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# **Futile efforts to create rift between** army, people will never succeed: COAS

Nexus between internal collusive elements, external forces to create instability exposed before nation: Pakistan Army being one of strongest armies in world can't be coerced by anyone: Stresses operational preparedness for conventional, sub-conventional warfare

QUETTA (APP): Chief of Quetta Garrison, an Inter- stan who, through the re- Pakistan, can neither be de-Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Monday said the nexus between the internal collusive elements and external forces to create instability has amply been exposed before the people of Paki-

The army chief made these remarks while ad-

(ISPR) news release said.

The COAS said: Those who are making futile efforts to drive a wedge and weaken the unbreakable bond between the people of Pakistan and its Armed Forces will never be able to succeed Insha Allah."

The Armed Forces of dressing the officers of Pakistan remained perpetu-Quetta during his visit to and proud people of Paki- port of proud people of

Services Public Relations cent manifestation of their unique love for their Armed Forces across the length and breadth of the country, have given a befitting reply to the nefarious designs of the en-

The Army Chief said, "Pak Army, being one of the strongest armies of the world, with the blessings of Command & Staff College ally indebted to the valiant Allah and undaunted sup-

emy and their collabora-

terred nor coerced by anyone, Alhamdolillah. While addressing the

officers, the COAS emphasized operational preparedness for conventional, subconventional and 5th-generation warfare. The COAS also visited

various welfare schemes for soldiers in Quetta Garrison. He was earlier received by Commander Quetta Corps.



QUETTA: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir addressing the officers of Command & Staff College Quetta.



meeting with Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

vincial governments across

the province, it not only

prolongs public issues and

difficulties but also signifi-

Governor Balochistan

cantly increases project

Kakar emphasized the fo-

cus on enhancing border

trade and facilitating busi-

ness communities' access to

neighboring countries' mar-

kets. He stated that our full

attention is directed to-

wards opening up new

trade routes in areas such

as Taftan, Chaman, Nushki,

Badini, and Qamaruddin.

#### **Governor urges boosting** Current situation

costs.

Independent Report

QUETTA: Governor activities with Iran and Af-Malik Abdul Wali Khan ghanistan. He emphasized Kakar of Balochistan has stated that the province cannot overlook the issues of poverty and deprivation and in this regard the traders and industrialists cannot be ignored.

During a meeting with Nawabzada Mohib Jogezai's delegation at the Governor House in Quetta Monday, Governor Kakar expressed these views.

Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar highlighted the importance of expanding border trade and providing essential facilities and opportunities to the business community in order to effectively address the prob-

#### not a 'big crisis trade, eradicating poverty for me', claims trade and increasing trade **Imran Khan Monitoring Desk** that if any development project is not completed on time by the federal and pro-

LAHORE: Amid the ongoing crackdown and mass exodus of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders after the May 9 mayhem, party chairman Imran Khan has insisted that the current political situation is not a big crisis for him.

'You think it is a big crisis for me, I don't," said the former prime minister who was ousted last April through a vote of noconfidence — while speaking during an interview with BBC on Monday.

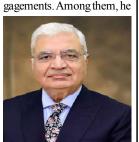
Speaking about the upcoming general elections in the country, Khan said his position will only be weakened if he loses the vote bank

However, dozens of the party's bigwigs including Shireen Mazari, Ali Zaidi and Fawad Chaudhry among others have parted ways with Khan citing attacks on the military installations as the reason.

'Firstly, we will fill in all the positions of people who have left," he said, adding, "So have younger blood, newer people coming in. They'll probably get arrested, too.

#### Federal Ombudsman to arrive on 3-days visit to Quetta today

Independent Report QUETTA: Federal Ombudsman Aijaz Ahmed Qureshi will arrive in Quetta for a three-day official visit today. During the visit, he will participate in various ceremonies and en-



will attend a seminar titled "Protection of Public Rights and Good Governance" at the Governor's House, highlighting the role

of the federal ombudsman.

Additionally, he will join a review meeting to assess the implementation of the recommendations regarding prison reforms. The meeting will be attended by the Chief Secretary of Balochistan and the Inspector General of Prisons, who will brief him on the progress made. The Federal Ombudsman will also visit the newly established Secretariat in Quetta, where he will be briefed on the performance of regional offices, including Khuzdai

## President Alvi due to arrive in Quetta on two-day visit today

Closing ceremony of 34th National Games' to be held today



Dr. Arif Alvi is due to reach Quetta today (Tuesday) on two-day official

According to the spokesman of Governor House, the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar would receive the President at the Quetta airport.



The President would

participate in the closing

ceremony of 34th Na-

he seminar entitled the role of ombudsman in safeguarding public rights and good gover-nance" to be held under the auspices of Federa Ombudsman secretariat on May 31 at the Gover nor House.



# House which was torched by miscreants on 9th May Mitha notes importance

# of Paki-Iran friendship for mutual benefits

**Independent Report** OUETTA: Haji Mitha Khan Kakar, the Provincial Minister for Information has stated that the Pakistan-Iran friendship is exemplary, and

both sides need to play their part effectively to strengthen this friendship. Balochistan is blessed and gas, and if Pakistan takes

with abundant reserves of oil steps to import gas and oil from Iran in this regard, it will have positive impacts. He expressed these tricity, gas, and oil.

views during a meeting with the Director-General of Iran's Cultural House, Dr Syed Abul Hassan Miri, and Iran's Deputy Consul General, Agha Pirloun.

During the meeting, the Iranian Consul General discussed Pakistan-Iran relations and stated that Iran has made efforts to improve relations with our beloved neighboring country, and has especially tried to provide Pakistan with cheap elec

#### Rana dismisses allegations of mistreatment meted out to female prisoners

ISLAMABAD (APP): Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah on Monday rejected the allegations being propagated on social media about the mistreatment being meted out to female prisoners involved in the May 9th vandalism. Talking to a private news channel, the minister said that all those ac-

attack in Lahore would face legal consequences. He said the 'PTI's radicals' burnt houses, public properties. and military installations with proper planning to spread chaos and anarchy in the country. He also blamed Imran Khan and other PTI leaders for brainwashing youth in a bid to create chaos

arrived on Monday in Pakistan for a five-day Defence Engagement visit as part of the longstanding defence cooperation agreement between the two During his visit, General Sir Patrick Sanders would meet with Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, alongside other Defence



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Asadullah Baloch, Mir Naseebullah Marri and MPA Zabid Reki meeting with Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran Gichki.

# Imran cause of economic, political instability: PM

Stresses need to reduce dependence on imports, bring down inflation in such an unstable environ-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday said Imran Niazi had a role in deepening economic challenges of Pakistan as he scrapped the deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and his non-stop agitation, long marches and sit-ins caused economic and political instability.

