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

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QUETTA: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday said that sports activities always led to healthy competition by promoting discipline and character building, especially among the young people.

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

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 stressed upon imbuing the spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life.

Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah paid special focus on girls guide to strengthen the organizational discipline, he added.

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 living.



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.

PM rules out dialogue with 'arsonists & anarchists'

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 'arsonists and anarchists' 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 the table to craft a consensus. "However, there is a major difference here, the arsonists and arsonists who

wear the garb of politicians and attack the symbols of the State do not qualify for a dialogue," he said.

The prime minister emphasized that such people should rather be held to account for their militant actions. He also termed it a prevalent practice even in developed democracies.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the provision

of maximum relief to the masses and economic development would be among the Federal Government's priorities in the upcoming budget for fiscal 2023-24.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the budget proposals for the industrial sector, said the federal budget would also encompass the measures to enhance industrial growth as well as exports.

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 cooperation, he added.

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



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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.

Pak reaffirms commitment, support to UN peacekeeping programme: Hina

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Foreign 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 UN Peacekeepers Day here.

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 Pakistani peacekeepers and

eight alone in 2022 had sacrificed their lives for global peace and to uphold the Blue Flag. The minister maintained that Pakistan's security forces were playing a vital role in the peacekeeping missions under the United Nations to maintain peace in the world's conflict areas. She also appreciated the Pakistani women who were playing their key role in every field of life. They had also served the UN peacekeeping programme as psychologists, operational officers, and nurses, she added.

Hina Rabbani Khar said Pakistan had firm faith in the United Nations' capability of maintaining peace and it also believed that the role being played by the UN in building peace, ensuring security and development across the world could not be done,

We are aware of the political developments in Pak: IMF

ISLAMABAD (Online): IMF Chief Advisor Pakistan Nathan Porter has said, IMF authorities are trying for board meeting before the end of the current program in June this year.

Many people are of the view that the program has been finished despite the program has to continue for one month.

We are aware of the political developments in Pakistan so we don't give opinion on local political situation.

In a statement, IMF Chief Advisor Pakistan Nathan Porter has said, IMF authority is in contact with Pakistan authority.

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 pertaining to rioting and vandalizing public property during his party's march.

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

Imran Khan's counsel Barrister Gohar Ali requested the grant his client a one-time exemption from appearance as he could not attend the proceedings due to security issues.

The court accepted the request and extended Imran Khan's interim bail till June 13.



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy Imtiaz Sheikh addresses at the inauguration of Karachi Press Club Solar Park.

Minority minister grieves over loss of lives in lightning strike

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister for Minority Affairs, Giyanchand Essarani Tuesday expressed deep sorrow and grief over the death of six people due to a lightning strike near Mithi and directed the hospital administration to provide all possible medical aid to the injured.

The minister, in a press statement issued here, expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the families of the deceased and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured in the incident.

Giyanchand Essarani said that he has contacted

the district administration in Tharparkar and an emergency has been imposed in Mithi Hospital.

He said that the corpses of the deceased and injured people have been sifted to Mithi Hospital.

The deadly incident of thunderbolt lightning had occurred on a convoy going from Mithi to Dargah Faqir Pirbarham and six people lost their lives in the incident while two people got injured.

The deceased were identified as Vivek Lohanu, Santosh Kumar, Govind Soni and others.



KARACHI: A delegation of UNODC meeting with Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput.

Karachi, the only city that can drive the economy: Governor Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has said that we all have to play our part to get the country out of the economic crisis, and if we want to develop the country, Karachi is the only city that can drive the economy.

The Governor said that let us try to do something for Karachi and country by taking the example of the universal fame that the great painter and calligrapher Sadequain gained at a young age. Ceremonies like Sadequain Awards boost the morale of people,

as Governor he assures the KMC of all possible support in enhancing the splendour of the city, he said this while addressing the Sadequain Awards 2023 ceremony held at Frere Hall on Tuesday. On this occasion, Administrator Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rehman, Consul General of various countries, Chief of staff Chairman Habib Bank Maria Ismail, Senior Director Culture and Sports Saif Abbas Husni and other officers were also present.

