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President Dr. Alvi says By holding national sports event, a message given to world that **Balochistan is a peaceful province**

Sports activities lead to healthy living, character building; Urges youth to follow Quaid's three guiding words 'unity, faith and discipline 'as beacon for achieving success in future

Independent Report QUETTA: President Dr Àrif Alvi on Tuesday said that sports activities al-ways led to healthy competition by promoting dis-cipline and character building, especially among the young people. Addressing the con-

cluding ceremony of 34th National Games, he said that by holding national sports event, a message was given to the entire added. world that Balochistan was a peaceful province.

The president ob-served that different genres of games always helped in promoting mental health, efforts to utilize them for character building, team

work, and healthy compeity of the province. tition at different levels. The president further He said Quaid e Azam stressed that for physical and Fatima Jinnah always health, regular exercise and encouraged young people other sports activities must

of the country to take part be made a part of life as they were vital for healthy liv in healthy activities and stressed upon imbibing the ing. He also appreciated al spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life. the stakeholders for the ex-

cellent arrangements and sportsmen for competing in the games. He termed holding of national games in Quetta as 'another feather in province's cap' The president urged

the progress and prospercess in future.

Rana Sanaullah says Imran will be tried in military courts for 'planning,

executing' May 9 attacks ISLAMABAD (INP): Former Prime Minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan will face trial in a military court over his alleged role in the May 9 arson attacks, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said on Tues

Speaking to a private news channel, Sanaullah accused Imran of "personally planning attacks" on military establishments, claiming that

"It is all documented

there was ample evidence to substantiate



QUETTA: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing participants of closing ceremony of 34th National Games. Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, Sports Minister Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Provincial Advisor Information Mitha Khan Kakar, IGP Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and others are also present

Event another feather in the cap of GoB: CM pleased on successful ending of 34th National Games in Quetta; congratulates all

Bizenjo says holding of mega sports event in excellent manner a passionate reply to all those making criticism on law and order situation and government performance

Independent Report achievements of the provin cial government too.

QUETTA: The Chief Min-It is also a passionate ister Balochistan, Mir reply to all those making Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has criticism on the law and orexpressed his contentment der situation and government performance in the and pleasure over successful holding and excellent ending of the 34th National Games in Quetta. province, Mr. Bizenjo maintained The Chief Minister

Games in Quetta. In a message issued here on Tuesday, the Chief Min-ister appreciated the perfor-mance of participating players, provincial Minis-ter Sports, Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, officers and staff of the Sports Dealso said that the holding of National Games is a fruit of sacrifices rendered by our martyrs for ensuring peace. He said that the National Games organized in Balochistan has given a message to the whole world that it is a peaceful area0 with patriotic, caring, peace loving and hospitable

and staff of the Sports De-partment as well as the Pakistan Olympic Association, security agencies and people media and congratulated in people of the province this regard.

Games in peaceful manner

after 19 years is a bright

chapter of the province and

it is another addition in the

The Chief Minister want peace and development despite the backwardsaid that the successful holding of the National ness, he said adding that w

PM rules out dialogue with 'arsonists & anarchists'

Says public relief, economic development among priorities in next budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said dialogue was a key to evolving democracy, however categorically stated that it could not be held with 'anarchists and arsonists' in the garb of politicians.

The prime minister's statement came after the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan on Friday appealed for immediate talks with state officials. Sharif said dialogue was deeply embedded in the political process, which helped democracy mature and evolve.

He said many political and constitutional breakthroughs occurred when political leaders sat across This also proves that the table to craft a consen-

sus. "However, there is a major difference here, the anarchists and arsonists



The prime minister emphasized that such people should rather be held to account for their militant actions.

developed democracies.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the budget proposals for the industrial sector, said the He also termed it a federal budget would also revalent practice even in encompass the measures to Meanwhile Prime enhance industrial growth

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on as well as exports. He said he would per-



QUETTA: President Dr. ArifAlvi in a meeting with the Governor of Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar at Governor House.

CM approves establishment of Gwadar as a Special **Economic District** Independent Report the creation of the

Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah paid special focus on girls guide to strengthen the organizational discipline, he About Balochistan, he said the province was rich with natural and mineral resources and commended all the governments for their

the youth to follow Quaid's three guiding words 'unity, faith and discipline' as beacon for achieving suc-

QUETTA: In a significant trade, tourism, real estate development for the progress and development of Gwadar city and its port-related activities, Chief Minister Bizenjo has granted approval for the creation of a Special Economic District (SED). This decision was made after reviewing the summary presented by the Planning and Development Department.

The primary objective of this step is to promote the growth of Gwadar city and boost activities related to the port. The establishment of the SED is crucial for the development of tourism and other sectors visa policies for investors of the economy. Following will be provided

these accusations. and hospitality industries The proof is in his tweets are expected to flourish. and messages," he said. reaching their optimal levels of competitiveness.

Designating Gwadar as a Special Economic District aims to introduce professional policies and provide a conducive environment for investment, particularly for foreign investors. The establishment of the SED will not only attract foreign direct investment but also

facilitate the growth of local industries. Additionally, federal and provincial tax incentives for industrial activities and relaxation in

First Lady urges society's role to cope with breast cancer, mental health issues

QUETTA (APP): First Lady Samina Alvi on Tuesday said that not merely the government rather everyone in



society would have to play their role to cope with the issues like breast cancer, mental health, and disability.

The first lady, addressing a seminar held with the cooperation of the World Health Organisation at Governor House here, for creating awareness on breast cancer mental health and disability, lauded the world health body's efforts for elimination of breast cancer as well as welfare of the differently-abled people.

The first lady said that the government was striving for concrete and practical measures to cope with the challenges of breast cancer and disability. Every individual in society will have to play their part in the prevention of the deadly disease, she added.

Federal Ombudsman to hold meeting with heads of fed. departments

Independent Report QUETTA: The Federal

Ombudsman, Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Oureshi is due to arrive in the provincial metropolis today (Wednesday).

According to the schedule, the Federal Ombuds-Civil secretariat. man would hold meeting with heads of the federal government departments the same day at 02:30 PM at the Ouetta Chamber of Commerce and Indusnoon.

LAHORE: Balochistan Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango meeting with former Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly Dost Muhammad Mazari. Senator Danesh Kumar and DG PDMA Jan Zaib are also present

Peace, education, healthcare top priorities, says Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The spectacular

Spectacular

fireworks at end

of National Games

fireworks display was held at end of the 34th National Games in the Ayub Sports Complex on Tuesday night. The fireworks display marked the end of mega national sports event in the metropolis organized after 19 years. A large number of

people were present to watch and enjoy the beautiful fireworks displayed at the spacious sports complex

Many others also enjoyed the display while staying out of the venue far and wide. The sky lit lit with colourful lighting due to the fireworks display.

Three killed, another injured in Ouetta

and another in separate incidents of violence in different localities of Quetta, police said on Tuesday.

