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NAILA KIANI SUMMITS KANCHENJUNGA

12 PEAKS ACHIEVED, 2 TO GO

In a historic achievement, **Naila Kiani** has successfully summited **Kanchenjunga (8,586m)**, the world's third highest mountain, becoming the first Pakistani woman to do so. With this milestone, she has now climbed **12 of the world's 14 highest peaks above 8,000 meters**, a remarkable feat that places her among the most elite mountaineers globally. Naila's journey is a testament to resilience, discipline, and purpose. Beyond mountaineering, she has championed critical causes including environmental sustainability and high-altitude rescue efforts. As a mother, former banker, and advocate for responsible climbing, she continues to challenge stereotypes and redefine the role of women in extreme sports. Her accomplishments have been made possible through the steadfast support of the **BARD Foundation**, which shares her commitment to excellence and impact. With only **Cho Oyu** and **Shishapangma** remaining, Naila is on the brink of completing one of the most challenging goals in the world of mountaineering, an achievement that will mark a defining moment not only for her, but for Pakistan's place on the global climbing map.



SOHAIL ADNAN WON BRITISH JUNIOR OPEN 2025

Pakistan's young squash sensation, **Sohail Adnan**, has made the nation proud by winning the **Boys Under-13** title at the prestigious **British Junior Open 2025**. In a thrilling final, **Sohail** showcased exceptional grit and talent, defeating Elmoghazy in a gripping five-set battle. This victory marks another milestone in his rising career, following his recent wins at the **Scottish Junior Open** and the **Asian Junior Championship**.

SQUASH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The **BARD Foundation's** Squash Development Program is a dedicated initiative aimed at nurturing the next generation of squash champions in Pakistan. Through this program, the Foundation is supporting **12 promising young athletes**, providing them with access to professional training, mentorship, equipment, and tournament exposure, ensuring they have the resources and guidance needed to excel at national and international levels. This program reflects **BARD Foundation's** commitment to developing grassroots sports talent and contributing to Pakistan's legacy in the world of squash.



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BARD FOUNDATION & LUMS FOR DESCON AUDITORIUM

Continuing our commitment to education, **BARD Foundation** has signed a new **MoU** with **LUMS** for the **Descon Auditorium** in the upcoming **Yusuf H. Shirazi Complex**. This collaboration reflects our belief in the power of strong partnerships to create lasting impact. As a founding member of **LUMS**, **Abdul Razak Dawood's** vision for accessible, quality education lives on, through spaces that inspire learning, dialogue, and innovation.





BARD FOUNDATION & LEAPS JOIN FORCES TO EMPOWER FUTURE LEADERS



BARD Foundation is delighted to announce a meaningful partnership with LEAPS Global, aimed at transforming children's futures through the power of education. Together, we are launching a comprehensive reading program designed to improve literacy, build character, and foster citizenship among young learners. The goal is to equip the next generation with the knowledge, creativity, and life skills needed to grow into confident and compassionate leaders.



BARD FOUNDATION JOINS HANDS WITH MARKHOR SQUASH FOUNDATION TO STRENGTHEN SQUASH IN PAKISTAN

BARD Foundation has partnered with Markhor Squash Foundation (USA) to build a sustainable pipeline of world-class squash talent in Pakistan. The collaboration focuses on training camps, global tournament participation, and youth development advancing squash nationally.



REVIVING SQUASH IN PAKISTAN: BARD X MARKHOR LAUNCH TRAINING CAMP

BARD Foundation, in partnership with Markhor Squash Foundation (USA), held an intensive squash camp at Punjab Squash Complex, Lahore, led by Egyptian coach Omar Ahmed AbdelAziz. Focused on skills, strategy, and coaching, the camp is a key step in reviving Pakistan's squash legacy, reflecting both organizations' commitment to youth and sports excellence. Participants called it a transformative experience.





BARD FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH CAREEM TO SUPPORT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN

BARD Foundation is delighted to announce its collaboration with **Careem**, which has extended dedicated funding to support the growth of sports in Pakistan. This generous contribution is a strong endorsement of our mission to empower youth through sport.

With **Careem's** support, **BARD Foundation** will further enhance access to training, resources, and competitive opportunities for emerging athletes across the country. We thank Careem for believing in the transformative power of sports and joining us in shaping a brighter future for Pakistan's sporting talent.



BARD FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH **KIRAN FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT STUDENTS FROM LYARI**



BARD Foundation has signed a contract with **Kiran Foundation** to support 23 deserving students from Lyari through the **Uraan Ambassador Program (UAP)**. This initiative aims to promote equitable access to quality education by providing financial aid and support to help students pursue degrees at leading institutions across Pakistan.

Through this collaboration, **BARD and Kiran Foundation** are working together to empower youth to become confident, self-reliant individuals who can positively impact their families and communities. This partnership reinforces our shared commitment to driving long-term social change through education.





ABUBAKAR TALHA, MIKAEEL
ALI BAIG & NADIR MIRZA
**WIN ITF J-30 ISLAMABAD
DOUBLES FINAL.**

Congratulations to Abubakar Talha, Mikaeel Ali Baig and Nadir Mirza of Ace Tennis Academy for their remarkable victory in the ITF J-30 Islamabad Doubles Final!



SOHAIL ADNAN WON
SCOTTISH JUNIOR OPEN

Pakistan's young squash champions, **Sohail Adnan**, delivered stellar performances at the **Scottish Junior Open 2024**, winning the **Boys Under-13** title. Sohail showcased remarkable grit and skill to clinch his title in a hard-fought final.





SHEHROZE KASHIF COMPLETED 14 PEAKS

Shehroze Kashif, the youngest climber to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters, recently completed this historic feat and was invited by leading institutions to share his story. He visited **TCF College, Karachi Grammar School, and Habib University**, where he spoke about his extraordinary journey of conquering the world's highest mountains, highlighting the immense challenges he faced and the relentless determination it took to achieve his dreams.

His powerful and motivational talks deeply resonated with students across all three institutions, inspiring them to persevere, dream big, and believe in their potential to reach for the impossible.



HAMZA ASIF RETURNS STRONGER AFTER ELITE TRAINING IN THAILAND

Swimmer **Hamza Asif** recently completed a rigorous 3-week high-performance training program at Thanyapura, Thailand, one of the world's premier sports training centers. This international exposure allowed Hamza to train alongside top athletes, refine his techniques, and build both physical endurance and mental resilience. The experience marks a key milestone in his development, and we're proud to stand behind his journey towards becoming a world-class swimmer.



BARD FOUNDATION PARTICIPATES IN NESTLÉ MILO MARATHON 2025



The Nestlé MILO Marathon 2025 lit up DHA Lahore with an energetic mix of families, young athletes, and outdoor enthusiasts. Representing the **BARD Foundation**, president **Abdul Razak Dawood** attended the event, reaffirming his commitment to youth-driven sports. Renowned mountaineer **Shehroze Kashif** also joined, adding excitement to the day. Special recognition goes to **Muhammad Saeed Shamsi** and the **PSRD team** for championing inclusion of children with special needs. It was a memorable celebration of community, fitness, and purpose.