In a tweet on the social media platform Twitter, he said, "Looks like Imran Niazi's understanding of the economy and the broader environment in which it operates is quite limited. He also conveniently forgets his own role in deepening economic challenges. From scrapping the IMF deal, he

Jamali greets

Erdogan on third

consecutive victory

Independent Report

QUETTA: Speaker of

the Balochistan Provin-

cial Assembly and Turkey's Honourary

Consul General in

Balochistan, Mir Jan

Mohammad Jamali, ex-

tended heartfelt con-

gratulations to Recep

Tayyip Erdogan on being

elected as the President

of Turkiye for the third

that Erdogan's victory is

the victory of the Turk-

ish people and com-

mended his success for

the better future of

Turkey's citizens, em-

phasizing that Erdogan's

win reflects the trust the

people have in his lead-

**British army** 

chief arrives on

5-day Defence

**Engagement' visit** 

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The British Army's Chief

of the General Staff (CGS),

General Sir Patrick Sanders

Engagement activities and

discussions on bilateral mili-

tary cooperation in re-

sponse to climate change

related crises would be a

The Speaker stated

consecutive time.

instability. Even Pakistani investors would shy away

tics of non-stop agitation, long marches, and dharna has had on the economy in terms of causing political

to mention the plethora of corruption cases he is involved in," he noted. He further said, "Yes, has always wished Pakistan to default." "This is in addition to the adverse impact his poli-

we do face the economic challenges but the doomsday scenario is past us. Sincere efforts are being made to address the challenges through economic belttightening and timely policy interventions. We are also working with friends and partners to bridge the financfrom investing their capital ing gaps where needed.

ment deliberately created by

Imran Niazi. The terrible

events of May 9 alone have

cost the economy billions

of rupees & are an irrefut-

able endorsement of his ne-

farious designs. This is not

#### PM calls President Erdogan, felicitates on re-election

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz 52.16 per cent of votes Sharif on Monday telephoned President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan and congratulated him on his re-election and expressed best wishes for

Talking to President Erdogan, the PM said, Your re-election is a recognition of your association with the people of Turkiye and impeccable

President Erdogan won

against the candidate of combined opposition in the presidential election held on May 28. In his remarks, Shehbaz Sharif said, "In the last two

the re-election by securing

decades, under your leadership, Turkiye made remarkable progress. I believe that under your wise and sagacious leadership Turkiye will continue its journey on the path of progress and prosperity with the same pace."

#### 'Misogynist Imran Khan's narrative of victimhood' bound to fail: Marrivum



ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information Broadcasting and Marriyum Aurangzeb on Monday debunked another narrative of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan that the female workers of his party were being harassed in prisons, as totally base-

"A certified liar, who says "men are not robots" and advocates attacks on women and young girls because of wearing short

clothes, is now cooking up a new lie to play the victim in the aftermath of public response to the May 9 tragedy," the minister said in a long thread in Urdu language on her Twitter handle. She was particularly referring to Imran Khan's statement which he made in an interview with a foreign media outlet that "If a woman is wearing very few clothes, it will have an impact on the men, unless they're robots. I mean it is common sense"

#### Post retirement benefits of Chief Secretaries quashed

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Divisional Bench of Balochistan High Court, comprising Justice Muhammad Hashim Kakar and Justice Shaukat Ali Rakhshani, has issued a notification declaring retirement benefits of former Chief Secretaries as null and void. On Monday, a two-member bench, including Justice Hashim Kakar, issued a written decision in response to a constitutional petition regarding retirement benefits.

Former Chief Secretaries were previously granted the facility of free accommodation in government rest houses in Balochistan, Karachi, and Islamabad. They were also provided the convenience of protocol services and drops. Additionally, former Chief Secretaries received a monthly allowance for house rent, a driver, and a monthly allocation of 250 liters of petrol.

However, the recent decision by the Divisional Bench of the Balochistan High Court has invalidated these retirement benefits. This development marks a significant change in the entitlements and privileges previously enjoyed by former Chief Secretaries after retirement.



friction with judiciary: Qadir



ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Accountability Irfan Qadir on Monday dispelled a notion that both the government and the Parliament were at odds with the top

"There are some

and have no reality. The government has desire to see a strong judiciary," the SAPM said while address ing a news conference.

"I want to inform the nation that the present government desires strengthen judiciary and the Supreme Court as we have rumours that the govern- no friction against the ment and the Parliament are courts, instead we are against the Supreme Court, standing with the apex which are totally baseless court."

#### CS emphasizes need to ensure facilities for Zaireen

QUETTA (APP): Chief administration officials par-Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqaili on Monday emphasized the need to provide utmost ease and facilitation to ensure a peaceful journey for Zaireen.

The chief secretary, while presiding over a highlevel meeting to review arrangements for Zaireen travelling to Iran via Pak-Iran border Taftan, said that dedicated efforts are underway to offer comprehensive facilities.

Additional Chief Secre-

tary (Home) Saleh Nasar, Commissioner Ouetta Division Sohail ur Rehman. Commissioner Rakhshan Division, and other senior

ticipated in the meeting.

The meeting decided to improve security measures for the Zaireen traveling between Pakistan and Iran. Speaking on the occasion, the chief secretary of the province directed the concerned officials to ensure the provision of better facilities for the Zaireen.

"Steps should be taken to ensure the peaceful journey of the Zaireen," Uqaili directed the officials. Various proposals were given by concerned commissioners and administration officials with regard to the improvement of the facilities for zaireen

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# **Combating Inflation**

Addressing the pressing issue of inflation and its impact on the poor, Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar of Balochistan has shed light on the factors aggravating the difficulties faced by the underprivileged. In particular, he has emphasized the role of hoarding, smuggling, and the need for cooperation from the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association in resolving these challenges. Such candid statements from the Governor not only reflect the severity of the situation but also highlight the importance of collaboration in finding effective so-

Inflation, especially when coupled with the hoarding of essential commodities such as wheat and flour, has a devastating effect on the lives of ordinary people, particularly those living below the poverty line. As Governor Kakar rightly points out, this dire situation necessitates the involvement of key stakeholders, including the chairpersons and officials of the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association. These individuals possess the power to alleviate the suffering of the impoverished by ensuring the unrestricted transportation of goods at the interprovincial level. The commitment of the ing association's representatives to cooperate with federal and provincial authorities is a step in the right direction.

During a recent meeting with the chairpersons and officials of the All Pakistan Flour Mills Association, Governor Kakar demonstrated his determination to address the underlying issues. By engaging with representatives from all four provinces, he recognized the importance of a collective effort to combat the crisis at hand. This inclusive approach showcases a commitment to cross-regional cooperation and signifies a positive shift towards resolving food security challenges.

The Governor's acknowledgement of the link between food security and nutrition highlights the holistic nature of the problem. Providing standardized and nutritious food to the people is not only an essential component of addressing their immediate needs but also a vital aspect of ensuring their long-term well-being. By advocating for policymaking at the national level and emphasizing the necessity of a strong economic system, Governor Kakar underscores the interconnectedness of various sectors and the importance of considering the broader implications of our actions.

To truly address the challenges faced by the poor, it is imperative that all stakeholders work together. The government, private sector, and civil society must collaborate to tackle issues of hoarding, smuggling, and food security. Only through collective action can we hope to create a more equitable society and provide a brighter future for all. As citizens, we must hold our leaders accountable and support initiatives aimed at combating inflation and ensuring access to essential com- ratives do not shy away modities. By doing so, we contribute to the creation of a more inclusive and prosperous society. I from detailed descriptions of the daily humiliations was mistakenly identified Dawn -- Courtesy

# Prison expressions



**Huma Yusuf** 

On a hill in Johannesburg, in the remnants of what used to be a prison block for detainees awaiting trial, a flame of democracy now burns perpetually. This is Constitution Hill, the site of the country's supreme constitutional court, which was established in 1993 as part of South Africa's first postapartheid constitution. Standing before that flame last week while receiving news from home, I enjoyed a glimmer of hope.