According to details, a man was killed after unknown gunmen sprayed bullets on shop near tele-

In addition to this, he phone exchange on Sariab would also be hold meetroad of Quetta.

ing with Chief Secretary A teacher of govern Balochistan and other ment boys middle school concerned stakeholders identified as Inham on the jail reforms to-Rabbani was shot dead by morrow (Thursday) at the unidentified motorcy clists in Ferozabad local

In addition to this, he would also have an inter-Two groups traded action with the trade and fire in Zarghon area of business leaders at the Urak in which one person QCCI the same afterwas killed while another sustained wounds

Independent Report government, and the agen cies responsible for enforc ing the law are tirelessly QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan, Malik Abdul

the severe financial crisis

he added

working day and night in this regard. Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar also em-Wali Khan Kakar, emphasized that peace, education, phasized that they not and healthcare have always been the top priorities for only appreciate the performance of the security the province. He expressed confidence that forces but also extend al possible assistance to the the law and order situation families of the martyrs. He in the province has significantly improved and the emphasized the utmost need to strengthen internal environment is becoming conducive for developunity and consensus through mutual underment and investment. standing, dialogue, and Commending the suc-

cessful organization of nademocratic views. The Governor's re tional sports events after marks highlight the several years, he highgovernment's commitment lighted the thwarting of terto maintaining peace, improving the law and order situation, and addressing the needs of the people in organization, Balochistan. The focus on promoting education, healthcare, and the suc-

cessful organization of sports events reflects the Balochistan stated that efforts towards develop safeguarding the lives and ment and creating a favorproperty of the people is able environment for in

70% Gwadar International Airport work completed: GDA **Independent Report**

the responsibility of the vestment in the province.

QUETTA: The New Ġwadar International Airport has completed over 70% of its construction work, according to officials from the Gwadar Development Authority. The comprehensive scope of work, including civil, structural, mechanical, and engineering tasks, has nearly been accomplished. The next step is to finalize the Navigational Aid and Communication Construction, which is progressing rapidly through the joint efforts of China Communication Construct

tion Company and the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan's professional teams. Installation and operationalization work for secondary vision navigation and communication operations are also underway, with all equipment already on-site and completion expected within 60 days.

ho wear the garb of poli provided funds for holding ticians and attack the symthe National Games despite bols of the State do not qualify for a dialogue," he said

AJK AC judge

killed in firing

by robbers

RAWALPINDI (Online): A

sessions judge has been

killed in firing by robbers

two dacoits entered into

home of Accountability

Court Azad Kashmir judge

Sardar Amjid Ishaq in

phase-8 of a private hous-

ing society located in the

jurisdiction of Rawat police

station Rawalpindi for the

hold the family members

hostage at gunpoint. Ses-

sions Judge Azad Kashmir

Sardar Amjid Ishaq put re-

sistance to the dacoits. In

the meantime one robber

opened fire leaving Sardar

Amjid injured. He was

shifted to hospital for medi-

cal aid but he breathed his

Imran Khan

skips hearing

in local court

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf

(PTI) Chairman Imran

Khan on Tuesday skipped

hearing before a local court

of Islamabad in a case per-

taining to rioting and

vandalizing public property during his

Alam heard the case against

Irran Khan and other ac-

cused registered by the

Golra Police Station.

Civil Judge Ahtisham

party's march.

last.

The robbers tried to

purpose of robbery.

According to police

in Rawalpindi.

Tuesday said the provision sonally make sure that the of maximum relief to the proposals coming for the masses and economic develindustrial sector were incoropment would be among the Federal Government's

porated into the budget. FM Bilawal says: Pakistan keen to further cement bilateral relations cooperation with Belarus

ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday said Pakistan was committed to further strengthening of high level engagements and bilateral cooperation with Belarus by building stronger economic, trade and investment ties.

Addressing a joint presser with visiting Belarusian Foreign Minister Sergei Aleinik, the foreign minister said they held a very fruitful and constructive meeting, and discussed entire areas of cooperation between the two countries.

'Our long term goals for Pak-Belarus relations include strengthening of the economic ties, expanding of trade and investment, fostering of scientific collaboration, enhancing of defence cooperation and increasing the cultural and deepening of the people-to-people

contacts," he added. Foreign Minister Bilawal further said that both countries strived to build a mutually beneficial relationship that could contribute to the prosperity and well-being of the people of the two countries. He said they had agreed to taking of the practical steps to transform the goodwill between the people of the two countries into a tangible cooperation.

One key outcome of the visit, he said, was the signing of the agreement between the two countries for abolition of the visas for the holders of the diplomatic and official passports which would boost high level visits. An agreement between Islamabad Strategic Institute and the Belarus Institute would lay strong foundation for educational coop-

eration, he added. The foreign minister said they would build further on the discussion held during the 6th ministerial meeting.

Bilawal further said that in the year 2024, both the countries would be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relationship.

The foreign minister expressed his confidence to further strengthen the core of their bilateral relationship and move forward in further fostering of the mutually beneficial friendship between Pakistan and Belarus.

Foreign Minister of Belarus Sergei Aleinik expressing gratitude to Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for extending an invitation, said they held a meeting in a very constructive and very frank manner in which both sides agreed to further building of ties between the two countries



QUETTA: On the directives of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran Gichki and concerned officials attending a meeting to review affairs regarding enhancement of mutual investment between Government of Balochistan and private companies



Governor

QUETTA (INP): At least

three people were killed

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Dr Niaz Murtaza

Writing about our national

PML-N, Imran

PTI leaders are quit-

There is a move to

OPINION

Daily **Independent**



Judicial quarrels

The rift within the Supreme Court shows no signs of healing. With the incumbent and incoming chief justices still seemingly jousting over issues big and small, plaintiffs and petitioners can only pray that they do not get trampled like the proverbial grass during an elephant fight.

The schism in the top court has distracted the institution's focus away from its core responsibilities, leaving a vacuum in the trichotomy of power. This bodes ill for a country suffering protracted social and political unrest.

The superior judiciary is supposed to be the voice of wisdom and restraint in testing times: instead, it is displaying an inability to get over what is seen as personal differences to agree on a basic modus vivendi.

gap-rank support for the PTI. I have held for long The matter of elections to the KP and Punjab assemblies has been the judiciary's biggest chalthat even against the corlenge this year. It is disturbing how little progress rupt politics of the PPP it has seen despite the chief justice himself preand siding over the relevant cases. The continuing Khan's anarchist populist inability of the court to enforce a straightforward politics was a bane and if rule enshrined in the Constitution has depleted we are to move ahead, we would have to defeat it the institution's prestige and power.

Deadlines have come and gone, yet a decipolitically. Unluckily, the sive resolution remains elusive. It was clear from PDM couldn't muster the narrative or performance to the beginning that there never was a legally dedo so. So, the PTI is being fensible reason to delay elections beyond the 90nixed the way it was creday deadline.

ated — via establishment A quick, clear ruling on the matter could have ploys. The move is dubi-ous, despite PTI's own spared the country the unrest seen in recent weeks. Instead, the judiciary showed weakness questionable politics. by failing to contain or, subsequently, address its divisions, which the government and its ting at speeds unseen, enablers have treated as a carte blanche to subjust after a few days in jail vert the law. It has remained unable to regain its or even without that, unfooting after that initial blow. like PDM leaders who

Those caught on the wrong side of today's didn't quit even after powers have been complaining about a gradual months in jail. While they breakdown of the legal order. While Pakistani rulmay have been herded ers, the PTI included, have displayed a general into PTI by Pindi's carcontempt towards rules and laws, it cannot be rots, they are now leavdenied that the judiciary's present inability to ing it under its pressure. stand firm and united has greatly emboldened lawtry civilians in military breakers and made them seem invincible.

courts. There is talk As a result, the judiciary has been questioned about banning the PTI as at every level in recent days by an executive acta terrorist party. Its poliing as if it is untouchable. Release orders, bails, tics is bad, but it is not a habeas corpus rulings, and so on have been terrorist party. The TTP treated with disdain, signalling the rapid breakis a terrorist entity as it down of the idea of the separation of powers as doesn't engage in reguenvisioned in our Constitution and the quiet ushlar politics and its only ering in of a more authoritarian system of govertool to achieve its politinance. Those at the very top of the judiciary cal aims is terrorism. In must realise that their space and power are becontrast, the PTI does ing encroached upon while they quarrel. A full regular politics and only court meeting must be called post haste to chart occasionally indulges a path forward. The judges must talk over their violence. It may preplan differences and close ranks. The institution is quickly being compromised; they may not have long to act.

