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Clarifies party's instance on speculations

'BAP will not be dissolved under any circumstances, as it remains robust and resilient': CM Bizenjo

Independent Report
QUETTA: Balochistan Awami Party's President, CM Balochistan, Abdul Qadoos Bizanjo, on Sunday engaged in a media dialogue, addressing various issues and clarifying the party's stance.

He emphasized that the Balochistan Awami Party will not be dissolved under any circumstances, as it remains robust and resilient. He assured that the party welcomes anyone who wishes to join, and their doors are

During the discussion, Abdul Qadoos Bizanjo expressed respect for all political parties and their leaders, including former President Asif Ali Zardari, acknowledging their contributions to provincial and national politics. He highlighted the significant achievements of the Balochistan Awami Party in pursuing its objectives and bringing prosperity to the province.

The Chief Minister mentioned that his government has made historic decisions in a short span of time to address critical issues.

Initiatives such as the establishment of the Reko-Diq Mining Project, resolving long-standing problems of electricity and water in Gwadar, protecting the rights of fishermen, providing job security to contract employees in educational institutions, and organizing lo-cal elections in a peaceful environment were highlighted as noteworthy accomplishments.

Furthermore, Abdul Qadoos Bizanjo emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring food security by timely and targeted procurement of wheat, providing relief to flood-affected families during Ramadan by distributing a month's ration to a hundred thousand eligible households, and presenting a balanced and people-friendly budget for the year 2022-23. **Continued on page 2** Continued on page 2



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo. Senators Muhammad Abdul Qadir and Kohda Babar are also present



QUETTA: A delegation led by Najeebullah Khan Achakzai meeting with Gov ernor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Erdogan claims victory in Turkey's presidential election

Final official results have yet to be released; PM Shehbaz congratulates Erdogan, looks keenly forward to deepening strategic partnership between both countries.

Monitoring Desk ISTANBUL: President Tayyip Erdogan claimed victory in Turkey's presidential election on Sunday,

a win that would steer his

increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade.

Addressing supporters, Erdogan said voters had given him the responsibility to rule for the next five

Final official results have yet to be released.

There was no immediate response to Erdogan's victory speech from his challenger, Kemal Kemal Kilicdaroglu.

The election had been

seen as one of the most consequential yet for Turkey, with the opposition believ-

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Imran reveals Sanaullah's 'plot to cover up horror stories'

"Women have never been so mistreated and harassed by the state as they have been by this fascist govt," PTI chief says

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan the former prime minister Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan has lambasted Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah for trying to terrorise the nation by revealing a sham plot against women to "cover up horror stories about to break in the media.3

In his tweet on Sunday.

uploaded a clip from the press conference of Sanaullah in which he talked about intercepting a phone call. The conversation was about an alleged plot to stage rape and blame law enforcement officials

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QUETTA: Bishop of Karachi and Blaochistan along with the Chairman Tehreek-e-Jawanan Pakistan take part in a rally in favor of Pak Army on behalf of the Methodist Church.

Rally held to show solidarity with Pak-Army

Khan Nasir on Sunday said that the Pakistan Army was our red line and the people who attacked military and national installations on May 9 and desecrated martyrs' memorials did not deserve any concession.

Action should be taken against such persons according to the law, the Pakistan Army and other security agencies have sacrificed their lives for the establishment of law and order in the country and the end of terrorism, he added. He expressed these views while addressing the participants of the rally held in favour of the Pakistan Army here. Earlier, the rally was

QUETTA (APP): Tribal and taken out from Airport political leader Hamza Road under the leadership of Hamza Khan Nasir and other tribal elders which reached the Press Club after marching different roads.

The participants of the rally carried banners and placards which described that legal action would be taken against those involved in the May 9 incidents.

Addressing the participants of the rally, Hamza Khan Nasir said that on May 9, under the guise of protest, the way miscreants attacked military and national facilities, the Commander's House, Radio Pakistan and other facilities and desecrated the martyrs memorial, it was not acceptable in any way

'The only winner is Turkey," he said, addressing cheering supporters from atop a bus in Istanbul.

Marriyum says: Youm-e-Takbeer declaration of Pakistan's invincible defence

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Information Broadcasting Aurangzeb said on Sunday that Youm-e-Takbeer was the declaration that Pakistan's defense was invincible

Thanking Almighty Allah, the minister congratulated all Pakistanis at home and abroad and thanked all friends and benefactors, she said in a tweet.

This day is the day of no compromise on the patriotism, bravery, insight and national interest by (PML-N) Quaid Nawaz Sharif," she main-

tained The minister saluted the entire team including the scientists who sacrificed for the country and made the defense invincible for future generations 25

years ago. She asked the masses to celebrate the day national victory and national unity with pride this evening at Liberty Chowk Lahore by ensuring their participation along with Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

4 children drown in **Khairpur** fish pond

KHAIRPUR (APP): Four little girls drowned in a fish pond at Tandi Masti's Mian Waris Ujjan village near Khairpur on Sunday, a private TV channel reported.

The dead were identified as five-year-old Dania, 10-year-old Suhana, fiveyear-old Ravina, and sixvear-old Muskan. Families of the de-

ceased said the girls were

playing near the pond when

they slipped and fell into Locals fished the bod ies out of the pond.

Intelligence agencies unearth PTI's plan to malign govt, LAEs: Rana Sanaullah

FAISALABAD (APP): Interior Minister Rana was of huge importance he Sanaullah on Saturday said thought it necessary to apthe intelligence agencies had intercepted a telephonic conversation about a staged police attack on one of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)'s leaders, killing its occupants, and then blaming law enforcement agencies for the act. Addressing a hurriedly

called press conference here late night, the minister said the second plan revealed in the intercepted audio involved staging incidents of firing and disgracing women with the intention of portraying it as the work of intelligence and law enforcement agencies and also highlighting it as a human right issue at international

He said as the matter prise the nation as the orchestrated event was planned for tonight (Saturday night). However, he added, the timely action from the intelligence agencies foiled the nefarious design, resulting in the expo-sure of the plot even before its execution.

He further said that the intended purpose of the or-chestrated event was to generate controversy surrounding the legal actions taken after May 9 vandal-ism and to present these staged plays as grave hu-man rights violations and state oppression through international media. The minister said that

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LAHORE: PML-N Senior Vice President and Chief organizer Maryam Nawaz addressing a public gathering on the occasion of Youm-e-Takbeer at Liberty Roundabout.

Nawaz's decision of atomic explosion made country's defence stronger: Maryam

Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Chief Organiser Maryam Nawaz on Sunday said that the unwavering commitment and dedication of Nawaz Shariftowards the nation made the country's defence more stronger by making atomic explosions on May 28, 1998.

Addressing a public gathering organised by the PML-N to celebrate 25th Youm-e-Takbeer, Maryam Nawaz paid glowing tributes to the political leadership, scientists and armed forces for playing role for making the country's defence unde-

She said that the then leadership led by Nawaz Sharif took daring step to give a befitting response to India's atomic explosions. She added that then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif refused to take any pressure by international forces including billions of US dol- tioned

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan lars offer to stop the atomic

Maryam Nawaz said that whenever Nawaz Sharif was given a chance to serve the nation, he took the country towards progress and prosperity as he launched various mega projects including Motorways, Metro bus, Orange Line Metro Train. Load-shedding was eliminated through generation of more than upto 12,000 megawatt electricity while peace was restored in Karachi.

She said that only PML-N workers and leaders remain steadfast and loyal with the party despite the worst victimization during the PTI rule. PTI leadership invoked its followers towards chaos and put the entire country on fire on May 9 whereas the PML-N leadership made the country prosper with strong defence, she men-

jubilee of country's nuclear tests KARACHI (APP): Chair-

Bilawal greets

nation on silver

man Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has extended greetings to the nation on the silver jubilee of the country's nuclear tests and saluted all the people, including scientists, who played their role in making Pakistan the first nuclear nation in the Islamic world

According to the statement issued by media cell Bilawal House, Chairman PPP said that the nuclear programme of the country is indeed a great gift of the Qauid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to the nation.

He said that the first elected Prime Minister of the country, Shaheed Bhutto, had said that if we have to eat grass, we will do so, but we will make Pakistan a nuclear power at any cost. "Making Pakistan a nuclear power was the mission of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto," he added.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto shielded and advanced the programme as Prime Min-

Youm-e-Takbeer, a day of nation's remarkable journey towards credible minimum deterrence: PM

Armed forces pay rich tribute to brilliant scientists, engineers on Youm-e-Takbeer: ISPR

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said that Youm-e-Takbeer was not just a day but a story of the nation's challenging and remarkable journey towards establishing credible mini-

mum deterrence. The prime minister on his Twitter handle said that on that day, Pakistan set a redline for its defence and laid down rules of the game for peace and stability in the region. "On the Silver Jubilee of Youm-e-Takbeer, I pay rich tributes to the political & military leadership, scientists, engineers and all those who remained associated with our nuclear programme," he said in a tweet as the nation celebrates the 25th anniversary of Youm-e-Takbeer on

sible for the people to guard their independence from any physical threat. "The day represents how the consensus between all elements of national power achieved what once looked like an uphill task,"

termination made it pos-

he posted in a tweet. The prime minister said Shaheed Zulifkar Ali Bhutto was a visionary leader who initiated the nuclear programme, adding in a show of bold leadership, his leader Mian Nawaz Sharif firmly rejected the policy of stick and carrot and made sure that the country became nuclear. "All along, our armed

forces remained a guardian & protector of the dynamics in our region," it programme in the face of added.

The prime minister malign intentions of our enemies," he said. further said that their hard work, commitment and de-

RAWALPINDI (APP): The armed forces on Sunday paid rich tribute to the brilliant minds who conceived and achieved credible minimum nuclear deterrence accomplishment under daunting challenges.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), "the armed forces salute the scientists and engineers who turned the impossible into a reality. Long Live Pakistan.'

It said the complete Pakistani nation celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Youme-Takbeer and commemorated the remarkable achievement of establishing Credible Minimum Deterrence. "This achievement has reshaped the power

Two earthquakes rattle parts of country, three children injured

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Three children were injured in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Battagram district after two earthquakes jolted parts of the country on Sunday, officials said.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), the first earthquake of magnitude 6.0 with its epicentre being the Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region — struck at 10:50am, at a depth of 223km. The second earthquake of magnitude 4.7 was reported

at 5:57pm. Its epicentre was near Jalalabad in Afghanistan and struck at a depth of 15km, PDM said. Tremors were felt in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and sev-

eral districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. While no casualties were reported, three children were injured in the Hado area of Batkol in Battagram.



SIALKOT: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif addressing the 9th Convocation of Shadab Girls College.

Khawaja Asif says

Nawaz Sharif made country's defence invincible by ac hieving nuclear deterrence

ter for Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Sunday said 25 years ago on May 28th, Pakistan became a nuclear power and our leader, former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, made the country's defence invincible by detonating nuclear Our defence has be-

come very strong due to achieving nuclear deterrence", he expressed while addressing the ninth convocation of a private college

n Sialkot as the chief guest. Khawaja Asif said that it was a matter of pride that the daughters of our nation were going ahead to start their working life after completing their educational degrees. "I heartily congratulate all these daughters success. I do and pray that

SIALKOT (APP): Minis- May Allah bless them with many successes in the fu-ture," the Minister said.

He said that it should not be the goal to get only BA, MA degree, adding, "but I advise all students to get a purposeful education because only getting a purposeful education can help us to move forward. We can deal with the challenges we are facing.

The minister said that in the present era, getting purposeful education including IT was very important because development was not possible without

He added that political parties or political leaders were not our red line, but the soil of this country and our martyrs should be our red line, who have defended this dear country and our and their parents for their safety and did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for it.

Gwadar port receives Afghan-transit wheat shipment



GWADAR: The MV Keno, a maritime vessel from Australia, has anchored at the Gwadar Port, carrying forty thousand metric tons of wheat. This wheat shipment is destined for transit through Afghanistan. Gwadar Port will serve as the gateway for transporting wheat to Afghanistan via road.

Condemnation Day of Traitors of Pakistan rallies across country

People paid homage to martyrs; condemned May 9 riots

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ral- Dalbadin, Khuzdar, Kohlu lies were organised on Sunday in various districts of the country to mark the Condemnation Day of Traitors of Pakistan.

People in different parts of the country came out on the streets to strongly condemn the events that took place on May 9 in the country and the elements involved in them. Moreover, people also paid homage to the

Rallies were held in different districts Balochistan, Quetta, Jafarabad, Naseerabad, Usta Muhammad, Noshki,

nor Sindh kamran Khan Tessori.

Independent Report

KHUZDAR: Khuzdar's

Deputy Commissioner,

Captain (Retd.) Jamil

Ahmed, paid a visit to a

non-governmental

organization's orphanage home on Sunday. Officials

from the non-governmental

organization, Shafi Arfinj

Welfare Society, including

its President, Amina Shafi,

and Senior Superintendent,

Murad Guzozai, were

Deputy Commissioner

Jamil Ahmed about their

organization's activities,

particularly their efforts in

providing care and educa-

tion for orphaned children in Khuzdar and Quetta cen-

the orphanage home in

Khuzdar has been operat-

ing for the past two years,

catering to the welfare and

education needs of or-

phaned children. Shafi

Arfinj Welfare Society has

been supporting the chil-

dren by providing them with essential items such as

Amina Shafi stated that

Amina Shafi briefed

present during the visit.

DC Khuzdar visits

orphanage home,

NGOs services

and Dera Murad Jamali.

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), rallies were held at various places in Karak, Kurram, Swat, Chitral, Shangla, Buner, Dir, Bannu, Waziristan, Dera Ismail Khan, Haripur, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Khyber, Mohmand, Peshawar, Mardan and Kohat districts.

In several cities of Punjab, Bishol Chiniot, Sarai Alamgir, Kharian, Narowal, Dera Ghazi Khan and Gujranwala, roads and highways were decorated with banners and rallies were taken out in different cities.

KARACHI: Famous businessman Tariq Bulani presenting buckets to Gover-

clothing, footwear, and

other necessary expenses. She emphasized that their

organization is committed

to serving these vulnerable

children with utmost dedi-

cation and compassion, urg-

ing all segments of society

to support this noble cause.

Jamil Ahmed praised Shafi

Arfini Welfare Society's ini-

tiatives in providing facili-

ties and ensuring the well-

being of orphaned children.

He commended their re-

markable service, express-

ing his immense pleasure

and vowing to collaborate

with the district administra-

tion to further support the

organization. Deputy

Ahmed promised to visit

the institution regularly and

assured his commitment to

assist the orphanage home

through available resources.

selfless efforts of the indi-

viduals involved in this

noble cause, emphasizing

that their service to human-

ity deserves admiration and

will always be remembered.

Jamil

He also acknowledged the bringing up his fifty in

Commissioner

Deputy Commissioner

The desecration of the martyrs was strongly condemned by various sections of the society and people also raised slogans in favour of the Pakistan Army, paying tribute to the army on this occasion.