This is not, of course, to compare PTI's defectleadership and spurned supporters with the leaders of the passive resistance and anti-apartheid movements. But it is to say that democracy, however flawed, is always preferable

authoritarianism. And that strong-arm tactics are, in the long run, often galvanising.

Constitution Hill rests on the site of Johannesburg's oldest where both Nelson Mandela and Gandhi were incarcerated. In the 1950s and 1960s, the facility overflowed with political prisoners, Asians and black Africans thrown in detention for defying pass laws (the requirement for non-white South Africans to carry appropriate documentation to enter white-only areas). The prison is now a museum.

Visitors can tour the old prison, hearing harrowing accounts — including from previous prisoners — of the overcrowded, disease-ridden cells. The museum's narincluding being stripped and monitored in toilets. Nor do they censor the ing formal charges. A accounts of torture — the story about him in these lashings, sexual abuse and indefinite detention in isolation cells, airless containers just over an arm- torture that defined his in-

was visceral — nausea,

One of the museum's final rooms took my breath away, however. Instead of artefacts recalling prison horrors, one cell resembles a modern art museum; it is replete with figurines, sculptures and abstract imaginings. The annotation explained that on Sundays, prison officials would inspect communal cells in the prison, and that inmates would prepare for these visits by fashioning decorations and curios out of the few objects they could claim: their blankets, shreds of

of dry cake. Although motivated by the transactional, the prison art is a celebration of the enduring humanity of inmates. Two former prisoners created the ob-

jects on display, recalling the creations of their peers. There are blankets reshaped into blooming television, resistance theflowers and bouncing rabbits, improvised papier mâché figures in gentle embraces but also in the throes of despair, and charming cattle carved from soap. Incarcerated, abused, dehumanised, the inmates of Number Four jail managed to reclaim beauty and free expres-

The objects I saw reminded me of the recourse to art sought by Ahmed Rabbani, a former prisoner at Guantánamo Bay, whose prison artwork recently inspired an exhibition at Karachi's Indus Valley School of Art and

sion, and survive.

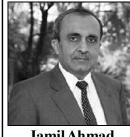
and remained in detention for 20 years without facpages described how he made paintings to cope with the humiliations and span long. My response carceration — images that were seized by the US military on the basis that they threatened national secu-

Why dwell on prison art at this political juncture in Pakistan? It is clear that a crackdown is upon us. A political party is being systematically dismantled, its former leadership silenced, its supporters hou-n-ded with the threat of military trials, their treatment a chilling warning to all those who may critique the security establishment too openly. The government and much of the media are complicit. toilet paper, leftover soap for fear of their own eradibars. The prisoners with cation. Who could blame the most imaginative crethose who choose to retreat from political life or ations would win privileges for the week — an any form of public activextra slice of bread, a taste

And this is where art plays a key role in keeping democratic ideals alive. We have been in such dark times before — more overtly oppressive with a military man at the helm. It is no coincidence that the 1980s were a golden era of Pakistani art: thoughtful atre and dance, subversive fine art, political satire, long-form journalism. The PTI has not been a champion of Pakistani arts, preferring to glorify Turkish soap operas. But in this next difficult era, artists and dreamers will have to play a part in rehabilitating public perceptions of democracy, and expanding the notion of politics authoritarianism to encompass inclusion, freedom of

faith and climate justice. As Constitution Hill suggests, celebrating humanity and keeping ideals alive may be our route to an enduring

# Superbug threat



**Jamil Ahmad** 

The spectre of global public health emergencies, as we saw in the case of Covid-19, is lurking in the shadows of the current climate and environmental crisis. One such emergency is the rise of antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, which could push world economies into a spin again, with similarly disastrous consequences as the recent pandemic. The WHO considers AMR to be among the top 10 threats to global health. At a time when the

world is concerned with

slow progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, thanks to financial problems caused by climate and conflict, AMR, if not checked, can hit global GDP with a loss of \$3.4 trillion by 2030, according to World Bank estimates. Worsening the woes of the Global South, it is set to push another 24 million people below the poverty line as healthcare costs spike and productivity reduces. Driven mostly by the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials, AMR leads to drug-resistant pathogens. As the current generation of antibiotics becomes ineffective, costs of treatment are rising, putting a heavier burden on patients and the weak healthcare systems in poor countries. Up to 5m deaths annually are associated with AMR, mostly in developing countries.

Scientific research on the origin, drivers and spread of AMR shows that the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials are not the only reasons for the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens. Other drivers include lack of ac-

cess to clean water, poor healthcare systems, and the law to control biological and chemical pollution emanating from pharmaceutical and other indus-

degraded, nature becomes, simultaneously, a driver and multiplier of risk. Several international and national health emergencies in recent times have their origins in the human- and how both can be nature. Pollution and waste are destroying ecosystems, irreversibly in many cases, and are a leading cause of the spread of numerous diseases afflicting humans. Outbreaks of zoonotic diseases those that jump from wild-

life to human populations

— like avian flu, foot-and-

mouth disease, Ebola,

monkeypox, are linked to

environmental degrada-

and

Covid-19,

tion and biodiversity loss. Over 70 per cent of all antimicrobials in the world are administered to animals raised for food. Such a heavy intake is also leading to drug-resistant infections in both animals

and humans Scientific insights into the origin and drivers of pandemics and other threats to public health reemphasise the inextricable and growing links between the environment and health. Initially, AMR was probed with a focus on human health and agriculture, but a fresh line of research takes a close look at the environmental dimension of AMR. UNEP's recent report -Bracing for Superbugs: Strengthening environmental action in the onehealth response to antimicrobial resistance — reveals strong evidence that environmental degdevelopment, spread and transmission of AMR; by the same token, a healthy environment can serve as a safe-

guard against AMR.

The report highlights the linkages the weak enforcement of bet-ween the health of people, animals, plants, and the environment and promotes a one-health approach — addressing human, animal and envi-When damaged and ronmental health simultaneously — and profiles how the interplay bet-ween climate change and AMR, both humaninduced, can lead to serious problems for people induced degradation of mitiga-ted by urgent human action through reducing pollution and waste, rev-ersing nat-ure loss, and add--ressing glo-bal warming. Pha-r-m-a-ce-uti-cals and warming. chemicals-manufacturing, food and agriculture, and healthcare delivery systems are identified as three key economic-sector value chains that influence AMR's development and spread. In fact, antimicrobial resistance could trigger up to 10m

deaths annually by 2050. In many developing countries, the discharge of untreated waste from chemical industries into waterways and the interaction of wildlife and feral animals with municipal and medical waste in landfills and open dumps also contribute to the spread of AMR.

Four UN agencies, UNEP, FAO, WHO and the World Organisation on Animal Health, have jointly developed a Global Action Plan on AMR and are promoting international collaboration for a one-health response on AMR. A funding facility provides policy advice, technical assistance, and capacity-strengthening pro-g-r-a-mmes and has supported 170 countries to finalise national AMR action plans. Linking AMR plans with environmental radation due to pollution and climate strategies and and waste exacerbates raising public awareness — with the support of governments and health practitioners — will be key to tackling the growing threat of AMR superbugs. --Courtesy Dawn

# Commerce News



ISLAMABAD: Adelegation of Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) called on and Exchange Commission Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at FBR on Budget proposals. of Pakistan (SECP) and the

# **Around 21% banks become Shariah-compliant: Dar**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday said almost 21 percent of the banks operating in the country had so far been aligned with Islamic laws due to concerted efforts of the policymakers.

