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President Dr. Alvi says

By holding national sports event, a message given to world that Balochistan is a peaceful province

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

work, and healthy compe-

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

QUETTA: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with

the Governor of Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali

CM approves establishment

of Gwadar as a Special

Economic District

QUETTA: In a significant trade, tourism, real estate,

development for the and hospitality industries

progress and development are expected to flourish, of Gwadar city and its reaching their optimal lev-

tourism and other sectors of the economy. Following visa policies for investors will be provided.

First Lady urges society's role

to cope with breast cancer,

mental health issues

QUETTA (APP): First Lady Samina Alvi on Tuesday

said that not merely the government rather everyone in

society would have to play their role to cope with the

cooperation of the World Health Organisation at Gover-

nor House here, for creating awareness on breast cancer

mental health and disability, lauded the world health

body's efforts for elimination of breast cancer as well as

for concrete and practical measures to cope with the chal-

lenges of breast cancer and disability. Every individual in

society will have to play their part in the prevention of the deadly disease, she added.

70% Gwadar International

The first lady said that the government was striving

welfare of the differently-abled people.

The first lady, addressing a seminar held with the

issues like breast cancer, mental health, and disability.

Begum Samina Arif Alvi

the creation of the SED,

els of competitiveness.

Designating Gwadar as

a Special Economic District

aims to introduce profes-

sional policies and provide

a conducive environment

for investment, particularly

incentives for industrial ac-

tivities and relaxation in

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

a peaceful province. The president observed that different genres of games always helped in promoting mental health, character building, team

Kakar at Governor House.

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port-related activities, Chief

Minister Bizenjo has

granted approval for the

creation of a Special Eco-

nomic District (SED). This

decision was made after re-

viewing the summary pre-

sented by the Planning and

Development Department.

of this step is to promote

the growth of Gwadar city

and boost activities related

to the port. The establish-

ment of the SED is crucial

for the development of

The primary objective

tition at different levels. He said Quaid e Azam and Fatima Jinnah always encouraged young people of the country to take part

in healthy activities and stressed upon imbibing the spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life. Mohtarma Fatima

Jinnah paid special focus on sportsmen for competing girls guide to strengthen the in the games. organizational discipline, he He termed holding of national games in Quetta as 'another feather in About Balochistan, he said the province was rich

province's cap The president urged with natural and mineral rethe youth to follow Quaid's three guiding words sources and commended all the governments for their efforts to utilize them for unity, faith and discipline the progress and prosper-

ity of the province.

The president further

stressed that for physical

health, regular exercise and

other sports activities must

be made a part of life as they

were vital for healthy liv-

Continued on page 2 Rana Sanaullah says Imran will be tried in military courts for 'planning, executing' May 9

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

Sanaullah said on Tuesday. Speaking to a private news channel, Sanaullah accused Imran of "personally planning attacks" on military establishments, claiming that there was ample evidence to substan-

"It is all documented. The proof is in his tweets and messages," he said. The attacks, which took place after Imran

tiate these accusations.

Khan's arrest on May 9 by Continued on page 2

Spectacular fireworks at end of National Games

for foreign investors. The **Independent Report** establishment of the SED OUETTA: The spectacular will not only attract foreign fireworks display was held direct investment but also at end of the 34th National facilitate the growth of lo-Games in the Ayub Sports cal industries. Additionally, Complex on Tuesday night. federal and provincial tax

The fireworks display marked the end of mega national sports event in the metropolis organized after 19 years.

A large number of people were present to watch and enjoy the beautiful fireworks displayed at the spacious sports com-

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

Three killed, another injured in Quetta

QUETTA (INP): At least hree people were killed and another in separate incidents of violence in different localities of Quetta, police said on Tuesday.

According to details, a man was killed after unknown gunmen sprayed bullets on shop near telephone exchange on Sariab oad of Quetta.

A teacher of government boys middle school identified as Inham Rabbani was shot dead by unidentified motorcyclists in Ferozabad locality.

Two groups traded fire in Zarghon area of Urak in which one person was killed while another sustained wounds



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

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minster Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has expressed his contentment and pleasure over successful holding and excellent ending of the 34th National Games in Quetta. In a message issued here

on Tuesday, the Chief Minister appreciated the performance of participating players, provincial Minister Sports, Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, officers and staff of the Sports Department as well as the Pakistan Olympic Association, security agencies and media and congratulated in

The Chief Minister holding of the National people.

Games in peaceful manner after 19 years is a bright chapter of the province and it is another addition in the achievements of the provin cial government too.

It is also a passionate reply to all those making criticism on the law and order situation and government performance in the province, Mr. Bizenjo maintained

The Chief Minister also said that the holding of National Games is a fruit of sacrifices rendered by our martyrs for ensuring peace. He said that the National Games organized in Balochistan has given a message to the whole world that it is a peaceful area0 with patriotic, caring, peace said that the successful loving and hospitable

PM rules out dialogue with 'arsonists & anarchists'

Says public relief, economic development among priorities in next budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said dia-

logue was a key to evolving litical process, which helped said.

ticians and attack the sym-Sharif said dialogue was bols of the State do not deeply embedded in the po-qualify for a dialogue," he



democracy, however categorically stated that it could not be held with 'anarchists and arsonists' in the garb of politicians.

The prime minister's statement came after the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan on Friday appealed for immediate talks with state offi-

AJK AC judge

killed in firing

by robbers

RAWALPINDI (Online): A

sessions judge has been

killed in firing by robbers

two dacoits entered into

home of Accountability

Court Azad Kashmir judge

Sardar Amjid Ishaq in

phase-8 of a private hous-

ing society located in the

jurisdiction of Rawat police

station Rawalpindi for the

purpose of robbery. The

robbers tried to hold the

family members hostage at

gunpoint. Sessions Judge

Azad Kashmir Sardar Amjid

Ishaq put resistance to the

dacoits. In the meantime

one robber opened fire leav-

ing Sardar Ámjid injured.

He was shifted to hospital

for medical aid but he

Khan on Tuesday skipped

hearing before a local court

of Islamabad in a case per-

taining to rioting and van-

dalizing public property

during his party's march.

Alam heard the case against

cused registered by the

quested the grant his client

a one-time exemption from

attend the proceedings due

Imran Khan's counsel

Golra Police Station.

to security issues.

Civil Judge Ahtisham

breathed his last.

According to police

in Rawalpindi.

democracy mature and

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

"However, there is a "However, there is a Meanwhile Prime major difference here, the Minister Shehbaz Sharif on anarchists and arsonists who wear the garb of poli-

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

He also termed it a

prevalent practice even in developed democracies.

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FM Bilawal says:

Pakistan keen to further cement bilateral relations cooperation with Belarus

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

Addressing a joint presser with visiting Belarusian Foreign Minister Sergei Aleinik, the foreign minister said they held a very fruitful and constructive meeting, and discussed

Foreign Minister Bilawal further said that both countries strived to build a mutually beneficial relationship that could contribute to the prosperity and well-being of the people of the two coun-

He said they had agreed to taking of the practical steps to transform the goodwill between the people of the two countries into a tangible cooperation.

One key outcome of the visit, he said, was the



entire areas of cooperation between the two countries. 'Our long term goals

for Pak-Belarus relations include strengthening of the economic ties, expanding of trade and investment, fostering of scientific collaboration, enhancing of defence cooperation and increasing the cultural and deepening of the people-to-people contacts," he added. signing of the agreement between the two countries for abolition of the visas for the holders of the diplomatic and official passports which would boost high level visits.

An agreement between Islamabad Strategic Institute and the Belarus Institute would lay strong foundation for educational cooperation, he added.

with heads of fed. departments

QUETTA: The Federal

Ahmed Qureshi is due to arrive in the provincial metropolis today (Wednes-

According to the schedule,

Irran Khan and other acmerce and Industry. In addition to this, he would also be hold meeting with Chief Secretary Barrister Gohar Ali re-Balochistan and other concerned stakeholders on the appearance as he could not

jail reforms tomorrow (Thursday) at the Civil sec-

In addition to this, he would also have an interaction with the trade and business leaders at the QCCI the same afternoon. Moreover, the Federal

Ombudsman would also visit the Small Chamber of Commerce and Industries on June 2, 2023 It may also be men-

tioned here a seminar is being held under auspices of Federal Ombudsman's secretariat today at Governor House.

The President Dr. Arif Ali would be presiding over the seminar entitled the role of ombudsman in safeguarding public rights and good governance

QUETTA: On the directives of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran Gichki and concerned officials attending a meeting to review affairs regarding enhancement of mu-

tual investment between Government of Balochistan and private companies

government, and the agen-

Peace, education, healthcare top priorities, says Governor

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QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, emphasized that peace, education, and healthcare have always been the top priorities for the province. He expressed confidence that the law and order situation in the province has significantly improved and the environment is becoming conducive for development and investment.

Commending the successful organization of national sports events after several years, he highlighted the thwarting of terrorist attacks on the FC camp in Muslim Bagh and the arrest of the head of a banned organization, Gulzar-e-Imam, as evidence of the effective actions taken by law enforce-

Governor Balochistan stated that safeguarding the lives and

cies responsible for enforcing the law are tirelessly working day and night in this regard. Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar also emphasized that they not only appreciate the performance of the security forces but also extend all possible assistance to the families of the martyrs. He emphasized the utmost need to strengthen internal unity and consensus through mutual understanding, dialogue, and

democratic views. The Governor's remarks highlight the government's commitment to maintaining peace, improving the law and order situation, and addressing the needs of the people in property of the people is able environment for in



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

Balochistan. The focus on **Imran Khan** promoting education, skips hearing healthcare, and the sucment agencies. cessful organization of in local court sports events reflects the ISLAMABAD (APP): Paefforts towards developkistan Tehreek e Insaf ment and creating a favor-(PTI) Chairman Imran



Federal Ombudsman to hold meeting

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Ombudsman, Mr. Ejaz

the Federal Ombudsman would hold meeting with heads of the federal government departments the same day at 02:30 PM at the Quetta Chamber of Com-

Airport work completed: GDA **Independent Report** nalize the Navigational Aid QUETTA: The New Gwadar International Airport has completed over 70% of its construction work, according to officials from the Gwadar Develop-

ment Authority. The comprehensive scope of work, including civil, structural,

mechanical, and engineering

tasks, has nearly been ac-

complished. The next step is to fiand Communication Construction, which is progressing rapidly through the joint efforts of China Communication Construction Company and the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan's professional teams. Installation and operationalization work for secondary vision navigation and communication

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

Pak Army lifts Quaid-e-Azam trophy: 34th National Games culminate in Quetta

Total 1256 medals decided in various 32 events with Army bagged highest 398 medals; WAPDA and Pak Navy stand 2nd and 3rd respectively; host Balochistan finish at 10th position and wins Fair play trophy; GB and AJK athletes fail to secure any medal

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QUETTA: The 34th National Games came to an end in a spending manner here at the Ayub Sports Complex on Tuesday.

The grand closing ceremony was held at the spacious football ground of the Ayub Sports Complex with President Dr. Arif Alvi along with the first lady, Samina Alvi participated as the chief guest. He formally announced culmination of the Games.

The President Alvi came to the provincial metropolis to especially participate in the closing ceremony of mega national

sports gala. Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, provincial minister for Sports, Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Minister Home, Mir Ziaullah Langau, Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqali, parliamentarians, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, dignitaries as well as the senior government officials also participated in the closing ceremony.

The position holder athletes of the participating teams and officials besides the senior office bearers of Pakistan Olympic Association, provincial Olympic associations and federal and provincial sports associations were also the part of cure one gold, two silver and

mega closing event.

The chief guest awarded the winning trophy of 34th National Games to the Pak Army team, which grabbed 398 medals in its different competitions.

They were included: 199 gold, 133 silver and 66 bronze medals.

The runners-up trophy was awarded to WAPDA with third position trophy to Navy. WAPDA secured 290 medals in the National Games including 109 gold, 101 silver and 80 bronze medals. Navy remained third in the Games with total 109 medals including 28 gold, 32 silver and 49 bronze.

PAF remained fourth with 74 medals, HEC stood fifth with 118 medals. Similarly, Sindh, KP and Punjab remained sixth, seventh and eights with 43, 49 and 67 medals respectively. Sindh grabbed four gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals, KP bagged four gold, six silver and 39 bronze medals. Similarly, Punjab got three gold, 11 silver and 53 bronze

While Railways stood 9th with 36 medals including three gold, eight silver and 25 bronze medals, Balochistan remained on 10th position with 50 medals including two gold, 18 silver and 30 bronze medals. Police managed to se-

12 bronze medals Islamabad could secure only seven bronze medals

Gilgit Baltistan and AJK athletes failed to secure even a single medal in the Games.

Meanwhile, extra ordinary security arrangements were made to ensure law and order situation on occasion of the closing event.

The additional deployment of Police, Frontier Corps and other law enforcement agencies was made in and outside the Ayub Sports Complex.