On this occasion, a seminar was organised by the Pakistan Youth Movement in Quetta which was addressed by Chairman Tehreek Jawanan-i-Pakistan Abdullah Gul and others. The participants strongly condemned the events of May 9. They emphasised that Pakistan Army is the backbone of the country's security. A day earlier,

Fakhar outshines

Asif Ali as

Qalandars beat

PCB XI in

T10 match

Sports Desk

NAROWAL: Fakhar Zaman outshined Asif Ali's

62-run knock as Lahore

Qalandars registered a 10-

wicket victory over PCB

XI on Sunday in a T10 ex-

hibition match at Narowal

Chasing a target of 120 runs, Fakhar and Tahir

Baig, provided an ideal

start, scoring 50 runs in the

first four overs, with Baig doing the bulk of the scor-

of the proceedings and attacked Usman Qadir, hit-

ting the leg-spinner for three

consecutive fours in the fifth

Fakhar continued his

rampage against Qadir in

his second over as well,

smashing him for three

sixes and in the process

The left-handed

opener hit three consecutive

sixes in the eighth over as

well, to complete the chase,

and remained unbeaten on 68* from 23 balls. Tahir

over of the innings.

just 20 balls.

Fakhar also took charge

Sports Complex.

erected across Islamabad and Rawalpindi, targeting the leadership of the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaaf (PTI) party.

The action came in response to the alleged role of PTI leaders in incidents of vandalism targeting public and military installations that took place on May 9 following the arrest of party chief Imran Khan.

These walls of shame bear banners that read "Wall of Shame" and "Day of Condemnation of Traitors of Pakistan," accompanied by shoe marks on pictures of Imran and other party



FAISALABAD: Federal Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah Khan is leading a public rally taken out from his public secretariat on the eve of Yaum-e-Takbeer.

Imran Khan exploits innocence of people: **Interior Minister**

FAISALABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan has said that Imran Khan exploited innocence of the people and hoodwinked them with false accusation against his political oppo-

He was addressing a rally at Zila Council Chowk here on Sunday evening. This rally was taken out from his public secretariat near Chak No.65-JB Bypass in connection with Yaum-e-Takbeer-e-Pakistan and Takreem-e-Shuhda-e-Pakistan. A large number of the participants participated in the rally which marched on various city roads by holding banners, placard and chanting

The minister said that Imran Khan had cultivated seed of hatred among the nation due to which the nation had to face the may-

hem of 9th May. He illusioned the youths who followed him blindly and vandalized Jinnah House Lahore.

They first looted and plundered the household items and then put it on fire, he said. They also damaged the sensitive military installations, he added. It was not only a corps commander house but was also his camp office where sensitive information for national integrity was present, he mentioned. It was now the responsibility of Pak army to recover these sensitive items by bringing the culprits to the justice, he added. He said that the accused tried to weaken the national defense and they could be compared with the Kalbushan who trespassed in our territory. They must be nabbed and

Pakistani Pilgrims' cooperative spirit earns praise during hotel stay

ISLAMABAD (APP): Mahmoud Ibrahim Haikal, Deputy General Manager of Hotel One Inn, Madinah on Sunday commended the Pakistani pilgrims for their remarkable level of cooperation during their stay at the hotel. In an interview, Mehmood I Haikal lauded the Pakistani pilgrims for their seamless interactions

encountered no issues in them to be consistently friendly and amicable.

Haikal conveyed his heartfelt appreciation to the Pakistan Hajj Mission thentic Pakistani dishes."

tance and collaborative ef-Meanwhile, during a

of the company, exressed his profound pride in offering catering services

possible service to our valued Pakistani pilgrims. We dealing with them and found meticulously handpick topnotch chefs from renowne

for their invaluable assis-

visit to Smart Pots, a catering service provider for Hajj and Umrah pilgrims, Khalid Salman, the CEO

to Pakistani pilgrims. "Our utmost dedication

lies in providing the best five-star hotels and ensure the selection of high-quality ingredients to create au-

during their eight-day stay at the hotel. The hotel management

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for the heinous crime to get global backing for human

"He is so obviously trying to cover up and preempt the horror stories about to break in the me-

"Women have never been so mistreated and harassed by the state as they have been by this fascist govt when they were exercising their right to protest peacefully.

the law enforcement agencies' personnel's gross misbehavior with the women of PTI leaders has been reported by the media. In one instance, the police raided the house of Usman Dar and mistreated his mother. Police also beat up and dragged women protesters on several occasions.

Sanaullah Khan claimed in a press conference at around midnight on Saturday that the PTI plotted to highlight human rights violations in Pakistan at the global scale by staging a simulated raid at a party worker's house, involving a rape and casualties caused by gunfire. The minister said that

intelligence agencies intercepted a call in which a conspiracy was being hatched to kill some PTI worker during a staged raid. The second part of the

plot was to commit a rape he said and added that the plan was to be implemented tonight.

He said the people involved in the conversation were being monitored

The minister argued that the purpose of his "midnight televised address is to promptly alert the nation about the malicious intentions of the plotters."

Sanaullah reiterated government's resolve to bring those responsible for the events on May 9 to jus-Meanwhile, Imran also

condemned raids on the houses of PTI leaders Omar Ayub and Shahzad Akbar late on Saturday night. 'We are living the dark

ecuted. He said they [PTI leadership] employed method without considering it was wrong or right including lobbying with external forces like Zalmay Khalilzad to achieve their objectives. However, he added, when they failed, they hatched a dreadful plan to stage such attack and put the blame on law enforcers. Rana Sanaullah said the gang and its ringleader were

Attack on Jinnah House and sensitive installations, assault on Pakistan: Saad Rafique innocent minds of the edu-

LAHORE (APP): Minister for Railways and Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique has termed the attack on Jinnah House (Corps Commander House) and other sensitive installations as attack on the country which was unable to be spared. Talking to media after visiting the Jinnah House

here on Sunday, he said that it was a great tragedy that a special place, having an historical background and attached to the leader of the nation Quaid-e-Azam (RA) was attacked, looted and The minister said that

several things of Quaid were preserved here including his sleeping room, pi-ano, Achkan, pen, writing pad and cap, adding that everything was burnt to ash by the miscreants led by the leadership of the Paki-stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He added that the place was also the house of head of soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the protection of the people and the country.

It was unfortunate

that the family members of the soldiers were insulted by the miscreants and attackers, he said and added that there could be differences but, other parties, having any difference, never ever thought of even insulting or attacking on the houses or sensitive installations. Unfortunately, hatred was injected in the about the political and milihe said.

cated youth against the institutions of the country, he regretted. Khawaja Saad said that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) also faced Martial Law, but never even think of to damage or insult of the soldiers of the nation. "No nation can weaken or discourage their own army" he added. He said an army which stopped the enemy on the stopped the electry of the borders, could stop few violent people, but they dealt it with patience to protect the lives. "You have burnt the plane of a hero of the nation M.M Alam and attacked on the offices of the prestigious agency," the minister added.

He said this all was

designed somewhere as the miscreants had been already guided adding that these people were being operated from anywhere. He strongly condemned the incidents of May 9 and said that the government would ensued that no innocent could be punished and no culprit could be

Khawaja Saad said that 'you' (Imran Khan) had committed a crime and terrorism by wearing the dress of a politician, adding that that the biggest crime of Imran Khan was that he had contaminated the brains of a generation by continuously telling lies was no space for dialogue,

tary leadership. A true leader always teaches technology, transparency, economy, love and respect to his followers, but Imran taught hate, disrespect, violence and insult to his followers, he asserted.

The minister said that leaders and politicians went to prisons like Nawaz Sharif and his daughter had returned from United Kingdom for surrendering before the law and they were kept for several months in jail. He added that Imran Khan should apologize to the nation and the Pak Army for his crimes as what he and his followers did on May 09. He said that what our enemies, India or TTP could not do, Imran and PTI did to the country. To a question about ban on the PTI, he said that he did not have any information about it. To another question

about dialogue with Imran Khan, he said that he (Saad) was supporter of the dialogue despite the several differences and attempted to made a dialogue with the team Imran had made and the both sides got agreed on several issues including elections of all assemblies on the same date, but when this team contacted Imran, he (Imran) refused to accept any of the points. Now af-



are holding Pakistan Bachao March rally against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products and inflation price hiking, led by TLP Chief, Saad Rizvi, in Naundero.

Intelligence agencies unearth..

Continued from page 1 these people hurt the sentiments of martyrs' families and the nation by attacking the martyrs' monuments, Jinnah House, and military installations.

He also expressed firm resolve that the May 9 miscreants would definitely be brought to justice. Those, who attacked Jinnah House and broke into military installations, would be tried in military courts under the Military Act 1952, he added.

For all others involved in the May 9 riots, Sanaullah said their trial would be conducted in civil courts.

The minister conveyed the strict directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. and the firm resolve of the federal government that no innocent would be pros-

near to meet their logical end, and they would never be allowed to achieve their objectives.

Resolution of UN-recognized Kashmir dispute to have positive impact on Int'l security: Fai

prominent Kashmiri leader has called for a "Global initiative" to resolve the lingering Kashmir dispute, saying it would not only end the bloodshed and suffering of Kashmiri people but also have a positive effect on international security with the elimination of regional tensions.

"It is It is in everyone's interest to settle the Kashmir conflict peacefully without further delay," Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary-General of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum, a Washington-based advocacy group, said Saturday.

He was speaking at a discussion on 'Countering and dismantling Islamophobia, locally & globally' jointly organized by The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) and the Muslim American Society (MAS) in Baltimore, Maryland. The topic included Kashmir, Palestine, and Islamophobia.

Dr. Hatem Bazian, a well-known scholar on international relations spoke on: 'Palestine: Century of settler colonialism'; Dr. Fai on 'The Situation in Kashmir'; Joram Van laveren, a Dutch politician and author of 'Apostate: on 'From Christianity to Islam in times of secularization and terror' and 'The rise of the

WASHINGTON (APP): A far right in Europe', and Edward Mitchell, Deputy Director of Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)' on 'The ripple effect of Islamophobia.

In his remarks, Dr. Fai regretted that India's continuing barbarities in Kashmir were going unpunished. The irony, he said, was that the impunity granted to the violator of human rights was not in the context of a new dispute where the actions of the parties remain unclear delaying an international response—they are taking place in Kashmir even though the dispute is more than 76 years old.

'There is no alibi for the international communities' inaction, except that India with its major power pretensions, maintains violent occupation of the territory," Dr. Fai said. The dispute, he said, has the potential of a large-scale international conflict with the possibility of a nuclear confrontation

Therefore, he said, ending the suffering of the people of Kashmir was "vital and urgent"

The United States, he said, holds unique powers of moral suasion and the capability of coming up with material and economic assistance to help Kashmir's search for an enlightened solution.

PFF election process kicks off ISLAMABAD (APP): The elections process for the Pa-

kistan Football Federation (PFF) has kicked off from Chitral and would progress to other districts throughout the country.

More than 30 clubs played their matches and were ably scrutinized. The elections aim to establish transparency and representation within Pakistan's football community, abiding by constitutional requirements, said a press release

To ensure fair and impartial elections, the club scrutiny process has been linked with the District Championship. This approach aims to guarantee transparency by thoroughly examining the data of players and clubs through diligent scrutiny officers.

'BAP will not be dissolved under....

The Chief Minister also mentioned the successful resolution of protests and sit-ins through dialogue and understanding. He highlighted that Balochistan was the first province to introduce transparency in development projects through open tenders, aiming to establish a culture of accountability and fairness.

Abdul Oadoos Bizanio attributed numerous successes to the Balochistan Awami Party and expressed determination to continue working for the party's strength and success. He dismissed speculations that the party might merge into a larger political group, reaffirming their commitment to the province's betterment. The Chief Minister stressed the importance of unity and electoral alliances with other political parties for the upcoming elections, while remaining steadfast in resolving provincial issues and protecting the rights of their constituents.

APP adds: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanirani called on the Central President of Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus

Bizenjo here on Sunday.

According to the details, both the leaders discussed the political situation in the country and the

Continued from page 1 affairs of BAP in the prolonged meeting. Organizational matters of the party were also discussed on the

Both leaders denied the rumours of merging BAP with any other party saying that, "The BAP will participate in the upcoming elections as an independent party."

They agreed that the party will consider seat adjustments with other parties after taking into consideration regional political scenarios. Party cadres at the grassroots union council level will be formulated and strengthened. It was decided that party workers who are the real assets and driving force behind the party will be supported and given the utmost value and

In the meeting, it was decided that party workers will be taken into confidence before taking any major decisions vis national, regional politics and alliances. They resolved to make BAP a dynamic force not just at the provincial level but also in the national mainstream political scene.

The chief minister said that BAP is the biggest political party in the province and it had huge public sup-

Senators Muhammad Abdul Qadir and Kauda Babar were also present at the meeting.

baig also remained not out on 51* from 22 balls. Erdogan claims victory...

Continued from page 1 unseating Erdogan after his

popularity was hit by a cost-of-living crisis. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif congratulated Erdogan ahead of the final official results, saying that he was "one of few world leaders whose politics has been anchored in

public service.

leadership

"He has been a pillar of strength for the oppressed Muslims and a fervent voice for their inalienable rights. His presidential victory and that of AKP in parliamentary elections is significant in so many ways, reflecting the trust and confidence of the Turkish people in his dynamic

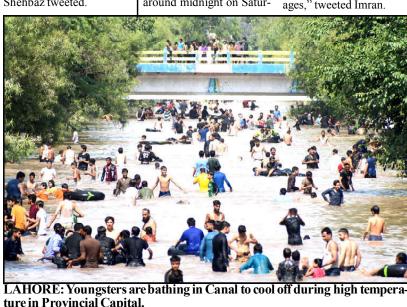
"The bilateral relations between Pakistan and Turkiye will continue to stay on an upward trajectory. I keenly look forward to working with him to further deepen our strategic partnership in line with the excellent brotherhood between our two peoples, Shehbaz tweeted.

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Imran wrote in his tweet that "if there were any doubts about women being mistreated in jails, this press conference from this certified criminal should remove all such doubts.

it may be recalled that

Interior Minister Rana



Talha urges implementation of Islamic economic models for harmonious development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood emphasized the need to explore alternative economic models that align with Islamic

principles.
Addressing a seminar on Interest-Free Economy, organized by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), he further highlighted the importance of adopting Islamic eco-

nomic principles.
Senator Talha shed light on the Islamic perspective on trade and usury, drawing from the Holy Quran saying that Allah Almighty had declared trade as halal (permissible), while usury (riba) was un-equivocally declared as

haram (prohibited). He further reminded the audience of the vision

lamic economic system during the opening ceremony of the State Bank of during the opening ceremony of the State Bank of stitution of Pakistan. Pakistan (SBP) on July 1,

"Usury is a declaration of war against Allah and His Messenger," stated ator Talha

He urged the attendees to reflect on the consequences of engaging in usury, questioning whether economic prosperity could truly be attained while defying the commandments of Allah Almighty.

The Senator also highlighted the legal stance on usury, referencing rulings from the Federal Shariat Court and the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Both courts had previously declared usury as contrary to the clear com-mandments of Allah Almighty, he added.

The seminar served as a platform for participants to engage in thoughtful discussions on interest-free economic systems and explore avenues to promote and implement these principles in the national finan-

cial framework.
It concluded with a renewed commitment from the ICCI to advocate for an interest-free economy in Pakistan, in alignment with Islamic principles.

The seminar provided valuable insights and highlighted the importance of embracing an economic system that adheres to Islamic teachings, ensuring ethical practices and sustainable growth for the na-

hty, he added. It commenced with the He said the highest President of ICCI Ahsan



ISLAMABAD: A view of the destroyed house after blast because of Gas leak age at Peoples Colony in City.

