

**NAMAAZ & TIMINGS**

FOR KARACHI ONLY

STARTING TIME	CONGREGATION
Fajr: 05.52 am	06.30 am
Sunrise: 07.13 am	
Zohr: 12.47 pm	01.30 pm
Asr: 04.46 pm	05.00 pm
Sunset: 06.21 pm	
Maghrib: 06.22 pm	06.24 pm
Isha: 07.46 pm	08.00 pm

**HAPPENINGS**

- SPRING Gala and Basant Bahar by Group of All Ali Schools at its main branch, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Block 7 at 11.00am.
- DR ZAIN Memorial lecture at Department of Bio-Chemistry, University of Karachi at 11.00am.
- TALK by Maj Gen Ghulam Umer on Iraq-US crises at Department of International Relations, University of Karachi at 11.15pm.
- SHAHADAT Majlis of Imam Mohammad Baqir at Mehfil-e-Shah-e-Khorasan after Maghrib prayers.

**TV TODAY**

**PTV**  
6.00am Tilawat Aur Turjuma of the Qur'aan; 7.00 News in Urdu; 7.10 Roshan Pakistan; 9.00 Saq Ray Gaa Faa; 9.30 Ek Parcham Key Neechay; 10.00 News in Urdu; 10.05 Khatwaan Time; 11.00 Jo Jaany Woh Jeetya; 12.00 Roshani; 12.30 PTV Sports; 2.00 11th Asian Junior Squash Championship 2003 (Final); 3.50 Iqra; 4.05 Wishbone; 4.30 News in Urdu; 4.35 Street 96; 5.00 News in Urdu; 5.10 Parakh; 6.00 News in English; 6.10 Kashmir Report; 6.15 Special Programme: Qalandar Muhammad Ki Yaad Main; 6.30 Nestle Song; 6.35 World Cup 2003-Profits; 6.45 Line One; 7.10 Fungama; 7.35 Ik Nayi More Pey; 9.00 - Khabarnama; 9.25 - Tijarti Khabrain; 9.30 Momen Gold Adventure Centre; 9.45 Jashan-e-Baharan Show; 11.30 World Cup Cricket 2003 South Africa-Opening Ceremony; 1.30 Link with PTV-Lahore-Jashan-e-Baharan Show; 2.30 Guddi; 3.20 Tomorrow's Programmes; 3.25 Farman-e-Elahi; 3.34 National Flag and Anthem; 3.35 Close Down.

**PTV WORLD**  
6.00am Tilawat Aur Turjuma of the Qur'aan; 7.00 News at Seven; 7.10 News Morning; 8.00 News at Eight; 8.10 Remaining of News Morning; 9.00 News at Nine; 9.05 Dilchasp-O-Ajeb; 9.30 News Morning Segment; 10.00 News at Ten; 10.05 News Night; 10.30 News Morning Segment; 11.00 News at Eleven; 11.05 Kaam Ki baat; 11.35 Khabar Ka Salar; 12.00 News at Twelve; 12.05 Zero Period; 1.00 News at One; 1.05 Kissan Time; 2.30 AIOU Courses; 3.00 News at Three.

**PTV WORLD MATINEE**  
3.05pm Sila; 4.00 News at Four; 4.05 Lifebuoy Hum Na Maney Haar; 4.30 Tum Yahi Kahna; 5.00 News at Five; 5.05 Remaing of Tum Yahi Kahna; 5.30 Cinci Women in Style; 6.00 News at Six.

**PTV WORLD PRIME TIME**  
6.10pm News Morning Segment; 6.45 HI-Notes; 7.00 News at Seven; 7.02 Remaining of HI-Notes; 7.20 Abrar Basant Song; Canay Afsanay; 8.00 News at Eight; 8.10 Jashan-e-Baharayan; 9.05 Bay Say Bachayan; 9.35 News Night; 10.00 News at Ten; 10.30 Justjo; 11.00 News at Eleven.

**MID EAST PRIME TIME**  
11.05pm Lipton Yellow Label Funtime Kajal Ghar; 12.00 News at Twelve; 12.05 Remaining of Lipton Yellow Label Funtime; 1.00 News at One; 1.05 Remaining of Lipton Yellow Label Funtime; 2.00 News at Two.