Earlier, the Governor Sindh inaugurated the paint-

ing and calligraphy exhibition on the occasion of Sadequain Awards 2023 and distributed awards to the winners of the awards competition. The Governor Sindh said that it is unfortunate for Karachi that Sadequain Awards delayed for 13 years, Karachi Games held after 10 years and other such events have also been stopped for years. Both the government and private organizations need to think to increase the splendour of the city, because this city is suffering due to this situation.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori inaugurating Shah Wali Allah Green Belt in district central.

Sindh to join hands with UNODC to establish modern drug rehabilitation centre

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KARACHI: A three-member delegation led by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Country Representative Jeremy Milson called upon the Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput to hold discussions regarding the establishment of a model drug rehabilitation centre in the Sindh province.

The proposed facility will be fully funded and operated by the Sindh government with technical assistance from the UNODC, adhering to international best practices in drug rehabilitation. The meeting was attended by Ahsan Malik head of Sub Office (UNODC), Secretary Home, Aijaz Ali Shah, Secretary of Social Welfare Dr. Sheren Mustafa, Secretary of General Administration

Muhammad Ali Khoso, Secretary of Health Zulfikar Ali Shah.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput apprised the UNODC delegation of the efforts made by the Sindh government in collaboration with the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). As a result of this collaboration, two drug rehabilitation centres have been successfully established in Maghopir and Malir having the capacity to accommodate 300 individuals seeking recovery. He further stated that the UNODC rehabilitation centre will serve as a benchmark for private rehabilitation centres in the region. The centre's operations, protocols, and service standards will be designed to reflect global best practices in drug addiction treatment.

67 dacoits killed, 68 arrest during ongoing operation in riverine area: IG Sindh

SUKKUR (APP): The Inspector General (IG) Police Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon on Tuesday said that as many as 67 dacoits had been killed and another 68 arrested in the ongoing operation in the riverine area.

He said this while speaking to the media in Kashmir-Kandhkot district, appraising about the success of the ongoing operation in the riverine areas of four districts (Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kandhkot-Kashmore and Ghotki) to restore complete peace in the province.

The IGP Sindh informed that the provincial government was extending all possible cooperation in this regard by providing funds, weapons, gadgets, vehicles and intelligence services. He also shared that he had given a complete freehand to the police force fighting against the outlaws in the operation areas. He said police were making all-out efforts to eliminate gangs of outlaws and take kidnapers and killers of innocent people and policemen to task.

Crackdown on all illegal bus stands throughout Sindh: Sharjeel Memon

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KARACHI: A high-level meeting of the Transport Department was held under the chairmanship of Sharjeel Inam Memon, the Minister of Information, Transport, and Mass Transit. In the meeting, it was decided to launch an operation for the immediate removal of CNG kits from school vans and coasters operating across Sindh.

It was further decided in the meeting to initiate a crackdown on all illegal bus stands throughout Sindh and take strict action against the individuals involved, including registering cases against them.

In the meeting, Transport Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon instructed Transport Secretary Saleem

Rajput to draft letters addressing the concerned commissioners and deputy commissioners, urging them to take immediate action against the operators of illegal bus stands. The Minister emphasized the importance of prompt action in this matter.

The meeting also reached a decision to initiate the process of registering FIRs against those operating illegal bus stands.

It was also decided in the meeting to prioritize the immediate removal of any illegal occupations at bus stands belonging to the Transport Department throughout Sindh and decided to seek assistance from the relevant authorities in order to effectively address this issue.

Murtaza Wahab chairs high level meeting

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KARACHI: A high-level meeting headed by Barrister Murtaza Wahab, the Sindh Government's Spokesperson and the Adviser to CM Sindh on Law

Procedure, Pakistan Penal Code and the Law of Evidence, with the aim of making it easier for the victims of cases, to facilitate the processing of police challan, return of the properties involved in the crime to the rightful heirs and ensure the attendance of the witnesses in the court.

According to the Spokesperson to the Sindh Government, in the meeting, suggestions to give the status of primary evidence to DNA were considered and a proposal was also made to legislate for legal auctioning of the properties lying in the Supervision Branch, which were decided to be implemented. Legal punishment was also considered for false witnesses and cases in various cases. The meeting said that after such legislation, action will be taken against false witnesses.



was held on Tuesday in his office in Sindh Assembly building to review the proposed amendments in the Criminal Procedure Code (CRPC), Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) and important provisions of the Martyrdom Act. Secretary Home Sindh Syed Jaz Ali Shah, Secretary Law Ali Ahmad Baloch, Prosecutor General Sindh, Additional IG Investigation Sindh, Additional IG Legal, Registrar Home Department and other officers participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, proposals were made for amendments in the important clauses of the Criminal