Addressing Pakistan's international conference on "Islamic Capital Markets," jointly organized by the Security

Organization for Islamic the few countries which SECP, consisting of Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), he said the banks converted into the Islamic system were fully satisfied and wanted to continue with it. The minister said a

to develop a vibrant Islamic financing system for which the government had already devised a "National Financial Inclusion Strategy," encompassing the essential areas in it.

strategic plan was in place

Ishaq Dar said

have a well-developed Pakistan (SBP) had done a good job in this regard.

comprehensive system of Islamic added.

"Pakistan has a

worked within

institutions regulatory framework for Mudarabah, Islamic nonthe micro finance banking financial institution, adding the SECP and State Bank of compliant businesses and Shariah advisors.

mentioned that the size of Zakat collection and institutions in Pakistan distribution at both private and public levels," he surpassed \$42 billion in 2022; with assets and He said the Islamic deposit standing at Rs7.2 financial service industry trillion and Rs5.2 trillion,

# **China-Pak infrastructure construction** leading to fruitful achievements

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan and China have always maintained the closest and Muhammad Mehdi, been constructed by this which is not only International Relations and the affairs, but also reflects the article published in the increasingly economic cooperation.

It was already clear at Road that the steps of these two countries will continue to move forward together in economic matters.

"I have visited China last two decades and every time, the opinion in my brain becomes stronger that

close Chinese media here on

the time of the China along with Pakistan construction of the Silk media thinktank delegation that visited the office of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), a famous company in China.

CSCEC is China's

at different times for the largest construction and investment group and by visiting their office, This corporation had entered there is still much room for improvement in economic the Pakistani market in 1984 long before CPEC.

And many major projects in Pakistan have strongest friendship, Chairman, institute of company, which showed quality dependent on security Media Research said in an professionalism of this corporation.

CSCEC has built five Monday. thermal power plants in Pakistan and these projects thermal power plants in include Jamshoro, Faisalabad, Lakhala, Kotri and Mustafa Go. Thanks to these

thermal power plants, two million watts of electricity capacity has been increased in Pakistan. Along with the construction of these thermal power plants, in the mid-1990s, this corporation completed a huge project in the Sindh province Karachi.

#### Gold prices decline by Rs 1,700

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs1,700 and was sold at Rs234,500 on Monday against its sale at Rs 236,200 the previous

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 1,457 to Rs. 201,046 from Rs 202,503, whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Rs184,29 from Rs 185,628, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

## Returning to economic stability after betterment in political situation: Shahid

ISLAMABAD (NNI): Former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed the economy of country is improvement in political

In a statement issued here, he said that political stability was vital for economic stability, which will not only improve the country but also advance

policymakers should not try to manipulate the US dollar for at least two years, which will not only reduce its value and Butt said on Monday that strengthen the rupee but also attract investment and returning to stability after capital that has fled the country due to political turmoil. Engineering the exchange rate has eroded the confidence of local and foreign investors, stoked inflation to unprecedented levels, and pushed the image and economy of the country to the brink of default. Therefore, the

# **Increase in oil-seed** production need of hour: Dr Ishtiaq

FAISALABAD (APP): he said that agri scientists

He said import of edible oil to Rs.300 billion on import of edible oil last year. Therefore, the scientists focus on mustard, raya and canola crops to production

#### MULTAN: All Pakistan Power Looms Association Chairman, Khaliq Qandeel Sindhu addresses to media persons during press conference, in Multan. Rupee sheds 26 paisas against **US Dollar**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee witnessed 26 paisas devaluation against the US Dollar (ŬSD) in the interbank trading on Monday and closed at Rs285.41 against the previous day's closing of Rs285.15. However, according

to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market were recorded at Rs313 and Rs316, respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 12 paisas to close at Rs305.99 against the last day's closing of Rs306.11, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

### **USAID-ERDA** provides seed support to 2,800 farmers in Orakzai

PESHAWAR USAID-ERDA provided certified maize, sunflower, and red bean seeds to 2,800 farmers in District Orakzai on Monday, with the aim of Orakzai is 17,908 hectares, improving food security in the region. The beneficiaries include 20 percent women and the under-served population. The programme has distributed improved by irrigation channels taken and certified varieties of out from the Mastura River maize and red bean and and its tributaries. hybrid sunflower for Kharif season of 2023.

The program aims to support farmers of Orakzai by providing certified and improved seeds of more improve their crop yield and productive varieties of maize, ensure food security.

(APP): sunflower, and red beans. According to the Crop Statistic Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 2020-2021, the total cultivated area of District where only 10 percent is arable and suitable for cultivation. Agriculture is mostly raindependent, and some parts of the plains are being irrigated Mohammad Agriculture Officer of Orakzai district, said, "This program is an excellent opportunity for farmers to

# Minister reviews **Axle Load Management** Regime enforcement

Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanveer that Axle Load Management presided over a meeting to review the steps regarding the roads from deterioration enforcement of Axle Load Management Regime and stakeholders shall be (ALMR) here at Civil rewarded in this regard. He, Secretariat on Monday.

started from July 2023. Under would be ensured.

this system, challan shall be Provincial made for overloading the vehicles. The minister said Regime was necessary to save and all concerned institutions while highlighting the steps The meeting decided to regarding ALMR, said that launch an awareness a warning shall be instituted campaign for the Axle Load to the violators in the first Management system to be step and then their challan

### the quality of life of disastrous policy should people. Shahid Rasheed not be repeated for shortthat term gains, he demanded.

and Training) Dr. Ishtiaq in oil seed production was need of the hour as other food items. Pakistan was spending billions of rupees on Pakistan had spent cater to its domestic

Addressing a meeting at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute increase (AARI) here on Monday,

Additional Director should accelerate their General Agriculture (Farm efforts for introducing high-yield oil-seed crops Hasan said that increase to make Pakistan selfreliant in edible oil and

**CEO WMC** 

orders to kick

off cleaning

operation

in Multan

MULTAN (APP): Chief

Executive Officer (CEO) of

Company (WMC) on Monday ordered to start

cleaning operations before

the upcoming Eid-al-Azha.

meeting, Shahid Yaqoob,

directed the staff to clear

all filth depots and waste

bins before the feast of

sacrifice. A number of bins

along with collection

points to be get doubled

before the fast-approaching holy Muslim festival, added CEO.

Woman shot

injured by her

husband

woman was shot injured

within the premises of City

Court on Monday while the

accused involved was ar-

City Arif Aziz, victim

namely Saima was shot in-

jured by her husband iden-

tified as Sikandar over a

marital dispute. Both had

appeared in court for their

case hearing at East Court.

The victim had come with

her father, a policeman, for

the hearing of her case. Ac-

cused Sikandar grabbed pis-

tol of victim's father and

shot her injured during a

heated exchange of words.

According to SSP

rested from the spot.