End of chaos?

engaged in violence must the upper classes reprebe punished.

Images of shuhada and monuments are regularly invoked to stir mass 'nationalism' as now. Cut through it and one sees that May 9 was a case of civil commotion, which should be dealt with as that, with fines for most and jail time for a few.

Yet, to eliminate PTI, the establishment and While Khan is popular, he even be jailed or exiled.

Thus, it is probable to the violence in 1971 and as still witnessed in Balochistan. Violence

also followed its moves to create political entities like the MQM, which later broke with it. But all that is unlikely now.

The PTI's core constituency is uppermiddle-class people and not marginalised groups. Their politics is not driven by deprivation but blind mayhem, but not murder. anger at the system. Their even the establishment Thus, it must not be aim is to increase their won't be able to control. banned. But those who elite entitlements against -- Courtesy Dawn

sented by the PPP and PML-N by cloaking their elite aims and PTI's crude politics in the false rheto-

ric of 'tabdeeli' and 'azadi'

be the disengagement of an educated and rich group that, with better awareness, could have played a good role in political and economic progress. Some youth may join other reactionary groups. If the PDM contin-

ues with its pathetic per-formance, disintegrates or if Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz justifiably start charting a way clip the establishment's powers, a tiny way back for Khan in three to four years may open up. Thus, the biggest challenge for the PDM after vanquishing PTI will be PDM itself.

If we have a Sharif prime minister and Ishaq Dar as the finance czar after elections, our economic mayhem will increase. They would be out of their league in tackling the huge problems we face given the black hole that the economy has entered due to the damage done by the PTI and PDM's economic policies and the PTI's anarchic politics. Continued poor economic management may lead to default and more political chaos. The PDM must

appoint an able cabinet to avoid such a situation. With IMF and the major powers not bailing us out, the time after elections will be a minefield for any new regime which may not last long given the split and dubious mandates the next polls may lead to due to rigging. Thus, our problems are far from over and we could descend into bigger chaos, which

duced, through IRO 1969, shop stewards, management committee and the joint management board (JMB).

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Parvez Rahim The Industrial Relations

Ordinance (IRO), 1969, is meant "to amend and consolidate the law relating to the formation of trade unions, the regulation of relations between employers and workmen

and the avoidance and settlements of any differences or disputes arising between them". Earlier, the Industrial Relations Act, 1946, had a similar objective but specifically mentioned the establishing of a mechanism for regulating remuneration and conditions of employment. These are now settled through the bargaining process between the employer and Collective Bargaining Agent union under IRO 1969. Besides, there was the In-

dustrial Relations Disputes Act, 1947, which provided for the settlement of any differences or disputes between the employer and CBA union.

The 1960s is seen as the decade of industrial progress but with a few exceptions, labour union activity remained dormant till around 1969. Retired Air Marshal Nur Khan. a cabinet minister under President Yahya Khan, had 'labour' as one of his portfolios. He paid special attention to recognising the rights of labour unions and their federations. He was instrumental in promulgating IRO 1969, which contained wisely drafted provisions for congenial industrial relations. At the same time, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was also active in his election campaigning, promising to ameliorate the lot of peasants and labour. After coming to power, his PPP government intro-

Forums under law 50pc. Most employers the three new forums of would not allow trade union activities in their es-

> tablishments. When the CBA unions got these rights Shop stewards are "a and liberties in 1972 link between the workers through labour laws, they and the employer, [and] thought themselves the assist in the improvement new owners of the factoof arrangements for the ries and led the workers physical working condithey represented through tions and production turmoil and violence. work" in the area they rep-Functions of the manageresent. They also help ment committee and JMB overlapped with the CBA workers settle their probunion's domain of collec-In the management tive bargaining with the

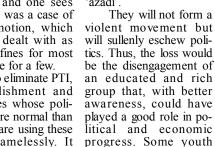
> committee, at least one employer. Hence union workers' representative is leaders were not inclined to be nominated by the to part with their powers CBA union to participate and nominate their repreto the extent of 50 per cent sentatives to these two in the management of the forums, which remained factory. Besides others, inoperational since the the management cannot beginning.

> Being a law-abiding take any decision without the advice in writing of the organisation. an workers' representative in Ameri-can company in Daharki, where I had the following matters: "framing of service rules worked in the late 1970s, and policy about promoformed the management tion and discipline of committee and JMB. On persuasion, the CBA workers"; "regulation of daily working hours and union nominated its workbreaks"; and "matters reers' representative to the lating to the order and two forums. When we conduct of workers within wanted the representative to agree to and sign the

> the factory", etc. The JMB is the top notification relating to reforum represented by the vised Ramzan work timdirectors and senior manings, which were followed every year, he went into agers from the management. Workers' represenhiding. Ultimately, he was tation is 30pc and the traced and we managed to board has look after "imget his signature just a day provement in productivbefore Ramazan. The two ity", "laying down the principles of remuneraforums, which have not functioned in any tion" and "the provision organisation for more than of minimum facilities" to contract workers, etc. The first PPP government had taken the idea of these forums from the

Scandinavian countries, where workers' participation in management is an important element of industrial democracy. It is a system where employees have a say in the tions of the management management's decisions. The Scandinavian countries have been maintaining a near 100pc literacy rate for long. This rate among Pakistan's industrial workers, labouring under the employers' strict the Works Council. -control, has been less than Courtesy Dawn

50 years, despite the sincere efforts of some, should have been taken out from the law by the government a long time back. Meanwhile, the most useful forum of Works Council has been made complicated and unwieldy with the inclusion of the redundant funccommittee and JMB in the existing Industrial Relations Act of all the provinces. The respective provinces should take them out from the law in order to restore the effectiveness of



chaos in my last piece, I even parties whose polihad said that one side tics are more normal than would nix the other to end the chaos soon. But even the PTI's, are using these am amazed at how tactics shamelessly. It may cripple the PTI. quickly it did so. I had traced the chaos to the weakening of the can't translate that into establishment's powers. votes with major party votes with major party desertions. Khan may But May 9 ended the big

> that the PTI won't win the next polls due to rigging. In fact, so bad are Khanestablishment ties now that it is hard to see him winning power soon. It took Nawaz over a decade to be prime minister again after his equally bad break-up with Pindi in 1999. He had age on his side. Khan doesn't. Hence, the small democratic consolidation seen during 2008-2018, with our first smooth civilianto-civilian transfer in 2013, stands reversed as even its architect parties are back to their rigged 1990s politics. For this, the main blame lies with the security establishment, then PTI and then PDM. Whenever the establishment has crushed popular struggles of marginalised groups, it has backfired, as seen in

Governor for uninterrupted power supply to 100pc recovery areas province

and non-bill payers.

transformer fixed.

PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa Ghulam Ali Tuesday directed PESCO to provide uninterrupted power supply to areas with 100 per cent recovery.

Chairing a high-level meeting on electricity load shedding and other issues here at Governor House, he asked Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) to chalk out a mechanism to provide power supply to consumers who pay their 100pc bills in areas of power pilferage.

Tĥe meeting discussed problems and sufferings being faced by and WAPDA should know

(APP): the people due to an which and when a Khyber unannounced power outage transformer needs to be in Peshawar city. Issues related to the

replaced. He directed PESCO SDOs to maintain timely repair of damaged close contact with the transformers, replacement public so that there is no public protest for load of damaged wires, and prevention of electricity shedding and timely relief theft were also discussed. could be provided to people. The meeting was He said that WAPDA

attended by Mayor Peshawar Zubair Ali, PESCO Chief Arif Mahmood Sadozai, Arbab should create a proper mechanism for electricity supply among bill payers The governor deplored that people Farooq XEN Rural, Shahid Afridi XEN Cantt, Abdul Rauf XEN City, Gohar collect donations at the street and neighbourhood Rahman Superintendent level to get the damaged Engineer Khyber, Principal

Secretary Governor Mazhar Irshad and other He said that PESCO officials of WAPDA. 3 children killed as wall collapses due to heavy rains in Kotri HYDERABAD (APP) Three children were killed

when a wall collapsed during heavy rain and strong winds in SITE area of Kotri town, district

as a result of which 7-yearold Saima, 10-year-old Farhana and 12-year-old.

