhar concluded by urging the Council to reclaim this space through empowered UN missions and people-centered approaches, including promoting local peace arrangements to reduce violence and build trust.

Jamaican Conjoined Twins Arrive In Saudi Arabia For Life-saving Surgery



Riyadh (News Desk): Conjoined Jamaican twins Azaria and Azura have arrived in Riyadh for a critical evaluation to determine the possibility of a separation surgery—an initiative directed by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman, showcasing Saudi Arabia's

commitment to medical diplomacy and humanitarian service. According to KSrelief, the twins were flown to Saudi Arabia aboard a medical evacuation aircraft provided by the Saudi Ministry of Defense. Upon arrival at King Khalid International Airport, they were transferred to King Abdullah Specialist Children's Hospital at King Abdulaziz Medical City under the Ministry of National Guard, where a specialized medical team began a thorough assessment. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Rabeeah, Advisor to the Royal Court, Supervisor General of KSrelief, and head of the surgical team, praised the Kingdom's leadership for their humanitarian vision, highlighting that Saudi Arabia has become a global leader in conjoined twin separations. He emphasized that the initiative reflects both world-class medical expertise and Saudi Arabia's dedication to helping children in life-threatening conditions. The twins' parents expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Kingdom's swift action, warm hospitality, and generosity, stating their deep appreciation for the chance at life being given to their daughters. The upcoming medical evaluation will determine whether a separation surgery is viable, offering renewed hope for the twins and their family.

Dialogue, Diplomacy, Mutual Respect Essential For Global Peace, Says NA Speaker

Geneva (News Desk): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has emphasized the urgent need to revive global trust in multilateralism, stressing that the peaceful resolution of long-standing international disputes—particularly in Palestine and Jammu & Kashmir—must be pursued in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions. Addressing the main session of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations in Geneva, he stated that coercion and unilateral actions cannot achieve sustainable peace. Instead, the world must invest in dialogue, diplomacy, mutual respect, and genuine adherence to the UN Charter. Speaker Sadiq warned against the politicization of humanitarian principles and the application of double standards in international affairs, calling for a return to global peace and justice. Reflecting on Geneva's historic role in global diplomacy, he noted that the city stands as a reminder of the consequences of undermining multilateralism through populism, extremism, and narrow nationalism. He highlighted ongoing crises threatening international peace, economic stability, sustainable development, and the integrity of the multilateral system. The Speaker lamented the erosion of the UN's credibility due to unilateralism and ultra-nationalism and urged that peaceful dispute resolution be seen not only as a legal obligation but a strategic necessity. He welcomed the recent unanimous adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2788, passed under Pakistan's presidency, which promotes peaceful dispute settlement mechanisms. Addressing the global economic landscape, he pointed out that over 100 developing countries are facing debt distress due to systemic flaws in the global financial system. He called for urgent reforms to establish a fair, development-oriented financial structure that supports economic resilience and reduces inequality. Speaker Sadiq also stressed the need to reform and revitalize the UN system, particularly the Security Council, to make it more representative, democratic, transparent, and accountable. He concluded by urging the world to move beyond the blame game and adopt win-win solutions rooted in shared humanity, pluralism, and mutual respect, declaring, “The world has witnessed enough bloodshed—it is time for a new beginning.”

German Olympic Champion Injured In Mountaineering Accident In Baltistan

Islamabad (News Desk): German Olympic and World Champion biathlete Laura Dahlmeier sustained serious injuries after being struck by a rockfall while attempting to summit Laila Peak (6,094 meters) in the remote Hushe valley of Baltistan, the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) said on Tuesday. The incident occurred around noon on Monday



(July 28) at an altitude of approximately 5,700 meters, according to ACP Vice President Karrar Haidri. Dahlmeier was climbing with her mountaineering partner, Marina Eva, when a sudden rockfall hit her, resulting in significant injuries. The expedition was organized by Iqbal, owner of Shipton Treks & Tours, who immediately alerted emergency services. A coordinated rescue operation was launched with support from Pakistan Army Aviation helicopters and local high-altitude porters (HAPs). However, due to the challenging terrain and adverse weather conditions, rescue helicopters were unable to land at the accident site on the day of the incident. Efforts to evacuate Dahlmeier by air continued on Tuesday with ground support teams on standby, awaiting a break in the weather. Marina Eva successfully descended to base camp and is reported to be in good health. Meanwhile, worsening weather continues to delay aerial access to the injured climber, leaving the rescue team prepared to respond as soon as conditions permit.

Scabies Is Transmitted Disease: Skin Specialist

Hyderabad (News Desk): Scabies, a parasitic infestation caused by microscopic mites that burrow into the skin, can lead to severe itching, rashes, and serious health complications such as septicemia, heart disease, and kidney issues, warned Dermatologist Dr. Rajendar Dhirani while speaking to APP on Tuesday. He explained



that scabies spreads easily through close skin contact, particularly among individuals living in crowded or resource-poor areas, with children and the elderly at the highest risk. Although found worldwide, scabies is especially prevalent in tropical regions, where its incidence among children can range from 5% to as high as 50%, with recurrent infections being common. Dr. Dhirani added that while direct skin contact is the primary mode of transmission, the risk significantly increases with contact involving individuals suffering from crusted scabies. Indirect transmission through clothes or bedding is rare in common scabies but possible in crusted cases. Symptoms typically include intense itching (worsening at night), linear burrows and papular rashes on fingers, wrists, arms, legs, and waistline, with infants also experiencing symptoms on the palms, soles, ankles, and scalp.