Unprecedented network harnesses expertise for lasting policy reforms

ISLAMABAD (Online): sionals, and doctors. By In a groundbreaking move towards inclusive governance, the Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives has established the Champions of Reforms (CoR) network. This innovative initiative brings together hundreds of professionals from diverse backgrounds to contribute their expertise towards concrete, long-lasting governance reforms in the country. Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, the ticipate in roundtable con- countrywide as a day of CoR network aims to make the policy-making process covering various sectors. citizen-centric, transparent, and demand-driven, fostering a culture of inclusivity and accountability.

boasts a wide range of professionals, including academics, development experts, engineers, IT profes- cussions among experts.

total of nine catering com-

panies have been hired to

provide three meals a day

to the visiting pilgrims of

the government Hajj Scheme, Chief Food Hajj

operations Ministry of Re-

ligious Affairs and Interfaith

Harmony Faiz Umer Sial

told in an interview with

APP here Sunday. He mentioned that the

catering companies were

diligently offering high-qual-

ity meals, including break-

fast, lunch and dinner, to

pilgrims accommodated in

that the catering companies

were providing quality food

thrice a day including break-

fast, lunch and dinner to

pilgrims in different hotels.

As part of the Ministry's

commitment to providing

the safest and healthiest

food to pilgrims, a stringent

approval process has been

implemented, ensuring

Faiz Umer Sial said

different hotels.

uniting these diverse voices, the initiative harnesses the consolidated knowledge and expertise of the private sector, ensuring critical feedback and advice are incorporated into policy decisions. This collaborative approach marks a historic moment in Pakistan's governance history, as it directly involves its citizens in the decision-making process. Through the CoR network, experts actively par-According to Dr. Adnan stan the seventh nuclear Rafiq, Member Governance & Innovation at Planning Commission "Over the

past five months, fifteen

sessions have been held,

providing a platform for

open and constructive dis-

He said, the food

samples undergo meticu-

lous analysis by experts

who carefully evaluate the

quality of ingredients, such

as frying oils, hygiene ma-

terials and the safety of

cooking equipment. This

rigorous evaluation is an in-

tegral part of the initial

phase of meal provision,

ensuring a thorough prepa-

have been deployed in the

kitchen to closely monitor

the entire process, from

storing the meals to trans-

porting the food in refriger-

ated units for distribution

to pilgrims at their resi-

dences is under close scru-

tiny, he said adding, cater-

ing companies face fines

ranging from 5,000 to

10,000 Saudi Riyals if they

fail to comply with the

agreed-upon item require-

Designated officials

ration process, he added.

providing three meals

daily to Hujjaj: Sial

ISLAMABAD (APP): A strict monitoring of food

quality, he told.

The CoR network 9 catering companies

The nation is fervently celebrating the 25th anniversary of Pakistan's nuclear tests conducted on May 28 1998, which was a historic day that led to the achievement of invincible defence capabilities and ensured regional stability through power equilibrium.

According to a private news channel, the day brought a revival for the entire nation and became a moment of pride for the Muslim Ummah.

Youm-e-Takbeer

observed

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The day, now remembered as Youm-e-Takbeer, is celebrated every year nation in the world and the first Muslim state, have the nuclear arsenal in its defence stockpile to exercise maximum deterrence for peaceful purposes.

Former MPA Malik auits PTI

ISLAMABAD (APP) Former member provincial assembly (MPA) Malik Khurram Ali Khan on Sunday parted ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and said that he would continue to serve the people of his constituency.

Addressing a press conference here, he formally announced to resign from PTI and demanded stern action against the culprits of May 9 tragedy.

Despite not awarding ticket during 2013, he stood with the party. He regretted that the PTI, they joined was not the same After consulting all his friends, he decided to leave the PTI, he added.

He said that the May 9 incident was very painful for every Pakistani. Pakistan and all its state institutions were first for us. Our martyrs were our heroes who laid their lives for this country, he added.

He said that it was important to respect and take care of Pakistan's defense institutions.



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters jumping and bathing in water channel of Rawal Damin Federal Capital to get some relief from hot weather in Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: Citizens are offering Fatiha for the departed soul of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan on his grave at H-8 Graveyard in Federal Capital, on the day of Youm-i-Takbeer (May 28) which is celebrated as a symbol of National pride

Saudi envoy celebrates 15yrs of Embassy's successful operation in new building

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, in a momentous occasion, proudly announced it had been 15 years since the Royal Embassy relocated to its new premises, ensuring the seamless execution of its diplomatic functions.

Sharing his sentiments in a video message posted on his Twitter account, he highlighted the numerous significant achievements accomplished during this

The Islamabad Capital Ter-

ritory (ICT) administration

sealed two shops, arrested four, and imposed fines to-talling 15,000 rupees on shopkeepers involved in

profiteering.
According to the ICT spokesperson, the opera-

tion was carried out on the

directives of Deputy Com-

missioner (DC) Irfan

Nawaz Memon with the

assistant commissioners

(ACs) conducting raids in

their respective areas to

combat price increases, en-

croachment, hygiene issues,

lidified the longstanding and brotherly ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia across various domains.

'The opening of this new chapter in diplomacy has opened the hearts of the people of our two nations. forging an even stronger bond," stated Ambassador Al-Malki, emphasizing the positive impact of the embassy's presence.

The video footage accompanying his message offered glimpses of memoinvaluable period from May rable occasions and a captitive at tween 27, 2008, which further so-vating aerial view of the kistan.

During the operation.

the ACs carried out inspec-

tions at 116 places and imposed a fine of Rs 15,000

for price gouging, and

sealed two shops. Four

shopkeepers were also ar-

rested and subsequently

taken to the local police sta-

tion. Furthermore, 22 pro-

fessional beggars were ap-

prehended and handed over

to the police for further le-

gal action. In addition to ad-

dressing price increases, the

ICT administration also

took action against illegal

clinics and sheesha cafes.

ICT admin seals two

shops, arrests 4 during

crackdown on profiteers

ISLAMABAD (APP): and professional beggars.

Saudi embassy, symboliz-ing the rich history and shared experiences between the two countries. Furthermore, the Saudi Embassy Press Attaché, Dr Naif Al-Otaibi, marked the 15th anniversary of the Royal Embassy's inauguration by sharing a stunning photograph of the entire building.

This image not only showcased the architectural grandeur of the embassy but also represented the enduring partnership be-tween Saudi Arabia and Pa-

NHMP says: M-Tag to be partially

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Highways and Motorway Police an-nounced on Sunday that M-Tag facility on Peshawar Islamabad Motorway (M-1) and Hazara Motorway suspended from May 29 to

suspended on M-1, E-35 for three days

E-35) will be partially

The facility will remain suspended due to the up-gradation of electronic tolling system, said the spokesman of Motorway



ing development work in Federal Capital.

Chairman NCT emphasizes govt's role in promoting Tibb's herbal healing

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the National Council for Tibb (NCT), Muhammad Ahmad Saleemi, has called upon the government to provide support for Tibb, an herbal form of treatment that has shown proven results in treating various chronic diseases.

Talking to APP here on Sunday, Saleemi highlighted the historical background of Tibb colleges, explaining that the government extended its coverage to alternative medicines through the Unani, Ayurvedic, and

the formation of the NCT. He said that the primary responsibility of the NCT is to regulate Tibb institutions across the country. "Currently, there are 39 institutions offering fourand five-year Tibb programs, with 25 located in Punjab, four in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, four in Sindh, and one in

Balochistan" he added. Saleemi emphasized that a four-year premedical program in Tibb is equivalent to an associate degree, while a five-year post-pre-Homoeopathic Practitioners Act of 1965, leading to lent to a master's degree. medical program is equiva-

In addition to these institutions, he said approximately 10 universities provide Tibb degrees, offering students the opportunity to pursue doctorallevel studies in the field. He said that these degrees are modeled after the MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine. Bachelor of Surgery) program, which also include a compulsory house job. The chairman mentioned that the NCT consists of 22 members, with 14 members elected through an electoral process and eight members nominated by the govern-

Students commemorate Martyrs, Ghazis Day

The students of a private school and college in Islamabad on Saturday held a symposium to observe the Martyrs and Ghazis' Day as 'Meri Pehchan, Pakistan'. The event was aimed to commemorate and honour Pakistan's Martyrs and Ghazis.

The symposium was of great significance of honoring the martyrs' legacy and the values they stood for. The panel and forum remembered the national sacrifices of the Martyrs and Ghazi's by paying them tributes. Roots Millennium

Education Group held a graceful and solemn ceremony to pay tribute to the heroes of the nation, our Martyrs and our Ghazis. The Panel of esteemed guests included former Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman as the chief guest besids Maj Gen Dr. Muhammad Samrez Salik, Ambassador Maj Gen Dr. Raza Muhammad, Additional Secretary National Assembly Syed Shamoon Hashmi and Founder & CEO The Millennium Education Group Dr. Faisal Mushtaq as the guest speakers.

The chief guest and esteemed guests of honour spoke of their experiences in defending our precious motherland and the sacri-

ISLAMABAD (APP): fices made by their fellow and the worthy citizens of Pakistan in the war against

> The chief guest, Air Vice Marshal Sohail Aman HI (M), NI (M) spoke of his love for his beloved homeland that encouraged him to rise to heights during his service and how the youth, the true future of Pakistan need to be invested wholeheartedly in whatever endeavors they set their eyes upon to make Pakistan's future brighter so as to honor the sacrifices made by our nation's un-

limited martyrs. Maj Gen (Retd) Dr. Muhammad Samrez Salik talked of his encounters and experiences that deepened this commitment to honour the sacrifices made by the martyrs of Pakistan, by making sure that all efforts are towards a safer and secure Pakistan for the coming generations. Ambassador Maj Gen

Muhammad shared his memories that despite being targeted and staring down death, how his love and devotion to his country kept him going and the measure he initiated to make Pakistan soar to heights of prosperity with the commitment of all



ISLAMABAD: Tourists are taking photograph at historical picnic point "Shah Allah Ditta area" which have a strong relation with ancient history.

CDA all set to auction commercial plots in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) is all set to auction commercial plots in Blue Area and other developed sectors of the federal capital, beginning on May 29, aiming to generate more revenue for the city and attract investors to participate in the auction.

Talking to APP on tion Centre in Islamabad. The development is expected to have a significant impact on the commercial estate market in the capital city. He said that the auction in various sectors of the Islamabad capital territory would continue till May 31, adding that the Authority has already publicized the auction schedule of various plots in different newspapers

The official said that the real estate experts had announced it as a must-avail investment opportunity for investors nationwide and overseas. The participants investing in the public sale can possess commercial

plots with 'legal protec-The details about the

commercial plots located in the developed sectors of the federal capital included various centres, agro farms, petrol pumps, E-11 north-ern strip, Class-III shopping centre, Park Enclave commercial and Blue Area E-11/F-11, Canopy side, he Sunday, an official in the added. The official said that Authority urged interested the participant who would investors to participate in submit full payment within the auction, which will take all days of the bid accep-place at the Jinnah Conventage at the Ji fered 10 percent rebate on the remaining amount.

He said the list of protocols announced by the Authority in the auction voucher for prospective investors included a facilitation team's presence mandatory for the assistance of investors. The 25 percent amount of the bid amount would be considered the first installment, which should be submitted within thirty days of bid acceptance, CDA to collect the advance tax on a pro-rata basis, site and marketing offices charges would not be included, the building plan will be approved after the submission of 1st instalment.



ISLAMABAD: Atourist is enjoying the Zip Line at historical picnic point "Shah Allah Ditta area" which have a strong relation with ancient history.

IWMB educating village population to avoid killing leopard

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB) Chairperson Rina Saeed Khan on Sunday said the Board was educating the village population of 32 villages existing inside the Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) during jumma prayer's sermon to avoid leopard killing and

habitat intrusion. The IWMB after witnessing a thriving population of endangered Common Asian Leopards and other wildlife species expedited its conservation, education and preservation efforts to protect the world's unique and living ecosystem nourishing along a human settlement, the Chairperson told APP in an exclusive interaction to share her insights on the story behind the success of Leopard preserva-

tion in MHNP.

the Board used to hold training for the village population to avoid killing leopards by educating them on prevention and safety measures to abstain leopard encounters. 'Leopards are not in-

terested in going into villages. There have been cases that goats have been attacked by leopard but that needs to be probed and we will work out some compensation mechanism as well. However the prevailing economic conditions are not viable," she said.

She underlined that urbanisation in the federal capital and population boom had extended human frontiers to wild areas.

In 1980 Margalla Hills National Park was designated as a protected area and it was a small trip in the sprawling forest area,

not big, as it was between capital and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) prov-The Chairperson added that in 2021, the

Board got full fledge recruitment and last year it got proper management team including a Director, Deputy Director, Assitant Director and an Accounts

"We don't stop anyone from going to hiking trails, but we have to do coexistence with nature. You can see pheasants, jackals, barking deers and leopards.

Leopards, she said was an indicator of a good ecosystem whereas the visitors and trekkers should avoid venturing into the national park in the early morning and evening hours.

The National Park, she said was divided into

20 blocks and 20 camera Authority (CDA) did plantraps were installed so that the Board could hold a study of leopard and other wild animals' movement. She said interestingly

every leopard has a unique forehead pattern that helps in its identification. "We have identified eight individual leopards that are the only ones captured in the cameras. Leopards, both male and female, live in separate territories and only unite for matings," she added. She informed that there was no poaching and hunting in the MHNP whereas only Shah Allah Ditta and Quaid-e-Azam University area strip was

vulnerable to hunting. In 1970, these hills were barren and it was called military grasslands and there were no big trees at that time, she said, adding, "Capital Development tels.

tation to green that area but population and housing pressure is threatening it's nature. Margalla Avenue will now give way to the development of more residential sectors.'

The CDA, Revenue Department, IWMB and Survey of Pakistan were working on the demarcation of the boundary of the MHNP that would help control encroachments into the protected area, she added. Commenting on the hotels polluting the MHNP, Rina Saeed said the Islamabad High Court (IHC) order has declared Monal and others as illegal hotels in MHNP. "They (hotels) are dumping their sewage in the national park. We need to understand to that it's not Murree and we do not need to have big ho-

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Celebrating silver jubilee of Youm-e-Takbeer

It is great to see the whole nation observing Youm-e-Takbeer with national zeal and fervour to commemorate the the more infamous National historic nuclear tests at Chaghi, Balochistan, the same day of May 28,

On this day, Pakistan became the seventh nuclear power of the world with a demonstration of nuclear capabilities and the first in the Muslim world after conducting nuclear tests at Chaghai in Balochistan on 28th May 1998 as a response to India's nuclear bomb tests on 11th and 13th May of the same year at Pokhran in the Rajasthan state of In-

Undoubtedly, the successful tests made Pakistan's defense invincible. Different programmes and ceremonies were arranged to mark the celebrations of the historic day.

Special prayers were offered in the morning for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan, the supremacy of the constitution, and the eradication of ter-

In his message on Youm-e-Takbeer, the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said the nation would have to move ahead with the same spirit to attain economic sovereignty and self-de-

He expressed the determination that with unity, hard work and staunch faith, we would turn Pakistan into an economic power.

The Prime Minister said twenty-five years ago today, the people of Pakistan announced the invincibility of their defence by detonating five nuclear explosions in response to India's nuclear ex-

Moreover, the armed Forces of Pakistan have paid a rich tribute to the brilliant minds that conceived and achieved this accomplishment under daunting challenges.