**PTV WORLD NITE TIME**  
2.05am Opening of Nite Time Show; 2.10 Nite Time Special; 2.35 Paradii Hotel; 3.00 News at Three.

**PTV WORLD NEWS**  
3.05am Dilchasp-O-Ajeb; 3.30 Visitors Book; 4.00 News at Four; 4.05 DW TV's Programmes; 5.00 News at Five; 5.05 Zaree Seminar.

**Mir Hussain Ali takes over as DCO**

KARACHI: Mir Hussain Ali on Friday took over as District Coordination Officer (DCO), Karachi, relieving Shafiqur Rehman Paracha who has been posted as Project Director Lyari Development Project after grant of extension in service.

It may be mentioned here that Shafiqur Rehman Paracha had replaced Mir Hussain Ali as Commissioner Karachi in 1998.



Mir Hussain Ali had been DCO Hyderabad City Government before joining as DCO City District Government Karachi. He has held various administrative position in different cities of Sindh Province and has also served as Deputy Commissioner in different former Districts of Karachi. —APP

# Engineers urged to work towards national development

By our correspondent

ARACHI: The engineering community should focus its attention and utilise its energy for the cause of national development.

This was stated by Engineer Javid Akhtar, Member (Power) Wapda and former chairman of National Electronic Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) while addressing, as chief guest, at the 18th Multi-topic International Symposium '2003 at a local hotel on Friday. The symposium was organised by the Karachi Centre of the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Pakistan (IEEEP) after a lapse of three years.

"We don't think of national development, which was, is, and will be the main aim of the engineering industry," Engineer Javid Akhtar said, adding, "The process of development is dynamic and is aimed at changing the face of society."

He called upon the engineers to try and bring changes into the institutions "as institutions run the country."

He lamented that engineers didn't have a say in political affairs. "This is because, we don't have a voice. We need to be heard, we need to be trusted by the civil society. If we say something, we must

be believed. However, it requires a lot of discipline; we will have to accept our weaknesses," he said, asserting: "If our voice is not heard, not only we, as professionals, but the whole society will suffer."

Engineer Javid Akhtar urged the engineers of the country to be proactive and take initiative. "It will benefit the individual, the industry and the country," he said.

He regretted that despite having thousands of engineers, the country was still unable to carry out big projects, say a dam. For the purpose, he added, foreign consultants and engineers had to be hired.

"We have past accomplishments to move us ahead, to make things ingeniously," he said. He said that the standard of engineering institutions in the country had gone up, of late. "Our students, teachers and institutions equal those in the developed countries of the world. All the ingredients are there, we only need to explore opportunities and capitalise on them," he added.

The member (power) Wapda praised the Karachi Centre of the IEEP for the "hard work in order to organise the symposium after a lapse of three years."

He said that the purpose of the symposium should be to exchange

views so that one could learn from the experience of the other, to generate the spiral of growth.

Earlier in his welcome address, Engineer Syed Khurshid Perviz, Chairman, IEEEEP said that the Karachi Centre of the IEEP had been instrumental in organising this traditional symposium for two decades, but due to the downturn in the industry, it had become practically impossible to organise such a symposium during the last three years. "But now, with a new team of IEEEEP Karachi Centre, this symposium is being restarted," he said, adding: "Engineers need to join hands and share their experiences more often."

Addressing on the occasion, Engineer Ch Asghar Ali Randhawa, President IEEEEP appreciated the initiative of the Karachi Centre for organising the symposium. "Considering the speed with which the technology is advancing, we have to be more proactive in order to keep pace with the world otherwise we will be left far behind. In fact, we are already far behind in the field of modern technology," he said.

In the end, Engineer Irfan Ahmed, Honorary Secretary, IEEEEP Karachi Centre, presented the vote of thanks.

# Problems of people being solved at their doorsteps: Naimat

KARACHI: City Nazim, Naimatullah Khan has said that the basic problems of people are now being resolved at their doorsteps in Karachi, which is the sixth biggest city of the world.

Naimat said that despite contributing 75 per cent of the country's total revenue, the city was totally ignored in the past. However, with the inception of local government system, the city would get its glory back, he added.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of second three-day International Physics Education Conference at NIPA on Friday. The conference was organised on the topic of "New thinking in Physics Education" with the cooperation of National Centre for Physics, Islamabad; Physics Department of Karachi University; and APWA Govt Girls College.