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

Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Sheikh Ebrahim Bin 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 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. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa lauded the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Bahrain. He also appreciated the continuous support of Pakistan and stated that Pakistan has always been the closest partner in the Muslim world. He expressed his desire to start various social welfare ventures in Pakistan, especially for capacity building and easy loan facilitation for

entrepreneurs, especially for the women and the youth as Pakistan holds great potential in this regard. The finance minister apprised Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa of the current government's policies and programmes to support the youth and particularly women such as Benazir Income Support Programme which is well-praised by the World Bank and also being followed in various African countries.

Chinese delegation led Luan Xiangjie by visit to FPCCI

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese delegation led by Luan Xiangjie President Ruzhou

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Foreign Trade Enterprises Association visited Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), 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 discuss various bilateral trade and economic related

Transport, Energy, Technology, Construction, and gemstones, construction, building materials, agriculture, Transportation, furniture and real estate sector, etc. While welcoming the delegation, Umar Masood ur Rehman, Vice President FPCCI highlighted the contribution of China in the economic development and

in imports of China for reducing the trade deficit. Vice President FPCCI also informed about the activities of FPCCI at the global and national level and emphasized on collaboration between both national chambers for holding of commercial activities like holding of exhibitions and formulation of delegations.

Irfan Iqbal says: Exporting to 21% of World Population

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KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has expressed his profound satisfaction, as the country's apex trade & industry body, that one of the most prominent former presidents of FPCCI, Mian Anjum Nisar, has been elected to the highest trade body of the SAARC, i.e. SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) as its Vice 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-à-vis Pakistan - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan - and the bloc accounts for 21 percent of world's population. Only fully

tapping into the export potential of this single trade bloc can result into \$20 - 25 billion worth of exports boost in a short-span of 5 years.

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh apprised that Mian Anjum Nisar is one of the senior most, well-respected and accomplished trade leader of Pakistan; and, he has it all what takes to secure favorable arrangements for the country's exports - 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 trade is only 9 percent of its total trade.

BRI Agri Institute launched to rev up potato industry

BEIJING (APP): In a bid to turbocharge the potato industry, 11 Belt and Road (BRI) countries including China and Pakistan have joined international universities, companies and organisations to launch an international network on the potato industry at a forum held recently at China's Southwest University.

A collaborative effort led by the Southwest University, the Belt and Road potato network is designed to enhance the quality and efficiency of the potato industry in BRI countries through multi-level cooperation, including academic exchanges, joint research, and technology transfer, Prof. Lyu Dianqu, Dean of the Agronomy and Biotechnology College at Southwest University told China Economic Net (CEN) in an interview.

Specifically, the innovation institute would

serve as a platform to facilitate research and promote advancements in potato breeding, germplasm creation and utilisation, and construct potato cultivation demonstration bases, Prof. Lyu said.

The potato expert noted that the breeding-oriented cooperation "arises from a detailed study conducted to scrutinise the challenges and potential in the potato industry in the BRI countries.

"We found 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, training sessions would be organised to impart breeding know-how to the 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 mark the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Central Depository Company of 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 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 market, with its unwavering commitment towards service quality, innovation, investor facilitation, and improving ease of doing business".

The unveiling ceremony, held today at

SECP's head office, marked CDC's landmark achievement of 25 years of successful operations. Since 1997, CDC has 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 exemplary contributions of CDC's founding member and Chairman, Arif Habib, the longest-serving CEO, Muhammad Hanif Jakhura, and the current Chairman of CDC.

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

LAHORE (APP): The 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

The meeting was also attended by top notch Pakistani businessmen, including Syed Ameer Abbas, Fast Cables Limited, Atif Hameed, TUV Austria BIC Pvt. Limited, Hassan Ahmed, Hassan Brother Company, Zaki Aijaz, Roshan Packages and others.

PCJCCI Vice President Hamza Khalid

headed by Mr Wang Zihai, Honorary Investment Counselor in China, Board of Investment and Chen Guangfeng, President Dongying Sino-German (European Exchange and Cooperation Association).

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PCJCCI Vice President Hamza Khalid

said that the delegation came with a purpose to hold interactive B2B meeting with potential partners in Pakistan.