Hot, dry weather

forecast for Sindh KARACHI (APP): Pakitaken action to provide a stan Meteorological Department on Tuesday pretravel allowance of three dicted hot and dry weather in most parts of the Sindh province during the next 24 hours. The minimum and maximum temperatures redengue focal person duties,

the spokesman said. corded in Karachi 36-38 degrees Centigrade, Hyderabad 35-37 degrees On complaints of non-payment of pension-Centigrade, Sukkur 37-39 related amounts, the irrigation department has degrees Centigrade, Thatta disbursed Rs 11,74,254 to 36-38 degrees Centigrade, Mohenjodaro 36-38 degrees Saher Begum, a widow from Attock Centigrade.



Two shot dead

by unknown

assailants

KASUR (APP): Unknown

assailants gunned down

two people and threw their

No corrupt element to be tolerated in Population Welfare: Advisor KP

National News

PESHAWAR (APP): department. The DG Advisor to the caretaker Population Welfare gave a Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Population Welfare Sayyed Jarrar Hussain Bukhari on Tuesday said no corrupt element would be tolerated in Population Welfare Department. Chairing a meeting of

the departmental affairs review official affairs there. here, the advisor also He said no corrupt official issued directives for initiating disciplinary action against those employees of Population Welfare who remained absent from their duties.

The meeting was also attended attended by DG the abolishment of all such Population Welfare Ayesha additional appointments of and officers of the the officers.

Imran Khan submits bail bonds in 4 cases

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Habib, submitted surety Chairman Imran Khan on bonds on behalf of the PTI Tuesday submitted bail chairman, which were accordingly accepted by the court. On May 19, the bonds in four different cases, related to May-9 court had granted the interim bail till June 2 to vandalism and hiding facts in connection with the death of Zille Shah. Earlier, the PTI Chairman Imran the PTI Chairman Imran Khan in three cases Khan along with his counsel registered by Sarwar Road police, Gulberg police and appeared before Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Shadman Town police and Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar ordered him to furnish for furnishing surety bonds surety bonds of Rs 100,000 each in the cases. of Rs 100,000 each in three cases lodged for attacking The other day, the court Jinnah House (the corps rejected the bail bonds of commander house in Imran Khan in the cases Lahore), Askari Tower and after the guarantor showed reluctance to take Shadman Police Station. responsibility. The guarantor,

bodies in a well in a nearby village on Tuesday. detailed briefing to the According to police, advisor on administrative the incident took place in affairs.Bukhari directed the Chiragh Dinwala village authorities of Population where unknown assailants Welfare to pay constant shot dead 45-year-old visits to the welfare Ramzan Abdul Aziz and centers across the province 42-year-old Akhtar Khushi and besides ensuring the Muhammad and threw the presence of the staff to bodies and their motorcycle in the well. The

accused fled from the scene or officer should be allowed after committing crime. to work in the department. He also directed for Legal aid fund not allowing additional established for charge to the officers of the Population Welfare Department and ordered constabulary facing cases

LAHORE (APP): Inspector General of Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar has established a legal aid fund for legal assistance in cases against on-duty police officers and personnel.

Advocate Muhammad He said that the legal fund would bring special relief to officers and employees who were victims of false cases and legal complications.

In a message, the IGP said that police officers and personnel sometimes fell victim to false cases and legal complications during duty

Similarly sometimes even when the government leadership, policy and officers changed, the police force had to face false cases.

highly successful.

Dr. Usman Anwar said that such incidents led to displeasure in the force so to counter this impact.

Punjab Governor says: Pakistan attaches great importance to its bilateral relations with Australia

LAHORE (Online): Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur attaches great importance Rehman at Governor to its bilateral relations House Lahore, here today. with Australia. He said that In the meeting, apart from Pakistan is issues of mutual interest, promote promotion of bilateral relations in various fields including education, agriculture and trade was discussed. During the meeting, Governor Punjab also informed the Australian companies to Australian High invest in infrastructure Commissioner about the development, agriculture,

universities as Chancellor. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan Pakistan is keen to further bilateral cooperation with Australia in education, livestock, agriculture, science and technology. Governor steps taken for the renewable energy and development of the mining sectors in Pakistan.

Chief Secretary reviews progress of deworming campaign

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief reached an impressive Secretary of Khyber coverage of 5 million Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem children across 22,797 Aslam Chaudhary on schools in 22 districts of Tuesday chaired a meeting Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

to discuss the progress of This remarkable the deworming initiative for school-age children in the province. During the demonstrate the second of the program, which provided deworming meeting, an in-depth review of the ongoing program was conducted, highlighting the children in 2021, and 2.7 million children in 2019. significant achievements and impact of the initiative. spanning various districts The deworming and schools.Chaudhary program, which aims to stressed the severity of combat worm infections in worm infections in children, highlighting their children, has proven to be detrimental consequences

Reports indicated that on their health, education. in 2022 alone, the program and overall productivity.

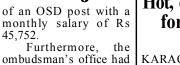
LAHORE: Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House. Seven plaintiffs

45,752.

get relief through **Ombudsman Punjab**

LAHORE (APP): On of an OSD post with a intervene of the office of monthly salary of Rs Ombudsman Punjab, seven individuals of different departments got legal relief worth Rs 14,226,380.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the million rupees to the spokesman announced that teachers from 1100 schools in compliance with the in Sheikhupura district Office of the Ombudsman who were engaged in direction, Punjab's Government Said Mitha Teaching Hospital Lahore has duly settled the outstanding employment dues of Ms Ruqiya Batool. She has been provided with a payment of Rs 3,707,890 in addition to the creation



Jamshoro on Tuesday afternoon. According to a report, an unfortunate incident occurred in Babar Chowk of SITE area due to strong winds and rain,

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The finance minister

PCJCCI inked MoU with Dongying Sino-German to boost trade relations

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) signed MoU with Dongying Sino-German (European Exchange and Cooperation Association) for the promotion of trade and investment here

at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday. The PCJCCI also

organized business-tobusiness (B2B) meeting with 10 high profile members and multi-sector Chinese trade delegation with Pakistani investors, and entrepreneurs.

The delegation was

LAHORE (APP): The headed by Mr Wang Zihai, said that the delegation Pakistan China Joint Honorary Investment came with a purpose to came with a purpose to Honorary Investment Counselor in China. Board hold interactive B2B of Investment and Chen meeting with potential Guangfeng, President Dongying Sino-German partners in Pakistan. Cooperation Association). The meeting was also attended by top notch Pakistani businessmen, including Court of steel, aluminum, plastic doors and windows accessories, maintenance of

including Syed Ameer Abbas, Fast Cables Limited, Atif Hameed, environmental protection equipment, PVC insulated control cable and power cable, cross-linked polyethylene insulated TUV Austria BIC Pvt. Limited, Hassan Ahmed, Hassan Brother Company, Zaki Aijaz, Roshan Packages and others. electric cable, Power cable, photovoltaic petrochemicals, rubber, Vice petroleum equipment etc. He added that the PCJCCI President Hamza Khalid

Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry was highly grateful to the Chinese officials for being supportive and concerned The area of interest about the business development of both countries.