It may be mentioned here that the National Games had started on May 12, 2023. In all 28 events were organized in Quetta while five others were arranged in different other parts of the country.

leaks commission case ISLAMABAD (Online): leaks commission. The plea has been Federal government

Govt raises objection over

SC bench hearing audio

has raised objections taken in the petition CJP Umar Ata Bandial, over the Supreme Court (SC) bench Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan hearing audio leaks and Justice Munib commission case. five Akhtar should recuse members bench of SC themselves from hearpresided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan ing this case. objection raised by Attorney General of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial

is hearing the case. The federal govern-(AGP) during the hearment through its mising of the matter on cellaneous petition has prayed the court May 26 was not taken seriously. One audio constitute new before the inquiry combench to hear the pemission relates to the mother in law of the

CJP. According to courts decisions and judges code of conduct a Judge can not hear the case related to his relative. In the past former CJP Iftikhar Chaudhry had recused him from bench due to objection in Arsalan Iftikhar case. The alleged audio leaks relate to Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar too. Through the petition it has been prayed that

SEHER organization

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enthusiasm

actively involved in various programs aimed at poverty alleviation, women's rights, child protection, legal empowerment, peace and democracy, combating lifethreatening diseases, and disaster prevention and rehabilitation

On the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, SEHER or-

at a local hotel in Quetta. The event was attended by SEHER's Executive Direc-

organization's Board of Directors and individuals from various walks of life. They expressed their unwavering support and commitment to SEHER's future endeavors in serving the marginalized sections of society. SEHER Organization's

Silver Jubilee celebration highlighted the significant contributions made by the organization over the past 25 years in pursuit of a society free from poverty, injustice, discrimination based on color, race, religion, or gender. The event served as a reminder of the ongoing commitment to empowering human resources and creating a more equitable and prosperous society for all

PM rules out... Continued from page 1

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

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

He said he would personally make sure that the proposals coming for the industrial sector were incor-

The prime minister instructed the authorities concerned to remove all unnecessary impediments in the increase of small, medium and large-scale industrial

production. He told the meeting that the previous government deliberately obstructed the investment and industrial development in the coun

The previous govern-

with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to save its rule, making 220 million of Pakistan bear its brunt. he added. He said being a resilient

ment violated the agreement

nation. Pakistanis were gradually coming out of the economic difficulties.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said the government, the whole nation, industrialists and the business community were working hard to improve the country's economic situation.

Imran will be tried... Continued from page

the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case, lead to violent protests across the country including attacks on military installations and public and private property.

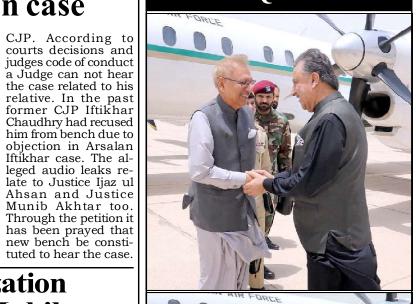
Sanaullah repeated the same statements in another TV interview. "Absolutely, why shouldn't he [be tried in military court]? The programme he made to target military installations and how he had it executed, this is absolutely a case for the military courts.

The minister claimed that the PTI chief personally orchestrated the attacks. "PTI activists chanted the slogan that 'Imran is our red line', and the entire plot was prepared on Imran Khan's initiative and instigation. He carried it all out. He is the

architect of this chaos."

Addressing the issue of those involved in the attack, the interior minister claimed that there would be no leniency for those who launched the assaults on military installations, regardless of their current status with the PTI. However, he said that other leaders who have disassociated themselves from the PTI and condemned the attacks may be given some respite.

Glimpses of President Dr. Arif Alvi's visit of Quetta



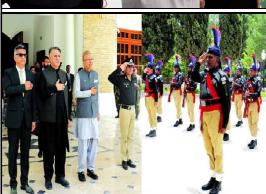












celebrates Silver Jubilee

QUETTA: Society for Empowering Human Re-source (SEHER) Organization, a non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering human resources and working towards the eradication of poverty and protection of human rights, celebrated its 25th anniversary with great

The organization, founded in 1998, has been

tor, Abdul Wadud, along with senior management and staff members in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, Abdul Wadud emphasized the importance of continued hard work and dedication towards the mission of eradicating poverty, protecting human rights, and uplifting the weaker sections of society. He urged the staff to work tirelessly day and night, enabling individuals to live with dignity and equality. As a symbolic gesture

of the organization's milestone achievement, Abdul Wadud and the SEHER staff cut a cake commemorating the completion of 25 years of dedicated service. The occasion garnered



QUETTA: Weight Liftershowing her efforts during the 34th National Games neia at Ayub Staaiumin Quetta.

42,420,000/-

TENDER NOTICE The Director Agriculture (Economics & Marketing) Balochistan Quetta invites sealed tender/bid from Eligible Bidders for the Outsourcing of rights of market fee collection for Naseerabad/Usta Muhammad Districts for the year 2023-24 (12 months) based on Highest-Cost Selection Method, from interested

contractors/firms for the work listed below. Earnest Money 5%, Tender Fee Rs.3000/- and Time Limit 30.06.2024: Name of work per year (Rs.)

1. Outsourcing of rights of market fee collection for Naseerabad/ Usta Muhammad Districts for the year 2023-24

Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any Procuring Agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Active Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work in last 3 years. Turnover of bidder/firm should be at least 42,420,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Power of Attorney for lead member of consortium (Power of attorney on stamp paper Rs. 1000/dully attested by notary public). Correctness of information (stamp paper of Rs.100/- dully attested by notary public). Complete and colour profile of the firm. PEC Registration Active with up to date renewal. Original CDR. Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.3000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture, C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. (Technical and Financial Proposals). Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 5% specified above in the name of the Chairman Market Committee Naseerabad from a Scheduled Bank. Tender/Bidding Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained from the address mentioned below on production of Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.3000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture, C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan during working hours from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The documents if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be borne by the applicant. however, under no circumstances, the procurement agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the document so mailed. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled bank. Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be obtained from undersigned office from the date of publication of NIT to 14th June, 2023 during office hours on working days. Last Date of Bid submission: Bid can only be submitted the Bidding Document (Technical and financial proposals) duly filled, signed and attached with copies of supporting documents in sealed one envelope clearly marked with work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before latest by 14th June, 2023 till 01:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:00 PM Terms & Conditions: Successful Bidder must deposit 10% advance of bid amount, advance amount equal to two month installments and also provide Bank Guarantee of equal to two month installments to the Market Committee. Successful Bidder must deposit 10% Income Tax as per Government Rules at the time of award of contract into Government Account and receipt may be provided to Market Committee. Successful bidder must sign an agreement on judicial stamp paper at the rate of 0.25% of total value of award of contract. Successful Bidder is bound to collect Market Fee as per Schedule of Balochistan Agricultural Produce Market General Rules, 1995 through established Check posts of Market Committee. The Market Committee is not responsible for any kind of strikes, natural disasters such as flood, earth quick, unfavourable weather and other conditions beyond the human control. Address: Directorate of Agriculture Economics & Marketing Sariab Road Rani Bagh Quetta Phone No. 081-9211504, Fax No. 081-9211329, Email: dir.agric2004@gmail.com.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-III Quetta invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee Rs. 1,000 PKR C-02716 and Bid Security 2%

S.No Name of Work/s 1 CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY IN KECHI 18.986.301/ BAIG QUETTATSE-222305331573

Procurement shall be made under the Baluchistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Baluchistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 13,290,410 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Grantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 14 June, 2023during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 14 June, 2023till 12:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address: Office of The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-III Quetta Phone no: 0333302861Fax no: 0812835395 Email: QA4543@bppra.gob.pk

nance Division-II PRQ No.4143/30-5-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Municipal Committee Local Govt Dalbandin invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. Bid Security 2% TSE-222305331841

Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required S.No Class of Object

Manufactured Vehicles & Accessories (Total Item(s) Count: 1) Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 36,894,000 in Previous3 Turn over of at least 36,894,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee. The bidder must have authorized 3S(Sales, Service & parts) Facility at Quetta. Bidder must be manufacturer of buses or authorized dealer/Agent of Manufacturer. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 14 June, 2023 till 12:30 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:30 PM on EPPS System Address: MC dalbandin Phone no: 3368457860 Email: ghulammustafakurd555@gmail.com

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COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVT DALBANDIN

70% Gwadar... Continued from page 1

operations are also underway, with all equipment already on-site and completion expected within 60

State-of-the-art run-

way pathways, designed to international standards have been prepared for use. They provide landing and takeoff paths for runways, taxiways, aprons, and other areas where aircraft are operated. The runway surface has been designed to withstand the weight of heavy aircraft. Modern airfield facilities, including painted runway centerlines and high-intensity lighting, ensure safe landing and takeoff operations, even during adverse weather conditions. The ATC tower, runway, apron, taxiway, operational building, complex registration office, water supply system, PTCIL fiber optic, desalination plant, grid station, and security system have all been completed on the 4.300-acre site, making the New Gwadar International Airport Pakistan's largest airport under construction.

The airport will have the capacity to handle not only ATC-72 and Boeing B-737 aircraft but also wide-bodied aircraft such as the Airbus A380 and Boeing B-747 for domestic and international routes.

By holding national sports event... Continued from page

as beacon for achieving suc cess in future.

He said the country's youth should have faith in their talents as no power in the world could hamper their quest for success in

The president ex pressed his hope that young people would utilize their capabilities for the progress and development of the province.

He also recollected his childhood and youth's days when sports activities were regularly held at the educational institutions.

The president said at the global level, Tv channels promoted games across the world



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

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

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

He was presiding over the 36th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) here on Tuesday.

Rana Tanveer Hussain in his opening remarks said that the meeting was going to play an instrumental role in developing synergies for

providing access to education in all corners of Pakistan. He reiterated that IPEMC's contributions were going to be significant in the enrollment of Out of School Children (OOSC) and multiple distance learning interventions. He emphasized the importance of developing a

framework for data sharing as well. He also assured the provinces that maximum facilitation would be given to them for reaping benefits from these projects. Secretary Education,

Waseem Ajmal Chaudhary welcomed the participants and provided an introduc-

Delegation of

Council calls

tion to IPEMC and an overview of the core agenda of the meeting. He informed the participants about the grants provided to provinces under ASPIRE project during the current and previous fiscal years to facilitate disadvantaged areas for educational access.

He informed the attendees about the flagship initiatives related to distance learning, Out of School Children, Curriculum reforms and foundation learning conferences of MOFEPT and how the provinces could contribute towards their implementation for optimum results.

The meeting proceedings started with a comprehensive overview of the National Distance Education Strategy comprising vision, learning goals and objectives was also carried out during the meeting.

The strategy was fully endorsed by the provinces and they assured the Ministry of complete alignment of their plans with the

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

Housing ministry seeks Japanese help to construct quake resilient buildings

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

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

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

ment to develop new technologies in construction sector," the secretary said

Shallwani highlighted the importance of affordable and sustainable housing for low-income families and communities, as well as the need for innovative approaches to address challenges such as land availability and financing.

Yasumitsu Kinoshita, praised the government's efforts towards providing affordable housing to its citizens. He also discussed various contributions that JICA has made in Pakistan including the construction of new housing developments, improving the infrastructure of existing housing projects, and providing technical assistance to local communities



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

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

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

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

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

Later the vehicle was handed over to Daudkhel police station for further

The search for the car lifters was going on.

Meanwhile, Motorway Police found two children near Chakri Interchange.

The children aged about 8 and 9 years respectively, could not satisfactory answers when ques-The children were

transferred to Chakri camp. During investigation, it was found that they were studying in a seminary in Islamabad and belonged to

But the children could not provide the address or contact number of their family and the seminary.

In this situation, the children who had run away from the seminary were safely handed over to the Child Protection Bureau Rawalpindi.



ISLAMABAD: Motorists are facing trouble due to rising smoke from garbage dump at Bani Gala area as the usual events of fire in garbage causing environmental pollution in Federal Capital, which needs the strict action of Concern authorities.

Traffic congestion unit to be made more effective

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police (Traffic Division) has decided to ensure extra deployment at main markets, and shopping plazas during rush hours and to make traffic congestion unit more effec-

The decision to this effect was made in a meeting chaired by the Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanveer which was attended among others by all zonal DSPs and other officers.

The meeting was held as per directions of IGP Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan who asked for an exemplary traffic system in

It was decided to make deployment of additional personnel to resolve parking problems outside major markets and shopping plazas of the federal capital and ensure the flow of traffic during rush hour. In order to improve the traffic system and provide all possible travel facilities to the citizens, all Zonal DSPs have been directed to make the traffic police congestion unit more active and effec-

The zonal in-charges will be responsible for their respective beats and strict action to be taken against those involved in the dereliction of duties.

