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Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Arrested Over Protest Against Modi-led BJP Govt, ECI



New Delhi (News Desk): Indian National Congress leader and Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi was taken into custody by Delhi Police on Monday while leading a march towards the Election Commission's office in New Delhi to protest alleged electoral fraud. According to Indian media, Gandhi, along with several party members, was detained after police intervened in the march. Speaking to the media before his arrest, Gandhi said they were not being allowed to speak and described the protest as a fight to save the Constitution and uphold the principle of "one man, one vote," demanding a clean and transparent voter list. Two days earlier, he had accused the Election Commission of colluding with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to commit large-scale electoral fraud, alleging the creation of duplicate voter IDs, use of fake residential addresses, and insertion of forged photographs into voter lists in certain constituencies. He further claimed that during the previous elections, the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and their associates manipulated results in at least 100 constituencies, without which Modi would not be Prime Minister. Calling the Election Commission's actions "treason," Gandhi vowed to take action against the alleged rigging.

At UNSC, Pakistan Slams Israel's Gaza Takeover Plan And Urges Deployment Of Int'l Protection Force

United Nations (News Desk): Pakistan has strongly denounced Israel's plan to take control of Gaza, urging the United Nations Security Council to take enforcement including deploying measures, international protection force, to halt Israeli aggression and protect the besieged Palestinians. Speaking at an emergency meeting of the 15-member Council, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, warned that severing Gaza from the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory is a direct assault on the foundation of the two-state vision, stressing that governance decisions must be made by Palestinians alone. Citing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's stance that the root cause of the crisis is Israel's illegal occupation, he called on the Council to invoke Chapter VII of the UN Charter to prevent Israel from occupying Gaza City—a move he described as part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing that violates UN resolutions



Ikramullah, the student hailing from Qila Saifullah in Balochistan, who was affected due to 2022 floods and whom PM provided educational facilities at Lawrence college Murree called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz, Sharif in Islamabad

UAF Seminar Stresses Support, Inclusion for Individuals with Down Syndrome

FAISALABAD (News Desk) Speakers at a seminar on down syndrome at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad called for importance of strengthening support mechanisms for individuals with down syndrome. The event titled awareness session on down syndrome was organized by University of Agriculture Faisalabad in collaboration with Karachi Down Syndrome Program. Institute of Home Sciences Director Dr Beenish Israr, Dr Ayesha Riaz, Dr Alvina Haseeb, Dr Adeela Manzoor, Assistant Manager KDSP Aimen Rashid and other notable spoke on the occasion. They said that down syndrome was a chromosomal condition, but with proper rehabilitation services, individuals can be fully mainstreamed into society. With the timely proper support and early intervention, these individuals can lead independent and fulfilling lives. The event featured success stories of individuals with Down syndrome, and the need for collaborative efforts to enhance accessibility and opportunities.

Eight Volunteers Killed In Gilgit Landslide, Rescue Efforts Under Way

Gilgit (News Desk): At least eight local volunteers were killed after being buried under debris when a landslide struck the Danyore stream area of Gilgit on Sunday, with fears that several others may still be trapped. According to police sources, the volunteers were working to repair and restore a flood-damaged water channel when a large mound of earth suddenly collapsed, burying multiple people beneath it. Hospital officials confirmed that all those killed were members of the local volunteer team, while three injured persons are receiving medical treatment. Rescue operations are continuing, with local residents also assisting in the search for missing individuals. The district administration has declared an emergency in affected hospitals. A spokesperson for the Gilgit-Baltistan government said the region is facing severe impacts of climate change, with melting glaciers increasing water flow in several streams. This has triggered flooding in the Shisper stream, causing extensive damage to nearby agricultural lands. Crops, orchards, and trees have been washed away, while a section of the Karakoram Highway has been damaged, leading to the closure of the Hunza route once again.

Dubai Press Club To Organise Fifth Edition Of Dubai PodFest On 30th September

Dubai (News Desk): Under the patronage of Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Media Council, the Dubai Press Club (DPC) announced that it will organise the fifth edition of Dubai PodFest on 30th September 2025, coinciding with International Podcast Day—a global celebration of the power and influence of podcasts. Bringing together prominent Arab podcasters, media organisations, and leading audio content platforms, Dubai PodFest serves as the region's leading event dedicated to podcasting, offering a platform to exchange ideas, share success stories, and shape the future of Arabic audio content. Participants will explore global trends, discuss strategies for expanding the reach and competitiveness of Arabic content, and address challenges facing podcast creators. Mona Al Marri, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of the Dubai Media Council and President of the DPC, said the event reflects Sheikh Ahmed's vision to position Dubai as a hub for Arab media, a driver of creative content, and a global destination for new media talent. She added that the PodFest brings together leading Emirati and Arab media professionals to explore ways to support this growing sector. Maryam Al Mulla, Director of DPC, emphasised the commitment to supporting the podcasting industry's growth and spotlighting success stories to inspire young talent. Mahfoudha Abdullah, Manager of Dubai PodFest, noted that the event provides opportunities to enhance the Arab podcasting landscape amid rapid technological change. Dubai Press Club has invited podcast professionals, entrepreneurs, and content creators to join panel discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions during the event.

Abu Dhabi's AI Sector Expands 61% In One Year



Abu Dhabi (News Desk): Abu Dhabi's artificial intelligence (AI) sector is experiencing unprecedented growth, cementing the emirate's position as a global hub for AI innovation and enterprise, according to data from the Abu Dhabi Chamber. With 673 AI companies—a 61 percent increase between June 2023 and June 2024—Abu Dhabi ranks among the fastest growing AI centres in the Middle East and North Africa and holds a notable share of the global total of 90,904 AI firms. Over 58 percent of AI companies in the emirate focus on innovation, research, and consultancy, reflecting a sophisticated, research-driven business environment. In the first half of 2025 alone, 150 new AI firms were launched, supported by strategic investments, advanced infrastructure, and strong cross-sector demand. Key institutions driving this transformation include the Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technology Council, Advanced Technology Research Council, Technology Innovation Institute, AI71, Hub71, G42, and Space42 GIQ. Shamis Ali Khalfan Al Dhaheri, Second Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the Abu Dhabi Chamber, said the sector is evolving from early adoption to real-world transformation, fuelled by collaboration business, and between government, innovators, and guided by the Chamber's strategic roadmap, which 2025-2028 prioritises ease of doing business, policy advocacy, and ecosystem connectivity. A dedicated Advocacy Working Group on AI and Technology is also shaping the emirate's competitive edge, reinforcing its status as a leading centre for innovation.

UAE Harnesses AI To Boost Arabic Language Global Reach

Abu Dhabi (News Desk): The UAE has emerged as a global model in harnessing artificial intelligence (AI) to preserve and promote the Arabic language and its cultural heritage in the digital age, enhancing its regional and international standing as a language equipped for the future. Government entities are driving AI-powered initiatives across publishing, education, lexicography, and creative content. Among the landmark achievements is the completion of the Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language in Sharjah, documenting the language's evolution through history. Building on this, the "GPT Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language" project now offers researchers and enthusiasts access to over 20 million Arabic words, enabling text creation, reading, video conversion, and continuous content updates through a collaboration between the Arabic Language Academy in Sharjah and the Emirates Scholar

Research Centre.