In a statement, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said entire Pakistani nation celebrates the Silver Jubilee of Youm-e-Takbir today and commemorates the remarkable achievement of establishing Credible Minimum Deterrence. Matter of fact remains that the detonation of nuclear devices on May 28, 1998 was culmination of a daring journey took on by the then PM Zulfigar Ali Bhutto to make the nation's defence invincible against the arch rival India.

The program was started though with limited resources but insurmountable and disbelief about what will and passion to ensure that the has happened and is hapcountry becomes a sovereign and strong state unable to be bullied by the hostile powers.

Dreams of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto as well as the nation came true in 1998 when the then Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif stood firm against all threats to include Pakistan in the nuclear club by detonating device at Chagai. It was the will and determination of our nation and the leadership that removed all hurdles on way to achieving this milestone. There was also a hidden force behind this achievement and a great hero of nation Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan who with his unflinching resolve and commitment fought out all threats to the nation and his own life.

President Ziaul Haq was also less to none in taking forward the nuclear program initiated by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and despite all reservations, the nation cannot ignore his contribution.

It is a day to get united for the solidarity of the country as it was the main strength of the nation that with such unity, hard work and staunch faith, they would turn Pakistan into 'an economic power'.

It is also time to pay tributes to the patriotism of then prime minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif who raised the head of Pakistan among the comity of nations with pride and it is also on record that the then prime minister had rejected all the pressures and temptations of billions of dollars and made Pakistan, the seventh nuclear world power and the first Islamic country possessing nuclear deterrence.

The nation is also indebted to Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the founder of Pakistan's nuclear programme and also pays rich tributes to Benazir Bhutto Shaheed who, as an opposition leader backed prime minister Nawaz Sharif's decision of nuclear tests in 1998. The armed forces of the country had rendered valuable services for the country's nuclear programme which had been a golden chapter in its history. Credit of the indigenous nuclear programme also goes to Dr Abdul Qadir Khan, (Mohsin e Pakistan), all scientists, engineers and other individuals who contributed to Pakistan's atomic proramme. The sold 90 million copies in mountains of Chagi still echoed with the same resolve, and Balochistan province still bore distinction with regard to defence of the country.

The competition gap



Amber Darr

The promulgation of Pakistan's first Competition Ordinance in October 2007, in the same week as Reconciliation Ordinance, was a legislative non-event. Not only was the country preoccupied with the increasingly vociferous calls for general elections but also the subject of competition was too opaque, too distant to attract the interest of the ordinary citizen who was only too used to having the country's economic affairs decided behind closed doors, usually at the bidding of the World Bank and the IMF.

In the 15 years since its adoption, the Pakistani competition legislation, the composition, and priorities of the national competition authority — the Competition Commission of Paki-

stan — and the focus, ex- duced to the idea of comtent, and quality of competition enforcement in the country has undergone several permutations: the 2007 Ordinance has been replaced by the Competition Act, 2010, the CCP has gone through five chairpersons and several new members, and has increasingly sought to balance between penalising violations and raising awareness of the objectives of the law. Unfortunately, the

CCP's efforts to raise awareness have not displaced the perception amongst businesses that competition is a foreign concept which is at odds with the development growth aims of the Pakistani economy. The perception is further compounded by the fact that the Pakistani competition legislation is indeed modelled on the United States and the European Union competition regimes. However, it is also true that since 1980 more than 120 countries, many of which are developing countries, have been convinced of competition's economic promise and have break quota- or price-fixing adopted some version of a modern competition law.

South Asia was intro- aimed at putting less pow-

petition through multilateral organisations engaged in the delivery of the secondgeneration reforms in the region. India became the first South Asian country to adopt a modern competition act in 2002, Sri Lanka followed in 2003, Nepal and Pakistan in 2007, Bangladesh in 2012 and the India and Pakistan have Maldives in 2021. Bhutan. though too small and too economically intertwined with India to need a competition

legislation,

policy in 2014 and revised it in 2020. Even the politically unsettled Afghanistan engaged an Indian law firm to draft the Competition Act 2011; however, this law was not enacted. The South Asian rationale for adopting mod-ern competition legislations was essentially twofold: to enhance domestic economic efficiency and to signal to international corporations their desirability as business partners. On the domestic front, modern com-

adopted a competition

petition laws were expected to help these countries cartels and punish the

abuses of market power

erful competitors out of business, while on the international front, it was hoped that a reputation for effective competition enforcement would attract foreign investment and enable the countries to integrate more fully in an increasingly globalised economy. However, so far only

made any progress towards realising the potential of these laws. Within a year of the promulgation of the 2007 Ordinance, the CCP had created a stir in the economy by taking on banks, fertiliser, cement and LPG companies. On the other hand, the 2002 Indian competition act became embroiled in a constitutional challenge shortly after enactment and it was only five years later after the act had been duly amended, that the Competition Commission of India was finally made operational. Interestingly, however, over time Pakistan emerged as the hare to India's tortoise while the CCP's performance has declined (even coming to a complete halt in 2014) the ambit of

CCI's operations has only grown steadily over time.

regimes is largely attributable to two factors: the extent of governmental support available to the competition authorities and the attitude of the courts towards them. Once it had overcome the initial legal obstacles the Indian government, remained sure-footed and simultaneously established the CCI and the Indian Competition Appellate Tribunal. However, the Pakistani government first delayed enacting the competition act, and then establishing the Pakistani Competition Appellate Tribunal. The absence of a specialised appellate forum increased pressure on the Pakistani courts that rather than deciding competition-related

performance of the Indian

and Pakistani competition

thereby reduced its effectiveness. It is no surprise that with its wings clipped by governmental and judicial indifference, the CCP appeared to lose its appetite for politically sensitive enforcement and allowed powerful sugar and wheat economy while it focused on This variation in the the more easily detected de-

matters, restrained the CCP

from recovering fines and

centive market practices However, both the CCP and the businesses to whom it was addressed, challenged the judgement before the Pakistan Supreme Court where it remains pending.

The real twist in the Pakistani competition story, therefore, is not that it followed Western dictates to adopt a law that was inherently unsuited for its economic needs or aspirations but that the Pakistani legislature and judiciary, and even the executive that had initially championed the law, have neither supported nor facilitated the meaningful operation of the competition regime. While the extent to which Pakistan has fallen behind in this regard has become only too evident as India adopts a new competition regime this month to address the complexities of the digital economy, the real casualties of its tardiness are the entrepreneurs and innovators struggling to make space for themselves in markets that continue to be in the stranglehold of large corporate groups, and ultimately, the Pakistani consumer who deprived of cartels to ravage the choice, quality and price options remains at their mercy. -- Courtesy Dawn

Imran's Greek tragedy



Ghazi Salahuddin

Caught in the eye of the storm, it is not easy to fully grasp the meaning and the drift of events that are taking place at such a fast pace. What we can see is the decimation of Imran Khan's party, a spectacular turn of events in Pakistan's political history. And further consequences of attacks on military installations on May 9 are exploding all around.But is the former prime minister about to be tried in a military court for his alleged involvement in the planning and execution of those attacks? Or will he be removed from the political scene through conviction in any of the many cases pending in the regular

Besides, there is still a great sense of bewilderment clarifications as to the repening. At the heart of all

this is the sudden decline and fall of a leader who was dominating the scene with his passionate following across the social spectrum. It will stand out as a spectacle in our history that something of this magnitude could happen, so to say, in the blink of an eye.

So much more is happening at other levels that will finally affect the equilibrium of power and authority in the country. The elite in Punjab, for instance, will have to come to terms with the tensions that are bursting forth within its ranks. The higher judiciary has its own discords to contend

There is the example of the Supreme Court suspending on Friday the federal government's notification on the constitution of a judicial commission to probe a number of audio leaks that involved close relatives of the chief justice and a judge of the Supreme Court himself. The commission was headed by Justice Qazi Faez Isa.

On the other hand, we have also had some solve of the authorities to who had participated in Khan. Simultaneously,

the attacks on military installations and memorials. A number of rioters have been handed over to the military to be tried in the military courts.

A cautionary tale highlighted in the media was the arrest on Tuesday of fashion designer and socialite Khadija Shah, daughter of former finance minister Salman Shah, on terrorism charges for allegedly participating in the attack on the home of the Lahore Corps Commander. There are other instances that show that the operation mounted by the authorities is stringent and steadfast. This has, of course, been fortified by a concerted and meticulously designed push at promoting patriotic fervour.

I have underlined the high drama of what is happening. And it is an emotional experience for most of us, including for those who are not ardent supporters of Imran Khan. One ongoing spectacle is how the leaders of the PTI are addressing press conferences, one after the other to announce their decision to leave the PTI

they condemn the events of May 9.

The pathos of it, par
Getting lonely and

ticularly in the case of esteemed women like Shireen Mazari and Maleeka Bokhari, can be heartbreaking. There are other cases of grown-up men sobbing on live television. It is true that the PTI is actually the person of Imran Khan but the disintegration of the party's senior leadership in accelerated motion is a definite repudiation of where Imran Khan has led his party to, with his decisions and policies.

Imran Khan often boasts about his knowledge of countries and things. He had the audacity of going to a foreign country and telling one audience that he knew the history of that country better than some of those present. One wonders if he has any inkling of classical literature to see himself as a protagonist of a Greek tragedy.

In ancient Greek theatre, a tragedy would be a play in which "a person of importance and outstanding personal qualities falls to disaster a personal failing and cirgestions that the attacks The News

Getting lonely and lonelier in his Zaman Park abode, waiting perhaps for something omisquandered the great cult following he had acquired with his reckless U-turns and shifting narratives. An objective assessment of the decisions he made at critical junctures would show that he lacks the wisdom of a politician and the vision of a leader.

That such a large number of people were (are?) willing to blindly look up to him for redemption also says a lot about the state of our society, with its dismal state of intellectual and moral attributes. There will be time to

take stock of Imran Khan's long journey to May 9. For the moment, seemed willing to take on are likely to emerge soon sists that "the game is deal sternly with all those and part ways with Imran through a combination of but there are strong sug- over". -- Courtesy

of May 9 were planned by someone somewhere.

According to the Ansar Abbasi report published in this newspaper on Friday, an innous to happen, Imran telligence agency has told Khan should now have the government that the time to reflect on how he events of May 9 and 10 had been conceived and planned with the involvement of Imran Khan. The intelligence report alleged that Imran Khan had given specific directions about targeting specific venues in case of his arrest.

This is what the federal ministers have also asserted in their statements. One of them posed this question: if there was no reaction after a murder attempt on Imran Khan, why this violent reaction on just his arrest? And, portentously, it was Firdaus Ashiq Awan who upped the ante by saying in her farewell to PTI press conference that the plot we wonder why he against the military was made in Zaman Park. the army, after fre- Imran Khan is still hold-quently identifying its ing his own in a difficult chief as some kind of an situation, but it is adversary. More details Maryam Nawaz who in-

Forever young



Muna Khan

I don't know how old I was, or where I was, when I read Are You There God? It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume but I do remember feeling understood. The novel's protagonist, Margaret, moves to a new town and is keen to fit in; she joins a 'secret club' where the 12-year-old girls talk about things like crushes, their developing bodies and getting their first periods. But there's also pressure for Margaret, an interfaith child, to choose which parent's religion to follow. She's too nervous to admit to her friends she talks to God about her fears and concerns, and her crushes. "Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret. I just did an exercise to help me grow. Have you thought about it, God? About my growing, I mean," she asks.

While I did not speak to God, like many kids who grew up reading Blume, I could relate to Margaret, even though she was a white girl in suburban US. Margaret was grappling with a host of issues that adolescence brings — feelings of inadequacy, not feeling seen or heard, not knowing who to

talk about puberty. I was reminded of all these forgotten feelings in the documentary Forever Judy Blume available to stream in Pakistan. The beloved author, now 85, has written 29 books and 39 languages. Her work is finding a resurgence of sorts as a few of her books are being adapted to the big and small screen.

most frequently challenged authors of the 21st century", writes The part of Judy Blume For-Guardian; her books have been targeted for removal since the 1980s, including were to tell her their seearlier in March in a Florida school. And it's easy to understand why because she talks about puberty and sex to the very people who had no one to turn to. This made conservatives and parents (not always the same) very uncomfortable. While it is normal for teens to be curious about sexuality, conservatives see it as the source of all evil and doom, irrespective of one's nationality or religion. But Blume understood what young folks were going through and tried to help them through this awkward phase with stories wherein they saw themselves — and felt

The power of any storytelling is its endurance. I don't know how long a copy of Forever had been passed around in a paper bag at my school before I got it. It was like a rite of passage — in this case a story about first love and a first relationfind their place in the porn out of curiosity and world. Blume says she wrote the book for her daughter who asked why she couldn't read stories about young intimate relationships where no one dies. Compare this to romances in Pakistan where someone has to be beaten up or killed for honour or slut shamed

Blume knew growing up was a serious matter but didn't talk down to her readers. It is no wonder to learn that she became an unofficial agony aunt and confidante of sorts for the thousands of children who wrote to her and she often wrote back to some of them. At one point, Blume was getting candour style 2,000 letters a month. She has kept them in her ga-

Blume is "one of the rage and reads through many in the documentary It is the most poignant ever because you see just how comfortable kids crets, feelings of confusion, isolation and other serious problems they faced. Blume responded to many in a non-judgmental, caring manner.

All parents can learn from Blume's advocacy for children; to see things from their perspective, to let them read books they want without fear of them turning wayward; to let them grow into their weird wonderful selves. And especially talk to them about adolescence and puberty in an honest manner that ensures they grow up to have healthy relationships.

experience. based on conversations with university students, is that such topics are deemed too taboo to discuss openly, or worse, cloaked in shame. This leads to increased frustration, feelings of isolation, and a terrible understanding of intimacy. According to a 2014 study in the Journal of Early Adolesship. It helped youngsters cence, many teens watch a lack of understanding about sexuality. There's plenty of research to show how watching porn can be disruptive to 'normal' activities like sports, even socialising, and worse, it can desensitise boys, who may seek more aggressive pornographic

Wouldn't it be better to take the reins and hold healthy conversations about puberty with your older kids so they feel less alone and less insecure about fitting in? The Blume documentary offers some insight into how those conversations can be held in her usual storytelling. -- Courtesy

Economic architecture The US now wants to



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

The US is having second

thoughts about the Washing-

ton Consensus it had

evolved in the 1990s. At that time, the Cold War with the Soviet Union had just ended, and the world had moved into the phase of globalisation and interdependence. It seemed then that the Western governance model of liberal democracy and market economies had prevailed. The Washington Consensus proposed a policy prescription of 'deregulation, privatisation, and free trade' as a recipe for the economic modernisation of a globalised order. Nearly three decades later, the US is questioning the assumptions underlying the Washington Consensus. Speaking at the Brookings Institution last month, US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan explained how no assumption had delivered the desired results for the US, and had, instead, benefited China. Sullivan argued that the first assumption: 'markets know best' undermined the US industrial base as manufacturing and supply chains of strategic goods moved overseas to China along with

The second assumption, 'all growth was good growth', distracted the US from critical areas of economy such as infrastructure and semiconductors. The third assumption, 'economic integration would make nations more responsible', had also not worked well because China, according to Sullivan, was using its economic wealth to nurture its military am-

Consensus with a new international economic architecture, some features of which were identified by Sullivan: the US would rebuild its industrial base, especially for semiconductors and green technologies; work with 'like-minded' partners to build a cuttingedge techno-industrial base; remodel trade policies to develop diversified supply chains (to reduce reliance on China-centred supply chains); and transition towards clean energy and a digital economy. It also wants to create an alternative to China's Belt and Initiative by mobilising investments in

emerging economies. Clearly, alongside the Indo-

Pacific Strategy to contain

China, the US wants to re-

establish its primacy in glo-

replace the Washington

bal trade and finance. And yet, indications are that the US is not seeking to 'decouple' economy from that of China, but only 'de-risking' it to the extent that its national security does not face challenges from China's dominance of the world economy. Speaking at the Johns Hopkins University last month, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen confirmed that US President Joe Biden believes that China and the US can manage their economic ties "responsibly'

China is disturbed about America's protectionist measures against Chinese firms and its attempts to replace the prevailing international economic order with its hegemonic rules. However, Beijing's reaction has been moderate as it wants to continue its peaceful rise to achieve the centenary goal of making China a fully developed society by 2049. At the G20 Bali summit last November, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for "a more inclusive, universally beneficial and resilient global development".

