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LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on budget proposals. Federal Ministers, leading businessmen, exporters and industrialists attended the meeting via video link.

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 tute and the Belarus Insti-

relationship that could con- tute would lay strong fountribute to the prosperity dation for educational coopand well-being of the eration, he added.

people of the two countries. He said they had agreed The foreign minister said they would build fur-



steps to transform the goodduring the 6th ministerial will between the people of meeting. Bilawal further said 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 Insti-

Independent Report QUETTA: President Dr Arif 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.

a peaceful province.

that in the year 2024, both the countries would be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relationship. The foreign minister xpressed his confidence to

further strengthen the core of their bilateral relationship and move forward in further fostering of the mutually beneficial friendship bestressed upon imbibing the in province's cap' tween Pakistan and Belarus.

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

Addressing the con-cluding ceremony of 34th National Games, he said that by holding national sports event, a message was given to the entire world that Balochistan was

The president observed that different genres of games always helped in promoting mental health, character building, team work, and healthy competition at different levels.

He said Quaid e Azam and Fatima Jinnah always encouraged young people of the country to take part in healthy activities and

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Tuesday said dialogue was a key to evolving democracy, however catsaid. egorically stated that it could not be held with 'an-The prime minister emphasized that such archists and arsonists' in people should rather be held to account for their

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

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helped democracy mature the Federal Government's priorities in the upcoming and evolve. He said many political and constitutional breakbudget for fiscal 2023-24. throughs occurred when chairing a meeting to discuss political leaders sat across the budget proposals for the the table to craft a consenindustrial sector, said the sus. "However, there is a federal budget would also major difference here, the encompass the measures to

among priorities in next budget (APP): who wear the garb of poli- as well as exports. ticians and attack the symbols of the State do not qualify for a dialogue," he

He also termed it a

revalent practice even in

veloped democracies.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on

Tuesday said the provision

of maximum relief to the

masses and economic devel-

opment would be among

The prime minister,

militant actions.

PM rules out dialogue with

'arsonists & anarchists'

Says public relief, economic development

proposals coming for the industrial sector were incorporated into the budget. The prime minister in-

structed the authorities concerned to remove all unnecessary impediments in the increase of small, medium and large-scale industrial production. He told the meeting that the previous government deliberately obstructed the investment and industrial development in the country.

He said he would per-

sonally make sure that the

The previous government violated the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to save its rule, making 220 million of Pakistan bear its brunt, he added.

He said being a resilient nation, Pakistanis were gradually coming out of the economic difficulties.



QUETTA: President Dr. Arif Alvi giving the winner's trophy to the Pakistan Army team, at the closing ceremony of the 34th National Games.

Imran will be tried in military courts for 'planning, executing' May 9 attacks: Rana

spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life. Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah paid special focus on added.

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 efforts to utilize them for the progress and prosperity of the province.

The president further stressed that for physical health, regular exercise and other sports activities must be made a part of life as they were vital for healthy liv-

He also appreciated all the stakeholders for the excellent arrangements and sportsmen for competing in the games. He termed holding of national games in Quetta as 'another feather

President Dr. Alvi says

Govt raises objection over SC bench hearing audio leaks commission case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has raised objections over the Supreme Court (SC) bench hearing audio leaks commission case. five members bench of SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial is hearing the case.

The federal government through its miscellaneous petition has prayed the court to constitute new bench to hear the petitions against audio leaks commis-

The plea has been taken in the petition CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar should recuse themselves from hearing this case.

The objection raised by Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) during the hearing of the matter on May 26 was not taken seriously. One audio before the inquiry commission relates to the mother in law of the CJP. According to courts decisions and judges code of conduct a Judge can not hear

the case related to his relative. In the past former CJP Iftikhar Chaudhry had recused him from bench due to objection in Arsalan Iftikhar case. The alleged audio leaks relate to Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice

headed by the most senior judge of the SC after the CJP,

Justice Oazi Faez Isa. It also

compromised of Islamabad

High Court Chief Justice

Aamer Farooq and Balochistan High Court

Chief Justice Naeem Akhtar

Afghan. Addressing the floor

sembly, the defence minis-

ter expressed his opinion on

the 'wedge between the ju-

diciary and the parliament

continuing for more than a

year, creating political un-

rest in the country. The min-

ister recalled that former

chief justice Iftikhar

son was involved in a legal

battle with Real Estate Ty

coon Malik Riaz.

Muhammad Chaudhry'

Munib Akhtar too. Through the petition it has been prayed that new bench be constituted to hear the case.

Khawaja Asif asks CJP to 'recuse himself' from hearing audio leaks case The commission was

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Tuesday has asked Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial to "distance himself from hearing the audio leaks case to ensure that true justice is served to the aggrieved.

He was referring to a of the House of National Asfive-member bench order of the apex court, headed by the chief justice, which stayed the proceedings on various petitions challenging the constitution of the judicial commission formed by the federal government, tasked to inquire about the veracity of audio leaks allegedly involving the SC judge and a relative of the top judge.



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



LAHORE: Muslim League (PML-N) Senior Vice President, Maryam Nawaz Sharif exchanging views with Neil Hawkins, Australian High Commissioner during meeting held in Lahore.