The head of the delegation, Wang Zihai, invited the PCJCCI members to Shandong province and extended his precious regards and offer to fully cooperate with the Pakistani officials. cable.

He also added that just as Pakistan is happy to see China's growing stature on the world stage.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of M/s PepsiCo led by Mr. Eugene Willemsen, CEO Africa,Middle East & South Asia called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at FBR(Hq).



SIALKOT: SM Tanveer caretaker Provincial Minister for Industry, commerce and energy is addressing to the meeting of members of Sialkot **Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

KP Govt to establish **Inclusive Business Development Park**

PESHAWAR (INP): The Technical Education, provincial government of Mohammad Adnan Jalilas Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is chief guest on the occasion. going to establish an Inclusive Business going to establish an Inclusive Business Officer (CEO) KP-Development Park (IBDP) EZDMC, Javed Iqbal to enable men, women, Khattak and Project persons' with disabilities Director (PD) KPEC, and transgender to Imran Zahoor signed the establish their business memorandum on behalf of setups.

In this connection, a formal memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company Khan, other officials of the (KP-EZDMC) and company were al Khyber Pass Economic on the occasion.

Corridor (KPEC), Project

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecom Syed Amin Ul Haque Tuesday reached The Chief Executive Casablanca (Morroco) to attend GITEX Africa

Digital summit. GITEX Africa Digital Summit is being held in Morocco from May 31 to June 2, 2023, said a news

Amin reaches

Morrocoto attend

GITEX Africa

Digital summit

their respective organizations. Besides, Secretary Industries, Commerce & Technical release received here. The event aimed to bring together technology operators, government bodies, small and medium Education/Chairman Board of Directors (BoD) KP-EZDMC, Mati Ullah enterprises, start-ups investors and scholars from Africa and the world company were also present in one platform. Syed Amin Ul Haque

Under the agreement,

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Irfan Iqbal says: Exporting to 21% of World Population

Mr. Irfan Iqbal

well-

and

Independent Report tapping into the export ARACHI: Mr. Irfan qbal Sheikh, President potential of this single trade bloc can result into \$20 -25 billion worth of exports FPCCI, has expressed his boost in a short-span of 5 profound satisfaction, as the country's apex trade & years. industry body, that one of Sheikh apprised that Mian Anjum Nisar is one of the the most prominent former presidents of FPCCI, Mian senior most, Anjum Nisar, has been respected elected to the highest trade accomplished trade leader body of the SAARC, i.e. SAARC Chamber of of Pakistan; and, he has it all what takes to secure Commerce & Industry favorable arrangements for (SCCI) as its Vice the country's exports President for a period of two years. It is a good omen for the economy of Pakistan in general and trade with the SAAR countries in particular, he

added. Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh stressed that SAARC region had significant economies vis-Pakistan à-vis

Maldives and Afghanistan - and the bloc accounts for population. Only fully its total trade.

BRI Agri Institute launched to rev up potato industry

BEIJING (APP): In a bid serve as a platform to to turbocharge the potato industry, 11 Belt and Road promote advancements in (BRI) countries including potato breeding, China and Pakistan have germplasm creation and joined international utilisation, and construct universities, companies potato cultivation **Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI** called on Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Khalifa Al Khalifa lauded regard. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin the brotherly relations The Khalifa Al Khalifa, between Pakistan and apprise Chairman Board of Bahrain. Bin Kl Trustees AAOIFI Tuesday called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator

Mohammad Ishaq Dar. The finance minister welcomed Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and congratulated him for holding the First International Conference on Islamic Capital Markets in Pakistan in coordination with SECP Pakistan, said a press release issued here.

PSX gains

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 331.60 points on Tuesday, a positive change of 0.80 per cent, closing at 41,671.66 points against 41,340.06 points the previous day. A total of 197,681,397 shares were traded during the day as compared to 346,349,821 shares the previous day whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.6.403 billion against Rs.6.423 billion on the last trading day.

apprised Sheikh Ebrahim

Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa of He also appreciated the current government's the continuous support of policies and programmes Pakistan and stated that to support the youth and Pakistan has always been particularly women such the closest partner in the

as Benazir Income Support Muslim world. Programme which is wellpraised by the World Bank and also He expressed his desire to start various

social welfare ventures in being followed in various Pakistan, especially for African countries. capacity building and easy He added that the loan facilitation for government was fully entrepreneurs, especially committed to supporting for the women and the the lower classes through youth as Pakistan holds various microfinance

Sheikh Ebrahim Bin great potential in this schemes of such nature.

331 points

FAISALABAD: Prof. Chen Letian Director International Affairs, South China Agricultural University addresses international conference on sustainable food security solution arranged by University of Agriculture Faisalabad.

Chinese delegation led Luan Xiangjie by visit to FPCCI

Independent Report building materials, exhibitions and formulation SLAMABAD: A Chinese a griculture, of delegations. delegation led by Luan Transportation, furniture He also acknowledged Xiangjie President Ruzhou and real estate sector, etc. the Chinese investment in While welcoming the Pakistan in the backdrop of Foreign Trade Enterprises delegation, Umar Masood CPEC which will improve Association visited Federation of Pakistan ur Rehman, Vice President the infrastructure and Chambers of Commerce FPCCI highlighted the energy situation of contribution of China in the Pakistan. and Industry (FPCCI),

Umar Masood ur

assured the delegation of

both as a trading bloc and bilaterally with the member countries of SAARC. It is pertinent to note that Mian Anjum Nisar has been active in policy advocacy at the highest level for the past 25 years on a national & international level, he added. FPCCI Chief explained that SAARC

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Nepal,

CCI assumes particular importance in Pakistan's case as Pakistan's regional 21 percent of world's trade is only 9 percent of

Management Unit (PMU), the Industries Department Planning & Development is going to establish an (P&D) Department for the interim-setup for Inclusive establishment of interim Business Development setup for the initiative here Park at Economic Zone on Tuesday. The signing Hayatabad Peshawar. The ceremony was held at KP-EZDMC Head Office Peshawar with Khyber Park will operate under the Pakhtunkhwa Minister for operational control of the Industries, Commerce and KP-EZDMC.



proposed

Business Development

BAHAWALPUR: Customers are buying wheat from a roadside vendor at Grain Market.

Minister chairs resource mobilization committee meeting

LAHORE Caretaker Minister for Industries and

Agencies) and the Punjab Mass Transit Authority.

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Excise Bilal Afzal, Punjab Finance supply companies. Secretary, MD WASA and Furthermore, proposals for senior officers attended the branding and advertisement meeting.

During the meeting, the Punjab Mass Transit

(APP): resource acquisition during Provincial the fiscal year 2023-24 for waste management Commerce SM Tanveer companies, WASAs, and here Tuesday chaired a the Punjab Mass Transit meeting of the resource Authority. mobilization committee to Additionally, the review the business models committee supported the of waste management recommendation of companies, WASAs exploring public-private

(Water and Sanitation partnerships for waste management companies, whether through outsourcing or collaboration with electric

could harvest their to enhance the resources of

CoRe for including green financing in budget to tackle plastic pollution

ISLAMABAD (APP): CoRe Sheikh Waqar Ahmad investment in the sector.' CoRe (Collect and Recycle) said, "The first step to the first multi-stakeholder address the issue of Pakistan on Tuesday stressed to include green financing, a five-year tax projects and incentives for the stakeholders in the forthcoming budget in order to combat plastic pollution.

press release, CEO of practices to fuel new recycling projects.