Indonesia's president cautioned that "we must not let the world fall into another Cold War". The French president expressed the hope of working with China in the "spirit of mutual respect, equality and reciprocity". The IMF managing director counselled against allowing protectionism "to take root" and the "world to drift into separate blocs".

The critical difference in the economic diplomacy of the US and China is that while the US wants to work with "like-minded" countries to protect critical technologies and supply chains, China wants an inclusive world economic order. Its Global Development Initiative engages over 100 countries and international organisations to provide funding for projects in the developing world. It has also launched a Global Security Initiative to champion the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes.

One silver lining of the two exclusive thoughts on what the new global economic architecture should look like is that Biden and Xi have agreed to maintain bilateral communication. Their high-level officials met in January 2023 to exchange views on the macroeconomic situation, supply chains and the climate. Despite tensions over the downing of a Chinese highaltitude balloon by the US in February 2023, both sides wish to stay connected.

It would be important for the minders of Pakistan's economy to closely watch the evolving global economic architecture. A welcome development is that neither the US nor China are ready to decouple their economies given their enormous economic interdependence. Pakistan has important economic linkages with both states. It makes perfect sense for it to maintain strong ties, pivoted on its economic interests, with both superpowers. -- Cour-

Naqvi assures LHC Bar delegation to resolve their problems on priority basis

Mohsin also visits children hospital owing to the death of a female infant due to overheating of an incubator in Children Hospital

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation headed by the President Lahore High Court Bar Association Rana Intizar Hussain met with the Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at CM Office in which the delegation apprised him about the problems being faced by the lawyers community.

Caretaker Mohsin Naqvi assured to resolve the problems of lawyers community on Mohsin Naqvi directed Malik Kafeel Khokhar,

Governor

Pakhtunkhwa

Ghulam Ali has said that

the country is facing a

serious financial crisis at the

preferential basis. Mohsin Naqvi stated that treatment facilities in the hospital will be

improved being established the lawvers community. Mohsin Naqvi remarked that he will himself visit the hospital soon. Mohsin Naqvi stated that we will review to build a parking plaza outside Aiwan-e- Adal to resolve traffic and parking problems.

CMCaretaker

PESHAWAR: Former Governor KP Zafar Igbal Jhagara, Former Chief

Minister Pir Sabir Shah and Provincial President PkMAP Muhammad Ali

meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

(APP): people of the province at

newly merged districts in

the upcoming annual

member delegation of the

Meanwhile, a 60-

Govt to provide relief

to people in upcoming

budget: KP Governor

Khyber

Deputy Commissioner to allocate a land for the parking plaza and assured that we will do whatever we can for the lawyers community.

delegation The comprised Senior Vice President Asif Amin Goraya, Vice President Nadeem Anjum Khan, Vice President Model Town Courts Hadi Hussain Bhatti, Vice President Cantt Courts Farrukh Ahmad Khan, Secretary General

Nine killed,

1,142 injured in

1,094 accidents

in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least

nine people were killed while 1,142 injured in

1,094 accidents in Punjab

A spokesman for Rescue 1122 on Sunday

were among the victims of

that 244 accidents were

The statistics showed

these traffic crashes.

during the last 24 hours.

Secretary Omar Wagas Warriach and others. Provincia 1

Information Minister Amir Mir, Additional Chief Secretary, Secretary Law, CCPO Lahore and Deputy Commissioner were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi visited Children Hospital owing to the death of a female infant due to overheating of an Children Hospital.



incubator in the nursery of MUZAFFERABAD: Students holding Pakistan and Kashmiri Flags are shouting slogans during rally to mark the "Youm-e-Takbeer" in the Capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Caretaker Chief Minister

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Muhammad Azam Khan

on the occasion of Youm-

e-Takbeer (Day of

Greatness), conveyed his

felicitations to the entire

nation, highlighting the

here on Sunday, the chief

minister said that May 28

was not only a day of pride

and honor for Pakistan but

for the entire Muslim

Ummah. It marks the day

when Pakistan emerged as

the seventh nuclear power

in the world and the first

in the Islamic world, he

added. This day elevated

Pakistan and its people to

new heights of pride, said

PHC seals 511

quacks during

last 4 weeks

LAHORE (APP): The

Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) has

carried out a crackdown in

26 districts and closed down 511 outlets of quacks

in its continuing crackdown

on illegal treatment centres

during the previous 4

weeks. Giving details about

crackdown, the PHC

spokesperson told media

In a message issued

significance of the day.

CM KP felicitates nation

on eve of Youm-e-Takbeer

emphasized the importance

of Pakistan's nuclear

capability in the country's

Pakistan holds today in the

world is largely due to its

nuclear capability, he said.

be remembered as one of

the most important days in

Pakistan's history, the

numerous social and

economic challenges today,

we take immense pride in

being an atomic power,

Azam Khan added.

chief minister affirmed.

May 28 will forever

While Pakistan faces

current global standing.

The chief minister

The esteemed responsibility to not only position and stature maintain this international

The chief minister commitment to maintaining

expressed his appreciation a strong defense posture.

CJ PHC urges swift

Azam Khan.

Nuclear tests make country's defence invincible: Tasneem

State Minister for Productions and Industries Tasneem Ahmed Qureshi on Sunday said the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) under the leadership of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali programme of the country taking without international pressure.
Talking to APP in connection with Youm-e-

SARGODHA (APP): Takbeer, he said Shaheed Bhutto took the brave step to make Pakistan an atomic power.He added that . Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed continued the mission of her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and brought Bhutto started the nuclear missile technology to the country. The state minister said on May 28,1998, the government of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).



KARACHI: Minister information Sindh Sharjeel Inam Memon addressing a press conference.

IGP says: Police protection centers playing key role in society

(APP): rupees Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar on Sunday said that police protection centers were role models for other social security to weak provinces as these were people and citizens, he said guarantors of protection of the rights of all the deprived protection centers were sections,

victims of social injustice. Addressing a one-day interactive session and workshop here, he said that protection centers was a project of Punjab police to help women suffering from domestic violence, violation of women's

rights, women suffering maximum people by from insecurity, homeless children, special persons with mental disabilities, who have been suffering from social problems. During the session,

the IGP reviewed the roles, responsibilities, challenges and achievements of victim support officers, incharges of protection centers. The IGP also more than six million

protection centers with good performance in various districts.

The centers provided and added that the police including providing full legal transgenders, who become support to the transgender community, women and children who fell victims of violence, harassment

exploitation. Now protection was being provided at the level of regions and districts to solve the problems of creating a more active and effective complaint mechanism transgenders from platforms of the centers,

he maintained. The IGP said that to improve the performance of the victim support officers working in the protection centers, skills development, professional announced a cash award of training and more resources would be provided.



Justice (CJ) Peshawar High amicably Court (PHC) Justice persuasiv Mussarat Hilali urged swift disposal of family cases facilities to prisoners.

She said this in a meeting attended by all District and Sessions Judges of the province, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

significance of family cases and called upon Family Judges to play an active cohesion. She urged them to overcrowding

disposal of family cases PESHAWAR (INP): Chief resolving family disputes persuasive conciliatory sessions, strengthening the social and to provide the best fabric. Moreover, she stressed the urgent need to conclude family cases

within the statutory time-

line, ensuring swift justice

for all individuals and

institutions involved in

Pakistan's nuclear program,

recognizing their significant

role in achieving this

milestone. Now, it is our

prestige and honor but also

lead the country towards

further success, he added.

commemorates the day

when Pakistan conducted

its first nuclear tests in

1998, demonstrating its

nuclear capability to the

world. It is celebrated

annually to reaffirm the

nation's pride in its atomic

achievements and to

reiterate Pakistan's

Youm-e-Takbeer

for the litigants involved. Having personally visited several prisons in CJ emphasized the the province since taking office, CJ Hilali expressed deep concern over the deplorable conditions faced role in fostering social by inmates due to exert diligent efforts in inadequate facilities.



GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Batistan Khalid Khurshid Khan meeting with the injured persons of Shounter Astore incident at DHQ Astore.

GHA strike against ATH board of governor's poor policies continues

ABBOTTABAD (APP): The protest of the Grand Health Alliance (GHA) at Ayub Medical Complex (AMC) Sunday continued on the fourth day.

GHA announced to continue the strike until the acceptance of demands and stated that the Board of Governors should be dismissed as the Chairman Dr Asim Yusuf.

member, was found guilty of financial embezzlement Rs one billion were in the inquiry by the embezzled in audits, Divisional Monitoring revealing severe financial Team, and the Chief irregularities, but no action Secretary had confirmed

a board member.

They further said that Major ® Sadiq, a board current tenure of the Board of Governors, more than irregularities, but no action was taken against them.

the recovery, but the GHA demanded to Tehreek-e-Insaf has made remove the present Board of Governors as during the purchase of MRI,

protesters angiography, equipment. press club. S. Punjab in need of more health facilities, improved infrastructure

and education are considered to be the two major factors for putting a worldwide because no rural areas. country can make headways without without

focusing on them. The quality of life index of a country for its citizens can be gauged from the quality of education and health being provided and how much the subsequent government is spending on these two

Punjab being the biggest province in term of

MULTAN (APP): Health 32 percent (34.7 million) people residing in three divisions including Multan, Bahawalpur and country on the path of DG Khan, where a large progress and prosperity number of people dwell in

HYDERABAD: Members of Pakistan Zindabad

Peoples Welfare Organization are holding rally

in support of Pakistan Armed Forces, at Hyderabad

Besides Tertiary Care Teaching Hospitals in major cities, it has District Headquarter, Headquarters Hospitals, Basic Health Units (BHUs), Rural Health Centres (RHCs) and dispensaries to cater its rural population.

Multan being the centre of South Punjab, has Nishtar Hospital, the biggest health facility with health facilities to cater its Pervaiz Elahi Institute of growing population. Its Southern part is home to Children Complex, Multan (OPD),

Diseases (MIKD), Shehbaz Sharif Hospital, Pak Italian Modern Burn Unit, Fatima Jinnah Hospital and some town hospitals in the public sector for catering patients from across the region.

Patients not only from South Punjab, but Balochistan and KPK pour into Nishtar Hospital as it is the only general hospital Multan geographically located in

the middle of the country. Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department South Punjab, Mahar Hayat Lak said that population, needs more 1700 beds, Chaudhry BHUs were working round the clock wherein Out Department Emergency,

Institute of Kidney Preventive Services Cardiology in DG Khan (Immunization) Ultrasound, OTP sites and schoolchildren screening services were available.

As far as health infrastructure in rural South Punjab is concerned, the region has 578 BHUs, 112 RHCs and 380 dispensaries.

He informed that as many as 1034 ambulances were catering to the patients in rural areas in addition to ECG, Dental Unit, X-Ray Unit, MLC and TB clinics working in RHCs.

Victoria Hospital Bahawalpur has also been serving masses of the area since long and 200 bedded Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan Buzdar Institute of mechanism.

will also facilitate cardiac patients in future. Lak maintained that

the Punjab government had injected billions of rupees for improving health infrastructure in the region especially establishment of South Punjab Secretariat and added that modern machinery and provision of medicines were the top

"A healthy body carries a healthy mind and of course, health is the real wealth," the secretary commented.

"Facilitation of people at their doorsteps, monitoring and evaluation of service delivery



to provide relief to the PML-N makes Pakistan's defense impregnable: Ameer

that the current caretaker industry and business

LOWER DIR (INP): Adviser to the Prime Minister (PM) for Political and Public Affairs and National Heritage Engr Amir Muqam here on Sunday said that May 28 had importance in Pakistan's historic day as on the day 25 years ago, Pakistan's defence was made impregnable after successful nuclear tests by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government at Chaghi mountains, Balochistan in

government and the federal

government despite

Addressing a big public gathering here, Engr Amir Muqam said, "Former PM Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has overlooked all international pressures and huge assistance offer and conducted the historic nuclear tests at Chagi Balochistan that made defence

invincible forever."

He said, "Today nobody is allowed to keep an evil eye on Pakistan.'

He said that Pakistan was the seventh atomic power in the world and the

buildings on May 9-10

He said that colossal damages to public and government properties installations on May 9-10 were beyond imagination.

Engr Amir Muqam said that Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz Sharif had faced jails with bravery and steadfastness while PTI leaders were even afraid of

sector and requested

for extension in the

for the region

On the other hand, he said, "The negative designs of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has been witnessed by the entire nation after horde of workers of PTI attacked the government properties and defence installations including Jinnah House, Radio Pakistan Peshawar and others sensitive

Amir Muqam said on one side, there was a horde political parties involved in vandalism on May 9 while on the other side, there was PML-N that made Pakistan"s defence impregnable on

reported in Lahore which affected 239 persons placing the provincial capital top of the list followed by 70 in Faisalabad with 72 victims and third Gujranwalawith 68 accidents and 69 victims.

PPP leader pays rich

tributes to economic crisis are sincere tax-concession period atomic scientists BAHAWALPUR (APP): Information Secretary of Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) Bahawalpur Division Malik Shah Muhammad Channar has paid rich tributes to atomic

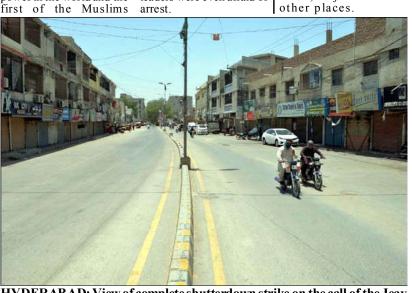
scientists for making

Pakistan atomic power. In a press release issued here on Sunday, referring to Yaum-e-Takbeer, he said that our atomic scientists were our pride as saying they made our country an atomic power. He recalled that it was Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto who laid the foundation stone of the atomic program of Pakistan.

CTP wipes out encroachment during operation

RAWALPINDI (APP): On the special directives of DIG Traffic Punjab Mirza Faran Baig, City Traffic Police (CTP) jointly with Municipal Corporation Rawalpindi conducted a grand operation against encroachment aiming to

maintain traffic flow.
CTP and MCR carried out operation against the encroachment in Bara Market, Imperial Market, Liaquat Road, Raja Bazar and



HYDERABAD: View of complete shutterdown strike on the call of the Jeay Sindh Mahaz (JSM) against unfair census, in Hyderabad.

"E-commerce drives Pakistan's furniture industry growth: CEO

Pakistan Furniture Council, Mian Kashif Ashfaq on Sunday said that the e-commerce sector in Pakistan continues to grow at an unprecedented rate, with furniture manufacturers and retailers experiencing a significant boost in sales. Speaking to a delegation of Furniture manufacturers led by Nabeel Arain he said online marketplaces and home websites, manufacturers have been able to expand their reach and tap into new markets,

ISLAMABAD (APP): leading to a surge in demand Chief Executive Officer of for Pakistani furniture, said a press release.