Pakistan reaffirms commitment. AJK AC judge killed in firing support to UN peacekeeping by robbers

programme: Hina Rabbani RAWALPINDI (Online): A sessions judge has been ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Forkilled in firing by robbers in Rawalpindi. According eign Affairs Hina Rabbani to police two dacoits entered into home of Account-Khar on Tuesday reafability Court Azad Kashfirmed Pakistan's strong mir judge Sardar Amjid Ishaq in phase-8 of a pri-

commitment and support to the United Nations peacevate housing society located keeping and peace-building in the jurisdiction of Rawat programme. "Pakistan firmly bepolice station Rawalpindi lieves in peace, stability, defor the purpose of robbery. The robbers tried to velopment, and human old the family members hostage at gunpoint. Ses-

sions Judge Azad Kashmir Sardar Amjid Ishaq put resistance to the dacoits. In the neantime one robber opened fire leaving Sardar Amjid in-

jured. He was shifted to hospital for medical aid but he breathed his last. the world, especially from Pakistan. PTI sends Rs10b Paying tributes to the she added.

defamation notice to Abdul Qadir Patel LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on

Tuesday sent Rs10 billion defamation notice to Federal Minister for National Health Services Abdul Qadir Patel over his 'shameful allegations' in a press conference wherein he raised questions pertaining to former prime minister Imran Khan's medical status.

The notice served by Imran Khan's lawyer Abuzar Salman Niazi urged Abdul Qadir Patel to tender his unconditional apology to PTI Chairman Imran Khan and take back his 'shameful allegations' within 15 days.

ISLAMABAD (Online): has made contacts with The efforts from Jahangir Tareen and Aleem Khan have entered final phase for formation of new political cal strategy.

They have contacted with all former parliamen-tarians of PTI and soon contacted. show of power will be made. The consultation is underway on the name of

Tareen, Aleem efforts enter into

final phase for formation

of new political party

new political party. Sources told Online Jahangir Tareen is playing active role in carving out new political party and he Tarin

former members of assembly from PTI. Consultation was made on future politi-As per sources 20 dis-

peacekeepers, especially

those who sacrificed their

lives, she said around 170

Pakistani peacekeepers and

eight alone in 2022 had sac-

rificed their lives for global

peace and to uphold the

Blue Flag. The minister main-

tained that Pakistan's secu-

rity forces were playing a

vital role in the peacekeep-

sidents from PTI were also Opposition leader Raja Riaz was assigned the task

to arrange early meeting with the dissidents. over

100 PTI former Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) have contacted and met with Jahangin

ISLAMABAD (INP): the National Accountabil-Former Prime Minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan Al-Qadir Trust corruption will face trial in a military case, lead to violent procourt over his alleged role tests across the country inin the May 9 arson attacks, cluding attacks on military Interior Minister Rana installations and public and Sanaullah said on Tuesday. private property.

Speaking to a private news channel, Sanaullah accused Imran of "personally planning attacks" on mili-tary establishments, claimlutely, why shouldn't he [be tried in military court]? ing that there was ample The programme he made evidence to substantiate to target military installathese accusations. tions and how he had it "It is all documented.

executed, this is absolutely The proof is in his tweets a case for the military and messages," he said. courts

The attacks, which took place after Imran Khan's arrest on May 9 by

Four die, three injured as under construction bridge falls in Muzaffarabad

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Four people including technical experts and labourers died and three workers sustained injuries after the underconstruction Bailey Bridge slipped and fell while being placed on the pillars with the help of heavy machinery in Dhani area of Naseerabad tehsil in Muzaffarabad district. According to police, the Bailey Bridge was being

constructed to connect Dhani and Ghandi areas in the lower Neelam valley when it slipped and fell while being placed on the

as psychologists, operapillars. tional officers, and nurses,

mate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi on Tuesday co-chaired the 5th meeting of the 'Pakistan-Italy Joint Economic Commission' (JEC) at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The two sides

agreed to set up a joint 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. Speaking on the occasion, Rehman said it was a plea-

that the PTI chief personity Bureau (NAB) in the ally orchestrated the at-"PTI activists tacks. chanted the slogan that 'Imran is our red line', and the entire plot was prepared on Imran Khan's initiative and instigation. He Sanaullah repeated the carried it all out. He is same statements in another TV interview. "Absothe architect of this chaos

Addressing the issue of those involved in the attack, the interior minister claimed that there would be no leniency for those who launched the assaults on military installations, rerts." gardless of their current sta-tus with the PTI.

Encompassing multisectoral areas **Pak-Italy JEC agrees** establishment of joint framework

ISLAMABAD (APP): sure to co-chair the 5th Federal Minister for Cli- meeting of the Pakistanmeeting of the Pakistan-Italy JEC in Rome with the Deputy Minister.

She added that the es-tablishment of the Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad would boost bilateral trade. "We are building a common framework with Italy to tackle climate change and improve water management. The trade partnership between Pakistan and Italy is stronger 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 would be hosted in Senator Sherry Islamabad at a mutually convenient time



ITALY: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 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.

ing missions under the rights which are interlinked United Nations to maintain with each other, "she said peace in the world's conflict while addressing an event in areas. She also appreciated connection with the the UN the Pakistani women who Peacekeepers Day here. were playing their key role Hina said Pakistan valin every field of life They had also served the UN ued the sacrifices rendered by the United Nations' peacekeeping programme peacekeepers from across

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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.

The matter of elections to the KP and Punjab assemblies has been the judiciary's biggest challenge this year. It is disturbing how little progress it has seen despite the chief justice himself presiding over the relevant cases. The continuing inability of the court to enforce a straightforward rule enshrined in the Constitution has depleted the institution's prestige and power.

Deadlines have come and gone, yet a decisive resolution remains elusive. It was clear from the beginning that there never was a legally defensible reason to delay elections beyond the 90day deadline.

A quick, clear ruling on the matter could have spared the country the unrest seen in recent weeks. Instead, the judiciary showed weakness by failing to contain or, subsequently, address its divisions, which the government and its enablers have treated as a carte blanche to subvert the law. It has remained unable to regain its footing after that initial blow.

Those caught on the wrong side of today's powers have been complaining about a gradual breakdown of the legal order. While Pakistani rulers, the PTI included, have displayed a general contempt towards rules and laws, it cannot be denied that the judiciary's present inability to stand firm and united has greatly emboldened lawbreakers and made them seem invincible.