Ashrafi issues 'code of conduct' as a guiding framework for pilgrims, religious tourists

Mahmood Ashrafi issued

the code of conduct on

Tuesday emphasizing the

importance of maintaining

the sanctity and respect of

adhering to the prescribed

guidelines was crucial to

avoid any untoward inci-

dents during the spiritual

emphasizes the divine com-

mands outlined in the Holy

Quran and Sunnah of the

He highlighted that

The code of conduct

Muhammad

the holy land.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The International Tazim-e-Haramain Sharifain Council, in collaboration with Darul Ifta Pakistan and Pakistan Ulema Council has successfully organized training sessions aimed at presenting a comprehensive code of conduct that serves as a guiding framework for pilgrims and religious tourists, specifically tailored to

the current situation. In a significant development, Secretary General of the International Tazime-riaramam Snaritam Council, and Chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz

Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). It unequivocally states that pilgrims

WhatsApp number: 0300-7888871.

IHC directs Punjab police to produce

missing girl
SLAMABAD (INP): The slamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday directed the Punjab police to produce a 16-year-old missing girl after recovering her by

The court instructed the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab and the concerned SHO to appear before it in a personal capacity if they failed to produce the girl.

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

The bench was informed that the Islamabad police had asked the concerned police station to take further action after the recovery of the said girl. However, the Lodhran police station didn't grant custody of the girl.

Shahida dispels impression of slow progress of CPEC projects

ISLAMABAD (APP) Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Communica tion Shahida Akhtar Ali on Tuesday dispelled the impression of the slow progress of important projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor

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

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

Shahida regretted that the project was neglected by the previous govern-

NAB files list of team members to IHC

ISLAMABAD (APP) The National Accountabil ity Bureau (NAB) on Tuesday filed a list of fourteen members special legal team to Islamabad High Court (IHC) for issuance of entry passes during hearing on bail petition of PTI's chairman Imran Khan in Al-Qadir Trust case. The NAB prosecutor submitted the list to the registrar office IHC and said that the team members were not issued passes during last hearing. It would include Sardar Muzafar Abbasi Muhammad Rafay, Naeem

Tariq Sangra and others. A two-judge bench would take up the bail case in investigation of 190 mil lion pounds

must abstain from engaging in quarrels, mischief, debauchery, and obscenity during the Hajj pilgrimage.

To ensure a focused spiritual experience, the code of conduct explicitly prohibits the use of videos and images while performing Hajj or Umrah.

Prior to embarking on the pilgrimage, the code advises pilgrims to seek comprehensive information about the sacred rites. In this regard, individuals can obtain guidance by reach-

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

CEREMONY

Agreement signed to

eliminate poliovirus

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi on Tuesday said that the total deficit of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) stood at Rs 987 billion in the last nine years of rule of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in the province.

Speaking in the National Assembly, the minister said the total deficit of KPK was a mere Rs 27 billion which now surged to Rs 987 billion due to bad governance and corruption bring on the right track.

World No Tobacco Day.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chugtai Lab has embarked

on a shared initiative with

Polio Eradication Initiative

(PEI) to strengthen further

the ongoing efforts to eliminate poliovirus transmis-

agreement was signed be-

tween the Polio Programme

and Chugtai Lab at the Na-

tional Emergency Operations Center (NEOC). Dr.

Mansoor Ali Wassan,

Deputy National Coordi-

nator of the Polio Programme and Husnain

Bukhari, Regional Executive

Manager of Chugtai Lab

signed the agreement on be-

half of their respective

organisations. Under the part-

nership, the lab will provide

specific discounts (30% to

50%) to frontline polio

workers through a corpo-

rate service programme on

tests, diagnostic procedures

and reports. Chugtai Lab's

key influences will actively

participate in public service

announcements, social me-

dia engagement and, dis-

seminating of awareness

their support by assisting

in the establishment of test-

They will also extend

partnership

sion in Pakistan.

The

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

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Faisal Karim Kundi addressing during the Prize Distribution ceremony for

the youth winners of Chromatic's Postcard Competition on the occasion of

ing camps and organizing

sessions on special occa-

sions and international

stone in our fight against

poliovirus in Pakistan. The

polio programme is an ex-

ample of collaborative suc-

cess, with a cross-sectoral

approach, to develop a

sense of ownership among

the leadership of all sectors

for the healthier future of

our children," said Deputy

National Coordinator

with known organisations

such as Chughtai Lab, we

can send a message to the

wider private sector to

share their responsibility to

create more resilient and

inclusive health care sys-

tems and to collectively

own the success against

to stand together with the

Pakistan Polio Eradication

(PEI) Programme. We

firmly believe in the power

of collaboration and are

committed to leveraging

our expertise and resources

to make a tangible impact

in polio eradication.

"Chugtai Lab is proud

Polio," he added further.

"With engagement

NEOC, Dr Mansoor.

"This partnership marks a significant mile-

health days.

of the PTI government. The

cluded Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi Vice Chairman Islamabad Bar Council, Syed Qamar Hussain Shah Sabzwari Chairman Disci-Committee, Zulfiqar Ali Abbasi Chairman Éxecutive Committee, Naseer Ahmad Kayani Chairman Benevolent Fund Committee and Adil Aziz Qazi Chairman Inter Provincial Bar Council Relation Committee. They discussed mat-

Azam Nazir Tarar.

ters related to the Bar vocational training programme. The minister appreciated the efforts of Islamabad Bar Council for providing training to young

11 shops

sealed, 10

arrested for

profiteering

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration sealed 11 shops, arrested

10, and imposed fine amout

10.500 on shopkeepers in-

spokesperson, the opera-

tion was carried out on the

directives of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Irfan

Nawaz Memon with the

assistant commissioners

(ACs) conducting raids in

their respective areas to

combat price increases, en-

croachment, hygiene is-

sues, and professional beg-

the ACs carried out inspec-

tions at 158 places and im-

posed a fine of Rs 10,500

for price gouging, and

sealed 11 shops. Some 10

shopkeepers were also ar-

rested and subsequently

taken to the local police sta-

tion while FIR against one

shopkeeper was also regis-

fessional beggars were ap-

prehended and handed over

to the police for further le-

gal action.

Furthermore, 15 pro-

During the operation,

According to the ICT

volved in profiteering.



ISLAMABAD (APP): A ISLAMABAD (APP): delegation of Islamabad Bar Council on Tuesday called Bette Dam, renowned inon Federal Minister for vestigative journalist and Law and Justice Senator author of the famous book Looking for the Enemy: The delegation in-Mullah Omar and the Unknown Taliban', on Tues-day emphasized the need for balanced media reporting and a nuanced approach to foster peace in Afghanistan, rather than presenting one side of the story. She made the remarks during a discussion session organized by The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA) here at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI).

She said the realities surrounding Afghanistan opportunity for peace.

had been distorted by the Western media's narrative as the complete picture about the country was rarely presented, suggesting that a more comprehensive understanding was necessary to grasp the complexities of the situation. During her discourse, Bette Dam shed light on the dominance of the Western narrative in media coverage, noting that the perspective influenced approximately 80 percent of the portrayal. "In 2001, the Taliban had written surrender letters to the then-Afghan leader Hamid Karzai, which were unfortunately dismissed and thus an important

SFERP signs two separate agreements with NRSP, SRSO

(APP): Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) signed two separate agreements port Program (NRSP) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to engage the mass social mobilization partners for the provision of livelihood support amounting to US\$75 million for the affectees of flood-hit areas in rural

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

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



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

Radio Pak employees protest against non payment of salaries

ISLAMABAD (Online): ment House and police The employees of Radio Pakistan have protested on Shahrah Dastur against non disbursement of their salary for 2 months.

The employees tried to go to the Prime Minister's House but were stopped by the police. The employees of ra-

dio Pakistan have recorded protest till 3 hours in red zone against non-payment of salaries and pension.

The employees kept shouting slogans against the government during protest.

An attempt was made to march towards Parlia-

stopped them to go towards Parliament House. The employees said

that we are being treated like a stepmother as compared to other government employees and it is unacceptable. Employees were passionate during protest. They said that if the

demands are not met then we will make country wide protest call. After three and a halfhours, the protest was called off following the successful negotiations and assurance of payment of salaries from the concerned authorities



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a meeting with the Team Members of Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) held at Parliament House in Islamabad.

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Judicial quarrels

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

The schism in the top court the PTI nor Imran Khan. distracted has the institution's focus away from its core responsibilities, leaving a vacuum in the trichotomy of power. This bodes ill for a party, any party. Obituarcountry suffering protracted social and political unrest.

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

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

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

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

Those caught on the wrong side of today's powers have been complaining about a gradual breakdown of the legal order. While Pakistani rulers, the PTI included, have chaos in my last piece, I displayed a general contempt towards rules and laws, it can- chaos soon. But even I am not be denied that the amazed at how quickly it did so. I had traced the judiciary's present inability to chaos to the weakening of stand firm and united has the establishment's powgreatly emboldened lawbreak- big gap-rank support for ers and made them seem in-

As a result, the judiciary rupt politics of the PPP and PML-N, Imran Khan's anhas been questioned at every level in recent days by an executive acting as if it is untouchable. Release orders, bails, habeas corpus rulings, formance to do so. So, the and so on have been treated PTI is being nixed the way with disdain, signalling the lishment ploys. The move rapid breakdown of the idea of the separation of powers as envisioned in our Constitution ting at speeds unseen, just and the quiet ushering in of a more authoritarian system of governance.

Those at the very top of the Pindi's carrots, they are judiciary must realise that now leaving it under its their space and power are being encroached upon while they quarrel. A full court meet- There is talk about banning ing must be called post haste Its politics is bad, but it is to chart a path forward. The not a terrorist party. The TTP is a terrorist entity as judges must talk over their it doesn't engage in regular differences and close ranks. politics and its only tool to The institution is quickly being compromised; they may PTI does regular politics not have long to act.

Beyond the crackdown



Arifa Noor

The PTI's juggernaut has been slowed down; the crackdown has had its effect as politicians and electables around it are exiting quickly, leaving Imran Khan alone and isolated. With his ban on mainstream media, he seems lonelier and quieter still. But, we should be careful of writing him off, for this is the end of neither

We have been at this crossroads many times before in the 1970s and in the 1990s, when the all-powerful establishment lost its patience with a political ies were written for the MQM in the 1990s and the PML-N in 2000, only to need revision some years

For while a party needs the green signal from the establishment to come

to power, their life and tions be held now that the death are ultimately decided by the people of Pa-

The powers that be can stop them, hold them back, even force a 'weight loss' but the ultimate obituary is written by the pen in the hands of the people. I say this for I too have written such obituaries in the past, only to be proven wrong, and have read those written by many outstanding political commentators.

The only question here is: how long can Imran Khan wait and how long will the other side hold on to its present mood? This time around, Nawaz Sharif's party took a mere three and a half years to return to power. But even if the PTI

has been 'handled', nothing else is clear vet. The larger questions surrounding the polity remain and while there is quiet at the moment, it hides an uncertainty beneath regarding the coming days and uncertainty about the future set-up and the economy.

Punjab and KP are without elected governments and the tenure of the National Assembly is also nearing its end. Will elec-

PTI is no longer in a position to sweep them? And if not, how will we ensure a stable set-up, with some clarity on how long it is to last — be this a caretaker or a technocratic set-up or something else?

Stability has to be based on something other than a display of force or complete avoidance of the laws in place. This is particularly true of countries such as Pakistan where the state (despite what many of us believe) is not very strong. That this not-toostrong state is also economically fragile adds to the urgency here.

For sooner or later, the international community's growing interest in the human rights situation will create some pressure. Journalists disappearing, trials in military courts, women being harassed (and worse) - it is not easy to sustain this unless one is an economic powerhouse. And Pakistan is not a powerhouse. The pressure may not ease on the PTI but it will have to otherwise.

Connected to this is the issue of self-preservation. With a complete absence of economic stability,

and a crackdown against a party which is popular at the moment in two of the four provinces of the country, those in charge have to consider, or rather worry about, alienation among the populace. Political suppression in the face of economic hardship is not a good idea, especially if the country is surrounded by those who may be waiting

for a chance to lend a help-

ing hand

Some may roll their eyes and mention Egypt or Myanmar. But Pakistan, despite its similarities with Egypt, is different. For instance, we have never had a Hosni Mubarak who simply ruled for decades; we tend to tire of our own rulers within a decade and then get rid of them. Unless something is about to change, we will follow our own pattern of madness rather than those around

I digress. The point is that we should be wary of leaving two provinces politically alienated at a time when economic hardship is growing. To think outsiders will not take advantage of this would be foolish. We have underestimated, more than once, our own people and the form their anger takes. This should make us doubly careful at the moment. This fear and the international concern for human rights should give us pause for thought.

Having sounded caution, it also seems that elections are not entirely off the table. Why else would so many possible king's parties be coming forward? It appears Jahangir Khan Tareen is once again active in attempting to find and recruit those who are leaving PTI; the PML-Q is also accepting the electables looking for a new home; and Maryam Nawaz seems to be in campaign mode.