KARACHI (APP):

While addressing to a

Waste

Management

## **Tuesday May 30, 2023**

# **KPK CM says** Newly merged FATA districts needs due attention

PESHAWAR (APP): The Petroleum Company in Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan Monday said people of newly merged districts of FATA (Federal Administered Tribal Area) should bring at par with other districts to early

redress their grievances. He expressed views while addressing the certificates distribution ceremony of skills development training for in 2018 but still the the youth of North province is not getting the Waziristan Tribal District here.Three-month skills development training program for the youth of

Management Authority

Refugees (UNHCR)

Monday expressed their

commitment to further

partnership in disaster

risk reduction and

Evaluation Expert Robina

Shaheen, met with PDMA

Director General Janat

Gul Afridi to discuss

future plans and reviewed

UNHCR

PESHAWAR: Transporters are holding

demonstration in support of Pakistan Armed

Forces, outside Balahisar Fort in Peshawar.

led

emergency response.

delegation

Commissioner

PDMA, UNHCR vow

to strengthen partnership

in disaster risk reduction

collaboration with Sarhad Rural Support Program and Sui Northern Gas under which 110 youth of North Waziristan imparted technical training in

different fields. Addressing the ceremony, the Caretaker Chief Minister said that the former FATA has been merged into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after the 25th constitutional amendment province is not getting the due shares of newly merged districts in the National Finance Commission Award. He added that the North Waziristan was population of newly arranged by Mari merged districts is more

previous interventions in

devastating flood of 2022.

the UNHCR delegation

engaged in productive

discussions with DG

PDMA, exchanging valuable insights and

experiences regarding the

challenges posed by the

flood and the subsequent

relief and recovery efforts.

collaboration to address

the immediate and long-

term needs of affected

emphasized

importance

The discussions

During the meeting,

must get their due shares. He said that ever since

he assumed the charge as caretaker chief minister, he has been trying to resolve the issues of the merged districts and get their legitimate rights from the federal government adding that merged districts issues have been taken up with the Prime Minister while several letters have also been written to the federal government to this end. The Chief Minister while expressing his resolve to get the due rights of the merged districts said that he will continue efforts at all levels to get the legitimate rights.

#### 4 dacoits arrested, weapons recovered

FAISALABAD (APP) The police arrested four dacoits and recovered weapons and other items from their possession.

Police said here or Monday that Factory Area police on a tip-off conducted raid and arrested two outlaws including Abdul Aleem and Saeed who were wanted by police in a number of dacoity, robbery and other

Meanwhile, City Sammundri police raided in Chak no.470-GB and arrested two dacoits while three others managed to escape from the scene.

#### Girl killed in name of 'honor'

PESHAWAR (APP): A 15

year-old girl was reportedly shot dead by her relatives for marriage against her family's will in the vicinity of Inqilab police station here. ASI Fazal Diyan told media persons that the slain was residing with her husband in Kohat. The area police received information that a girl was being secretly spots with peaceful, reach their destination buried at a local graveyard. lovely, and pleasant with comfort.



condolence reference ceremony organized to pay tribute to the services of Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir, founder and leader of Daily Aftab and central leader of APNS, at Governor House.

## We have to play our role to promote positive attitudes in the society

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor Muhammad Balighur Rahman was the chief guest at the condolence reference ceremony organized to pay tribute to the services of Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir, founder and leader of Daily Aftab and central leader of All Pakistan Newspapers Society, at Governor

se Lahore.
Addressing the Punjab House Lahore. ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir research before forming an (deceased) was an

Governor Punjab said that Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir (deceased) worked for tirelessly development promotion of regional newspapers from the platform of APNS. He said that the deceased always raised his voice for solving the problems of the backward and weak sections, especially the deprived sections of South Punjab. Governor Puniab said that it is very important to know the facts and opinion about anything.

institution in his own right.

## **KPCTA** establishes helpline 1422 to facilitate tourists

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) has established helpline-1422 to facilitate tourists to refrain

inconveniences miseries to make their day full with joy and entertain.

A larger number of tourists are thronging from country enjoy recreational and scenic

weather in KP, said a news release received here on Monday."KP is a world's renowned paradise for tourists and the brilliant green valley is a major source of attraction and inspiration for them. The KPCTA has

already constituted welcome baths, helplines, and information centers at different parts of the all entry and exit points to facilitate domestic visitors and foreign dignitaries to

## Equipping new generation with modern education need of hour: Javed

Secretary Education Department Punjab, Javed Akhtar Mahmood, said that it was a dire need to equip the new generation with modern education in order to make the future of the country

He expressed these views during a visit to the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education BISE) and took briefing here on Monday.

The world was BISE heading forward very fast soon.

in science and technology, he added.

Secretary expressed anger over the non-starting of new BS courses in public colleges and snubbed DPI College and directed to start new BS programs

He directed education officials to teach new modern BS courses to students as per the demand of the market.

Mr Javed also ordered to start construction of the BISE administrative block



SARGODHA: State Minister for Industries & Production Tasneem Ahmad Oureshi addressing in a event on Golden Jubilee of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973 organized by Shaheed Bhutto Foundation.

#### **IGP says:** Steps being taken for welfare of policemen

Japan puts missile defence

on alert as N.Korea warns

of satellite launch

Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar on Monday said that steps were being taken for the health and welfare of the police force. The process of health screening had been completed and now the vaccination was underway, he added.

Dr. Usman Anwar said that he would increase funds for the best treatment of police employees and welfare branch of the Central Police Office had issued funds of rupees 10.4 suffering from diseases. DIG Welfare and of their daughters.

LAHORE (APP): Finance Punjab Ghazi Inspector General Police Salahuddin said that in the Salahuddin said that in the medical financial assistance meeting which was held on May 24, the applications sent from different districts were reviewed in detail and approval was given to release 10.4 million rupees for 19 cases.

According to the details, Lahore police driver constable Amir Hussain was given one million rupees for liver transplant, constable their families. On the direction of IG Punjab, the million rupees for son's bone marrow transplant. Similarly, Kamran Igbal and Farhan million for the treatment of Ali were given about 3.6 19 police employees million rupees for cochlear implant surgery

# International News

# Iran supreme leader says He'd 'welcome' full diplomatic ties with Egypt; presidency websites hacked

**Monitoring Desk** 

DUBAI: Iran's supreme leader said Monday he'd "welcome" the restoration of full diplomatic ties between Egypt and the Islamic Republic, raising the prospect of Cairo and Tehran normalizing relations after decades of strain.

The comments by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei came as a series of websites linked to Iran's presidency bore the images of two leaders of an exiled opposition group Monday, with others showing the pictures of Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi crossed out.

Iranian state television quoted Khamenei's comments as coming from a this regard," Khamenei re-

meeting he held with the portedly said. visiting sultan of Oman. There was no imme-

Haitham bin Tariq. Sultan Haitham's trip to Tehran, diate reaction from Egypt to Khamenei's comments. his first since assuming Officials in Cairo did not power in 2020, comes as Muscat long has served as comment an interlocutor between

There have been growing signs of Egypt and Iran potentially restoring ties, particularly as Saudi Arabia and Iran reached a détente in March with Chinese mediation after years of tensions. Cairo relies on Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Gulf Arab states for economic support.

Tehran and the West.