The area of interest was mainly manufacturer of steel, aluminum, plastic doors and windows production, oil drilling accessories, maintenance of environmental protection equipment, PVC insulated control cable and power cable, cross-linked polyethylene insulated electric cable, Power cable, photovoltaic cable, petrochemicals, rubber, petroleum equipment etc.

He added that the

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



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.

Amin reaches Morocco to attend GITEF Africa Digital summit

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecom Syed Amin Ul Haque Tuesday reached Casablanca (Morocco) to attend GITEF Africa Digital summit.

GITEF Africa Digital Summit is being held in Morocco from May 31 to June 2, 2023, said a news release received here.

The event aimed to bring together technology operators, government bodies, small and medium enterprises, start-ups, investors and scholars from Africa and the world in one platform.

Syed Amin Ul Haque will share the Digital Pakistan Vision, his perspective on the current challenges and the next frontier of innovation.

From financial technologies to cloud systems, material connectivity (IoT), artificial intelligence, telecom technologies and cyber-security systems will be developed widely in the next three days.

KP Govt to establish Inclusive Business Development Park

PESHAWAR (INP): The provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is going to establish an Inclusive Business Development Park (IBDP) to enable men, women, persons with disabilities and transgender to establish their business setups.

In this connection, a formal memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KP-EZDMC) and Khyber Pass Economic Corridor (KPEC), Project Management Unit (PMU), Planning & Development (P&D) Department for the establishment of interim setup for the initiative here on Tuesday. The signing ceremony was held at KP-EZDMC Head Office Peshawar with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Industries, Commerce and

Technical Education, Mohammad Adnan Jalil as chief guest on the occasion.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) KP-EZDMC, Javed Iqbal Khattak and Project Director (PD) KPEC, Imran Zahoor signed the memorandum on behalf of their respective organizations. Besides, Secretary Industries, Commerce & Technical Education/Chairman Board of Directors (BoD) KP-EZDMC, Mati Ullah Khan, other officials of the company were also present on the occasion.

Under the agreement, the Industries Department is going to establish an interim-setup for Inclusive Business Development Park at Economic Zone Hayatabad Peshawar. The proposed Inclusive Business Development Park will operate under the operational control of the KP-EZDMC.



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

Minister chairs resource mobilization committee meeting

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanveer here Tuesday chaired a meeting of the resource mobilization committee to review the business models of waste management companies, WASAs (Water and Sanitation Agencies) and the Punjab Mass Transit Authority.

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Excise Bilal Afzal, Punjab Finance Secretary, MD WASA and senior officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the committee approved several proposals for

resource acquisition during the fiscal year 2023-24 for waste management companies, WASAs and the Punjab Mass Transit Authority.

Additionally, the committee supported the recommendation of exploring public-private partnerships for waste management companies, whether through outsourcing or collaboration with electric supply companies. Furthermore, proposals for branding and advertisement to enhance the resources of the Punjab Mass Transit Authority were also given the green light.

CoRe for including green financing in budget to tackle plastic pollution

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

According to the press release, CEO of

CoRe Sheikh Waqar Ahmad said, "The first step to address the issue of packaging waste and ensure a waste-free future is a public investment in the formal collection and recycling infrastructure. The government has an important role in providing appropriate policy framework and enabling environment to promote sustainable and innovative practices to fuel new

investment in the sector." It noted some recommendations including the availability of Green Financing by State Bank to promote waste collection & recycling, a five-year tax holiday for recycling projects for multiple cities of Pakistan, exemption of sales tax, custom duty & zero tariff regime for import of equipment for recycling projects.



NO.BA-III/Food/Fumigation /2022-23
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
FOOD DEPARTMENT
Karachi dated the 29th May, 2023

NOTICE INVITING OF TENDER'S (NIT'S).

Sealed Tenders are invited for acquiring Fumigation services from firms/companies registered with Plant Protection Department, Government of Pakistan for approximately storage of **1,000 million MMT** of wheat at various Government Godowns throughout the Province of Sindh.