Does this mean that the stage is being set to make sure neither the PPP nor PML-N emerge too strongly from the elections? Is a hung parliament the dream and the

But a hung parliament will mean another coalition government stuck worrying about the demands of its allies and the difficult decisions needed to fix the economy. Will such a government

throw up a decision-maker willing to take risks?

Indeed, much remains unclear, even though the PTI now has been cut down to size.

Postscript: Much has been said about politicians and their ability to withstand hardship and how well the PPP has fared on this yardstick in the past. But perhaps we also need to consider why 75 years after independence we are looking policymakers who are willing to bear hardship and pressures, which should have nothing to do with what their qualifications and their jobs should be. And if we find the answer to this, we may also find an answer to why our economy is in the mess it is.

Second, those who think this is simply about the PTI should consider why those in power are not raising a voice against the military courts or the possible delay of elections. Our political class deserves better, regardless of the quality of individuals within. The fear which we think afflicts just one side extends to everyone, only if we listen carefully to the silence. -- Courtesy Dawn

A highly flammable summer



Mosharraf Zaidi

It was the biggest mystery. For months, since the economy started to slide into an entirely predictable and avoidable crisis, well to do Pakistanis would cite resavailability of seats on domestic flights as proof of the enigmatic resilience of the Pakistani economy. As the track to declaring default there seemed to be, at least for the well off in this country, scant evidence of this impending doom.

All the while, of course, if someone hapstanis, they knew exactly nomic crisis were. Last summer, as the price of fuel was a wide variety of reasons, adjusted to meet the reali- Pakistanis have been able to

sincere effort to meet the IMF's conditions for disbursement of overdue tranches – the cost of living for the families of drivers. cooks, maids and janitorial staff in Pakistan's urban centers exploded Food inflation was

devastating on its own, but it was not the primary pain point. The primary pain point was the ballooning electricity bills that people suddenly had to contend with. In many cases, a straight up doubling or tripling of monthly electricity and fuel costs meant that the notion of any kind of disposable income disappeared overnight. It has been like that now for a full calendar

Twelve months of serious and unrelenting inflationary and wage deflation pain for Pakistanis, especially in the cities. I emphasize the cities because rural and agrarian communities have experienced a modicum rather enigmatically not propened to be part of the ar- of relief through increased ray of domestic support prices for their commodities; staff for such well-off Paki- no such relief exists across the expanse of urban Paki-

Despite this pain, for ties of global events, and as Miftah Ismail undertook a weather the storm of the Miftah Ismail undertook a weather the storm of the policy, irresponsible leader-

political crisis thereafter, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and OPEC's refusal to set prices in accordance with the preferences of Joe Biden's staff. Large, multiincome households are often vital in absorbing the first shocks of a wave of inflation

Pakistan's economy is so utterly and brutally cashbased that credit card or bank debt is a relatively miniscule public policy challenge. There are hardly any mortgages to speak of – so inflation adjustments are real time and affect consumption - but higher interest rates do not eat into household budgets the way they do in Western economies where per household leverage is substantial often multiple mortgages, multiple loans, and multiple credit cards

The pain of the last calendar year has been felt across the country, but it has duced the catastrophic effects that it may have if the economy, society, and de-mography were structured differently. Still, there have been some very worrying developments that have been exacerbated by climate

ship and a generic and intergenerational lack of preparation. Among the most stark and obvious example was the poultry feed crisis caused by ministerial verbal diarrhoea – a disease not restricted to any one party, nor to the young or the old, but a costly one, whenever it strikes.

A couple of years after one case of ministerial verbal diarrhoea almost sunk PIA altogether, another case caused a sudden evaporation of chicken feed, causing a poultry genocide and the price of buffalo wings and chicken karahi and homemade Zingers to skyrocket. Higher chicken prices are no joke. Chicken consumption is a defining source of protein intake in Pakistan when less chicken is consumed, Pakistan suffers from a unique and vexing nutrition crisis.

Despite such illustrative events, and despite the devastating superfloods last year that ravaged supply chains and consumption Sindh and Balochistan, there seems to be nearly no preparation for what is coming this

itself in. Part of it is the lack of capacity in government to think, conduct research and devise options for tackling impending challenges and crises. Part of it is the quantum of oxygen being consumed by Imran Khan and the military and civilian machinery's response to the carnage of May 9 and the thrashing of civil rights and due process in the aftermath. But no matter how much Pakistan tries to hide, there is no escaping what is coming this summer.

There are four aspects to the highly flammable Pakistani summer of 2023 that require urgent national attention. The first are nearly-inevitable extreme weather events: smaller heatwaves have already ravaged populations across the length and breadth of the country - bigger and more severe ones are anticipated. The precipitation that follows could easily trigger floods reminiscent of last year. The second is the exhaustion of whatever

holds - have finally made the difficult decision to alter their consumption patterns to match the much lower purchasing power of their incomes. With no chance of a sudden rise or reappearance of disposable incomes and with public policy still committed to choking off imports and maintaining current account parity, there is no silver lining. An economy that settles for less consumption is one that will need massive stimulus for it to grow again. This is a bigger problem than it seems because of the third aspect

of Pakistan's summer 2023. The third is continued uncertainty and cloudy decision-making processes. No one knows whether the IMF programme will get back on track. No one knows whether there will be an election this year or not. No one knows whether the existing set up can maintain stability or not None of the key stakeholders in Pakistan's high stakes game - from mitigating factors that have Rawalpindi, to Nawaz patterns for millions of households, especially in economic crisis in terms of Khan in Zaman Park – has consumption: from Febru- any clarity on what comes ary and March this year, next. Neither do Pakistan's FMCG volumes seem to be key creditors and benefacsummer. Part of this is down collapsing. This is now the tors: the IMF, China, Saudi to the complacency that elite Pakistan has marinated — especially urban house-especially urban house- tesy TheNews

End of chaos?



Dr Niaz Murtaza

Writing about our national had said that one side would nix the other to end the ers. But May 9 ended the

I have held for long that even against the corarchist populist politics was a bane and if we are to move ahead, we would have to defeat it politically. Unluckily, the PDM couldn't muster the narrative or peris dubious, despite PTI's own questionable politics.

PTI leaders are quitafter a few days in jail or even without that, unlike PDM leaders who didn't quit even after months in jail. While they may have

There is a move to try civilians in military courts. the PTI as a terrorist party. achieve its political aims is terrorism. În contrast, the and only occasionally in-

murder. Thus, it must not ments against the upper be banned. But those who engaged in violence must be

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

Yet, to eliminate PTI, the establishment and even parties whose politics are more normal than the PTI's, are using these tactics shamelessly. It may cripple the PTI. While Khan is popular, he can't translate that into votes with major party desertions. Khan may even be jailed or exiled. Thus, it is probable

that the PTI won't win the next polls due to rigging. In fact, so bad are Khan-establishment ties now that it is hard to see him winning power soon. It took Nawaz over a decade to be prime minister again after his equally bad break-up with Pindi in 1999. He had age on his side. Khan doesn't. Hence, the small democratic consolidation seen during 2008-2018, with our first smooth civilian-to-civilian transfer in 2013, stands reversed as even its architect rigged 1990s politics. For this, the main blame lies with the security establishment, then PTI and then PDM. Whenever the establishment has crushed popular struggles of marginalised groups, it has backfired, as seen in the violence in 1971

with it. But all that is unlikely now. The PTI's core constituency is upper-middleclass people and not marginalised groups. Their politics is not driven by dulges violence. It may at the system. Their aim is tesy Dawn

Balochistan. Violence also

followed its moves to cre-

ate political entities like the

MQM, which later broke

preplan mayhem, but not to increase their elite entitleclasses represented by the PPP and PML-N by cloaking their elite aims and Images of shuhada and PTI's crude politics in the false rhetoric of 'tabdeeli' and 'azadi'.

They will not form a violent movement but will sullenly eschew politics. Thus, the loss would be the disengagement of an educated and rich group that, with better awareness, could have played a good role in political and economic progress. Some youth may join other reactionary groups.

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

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

With IMF and the and as still witnessed in major powers not bailing us out, the time after elections will be a minefield for any new regime which may not last long given the split and dubious mandates the next polls may lead to due to rigging. Thus, our problems are far from over and we could descend into bigger chaos, which even the establishment won't be deprivation but blind anger able to control. -- Cour-

Parvez Rahim

The Industrial Relations Ordinance (IRO), 1969, is meant "to amend and consolidate the law relating to the formation of trade unions, the regulation of relations between employers and workmen and the avoidance and settlements of any differences or disputes arising between them". Earlier, the Industrial Relations Act, 1946, had a similar objective but specifically mentioned the establishing of a mechanism for regulating remuneration and conditions of employment. These are now settled through the bargaining process between the employer and Collective Bargaining Agent union under IRO 1969. Besides, there was the Industrial Relations Disputes Act, 1947, which provided for the settlement of any differences or disputes between the employer and CBA union.

The 1960s is seen as the decade of industrial progress but with a few exceptions, labour union activity remained dormant till around 1969. Retired Air Marshal Nur Khan, a cabinet minister under President Yahya Khan, had labour' as one of his portfolios. He paid special attention to recognising the rights of labour unions and their federations. He was instrumental in promulgating IRO 1969, which contained wisely drafted provisions for congenial industrial relations.

At the same time, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was also active in his election campaigning, promising to ameliorate the lot of peasants and labour. After com-

ing to power, his PPP gov- 50pc. Most employers through IRO 1969, the three new forums of shop stewards, management committee and the joint management board (JMB).

Forums under law

Shop stewards are "a link between the workers and the employer, [and] assist in the improvement of arrangements for the physical working conditions and production work" in the area they represent. They also help workers

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

The JMB is the top forum represented by the directors and senior managers from the management. Workers' representation is 30pc and the board has look after "improvement in productivity", "laying down the principles of remuneration" and "the provision of minimum facilities" to contract workers, etc.

The first PPP government had taken the idea of these forums from the Scandinavian countries, where workers' participation in management is an important element of industrial democracy. It is a system where employees have a say in the management's decisions. The Scandinavian countries have been maintaining a near 100pc literacy rate for long. This rate among Pakistan's industrial workers, labouring under trol, has been less than

introduced, would not allow trade union activities in their establishments. When the CBA unions

got these rights and liberties in 1972 through labour laws, they thought themselves the new owners of the factories and led the workers they represented through turmoil and violence. Functions of the management committee and JMB overlapped with the CBA union's domain of collective bargaining with the employer. Hence union leaders were not inclined to part with their powers and nominate their representatives to these two forums, which inoperational since the be-

Being a law-abiding organisation, an Ameri-can company in Daharki, where I had worked in the late 1970s, formed the management committee and JMB. On persuasion, the CBA union nominated its workers' representative to the two forums. When we wanted the representative to agree to and sign the notification relating to revised Ramzan work timings, which were followed every year, he went into hiding. Ultimately, he was traced and we managed to get his signature just a day before Ramazan.

The two forums, which have not functioned in any organisation for more than 50 years, despite the sincere efforts of some, should have been taken out from the law by the government a long time back. Meanwhile, the most useful forum of Works Council has been made complicated and unwieldy with the inclusion of the redundant functions of the management committee and JMB in the existing Industrial Relations Act of all the provinces. The respective provinces should take them out from the law in order to restore the effectiveness of the employers' strict con- the Works Council. --

Naqvi assures APNS delegation to solve problems of newspaper industry

Newspapers will be paid in the ratio of 85 to 15 in lieu of advertisements

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of

All Pakistan Newspapers Society led by President APNS Naz Aafreen and Secretary General Sarmad Ali called on the caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi today at the Chief Minister's Office.

APNS delegation informed Chief Minister Punjab about the problems being faced by newspaper

industry.
Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi assured the delegation to solve problems of the newspaper industry. Speaking on this occasion, Mohsin Naqvi said that negative propaganda was being propagated about illtreatment of women prisoners in jails by showing some two years old videos.

attacking

judicial remand. A total of 32 women were arrested from all over Punjab, out of whom 21 were released. Women are kept in jails as

per Jail Manual Mohsin Naqvi said that about 500 women were wanted in May 9 incidents but the government exercised restraint.

Clear instructions

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

continued to fight the

attackers even while

installations are in jail on improvement in the economic situation.

government will present a four month budget, Mohsin

The advertisement quota for newspapers is also being substantially increased. Provincial Information Minister Aamir Mir said that the advertisement system of newspapers is being discussed. During the digitized. Newspapers meeting, Governor Punjab wing some two years videos.