Kashif said furniture industry in adding that as more housing Pakistan has been projects, commercial experiencing steady growth over the past few years with a large population, increasing urbanization, and a growing middle class, which are all positive symptoms for furniture market.

He said additionally the rise in disposable income and changing lifestyles have contributed to the increased demand for modern and stylish

Real estate and construction activities in Pakistan have also fueled the the demand for furniture projects, commercial buildings, and offices are being developed, the need for furnishing and interior design services has risen.

> opportunities for furniture manufacturers, retailers, interior design companies, he said.

> Kashif Ashfaq said however, there are also some challenges faced by the furniture industry in Pakistan which include a lack of skilled labor.



QUETTA: Asim Raza Ahmed is presiding over the meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Flour Mills Association in Quetta.

Anjum Nisar stresses for exploring untapped trade potential in SAARC region

Chairman Businessmen Panel (BMP) Mian Anjum Nisar has said the intra-trade among countries continues to remain in the low range of just 5% of the total trade of the region while this trade in NAFTA region is over 40%, 68% in EU and 27% in ASEAN, laying emphasis on exploring the vast untapped trade potential in

After taking charge as new Vice President of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), he said that South Asia with its diversified resources and skilled

(INP): benefits but it's still FPCCI's unfortunate for us, that we couldn't utilise SAARC till

> We have huge potential in the area of tourism, agriculture, fisheries, industries, human development and many more. It's time we push the government of each country to seize the untapped opportunity in this region, he added.

The SCCI new vice president said that it is imperative for all to draw lessons from the successes achieved by other regional agreements, and channel their experiences of regional identity and solidarity into our efforts the Federal Shariat Court's workforce has tremendous to propel SAARC towards

potential to be the fastest- new heights. It is our growing exporting region to responsibility to find Anjum Nisar said that solutions to these other regional associations challenges, and to work like EU, ASIAN, NAFTA together to create a brighter are doing very well and future for the people of our they are getting regional region, he opined.

Atif Ikram savs: Businessmen forced to join informal sectors due to obsolete tax policies

Former vice president of encouraged FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh on Sunday said the business are forced to join informal sectors due to obsolete tax policies as tax- tax es on non-filers to-GDP ratio in the country is below 10 percent which is below the level required for proper shape of withholding tax in economic growth.

There have been no documentation serious efforts to expand the tax base and tax machinery relief on collection through indirect taxes and burdening taxpayers which has never worked, he said.

Atif Ikram Sheikh who has also served as President of ICCI and Chairman PVMA said in a statement issued here today that over-reliance on businesses withholding agents was a policy which was not

ISLAMABAD (INP): very beginning and it businesses to move from formal to informal

> The concept of higher persuaded businesses to remain outside the tax net and pay a higher tax in the escape scrutiny by taxmen, he

> The business leader said that businesses absorbed the higher tax in their cost of doing business and priced their products accordingly which also increase the cash in

circulation. He observed that the government is still not learning from its mistakes imports and turning and the focus continues on extracting more tax from the existing tax base which will shrink the base even

Chairman **SECP calls on Finance Minister**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Chairman Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) Akif Saeed Sunday called on the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq

Chairman SECP and Mohammad Ishaq Dar discussed the arrangements of the first international conference on the Islamic Capital Market to be held in Islamabad from tomorrow, said a press

The Chairman SECP also informed that the delegations had already arrived to participate in the conference. conference would help Pakistan in implementing judgment to make our financial system Riba free.

Apart from the innovative and sustainable | arrangements of the conference, other matters related to the SOEs were also discussed in the meeting.

WCCI Sargodha holds event

SARGODHA (APP): The Women Chamber of Commerce and Industries Sargodha on Sunday organized an event regarding empowerment.

The purpose of the event was to highlight problems and issues faced by the women and the role of the woman chamber to resolve their issues. In this regard, the women chamber was imparting skills to women for running their businesses and enable them to earn themselves and their families.

This was said by Shazia Bangash, Manza Goindi, Dr Nusrat, Sadia Khan, Madam Shahnaz, Madam Tanzeela and other members of the women chamber in the event. They said the women chamber was actively working for welfare of women.

representatives, including the chairman Electronic Media Club, Vice President Press

Club Imran Goraia Muhammad Umar.



MULTAN: A worker busy in preparing a room cooler at his workplace as demand increases in the summer season.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman SECP Mr. Akif Saeed called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division.

Direct flights between Karachi, Kuala Lumpur soon, says Malaysian HC

Commissioner (HC) to Pakistan Mohammad Azhar Mazlan has said that the direct flight between Kuala Lumpur and Karachi would be started soon to strengthen the economic and people people contacts between Pakistan and

Mazlan said this during the meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Industries,

(APP): Commerce and Technical Education, Mr Adnan Jalil here in the HC of Malaysia at Islamabad, the other day, said a press release issued

here on Sunday.

He said, "After the restoration of direct air flight connectivity will make economic, trade and social integration between both countries stronger and more sustainable. Similarly, bilateral cooperation and development in the field of tourism between both friendly countries will also



at Peoples Churangi as such scene will be seen common for the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha in Provincial Capital.

Sarwar praises Malik's dedication to regional coop. & economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): region, he added Former Governor of Punjab Muhammad Sarwar Chaudhary on Sunday has recognized Iftikhar Ali praised Malik's Malik's unwavering meritorious services and commitment to fostering congratulated him on his regional cooperation and successful completion of a tenure as President of the SAARC Chamber. He said that Malik's

tireless efforts in promoting trade, investment, and collaboration within the impact on the organization SAARC region have been instrumental in laying a strong foundation for sustainable development and prosperity, said a press release.

With a steadfast commitment to fostering regional cooperation, Malik has demonstrated importance of collaboration between countries in the SAARC the region

During a reception hosted by Iftikhar Ali Malik, Chaudhary Sarwar praised Malik's of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce. Chaudhary highlighted Malik's dedication, expertise, and exceptional leadership, which have made a lasting and the business community as a whole. Under Malik's leadership, the SAARC Chamber of Commerce has made significant strides in promoting trade and investment within the SAARC region, creating opportunities businesses entrepreneurs across

taxes recovery in Multan division MULTAN (APP): The

"Direct flights are

between Lahore and

Malaysia and in the near

future, direct flights will be extended to other countries." "Various

sectors including direct

flights between Malaysia

and Pakistan were affected

due to Covid-19, which will be restored once again." The Malaysian envoy said, "The current

development of Malaysia

is due to the long and medium economic plan.

Excise dept

obtains 77pc

operating

Excise, Taxation and Narcotics department has recovered over Rs 2.20 billion in line with taxes with an overall 77 percent recovery ratio across Multan division.

Deputy Director Admin/ ETO property wing, Khalid Hussain Qasoori, told APP here on Sunday that the teams were conducting raids regularly to achieve over Rs 2.87 billion set target for the current fiscal year. The taxes included property, professional, houses and highways.

He said that Director Excise Iftikhar Ahmad Bhali has directed all officials concerned for taking all legal actions to obtain 100 percent taxes recovery target by June 2023 under the directions of Director General Excise Punjab Muhammad Ali.

Mr Qasoori said that over Rs 1.57 billion was recovered against the set target of over Rs 2.03 billion in Multan district with a 77 percent recovery ratio. Over Rs 315 million was recovered against set targets of over Rs 399 million in Vehari district with 79 percent recovery ratio.

Likewise, over Rs 210 million taxes were recovered against set targets of over Rs 304 million in Khanewal district with 70 percent recovery ratio.

Textile sector's revival to boost export oriented activities in country

hovering around 230 million, the country direly needs to promote revenue-

As Pakistan was in urgent need of foreign promotion subsequently enhancing exports of agriculture and textile item can help a lot in employment generation as well as socio-economic

uplift of the people. Once known as the backbone of the national economy, the textile sector of Pakistan in recent decades declined due to multiple reasons including

FAISALABAD (APP): global and domestic Amidst ongoing economic inflation, rise in cost recession and population coupled with the inability of industrialists to upgrade their units and produce innovative products.

earning sectors like There was a time agriculture and textile when Pakistan was the second most dependent country on textile with respect to exports after exchange to stabilize its economy, textile global demand and availability of raw material in abundance but these exports witnessed a prominent decline in recent years. The share of textile exports also declined to 45 percent of the total exports of the country from 65

> Industrialists are most of the time making their industrial products "Cheap, not Unique"



LAHORE: Peoples busy in purchasing vegetables from Wahdat road model Bazar.

Govt working on priority basis to promote exports: **Zubair Motiwala**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chamber and FM radio.
Chief Executive Officer
(CEO) Trade President of the Chief Development Authority Pakistan (TDAP) Mohammad government was working on priority basis to promote exports from

Pakistan. There is a special focus on trade relations with regional countries, the solution to Pakistan's economic problems lies in reducing imports and increasing exports, he said. He said that the role of the business community was key to get Pakistan out of the current economic problems and added, the TDAP will provide full

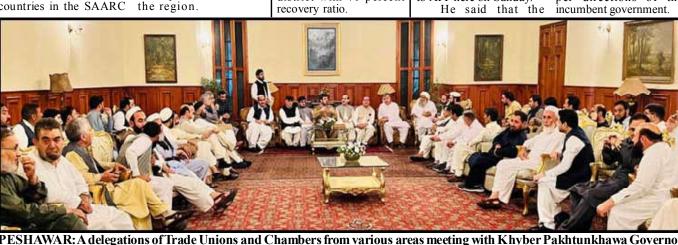
In a meeting with the Trade President of the Chamber Ahsan Zafar Bakhtavari on the occasion of his visit to Mohammad Zubair the Islamabad Chamber of Motiwala has said that the Commerce and Industry the other day, Zubair Motiwala said that the performance of Islamabad Chamber during the last one year was an example for other chambers, said a press release issued here on

He said that the main objective of TDAP was to solve the problems of the business community and ensure access of Pakistani goods to every market in the world. The economic problems will be solved only if Pakistan's trade support in projects like increases. Islamabad construction of Expo Chamber has taken many Center in Islamabad, a revolutionary steps in the display center in the last one year.

Food dept achieves 80pc of revised wheat target in Multan division

revised wheat procurement 54,3474 metric tons of tons revised target set for procurement season 2023-24.Deputy Director (DD) of the food department Shahid Khokhar expressed to APP here on Sunday.

MULTAN (APP): The wheat procurement drive food department has was continued at 48 achieved 80 percent of the centers across the division for procurement of wheat target by purchasing over and added that they had achieved the initial wheat wheat as the 686310 metric target couple of days ago and all efforts were being the Multan division during made to procure maximum wheat.He hoped that the wheat drive would likely be continued by one week more in order to meet the these views while talking food security challenge as per directions of the



PESHAWAR: A delegations of Trade Unions and Chambers from various areas meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji GhulamAli.

Oil imports from Russia; a ray of hope for cheaper fuel

prices, devaluation of the currency, taxation on oil imports and very low local oil exploration put a heavy strain on the fragile economy of a country like Pakistan which heavily relies on oil import for power power generation affects industrial production and production

transportation.

The soaring prices of Recognizing petroleum products have a magnitude of trickle-down effect on each and every segment of society from a daily wager to a farmer, and from a government servant to a businessman.

petroleum When prices are increased, the cost of transportation rises, taking the rates of daily-use items to a new height, thus affecting the

already gone down a lot in recent years.

Similarly, the majority being run on oil, the power plants generate high-cost electricity ultimately put a burden not only on consumers but also industrial production costs bringing a new wave of inflation.

challenge, the incumbent government took some measures to alleviate the impact such as providing subsidies to public transportation and food producers. However, it was clear that these measures alone were insufficient to fully mitigate the effects of

the price hike.

ISLAMABAD (APP): buying power of changing move, the as part of a signed deal with Fluctuating global oil consumers which has government struck a deal Moscow. with one of the biggest oil exporters, Russia, not only to alleviate people's

suffering but also to stimulate national economic growth and expansion. The deal aims at ensuring a continuous supply of crude oil from Russia at discounted rates. "The first shipment of

discounted oil from Russia is on its way and is expected to dock at the Karachi Port sometime in May," this encouraging news was shared by State Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik, during a press conference here on May 18.

the media that Pakistan had placed its initial order Then, in a game- for discounted Russian oil

the agreement provided a ray of hope for the masses, who had been grappling with inflation and increased oil prices since the ouster of Nawaz Sharif from the government in July 2017.

The development also started off debates with some arguing that importing crude oil from Russia would not benefit Pakistan due to the lack of refineries here, but they were unaware that the petroleum ministry and the Prime Minister (PM) office had already

In April, he informed confirming Pakistan's first order of discounted Russian crude oil on April 20. Dr Musadik revealed

that PM Shehbaz Sharif had approved the The announcement of construction of an oil refinery worth \$10 to \$14 billion.

Faheem Khawaja, an Economics professor, believed that the current government's efforts to obtain Russian oil would play a significant role in putting the country back on track. He emphasized the pivotal role energy, especially petroleum products, play in fostering socio-economic development in any country and regarded Pakistan's decision to turn to Russia for meeting its oil addressed this issue. demands as a much-needed on April 29, after step and a victory for the present regime.

Shahzad Paracha. a business reporter and

Monitoring Desk IRBIL: Iraq's prime minis-

ter on Saturday announced

plans for a \$17 billion re-

gional transportation

project intended to facili-

tate the flow of goods from

was made at a one-day conference in Baghdad that

convened transport minis-

ters and representatives

from Iraq, the Gulf coun-

tries, Turkey, Iran, Syria,

Mohammed Shia al-Sudani

said the planned Develop-

ment Road project would

facilitate the movement of

goods from the Gulf to Eu-

Iraqi Prime Minister

The announcement

Asia to Europe.

and Jordan.

Iraq announces plans for

\$17 billion transportation

project linking Asia to Europe

Russia unleashes largest drone attack on Kyiv ahead of city's founding anniversary

be the largest drone attack on the city since the start of the war, as the Ukrainian capital prepared to celebrate the anniversary of its founding on Sunday.

Ukraine's Air Force said it downed 52 out of the 54 Russia-launched drones, calling it a record attack with the Iranian-made 'kamikaze' drones. It was not immediately clear how many of the drones were shot over Kyiv.

In what also appears to be the first deadly attack on Kyiv in May and the 14th assault this month, falling debris killed a 41-year-old man, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

The pre-dawn attacks came on the last Sunday of May when the capital celebrates Kviv Dav. the an-

MOSCOW: Russia unleashed waves of air strikes on Kyiv overnight in what officials said appeared to concerts and special museum exhibitions — plans for which have been made this year too, but on a smaller scale.

> ritant for the insecure Russians," Andriy Yermak, the head of President Volodymyr Zelenskiy's office, said on his Telegram channel. Air Force said on Telegram that Russia had targeted military and critical infrastructure facilities in the central regions of Ukraine, and the Kyiv region in particular. Reuters was unable to independently verify the information.

With a Ukrainian counteroffensive looming 15 months into the war, Moscow has intensified air strikes after a lull of nearly two months, targeting chiefly mili-

niversary of its official of attacks now come several times a week.

Monday May 29, 2023

The Sunday attacks came after Kviv said that combat clashes eased around the besieged city of Bakhmut in southeastern Ukraine, the site of the war's longest battle.