'We welcome this issue and have no problem in

diate reaction from Egypt respond to a request for Egypt under Anwar

Sadat cut ties to Iran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Sadat had been a close friend to the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi welcomed him to Egypt just before his death and hosted his state funeral in 1980. The shah's remains are entombed at Cairo's Al-Rifai Mosque. Egypt's peace deal with Israel also angered Iran's theocratic government, which views Israel as its top regional enemy.

#### Israeli forces kill Palestinian officer in clashes, WAFA says

Monitoring Desk JENIN: Israeli forces killed a Palestinian security officer during clashes in the occupied West Bank flashpoint city of Jenin on Monday, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

The Israeli military said it was looking into the report. Earlier it said in a

statement that its forces came under heavy Palestinian fire while seeking the arrest of security suspects in Jenin and returned fire at the gunmen.

'With God's help there will be many more new settlements in northern Samaria," he said, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name. US-led peace talks aimed at establishing a Palestinian state in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza broke down in 2014 and show little sign of revival, and Israeli-Palestinian violence has escalated over the



Haitham bin Tariq Al Said, center, as Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi

#### Russia hits Ukrainian military facility and Odesa port in air strikes the western region of capital. The attack on Kyiv

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: Russia put five air-

craft out of action in an attack on a military target in western Ukraine and caused a fire at the Black Sea port of Odesa in heavy air strikes early on Monday, Ukrainian officials said.

Kyiv came under intense attack for the second successive night but said that most of the drones and missiles fired at the capital overnight had been shot down. Explosions rocked Kyiv again as the capital came morning. "Emergency services have responded to a

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NEW DELHI: Around 40

suspected militants and

two police have died in

fresh violence in Manipur

in northeast India, an offi-

cial said on Sunday, con-

firming comments from the

state's chief minister to lo-

cal media. Manipur has

been on edge after an explo-

sion of inter-ethnic violence

this month killed at least 70

people and left tens of thou-

The state government official, who did not wish to

be named, said that Manipur

chief minister N. Biren Singh

told reporters earlier on Sun-

day that security forces killed

sands displaced.

continues. Don't leave the shelters!" Mayor Vitaly Klitschko wrote on the Telegram messaging app as residents ran to shelters in metro stations. The attacks were part

of a new wave of increasingly frequent and intense air strikes launched by Moscow this month as Kyiv prepares to launch a counteroffensive to try to take back territory occupied by Russian forces.

In under fire again on Monday acknowledgement of damage suffered at a military "target", Ukraine did not call near the centre of the name the site or sites hit in

around 40 "militants" over

quoted Singh as saying.
"We have started tak-

of the army and other secu-

in the past 24 hours.

"The terrorists have

the last two days.

Fresh clashes claim

40 lives in Manipur

Khmelnitskiy but said work was under way to restore a runway and five aircraft were taken out of service. A large military airfield was located in the region before the war. "At the moment, work is continuing to contain fires in storage facilities for fuel and lubricants and munitions," the Khmelnitskiy region governor's office said.

Ukraine's military said the attack on Odesa port had caused a fire and damaged infrastructure but did not specify whether the damage threatened grain exports.

#### Nepal celebrates 70 years since first Everest

summit **Monitoring Desk** 

KHUMJUNG: The sons of Edmund Hillary and been using M-16 and AK-47 assault rifles and sniper guns Tenzing Norgay Sherpa led celebrations in Nepal on against civilians. They came to many villages to burn Monday to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic down homes," local media first ascent of Everest. The scaling of the 8,849-meter ing very strong action (29,032-foot) peak on May against them with the help 29, 1953, changed mountaineering forever and made rity forces. We have got rethe New Zealander and his ports some 40 terrorists Nepalese guide household names. "In a whole lot of have been shot dead," Singh was quoted as saying. A ways, it was not just Ed military source confirmed Hilary and Tenzing Norgay an uptick of unrest, and said that reached the summit of four people had been killed Mount Everest.

#### satellite is part of a surveiltechnology programme, that includes drones, aimed at improving nuclear-armed North nuclear and missile activity.

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TOKYO: Japan put its ballistic missile defences on

alert on Monday and

warned that it would shoot

down any projectile that

threatened its territory af-

ter North Korea notified Ja-

pan of a satellite launch be-

tween May 31 and June 11.

has completed its first mili-

tary spy satellite and leader

Kim Jong Un has approved

final preparations for the

launch. Analysts say the

North Korea says it

Korea's ability to strike targets in the event of war.

"We will take destructive measures against ballistic and other missiles that are confirmed to land in our territory," Japan's defence ministry said in a statement. The ministry said it would use its Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) or Patriot Missile PAC-3 to destroy a North Korea missile.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters that any North Korean missile launch would be a serious violation of U.N. Security Council



Maggie Lorenz and Kevin Moch participate in a meeting of the word panel to finalize the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee words at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

# UN agencies warn of starvation risk in Sudan, Haiti, Burkina Faso and Mali, call for urgent aid

**Monitoring Desk** ROME: Two U.N. agencies warned Monday of

rising food emergencies including starvation in Sudan due to the outbreak of war and in Haiti,Burkina Faso and Mali due to restricted movements of people and

The four countries join Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen at the highest alert levels, with communities that are already facing or projected to face starvation or otherwise risk a slide "towards catastrophic conditions.

The report by the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization calls for urgent attention to save both lives and jobs.

Beyond the nine

countries rating the highest level of concern, the agencies said 22 countries are identified as "hotspots" risking acute food insecurity.

"Business-as-usual pathways are no longer an option in today's risk landscape if we want to achieve global food security for all, ensuring that no one is left behind." said Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General.

#### Polish president to sign Russian influence bill despite opposition protests **Monitoring Desk**

WARSAW: Poland's president said on Monday he would sign off on a bill an election year.

authorising a panel to investigate Russian influence despite opposition criticism it is a witch hunt against government opponents in The ruling nationalist Law and Justice (PiS) party says that the liberal opposition Civic Platform

(PO) party allowed Poland

to become dangerously

dependent on Russian

was in government from 2007 to 2015, raising questions about whether PO members were under Moscow's sway. PO rejects the suspicion saying it is aimed at eliminating PO leader and former prime minister Donald Tusk from the political scene ahead of elections scheduled for October or November.

Opposition figures call a bill to set up an investigative commission the "Lex Tusk", using the Latin term for "law"



People take cover at metro station during a Russian rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine.

## Tarar says: PTI leadership responsible for May 9 vandalism

PESHAWAR (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Attaullah Tarar on turmoil on May 9. Monday said May 9 would be remembered as a black day in the country's history when the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) leadership instigated the party workers to resort to vandalism, desecrate the martyrs' monuments and attack on the Jinnah House (Lahore).

Talking to the media here after the Youth Talent Hunt Programme, he said the corruption of PTI lead-ership had been exposed and they were afraid of the prison due to which they instigated the party workers for sabotage activities.

He said the overwhelming participation of patriotic youth and Pakistanis on the Martyrs' Day rallies on May 28 proved that the nation had rejected

He said on May 28 the people of Pakistan gave a strong message that they would not support anyone who was responsible for an attack on the Jinnah house and desecration of the martyrs' monuments.

He said the PTI leadership always misled the youth and tried to instigate them against the state institutions and armed forces of Pakistan, while the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz governments distributed laptops among them (youth) and encouraged them to participate in the nation building process.