Mohsin Naqvi said digitized. Newspapers will be paid for that good news will come advertisements in the

Funeral prayers

of martyred

unidentified accused late

Monday evening, were

Headquarters Garden

funeral prayers were

attended by Additional

IGP - Karachi Javed Alam

Odho, DIGPs of South,

East and Traffic, senior

officers of Rangers Sindh,

Police, family, relatives and

neighbors of martyred

Karachi Javed Alam Odho

and other senior police

officers on the occasion

sympathies with the

bereaved family of

martyred police constable

Waris and paid tribute to

his services for the

Waris, who was posted at

Zaman Town Traffic

martyrdom by the firing of

two unknown accused

riding a motorcycle in

Defence View area within

constabulary

facing cases

Police Constable

embraced

Additional

policeman.

expressed

department.

Among others, the

South on Tuesday.





(Online): cooperation with Australia High in education, livestock, agriculture, science and technology. Governor Punjab said that there are Punjab vast opportunities for Australian companies to invest in infrastructure In the meeting, apart from development, agriculture, renewable energy and issues of mutual interest, promotion of bilateral mining sectors in Pakistan. relations in various fields Governor Punjab said that including education, agriculture and trade was Pakistanis living in Australia are playing a positive role in its development. He further said that women in Pakistan are working side by side with men in the country's economic development. Australian High Commissioner, Neil Hawkins said that a large number of Pakistani Muhammad Balighur students are studying in Rehman said that Pakistan Australia. He said that attaches great importance there is a need to promote

with Australia. He said that Pakistan is keen to further promote bilateral dairy sector. No corrupt element to be tolerated in Population Welfare: Advisor KP

Punjab Governor says:

PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Population Welfare Sayyed

Jarrar Hussain Bukhari on Tuesday said no corrupt element would be tolerated in Population Welfare Department.

the departmental affairs here, the advisor also issued directives for disciplinary to work in the department. funeral prayers of a martyred cop Waris, who was killed by the firing of was killed by the firing of employees of Population Welfare who remained absent from their duties.

The meeting was also DG Population Welfare Ayesha and officers of the

department. The DG Population Welfare gave a detailed briefing to the advisor on administrative affairs.Bukhari directed the authorities of Population Welfare to pay constant visits to the welfare centers across the province and besides ensuring the Chairing a meeting of presence of the staff to

> not allowing additional charge to the officers of the Population Department and ordered the abolishment of all such additional appointments of the officers.



MULTAN: Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin addressing a press conference at a local hotel.

Imran Khan submits bail bonds in 4 cases

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Tuesday submitted bail bonds in four different cases, related to May-9 vandalism and hiding facts in connection with the death of Zille Shah. Earlier, the PTI Chairman Imran Khan along with his counsel appeared before Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar for furnishing surety bonds of Rs 100,000 each in three cases lodged for attacking Jinnah House (the corps commander house in Lahore), Askari Tower and

Shadman Police Station.

Advocate Muhammad Habib, submitted surety bonds on behalf of the PTI chairman, which were accordingly accepted by the court. On May 19, the court had granted the interim bail till June 2 to the PTI Chairman Imran Khan in three cases registered by Sarwar Road police, Gulberg police and Shadman Town police and ordered him to furnish surety bonds of Rs 100,000 each in the cases. The other day, the court rejected the bail bonds of Imran Khan in the cases after the guarantor showed reluctance to take

Three children were killed when a wall collapsed during heavy rain[°]and strong winds in SITE area of Kotri town, district Jamshoro on Tuesday afternoon. According to a report, an unfortunate incident occurred in Babar Chowk of SITE area due to strong winds and rain, as a result of which 7-year-old Saima 10-year-old Farhana and



HYDERABAD: Members of Government Retired Teachers Association Sindh are holding protest demonstration for increase of pension, at Hyderabad press club.

in Peshawar. Mayor Peshawar Haji Zubair Ali is also present. Governor for uninterrupted power supply to 100pc

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

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali presides over the meeting regarding electricity load shedding

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

discussed problems and sufferings being faced by

SHC orders

construction

of Sukkur,

Hyderabad

Motorway SUKKUR (APP): Šindh

High Court (SHC) Sukkur bench on Tuesday ordered

the immediate construction of the Sukkur-Hyderabad

(NHA) assured that the

construction work on the

road will begin on June 30.

the SHC heard the petition

against the non-commencement of the

construction work on the

Sukkur-Hyderabad

Motorway. During the hearing, NHA officials told

the court that the

government and donors have provided funds for the

construction of the

motorway. However, the

investigation of the

Noshehroferoz corruption

case has stalled the project.

NHA assured the court

that the construction would

Two shot dead

by unknown

assailants

KASUR (APP): Unknown

assailants gunned down

two people and threw their

bodies in a well in a nearby

the incident took place in

Chiragh Dinwala village

where unknown assailants

shot dead 45-year-old

Ramzan Abdul Aziz and

42-year-old Akhtar Khushi

Muhammad and threw the

motorcycle in the well. The

accused fled from the scene

3 children

killed as wall

collapses

due to heavy

rains in Kotri

HYDERABAD (APP)

after committing crime.

and their

According to police,

village on Tuesday.

be started by June 30.

The double bench of

National

Authority

Motorway.

Highway

transformers, replacement of damaged wires, and prevention of electricity theft were also discussed. He said that WAPDA should create a proper mechanism for electricity

The governor deplored that people collect donations at the street and neighbourhood level to get the damaged transformer fixed.

Issues related to the timely repair of damaged

supply among bill payers and non-bill payers.

and WAPDA should know

(APP): the people due to an which and when a Khyber unannounced power outage transformer needs to be ulam Ali in Peshawar city. PESCO SDOs to maintain close contact with the public so that there is no public protest for load shedding and timely relief could be provided to people. The meeting was attended by Mayor Peshawar Zubair Ali, PESCO Chief Arif Mahmood Sadozai, Arbab Farooq XEN Rural, Shahid Afridi XEN Cantt Abdul

Afridi XEN Cantt, Abdul Rauf XEN City, Gohar Rahman Superintendent Engineer Khyber, Principal former fixed. Secretary Governor He said that PESCO Mazhar Irshad and other officials of WAPDA



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

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

KARACHI (APP): A Secretary of General (UNODC) Country Zulfiqar Ali Shah. Representative Jeremy During the meeting. Milsom called upon the Chief Secretary Sindh Dr Mohammed Sohail Rajput to hold discussions regarding the establishment of a model drug rehabilitation centre in the

Sindh province. The proposed facility will be fully funded and operated by the Sindh government with technical assistance from the established in Maghopir UNODC, adhering to and Malir having the international best practices in drug rehabilitation.

The meeting was attended by Arsalan Malik attended by Arsalan Malik He further stated head of Sub Office that the UNODC (UNODC), Secretary Home, Aijaz Ali Shah, Secretary of Social Welfare Dr Shereen Mustufa,

three-member delegation A d m i n i s t r a t i o n led by United Nations Muhammad Ali Khoso, Office on Drugs and Crime Secretary of Health

> the Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput apprised the UNODC delegation of the efforts made by the Sindh government collaboration with the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). As a result of this collaboration, two drug

> rehabilitation centres have capacity to accommodate 300 individuals seeking

> rehabilitation centre will serve as a benchmark for private rehabilitation centres in the region.



MULTAN: The unattended electric pole that fell two days ago at the Old Vegetable Market in Hassan Parwana Colony poses a potential accident hazard, demanding immediate attention from the relevant authorities.

Chief Secretary reviews progress of deworming campaign

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary of Khyber achievement was built Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem upon the earlier successes Aslam Chaudhary on Tuesday chaired a meeting provided deworming to discuss the progress of the deworming initiative children in 2021, and 2.7 for school-age children in

During the meeting, an in-depth review of the ongoing program was conducted, highlighting the significant achievements and impact of the initiative.

The deworming program, which aims to combat worm infections in children, has proven to be nighly successful.

Reports indicated that in 2022 alone, the program reached an impressive coverage of 5 million children across 22,797 schools in 22 districts of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

of the program, which treatment to 3.8 million million children in 2019, spanning various districts and schools. Chaudhary stressed the severity of worm infections in children, highlighting their detrimental consequences on their health, education, and overall productivity.

This remarkable

He emphasized the urgent need to effectively address and combat worm infections among schoolage children.

The deworming initiative in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has played a pivotal role in improving the health and well-being of millions of children.



Talpur in meeting with a delegation of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) consisting Jeremy Milsom, Country Head of UNODC and Arsalan Malik, Regional Head of UNODC Sindh and Balochistan, held at Zardari House in Karachi.

Governor Sindh announces launch of website for registration

Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori has announced the launch of website for registration in information technology courses, to be conducted at the Governor House.

Governor Sindh while addressing a press conference at Governor House said that desirous persons can register themselves

www.governorsindh.com for courses of Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse

A screening test will be held and 50000 youth would be selected for these state-of-the-art courses, he added IT experts sir Zia Khan, Danyal Nagori and IT consultant Muzammil Azhar were also present on

Governor Sindh said

courses youth can earn up to Rs1.5 million per month. The amount would depend on acquired skills and expertise, he added.

He said that around 5 lac persons would be invited for screening test from which a batch of 50,000 would be selected for the first phase of this program under Governor's

He said that soon banners containing details about the courses which also be installed throughout the city. The persons coming for test or taking classes would be provided meal, he said. Governor Sindh said that someone promised to open the doors of Governor House in the past which remained unfulfilled during the whole tenure. During last Ramadan, the doors were



HYDERABAD: View of damages caused by heavy raining coupled with winds system during heavy

Seven plaintiffs get relief through **Ombudsman Punjab**

LAHORE (APP): On ombudsman's office had Ombudsman Punjab, seven individuals of different departments got legal relief worth Rs 14,226,380. In a statement issued

Tuesday, the spokesman announced that in compliance with the Office of the Ombudsman Punjab's direction, Government Said Mitha Teaching Hospital Lahore has duly settled the outstanding employment dues of Ms Ruqiya Batool. She has been provided with a payment of Rs 3,707,890 in addition to the creation of an OSD post with a monthly salary of Rs

Furthermore, the added the spokesperson.

intervene of the office of taken action to provide a travel allowance of three million rupees to the teachers from 1100 schools in Sheikhupura district who were engaged in dengue focal person duties, the spokesman said. On complaints of

non-payment of pensionrelated amounts, the irrigation department has disbursed Rs 11,74,254 to Saher Begum, a widow from Attock. Additionally, the office of the Accountant General Punjab has not only reinstated the pension of Zubaida Begum from Gujrat but has also issued her Rs 12,14,867 as

arrears of her pension,

the limits of Baloch Colony police station. Legal aid fund established for

downpour of summer season, at Latifabad.

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

fund would bring special relief to officers and employees who were victims of false cases and legal complications. In a message, the IGP

said that police officers and personnel sometimes fell victim to false cases and legal complications during duty.

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

Dr. Usman Anwar said that such incidents led to displeasure in the force so to counter this impact, legal aid fund had been established for legal assistance of the constabulary during

recovery areas province

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

LAHORE (APP): The headed by Mr Wang Zihai, said that the delegation Pakistan China Joint Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) signed MoU with Dongying Sino-German (European Exchange and Cooperation German Association) for the promotion of trade and investment here

at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday.

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

The delegation was

Honorary Investment Counselor in China, Board of Investment and Chen
Guangfeng, President
Dongying Sino-German
(European Exchange and
Cooperation Association).
The meeting was also
attended by top noted.

Pakistani businessmen, Zaki Aijaz, Roshan photovoltaic

came with a purpose to hold interactive B2B

attended by top notch production, oil drilling accessories, maintenance of rincluding Syed Ameer
Abbas, Fast Cables
Limited, Atif Hameed,
TUV Austria BIC Pvt.
Limited, Hassan Ahmed,
Hassan Brother Company,
The American Amed and Power Cable, Cross-linked Polyethylene insulated electric cable, Power cable,

photovoltaic cable, petrochemicals, rubber, Packages and others.

PCJCCI Vice petroleum equipment etc.

Hamza Khalid He added that the

Chamber of Commerce and Industry was highly grateful to the Chinese officials for being supportive and concerned about the business development of both countries.

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

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



OMMERCE EWS

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

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

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

PESHAWAR (INP): The Technical Education, provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is going to establish an Business Development Park (IBDP) persons' with disabilities and transgender to establish their business

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

Pakhtunkhwa Minister for

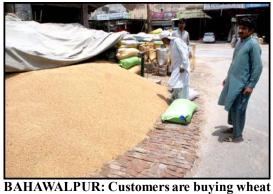
Industries, Commerce and

Mohammad Adnan Jalil as chief guest on the occasion.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) KP-EZDMC, Javed Iqbal Khattak and Project Director (PD) KPEC, Imran Zahoor signed the memorandum on behalf of organizations. Besides,

Secretary Industries, Commerce & Technical Education/Chairman Board of Directors (BoD) KP-EZDMC, Mati Ullah Management Company Khan, other officials of the (KP-EZDMC) and company were also present

Management Unit (PMU), the Industries Department Planning & Development is going to establish an interim-setup for Inclusive Business Development Park at Economic Zone Hayatabad Peshawar. The proposed Inclusive Business Development Park will operate under the operational control of the KP-EZDMC



from a roadside vendor at Grain Market.