As a result, the judiciary has been questioned at every level in recent days by an executive acting as if it is untouchable. Release orders, bails, habeas corpus rulings, and so on have been treated with disdain, signalling the rapid breakdown of the idea of the separation of powers as envisioned in our Constitution and the quiet ushering in of a more authoritarian system of governance. Those at the very top of the judiciary must realise that their space and power are being encroached upon while they quarrel. A full court meeting must be called post haste to chart a path forward. The judges must talk over their differences and close ranks. The institution is quickly being compromised; they may not have long to act.

End of chaos?

engaged in violence must be 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

Dr Niaz Murtaza and jail time for a few. Yet, to eliminate PTI, Writing about our national the establishment and 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 tactics shamelessly. It am amazed at how may cripple the PTI. quickly it did so. I had While Khan is popular, he traced the chaos to the weakening of the can't translate that into votes with major party establishment's powers. But May 9 ended the big desertions. Khan may gap-rank support for the PTI. I have held for long even be jailed or exiled.

Thus, it is probable that even against the corthat the PTI won't win the rupt politics of the PPP next polls due to rigging. In fact, so bad are Khan-PML-N, Imran Khan's anarchist populist establishment ties now that it is hard to see him politics was a bane and if winning power soon. It we are to move ahead, we would have to defeat it took Nawaz over a decade to be prime minister again politically. Unluckily, the after his equally bad PDM couldn't muster the break-up with Pindi in narrative or performance to do so. So, the PTI is being 1999. He had age on his side. Khan doesn't. nixed the way it was cre-Hence, the small demoated — via establishment ploys. The move is dubicratic consolidation seen ous, despite PTI's own during 2008-2018, with our first smooth civilianquestionable politics. to-civilian transfer in

PTI leaders are quit-2013, stands reversed as ting at speeds unseen, even its architect parties just after a few days in jail are back to their rigged or even without that, un-1990s politics. For this, like PDM leaders who the main blame lies with didn't quit even after months in jail. While they the security establishment, then PTI and then may have been herded into PTI by Pindi's car-PDM. Whenever the establishment has crushed rots, they are now leavpopular struggles of ing it under its pressure. There is a move to marginalised groups, it try civilians in military

has backfired, as seen in the violence in 1971 and courts. There is talk about banning the PTI as as still witnessed in Balochistan. Violence a terrorist party. Its polialso followed its moves tics is bad, but it is not a terrorist party. The TTP to create political entities is a terrorist entity as it like the MQM, which later broke with it. But all that doesn't engage in reguis unlikely now. lar politics and its only

The PTI's core contool to achieve its politistituency is uppercal aims is terrorism. In contrast, the PTI does middle-class people and regular politics and only not marginalised groups. Their politics is not driven occasionally indulges by deprivation but blind violence. It may preplan 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

the upper classes represented by the PPP and PML-N by cloaking their elite aims and PTI's crude politics in the false rhetoric of 'tabdeeli' and 'azadi'

They will not form a violent movement but will sullenly eschew politics. Thus, the loss would be the disengagement of

> 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 continues with its pathetic per-formance, disintegrates or if Nawaz Sharif and

Maryam Nawaz justifiably start charting a way clip the to 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 -- Courtesy Dawn

Parvez Rahim

Ordinance (IRO), 1969, is meant "to amend and consolidate the law relating to the formation of lems 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 Industrial 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

duced, through IRO 1969, the three new forums of shop stewards, manage- union activities in their esment committee and the joint management board

(JMB). Shop stewards are "a link between the workers and the employer, [and] physical working conditions and production work" in the area they represent. They also help workers settle their prob-

In the management committee, at least one employer. Hence union workers' representative is CBA union to participate and nominate their repreto the extent of 50 per cent in the management of the factory. Besides others, the management cannot take any decision without the advice in writing of the workers' representative in the following matters: "framing of service rules and policy about promotion and discipline of committee and JMB. On workers"; "regulation of daily working hours and breaks"; and "matters relating to the order and conduct of workers within

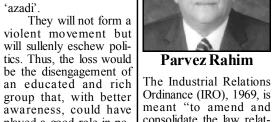
the factory", etc. The JMB is the top forum represented by the directors and senior managers from the management. Workers' representation is 30pc and the traced and we managed to board has look after "improvement in productiv-"laying down the principles of remuneration" and "the provision of minimum 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 of the redundant funchave 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 inces should take them out among Pakistan's industrial workers, labouring under the employers' strict the Works Council. -control, has been less than Courtesv Dawn

50pc. Most employers would not allow trade tablishments.

When the CBA unions got these rights and liberties in 1972 through labour laws, they thought themselves the assist in the improvement new owners of the factoof arrangements for the ries and led the workers they represented through turmoil and violence. Functions of the management committee and JMB overlapped with the CBA union's domain of collective bargaining with the leaders were not inclined to be nominated by the to part with their powers sentatives to these two forums, which remained inoperational since the beginning.

Being a law-abiding organisation. an Ameri-can company in Daharki, where I had worked in the late 1970s, formed the management persuasion, the CBA union nominated its workers' representative to the two forums. When we wanted the representative to agree to and sign the notification relating to revised Ramzan work timings, which were followed every year, he went into hiding. Ultimately, he was get his signature just a day before Ramazan. The two forums, which have not functioned in any organisation for more than 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 committee and JMB in the existing Industrial Relations Act of all the provinces. The respective provfrom the law in order to restore the effectiveness of



Governor for uninterrupted power supply to 100pc recovery areas province

PESHAWAR Governor **K**hyber 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

Governor House.

Ombudsman Punjab, seven

individuals of different

departments got legal relief

on Tuesday, the spokesman announced that

in compliance with the

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

In a statement issued

direction,

worth Rs 14,226,380.

Punjab's

LAHORE: Australian High Commissioner to

Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, called on Governor

Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at

Seven plaintiffs

get relief through

Ombudsman Punjab

LAHORE (APP): On of an OSD post with a intervene of the office of monthly salary of Rs

45.752.

the spokesman said.

