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One Liner

- **Pakistan Develops Electronic Voting Machine.** As part of the government's efforts to make the next general elections more transparent, the Ministry of Science and Technology has developed an electronic voting machine.
- **Four Women Killed in Terrorist Attack in North Waziristan.** Four women have been killed in a terrorist attack in Mirali area of North Waziristan district.
- **'Over 350 terrorists killed, many arrested during Operation Radul Fasaad'.** Operation Radul Fasaad has completed four years and to share its successes DG ISPR Major General Babar Iftikhar is addressing a press conference in Islamabad.
- **Significant Achievements Made In Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad: DG ISPR.** Director General ISPR Major General Babar Iftikhar says significant achievements have been made in all the domains of Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad to ensure durable peace across the country.
- **LUMS to Launch Pakistan's First-Ever Academic Program in Cryptocurrency.** Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) has anchored investments exceeding Rs. 670 million in crypto tokens to design Pakistan's first-ever academic program for blockchain
- **Punjab Govt Launches Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Scholarship Program 2021.** The government of Punjab has launched a special scholarship program 'Rehmatul-lil-Alameen' for the bright and underprivileged students across the province.
- **Non-Customs Paid Cars Worth Rs. 11 Billion Recovered in Massive Crackdown.** According to a recent media report, the authorities confiscated smuggled items worth Rs. 35 billion between July 2020 and January 2021. In comparison, smuggled items worth around Rs. 22 billion were seized between July 2019 and January 2020.
- **Gold prices go up in domestic, international markets.** The per tola gold price on Monday registered an increase of Rs350 to Rs110,700 in the domestic market
- **Qalandars Beat Gladiators By Nine Wickets.** Fakhar Zaman (82*) and Mohammad Hafeez (73*) consolidated for a match-winning partnership as Lahore Qalandars beat Quetta Gladiators by nine wickets in fourth match of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) season 6.
- **New Zealand thrash Australia in first T20I.** New Zealand beat Australia by 53 runs in the opening Twenty20 international played in Christchurch Monday. Devon Conway amassed an unbeaten 99 off 59 deliveries to lead the Black Caps to a total of 184 for five.

Spotlight by The NewsRun

1. COVID-19 IN PAKISTAN

- **24-hour count:** Pakistan reported **1,160 new cases** and **16 deaths** in 24 hours. Pakistan also conducted **32,313 tests** in the span of 24 hours (P.S. this data was last updated on February 22 at 7:42am).

2. Protestors vandalize media group's head office

What's going on? On Sunday, a group of protestors reportedly **vandalized** the head office of *Geo News/Jang Group* in Karachi. They were angry about some comments on a TV program that aired on *Geo News*.

The details: *Geo News* Managing Director, **Azhar Abbas**, said protestors beat their cameraman and staff. Journalist **Zebunissa Burki** wrote that police "looked on" while protestors attacked the *Geo/Jang* office. According to *Geo News* Karachi Bureau Chief, Faheem Siddiqui, protestors rammed through the main gate, broke windows, and beat up staff members in the building.

Tell me more: The controversy started when Irshad Bhatti, host of the comedy and satire program, *Khabarnaak*, reportedly said something offensive about Sindh. Later on, Bhatti clarified that he didn't mean to disrespect the province of Sindh, or Sindhi language.

Looking ahead: Sindh Information Minister, Nasir Hussain Shah, condemned the violence, and promised to investigate the incident. Sindh Chief Minister, Murad Ali Shah, took notice of the incident, spoke to Abbas, and said he will ask for a detailed police report.

The bottom line: The protest was apparently announced in advance, so it wasn't unexpected. People speaking out against the protest are wondering why police and the Sindh govt weren't prepared. Some people are also criticizing law enforcement officials for failing to control the protest, which got seriously out of hand.

3. Fire at the polls

On Sunday, a **fire erupted** at a polling station in Tharparkar, Sindh. The fire took place during a by-election (i.e. an election to fill a vacancy) at the NA-221 constituency. Tharparkar police said the "accidental fire" damaged some ballot papers and other material. The police didn't

specify what caused the fire, but denied media reports about three people being arrested for starting the fire on purpose. However, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) believes the "opponent group" started the fire. The damaged ballot papers were reportedly replaced quickly, and the polling process continued. Competing candidates for the constituency are Nizam-ud-Din Rahimoon from the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, and Ameer Ali Shah from PPP.

- **Something to know:** PPP ended up [winning](#) the NA-221 seat by a big margin.
- **Backstory:** A by-election took place for the NA-221 constituency because PPP candidate, Noor Muhammad Shah Jillani, who won the seat in 2018, passed away after contracting COVID-19.

4. Stray dogs poisoned in Rawalpindi

As a part of the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board's (RCB) dog culling/removal initiative, several stray dogs were [poisoned to death](#). These dogs were given poisoned meat. A stray dog reportedly attacked four people near Rawalpindi Railway Station on February 7. Overtime, people have been complaining about the growing number of stray dogs, and a surge in dog-bites. People are reportedly asking authorities to control the population of stray dogs in a "humane way." As a result, local authorities are resorting to poisoning dogs as one way to get them off the streets.