It noted some recommendations packaging alliance in packaging waste and including the availability ensure a waste-free future of Green Financing by is a public investment in State Bank to promote the formal collection and waste collection & holiday for recycling recycling infrastructure. recycling, a five-year tax The government has an holiday for recycling important role in providing projects for multiple cities of Pakistan, exemption of policy appropriate framework and enabling sales tax, custom duty & environment to promote zero tariff regime for According to the sustainable and innovative import of equipment for

share the Digita Pakistan Vision, his and organisations to launch perspective on the current an international network on challenges and the next frontier of innovation. From financial China's technologies to cloud Universitv systems, material connectivity (IoT)

artificial intelligence, telecom technologies and Road potato network is cyber-security systems designed to enhance the will be developed widely quality and efficiency of in the next three days. countries through multi-

Advisory for growers of cauliflower FAISALABAD (APP)

and technology transfer, Prof. Lyu Dianqiu, Dean of the Agronomy and The agriculture experts Biotechnology College at advised growers to Southwest University told complete preparations for early cultivation of (CEN) in an interview. cauliflower from first week of July.A spokesman for the agriculture (extension)

department said on Tuesday that July was the best for early cultivation of crops, cauliflower therefore, farmers should sow seeds for seedlings (Paneeri) in the nursery after mid of June and shift plantlets from nursery to the field during first week of July.

He said that weather temperature from 17 to 18 degrees centigrade was much suitable for growth of cauliflower crop

while its plants could also survive from 20 to 30 degrees centigrade temperature. However, the crop

production and its quality badly affected if temperature increased from 30 degrees centigrade, he added. He said growers

cauliflower crop in the committee approved Authority were also given September and October several proposals for the green light.

demonstration bases, Prof Lyu said The potato expert

the potato industry at a forum held recently at noted that the breeding-Southwest oriented cooperation 'arises from a detailed

A collaborative effort study conducted to led by the Southwest scrutinise the challenges University, the Belt and and potential in the potato industry in the BRI countries.

"We found BRI the potato industry in BRI countries such as Pakistan and Kazakhstan are plagued by a lack of quality potato seeds. As a token of support, each country was gifted 100 sets of germplasm rapid diagnostic kits at the forum," Prof. Lyu added. As a first step, he said China Economic Net training sessions would be organised to impart

Specifically, the breeding know-how to the innovation institute would members.

level cooperation, including academic exchanges, joint research,



PESHAWAR: Members of All Class Four Government Employees Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Peshawar press club.

Mark Silver Jubilee of CDC Pak **SECP Chairman unveils** commemorative stamp

ISLAMABAD (APP): To SECP's head office, marked mark the Silver Jubilee CDC's landmark mark the Silver Jubilee CDC's landmark celebrations of Central achievement of 25 years of Depository Company of

successful operations. Since 1997, CDC has Pakistan Limited (CDC), Pakistan Post has issued a been operating as an commemorative postage stamp.SECP Chairman integrated infrastructure institution, providing Akif Saeed officiated the efficient, trustworthy, and event and unveiled the innovative services to stamp, a press release on Pakistan's financial landscape. CDC functions as an Tuesday said.Akif Saeed lauded CDC's efforts and

perseverance throughout infrastructure entity the years and said that offering digital innovation. 'CDC has served as the On the occasion, the Chairman of SECP, Akif pride of Pakistan's capital Saeed, recalled the with its unwavering commitment exemplary contributions of CDC's founding member towards service quality, innovation, investor and Chairman, Arif Habib, facilitation, and improving the longest-serving CEO ease of doing business". Muhammad unveiling Jakhura, and the current

market,

The ceremony, held today at Chairman of CDC.



Capital office Islamabad, economic development and prosperity of Pakistan. He Rehman Vice President and met Vice President FPCCI Mr. Umar Masood also talked about the level ur Rehman, Coordinator playing field and a full cooperation from significant share of FPCCI and the government Syed Asad Haider Mashadi and Other Office Members of FPCCI to Pakistan in imports of of Pakistan and said that China for reducing the Pakistan is a very rich trade deficit. Vice country in natural trade deficit. Vice country in natural President FPCCI also resources. Many foreign discussed various bilateral trade and economic related informed about the companies are working on activities of FPCCI at the various projects. A large issued between Pakistan and China and explore business opportunities in global and national level number of investors are different sectors including and emphasized on doing business in Pakistan Transport, Technology, collaboration between both and China. He also Mining, national chambers for highlighted the potential all Energy, Construction, holding of commercial over Pakistan including activities like holding of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. and gemstones, construction,

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP)

Shipping activities were recorded on Monday, where eight ships namely, MSC Denisse, Lana, Northern Jamboree, large-scale Geneva Queen, Ton Hil-II, Hafnia Providence and Northeast Afghanistan Serinity Gas carrying Containers, Canola, Coal, Gas oil and LPGberthed at Qasim International and Container Terminal, Grain & Fertilizer Nations (FAO). Terminal, Bulk Terminal, Oil Terminal and Sui Southern Terminal

respectively. Meanwhile threemore ships, Maersk Atlanta, EM Astoria and Cielo Rosso with Containers and Mogas are also arrived at outer anchorage of the port on

The

(today) morning. A total of 08 ships most were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, Lana Northern Jamboree and MSC Denisse left the Port on Tuesday morning on another LNG carrier 'Al-Jassasiya' is expected to sail on same day (today).

Hanif

Wheat crops: FAO ISLAMABAD (Online): A between USD 280 million locusts and USD 480 million in outbreak across eight economic loss, as of provinces in North and today's prices in the

Locust outbreak in

Afghanistan threatens

country. poses enormous threat to In the Baghlan province farmers like the country's food security, warns the Food Najibullah have seen their Agriculture crops ravaged by locusts. Organization of the United Najibullah, farmer

affected by locust outbreak According to a report, told FAO "The Moroccan locust has destroyed 300 published earlier this jeribs (60 hectares) of my wheat field and 31 000 jeribs (6 200 hectares) of pastureland in this area, where ten villages are

Afghanistan's North and Northeast regions are prone to Moroccan Locust outbreaks. Drought, overgrazing, very limited locust control and the right amount of rainfall in March and April (approximately 100 mm) created this year the ideal environment for locusts to hatch and swarm. In these parts of Afghanistan, Moroccan Locust lay eggs between

ongoing month, the sightings of locust have been made in Badakhshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz, Samangan, Sar-elocated. Pul and Takhar, with fresh reports coming in from Herat and Ghor provinces. . Moroccan Locust is ranked among the economically damaging plant pests anywhere in the world. A

according to FAO. This equivalent to May and June.

full outbreak this year could result in crop losses ranging from 700 000 to 1.2 million metric tonnes of wheat, up to a quarter of the total annual harvest,



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Pakistan reaffirms commitment, support to UN peacekeeping programme: Hina Rabbani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani peacekeepers and Minister of State for For-eight alone in 2022 had saceign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on Tuesday reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment and support to the United Nations peacekeeping and peace-building programme.

"Pakistan firmly believes in peace, stability, development, and human rights which are interlinked with each other, "she said while addressing an event in connection with the the UN Peacekeepers Day

Hina said Pakistan valued the sacrifices rendered by the United Nations' peacekeepers from across the world, especially from Pakistan.

Paying tributes to the peacekeepers, especially those who sacrificed their lives, she said around 170

by the UN in building peace, ensuring security and rificed their lives for global development across the peace and to uphold the world could not be done by Blue Flag. any other institution.

She said over 4,300 The minister main-Pakistani peacekeepers, intained that Pakistan's security forces were playing a cluding female officers vital role in the peacekeepwere currently serving with ing missions under the distinction under the UN United Nations to maintain flag. Spokesperson Minispeace in the world's contry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra flict areas She also appreciated Baloch said the event was

the Pakistani women who jointly organized by the were playing their key role ministry and the United in every field of life They Nations Development had also served the UN Programme (UNDP). peacekeeping programme Resident Representaas psychologists, operative UNDP Pakistan Knut tional officers, and nurses, Ostby informed the audishe added.

ence that currently over Hina Rabbani Khar 87,000 peacekeepers from said Pakistan had firm faith across the world were dein the United Nations' caployed under the UN pability of maintaining peacekeeping missions to ensure global peace and depeace and it also believed that the role being played velopment.