"The history of Serhiy Popko, the Ukraine is a long-standing irhead of Kyiv's military administration, said the attack was carried out in several waves, and air alerts lasted more than five hours.

"Today, the enemy decided to 'congratulate' the people of Kyiv on Kyiv Day with the help of their deadly UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles),"Popko said on the Telegram messaging channel.

Several districts of Kyiv, by far the largest Ukrainian city with a population of around three million, suffered in the overnight attacks, officials said including the historical Pecherskyi neighbourhood.



Indian prime minister Narendra Modi carries a royal golden sceptre to be installed it near the chair of the speaker during the start of the inaugural ceremony of the new parliament building, in New Delhi, India.

US, Saudi Arabia call for warring sides in Sudan to extend 'imperfect' cease-fire

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CAIRO: The United States and Saudi Arabia called on warring sides in Sudan to extend a fragile cease-fire due to expire Monday, as weeks of fighting reached a stalemate in the capital and elsewhere in the African

The Sudanese army and a rival paramilitary force, battling for control of Sudan since mid-April, had agreed last week to the weeklong truce, brokered by the U.S. and cease-fire, like others be-

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NEW YORK: The US

state of Connecticut has

exonerated 12 people

convicted of witchcraft in

colonial America almost

400 years ago following a

campaign to clear their

trials in the northeastern

state of Connecticut in the

mid-1600s, with one receiv-

New England state passed

a resolution on Thursday

proclaiming their innocence

and condemning the deaths

ing a reprieve.

Eleven of the accused

Lawmakers in the

in the country. In a joint statement

early Sunday, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia called for an extension of the current truce which expires at 9:45 p.m. local time Monday.

'While imperfect, an extension nonetheless will facilitate the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance to the Sudanese people," the statement

The statement also the Saudis. However, the urged Sudan's military govemment and the rival Rapid fore it, did not stop the Support Forces to continue

of the nine women and two

men as a "miscarriage of

It followed a campaign by the CT Witch Trial Ex-

oneration Project, a group

that includes descendants of

statement that it was "ec-

ciative" of the senators who

voted 33-1 in favor of the

decision came on the eve of

376th anniversary of the

first witch-hanging in New

England — that of Alice

The group said in a

They noted that the

some of those killed.

US state corrects

done 400 years ago

witches were hanged after static, pleased, and appre-

fighting in the capital of Khartoum and elsewhere agreement on extending the

The fighting broke out in mid-April between the military and the powerful RSF. Both military chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan and RSF leader Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo led the 2021 coup that removed the Westernbacked government of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok.

10 Lebanese detained in UAE to return home Monitoring Desk

President Volodymyr Zelensky asked the Ukrainian parliament to impose additional sanctions against Iran for 50 years, according to the draft resolution following the National Security and Defense Council decision.

The draft includes a complete ban on trade with Iran, investments, and transferring technologies, as well as stopping Iranian transit across the Ukrainian territory, and preventing the withdrawal of Iranian assets

Ukraine's parliament must approve the bill for it to become law.

Plastic-spewing

artwork unveiled

for Paris talks

against waste

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PARIS: Lobbyists
Greenpeace unveil-ed an

artwork in Paris on Satur-

day in the shape of a ma-

chine churning out bottles in front of an oil derrick to

coincide with talks on elimi-

nating plastic waste. Cana-

dian artist Benjamin Von

Wong said his 5-metre-high

work by the River Seine

showed the link between

fossil fuels and plastic pol-

lution, which could triple in

the next four decades. With

only about 9 per cent of waste recycled from 460 million

tonnes of plastic produced

each year, the UN-organised

Intergovernmental Negotiat-

ing Committee on Plastic

Pollution (INC-2) aims for a

legally-binding pact to elimi-

rope by way of the Grand Faw Port in Basra, in south-

The conflict has killed hundreds of people, wounded thousands and pushed the country to near

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russia's most powerful mercenary said on Sunday he was convinced that senior Kremlin officials had banned report-

teur who quipped last week that his nickname should be 'Putin's butcher" rather than 'Putin's chef", took the Ukrainian city of Bakhmut earlier this month but his role in the victory was played down on state television. The 61-year-old has made a name for himself by imposing brutal discipline on his mercenaries and by using obscene

to Europe, through a net-work of railways and highways. A centerpiece of the project will be the development of the Grand Faw Port and a "smart industrial city" adjacent to it, al-Sudani said. The planned project,

which would involve the construction of about 1,200 km (about 745 miles) of railways and highways, will be "an economic lifeline and a promising opportunity for the convergence of interests, history, and cultures," said al-Sudani, adding it will "make our countries a source for modern industries and goods.'

He did not say how the project would be financed but noted that Iraq would "rely heavily on coern Iraq, which would be operation... with brotherly connected to Turkey, then and friendly nations.

Mercenary Prigozhin says Kremlin blanking him on state media will provoke backlash

ing about him on state media, cautioning that such a misleading approach would lead to a backlash from the Russian people within Yevgeny months. Prigozhin, founder of the Wagner mercenary group, is the most striking member of President Vladimir Putin's circle to gain widespread notoriety in the 15month war in Ukraine.

Prigozhin, a restaura-

brass including Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

In a sign of just how far Prigozhin is perceived to have breached the taboos of Putin's Russia, state television ignored the fall of Bakhmut for 20 hours, and did not air Prigozhin's vic-

tory speech.
Asked about what appeared to be a ban on coverage of him on state media, Prigozhin used a series of Russian proverbs to poke fun at those responsible: "What is forbidden is al-ways sweeter." "Wagner is not a piece of slippery soap which the bureaucrats have got used to shoving all over the place; Wagner is an awl, a stiletto that you cannot hide," Prigozhin said. "I am absolutely convinced they

have forbidden (coverage)."
"That high-level bureaucrats, those very towers of the Kremlin, are trying to shut the mouths of everyone so that they don't speak about Wagner will language and prison slang to only give another shove to insult Putin's top military the people."

Mass protests against Israeli government's plans to change legal system enter 21st week

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weekly protests against a protester. overhaul the legal system.

The mass protests entered their 21st week. This week's rallies come days after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition of ultra-Orthodox and ultranationalist parties passed a new two-year budget.

The main protest took place in Tel Aviv, drawing thousands of flag-waving protesters.

The passing of the new budget could grant some stability to Israel's most hard-line government ever. However, it also appeared to fuel the protesters' views that Netanyahu appeals to his religious allies rather than address the wider economic woes of the

broader society. "If Israel takes too much power for its own,

(our country) will basically TEL AVIV: Tens of thou- become like Poland or Hunsands of Israelis gathered on Saturday for the relentless gary, and we don't want that," said Aylon Argaman,

grassroot protests bill them as a movement to save democracy. They say the government's plans to weaken the Supreme Court would destroy the country's system of checks and balances and compromise Israeli democracy.

Proponents of the judicial overhaul say it is needed to rein in an overzealous Supreme Court.

Netanyahu delayed the proposed changes in March, but protest organizers say they want to keep the demonstrations up until the plans are scrapped.

The government may think we're starting to get tired after 21 weeks, but even if we are tired, democracy is still more important to us," said Omer Kidron, another protester.

Egypt unveils ancient mummification workshops and tombs

covered in the Saqqara necropolis south of Ĉairo, the government said on Sat-

Mostafa Waziri, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, told reporters the embalming workshops, where humans and animals were mummified, "date back to the 30th

several rooms equipped with stony beds where the deceased lay down for mummification", Egypt's

ters to facilitate the mummification process, with a

organs, as well as a collection of instruments and Early studies of the

fication of sacred animals". The discovery also includes the tombs of two priests dating back to the 24th and 14th centuries BC, respec-The first belonged to

Ne Hesut Ba, who served the fifth dynasty as the head of scribes and priest of the gods Horus and The tomb walls are

decorated with depictions of "daily life, agriculture and hunting scenes", said Mohamed Youssef, director of the Saqqara archaeological site.

The second tomb, that of a priest named Men Kheber, was carved in rock and features depictions of the deceased himself on the tomb walls, as well as in a one-metre-long (three foot) alabaster statue, Youssef told reporters. Egypt has unveiled a string of major archaeological discoveries

tary sites and supplies. Waves 'miscarriage of justice'

Awoman holding a poster depicting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan waits in the queue at the Maiden's Tower, in Istanbul.

Guterres shocked by Sudan army chief's letter

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NEW YORK: United Nations Secretary General An- cil on the situation in Sudan tonio Guterres has said he is "shocked" by a letter no information on when he from Sudanese army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, re- authorities have not given portedly requesting the replacement of special envoy Volker Perthes amid a bru-

tal war with paramilitaries. Guterres "is proud of the work done by Volker Perthes and reaffirms his full confidence in his Special Representative", a statement from UN spokesperson Stephane lions trapped in the capi-Dujarric said.

The secretary-genwar with his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands RSF.

Neither the army nor the UN released official copies of Burhan's letter, which reportedly requested the dismissal of Perthes as Guterres' envoy to Sudan. Perthes is currently in

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BAGHDAD: Iraq on Sat-

urday presented an ambi-

tious plan to turn itself into

a regional transportation

hub by developing its road

and rail infrastructure, link-

ing Europe with the Middle

\$17 billion project known

as the "Route of Develop-

ment" would span the

length of the country,

stretching 1,200 kilometres

(745 miles) from the north-

ern border with Turkey to

Mohamed Shia al-Sudani

announced the project dur-

ing a conference with trans-

port ministry representa-

the Gulf in the south.

Prime

Once completed, the

New York, where he briefed the Security Counearlier this week. There is is due back in Sudan, where out visas to foreign nation-

als since the war started. Khartoum was calmer on Saturday morning as a seven-day ceasefire appeared to reduce fighting between two rival military factions although it has not

A truce signed by the eral is shocked by the letter two fighting parties he received from General Sudan's army and a paramilitary group called the Rapid Support Forces aimed to secure safe passage for humanitarian aid and lead to wider talks sponsored by the US and

Saudi Arabia. Witnesses Khartoum was calmer although sporadic clashes were reported overnight.

as a pillar of a sustainable

non-oil economy, a link

neighbours and the region,

and a contribution to eco-

sions are required, any

country that wishes "will

be able to carry out part of

the project", the Iraqi parliament's transport

committee said, adding the

project could be completed

three to five years".

opment will boost interde-

pendence between the

countries of the region,'

Turkey's ambassador to

Baghdad Ali Riza Guney

said, without elaborating on

'The Route of Devel-

While further discus-

nomic integration efforts,

Sudani said.

serves

Iraq unveils \$17bn

transport project linking

Europe and Mideast

EgyptAir flight from Cairo blows tire during landing in Saudi Arabia

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: An EgyptAir jet liner blew out a tire but made a safe landing at its destination early Sunday in Saudi Arabia, Egypt's national carrier said. No cau-

salities were reported. Flight MS643 took off from Cairo international airport early Sunday and one of its tires burst during landing at King Abdulaziz International Airport in the Saudi coastal city of Jeddah, EgyptAir said in a

statement. The Boeing 738 made a safe landing on the runhave disembarked the airplane with no injuries reported, the statement said.

The airline didn't elaborate on what caused the problem, and said an examination and maintenance of the plane were underway.

Red River motorcycle rally kills 3, wounds 5

were killed and five were wounded in a shooting at an annual motorcycle rally in a New Mexico town late Saturday afternoon. Red River Mayor

volved members of motor-

Shooting at New Mexico's

Monitoring Desk RED RIVER: Three people

Linda Calhoun said in a video posted on Facebook that the shooting around 5 p.m. resulted in three fatalities and five victims were transported to hospitals in Denver, Albuquerque and nearby Taos. The 41st annual Red River Memorial Motorcycle Rally drew about 20,000 bikers to the town, Calhoun said. The violence occurred between two retail stores and in-

People line up in front of a bakery during a cease-fire in Khartoum. Somalia says it will revert to direct vote for officials starting next year

MOGADISHU: Somalia will start electing its president and other officials by direct vote next year, the government announced on Sunday, ending a system of indirect voting in the Horn retain the indirect ballot. of Africa country that has

conflict and clan battles. Amid widespread insecurity caused by an Islamist insurgency and weak state structures, in recent vears lawmakers voted for the president, while clan heads and elders elected lawmakers in both the federal government and regional states. The country

endured three decades of

had initially been scheduled to revert to universal suffrage in 2020 but protracted squabbles among politicians and persisting insecurity across the country forced the government to

"Starting next year, there will be a one person, one vote election held every five years,' said a statement tweeted by Somalia's state media SONNA. The position of prime minister will also be abolished. "The Premier post will be abolished and replaced with a presidential system where the president and vice president are elected directly by the people on a single ticket.

SK arrested for opening plane emergency exit door, faces up to 10 years in prison

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SEOUL: A man who opened an emergency exit door during a flight in South Korea was formally arrested Sunday and faces up to 10 years in prison on a charge of violating the aviation security law, officials

During a preliminary questioning, the 33-yearold told investigators that he felt suffocated and tried to get off the plane quickly, according to police.

Twelve people were slightly injured on Friday after he opened the door of the Asiana Airlines Airbus A321-200, causing air to blast inside the cabin and terrifying passengers.

Some testified they suffered severe ear pain and saw others screaming and crying. A video shared on social media shows passengers' hair being whipped by air blowing into the cabin. Normally, the emer-

gency exit doors cannot be opened mid-flight due to the difference in air pressure inside and outside of the aircraft. But during Friday's incident, the man succeeded in opening the door likely because the plane was flying at a low altitude while preparing to land and there wasn't much difference in pressure, according to Asiana Airlines

nate more. China's first homegrown passenger jet makes maiden

Monitoring Desk

commercial flight

BEIJING: China's first domestically produced passenger jet made its maiden commercial flight on Sunday, a to compete with Western rivals in the air. Beijing hopes will challenge foreign models and the Airbus A320, though from abroad. Its first homegrown jetliner with mass

milestone event in the nation's decades-long effort the C919 commercial jetliner like the Boeing 737 MAX many of its parts are sourced commercial potential would

also cut the country's reliance on foreign technology.

Monitoring Desk nearby to hold entrails and SAQQARA: Archaeologists in Egypt have unritual vessels. earthed two human and animal embalming workshops, other workshop suggest it was used for the "mummias well as two tombs, dis-

The vast burial site, at the ancient Egyptian capital Memphis, is a Unesco World Heritage site and home to more than a dozen pyramids, animal graves and old Coptic Christian monasteries

dynasty" which reigned around 2,400 years ago. Researchers "found

tourism and antiquities ministry said.

Each bed ended in gutcollection of clay pots

in recent years.





Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy being briefed onboard PNS Shahjahan by Commanding Officer PNS Shahjahan during PNS Shahjahan visit to Port Langkawi, Malaysia.

Jaffar Mandokhail, Jamal Shah, others say

PML-N made Pakistan's defense impregnable

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Muslim League- Nawaz (PML-N)) leaders on Sun-day said that the PML-N has made Pakistan's defense impregnable despite all the pressure in the leader of PML-N of Mian Nawaz Sharif. The vision of Pakistan Muslim League-N is to make Pakistan independent, prosperous and independent. The next government in Baloch istan will be of PML-N.

These views were expressed by PML-N's Pro-vincial President Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel, General Secretary Jamal Shah Kakar, Naseer Khan Achakzai, Naseem Rehman Mulakhil, Malik Zahir Kakar, Shakib Khan Juma Achakzai, Youth Wing Cen-nuclear power despite hav-

tests on May 28, 1998.