(APP): the people due to an which and when a unannounced power outage transformer needs to be in Peshawar city. replaced. He directed Issues related to the PESCO SDOs to maintain

timely repair of damaged close contact with the public so that there is no transformers, replacement of damaged wires, and public protest for load prevention of electricity theft were also discussed.

The governor Farooq XEN Rural, Shahid deplored that people Afridi XEN Cantt, Abdul collect donations at the Rauf XEN City, Gohar street and neighbourhood Rahman Superintendent level to get the damaged

transformer fixed. Secretary Governor He said that PESCO and WAPDA should know officials of WAPDA.

shedding and timely relief could be provided to He said that WAPDA should create a proper mechanism for electricity supply among bill payers and non-bill payers. The meeting was attended by Mayor Peshawar Zubair Ali, PESCO Chief Arif Mahmood Sadozai, Arbab Engineer Khyber, Principal

> Pakhtunkhwa Mazhar Irshad and other 3 children killed as wall Department.

collapses the departmental affairs due to heavy here, the advisor also issued directives for rains in Kotri initiating disciplinary HYDERABAD (APP): action against those Three children were killed employees of Population when a wall collapsed Welfare who remained during heavy rain and strong winds in SITE area absent from their duties. The meeting was also

of Kotri town, district attended Jamshoro on Tuesday Population Welfare Ayesha afternoon. According to a and officers of the the officers. report, an unfortunate

incident occurred in Babar Chowk of SITE area due to strong winds and rain, as a result of which 7-yearold Saima, 10-year-old Farhana and 12-year-old.

Hot, dry weather forecast for

Furthermore, the ombudsman's office had taken action to provide a travel allowance of three million rupees to the teachers from 1100 schools in Sheikhupura district Office of the Ombudsman who were engaged in dengue focal person duties,

On complaints of non-payment of pensionrelated amounts, the irrigation department has disbursed Rs 11,74,254 to Saher Begum, a widow from Attock Centigrade.

Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Meteorological Department on Tuesday predicted hot and dry weather in most parts of the Sindh province during the next 24 hours. The minimum and maximum temperatures re-

corded in Karachi 36-38 degrees Centigrade, Hyderabad 35-37 degrees Centigrade, Sukkur 37-39 degrees Centigrade, Thatta 36-38 degrees Centigrade, Mohenjodaro 36-38 degrees

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali presides over the meeting regarding electricity load shedding in Peshawar. Mayor Peshawar Haji Zubair Ali is also present.

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 detailed briefing to the advisor on administrative on Population Welfare Sayyed affairs.Bukhari directed the Jarrar Hussain Bukhari on authorities of Population Tuesday said no corrupt Welfare to pay constant element would be tolerated in Population Welfare Chairing a meeting of

visits to the welfare centers across the province and besides ensuring the presence of the staff to review official affairs there. He said no corrupt official or officer should be allowed to work in the department.

He also directed for not allowing additional charge to the officers of the Population Welfare Department and ordered DG the abolishment of all such

additional appointments of

Imran Khan submits bail bonds in 4 cases

by

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Advocate Muhammad Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Habib, submitted surety Chairman Imran Khan on bonds on behalf of the PTI Tuesday submitted bail chairman, which were bonds in four different accordingly accepted by cases, related to May-9 the court. On May 19, the 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 registered by Sarwar Road Khan along with his counsel appeared before Antipolice, Gulberg police and Terrorism Court (ATC) Shadman Town police and Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar ordered him to furnish for furnishing surety bonds surety bonds of Rs of Rs 100,000 each in three 100,000 each in the cases. 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 Shadman Police Station. reluctance to guarantor, responsibility.

Two shot dead by unknown assailants

KASUR (APP): Unknown assailants gunned down two people and threw their bodies in a well in a nearby village on Tuesday.

According to police, the incident took place in Chiragh Dinwala village where unknown assailants shot dead 45-year-old Ramzan Abdul Aziz and 42-year-old Akhtar Khushi Muhammad and threw the bodies and their motorcycle in the well. The accused fled from the scene after committing crime.

Legal aid fund established for 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.

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

and personnel sometimes fell victim to false cases and legal complications during duty.

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

take to displeasure in the force so to counter this impact.

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

LAHORE Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Rehman at Governor to its bilateral relations House Lahore, here today. In the meeting, apart from issues of mutual interest, promotion of bilateral relations in various fields including education, agriculture, science and 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, steps taken for the renewable energy and

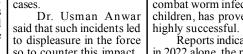
(Online): universities as Chancellor. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan Balighur attaches great importance with Australia. He said that Pakistan is keen to further promote bilateral cooperation with Australia in education, livestock, technology. Governor 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 to discuss the progress of This remarkal

This remarkable the deworming initiative for achievement was built school-age children in the upon the earlier successes province. During the meeting, an in-depth review of the ongoing program was conducted, highlighting the conducted, highlighting the significant achievements million children in 2019, 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.

In a message, the IGP said that police officers Similarly sometimes and impact of the initiative.



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

Pakistan China Joint 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 Honorary Investment came with a purpose to Counselor in China. Board hold interactive B2B of Investment and Chen meeting with potential Guangfeng, President Dongying Sino-German The area of int The area of interest (European Exchange and Cooperation Association). was mainly manufacturer

of steel, aluminum, plastic The meeting was also doors and windows attended by top notch production, oil drilling Pakistani businessmen, accessories, maintenance of Abbas, Fast Cables Limited, Atif Hameed, control cable and power TUV Austria BIC Pvt. cross-linked cable, Limited, Hassan Ahmed, polyethylene insulated Hassan Brother Company, Zaki Aijaz, Roshan electric cable, Power cable, photovoltaic cable. Packages and others. petrochemicals, rubber, petroleum equipment etc. He added that the Vice

Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry was highly grateful to the Chinese officials for being supportive and concerned 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.

