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

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

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

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

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

work, and healthy competition at different levels.

He said Quaid e Azam and Fatima Jinnah always encouraged young people of the country to take part in healthy activities and stressed upon imbuing the spirit of unity, faith and discipline in all walks of life.

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

About Balochistan, he said the province was rich with natural and mineral resources and commended all the governments for their efforts to utilize them for the progress and 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 living.

He also appreciated all the stakeholders for the excellent arrangements and sportsmen for competing in the games.

He termed holding of national games in Quetta as 'another feather in province's cap'.

The president urged the youth to follow Quaid's three guiding words 'unity, faith and discipline'

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

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

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

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudus 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 this regard.

The Chief Minister said that the successful holding of the National

Games in peaceful manner after 19 years is a bright chapter of the province and it is another addition in the achievements of the provincial 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 area with patriotic, caring, peace loving and hospitable people.

## PM rules out dialogue with 'arsonists & anarchists'

Says public relief, economic development among priorities in next budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said dialogue was a key to evolving

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democracy mature and evolve.

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

"However, there is a major difference here, the anarchists and arsonists who wear the garb of poli-

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

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

He also termed it a prevalent practice even in developed democracies.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on

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

## CM approves establishment of Gwadar as a Special Economic District

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

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

the creation of the SED, trade, tourism, real estate, and hospitality industries are expected to flourish, reaching their optimal levels of competitiveness.

Designating Gwadar as a Special Economic District aims to introduce professional policies and provide a conducive environment for investment, particularly for foreign investors. The establishment of the SED will not only attract foreign direct investment but also facilitate the growth of local industries. Additionally, federal and provincial tax incentives for industrial activities and relaxation in visa policies for investors will be provided.

## Rana Sanaulah 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 Sanaulah said on Tuesday.

Speaking to a private news channel, Sanaulah accused Imran of "personally planning attacks" on military establishments, claiming that there was ample evidence to substantiate these accusations.

"It is all documented. The proof is in his tweets and messages," he said.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Peace, education, healthcare top priorities, says Governor

**Independent Report**  
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 enforcement agencies.

Governor of Balochistan stated that safeguarding the lives and property of the people is the responsibility of the

## AJK AC judge killed in firing by robbers

RAWALPINDI (Online): A sessions judge has been killed in firing by robbers in Rawalpindi.

According to police two dacoits entered into home of Accountability Court Azad Kashmir judge Sardar Amjid Ishaq in phase-8 of a private housing 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 leaving Sardar Amjid injured. He was shifted to hospital for medical aid but he breathed his last.

## Imran Khan skips hearing in local court

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Tuesday skipped hearing before a local court of Islamabad in a case pertaining to rioting and vandalizing public property during his party's march.

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

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

## FM Bilawal says: Pakistan keen to further cement bilateral relations cooperation with Belarus

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

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

entire areas of cooperation between the two countries. "Our long term goals for Pak-Belarus relations include strengthening of the economic ties, expanding of trade and investment, fostering of scientific collaboration, enhancing of defence cooperation and increasing the cultural and deepening of the people-to-people contacts," he added.

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

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

One key outcome of the visit, he said, was the signing of the agreement between the two countries for abolition of the visas for the holders of the diplomatic and official passports which would boost high level visits.

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

## 70% Gwadar International Airport work completed: GDA

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The New Gwadar International Airport has completed over 70% of its construction work, according to officials from the Gwadar Development Authority. The comprehensive scope of work, including civil, structural, mechanical, and engineering tasks, has nearly been accomplished.

The next step is to fi-

nalize the Navigational Aid and Communication Construction, which is progressing rapidly through the joint efforts of China Communication Construction Company and the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan's professional teams. Installation and operationalization work for secondary vision navigation and communication

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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



**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*

**Independent Report**  
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.  
The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, provincial minister for Sports, Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Minister Home, Mir Ziaullah Langau, Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, 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 the closing ceremony. 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 eighth 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 medals. 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 secure one gold, two silver and

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.