He said that at the time of establishment of new setup, the city

government had inherited 4,500 schools and 92 colleges and since then the city government added eight new colleges. He said these institutions were without roofs, toilets, windows, doors and fans. The children used to sit on the floor, as they had no benches.

The Nazim observed that in a condition where there was no academic environment in educational institutions, what progress could be made in the field of science. "We paid special attention on such state of affair and determined the directions for improvement in the system," he said.

In the first phase, the buildings were repaired and reconstructed while in the second phase, the city government took steps for improving the standard of education. Naimat said one could see a visible difference now. The city government was especially focussing on education, he said adding that the allocation of 31 per cent of budget

was an indication of this change.

He pointed out that private institutions had made education a commercial venture and it was for this reason that city government paid the highest attention on it so that children of poor and middle income people could get better facilities in government-run institutions. Naimat said that the scientists of 20th Century used their scientific knowledge for ruination of humanity. They eliminated Hiroshima and Nagasaki, gave two world wars and made the humanity to face dreadful destruction. He urged the scientists to use science for promotion of peace and harmony.

He asserted that in order to join the ranks of developed nations, more attention should be paid on education and teachers could play a significant role.

The Vice-Chancellor Karachi University, Dr Zafar Saifi, Prof Fahim and Dr Fazila also addressed the ceremony. —APP

# Tasadaq Sohail at Canvas

KARACHI: An exhibition of UK-based Pakistani artist Tasadaq Sohail's paintings opened at the Canvas Art Gallery, Clifton, Friday evening.

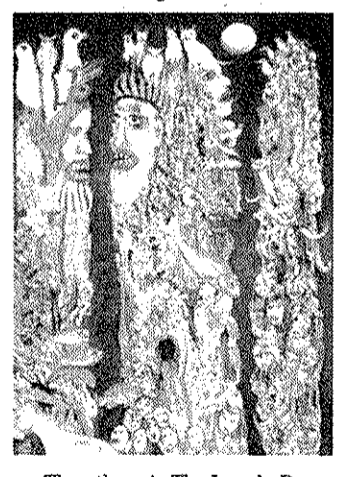
The 53 works in oil on display range over a wide spectrum of themes, as diverse as cabbages and kings, from horses to mountains, black magic to village belles picking flowers, and everything in between.

"My art belongs to the expressionist form, punctuated with symbolism," says Sohail.

Symbolism certainly is there and one would require an overly fertile imagination to get the themes of the works. The faces he draws are not just prototype drawings depicting the features in detail. They are there but distorted, with contorted contours, to convey certain moods, certain dilemmas, dilemmas we so often have to come to grips with in daily life. The works convey lots of things simultaneously, joys, sorrows, finding ourselves at the crossroads, or between the devil and the deep sea.

One such work is Lady Godiva, the wife of a 12th century English king who was ordered by her husband to ride across the city in a superlatively embarrassing state.

While the contorted face symbolises the extreme infamy she has been subjected to, her posture on horseback oozes confidence. All this can be read into in the mutilated expression on the lady's face and the blending of colours.



Then there is The Lonely Dove, a huge cathedral-like structure against a backdrop of a vast empty space with a dove perched atop. This is supposed to symbolise man alone in a wide, wide, world, lonely, all by himself, left to face all human situations, joy, sorrow, love, all alone in a vast world.

Included in the exhibition are landscapes too, with colours that

render the works surrealistic, like the one titled, "walk on the wild side".

While most artists juggle with colours to produce gaudy, flamboyant effects to infuse life into their works, Sohail's works carry very subtle and sometimes subdued colours.

"I get feelings through the faces I paint. They may be paintings but they are supposed to depict real things that happen to people," he says, adding, "I distort faces to bring out the emotions".

Tasadaq Sohail is an artist of many years' standing, having started painting in London back in 1963, and studying at St Martin's School of Art, Central School of Art, and the City Literary Institute. To date, he has held 43 shows of his paintings the world over, stretching from Australia to the USA, almost all European countries, and 20 one-man shows in Pakistan.

Despite being a septuagenarian, a juncture of life when most people like to retire from their cherished pursuits and take it easy, Sohail, 72, has no plans to retire and is raring to march on.