He also added that iust 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).



PCJCCI

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**

going to establish an Inclusive Business Development Park (IBDP) to enable men, women, persons' with disabilities 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 Education/Chairman Board Pakhtunkhwa Economic of Directors (BoD) KP-Zones Development and EZDMC, Mati Ullah Management Company (KP-EZDMC) and Khyber Pass Economic Corridor (KPEC), Project Under the agreement,

PESHAWAR (INP): The Technical Education, provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is chief guest on the occasion. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) KP-EZDMC, Javed Iqbal Khattak and Project Director (PD) KPEC, Imren Zehoer signed the

their respective organizations. Besides, Secretary Industries, Commerce & Technical release received here. bring together technology operators, government bodies, small and medium enterprises, start-ups, investors and scholars from Africa and the world

in one platform.

Morrocoto attend **GITEX** Africa **Digital summit** ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology

à-vis

China's

University

of World Population 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 PCCI, has expressed his

Irfan Iqbal says:

Exporting to 21%

boost in a short-span of 5 profound satisfaction, as years. the country's apex trade & Mr. Irfan Iqbal industry body, that one of Sheikh apprised that Mian the most prominent former Anjum Nisar is one of the presidents of FPCCI, Mian senior most, well-Anjum Nisar, has been elected to the highest trade respected accomplished trade leader body of the SAARC, i.e. of Pakistan; and, he has it SAARC Chamber of all what takes to secure Commerce & Industry favorable arrangements for (SCCI) as its Vice the country's exports -President for a period 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 CCI assumes particular importance in Pakistan's case as Pakistan's regional 21 percent of world's trade is only 9 percent of 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 facilitate research and promote advancements in (BRI) countries including potato potato China and Pakistan have germplasm creation and joined international utilisation, and construct potato cultivation

Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of 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 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 331 points

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.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Khalifa Al Khalifa lauded Sheikh Ebrahim Bin the brotherly relations regard. The finance minister apprised Sheikh Ebrahim between Pakistan and Bahrain.

Muslim world.

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

as Benazir Income Support 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 committed to supporting the lower classes through various microfinance





Chinese delegation led Luan Xiangjie by visit to FPCCI

Independent Report building materials, exhibitions and formulation BAD: A Chinese a griculture, of delegations.

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 Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan - and the bloc accounts for

Amin reaches

Haque Tuesday reached 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 release reaseived here

and Telecom Syed Amin Ul

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- proposed Inclusive EZDMC Head Office Business Development Peshawar with Khyber Park will operate under the Pakhtunkhwa Minister for operational control of the Industries. Commerce and

KP-EZDMC.

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

Minister chairs resource mobilization committee meeting

LAHORE Provincial Caretaker Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanveer companies, WASAs, and here Tuesday chaired a the Punjab Mass Transit meeting of the resource Authority mobilization committee to review the business models committee supported the of waste management recommendation of companies,

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.

the committee approved Authority were several proposals for the green light.

(APP): resource acquisition during the fiscal year 2023-24 for of July. waste management

Additionally, the WASAs exploring public-private (Water and Sanitation partnerships for waste management companies, whether through outsourcing 01 collaboration with electric

to enhance the resources of During the meeting, the Punjab Mass Transit Authority were also given

share the Digital Pakistan Vision, his perspective on the current challenges and the next the potato industry at a frontier of innovation. forum held recently at

Syed Amin Ul Haque

The event aimed to

financial From technologies to cloud systems, material connectivity (IoT), artificial intelligence, telecom technologies and cyber-security systems will be developed widely

quality and efficiency of in the next three days. the potato industry in BRI Advisory for level growers of

cauliflower FAISALABAD (APP): the Agronomy and The agriculture experts Biotechnology College at Southwest University told advised growers to complete preparations for China Economic Net 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

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 could harvest their cauliflower crop in September and October if they transferred.

CoRe for including green financing in budget to tackle plastic pollution

ISLAMABAD (APP): CoRe (Collect and Recycle) the first multi-stakeholder packaging alliance in Pakistan on Tuesday stressed to include green financing, a five-year tax projects and incentives for forthcoming budget in order to combat plastic appropriate pollution.

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

CoRe Sheikh Waqar Ahmad investment in the sector.' said, "The first step to It noted some address the issue of recommendations 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 the stakeholders in the important role in providing projects for multiple cities policy of Pakistan, exemption of framework and enabling sales tax, custom duty & environment to promote zero tariff regime for According to the sustainable and innovative import of equipment for

Pakistan Limited (CDC), Pakistan Post has issued a commemorative postage stamp.SECP Chairman Akif Saeed officiated the event and unveiled the stamp, a press release on market, with

Tuesday said.Akif Saeed lauded CDC's efforts and perseverance throughout the years and said that "CDC has served as the pride of Pakistan's capital unwavering commitment towards service quality,

innovation, investor facilitation, and improving ease of doing business".

unveiling The

and organisations to launch demonstration bases, Prof an international network on Lyu said.

The potato expert noted that the breedingoriented cooperation Southwest "arises from a detailed A collaborative effort study conducted to led by the Southwest scrutinise the challenges

and potential in the potato University, the Belt and Road potato network is industry in the BRI designed to enhance the countries. "We found BRI countries such as Pakistan

countries through multiand Kazakhstan are cooperation, plagued by a lack of quality including academic exchanges, joint research, and technology transfer, Prof. Lyu Dianqiu, Dean of the Agronomy and potato seeds. As a token of support, each country was gifted 100 sets of germplasm rapid diagnostic kits at the rapid forum," Prof. Lyu added. As a first step, he said, training sessions would be

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



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 CDC's landmark achievement of 25 years of celebrations of Central successful operations. Since 1997, CDC has Depository Company of

been operating as an integrated infrastructure institution, providing efficient, trustworthy, and innovative services to Pakistan's financial landscape. CDC functions as an

infrastructure entity offering digital innovation.