**Govt raises objection over SC bench hearing audio leaks commission case**

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has raised objections over the Supreme Court (SC) bench hearing audio leaks commission case. Five members bench of SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial is hearing the case. The federal government through its miscellaneous petition has prayed the court to constitute new bench to hear the petitions against audio leaks commission. The plea has been taken in the petition CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar should recuse themselves from hearing this case. The objection raised by Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) during the hearing of the matter on May 26 was not taken seriously. One audio before the inquiry commission relates to the mother in law of the CJP. According to courts decisions and judges code of conduct a Judge can not hear the case related to his relative. In the past former CJP Iftikhar Chaudhry had recused him from bench due to objection in Arsalan Iftikhar case. The alleged audio leaks relate to Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar too. Through the petition it has been prayed that new bench be constituted to hear the case.

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



President Dr. Arif Alvi and his wife Samina Alvi were in Quetta for the closing ceremony of the 34th National Games. They were accompanied by other dignitaries. The President Alvi participated in the closing ceremony at the Ayub Sports Complex. He announced the end of the Games and congratulated the athletes. He also emphasized the importance of sports for the youth and the development of the country. The President Alvi and his wife were seen interacting with the athletes and officials. They also participated in the distribution of prizes to the winners. The President Alvi and his wife were seen walking through the Ayub Sports Complex. They were also seen interacting with the officials and athletes. The President Alvi and his wife were seen in various parts of the Ayub Sports Complex. They were also seen interacting with the officials and athletes. The President Alvi and his wife were seen in various parts of the Ayub Sports Complex. They were also seen interacting with the officials and athletes.

**SEHER organization celebrates Silver Jubilee**

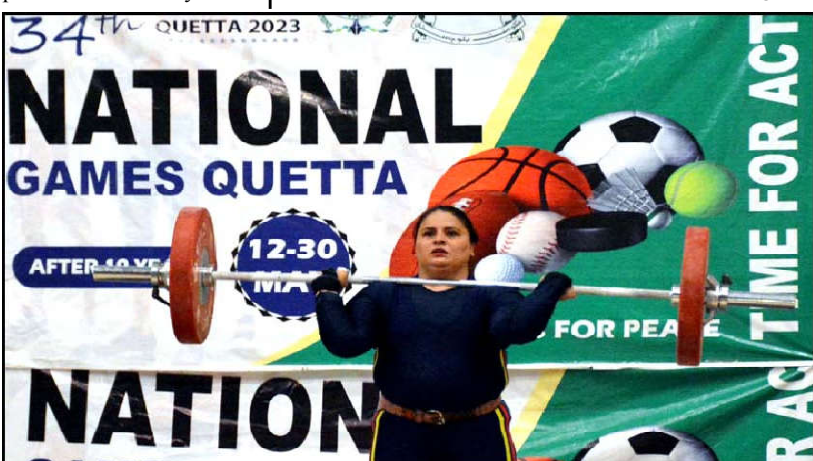
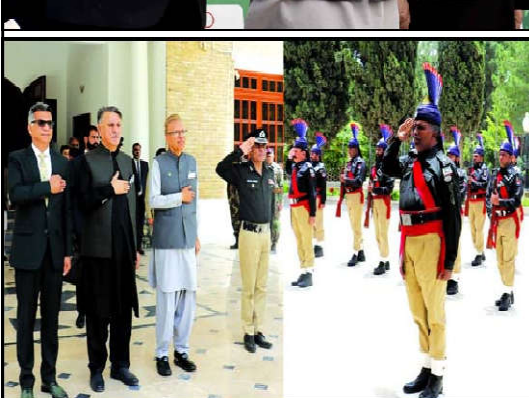
**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: Society for Empowering Human Resource (SEHER) Organization, a non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering human resources and working towards the eradication of poverty and protection of human rights, celebrated its 25th anniversary with great enthusiasm. The organization, founded in 1998, has been actively involved in various programs aimed at poverty alleviation, women's rights, child protection, legal empowerment, peace and democracy, combating life-threatening diseases, and disaster prevention and rehabilitation. On the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, SEHER organized a grand celebration at a local hotel in Quetta. The event was attended by SEHER's Executive Director, 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 warm wishes and congratulations from the 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...**