The exhibition is specially recommended for the perceptive and those with a fertile imagination, especially those with an overly fertile one.

# Extra care brings remarkable improvement in special children

By our correspondent

KARACHI: Some 20-plus special students on Friday presented splendid performance in a highly disciplined and patient manner at their Annual Sports Day held at the Special Children's Educational Institute, DHA Phase II Extension.

The audience of the function, comprising parents of the special students, appreciated the PT and sporting abilities of their children who were trained by the professionally-trained staff of the institute in five years.

The children, being given special therapy and education, have been suffering from various mental and physical handicaps, specially from the down syndrome which deprive them of concentration and patience, but the special students in question participating in various games and physical activities, were commended for their most disciplined, patient and attentive performance.

The programme began with the recitation of the Holy Qura'an followed by national anthem.

The children participated in PT display, PhysioBall Relay, race and others. The competitions like present race, frog race and hit the target attracted much attention of the audience. One event, Parent and Children race, was also received with utmost interest, in which every student had to run and put a garland in the neck of a parent standing on the other side of the ground.

Towards the end of the function, the children marched and



Renowned playwright, Fatima Surryia Bajja flanked by the special children who gave a splendid performance in spite of their handicap, on the annual sports day of Special Children's Educational Institute, DHA-II on Friday. Inset: Special children engaged in a drill, exhibiting superb coordination. —The News photos

assembled in the middle of the ground and presented the famous national song "Jeeway Jeeway Pakistan" while waving national flag's bunting in their hands. The singing abilities of the special students were also highly applauded by the audience.

The chief guest of the ceremony, renowned TV drama writer, Fatima Surryia Bajja, praised the services of teachers and trainers at the institute and said that they were doing a great job.

She was of the view that special children were better than normal human beings who were bent on destroying serenity and peace of this world. Serving and helping the children was like performing a religious duty, she added.

The principal of the institute, Sam Haque, later told this scribe that children in her school were being under training from five months to five years. She told that although com-

plete rehabilitation of these children was not possible under the available technology and treatment, efforts were being made to bring up these children with special treatment and formal education upto a special level of social acceptability.

At the end, the chief guest Fatima Surryia Bajja, distributed prizes and gifts among the children who did fairly well and achieved distinction at their respective competitions.

# SPLA to observe black day on 18th

By our correspondent

KARACHI: The Sindh Professors and Lecturers' Association (SPLA) has decided to observe black day on February 18 by teachers of government colleges all over the province to press for its demands.

Speaking at a press conference on Friday, the SPLA Central President, Prof Syed Riaz Ahsan said that a recently held meeting had taken a strong exception against the appointment of retired officials on various administrative positions in the education sector.

He also aired the demand on behalf of the association calling for removal of all such retired officials inducted on contractual basis, which included chairmen of two educational boards and principals of two colleges in the province.

He called the government to take measures to stop external and political influences in the colleges especially the admission affairs. He said that principals, teaching and non-teaching staff of the colleges should be given protection against the threats they received from students' pressure groups for getting their "students" admitted and other illegal demands.

Prof Riaz pointed out that pressure of various politically motivated student factions in the city were on the rise again as far as admissions in the degree classes of these colleges were concerned, especially after the restoration democratic order in the country.

He complained that whichever student faction operating in the metropolis got a chance, it tried to get their favoured students being admitted in various classes of the colleges under their influence, or force the principals-concerned to waive off their fee.

He said that a comprehensive plan should be chalked out under which major political parties of the country would be called in a roundtable-like moot and be persuaded that they should not use their student factions any further to fulfil their political agenda.

Prof Riaz further demanded of the government to impose the IT course at the intermediate-level as an elective subject rather than a compulsory one. He maintained that provincial education department had attempted to impose the IT course as a compulsory subject off-hand, without providing sufficient lab and faculty facilities uniformly at all the government-run colleges. He alleged that curriculum of the IT course in question had been adapted and implemented without seeking approval of the concerned forums and also against the recommendations made by the computer sciences departments of the three major public sector varsities of Sindh.

The President of SPLA referred to a recently conducted survey, according to which, some 15 colleges in the metropolis were imparting IT training without the facility of a single computer. In addition, he said, the number of colleges with the one computer only, are in dozens. He also called for providing sufficient security to the college teachers, who were being robbed every other day amid crumbling law and order situation in the province.