The firms/companies shall provide store fumigants as well as extending complete service i.e. fumigants (approved/registered with the concerned authority) plus fumigation can apply.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- (i) The reputable manufacturer / suppliers/ contractors or the importers must be registered with Tax authorities (Federal & Provincial) and are **Active Tax Payers** for the Fumigation Services, are eligible to participate in the tender, the Importer will however quote their rate on for basis upto consignee's end in local currency (Pak. Rupees).
- (ii) Price quoted shall be inclusive of all taxes duties, including Sales Tax up to consignee's end.
- (iii) The bidders are required to submit earnest money 3% of the amount of their offers in shape of pay order/ Bank draft in favour of Director Food Sindh. Tender without earnest money shall be ignored.
- (iv) The tenderers will submit valid registration certificate issued by Plant Protection Departments, Government of Pakistan (in case of fumigation services).
- (v) The firm/company should have relevant fumigation experience of commodities either with provincial food departments or with federal organizations such as PASSCO, TCP etc.
- (vi) The offers shall be firm, unambiguous and un-conditional.
- (vii) Tenders may be submitted as per conditions of tender enquiry in prescribed form which can be obtained by company's / firm's on request letter mentioning NTN and GST / SRB registration number (wherever applicable) against the paid challan of **Rs.2000.00** per set in Govt. Treasury / State Bank of Pakistan in **Food Account II** (non-refundable), during office hours. No tender form will be issued on the day of tender opening.
- (viii) The other terms and conditions as envisage under SPPRA, Rules 2010, (up to date), will be governed on the contract.
- (ix) No offer shall be considered / accepted after the prescribed time & date.
- (x) The successful tenderer shall be liable to affix adhesive stamp on the agreement @ 0.35 % of the value of contract.
- (xi) All the bids shall be processed through the Procurement Committee for approval of the rates. The Committee reserve the right to accept or reject all or any bids / tender subject to the relevant provisions of PPRA, Rules.
- (xii) First date of issuance of Tender form shall be from 1.6.2023 and Last date for purchase of tender form shall be upto 18.6.2023 and shall be submitted on **19.6.2023 at 2.00 p.m.** The bidders shall submit **Technical and Financial Proposals** each separately in two different sealed envelopes. **Tender's (Technical Proposals)** will be opened on the same day at **2.30 p.m.** in the office of Director Food, Government of Sindh, 4th Floor, New Sindh Secretariat No.1, Kamal Attaturk Road, Karachi in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives, who wish to be present.
- (xiii) In case NIT's remain un-responded by the above date the next date of opening will be **5.7.2023 at 2:30 pm** and First date of issuance of Tender form shall be from 20.6.2023.
- (xiv) The offer shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of tender, which is extendable by the competent authority i.e, Procuring Authority, as per relevant Rules of SPPRA.
- (xv) The successful tenderers shall be responsible to all the terms & conditions of tender as well as agreement including guarantee / warrantee of safety of wheat stocks for nine month including rodent control.
- (xvi) The station / locations can be reduced / enhanced as per clause 16 (e) of SPPRA Rule-2010 (amended upto date).
- (xvii) Tender form can also be downloaded from the Government of Sindh, SPPRA Web site.

(SYED IMDAD ALI SHAH)
DIRECTOR FOOD SINDH

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 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, Senator Sherry Rehman said it was a pleasure to co-chair the 5th meeting of the Pakistan-Italy JEC in Rome with the Deputy Minister.

She added that the establishment 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 Islamabad at a mutually convenient time, which she look forward to, she added.

While welcoming the finalisation of the 'Visa Waiver Agreement for Diplomatic Passports', both sides reiterated their commitment to speedy negotiations to finalize the framework for Migration and Labour Mobility. Businessmen from Pakistan and Italy participated in the meeting.

The event concluded with the signing of an important 'Roadmap for Cooperation' covering climate change, trade and investment, heritage, culture, agriculture, higher education, technical cooperation and technology transfer in reference areas.



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.

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.

A 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 commission.

The plea has been taken in the petition CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar should re-

Australian HC meets Maryam Nawaz

LAHORE (APP): Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Neil Hawkins on Tuesday met with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Senior Vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

Maryam Nawaz welcomed the Australian High Commissioner on arrival while matters of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting.

On the occasion, Maryam Nawaz said that Pakistan and Australia have had a historic partnership, adding that Pakistan had always valued Australia's role pertaining to education sector for Pakistani students.

Governor Sindh announces launch of website for registration

KARACHI (APP): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori has announced the launch of website for registration in information technology courses, to be conducted at the Governor House.

Governor Sindh while addressing a press conference at Governor House said that desirous persons can register themselves on www.governorsindh.com for courses of Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse and Web 3.