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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 incorporated into the budget. 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 country. The previous government violated the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to save its rule, making 220 million of Pakistan bear its burden, he added. He said being a resilient 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...**  
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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.



**QUETTA:** Weight Lifter showing her efforts during the 34th National Games held at Ayub Stadium in Quetta.

**70% Gwadar...**

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operations are also underway, with all equipment already on-site and completion expected within 60 days. State-of-the-art runway pathways, designed to international standards, have been prepared for use. They provide landing and takeoff paths for runways, taxiways, aprons, and other areas where aircraft are operated. The runway surface has been designed to withstand the weight of heavy aircraft. Modern airfield facilities, including painted runway centerlines and 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 1 as beacon for achieving success 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 life. The president expressed 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.

**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:

S.No.	Name of work	Base Rate per year (Rs.)
1.	Outsourcing of rights of market fee collection for Naseerabad/Usta Muhammad Districts for the year 2023-24	42,420,000/-

**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/- duly attested by notary public). Correctness of information (stamp paper of Rs. 100/- duly 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 quake, unfavourable weather and other conditions beyond the human control. **Address:** Directorate of Agriculture Economics & Marketing Sarian 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	Est./Cost
1	CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY IN KECHI BAIG QUETTA TSE-222305331573	16,986,301/-

Procurement shall be made under the Balochistan 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. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 13,290,410 PKR Amount in 3 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, 2023 during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Bidders must be submitted latest by 14 June, 2023 till 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: 0333302861 Fax no: 0812835395 Email: QA4543@bpra.gob.pk

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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	T/Fee
1	Manufactured Vehicles & Accessories	1,000/- (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 Previous 3 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, Services & 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.bpra.gob.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bpra.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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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

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

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-

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 strategy.

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

## Housing ministry seeks Japanese help to construct quake resilient buildings

**Independent Report**  
ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works Ifkhar Ali Shallwani on Tuesday sought Japanese assistance in a bid to build earthquake-resilient 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 Ifkhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works at his office.

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) has 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 Daudkhal on Hakla-D I Khan Motorway.

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

Later the vehicle was handed over to Daudkhal police station for further legal action.

The search for the car lifters was going on.

Meanwhile, the Motorway Police found two children near Chakri Interchange.

The children aged about 8 and 9 years respectively, could not satisfactorily answer when questioned.

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

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 effective.

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

the city.

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 effective.

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

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 Tazim-e-Haramain Sharifain Council, and Chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz

Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi issued the code of conduct on Tuesday emphasizing the importance of maintaining the sanctity and respect of the holy land.

He highlighted that adhering to the prescribed guidelines was crucial to avoid any untoward incidents during the spiritual journey.

The code of conduct emphasizes the divine commands outlined in the Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). It unequivocally states that pilgrims

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 reaching out to the provided WhatsApp number: 0300-7888871.

## IHC directs Punjab police to produce missing girl

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday directed the Punjab police to produce a 16-year-old missing girl after recovering her by June 6.

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.

Justice Mohsin 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.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 bring on the right track.

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

of the PTI government. 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 bring on the right track.

## Shahida dispels impression of slow progress of CPEC projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Communication Shahida Akhtar Ali on Tuesday dispelled the impression of the slow progress of important projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

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 government.

## Agreement signed to eliminate poliovirus

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chughtai Lab has embarked on a shared initiative with Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) to strengthen further the ongoing efforts to eliminate poliovirus transmission in Pakistan.