On the occasion, the Chairman of SECP, Akif Saeed, recalled the its exemplary contributions of CDC's founding member and Chairman, Arif Habib, the longest-serving CEO, Muhammad Hanif Jakhura, and the current

ceremony, held today at Chairman of CDC.

delegation led by Luan Transportation, furniture Xiangjie President Ruzhou and real estate sector, etc. the Chinese investment in Foreign Trade Enterprises Association visited Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce FPCCI highlighted the energy situation of and Industry (FPCCI),

While welcoming the delegation, Umar Masood CPEC which will improve ur Rehman, Vice President the infrastructure and

He also acknowledged Pakistan in the backdrop of contribution of China in the Pakistan



Capital office Islamabad, and met Vice President FPCCI Mr. Umar Masood ur Rehman, Coordinator Syed Asad Haider Mashadi and Other Office Members of FPCCI to discussed various bilateral trade and economic related business opportunities in Energy, Technology, Construction, and gemstones, construction,

Shipping

activity at

Port Qasim

Shipping activities were

recorded on Monday,

where eight ships namely, MSC Denisse, Lana,

Northern Jamboree,

Geneva Queen, Ton Hil-

II, Hafnia Providence and

Serinity Gas carrying

Containers, Canola, Coal,

Gas oil and LPGberthed

at Qasim International

Oil Terminal and Sui

sail on same day (today).

Terminal

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economic development and prosperity of Pakistan. He Rehman Vice President also talked about the level assured the delegation of playing field and a significant share of FPCCI and the government 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 issued between Pakistan informed about the companies are working on and China and explore activities of FPCCI at the various projects. A large global and national level number of investors are different sectors including and emphasized on doing business in Pakistan Mining, Transport, collaboration between both and China. He also Energy, Technology, national chambers for highlighted the potential all holding of commercial over Pakistan including activities like holding of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Umar Masood ur full cooperation from

Locust outbreak in **Afghanistan threatens** Wheat crops: FAO

ISLAMABAD (Online): A between USD 280 million large-scale outbreak across eight economic loss, as of provinces in North and Northeast Afghanistan poses enormous threat to the country's food security, warns the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

Container Terminal, Grain & Fertilizer Terminal, Bulk Terminal, Nations (FAO). According to a report, published earlier this ongoing month, the sightings of locust have been made in Badakhshan,

Badghis, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz, Samangan, Sar-e-Pul and Takhar, with fresh reports coming in from Herat and Ghor provinces. The Moroccan Locust is ranked among the economically most damaging plant pests anywhere in the world. A full outbreak this year could result in crop losses ranging from 700 000 to 1.2 million metric tonnes Tuesday morning on another LNG carrier 'Alof wheat, up to a quarter of the total annual harvest, Jassasiya' is expected to according to FAO.

locusts and USD 480 million in today's prices in the country.

In the Baghlan province farmers like Najibullah have seen their crops ravaged by locusts. Najibullah, farmer

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

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

This equivalent to May and June.

Meanwhile threemore ships, Maersk Atlanta, EM Åstoria and Cielo Rosso with Containers and Mogas are also arrived at outer anchorage of the port on (today) morning. A total of 08 ships 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

Southern

respectively.

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain presided over the 36th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) held in Islamabad.

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.

She also urged the women to carry out self-examination from time to time to ensure timely diagnosis of breast cancer as the disease could be treated easily if diagnosed at an early stage.

Earlier, WHO's Technical Advisor for Disability and Rehabilitation Dr Maryam Malik received the first lady June 6.

and highlighted the objectives of the seminar. Director of Pakistan Baitul Mal, Director of Women Development Department, WHO's Technical Advisor on Disability and Rehabilitation, and WHO head of Balochistan Dr Asfandyar Sherani also addressed the seminar which also followed a question-answer session.

Housing ministry seeks Japanese help to construct quake resilient buildings

Independent Report ment to develop new tech-

CM Naqvi assures APNS delegation to solve problems of newspaper industry

Newspapers will be paid in the ratio of 85 to 15 in lieu of advertisements; the advertisement quota is also being increased

Independent Report said that negative propa-AHORE: A delegation of ganda was being propa-All Pakistan Newspapers Society led by President gated about ill-treatment of women prisoners in jails by APNS Naz Aafreen and showing some two years Secretary General Sarmad old videos. 11 women in-Ali called on the caretaker volved in attacking military Chief Minister Punjab installations are in jail on Mohsin Naqvi today at the judicial remand. Chief Minister's Office.

A total of 32 women APNS delegation informed were arrested from all over Chief Minister Punjab Punjab, out of whom 21 about the problems being were released. Women are faced by newspaper induskept in jails as per Jail Manual. Mohsin Naqvi Caretaker Chief Minissaid that about 500 women er Mohsin Naqvi assured were wanted in May 9 inthe delegation to solve cidents but the government roblems of the newspaper exercised restraint. Clear

IHC directs Punjab police to produce

ndustry. Speaking on this

missing girl ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday directed the Punjab police to prothe Punjab police to pro-duce a 16-year-old missing girl after recovering her by The court instructed

the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab and the concerned SHO to appear before it in a personal ca-pacity if they failed to pro-

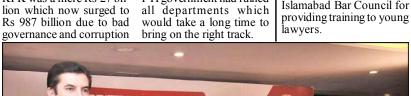
duce the girl. Mohsin Justice Akhter Kayani heard the case regarding the girl who went missing. A geofencing report about the girl was produced before the court. The bench was in-

formed that the Islamabad police had asked the conoccasion, Mohsin Naqvi instructions had been issued not to arrest any innocent. Mohsin Naqvi said that a dangerous plan was made to attack Mianwali Air Base and to put valuable aircraft aflame. In Mianwal, the attackers brought weapons concealed in trolleys full of straw but the policemen continued to fight the attackers even

while injured. Mohsin Naqvi said that good news will come soon regarding the improvement in the economic situation. The caretaker government will present a four month budget, Mohsin Naqvi said