# State must look after national heroes, observes SHC bench

By our correspondent

KARACHI: The national heroes including players, wrestlers and others may be given due respect and cared after by the State, observed a bench of High Court of Sindh (SHC) comprising Justice Ghulam Rabbani on Friday.

The bench was hearing a suit filed by Nasir Bholoo, son of Rustom-e-Pakistan, late Bholoo Pehlwan, Nasir Bholoo who shot to fame in 1980's after his wrestling match with former world champion and kick boxing star Anoki of Japan, moved the court against a notice issued in respect of a plot allotted to his illustrious father.

The plaintiff maintains that Li-aquat Ali Khan, the first prime minister, had allotted a plot to his father in recognition of his services as early as 1952. The plot is situated in Block-3/E, Old Nazimabad and as per notice issued by the defunct KMC (presently city government) under Sindh Public Property (Removal of Encroach-

ment) Act 1975 was allegedly encroached upon by one, Haneeff.

Nasir submitting all relevant documents including mutation in his name maintained that on Feb 3, 2000 some 48 years after allotment of plot the city government officials assisted by SHO Nazimabad carried out demolition of boundary wall of the plot owned by the plaintiff causing him considerable monetary loss.

The plaintiff further maintained that the plot was the property of KDA and never owned by the city government or the defunct KMC. The petitioner filing the suit prayed to the court to issue a permanent injunction against any action by city govt and declaration that said plot was legally allotted to the plaintiff and he was the sole owner.

When the matter came up for hearing, the bench fixed Feb 25, as the date for final disposal of the suit. —APP

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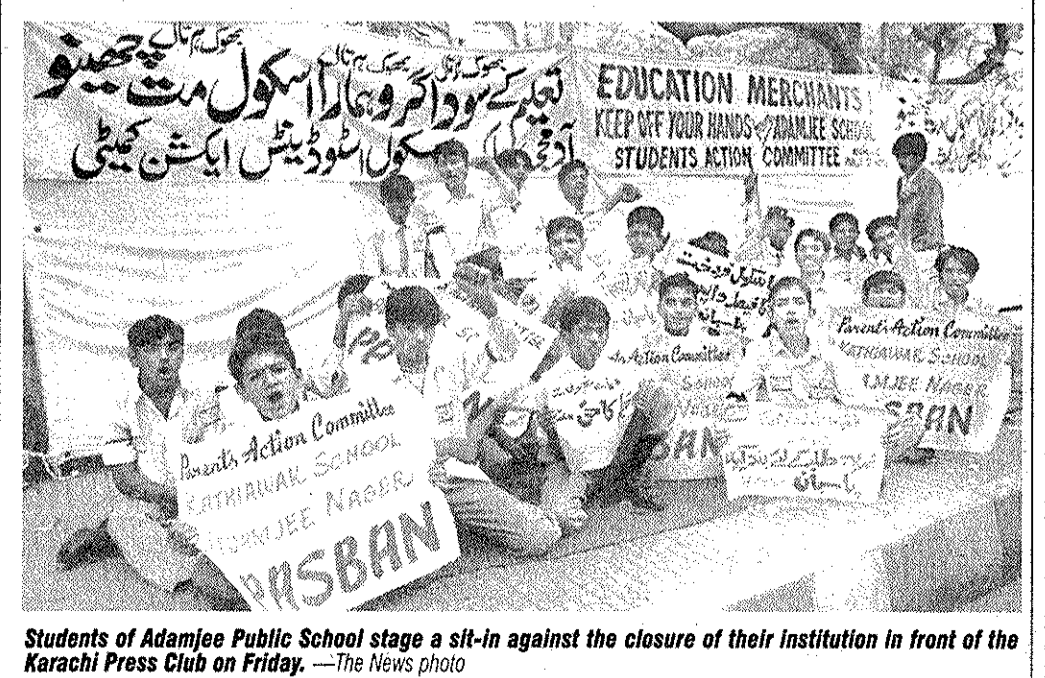
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Students of Adamjee Public School stage a sit-in against the closure of their institution in front of the Karachi Press Club on Friday. —The News photo

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