The partnership agreement was signed between the Polio Programme and Chughtai Lab at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC). Dr. Mansoor Ali Wassan, Deputy National Coordinator of the Polio Programme and Husnain Bukhari, Regional Executive Manager of Chughtai Lab signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations. Under the partnership, the lab will provide specific discounts (30% to 50%) to frontline polio workers through a corporate service programme on tests, diagnostic procedures and reports. Chughtai Lab's key influences will actively participate in public service announcements, social media engagement and, disseminating of awareness messages.

They will also extend their support by assisting in the establishment of test-

## 11 shops sealed, 10 arrested for profiteering

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration sealed 11 shops, arrested 10, and imposed fine amount 10,500 on shopkeepers involved in profiteering.

According to the ICT spokesperson, the operation 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, encroachment, hygiene issues, and professional beggars.

During the operation, the ACs carried out inspections at 158 places and imposed a fine of Rs 10,500 for price gouging, and sealed 11 shops. Some 10 shopkeepers were also arrested and subsequently taken to the local police station while FIR against one shopkeeper was also registered.

Furthermore, 15 professional beggars were apprehended and handed over to the police for further legal action.



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

## Delegation of Islamabad Bar Council calls on law minister

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The delegation included Raja Aleem Khan Abbasi Vice Chairman Islamabad Bar Council, Syed Qamar Hussain Shah Sabzwari Chairman Disciplinary Committee, Zulfiqar Ali Abbasi Chairman Executive Committee, Naseer Ahmad Kayani Chairman Benevolent Fund Committee and Adil Aziz Qazi Chairman Inter Provincial Bar Council Relation Committee.

They discussed matters related to the Bar vocational training programme. The minister appreciated the efforts of Islamabad Bar Council for providing training to young lawyers.

## Balanced media crucial to bring peace in Afghanistan: Bette Dam

ISLAMABAD (APP): Bette Dam, renowned investigative journalist and author of the famous book 'Looking for the Enemy: Mullah Omar and the Unknown Taliban', on Tuesday 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

had been distorted by 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 opportunity for peace.

## SFERP signs two separate agreements with NRSP, SRSO

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) signed two separate agreements with National Rural Support 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 affectedees of flood-hit areas in rural Sindh.

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.

These two organizations 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 animal stock.



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

## Radio Pak employees protest against non payment of salaries

ISLAMABAD (Online): 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 radio 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 Parli-

ament House and police stopped them to go towards Parliament House.

The employees said that they were 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 half hours, the protest was called off following the successful negotiations and assurance of payment of salaries from the concerned authorities.

## NAB files list of team membersto IHC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Accountability 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, Naem Tariq Sangra and others.

A two-judge bench would take up the bail case in investigation of 190 million pounds.



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



## Naqvi assures APNS delegation to solve problems of newspaper industry

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**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 ill-treatment of women prisoners in jails by showing some two years old videos.

11 women involved in attacking military installations are in jail on 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 Mianwali, the attackers brought weapons concealed in trolleys full of straw but the policemen continued to fight the attackers even while injured.

Mohsin Naqvi said that good news will come soon regarding the improvement in the economic situation.

The caretaker government will present a four month budget, Mohsin Naqvi said. Instructions have been issued for early payment of dues of newspapers in lieu of advertisements.

Newspapers will be paid in the ratio of 85 to 15 in terms of advertisements. 85 percent of advertisements will be given to newspapers and 15 percent will be paid to advertising agencies.

The advertisement quota for newspapers is also being substantially increased. Provincial Information Minister Aamir Mir said that the advertisement system of newspapers is being digitized. Newspapers will be paid for advertisements in the shortest possible time.

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

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## Governor for uninterrupted power supply to 100pc recovery areas province

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ghulam Ali Tuesday directed PESCO to provide uninterrupted power supply to areas with 100 per cent recovery. Chairing a high-level meeting on electricity load shedding and other issues here at Governor House, he asked Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) to chalk out a mechanism to provide power supply to consumers who pay their 100pc bills in areas of power pilferage.