Islam teachings real solution for societal issues: Rana Tanveer ISLAMABAD (APP):

sionals in various institu-

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Such programs must Training, Rana Tanveer be conducted in the entire Hussain on Tuesday said country so that we can that following the true spread the message of Isteachings of Islam was the lam in the true spirit, he only way to solve the sociadded. The minister highetal issues lighted that such training He was addressing the and programs were in dire

concluding ceremony of the need of time to disseminate 38th Human Resource Depeace in society as few elevelopment Program for the ments are trying to dis-Officers of Armed Forces seminate hate and violence of Pakistan organized by in the society. Rana Tanveer Da'wah Academy of Inter-Hussain said that Muslim national Islamic University Ummah was working on (IIU). Islamophobia with unity Rana

Tanveer and in Pakistan it was our Hussain, appreciated the International Islamic Uniprime responsibility to remain united. Addressing the versitv Islamabad's concluding ceremony Dr. Da'wah Academy for con-Hathal Hamoud Alotaibi, ducting such courses for President, International Isunderstanding the true lamic University Islamabad spirit of our religion spe-(IIUI) said that the role of cially designed for profes- educational institutions.

Langau vows to prioritize public welfare

Independent Report QUETTA: Home Minister, Mir Zia Langau, has vowed to fulfill the basic needs of the people and prioritize public welfare above politics. Addressing a press conference, he announced the provision of solar systems in areas of Qilla Abdullah district where electricity load shedding is rampant. He also highlighted the ongoing initiatives to promote economic development and provide employment opportunities for unemployed youth, mentioning that 5 to 6 hun-

ated through pipeline projects. In his statement, Minister of Interior Mir Zia Langau further stated that significant progress has been made in Qilla Abdullah district, including the construction of hundreds of kilometers of blacktop roads, water supply schemes covering thousands of households, sports facilities such as football grounds, and ongoing road projects in Kalat and Khaliqabad City. He added that over the past four years, 1200 young individuals have been provided with employment op-

How to remedial fake case, question to new NAB chief: Abbasi

Fomer Prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said court accepted petition from day-first its request to hear case. Neither National Accountability Bureau nor witnesses comes: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi This is question to new Chairman NAB how to remedial fake cases. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in his address to media after appearance in Accountability Court said High Court (SHC) issued

ISLAMABAD (Online): Making fake and lie cases they should confess that mistake was made, said former prime minister. He said I am saying again and again if NAB remains, Pakistan will get weaker more. No one is destroying any party, but I could not say anything for those who himself wants to destroy their party, he replied to question. Khaqan Abbasi said people could be relieved by debt but today's this is case in which Sindh relief will be tomorrow burden, we should understand

Independent Report QILLA ABDULLAH: In a visit to Qillah Abdullah, Senior Provincial Minister and Minister for Planning and Development of Balochistan, Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Muhammad

Dummar, stated that the mixed provincial government of Balochistan has set the province on the path of progress and happiness. The journey of devel-

opment in both government and opposition constituencies is progressing rapidly. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo, all areas of the province have witnessed uniform development based on ground realities, with emphasis on tangible work rather than paperwork.

Sheikh says: New law can lead to minus Imran & plus Nawaz formula

RAWALPINDI (INP) Sheikh Rashid the chief of his own faction of Muslim League on Tuesday said the law that came into effect a day earlier could result in minus Imran Khan and plus Nawaz Sharif formula.

to the aggrieved. In a series of tweets, Mr Rasheed said he was submitting a reply to the NAB notice received last night. He said he wasn't present at the time the Al-. Qadir Trust agenda was tabled [before the then federal cabinet] because he ever had any proper inter-

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QUETTA: President Dr. Arif Alvi giving the winner's trophy to the Pakistan

Army team, at the closing ceremony of the 34th National Games.

Government's development initiatives bring progress and equality, says Dummer

For the first time in the history of the province, opposition members of the

> ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defence

minister expressed his opinion on the 'wedge between Khawaja Muhammad Asif the judiciary and the paron Tuesday has asked Chief liament' continuing for Justice of Pakistan Umar more than a year, creating Ata Bandial to "distance political unrest in the counhimself from hearing the try. The minister recalled audio leaks case to ensure that former chief justice that true justice is served Muhammad Iftikhar Chaudhry's son was in-

that

He was referring to a volved in a legal battle with Real Estate Tycoon Malik five-member bench order of the apex court, headed by Riaz. He said the former the chief justice, which chief justice recused himself from the case due to the stayed the proceedings on various petitions challengconflict of interest. The ing the constitution of the minister regretted that such judicial commission formed norms and precedents had been "abandoned by few by the federal government,

Maria Tripodi signing an important 'Roadmap for Cooperation' covering climate change, trade and investment, heritage, culture, agriculture, higher education, technical cooperation and technology transfer in reference areas. **Encompassing multisectoral areas Pak-Italy JEC agrees** establishment of

joint framework

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi on Tues-day co-chaired the 5th meeting of the 'Pakistan-Italy Joint Economic Commission' (JEC) at the Italian Ministry of Foreign change and improve water Affairs. The two sides management. The trade agreed to set up a joint partnership between Paki-

sure to co-chair the 5th meeting of the Pakistan-Italy JEC in Rome with the Deputy Minister. She added that the es-

ITALY: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and

Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

tablishment of the Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad would boost bilateral trade. "We are building a common framework with Italy to tackle climate here on Tuesday. stan and Italy is stronger

Three foreign inmates allowed consulate access QUETTA (APP): Three foreign prisoners serving their sentences under the Foreign Act detained in the

Central Jail Quetta have been transferred to Gadani Central Jail for consulate access "After completion of the necessary proceedings

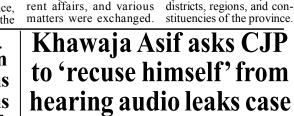
of the Federal Review Board, they will be transferred to their respective consulate," Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr Rubaba Khan Buledi said

dred vacancies in various de- portunities in the Qilla partments have been cre- Abdullah district.

Senior Provincial Minister assembly have also been provided funds on an equal Haji Noor Muhammad basis. During the meeting Khan Dummar, during the with senior politicians and conversation, stated that the current provincial

tribal leaders, including former Provincial Minister government's initiatives Bismillah Khan Kakar. have not only brought Sardar Fahad Darishk, progress and prosperity to Imran Kakar, Na'im Kakar, Balochistan but have also Abdul Ghani Dotani, Zuhur Kakar, and Ataullah Baloch, significantly improved peace and security comalong with tribal elders, repared to the past. He stated spected scholars, various Balochistan is generally considered a neglected and political parties, and representatives and workers of the BAP were present in deprived province, which large numbers.

suffered from negligence Former Provincial from Gwadar to Zhob by previous governments. However, Balochistan's Minister Bismillah Khan Kakar expressed gratitude to Senior Provincial Minispresent government is difter Haji Noor Muhammad ferent from the past. Khan Dummar for visiting Balochistan is now on the Qillah Abdullah Habib Zai. path of progress and hap-Discussions were held on piness. He mentioned that political, tribal, peace and the journey of rapid develsecurity, and national curopment is underway in all rent affairs, and various



framework to tackle climate change and cooperation in water management, hailing the establishment of an Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad the next week a news release said.

Rehman said it was a plea-

than ever. Our bilateral trade is to reach \$2 billion in 2022, and Pakistan's exports will cross \$1 billion. Sherry Rehman said The next JEC meeting

Speaking on the occa- would be hosted in sion, Senator Sherry Islamabad at a mutually convenient time.