Minister chairs resource mobilization committee meeting

Caretaker Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanveer companies, WASAs, and the Punjab Mass Transit meeting of the resource mobilization committee to review the business models

Authority.

Additionally, the committee supported the of waste management recommendation companies, WASAs exploring public-private (Water and Sanitation partnerships for waste Agencies) and the Punjab management companies, Mass Transit Authority.

Minister for Excise Bilal Afzal, Punjab Finance supply

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

WASAs exploring public-private whether through Caretaker Provincial outsourcing

collaboration with electric companies. Secretary, MD WASA and Furthermore, proposals for senior officers attended the branding and advertisement to enhance the resources of

Amin reaches Morrocoto attend **GITEX Africa** Digital summit

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecom Syed Amin U. Haque Tuesday reached Casablanca (Morroco) to attend GITEX Africa

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

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

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

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

Advisory for growers of cauliflower

FAISALABAD (APP) The agriculture experts advised growers to complete preparations for early cultivation of cauliflower from first week of July. A spokesman for the agriculture (extension) department said on Tuesday that July was the best for early cultivation of cauliflower therefore, farmers should sow seeds for seedlings (Paneeri) in the nursery after mid of June and shift plantlets from nursery to the field during first week

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

while its plants could also survive from 20 to 30 degrees centigrade

temperature. However, the crop production and its quality badly affected temperature increased from 30 degrees centigrade, he added.

He said growers could harvest their During the meeting, the Punjab Mass Transit the Committee approved several proposals for the green light.

Cau liflower crop in September and October if they transferred.

Irfan Iqbal says: **Exporting to 21%** of World Population

Independent Report KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, has expressed his the country's apex trade & years.
industry body, that one of Mr. Irfan Iqbal
Sheikh apprised that Mian profound satisfaction, as presidents of FPCCI, Mian Anjum Nisar, has been elected to the highest trade body of the SĂARC, i.e. SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) as its Vice President for a period of two years. It is a good omen for the economy of Pakistan in general and trade with the SAAR countries in particular, he

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh stressed that SAARC region had significant economies vis-Pakistan Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan - and the bloc accounts for

of Pakistan; and, he has it all what takes to secure favorable arrangements for the country's exports both as a trading bloc and bilaterally with the member countries of SAARC. It is pertinent to note that Mian Anjum Nisar has been active in policy advocacy at the highest level for the past

tapping into the export

potential of this single trade bloc can result into \$20 –

25 billion worth of exports

boost in a short-span of 5

Anjum Nisar is one of the

accomplished trade leader

senior most, respected

25 years on a national & international level, he added. FPCCI Chief explained that SAARC CCI assumes particular importance in Pakistan's case as Pakistan's regional 21 percent of world's trade is only 9 percent of population. Only fully its total trade.

BRI Agri Institute launched to rev up potato industry

BEIJING (APP): In a bid serve as a platform to to turbocharge the potato facilitate research and industry, 11 Belt and Road promote advancements in (BRI) countries including potato breeding, China and Pakistan have germplasm creation and

universities, companies and organisations to launch an international network on Lyu said. the potato industry at a forum held recently at noted that the breeding-China's Southwest University.

A collaborative effort led by the Southwest University, the Belt and Road potato network is designed to enhance the quality and efficiency of the potato industry in BRI countries such as Pakistan countries through multilevel cooperation, including academic exchanges, joint research, and technology transfer, Prof. Lyu Dianqiu, Dean of the Agronomy and Biotechnology College at Southwest University told

(CEN) in an interview. Specifically, the

China Economic Net

potato cultivation demonstration bases, Prof

The potato expert oriented cooperation 'arises from a detailed study conducted to scrutinise the challenges and potential in the potato industry in the BRI countries.

"We found BRI and Kazakhstan are plagued by a lack of quality potato seeds. As a token of support, each country was gifted 100 sets of germplasm rapid diagnostic kits at the forum," Prof. Lyu added.

As a first step, he said, training sessions would be organised to impart breeding know-how to the



Government Employees Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Peshawar press club.

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

celebrations of Central Depository Company of with market,

ceremony, held today at Chairman of CDC

ISLAMABAD (APP): To SECP's head office, marked mark the Silver Jubilee CDC's landmark achievement of 25 years of successful operations. Since 1997, CDC has

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

Saeed, recalled the exemplary contributions of CDC's founding member and Chairman, Arif Habib, the longest-serving CEO. Muhammad Hanif unveiling Jakhura, and the current

Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of AAOIFI Tuesday called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator

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

PSX gains 331 points

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

the brotherly relations between Pakistan and

He also appreciated the continuous support of Pakistan and stated that Pakistan has always been the closest partner in the

Muslim world. He expressed his desire to start various social welfare ventures in Pakistan, especially for capacity building and easy loan facilitation for entrepreneurs, especially for the women and the

The finance minister apprised Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa of the current government's policies and programmes to support the youth and particularly women such as Benazir Income Support Programme which is wellpraised by the

World Bank and also being followed in various African countries.

He added that the government was fully committed to supporting the lower classes through youth as Pakistan holds various microfinance



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

Chinese delegation led Luan Xiangjie by visit to FPCCI

Independent Report building

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese delegation led by Luan Transportation, furniture Xiangjie President Ruzhou and real estate sector, etc. Foreign Trade Enterprises Association visited and Industry (FPCCI), contribution of China in the Pakistan.

delegation, Umar Masood

materials, exhibitions and formulation

He also acknowledged the Chinese investment in While welcoming the Pakistan in the backdrop of CPEC which will improve Federation of Pakistan ur Rehman, Vice President the infrastructure and Chambers of Commerce FPCCI highlighted the energy situation of



Capital office Islamabad. and met Vice President FPCCI Mr. Umar Masood ur Rehman, Coordinator Syed Asad Haider Mashadi and Other Office Members of FPCCI to discussed various bilateral trade and economic related issued between Pakistan and China and explore business opportunities in different sectors including Transport, Mining, Technology, Energy, Construction, and

economic development and

Umar Masood ur prosperity of Pakistan. He Rehman Vice President also talked about the level assured the delegation of playing field and a full cooperation from significant share of FPCCI and the government Pakistan in imports of of Pakistan and said that China for reducing the Pakistan is a very rich trade deficit. Vice country in natural rrade deficit. Vice country in natural President FPCCI also informed about the activities of FPCCI at the various projects. A large global and national level number of investors are and emphasized on doing business in Pakistan collaboration between both and China. He also national chambers for highlighted the potential all holding of commercial over Pakistan including activities like holding of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** KARACHI

gemstones, construction,

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

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

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

Locust outbreak in Afghanistan threatens Wheat crops: FAO

ISLAMABAD (Online): A between USD 280 million

large-scale outbreak across eight provinces in North and Northeast Afghanistan country. poses enormous threat to the country's food security, warns the Food Agriculture and Organization of the United Nations (FAO). According to a report,

published earlier this ongoing month, the sightings of locust have been made in Badakhshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz, Samangan, Sar-e-Pul and Takhar, with fresh reports coming in from Herat and Ghor provinces. Moroccan The

Locust is ranked among the economically most damaging plant pests anywhere in the world. A full outbreak this year could result in crop losses ranging from 700 000 to 1.2 million metric tonnes of wheat, up to a quarter of the total annual harvest, ording to FAO.

This equivalent to May and June. according to FAO.

locusts and USD 480 million in economic loss, as of today's prices in the In the Baghlan province farmers like

Najibullah have seen their crops ravaged by locusts. Najibullah, farmer

affected by locust outbreak told FAO "The Moroccan locust has destroyed 300 jeribs (60 hectares) of my wheat field and 31 000 jeribs (6 200 hectares) of pastureland in this area. where ten villages are located.3

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

CoRe for including green financing in budget to tackle plastic pollution

ISLAMABAD (APP): CoRe Sheikh Waqar Ahmad CoRe (Collect and Recycle) said, "The first step to the first multi-stakeholder address the issue of Pakistan on Tuesday ensure a waste-free future of Green Financing by stressed to include green is a public investment in financing, a five-year tax the formal collection and projects and incentives for forthcoming budget in appropriate policy order to combat plastic framework and enabling forthcoming budget in appropriate

According to the sustainable and innovative import of equipment for press release, CEO of practices to fuel new recycling projects.

investment in the sector.' It noted some recommendations

packaging alliance in packaging waste and including the availability State Bank to promote waste collection & holiday for recycling recycling infrastructure. recycling, a five-year tax The government has an holiday for recycling the stakeholders in the important role in providing projects for multiple cities forthcoming budget in appropriate policy of Pakistan, exemption of sales tax, custom duty & environment to promote zero tariff regime for

Pakistan Limited (CDC), Pakistan Post has issued a commemorative postage stamp.SECP Chairman Akif Saeed officiated the event and unveiled the stamp, a press release on Tuesday said. Akif Saeed lauded CDC's efforts and perseverance throughout the years and said that "CDC has served as the

pride of Pakistan's capital unwavering commitment towards service quality, innovation, investor facilitation, and improving ease of doing business".

infrastructure entity offering digital innovation. On the occasion, the Chairman of SECP, Akif

NATO soldiers on guard in Kosovo town, Serb protesters smash two cars

Monitoring Desk LEPOSAVIC: Serbian protesters smashed two cars belonging to journalists in Kosovo's Leposavic town on Tuesday, a day after 30 NATO soldiers and 52 protesters were hurt in clashes, as EU and NATO officials urged a de-escalation of the violence. Unrest in the region has intensified since ethnic Albanian mayors took office in northern Kosovo's Serb-majority area after April elections that the Serbs boycotted, a move that led the U.S. and

on Friday.

NATO said in a statement it would send additional forces to Kosovo to curb the violence, adding it "has directed the deployment of the Operational Reserve Forces (ORF) for

its allies to rebuke Pristina

the Western Balkans." Masked men smashed the windshield of a car with an Albanian licence plate

marked as "A2, CNN affiliate," a Reuters reporter who witnessed the incident said. A separate car belonging to another media outlet was smashed as well. No one was injured. EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell urged

Kosovo and Serbian leaders to find a way to de-escalate tensions through dialogue. "We have too much violence already in Europe today, we cannot afford another conflict," Borrell told a news briefing in Brussels. Northern Kosovo's majority Serbs have never accepted Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence from Serbia, and consider Belgrade their capital more the unrest in Kosovo.

than two decades after the Kosovo Albanian uprising against repressive Serbian rule. Ethnic Albanians make up more than 90% of the population in Kosovo as a whole, but northern Serbs have long demanded the implementation of an EU-brokered 2013 deal for the creation of an association of autonomous municipalities in their area. Serbs refused to take part in local elec-

Serb-majority municipalities with a 3.5% turnout. Russia, which has long had close ties with Serbia and shares its Slavic and Orthodox Christian traditions, called on Tuesday for "decisive steps" to quell

tions in April and ethnic

Albanian candidates won

the mayoralties in four



Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu waves to the crowd as he takes a traditional drive on a top of a ceremonial vehicle after his swearing-in ceremony

Iran's state media claims UN watchdog closes two lines of inquiry on nuclear program

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Iran's state-run news agency claimed Tuesday that international inspectors had closed off two lines of inquiry they had over Tehran's nuclear program ahead of a scheduled quarterly report by the United Nations' nuclear based International Atomic Energy Agency, however, did not respond to questions over the report pub-

lished by Iran's state-run IRNA news agency.
Citing "knowledgeable sources," IRNA said that the IAEA had closed off its inquiry over the recent discovery of traces of uranium enriched up to 83.7% purity. A quarterly IAEA report in March said inspectors found the par-

raising nonproliferation concerns as weapons-grade material is enriched to 90%.

Iran had blamed "unintended fluctuations" for the discovery at Fordo nuclear site. The Islamic Republic has been producing uranium enriched to 60% purity — a level which watchdog. The Vienna- nonproliferation experts say Tehran does not need civilian use. Meanwhile, IRNA re-

ported that the IAEA had also closed off its investigation of traces of manmade uranium found at Marivan, near the city of Abadeh, some 525 kilometers (325 miles) southeast of Tehran. Analysts had repeatedly linked Marivan to Îran's secret military nuclear program and accused Iran of conducting ticles in Iran's underground high-explosives tests there Fordo nuclear site, further in the early 2000s.

Number of new German citizens hits 20-year high as many Syrians naturalized

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany saw a

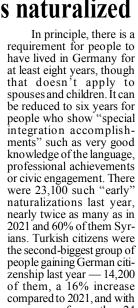
people from Syria accounting for more than a quarter of those who were naturalized, official data showed Tuesday.