The meeting discussed problems and sufferings being faced by the people due to an unannounced power outage in Peshawar city.

Issues related to the timely repair of damaged transformers, replacement of damaged wires, and prevention of electricity theft were also discussed.

He said that WAPDA should create a proper mechanism for electricity supply among bill payers and non-bill payers.

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

He said that PESCO and WAPDA should know which and when a transformer needs to be replaced. He directed 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 Rauf XEN City, Gohar Rahman Superintendent Engineer Khyber, Principal Secretary Governor Mazhar Irshad and other officials of WAPDA.



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

## Governor Sindh announces launch of website for registration

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

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

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 Muzammi Azhar were also present on the occasion.

Governor Sindh said completion of these 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 initiative.

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 actually opened for masses.

## Funeral prayers of martyred cop offered

KARACHI (APP): The funeral prayers of a martyred cop Waris, who was killed by the firing of unidentified accused late Monday evening, were offered at Police Headquarters Garden South on Tuesday.

Among others, the 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 policeman.

Additional IGP Karachi Javed Alam Odho and other senior police officers on the occasion expressed their sympathies with the bereaved family of martyred police constable Waris and paid tribute to his services for the department.

Police Constable Waris, who was posted at Zaman Town Traffic Section, embraced martyrdom by the firing of two unknown accused riding a motorcycle in Defence View area within the limits of Baloch Colony police station.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Population Welfare Sayyed Jarrar Hussain Bukhari on Tuesday said no corrupt element would be tolerated in Population Welfare Department.

Chairing a meeting of the departmental affairs here, the advisor also issued directives for initiating disciplinary action against those employees of Population Welfare who remained absent from their duties.

The meeting was also attended by 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 presence of the staff to review official affairs there. He said no corrupt official or officer should be allowed to work in the department.

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

## SHC orders construction of Sukkur, Hyderabad Motorway

SUKKUR (APP): Sindh High Court (SHC) Sukkur bench on Tuesday ordered the immediate construction of the Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway. National Highway Authority (NHA) assured that the construction work on the road will begin on June 30.

The double bench of 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 Noshehofero corruption case has stalled the project.

NHA assured the court that the construction would be started by June 30.



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

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

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

The meeting was attended by Arsalan Malik head of Sub Office (UNODC), Secretary Home, Aijaz Ali Shah, Secretary of Social Welfare Dr Shereen Mustafa, Secretary of General Administration Muhammad Ali Khoso, Secretary of Health Zulfiqar Ali Shah.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput apprised the UNODC delegation of the efforts made by the Sindh government in collaboration with the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). As a result of this collaboration, two drug rehabilitation centres have been successfully established in Maghopir and Malir having the capacity to accommodate 300 individuals seeking recovery.

He further stated that the UNODC rehabilitation centre will serve as a benchmark for private rehabilitation centres in the region.



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 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 responsibility.

## Two shot dead by unknown assailants

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

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

## 3 children killed as wall collapses due to heavy rains in Kotri

HYDERABAD (APP): Three children were killed when a wall collapsed during heavy rain and strong winds in SITE area of Kotri town, district 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 12-year-old.



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 Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary on Tuesday chaired a meeting to discuss the progress of the deworming initiative for school-age children in the province.

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 highly 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.

This remarkable achievement was built upon the earlier successes of the program, which provided deworming treatment to 3.8 million children in 2021, and 2.7 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.

He emphasized the urgent need to effectively address and combat worm infections among school-age children.

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

## Seven plaintiffs get relief through Ombudsman Punjab

LAHORE (APP): On the intervention of the office of Ombudsman Punjab, seven individuals of different departments got legal relief worth Rs 14,226,380.