LAHORE: Chairman International Cricket Council (ICC) Greg Barclay visiting the Gaddafi Stadium along with Chairman Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Najam Sethi for supervision as ahead of Asia Cup in Provincial Capital.

Ministers hail successful conduct of **34th National Games**

end to the negative por-

trayal and terrorism that has

plagued the province for a

long time. Even in the fu-

ture, such initiatives and

collaborations are essential

to ensure progress and

prosperity in our beloved

ter for Agriculture, Mr. Haji

Muhammad Khan Lehri

Parliamentary Secretary for

Revenue and Rehabilita-

"Balochistan is now a

peaceful and prosperous

province where terrorism

will not be tolerated, nor

will it be allowed to disrupt

the peace. Some elements

have been trying to malign

The Provincial Minis-

province.

tional Games.

They

Independent Report QUETTA: The provincial ministers and members of assembly ın Balochistan have celebrated the successful conclusion of 34th National games in Quetta, marking a signifi-cant milestone in the province after a gap of 19 years.

The Chief Minister of Balochistan, along with the hard work of the government and the efforts of the Department of Agriculture and Culture, commended the results of the 34th National Games, which will bring substantial improvements to the overall development of Balochistan and effectively combat the prevailing menace of terrorism that had tarnished the province's image.

Addressing the media, the Chief Minister said, "This will not only enhance the positive image of Balochistan but also put an



MASTUNG: Members of Chief Minister Inspector Team inspecting test held for recruitment of teachers

A 38-year-old woman Waheeda Begum, resident of Assam, India, along with her son and two other men were arrested by the FIA officials from border area of

Pakistan. "In the FIR No. 33/ 2022 registered under Section 3/14 of the Foreign Act, the accused were fined and sentenced, which they completed," Dr Ruababa

said adding that under the jail SOPs, the detained foreign inmates were sent to he foreign drop point from Quetta Central Jail to Gadani Jail.

> Tareen, Aleem efforts enter

into final phase for formation of new political party ISLAMABAD (Online): The efforts from Jahangir Tareen and Aleem Khan

have entered final phase for QUETTA: The Secretary formation of new political Finance Department, Government of Balochistan, party. They have contacted Qambar Dashti has assured with all former parliamen. the Balochistan Newspatarians of PTI and soon pers Editors Council to reshow of power will be move the hurdles in way of made. The consultation is payment of the arrears, underway on the name of which would pave the way new political party. for resolving the issue of Sources told Online non-payment of the dues to Jahangir Tareen is playing them by tomorrow.

active role in carving out new political party and he made by the Secretary Fihas made contacts with nance during his meeting with a delegation of the Balochistan Editors Counformer members of assembly from PTI. Consultation cil here the other day. was made on future politi cal strategy.

tion, Mr. Sikander Umrani, and Nawabzada Gohram Four die, three Bugti also expressed their reactions after the closing injured as under ceremony of the 43th Naconstruction stated

> bridge falls in Muzaffarabad MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Four people includ

ing technical experts and labourers died and three workers sustained injuries Dhani and Ghandi areas in

the lower Neelam valley **GWADAR: Deputy Commissioner Izzat Nazir** when it slipped and fell while Baloch presiding over a meeting to review affairs being placed on the pillars. regarding electricity in Gwadar

wasted but it was showed armed leadership should do that this was a big case. work of their own parts.

QUETTA: President Women Wing of Pakistan

Masih Ittehad Balochistan Anam Tanasha and

Khawar Parem presenting a shield to Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Dashti assures BEC

delegation of immediate

solution of issues

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The assurance was

The members of del-

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in the Civil Secretariat by

the Finance Department to

speak about the issue of

non-payment of the arrears

of newspapers on account

of advertisement bills. In

this regard, the members of

Editors Council and repre-

sentatives of the newspa-

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top judge. NA passes two bills, refers one bill to committee ISLAMABAD (APP) The National Assembly on Tuesday passed two private member's bill and re-Afghan

ferred one legislative proposal to the relevant standing committee. JUI-F lawmaker James Iqbal sponsored the Pakistan General Cosmetics Bill, 2023 which

is aimed to regulate the qual-ity, standard, labeling, packing, manufacturing, storage, distribution and sales of general cosmetics.

The bill was presented in the House as reported by the relevant standing committee and was passed after incorpo-

meeting, the financial issues rating two amendments. being faced by the newspa-Moved by per industry due to non-Balochistan Awami Party payment of the arrears were (BAP) lawmaker Zubaida discussed. It was duly con-Jalal, the Housed passed the veyed to the Secretary Fi-Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The proposed nance that how the newspaper industry is confronting the financial crunch due amendment would achieve to the non-payment. In this the objective of valuable regard, the Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus participation of the people in rules making process. Bizenjo had already issued

directives to the Secretary Unable to bear Finance for immediate payment of the arrears in view harassment, of the financial crisis facing the newspaper industry. female teacher On this, the Secretary Finance assured the memcommits suicide bers of delegation of imme-

AWARAN (INP): A female diate solution to the issue teacher, driven to despair and maintained that it by relentless harassment, would be resolved by totragically ended her own life morrow so as to ensure in the Gishkaur area of prompt payment of the ar-Awaran, Balochistan. rears to the newspapers

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Najma Baloch was providing free education to underprivileged children in a camp school.

Despite the limited resources available in the region, she managed to run a school in a hut, where she generously offered her services free of charge.

Najma, revered for her efforts to educate poor children, took her own life after reportedly enduring harassment formed that community

tasked to inquire about the judges of the apex court "If the former chief veracity of audio leaks allegedly involving the SC justice Iftikhar Muhammad judge and a relative of the Chaudhry can recuse him-

self then why can't the in-The commission was cumbent chief justice folheaded by the most senior low the same precedent to judge of the SC after the stop influencing the justice CJP, Justice Qazi Faez Isa. [proceedings]in audio leaks case," he viewed. It also compromised of Islamabad High Court He reiterated the gov-Chief Justice Aamer Farooq ernment had only intended

and Balochistan High Court by constituting the judicial Chief Justice Naeem Akhtar commission, which included the members of the Addressing the floor judiciary, to ensure trans-

of the House of National parency in court's proceed-Assembly, the defence ings.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Information Mitha Khan Kakar shaking hand with Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili during closing ceremony of 34th National Games

Community teachers demand regularization, increase in salaries

Independent Report teachers have been impart-QUETTA: The central leading education to financially ers and members of the Balochistan Assembly, in-cludingSana Baloch, have emphasized the government's responsibility to regularize community teachers, similar to how it has regularized teachers working under global partnerships. Sana Baloch assured that he will raise the voice of teachers in the Assembly and keep Chief Minister Abdul Qadoos Bizenjo and Educa-Minister tion Mir Nasibullah informed about the issues faced by community teachers. During a meeting held at their residence, a delegation of the Community Teachers Association, headed by Maulvi Muhammad Sadiq, President Rafiullah Tarnah, General Secretary Zahoor Ahmed Magasi, and Muhammad Ali Wadegar, discussed the matter The delegation in-

disadvantaged students in remote areas of Balochistan for the past 16 years, adoming them with the ornament of knowledge. They highlighted that community teachers have been working with the corrupt institution of the Balochistan Education Foundation for a long Although the time. Balochistan government allocated funds for an increase in teachers' salaries in June, the Education Department did not provide any increment, indicating the presence of corruption within the system. Currently, the teachers' salaries remain at a meager 20,000 rupees. Sana Baloch expressed his firm belief that she will raise the teachers' issues in the Assembly, and Chief Minister Abdul Qadoos Bizenjo and Education Minister Mir Nasibullah will be informed about the matter

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