Atta Tarar said the incumbent government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would continue its efforts



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Quetta Prof. Dr. Sajida Noureen meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

#### Ruling, former political parties failed to promote democratic traditions: Siraj

LAHORE (INP): Amir Jamaat-e-Islami (JÍ) Sirajul Haq has said that the ruling and former political parties have failed to promote the democratic traditions in the society, and they are still desperate for the establishment's support.

While talking to the members of different social media channels Mansoorah on Monday, he said that the country could not move forward without empowering the masses to elect their representatives freely and fairly.

Sirajul Haq congratu-lated Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his victory in Turkey's presidential election, saying the Turkish president is a powerful tween Turkey and Pakistan crises.

would further strengthen in

The JI chief said August 14, 2023, is most suitable day for the national poll. The JI, he added, had initiated efforts to develop consensus among the political parties on the election date, and it was still trying to bring all of them to the table for dialogue.

He reiterated the JI had always discouraged the victimization of innocent political workers and their trial in the military courts. He added that it also strongly condemned May 9 incidents and considered them an attack on

Siraj said the fight between the PDM and the voice of Islam who always spoke for the rights of the of self-interests, leading to people of Kashmir. He the prevailing economic, hoped the relations be-political and constitutional



OUETTA: Senior Provincial Minister for Planning & Development Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar and MPA Haji Asghar Khan meeting with Chief Executive Officer Engr. Abdul Karim Jamali

## **Colonel Timur visits BRC** Loralai, emphasizes the importance of education

Timur Javed, the Commander of Frontier Corps, visited Balochistan Residential College Loralai and was warmly received by the Principal, Professor Dr. Abdul Samad Achakzai, Vice Principal Mansoor Ahmed, Professor Farooq Ahmed Bazai, and other officers and academic staff. The college celebrated the graduation of students who have successfully completed their bachelor's degrees. As part of the event, a night musical program was organized at Balochistan Residential College Loralai, where singers from Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa participated.

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The special guest of the program was Commander Loralai Scouts Colonel Timur Javed. During the ceremony, degrees were distributed among the graduating students. The event was at-

tended by Education Officer FC, Hamidullah Baloch, Account Officer FC, and a large number of influential tribal elders from the region, as well as parents and families of the students. Principal BRC Dr. Abdul Samad Achakzai briefed Colonel Timur Javed about Balochistan Residential College Loralai. In the assembly of BRC College, gifts and degrees were distributed among the graduating students. Addressing the gather-

ing, FC Colonel Timur Javed said, "Education is the name of awareness, and through education, we can achieve success. FC Balochistan will play its role in education along with peace and security. The people of the region and respected individuals should also contrib-ute to this cause." He expressed his delight over the significant number of successful students from BRC Loralai, emphasizing that FC Balochistan is providing special attention to education through scholarships. The lack of education in Balochistan has been the cause of many problems, and if we focus on education, we can compete on an international level. On this occasion, Principal BRC Loralai presented a traditional turban to the es-

teemed guest and arranged

a royal banquet in his honor.



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League-Nawaz (PML-N)

leadership faced jails even

in tough situations, but never raised hue and cry.

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and the one being promoted

on the PTI's social media.

He said that no patriotic

person could support nega-

Ahsan Iqbal said there

**Elections to be held** 

on time: Ahsan Iqbal

LAHORE (APP): Federal social media against

#### Bilawal pays tribute to Pakistani UN peacekeepers ISLAMABAD (APP)

Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Monday paid tribute to Pakistani peacekeepers and the United Nations for its peacekeeping efforts in all parts of the world in the last 75 years.

In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said, "On the occasion of International Day of UN Peacekeepers, we pay tribute to the 75 years long history of UN Peacekeeping. As a top troop contributor since 1960, over 200,000 Pakistani men & women have served with valour in 46 UN Peacekeeping Missions in all parts of the

'168 of our bravest have sacrificed their lives in this noble cause. Over 4,300 Pakistani peacekeepers including female officers are serving with distinction under UN flag today.

#### Sanjrani condoles demise of Khetran's son

QUETTA (APP): Chair man Senate Mohammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Monday visited the residence of Balochistan Sardar Abdul Rehman Khaitran and condoled the demise of his son.

The senate chairman expressed sorrow and grief over the death of provincial minister's son and offered fateha for the departed soul.

Secretary General Balochistan Awami Party Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar, Senator Abdul Qadir and Senator Kohda Babar accompanied the chairman.

#### All culprits involved in May 9 vandalism to be brought to justice: Hafiz

SLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) Spokesperson Hafiz Hamdullah on Monday said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's antago nistic stance against the country's institutions would not be tolerated anymore and culprits involved in May 9 vandalism would soon be brought to justice.

Talking to a private news channel, he said PTI leaders were involved in the May 9 riots and they should be arrested.

He also slammed PTI for allegedly misleading the people and said that the PTI did not follow the ethics of politics and ethics of the peaceful protest.

#### Saifullah rejoins PTI 3 days after departure

ISLAMĀBAD (INP) Senator Saifullah Niazi has rejoined Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) three days after leaving the party over May 9 vanďalism.

The party leader had announced to quit the party over May 9 incidents while addressing a press conference in National Press Club. However, Saifullah

Niazi was among the PTI Senators including Faisal Saleem Rehman, Hamayun Mohmand, Zarqa Taimur, Seemi Ezdi, Falak Naz Chitrali, Fiza Muhammad and Zeeshan Khanzada who addressed a joint press conference outside Parliament House on Monday and condemned the May incidents.

#### Minister for Planning, Decountry's defence instituvelopment and Special Ini-Ahsan Iqbal said that if burning of residence of

tiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said that elections in the coun-Quaid-i-Azam in Ziarat try will be held on time. Talking to the media could be termed terrorism here on Monday, he said in then burning of Jinnah a sarcastic vein that 'revo-House in Lahore could not be ignored by terming it lutionists' could not bear with jails for one or two political protest. Attacks on country's institutions He said, "The way could not be termed politi-Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf is cal protest, he said adding that if red line had been shattering reminds us of an English language phrase 'the house of cards'." He said the Pakistan Muslim crossed and terrorism had been committed, then it would be called terrorism

He said that if any political worker would play role within the parameters of politics and democracy, then he would be conwere many people in the PTI who did not support sidered as part of democracy. To a question, he said Pakistan had met all conditions of International Mon etary Fund and he hoped that soon matters with the IMF would be finalised tive propaganda being prowhich would definitely end moted by the PTI overseas uncertainty in the market.



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Senators Manzoor Ahmed Kakar, Abdul Qadir and Kohda Babar condoling with Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran on sad

### Hearing against IK rescheduled in BHC

**Independent Report** QUETTA: A division bench of Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court, Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan, and Justice Muhammad Aamir Nawaz Rana has postponed further hearings on a grave contempt case under Article 6 of the Constitution, involving former Prime Minister Imran Khan's violation of the constitution in Quetta. The Constitutional request filed by Abdul Razaq Shirk,

a Supreme Court lawyer, behalf of the Federation's representatives Additional Attorney General Hafeez Rafa and Deputy Attorney General Muhammad Naseem Qasim, requested for more time for submission of a

response, and the hearing is now scheduled to resume

on June 7, 2023. Former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Amanullah Kanrani, appeared on behalf of the petitioner, while there was no representation or submission from the National Assembly Secretary or Imran Khan's side. The case revolves around allegations of a constitutional breach by Imran Khan, and the contemptuous actions committed against the con

The division bench, headed by Chief Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan, expressed its commitment to ensuring justice is served and maintaining the integrity of the constitution. The next hearing will further examine the details of the case and the arguments presented by both parties



Commissioner Quetta Shehak Baloch

#### 'No compromise on country's dignity, honour': Ishaq Dar ISLAMABAD (APP): their role in this regard.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Mohammad Ishaq Dar Monday said that the civil and military leadership were on the same page against miscreants involved in the 9 May incidents who will be brought to justice.