In a statement issued on 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 Ruziqiya Batool. She has been provided with a payment of Rs 3,707,890 in addition to the creation of a monthly salary of Rs 45,752.

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

On complaints of non-payment of pension-related 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, added the spokesperson.

## Legal aid fund established for constabulary facing cases

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

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

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

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

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 the trial.



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

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

LAHORE (APP): The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) signed MoU with Dongying Sino-German (European Exchange and Cooperation Association) for the promotion of trade and investment here 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

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

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

PCJCCI Vice President Hamza Khalid

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

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

He added that the

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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



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

## Minister chairs resource mobilization committee meeting

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

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

During the meeting, the committee approved several proposals for

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

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

## CoRe for including green financing in budget to tackle plastic pollution

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

According to the press release, CEO of

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

## Amin reaches Morocco to attend GITEEX Africa Digital summit

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 crops, therefore, farmers should sow seeds for seedlings (Paneri) in the nursery after mid of June and shift plantlets from nursery to the field during first week of July.

He said that weather temperature from 17 to 18 degrees centigrade was much suitable for growth of cauliflower crop while its plants could also survive from 20 to 30 degrees centigrade temperature.

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

He said growers could harvest their cauliflower 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 profound satisfaction, as the country's apex trade & industry body, that one of the most prominent former presidents of FPCCI, Mian Anjum Nisar, has been elected to the highest trade body of the SAARC, i.e. SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) as its Vice President for a period of two years. It is a good omen for the economy of Pakistan in general and trade with the SAAR countries in particular, he added.

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh stressed that SAARC region had significant economies vis-a-vis Pakistan - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Afghanistan - and the bloc accounts for 21 percent of world's population. Only fully

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

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh apprised that Mian Anjum Nisar is one of the senior most, well-respected and accomplished trade leader of Pakistan; and, he has it all what takes to secure favorable arrangements for the country's exports - both as a trading bloc and bilaterally with the member countries of SAARC. It is pertinent to note that Mian Anjum Nisar has been active in policy advocacy at the highest level for the past 25 years on a national & international level, he added. FPCCI Chief explained that SAARC CCI assumes particular importance in Pakistan's case as Pakistan's regional trade is only 9 percent of its total trade.

## BRI Agri Institute launched to rev up potato industry

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

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

Specifically, the innovation institute would

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

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

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

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

## Chairman Board of Trustees AAOIFI called on Ishaq Dar

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

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

Sheikh Ebrahim Bin

Khalifa Al Khalifa lauded the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Bahrain.

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

He expressed his desire to start various social welfare ventures in Pakistan, especially for capacity building and easy loan facilitation for entrepreneurs, especially for the women and the youth as Pakistan holds great potential in this regard.

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

He added that the government was fully committed to supporting the lower classes through various microfinance schemes of such nature.

## 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.6403 billion against Rs.6423 billion on the last trading day.



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**  
ISLAMABAD: A Chinese delegation led by Luan Xiangjie President Ruzhou Foreign Trade Enterprises Association visited Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI),

building materials, agriculture, Transportation, furniture and real estate sector, etc.

While welcoming the delegation, Umar Masood ur Rehman, Vice President FPCCI highlighted the contribution of China in the

exhibitions and formulation of delegations.

He also acknowledged the Chinese investment in Pakistan in the backdrop of CPEC which will improve the infrastructure and energy situation of Pakistan.



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

economic development and prosperity of Pakistan. He also talked about the level playing field and a significant share of Pakistan in imports of China for reducing the trade deficit. Vice President FPCCI also informed about the activities of FPCCI at the global and national level and emphasized on collaboration between both national chambers for holding of commercial activities like holding of

Umar Masood ur Rehman Vice President assured the delegation of full cooperation from FPCCI and the government of Pakistan and said that Pakistan is a very rich country in natural resources. Many foreign companies are working on various projects. A large number of investors are doing business in Pakistan and China. He also highlighted the potential all over Pakistan including Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

## Shipping activity at Port Qasim

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

Meanwhile three more ships, Maersk Atlanta, EM Astoria and Cielo Rosso with Containers and Mogs 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 large-scale locusts outbreak across eight provinces in North and Northeast Afghanistan poses enormous threat to the country's food security, warns the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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

The Moroccan Locust is ranked among the most economically 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, according to FAO.