PTI bad governance caused Rs 987bln deficit to KPK: NA told

public health department has not even repair and maintenance funds, he added. He said around 335 tube wells run by Public Health Department in district Haripur were not operational. The power supply to these tube wells has been disconnected due to non-payment of electricity bills, he added. He said the PTI government had ruined



Education Ministry's flagship initiatives garner full support at 36th IPEMC

SLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain has said that Education Ministry was ensuring that an inclusive approach is taken to devise strategies that benefit students, teachers and parents in every province.

the 36th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) here on Tuesday Rana Tanveer Hussain

that the meeting was going to play an instrumental role in developing synergies for

providing access to education in all corners of Pakistan. He reiterated that the meeting. He informed IPEMC's contributions were going to be significant in the enrollment of Out of School Children (OOSC) and multiple distance learn-

He emphasized the importance of developing a tendees about the flagship framework for data sharing as well. He also assured the initiatives related to disprovinces that maximum tance learning, Out of facilitation would be given School Children, Curricuto them for reaping benefits lum reforms and foundation learning conferences of MOFEPT and how the from these projects.

Secretary Education, Waseem Ajmal Chaudhary provinces could contribute welcomed the participants towards their implementaand provided an introduction for optimum results.

Delegation of

Islamabad Bar

Council calls

on law minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): A

delegation of Islamabad Bar

Council on Tuesday called

on Federal Minister for

Law and Justice Senato

cluded Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi Vice Chairman

Islamabad Bar Council

Syed Qamar Hussain Shah

Sabzwari Chairman Disci-

plinary Committee, Zulfiqar Ali Abbasi Chair-

man Éxecutive Committee,

Naseer Ahmad Kayani

Chairman Benevolent Fund

Committee and Adil Aziz

Qazi Chairman Inter Pro-

vincial Bar Council Relation

They discussed mat-ters related to the Bar vo-

programme. The minister

appreciated the efforts of

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Committee

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The delegation in-

Azam Nazir Tarar.

tion to IPEMC and an overview of the core agenda of ings started with a comprehensive overview of the the participants about the National Distance Education Strategy comprising grants provided to provinces under ASPIRE project vision, learning goals and during the current and preobjectives was also carried vious fiscal years to faciliout during the meeting. tate disadvantaged areas for educational access.

The strategy was fully endorsed by the prov-He informed the atinces and they assured the Ministry of complete alignment of their plans with the strategy

The meeting proceed-

Education Ministry representative delivered a presentation on the enrollment of Out of Schools Children (OOSC) at the Federal and Provincial Levels.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Lawyers from Islamabad Bar council called on Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.

70% Gwadar International Airport work completed: GDA Independent Report

QUETTA: The New Gwadar 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 Construction 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 davs.

State-of-the-art runway pathways, designed to international standards, have been prepared for use. They provide landing and takeoff paths for runways, taxiways, aprons, and other areas where aircraft are operated. The runway surface has been designed to withstand the weight of heavy aircraft. Modern airfield facilities, including painted runway centerlines and highintensity lighting, ensure safe landing and takeoff op-erations, even during adverse weather conditions.

SFERP signs two separate agreements with NRSP, SRSO

(SFERP) signed

ISLAMABAD (APP): These two organiza-The Sindh Flood Emer-tions would assist in the gency Rehabilitation disbursement of funds to

ISLAMABAD (APP): of the PTI government. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi on Tuesday said

that the total deficit of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) stood at Rs 987 billion in the last nine years of rule of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in the province. Speaking in the National Assembly, the minister said the total deficit of KPK was a mere Rs 27 bil-

in his opening remarks said

ing interventions. He was presiding over

Secretary, Ministry of sector," the secretary said. Housing and Works Iftikhar Ali Shallwani on Tuesday sought Japanese assistance in a bid to build earthquakeresilient structures as Japan had extensive experience in constructing building codes capable of withstanding the force of natural disasters.

The secretary ex-pressed his desire while meeting here with Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Pakistan Yasumitsu Office Kinoshita.

'Innovative engineering solutions are necessary to minimize the destruction caused by earthquakes, and Japan needs to cooperate with the Pakistani govern-



cal communities.

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Kinoshita Yasumitsu, Chief **Representative, Japan International Cooperation** Agency (JICA) Pakistan Office called on Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works at his office.

NHMP recovers stolen car, hands over 2 run away children to CPB

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Highways and Motorway Police(NHMP) have recovered a stolen car and handed over two runaway children of a seminary to Child Protection Bureau Rawalpindi.

According to a press release issued Tuesday, the Motorway Police recovered a vehicle stolen from Jhelum near Daudkhel on Hakla- D I Khan Motorway.

The owner of the vehicle was contacted the and information was provided about the recovery of the vehicle.

Later the vehicle was handed over to Daudkhel police station for further legal action. nary The search for the

car lifters was going on. Child Protection Meanwhile, the reau Rawalpindi.

cerned police station to take Shallwani highlighted further action after the rethe importance of affordcovery of the said girl. able and sustainable hous-However, the Lodhran poing for low-income families lice station didn't grant cusand communities, as well as tody of the girl. the need for innovative approaches to address chal-Shahida dispels lenges such as land avail-

ability and financing. impression of Yasumitsu Kinoshita, slow progress praised the government's efforts towards providing of CPEC projects affordable housing to its citizens. He also discussed ISLAMABAD (APP) various contributions that JICA has made in Pakistan

Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Communica including the construction tion Shahida Akhtar Ali on of new housing develop-Tuesday dispelled the imments, improving the infrapression of the slow structure of existing housprogress of important ing projects, and providing projects under China Pakitechnical assistance to lostan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Responding to a call-ing attention notice regarding the slow progress of all projects of National Highvays Authority, especially CPEC projects she said. that work on Thakot-Havelian, Hakla, D.I Khan, Sukkur and Multan Motorways was com-

pleted and operational. About the Chitral-Shandur road infrastructure project, she said, it would be completed by December next year and Rs1200 million had been allocated for this project.