A screening test will be held and 50,000 youth would be selected for these state-of-the-art courses, he added. IT experts Sir Zia Khan, Danyal Nagori and IT consultant Muzammil Azhar were also present on the occasion.

Replying to a question regarding the continuation of his initiatives, Governor Sindh said that now it would be the responsibility of the masses and media to keep an eye on these projects as these were aimed at the welfare of the general public.



KARACHI: Director General National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Sindh Javed Akbar Riaz meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori

What Maryam Nawaz said about level playing field she has done it: Latif

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former governor Punjab and PPP leader Latif Khosa has said what Maryam Nawaz said about level playing field she has done it.

"Nawaz Sharif is Islamabad High Court (IHC) fugitive. What Maryam Nawaz had said about level playing field she has done it, he said this while talking to media men here Tuesday.

Maryam Nawaz had said they should crushed like how PML-N was crushed, he added.

He underlined Maryam Nawaz should bring her father who is sitting in park lane, Nawaz Sharif is IHC fugitive. His red warrants have been issued. Bilawal Bhutto had constituted committee under my chairmanship after Panama leaks.

SSP to notify Police Liaison Committee formation

HYDERABAD (APP): The Senior Superintendent of Police Hyderabad Sajid Ameer Saduzai while assuring the issuance of notification regarding formation of Police Liaison Committee has invited the President Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry to communicate names of HCCI representatives so that the committee could start functioning for resolving grievances of the trade and business community.

Addressing the members of Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry here at HCCI Secretariat on Tuesday evening, he disclosed the names of three Police officers including S.P. Headquarters Shahnawaz Memon, DSP City Masood Iqbal Arain and Inspector Mehmood Akhtar as the members of the Police Liaison Committee and assured that notification in this regard will be issued soon.

The District Police Hyderabad fully aware of its responsibility and engaged in combating crimes and criminals, he said and added that increase in crime rate was because of current socio-economic condition. However, he said that the Police have succeeded in detecting major criminal cases and efforts are being made to initiate prompt action against outlaws involved in street crimes. Besides recovery of looted cash worth million of rupees.



HYDERABAD: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Hyderabad, Sajid Amir Sadozai in a meeting with business community during his visit to Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) in Hyderabad.

KU organizes Takreem-e-Shuhada seminar

KARACHI (APP): University of Karachi organized a Takreem-e-Shuhada seminar at the Karachi University Business School here on Tuesday. KU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, Registrar Dr Imran Ahmad Siddiqui, deans, chairperson, and teachers of various faculties, students, staff, and employees attended the event.

Prof. Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi said that our military forces and intelligence agencies are fighting against the internal and external elements which are involved in trying to destabi-



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Women Wing Central President, Faryal Talpur in meeting with a delegation of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) consisting Jeremy Milsom, Country Head of UNODC and Arsalan Malik, Regional Head of UNODC Sindh and Balochistan, held at Zardari House in Karachi.

Islam teachings real solution for societal issues: Rana Tanveer

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain on Tuesday said that following the true teachings of Islam was the only way to solve the societal issues.

He was addressing the concluding ceremony of the 38th Human Resource Development Program for the Officers of Armed Forces of Pakistan organized by Da'wah Academy of International Islamic University (IIU). Rana Tanveer Hussain, appreciated the International Islamic University Islamabad's Da'wah Academy for conducting such courses for understanding the true spirit of our religion specially designed for professionals in various institutions.

Such programs must be conducted in the entire country so that we can spread the message of Islam in the true spirit, he added.

Commissioner visits Public School, reviews HSC exam process

HYDERABAD (APP): The Commissioner Bilal Ahmed Memon has visited Public School Hyderabad reviewed arrangements for HSC exams began on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, the commissioner said that until the copy culture was not eradicated, development in the country could not be possible.

Cheating in the exams has become a scourge and everyone has to work together to eradicate this menace, Bilal Memon said.

The principal Public School Prof Nasiruddin Shaikh informed the commissioner that HSC examinations are being held in Public School amid strict arrangements and the exam halls were monitored through CCTV cameras.

Commissioner also inspected examination process and expressed satisfaction over surveillance measures taken to curb cheating and other unfair means.



HYDERABAD: Members of Tail Abadgar Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club.

DC visits teachers training institute

NAWABSHAH (APP): Deputy Commissioner Kanwal Nizam visited teachers training institute PITE and collected information about the institution.