This equivalent to

between USD 280 million and USD 480 million in economic loss, as of today's prices in the country.

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

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

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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): To mark the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC), Pakistan Post has issued a commemorative postage stamp. SECP Chairman Akif Saeed officiated the event and unveiled the stamp, a press release on Tuesday said. Akif Saeed lauded CDC's efforts and perseverance throughout the years and said that "CDC has served as the pride of Pakistan's capital market, with its unwavering commitment towards service quality, innovation, investor facilitation, and improving ease of doing business".

The unveiling ceremony, held today at

SECP's head office, marked CDC's landmark achievement of 25 years of successful operations.

Since 1997, CDC has been operating as an integrated infrastructure institution, providing efficient, trustworthy, and innovative services to Pakistan's financial landscape.

CDC functions as an infrastructure entity offering digital innovation.

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



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

# 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 its allies to rebuke Pristina on Friday.

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.

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 elections in April and ethnic Albanian candidates won the mayoralties in four Serb-majority municipalities with a 3.5% turnout.

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



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

# 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.

"There cannot be a 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.

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



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

# 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 watchdog.

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 nonproliferation experts say Tehran does not need for civilian use.

# Russian 'spy' whale appears off Sweden coast

**Monitoring Desk**  
STOCKHOLM: A harness-wearing 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.

# Third nuclear reactor reaches 100% power output at Georgia's Plant Vogtle

**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 within the next month.

Operators are conducting further testing to prove they can run the reactor in ways required for regular operations, Georgia Power CEO Kim Greene in a statement, calling the achievement "an exciting milestone."

# 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 Tuesday.

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

**Monitoring Desk**  
BERLIN: Germany saw a 28% increase in the number of people gaining its citizenship last year, with people from Syria accounting for more than a quarter of those who were naturalized, official data showed Tuesday.

In principle, there is a requirement for people to have lived in Germany for at least eight years, though that doesn't apply to spouses and children. It can be reduced to six years for people who show "special integration accomplishments" such as very good knowledge of the language, professional achievements or civic engagement.

# 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.

That's enough to power an estimated 500,000 homes and businesses. The power will be sent to Georgia and other states.

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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.

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.

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

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

**Monitoring Desk**  
BEIRUT: Lebanese troops rescued a Saudi citizen kidnapped over the weekend in Beirut and reportedly held for ransom, the army said Tuesday.

operation that ended with al-Mutairi's release. Authorities have not identified any of the suspected 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 Lebanon. Saudi ambassador to Lebanon Waleed Bukhari thanked the Lebanese authorities for al-Mutairi's release.

# 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 murder of an Indian gangster in the resort island of Phuket.

# Crowd in China clashes with police over plans to demolish mosque

**Monitoring Desk**  
BEIJING: China's government is calling on protesters 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 society.

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."

# Malaysia searches Chinese ship suspected of looting WWII wrecks

**Monitoring Desk**  
KUALA LUMPUR: 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.

# 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.

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.

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

# 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.

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.

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.

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.

Analysts say the new satellite is part of a surveillance technology programme that includes drones, aimed at improving the ability to strike targets in wartime.

"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.

# 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Sunday.

"In a context in which food inflation this year was about 8%, that means that in the camps, children are undernourished," De 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."

# 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 allegations.

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 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.

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



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.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on Tuesday reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment and support to the United Nations peacekeeping and peace-building programme.

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

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

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

Pakistani peacekeepers and eight alone in 2022 had sacrificed their lives for global peace and to uphold the Blue Flag.