Traffic congestion unit to be made more effective

Independent Report SLAMABAD: Islamabad

Capital Police (Traffic Di-Motorway Police found vision) has decided to entwo children near sure extra deployment at Chakri Interchange. The children aged main markets, and shopping plazas during rush about 8 and 9 years rehours and to make traffic spectively, could not congestion unit more effecsatisfactory answers when questioned.

tive The decision to this The children were effect was made in a meettransferred to Chakri camp. During investiga ing chaired by the Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad tion, it was found that Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanveer they were studying in a which was attended among seminary in Islamabad others by all zonal DSPs and belonged and other officers. The to meeting was held as per di-

Karachi. But the children rections of IGP Islamabad could not provide the Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan who address or contact numasked for an exemplary ber of their family and traffic system in the city. the seminary

It was decided to In this situation, make deployment of addithe children who had tional personnel to resolve run away from the semiparking problems outside were safely major markets and shophanded over to the ping plazas of the federal Child Protection Bucapital and ensure the flow of traffic during rush hour.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Faisal Karim Kundi addressing during the Prize Distribution ceremony for the youth winners of Chromatic's Postcard Competition on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.

Agreement signed to eliminate poliovirus

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chugtai Lab has embarked signed the agreement on behalf of their respective on a shared initiative with Polio Eradication Initiative organisations. Under the partnership, the lab will provide (PEI) to strengthen further specific discounts (30% to 50%) to frontline polio the ongoing efforts to eliminate poliovirus transmission in Pakistan. workers through a corpopartnership The

rate service programme on agreement was signed be-tween the Polio Programme tests, diagnostic procedures and reports. Chugtai Lab's and Chugtai Lab at the Nakey influences will actively tional Emergency Opera-tions Center (NEOC). Dr. participate in public service announcements, social me-Mansoor Ali Wassan, dia engagement and, dis-Deputy National Coordiseminating of awareness nator of the Polio messages

Programme and Husnain Bukhari, Regional Executive their support by assisting

CPO/DIG Operations laid foundation stone of PS Sangjani new building

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad capital police took a significant step towards enhancing security and serving the public by laying the foundation stone for the construction of a new building for Police Station Sangjani, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, the ceremony was graced by CPO/DIG Operations Syed Shahzad Nadeem Bhukhari, while DPO Saddar Zone, a large number of police officials and community leaders were present on the occasion.

Under the visionary leadership of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police remains steadfast in their commitment to safeguarding the lives and prop-

sides of the road from erty of citizens within the Tarnol Phatak to Sangjani federal city. The foundation stone-Picket will now fall under laying ceremony for the the jurisdiction of Police

Station Sangjani. new Police Station Sangjani was conducted on the spetal Police is resolute in its cial orders of the IGP pursuit of public service and Islamabad, signifying the resolving the issues faced department's unwavering

by the citizens," affirmed dedication to public service. the CPO/DIG Operations With the introduction Islamabad, "The safety and of the new police station, security of the public, as the demarcation of boundwell as their valuable assets aries has also been adjusted. remain our topmost prior-As per the revised demarcation, the area along both itv.

Manager of Chugtai Lab in the establishment of testing camps and organizing sessions on special occa sions and international health days

National

'This partnership marks a significant mile-

stone in our fight against poliovirus in Pakistan. The polio programme is an example of collaborative success, with a cross-sectoral approach, to develop a sense of ownership among the leadership of all sectors for the healthier future of our children," said Deputy Coordinator NEOC, Dr Mansoor.

The Islamabad Capi-

with National Rural Support Program (NRSP) and Sindh Rural Support Órga-nization (SRSO) to engage the mass social mobilization partners for the provision of livelihood support amounting to US\$75 million for the affectees of flood-hit areas in rural Sindh. The women and eld-

erly people would be preferred to carry out restoration activities and will be given a chance to participate in local rehabilitation, said a press release issued here.

two separate agreements scheme in a transparent manner. This program is designed to assist the severely flood-affected communities to enable them to earn a livelihood by engaging semi-skilled and unskilled labour for the rehabilitation of urgent basic services including clean water supply, sanitation, water course improvement, land cape-restorations, road construction well as its maintenance. It will also cover the provision of emergency support to smallholder livestock farmers' stores to their animal stock



ISLAMABAD: Passengers are facing trouble in crossing the busiest IJP Road due to un availability of over head pedestrian bridge, which needs the attention of concern authorities.

Radio Pak employees protest against non payment of salaries

The employees said

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ISLAMABAD (Online): ment House and police The employees of Radio stopped them to go to-Pakistan have protested on wards Parliament House. Shahrah Dastur against non disbursement of their salthat we are being treated like ary for 2 months. a stepmother as compared

The employees tried go to the Prime ister's House but were stopped by the police.

The employees of ra-They said that if the dio Pakistan ĥave recorded demands are not met then protest till 3 hours in red we will make country wide zone against non-payment protest call. After three and of salaries and pension. a halfhours, the protest was The employees kept called off following the sucshouting slogans against the cessful negotiations and as-

government during protest. surance of payment of sala-An attempt was made ries from the concerned auto march towards Parlia- thorities.



Chairman Imran Khan on Tuesday skipped hearing before a local court of Islamabad in a case pertaining to rioting and vandalizing public property during his party's march.

Civil Judge Ahtisham Alam heard the case against Irran Khan and other accused registered by the Golra Police Station.

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