Preliminary figures show that about 168,500 people were granted German citizenship in 2022, the Federal Statistical Office said. That was the highest number since 2002. Of those, 48,300 — or

29%—were Syrian citizens. That was more than double the previous year's figure and seven times as high as in 2020, as increasing numbers of people who migrated to Germany between 2014 and 2016 fulfill the requirements for citizenship. Those include a working knowledge of German and proof that they can support themselves

28% increase in the num- have lived in Germany for ber of people gaining its citi- at least eight years, though zenship last year, with that doesn't apply to an average of more than 24

years living in Germany. said that 5,600 Ukrainians gained German citizenship last year, nearly three times as many as the previous year.



The statistics office

whale appears off Sweden coast **Monitoring Desk**

Russian 'spy'

STOCKHOLM: A harnesswearing Beluga whale that turned up in Norway in 2019, sparking speculation it was a spy trained by the Russian navy, has appeared off Sweden's coast, an organisation following him said on Monday.

First discovered in Norway's far northern region of Finnmark, the whale spent more than three years slowly moving down the top half of the Norwegian coastline, before suddenly speeding up in recent months to cover the second half and on to Sweden.

On Sunday, he was observed Hunn-ebostrand, off Sweden's southwestern

'We don't know why he has sped up so fast right now," especially since he is moving "very quickly away from his natural environment'

China prepares to send first civilian into space **Monitoring Desk**

JIUQUAN: China will send its first civilian astronaut into space as part of a crewed mission to the Tiangong space station on Tuesday as it pursues its ambitious plans for a manned lunar landing by 2030. The world's second largest economy has invested billions of dollars in its military-run space programme, trying to catch up with the United States and Russia after years of belatedly matching their milestones.

Until now, all Chinese astronauts sent into space have been part of the People's Liberation Army.

fessor at Beijing's Beihang University, and will manage scientific experiments on the station during the mission, China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) spokesperson Lin Xiqiang told reporters on Monday



Israeli soldiers search in the West Bank village of Qafin for the suspected gunmen who shot and killed an Israeli civilian near the entrance to a Jewish settlement of Hermesh.



Local Kosovo Serb protesters sit on the ground in front of NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR) soldiers in the town of Zvecan.

Ukraine peace plan is only way to end Russia's war, says Zelenskiy aide

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: Kyiv's peace plan is the only way to end Russia's war in Ukraine and the time for mediation efforts has passed, a top aide to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said.

Chief diplomatic adviser Ihor Zhovkva told Reuters that Ukraine had no interest in a ceasefire that locks in Russian territorial gains, and wanted the implementation of its peace plan, which envisages the full withdrawal of Russian

He pushed back on a flurry of peace initiatives from China, Brazil, the Vatican and South Africa in recent months.

Monitoring Desk

ATLANTA: A new reactor

at a nuclear power plant in

Georgia has reached its full

power output for the first

time and is scheduled to

enter commercial operation

announced Monday that

Unit 3 at Plant Vogtle,

southeast of Augusta, has

reached its full output of

1,100 megawatts of elec-

tricity.

That's enough to

500,000 homes and busi-

nesses. The power will be

an estimated

Georgia Power Co.

within the next month.

Third nuclear reactor reaches

100% power output at

Georgia's Plant Vogtle

Brazilian peace plan, a Chinese peace plan, a South African peace plan when you are talking about the war in Ukraine,' Zhovkva said in an interview late on Friday.

Zelenskiy made a major push to court the Global South this month in response to peace moves from some of its members. He attended the Arab League summit in Saudi Arabia on May 19, holding talks with host Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Iraq and other delegations

He then flew to Japan where he met the leaders of India and Indo-

sent to Georgia and other

ducting further testing to

actor in ways required for

Power CEO Kim Greene in

"It tells us we're close to finishing the unit

safely and bringing it online

to power Georgia homes

and businesses with reli-

able, emissions-free en-

ergy for decades to come,'

Operators are con-

"There cannot be a nesia - important voices in the Global South - on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit of major economic powers in Hiroshima.

While Kyiv has staunch backing from the West in its struggle against the Kremlin, it has not won the same support from the Global South - a term denoting Latin America, Africa and much of Asia - where Russia has invested diplomatic energy for years. Moscow has bol-

stered ties with Global South powers during the war in Ukraine, including by selling more of its energy to India and China.

Drones hit several buildings in Moscow: mayor Monitoring Desk

MOSCOW: Drones hit several buildings in Moscow causing "minor" damage and no serious injuries, the mayor of the Russian capital said early on Tuesprove they can run the reday. "All emergency services of the city are at the regular operations, Georgia scene of incidents," Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said in a a statement, calling the achievement "an exciting statement. Russia's RIA state news agency reported that some residents of a building on Moscow's Profsoyuznaya Street in the city's south were being evacuated. Several of Russia's Telegram messaging channels reported that four to 10 drones were shot early on Tuesday.



Astronauts Gui Haichao Jing Haipeng and Zhu Yangzhu wave during a press conference at the Jiuquan satellite launch centre, located on the edge of the Bataan Jaran desert, in China's north-western Gansu province.

operation that ended with al-Mutairi's release.

identified any of the sus-

pected kidnappers or said

whether they are thought to

belong to an organized group. The area where al-

Mutairi was rescued is

known to be a haven for

criminals, smugglers and

drug dealers. Kidnapping

for ransom and car theft are

common in northeast Leba-

non. Saudi ambassador to

Lebanon Waleed Bukhari

thorities for al-Mutairi's

Authorities have not

Lebanon's army says Saudi citizen kidnapped in Beirut released following 'special operation'

operation" along the Leba-

Mawlawi said nine people thoritie were detained during the release.

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Lebanese troops rescued a Saudi citizen kidnapped over the weekend in Beirut and reportedly held for ransom, the army said Tuesday. Mushari al-Mutairi was released in a "special

non-Syria border, where the kidnappers held him hostage, a statement by the Lebanese military said. It gave no further details. Lebanon's caretaker Interior Minister Bassam thanked the Lebanese au-

Gui Haichao is a pro-

Crowd in China clashes with police over plans to demolish mosque

Monitoring Desk

BEIJING: China's government is calling on pro-testers to turn themselves in after a crowd clashed with police over plans to demolish a mosque in the country's southwest as President Xi Jinping's government tightens control over religion and so-

Protesters threw water bottles at officers with helmets and shields outside the blue-domed Najiaying Mosque in Yuxi, a city in Yunnan province, according to videos on social media. One punched a police officer's helmet but little other violence was shown The Associated Press

confirmed the location of the protest. Videos showing the protests were removed from Chinese social media.

Police called on 'criminal suspects" to turn themselves in following Saturday's incident and said those who do might receive lighter punishment. A police statement vowed "zero tolerance" toward "criminal activities that impede social management.'

People who answered the phone Tues-day at the police headquarters referred questions to the local government propaganda office. An employee who answered the phone there said the office had no information.

Thailand charges Canadian with murder of Indian gangster Monitoring Desk

BANGKOK: Thai police said on Monday they have charged a Canadian man they described as a mercenary with the mur-der of an Indian gangster in the resort island of Phuket.

Officers launched an investigation after Jimi 'Slice" Sandhu — whose nickname came from a distinctive scar on his face was shot and killed in February 2022. Interpol issued a red

notice last year for Canadian citizen Matthew Leandre Ovide Dupre in connection with the murder. The 38-year-old was extradited from Canada and returned to Thailand late on

Top Indian wrestlers to toss medals into Ganges as they demand official's arrest

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: India's top wrestlers have threatened to hurl their medals into the Ganges river on Tuesday as they demand the arrest of the head of the Wrestling Federation of India over sexual harassment allega-

The wrestlers had been camping in New Delhi since April 23 demanding action against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has denied any wrongdoing.

Biden says he and Erdogan talked about F-16s, Sweden's NATO bid

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Joe Biden said Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan in a call on Monday repeated Ankara's desire to buy F-16 fighter jets from the United States, while Biden told him Washington wanted Ankara to drop its objection to Sweden's joining NATO.

The exchange took place when Biden called Erdogan to congratulate him on his victory in Turkey's presidential election on

"I spoke to Erdogan. I congratulated Erdogan. He still wants to work on something on the F-16s. I told him we wanted a deal with Sweden, so let's get that done. And so we'll be back in touch with one an- United States.

other," Biden told reporters before departing the White House for Delaware.

Asked if he expected any movement from Erdogan on Sweden's NATO membership, Biden said: "I raised that issue with him. We're going to talk more about it next week." Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership last year, ditching long-held policies of military non-alignment following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Bids for membership must be approved by all NATO members. Turkey and Hungary have yet

to approve Sweden's bid. Turkey has sought to buy \$20 billion worth of F-16s and nearly 80 modernization kits from the

Japan puts missile defences on alert as North Korea warns of satellite launch

Monitoring Desk

TOKYO: Japan put its ballistic missile defences on alert on Monday and vowed to shoot down any projectile that threatens its territory, after North Korea notified it of a planned satellite launch between May 31 and June 11.

The nuclear-armed North says it has completed its first military spy satellite and leader Kim Jong Un has approved final preparations for the launch.

It would be the North's latest step in a series of missile launches and weapons tests in recent months, including one of a new, solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile.

Tokyo expects North Korea to fire the rocket carrying its satellite over Japan's southwest island chain as it did in 2016, a defence ministry spokesperson said.

Analysts say the new satellite is part of a surveiltechnology programme that includes drones, aimed at improving the ability to strike targets ellite in orbit.

"We will take destructive measures against ballistic and other missiles that

are confirmed to land in our territory," Japan's defence ministry said in a statement. Japan would use its Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) or Patriot Missile PAC-3 to destroy a North Korean missile, it added.

Any North Korean missile launch would be a serious violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions condemning its nuclear and missile activity, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters. "We strongly urge North Korea to refrain from launching," his office said on Twitter, adding it would co-operate with the U.S., South Korea and other countries and do all it could to collect and analyse information from any launch.

A U.S. State Department spokesperson said any North Korean launch that uses ballistic missile technology, including that which is used to put a sat-

UN agencies face funding challenges in feeding Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, official says

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Bangladesh

should not bear the burden of more than 1 million Rohingya refugees alone while U.N. agencies are facing challenges to feed them, a United Nations official said Monday. Olivier De Schutter, a

U.N. special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, made the statement at the end of a 12-day trip to Bangladesh, where he visited camps sheltering the refugees from Myanmar. He said the international response to meet the funds needed to support the refugees is "grossly insufficient."

About \$876 million is needed to support the community for a year, but only 17% of that has been pledged to date, he said, calling it "scandalous" at a conference in

Bangladesh's capital,

"Bangladesh should not be left to shoulder the burden of the presence of the refugees on its own. These (U.N.) agencies should be much better supported in their work," De Schutter said.

He said the World Food Program was forced in May to reduce the value of the monthly food vouchers it gives to each refugee from \$12 to \$10. It will be reduced further to \$8 on June 1, he said. "In a context in which

food inflation this year was about 8%, that means that in the camps, children are undernourished," Schutter said. "The rates of malnutrition will increase. The rates of stunting will increase. The development of the child in that context will be endangered."

Malaysia searches Chinese ship suspected of looting WWII wrecks

Monitoring Desk JALA LUMPUR: KUALA

Malaysia's coastguard said Tuesday that authorities were questioning the crew of a Chinese vessel detained on suspicion of looting two British World War II shipwrecks.

Officers discovered unexploded cannon shells upon boarding the Chineseregistered vessel, which was detained for illegal anchorage over the weekend, said Nurul Hizam Zakaria, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency chief in Johor state. "Our investigation is now directed to where these cannon shells originated from. Right now, we have officers from multiagencies searching the big ship," he told AFP.

Nurul Hizam said the vessel from the city of Fuzhou had a crew of 32 comprising 21 Chinese nationals, 10 Bangladeshis and one Malaysian—some of which were in police custody for questioning. "This case also involves the discovery of explosives," he added. A senior maritime official told AFP on condition of anonymity that the pieces of metal and cannon Harbor, Hawaii.

shells could have originated from two sunken British warships.

Photos and a video shared by the coastguard showed large pieces of corroded metal and shells as well as a large crane and gas torches used to cut metal on board the ship. The shells could also be linked to the discovery of unexploded World War IIera ordnance at a jetty in Johor on May 19, the maritime agency said in a statement Monday.

Nurul Hizam said the maritime agency would not tolerate any form of illegal salvage activities in Malaysian waters.

"Our national treasure must be protected and preserved," he said, describing looting as "an uncivilised

Hundreds of British sailors died when the HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse were torpedoed by Japanese aircraft off the South China Sea.

The attack on December 10, 1941, happened three days after Japan attacked the US fleet in Pearl

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

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

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

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

Paying tributes to the peacekeepers, especially those who sacrificed their lives, she said around 170 rificed their lives for global peace and to uphold the

The minister maintained that Pakistan's security forces were playing a vital role in the peacekeeping missions under the United Nations to maintain peace in the world's con-She also appreciated

the Pakistani women who were playing their key role in every field of life They had also served the UN peacekeeping programme as psychologists, operational officers, and nurses, she added.