The minister maintained that Pakistan's security forces were playing a vital role in the peacekeeping missions under the United Nations to maintain peace in the world's conflict areas.

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

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

by the UN in building peace, ensuring security and development across the world could not be done 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 Muntaz Zahra Baloch said the event was jointly organized by the ministry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Resident Representative 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 development.



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

Speaking on the occasion, Senator Sherry Rehman said it was a plea-

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

She added that the establishment of the Italian Trade Agency office in Islamabad would boost bilateral trade. "We are building a common framework with Italy to tackle climate change and improve water management. The trade partnership between Pakistan and Italy is stronger than ever. Our bilateral trade is to reach \$2 billion in 2022, and Pakistan's exports will cross \$1 billion," Sherry Rehman said.

The next JEC meeting would be hosted in Islamabad at a mutually convenient time.

## Three foreign inmates allowed consulate access

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

"After completion of the necessary proceedings of the Federal Review Board, they will be transferred to their respective consulate," Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr Rubaba Khan Buledi said 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 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 the foreign drop point from Quetta Central Jail to Gadani Jail.



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 the assembly in Balochistan have celebrated the successful conclusion of 34th National Games in Quetta, marking a significant 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 province."

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

## 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 party.

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

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



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

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

Independent Report QILLA ABDULLAH: In a visit to Qilla Abdullah, Senior Provincial Minister and Minister for Planning and Development of Balochistan, Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummer, stated that the mixed provincial government of Balochistan has set the province on the path of progress and happiness.

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

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

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 Atullah Baloch, along with tribal elders, respected scholars, various political parties, and representatives and workers of the BAP were present in large numbers.

Former Provincial Minister Bismillah Khan Kakar expressed gratitude to Senior Provincial Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummer for visiting Qilla Abdullah Habib Zai. Discussions were held on political, tribal, peace and security, and national current affairs, and various matters were exchanged.

Senior Provincial Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummer, 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 compared to the past.

He stated that Balochistan is generally considered a neglected and deprived province, which suffered from negligence from Gwadar to Zhob by previous governments. However, Balochistan's present government is different from the past. Balochistan is now on the path of progress and happiness. He mentioned that the journey of rapid development is underway in all districts, regions, and constituencies of the province.

## Langau vows to prioritize public welfare

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

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

## 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 never had any proper interaction with Shahzad Akbar - the accountability czar in the Imran government.

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Fomer Prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said court accepted petition from day-first its request to hear case.

Neither National Accountability Bureau nor witnesses comes: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi

This is question to new Chairman NAB how to remedial fake cases.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in his address to media after appearance in Accountability Court said 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.

## 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.

## Khawaja Asif asks CJP to 'recuse himself' from hearing audio leaks case

ISLAMABAD (APP): Afghan. Addressing the floor of the House of National Assembly, the defence minister expressed his opinion on the 'wedge between the judiciary and the parliament' continuing for more than a year, creating political unrest in the country.

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 justice 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 case," he viewed.

The commission was headed by the most senior judge of the SC after the CJP, Justice Qazi Faez Isa. It also comprised of Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Naem Akhtar



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Sheikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees AAOFI 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 (IIU).

Rana Tanveer Hussain, appreciated the International Islamic University Islamabad's Da'wah Academy for conducting such courses for understanding the true spirit of our religion especially designed for professionals in various institutions.

Such programs must be conducted in the entire country so that we can spread the message of Islam in the true spirit, he added. 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 and in Pakistan it was our prime responsibility to remain united. Addressing the concluding ceremony Dr. Hathal Hamoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIU) said that the role of educational institutions.

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

## Dashti assures BEC delegation of immediate solution of issues

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 them by tomorrow.

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 delegation 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 Finance.

During the course of

meeting, the financial issues being faced by the newspaper industry due to non-payment 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 Qaddus 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 industry to some extent.



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