Talking to a private news channel he said that such incidents should be condemned, adding that the government was committed to strengthening the national economy and all stakeholders should play

While criticizing the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI), he said the Khan's government had "brought the country to the brink of default", but the current rulers "preferred" to save the nation instead of its votes. The finance minister said that we all have to work together to get the country out of the crisis due to the wrong policies of the previous government. PTI

politics was not in the in

terests of Pakistan.

ducted independent Qualmust realize that its dirty ity of Service (QoS) surveys across eighteen cities in Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) to measure the performance and quality of services pro-

> During the survey, QoS Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of Voice, SMS and Mobile Broad-

# President directs repayment of three wrongly auctioned imported vehicles

President Dr Arif Alvi Monday directed the FBR to apologize and make payment to a citizen whose three imported vehicles were mishandled by Customs Department and wrongly auctioned by Custom officials at a low price of almost Rs 3 million without any notice to him.

The Customs Duty paid by him was refunded to some unauthorized clearing agents, who later disappeared with the money, a President House press re-

The president directed FBR to verify all receipts/documents, refund the amount as per the assessed value of the vehicles, and refund the duties/ charges paid in favour of importers/owners.

He also directed the citizen to provide all documents and reconcile with

Customs Department enabling FBR to make paydirected FB ment within 30 days.

He observed that interest should be added to the payment since the auction money was lying with the exchequer.

President Alvi gave these directions while accepting a representation filed by Iftikhar Ahmed Awan (the complainant) against the orders of the Wafaqi Mohtasib. The complainant had

stated that overseas Pakistanis, living in Japan, legally imported three vehicles for the personal use of their families and the freight against the vehicles

However, FBR did not release the vehicles and sold the three cars in an auction at a low price of Rs

Feeling aggrieved, the complainant approached

ment of sale proceeds of vehicles to owners, after verification as to why they were being paid such a low amount. The complainant then filed a representation with the president praying that Customs Department should be ordered to make payment of sale proceeds of the vehicles at prevailing market rates as well as refund all the duties/charges which were paid. During the proceedings, it was pointed out that after the completion of all formalities, the ship carrying the vehicles landed at another terminal and the Customs Department auctioned the vehicles without any notice to the importer, and that

the Customs Duty was refunded to unauthorized clearing agents, which resulted in huge financial loss to the importers/owners.



MUZAFERABAD: Activists of Pasban-e-Hurriyat cuff their hands and shouting slogans during protest at Azadi Chowk against the alleged punishment of life in prison to Hurriyat Leader Yasin Malik by India.

# Pak-Iran ties strengthen with electricity supply to Gwadar

**Independent Report** UETTA: Pakistan and Iran emphasize the importance of friendship and trade relations, highlighting that promoting trade will benefit the economies of both countries.

In a significant step towards this goal, Iran has pledged to supply electricity to Gwadar and its surrounding areas, which is welcomed by the President of the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Muhammad Asif.

During a visit to the Iranian embassy, Mr. Asif discussed the crucial need for enhanced trade, social, and diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Iran in the current era. He em-

#### **Online QESCO** complaint cell on May 31

Independent Report QUETTA: QESCŌ, the power supply company in Quetta, has announced the organization of an online complaint cell to address consumer grievances related to electricity.

According to the statement issued by the Chief Executive Officer of the company, Mr. Abdul Kareem Jamali, the online complaint cell will be held on Ŵednesday, May 31. 2023, from 10 am to 12 pm. During this period, consumers will have the opportunity to directly voice their complaints regarding electricity over the telephone. Therefore, all consumers are advised to contact the Chief Executive Officer of QESCO directly at the telephone number 0819202565 to seek resolution for their issues.

The Chief Executive Officer, along with the Chief Engineer (Operations Director) and other relevant officers, will be present in the online complaint cell to address and assess consumer complaints. Hence, all QESCO consumers are informed to contact the provided telephone number on Monday to register their complaints and seek their

phasized that fostering better relations and support between the neighboring nations would contribute to bilateral economic stability, religious harmony, and positive messages on national and international lev-

Amid Pakistan's ongoing challenging circumstances, Iran's commitment to providing electricity and support to Balochistan demonstrates the strong to be a significant platform bond between the two for fruitful discussions and General of Iran, Mr. Fereidoun Perlourn, affirmed Iran's commitment to never forget Pakistan and

extended an invitation to

Mr. Asif, the patron-in-

Accepting the invitation, Mr. Asif, along with the delegation, including Syed Zafar Agha, Ali Raza, Subtain Khan, Niazmeen Khan Durrani, and Barat Khan Khilji, will attend the trade conference in Chahbahar, which promises

ber of Commerce and In-

dustry, and the delegation

to participate in an upcom-

ing trade conference in

Chahbahar.

This move signifies the determination of Pakistan and Iran to strengthen their economic ties and promote regional cooperation for the mutual benefit of



QUETTA: Quetta Metropolitan Corporation (QMC) Administrator Quetta, Jabbar Baloch inspecting the cleanliness in connection of National Games. at Ayub Stadium in Quetta.

## DG KF says: Iran to invest in Balochistan's domestic industry, livestock sector

General Khana-e-Farhang Iran Quetta Abu-al-Hasan Mari said that Iran is ready to invest in domestic industry, livestock and other sectors in Balochistan to foster economic activities and meet the energy needs of the province. He expressed these

views while talking to a delegation of Balochistan International Think Tank headed by Chairman Owais Jadoon who called on him here at his office. The other members of the delegation included se- brotherly relations.

QUETTA (APP): Director nior journalist Shehzada Zulfiqar, former parliamentarians Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal, Dr. Ishaq Baloch, Abdul Qaharudan and Abdul Qayyum Baidar.

Director General Khana0-e- Farhang Iran said that Iran is ready to invest in domestic industry, livestock and other sectors to solve economic problems, and meet energy needs of Balochistan as both countries enjoy centuries-old cultural and

# PTA conducts QoS survey in Punjab, Sindh, KP & AJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has convided by Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) to their customers

band including Mobile Network Coverage were checked in accordance with Next Generation Mobile Service (NGMS) licenses and Cellular Mobile Network Quality of Service (QoS) Regulations, 2021, using state-of-the-art automated QoS Monitoring & Benchmarking Tool, said a news release on Monday. The drive test teams

selected survey routes in such a manner to cover main roads, service roads and the majority of sectors, and colonies in surveyed areas.

Based upon the compliance level of each KPI against the threshold defined in the respective licenses and QoS Regulations, CMOs have been ranked between 1st to 4th position in Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while 1st to 5th in Azad Jammu and Kashmir in Mobile Network Coverage and Voice services. Similarly, in Mobile Broadband Speed segment, the ranking is with respect to the highest data download and upload speed, network latency and webpage loading time.