Noor Muhammad Khan

Dummar, extended felicita-

tions to the nation on the

occasion of "Youm-e-

Takbeer," stating that it is a

day that represents na-

tional unity and the historic

day of national pride. He

emphasized that May 28th,

1998, when Pakistan

achieved nuclear power, re-

mains a symbol of national

security, defense, and dig-

The day is a source of

tral Senior Vice President Jahangir Kharoti. Haider Khan Achakzai of MSF, Kiran Haider of Women Wing, Provincial Leader Malik Anwar Naseem Kasi Advocate, Tariq Butt Advocate, Tariq Gul of Minority Wing, Khuda Bakhsh Lehri, Sabir Rajput, Aminullah Bazai Advocate, Naeem Sikandar Advocate and others in addressing at ceremony organized at Ouetta Press Club to celebrate Youm-e-Takbeer. The speakers said that the May 28 was the day when Muslim League (N) strengthened the defense of Pakistan and laid the foundation of a prosperous Pakistan.

They said that Mian Nawaz Sharif had tested

QUETTA: Muslim League (PML-N) Provincial

President, Shaikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhel ad-

dresses during a seminar on the occasion of Youm-

e-Takbeer (the day Pakistan conducted nuclear

Historic Youm-e-Takbeer

represents national

unity, pride: Dummar

Independent Report stani nation but also for the

QUETTA: Senior Provin- entire Muslim Ummah. The

cial Minister of Planning message of Youm-e-Takbeer and Development, Haji is to unite as one for the

pride not only for the Paki- India's pride was shattered.

LAHORE: Hurriyat Leader Mishal Malik inter-

acting with journalists during Meet the Press event

Balochistan Customs

collected Rs 21b Custom

Duty in 2022-23

Customs rangements regarding these

markets have been given to

the respective Deputy

Commissioners who will

ensure their supervision and

monitoring. He said that

people could purchase

goods of worth from 50 to

100 dollars in these mar-

kets. He said that these mar-

kets are very useful, it will

reduce the problems faced

by the people of the area

and increase the border

trade, commercial and busi-

ness activities in the area.

Besides expanding trade

between the two countries,

facilities and opportunities

will be ensure to meet the target of 5 billion dollars by

increasing the current 2 bil-

inauguration of Pishin-

He said that after the

lion dollars.

at Press club in Provincial Capital.

QUETTA (APP): Chief

Balochistan, Muhammad

Saleem on Sunday said that

Balochistan Customs has

so far collected Rs 21 bil-

lion in the fiscal year 2022-

2023 as Customs Duty out

of the target of Rs 21.5 bil-

lion given by the Federal

Board of Revenue. With the

establishment of the border

market in Mand, employ-

ment opportunities will be

provided to the local people

and the supply of fresh

fruits and vegetables will

benefit the people living in

the border areas of the two

said that under the joint border market initiative,

both countries have estab-

lished markets on their respective sides of the bor-

Muhammad Saleem

countries, he said.

progress, security, and

happiness of the country,

and not to allow anyone to

hinder our path to prosper-

ity. These sentiments were

expressed by Senior Pro-

vincial Minister Haji Noor

Muhammad Khan Dummar

in his statement on Sunday,

where he highlighted that

this day is a significant mile-

stone in our national life

because on this day Paki-

stan became invincible from

a military perspective, and

ing heavily pressured by the US and the West saying that the world did not want Pakistan to do nuclear explosions, pressure was put on it, the country's debt was offered to be waived, but at that time our leadership decided that we would strengthen our defense and this decision has been proved right today, otherwise Pakistan would have to enemies would not tolerate any situation. The leaders said that restrictions were imposed on the country and they were intensified. Today, the credit of the invincible defense of the country went to Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Zia-ul-Haq, who decided to start the nuclear program and then continue it.

Talha personally monitoring Hajj operation to ensure flawless execution

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood said that he was personally overseeing the entire Hajj operation, ensuring its smooth execution through various

Speaking at the final training session of Moavineen-e-Hujjaj (Pilgrims' Assistants) held at the Haji Camp Islamabad the other day, the minister informed attendees that he had taken proactive steps to address any concerns or complaints from the pil-

Mushaal rges govt of Pakistan to raise voice for Yasin Malik's safe release ISLAMABAD (APP)

Mushaal Hussein Mullick, the Chairperson of Peace and Culture Organisation and wife of jailed Kashmiri Hurriyat Muhammad Yasin Malik, has urged upon the government of Pakistan to raise the issue of senior Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik's detention at all fora globally because the notorious Narendra Modi fascist regime is hell-bent to silence the most powerful voice of Kashmir freedom movement forever.

Mushaal, after visiting Jinnah House, Lahore, in a media talk expressed alarm that the fascist government would eliminate Yasin Malik, chief of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Message of peace, love going to whole

QUETTA (APP): Dr.

Farhan Essa Abdullah, the

chief D-Mission of the

Sindh contingent participat-

ing in 34th National Games

on Sunday said that mes-

sage of peace and love from

the ongoing National

Games in Quetta was not

only going to the country

but also to the whole world.

through sports, the world

was becoming aware of the

culture of all the provinces

of Pakistan, the national

heritage and the scenery of

He said that today,

marking a historic milestone **Independent Report**

During meetings with various conferences.

Gwadar port commences

direct exports to China,

GWADAR: In a significant development, Gwadar Port a pivotal role in Pakistan's economic corridor with China, is a key component of the approved Belt and Road Initiative. The port serves as a vital platform for deepening bilateral cooperation and facilitating two-way trade. The CEO emphasized that direct imports from Gwadar Port will contribute to expanding Pakistan's exports and improving the country's

The Pakistan Ulema Coun-

cil (PUC) on Sunday con-

vened the 'Stability of Pa-kistan, Ulema-Mashaykh

Convention' witnessing

the participation of lead-

ers from various political

organizations and reli-

gious scholars represent-

ing different schools of

the attendees unanimously

denounced the events of

May 9 as a black day for

the Pakistani nation, cat-

egorizing the attackers of

military, national, and civil-

ian installations, as well as

memorials of martyrs, as

terrorists and national

Commanding Officer of the

ship conveyed well wishes

from Chief of the Naval

Staff Admiral Muhammad

Amjad Khan Niazi for the

people of Malaysia in gen-

eral and Malaysian Navy in

particular. The matters of

mutual interest, bilateral

collaboration and PN con-

tribution towards regional

peace and maritime secu-

ticipated in International

Fleet Review at Langkawi

which was witnessed by

Malaysian Prime Minister.

Concurrently, Ship's offic-

ers and crew participated in

PNS Shahjahan par

rity were discussed.

In a joint declaration,

thought.

PNS Shahjahan

participates in LIMA

expo at Malaysia ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Malaysian officials, the

kistan Navy Ship (PNS)

Shahjahan on Sunday vis-

ited Port Langkawi, Malay-

sia and participated in

Langkawi International

Maritime and Aerospace

The visit of PN Ship

Exhibition (LIMA) 2023.

is aimed to strengthen bi-

lateral ties and enhance

interoperability between

participating navies, a Pa-

kistan Navy news release

Port Langkawi, the ship

was warmly welcomed by

the official of Malaysia

Navy and Defence attaché

of Pakistan at Malaysia.

has initiated its first-ever

direct shipment to the Chi-

nese port city of Tianjin,

carrying five containers of

raw pharmaceutical materi-

als. The trading company's

CEO, Mr. N.L., stated that

the consignment is ex-

pected to reach China within 30 days. This mile-

stone marks a momentous

achievement and a new era

of enhanced trade volumes

Upon the arrival at



NEWYORK: Pakistani American Diaspora gathering Times Squares to Express Solidarity with Pakistan and Pak Army.

Security and Safety Conference held in Sibi

Independent Report SIBI: Commissioner Sibi Division, Shahid Saleem Oureshi, chaired a conference on peace and security on Sunday. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Shabeer Ahmed Badini, Deputy Inspector General of Police Sibi Range Ali Sher Jakhhrani, Deputy Commissioner Harnai Aarif Zarkoon, District Police Officer Ziarat Akhtar Achakzai, FC Major Naveed, Colonel Kashif, Superintendent of Police Harnai Aasim Shafi, and Assistant Commissioner

Ziarat Abdullah bin Aarif.

Balochistan.

During the conference,

He said that organiz-

ing the National Games

would be very helpful in the

promotion and develop-

ment of sports in the coun-

try from this mega event,

where the discovery of new

talent, young athletes were

given ample opportunities

ment of healthy competi-

tion between athletes at the

national level and mutual

respect is being cultivated.

The atmosphere of har-

the beautiful places of mony and brotherhood has

There is an environ-

to express their abilities.

hance the safety and enjoyment of tourists. A comprehensive security assessment of the requested dam was conducted, and important decisions were taken. The conference also reviewed the traffic management plan for tourists and made significant decisions in this regard. Shahid Saleem Qureshi, directed Deputy Commissioner Harnai to contact the relevant company for the relocation of the recently damaged mobile phone tower and issued instructions to install CCTV cameras on internal and external routes

world from 34th National Games: Farhan increased, he added. proud by winning three

gold medals for Sindh in While congratulating government of Swimming. He said that in Balochistan, the Pakistan Olympic Association and all the security agencies for the successful organizing the National Games, Dr. Farhan Essa said that in the current situation, peaceful methods and best arrangements were laudable by the

Balochistan Government. Regarding the performance of the Sindh team in the Games, he said that Pakistan's rising star Hareem Malik has made us sports associations.

other sports too, the performance of our athletes has been outstanding, Sindh tops the ranking of the provinces in swimming events. The exemplary discipline shown by all the players and officials in the squad during the mega event is commendable, he noted. He said that regarding the formation of teams for the Games, he had given clear instructions to the officials of all the

gious leadership further called upon Chief Justice of Pakistan, Umar Atta Bandial, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, and Chief of Army nocent person.

PUC terms May 9 black day, categorizes

attackers as terrorists, national criminals

Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, presided over the convention, which saw the participation of prominent political and religious figures, in-Maulana cluding Muhammad Ayub Safdar, Qari Muhammad Sharif Cheema, Maulana Nouman

The leaders also applauded the directives issued by Prime Minister

Staff (COAS) General Syed

Asim Munir to ensure the

expeditious trials of the

criminals and their prompt

nation's desire for justice,

the joint declaration ex-

pressed the need to iden-

tify and punish the guilty

while ensuring the release

of the innocent individuals

Emphasizing the

punishment.

involved.

Sharif and COAS General Syed Asim Munir, instructing authorities not to wrongfully accuse any in-

PÚC Chairman and Prime Minister's Special Representative on Interfaith

Maulana Muhammad Shafi Qasmi and Maulana Asadullah

Farooq, among others

In the joint declaration, the convention expressed its condemnation of the events that occurred on May 9, highlighting the premeditated nature of the tragedy.

It pointed out that a systematic campaign against the Pakistan Army and the country's security agencies had been underway for the past year, resulting in the indoctrination of the

The PUC had previously demanded measures to counter this propaganda campaign, which, if implemented, could have potentially averted the May 9 events.



ing the notification of Four Tier Structure of Agriculture Department

JAC Balochistan | University protests non-payment of salaries

Independent Report QUETTA: The President of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) University of Balochistan (UoB), Professor Dr. Kaleemullah Bariach, along with the Presidents of the Employ-Presidents of the Employees' Association, Shah Ali Bugti, and Officers' Association, Chairman Nazir Ahmed Lahri, expressed deep regret and disappointment that despite the announcement of a disburse-ment of PKR 72 crore by the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Balochistan University and the Governor of Balochistan's assurance, the announced funds have not been released.

"As a result, the faculty and staff members of Balochistan University have been deprived of their salaries for the months of April and May, exacerbating their already distressing

PPP not in favour of banning political parties: Kaira

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is not in favor of banning any po-litical party, said SAPM Qamar Zaman Kaira on

In his interview with private Tv news channel, Oamar Zaman Kaira said the dismantling of political parties is not in favour of democracy's stability in the country. PPP stands on its principle stand against ban-ning PTI. "Banning political parties is not the solu-tion to the problem," Kaira said and added if PML-N is thinking of banning PTI, it is their wish.

Commenting on the May 9 violence, the SAPM said the mayhem was the result of 'hate' which was being promoted by the former prime minister and PTI chief Imran Khan. Qamar Zaman Kaira

said despite reservations of the coalition partners.

CM extends heartfelt greetings to nation on Youm-e-Takbeer

'Pakistan's defense is robust and its nuclear capability is crucial for maintaining a balance of power in South Asian region'

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QUETTA: Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo, extended heartfelt greetings to the nation on the occasion of 'Youm-e-Takbeer," which is observed nationwide on May 28th to commemorate the atomic explosions that took place in Pakistan 25 years ago on May 28th,

In his message, the Chief Minister paid tribute to the armed forces and all those individuals who have dedicated their unwavering services in making the country's defense impregnable, overcoming all challenges.

Не stated that Pakistan's defense is robust and its nuclear capability is crucial for maintaining a balance of power in the South Asian region. The hief Minister emphasized that the atomic explosions of May 28th demonstrated Pakistan's ability to deter any hostile forces and ensure the security and integrity of its borders.

He praised the armed forces and the country's atomic scientists for their commendable and historic

achievements, which are a source of pride not only for the nation but also for future generations.

He highlighted that Youm-e-Takbeer teaches us the lesson of selfless and altruistic service for Pakistan's progress, security, and well-being, and it instills in every Pakistani the fervor to make any sacrifices necessary for the defense and protection of

the country.
The Chief Minister expressed the pride of Balochistan's people in the courageous armed forces and their consistent rejection of any propaganda against the Pakistan

He mentioned that the people of Balochistan, on the occasion of the 25th May, also demonstrated their love and affection for stitutions, providing practical evidence of their commitment. He concluded by stating that it is an honor for them to reside in a country that is the sole nuclear power of the Muslim Ummah, and this is also a unique distinction for their homeland.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Jan Muhammad Jamali, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Balochistan Imran Gichki and DG Levies Nasebullah condoling with Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran on sad demise of his son

Rising Fatalities in Coal Mines Central chairman **PCMLF** calls for stringent safety steps

Independent Report QUETTA: The Central their rights. Chairman of the Pakistan

Central Mines Labour Federation (PCMLF), Abdul Sattar, has expressed concern over the increasing number of fatalities in coal mines due to illegal mining activities.

He urged the government, mine owners, miners, and chief mine inspectors to fulfill their responsibilities diligently to prevent accidents in coal mines. By eliminating the contract system in coal mines, along with ensuring occupational health and safety for mine workers, incidents can be

curbed while safeguarding In a conversation with

journalists, Abdul Sattar, Central Chairman of the Pakistan Central Mines Labour Federation, highlighted the immense dedication and risks undertaken by hardworking miners in coal mines. "Unfortunately, accidents in coal mines have become commonplace. The laxity in the supervision system has hindered the implementation of mine labour safety regulations. resulting in frequent incidents of gas explosions that claim the lives of impoverished workers



der and the people living in Mand border market, the the border areas would get Balochistan government special tax concessions on would develop six more ZIARAT: Commissioner Sibi Division Shahid Saleem Qureshi presiding over a meeting regarding law and order situation joint markets at mashkel. Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah printed at Independent Printers Quarry Road Quetta and Published from Al-Syed Building M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta Ph. 2842938 Fax: 2842941, Cell No. 0331-8383955 E-mail:newsdailyind@gmail.com,dailyindisb@gmail.com