DC said that provision of better training of teachers is guaranteed for better education standards. She was optimistic that PITE would play an important role in the training mission of teachers. On the occasion Director General PITE Nusrat Kalhoru informed DC in detail about the institute.

Director PITE Shahab Mallah, Mir Hassan Dahri, Information Officer Sher Muhammad Jamali and other officials were present on the occasion.

Later Deputy Commissioner Kanwal Nizam visited NOREN Cancer Hospital Nawabshah and went round its different sections, she also collected details about facilities of treatment here.

During the visit DC observed that Cancer hospitals are in low numbers in Sindh Province and country. She said that the establishment of Cancer Hospital is a welcoming act for the cancer patients of Shaheed Benazirabad and other surrounding areas. She said that space still exists for further improvement in treatment facilities at Cancer Hospital and district administration would fully cooperate with hospital administration in this regard. On the occasion Director NOREN Cancer Hospital Muhammad Sadiq and Admin Officer Meerah Shah briefed DC about the treatment of cancer patients at this hospital.

No suo motu notice was taken when Jinnah House was attacked: Shahid

KARACHI (Online): PML-N Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said we are not to run away from court like Imran Khan. "Show the people what is going on in the case since the last three years. We are appearing in the courts. But on the other hand neither NAB is appearing in the court nor do the witnesses come, he said this while talking to media men outside Accountability Court (AC) here Tuesday. He held investigation will be investigated for what purpose case was framed. NAB should apologize at least for instituting fake case. We are not to hide or run away from courts like Imran Khan" He went on to say case was run against Nawaz Sharif under the monitoring of Supreme Court. A senior politician was disqualified for life. There is separate law for Nawaz Sharif and Yousuf Raza Gillani. What cases are against us have no standing. I have undergone 100 investigations. I have spent days in jail. But I did not raise hue and cry.



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

Rain, dust storm plunges Hyderabad into darkness: HESCO spokesman

HYDERABAD (APP): The power supply to large parts of Hyderabad was suspended on Tuesday morning and later in the afternoon due to dust storm and low rainfall, the spokesman of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) Sadiq Kubar informed.

According to him, the power supply from 53 out of 126 electric feeders of 11 KV in Hyderabad was suspended early in the morning.

He said most of the feeders were put off due to safety reasons. However, he added, faults also occurred in some feeders because of incidents like falling off the tree branches and signboards on the transmission lines.

He noted that a tower of the high transmission cable from Mithi to Tando Jam Muhammad also fell during the stormy winds.

The spokesman told that a few hours later by 11 am as the winds intensified 56 more feeders were shut down for safety reasons, taking the total to 109.

The power supply to the 132 KV Qasimabad Grid station was cut off because of tripping in the high transmission circuits E7Q1 and E8Q1, he observed.

He added that the tripping occurred at 11.27 am after which the power supply was suspended to all the 24 feeders of Qasimabad grid station.

The blustery winds returned around 4 pm again after which the electric supply from all the 126 electric feeders of HESCO was halted mostly for safety reasons.

Kubar said the company's officers and field staff were monitoring the situation and that the restoration would start once the weather condition normalized.



KARACHI: President Arts Council (Karachi) Ahmed Shah talking to media persons along with Actress Bushra Ansari and Sajid Hassan, in Provincial Capital.

Flight makes emergency landing in Karachi as baby born mid-air

KARACHI (INP): A Qatar Airways flight from Doha to Manila made an emergency landing at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport after a pregnant passenger gave birth mid-air to a baby boy, CAA official said Tuesday.

The birth took place just hours after the Qatar Airways flight took off from Manila on Monday evening and before the pilot was able to make the emergency landing in Karachi.

The pilot of flight contacted Air Traffic Controller Karachi and sought permission for an emergency landing at Karachi airport, according to CAA official.

Man shoots wife dead for honour

KARACHI (INP): Man shot dead his wife for seeking divorce in a court premises in Karachi on Monday, police said.

According to police, the gruesome killing took place in the judge's chamber. A 60-year-old onlooker, Dadan, also received bullet wounds.

The 24-year-old woman was pursuing the divorce case. She was a mother of three with the youngest being six months old.

Accused husband named Sikandar opened fire at his wife, resulting in multiple wounds. She was rushed to the nearby Civil Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.