Hina Rabbani Khar said Pakistan had firm faith in the United Nations' capability of maintaining peace and it also believed that the role being played

by the UN in building peace, ensuring security and development across the world could not be done by any other institution.

She said over 4,300 Pakistani peacekeepers, including female officers were currently serving with distinction under the UN flag. Spokesperson Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said the event was jointly organized by the ministry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Resident Représentative UNDP Pakistan Knut Ostby informed the audience that currently over 87,000 peacekeepers from across the world were deployed under the UN peacekeeping missions to ensure global peace and de-



ITALY: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi signing an important 'Roadmap for Cooperation' covering climate change, trade and investment, heritage, culture, agriculture, higher education, technical cooperation and technology transfer in reference areas.

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

ISLAMABAD Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman and Italy's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi on Tues-day co-chaired the 5th meeting of the 'Pakistan-Italy Joint Economic Commission' (JEC) at the Italian Ministry of Foreign change and improve water Affairs. The two sides management. The trade agreed to set up a joint partnership between Pakiframework to tackle climate change and cooperation in water management, hailing the establishment of an Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad the next week, a news release said.

Rehman said it was a plea-

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

tablishment of the Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad would boost bilateral trade. "We are building a common framework with Italy to tackle climate stan and Italy is stronger than ever. Our bilateral trade is to reach \$2 billion in 2022, and Pakistan's exports will cross \$1 billion, Sherry Rehman said

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



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

Ministers hail successful conduct of 34th National Games

Independent Report QUETTA: The provincial

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

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

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

end to the negative portrayal and terrorism that has plagued the province for a long time. Even in the future, such initiatives and collaborations are essential to ensure progress and prosperity in our beloved The Provincial Minis-

ter for Agriculture, Mr. Haji Muhammad Khan Lehri Parliamentary Secretary for Revenue and Rehabilitation, Mr. Sikander Umrani, and Nawabzada Gohram Bugti also expressed their reactions after the closing ceremony of the 43th National Games.

They stated, "Balochistan is now a peaceful and prosperous province where terrorism will not be tolerated, nor will it be allowed to disrupt the peace. Some elements have been trying to malign Balochistan's name for a



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

Three foreign inmates allowed

QUETTA (APP): Three foreign prisoners serving their sentences under the Foreign Act detained in the Central Jail Quetta have been transferred to Gadani Central Jail for consulate

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

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

"In the FIR No. 33/ 2022 registered under Section 3/14 of the Foreign Act, the accused were fined and sentenced, which they completed," Dr Ruababa said adding that under the jail SOPs, the detained foreign inmates were sent to he foreign drop point from Quetta Central Jail to Gadani Jail.

Tareen, Aleem efforts enter into final phase for formation of new political party ISLAMABAD (Online)

The efforts from Jahangir Tareen and Aleem Khan have entered final phase for formation of new political

underway on the name of new political party.

Jahangir Tareen is playing active role in carving out new political party and he has made contacts with former members of assembly from PTI. Consultation was made on future political strategy.

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

labourers died and three after the under-construction Bailey Bridge slipped being placed on the pillars.

prioritize public welfare Independent Report QUETTA: Home Minister, consulate access

Mir Zia Langau, has vowed to fulfill the basic needs of the people and prioritize public welfare above politics. Addressing a press conference, he announced "After completion of

the provision of solar systems in areas of Qilla Abdullah district where electricity load shedding is rampant. He also highlighted the ongoing initiatives to promote economic development and provide employment opportunities for unemployed youth, mentioning that 5 to 6 hundred vacancies in various departments have been cre-

countability Bureau nor Khaqan Abbasi

They have contacted with all former parliamentarians of PTI and soon show of power will be made. The consultation is

Sources told Online

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Four people including technical experts and workers sustained injuries and fell while being placed on the pillars with the help of heavy machinery ir Dhani area of Naseerabad tehsil in Muzaffarabad district. According to police, the Bailey Bridge was being constructed to connect Dhani and Ghandi areas in the lower Neelam valley when it slipped and fell while

vided with employment opportunities in the Qilla Abdullah district. How to remedial fake case, question to new

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

Government's development

initiatives bring progress

and equality, says Dummer

assembly have also been

provided funds on an equal

basis. During the meeting

with senior politicians and

tribal leaders, including

former Provincial Minister

Bismillah Khan Kakar,

Sardar Fahad Darishk,

Imran Kakar, Na'im Kakar,

Abdul Ghani Dotani, Zuhur

Kakar, and Ataullah Baloch,

along with tribal elders, re-

ated through pipeline

projects. In his statement

Minister of Interior Mir Zia

Langau further stated that

significant progress has

been made in Qilla Abdullah

district, including the con-

struction of hundreds of

kilometers of blacktop

roads, water supply

schemes covering thousands

of households, sports facili-

ties such as football grounds,

and ongoing road projects in

Kalat and Khaliqabad City.

He added that over the past

four years, 1200 young in-

dividuals have been pro-

large numbers.

Langau vows to

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

Independent Report

QILLA ABDULLAH: In a

visit to Qillah Abdullah,

Senior Provincial Minister

and Minister for Planning

and Development of

Balochistan, Haji Noor

Dummar, stated that the

mixed provincial govern-

ment of Balochistan has set

the province on the path of

opment in both government

and opposition constituen-

cies is progressing rapidly.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Abdul

Qudoos Bizenjo, all areas

of the province have wit-

nessed uniform develop-

ment based on ground re-

alities, with emphasis on

tangible work rather than

paperwork.

The journey of devel-

progress and happiness.

Muhammad

NAB chief: Abbasi ISLAMABAD (Online):

Fomer Prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said court accepted petition from day-first its request to Neither National Ac-

witnesses comes: Shahid This is question to

new Chairman NAB how to remedial fake cases.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in his address to media after appearance in Accountability Court said this is case in which Sindh High Court (SHC) issued verdict before even it started. Time of all of us wasted but it was showed that this was a big case. Making fake and lie cases they should confess that mistake was made, said former prime minister.

He said I am saying again and again if NAB remains, Pakistan will get weaker more. No one is destroying any party, but I could not say anything for those who himself wants to destroy their party.



Khan Kakar shaking hand with Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili during closing ceremony of 34th

Community teachers demand regularization, increase in salaries

Independent Report QUETTA: The central leaders and members of the Balochistan Assembly, including Sana Baloch, have emphasized the government's responsibility to regularize community teachers, similar to how it has regularized teachers working under global partnerships. Sana Baloch assured that he will raise the voice of teachers in the Assembly and keep Chief Minister Abdul Qadoos Bizenjo and Educa-Minister Mir tion Nasibullah informed about the issues faced by community teachers. During a meeting held at their resi-

dence, a delegation of the

Community Teachers As-

sociation, headed by Maulvi

Muhammad Sadiq, Presi-

Ahmed Magasi, and Muhammad Ali Wadegar, discussed the matter.

The delegation in formed that community teachers have been imparting education to financially disadvantaged students in remote areas of Balochistan for the past 16 years, adorning them with the ornament of knowledge. They highof the Balochistan Education Foundation for a long time. Although the Balochistan government allocated funds for an increase in teachers' salaries in June, the Education Department did not provide any increment,

lighted that community teachers have been working with the corrupt institution indicating the presence of cordent Rafiullah Tarnah, Gen-ruption within the system.

Haii Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar, during the conversation, stated that the current provincial government's initiatives have not only brought progress and prosperity to Balochistan but have also significantly improved peace and security com-

Senior Provincial Minister

pared to the past. He stated spected scholars, various Balochistan is generally considered a neglected and political parties, and representatives and workers of deprived province, which suffered from negligence the BAP were present in Former Provincial from Gwadar to Zhob by previous governments. However, Balochistan's Minister Bismillah Khan Kakar expressed gratitude to Senior Provincial Minispresent government is difter Haji Noor Muhammad ferent from the past. Khan Dummar for visiting Balochistan is now on the Qillah Abdullah Habib Zai. path of progress and hap-Discussions were held on piness. He mentioned that erwork. political, tribal, peace and security, and national curthe journey of rapid development is underway in all the history of the province, opposition members of the matters were exchanged. districts, regions, and con-stituencies of the province.

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

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

In a series of tweets. Mr Rasheed said he was submitting a reply to the NAB notice received last night. He said he wasn't present at the time the Al-Qadir Trust agenda was tabled [before the then federal cabinet] because he action with Shahzad Akbar - the accountability czar in the Imran government.

NA passes two bills, refers one bill to committee

ISLAMABAD (APP) The National Assembly on Tuesday passed two private member's bill and referred one legislative proposal to the relevant standing committee. JUI-F lawmaker James Iqbal sponsored the Pakistan General Cosmetics Bill, 2023 which is aimed to regulate the quality, standard, labeling, packing, manufacturing, storage, distribution and sales of general cosmetics.

The bill was presented in the House as reported by the relevant standing committee and was passed after incorporating two amendments.

Moved by a Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) lawmaker Zubaida Jalal, the Housed passed the Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The proposed amendment would achieve the objective of valuable participation of the people in rules making process.

Unable to bear harassment, female teacher commits suicide

AWARAN (INP): A female teacher, driven to despair by relentless harassment. tragically ended her own life in the Gishkaur area of Awaran, Balochistan. The teacher, identified

as Najma Baloch, was reportedly subjected to persistent harassment, leading her to a point of despair where she felt suicide was the only escape.

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

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

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

Khawaja Asif asks CJP to 'recuse himself' from hearing audio leaks case ISLAMABAD (APP): Afghan. Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asio of the House of National

on Tuesday has asked Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial to "distance himself from hearing the audio leaks case to ensure that true justice is served

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

top judge. The commission was headed by the most senior judge of the SC after the CJP. Justice Qazi Faez Isa. It also compromised of Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Naeem Akhtar case," he viewed.

Addressing the floor of the House of National Assembly, the defence minister expressed his opinion on the 'wedge between the judiciary and the par-liament' continuing for more than a year, creating political unrest in the coun-

try. The minister recalled that former chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry's son was involved in a legal battle with Real Estate Tycoon Malik Riaz. He said the former chief justice recused himself from the case due to the conflict of interest. The minister regretted that such norms and precedents had been "abandoned by few judges of the apex court".

"If the former chief iustice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry can recuse himself then why can't the incumbent chief justice follow the same precedent to stop influencing the justice [proceedings]in audio leaks



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

Islam teachings real solution for societal issues: Rana Tanveer

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

He was addressing the concluding ceremony of the 38th Human Resource Development Program for the Officers of Armed Forces of Pakistan organized by Da'wah Academy of International Islamic University

Rana versity understanding the true lamic University Islamabad spirit of our religion spe- (IIUI) said that the role of cially designed for profes- educational institutions.

sionals in various institu-

Such programs must be conducted in the entire country so that we can spread the message of Islam in the true spirit, he added. The minister highlighted that such training and programs were in dire need of time to disseminate peace in society as few elements are trying to disseminate hate and violence in the society. Rana Tanveer Hussain said that Muslim Ummah was working on Islamophobia with unity Tanveer and in Pakistan it was our Hussain, appreciated the prime responsibility to re-International Islamic Unimain united. Addressing the Islamabad's concluding ceremony Dr. Da'wah Academy for con- Hathal Hamoud Alotaibi, ducting such courses for President International Is-



QUETTA: President Women Wing of Pakistan Masih Ittehad Balochistan Anam Tanasha and Khawar Parem presenting a shield to Governor Balochistan MalikAbdul Wali Khan Kakar

Dashti assures BEC delegation of immediate solution of issues

Independent Report QUETTA: The Secretary Finance Department, Government of Balochistan, Qambar Dashti has assured the Balochistan Newspapers Editors Council to remove the hurdles in way of payment of the arrears, which would pave the way for resolving the issue of non-payment of the dues to

The assurance was made by the Secretary Finance during his meeting with a delegation of the Balochistan Editors Council here the other day. The members of del-

them by tomorrow.

egation were actually called in the Civil Secretariat by the Finance Department to speak about the issue of non-payment of the arrears of newspapers on account of advertisement bills. In this regard, the members of Editors Council and representatives of the newspapers and periodicals had meeting with the Secretary

During the course of industry to some extent.

meeting, the financial issues being faced by the newspaper industry due to nonpayment of the arrears were discussed. It was duly conveyed to the Secretary Finance that how the newspaper industry is confronting the financial crunch due to the non-payment. In this regard, the Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo had already issued directives to the Secretary Finance for immediate payment of the arrears in view of the financial crisis facing the newspaper industry.

On this, the Secretary Finance assured the members of delegation of immediate solution to the issue and maintained that it would be resolved by tomorrow so as to ensure prompt payment of the arrears to the newspapers and periodicals. On the assurance made by Secretary Finance, the members of delegation were indebted to him saying that it would resolve the financial crisis facing the



GWADAR: Deputy Commissioner Izzat Nazir Baloch presiding over a meeting to review affairs regarding electricity in Gwadar