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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in a group photo with participants of National Workshop

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districts

NAROWAL/SHEIKHUPURA

(INP): At least eight people

were killed and three oth-

ers injured when lightning

struck different areas of

Narowal and Sheikhupura

during heavy rain followed

by strong wind gusts, light

Panjpir and Ratikhurd ar-

eas of tehsil Shakargarh

and four others were criti-

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Mandiali Town killing two

people and leaving another

lightning gutted various

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Sheikhupura grid station

due to which the city re-

mained plunged into

darkness for several

Eid special

train departs

today

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QUETTA: The Eid Special

train is scheduled to leave

Quetta for Peshawar today

According to the schedule, the Eid Special

would depart for Peshawar

from Quetta Railway Sta-

sist of 10 passenger coaches

for the reservation has al

ready been done. The Eid

Special would due to reach

Peshawar in tomorrow

The train would con-

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National Workshop Balochistan concludes:

Governor exhorts intelligentsia to play due part to cope with challenges faced by Pakistan

Malik Abdul Wali Kakar asks participants of NWB to play active and enthusiastic role for promotion of sustainable peace, promotion of national harmony and spirit

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar has exhorted upon intelligentsia to play part for coping with the challenges being faced by the country.

The Governor was speaking at the closing ceremony of National Workshop Balochistan (NWB) here the other day.

While appreciating the NWB, the Governor expressed the hope that participants would play more active and enthusiastic role for promotion of sustainable peace as well as promotion of national har-

He said that the work- shop in their respective inshop is a darsgah (learning institution) where the participants learn something in short span of two weeks what they can't learn in big

The Governor also said that the participants of NWB are lucky to have an opportunity to learn through the able experienced teachers and experts.

universities.

In addition to this, they would have the opportunity to share the experiences and observations with the fellow, he maintained.

What's needed now for the participants is that they would use the knowledge and learning they gained mony and national spirit. while attending the workEstablishment of check posts made conditional with approval:

Balochistan cabinet directs security agencies to abolish check posts at highways

No utilization of check posts at highways seen ever nor any terrorist captured from buses; special sitting of cabinet decides to take wholehearted action against drugs sellers on Sariab road and other areas of Quetta city

Independent Report

QUETTA: In a crucial development, the Balochistan cabinet has expressed strong reaction over establishment of the check posts at the roads and highways in the name of security checking and directed all the concerned federal and provincial security agencies to abolish the check posts im-

mediately. The cabinet met with the Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo in the chair at late Saturday night also decided that no institution would establish its check posts at the highways without valid permission of the provincial gov-

ernment in future. As per the decision of cabinet, the establishment of check posts by the law enforcement agencies would be made conditional with permission of the provincial Home department.

It was asserted in the cabinet meeting that humiliation of the people is not acceptable at all adding that no one would be allowed to spoil the respect of the commuters whatsoever.

The cabinet regretfully observed that the women, children, patients are elderly persons travelling in the passenger coaches are forced to stop for hours at the check posts.



vincial Finance Minister Engr. Zamrak Khan Achakzai on passage of budget

CM Bizenjo wants public project's completion by June 30

QUETTA **Balochistan Chief Minis**ter Mir Abdul Qudous Bizenjo on Saturday issued instructions through the summary sent to the **Department of Planning** and Development regarding the progress of development projects.

Which the Deputy Commissioners have been asked to inaugurate the public projects completed by June 30 so that the completed projects can be formally started and completed projects' fruits can be delivered to the people.

The chief minister said in the summary that he wanted to see all the completed projects operational by August.

He said that the and owner of the projects

(APP): developed with the resources of the people and their credit would go to the people saying that for this reason, no VVIP would inaugurate the projects.

He directed that the children were studying in government schools that they would inaugurate newly schools despite the newly hospitals could be launched by patients who under treatment processes in the official hos-

While the green bus service should be inaugurated for women and men traveling by public transport. The chief minister has also directed that the inauguration ceremonies should be held simply and unnecessary expenses people were the rightful should be avoided in these Sunday passed the Finance Bill 2023-24 with certain amendments in the prowho will sign it into a law, posed budgetary measures and the total outlay of Rs and effective from July 1, 2023. Speaker National As-14.48 trillion to achieve macsembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf roeconomic stability and the put all the amendments proset target of a 3.5 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) posed by lawmakers Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, Saira Bano, Nisar The Finance Bill, moved by Minister for Finance and Cheema, Zahra Wadood Fatimi, Nawab Sher Waseer, Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, was passed with majority vote Asiya Azeem, which were

rejected with a majority

vote; except Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali's amend-

To secure IMF funding

NA passes Finance Bill 2023 with outlay of Rs14.48tr

Revised budget imposes additional taxes of Rs215 billion and cuts expenditures by Rs85 billion; No double-pension for government employees of grade 17-22: Dar speech of the finance minis-

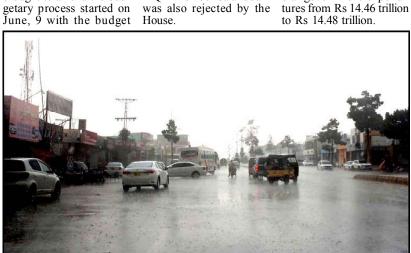
bly. The bill now would go

to the President for assent

desk thumping as the House passed the budget. the bill by the Assembly's approval. The passage of the Fi-Consequently, the amendment proposed by MQM member Salahuddin nance Bill has successfully brought to an end the budwas also rejected by the

ter at the National Assemrecommendations, the National Assembly also approved the amendments proposed in the Finance Bill 2023-24 by the Finance Minister. The bill, pre-sented in the House on June 9 by the Finance minister for consideration, got the approval of the National Assembly with certain changes in the figures related to revenue targets and other matters in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Accordingly, the revenue target of the Federal Board of Rev-enue (FBR) had increased ment, which was included in from Rs 9.2 trillion to Rs 9.415 trillion, provincial revenue from Rs 5.276 trillion to Rs5.39 trillion, federal government expendi-

In the light of Senate



QUETTA: Vehicles are on their way during heavy rainfall after a long spell of hot weather in the city

Load shedding duration increases to 8 to 10 hours

The National Assembly on

after clause-by-clause read-

ing. The House echoed with

growth rate.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Load shedding duration across the country crossed eight to ten hours as electricity short fall reached to 6598 Mega Watt (MW).

According to power division sources total electricity is 20402MW and the demand is 27000 MW.

Hydropower plant is producing 6200MW, Government thermal power plant producing 563MW electricity and production of private electricity production house is 9000MW whereas wind power plant production is 1245MW.

Electricity house of solar penal are producing 100MW and nuclear power is producing 3164MW electricity.

BGuas is producing 130MW electricity.

Legal committee to pave way for Nawaz's return

ISLAMABAD (INP); The legal committee was formed on Sunday in line to clear the path for Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif's return to the coun-

According to sources, committee to be headed by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar. The committee also comprised SAPM Ata Tarar, Irfan Qadir, Amjad Pervaiz and other lawyers. The committee will make every effort to remove any legal barriers to Nawaz's return to the coun-

On the other side, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif will hold key meetings today. Sources divulged that Nawaz, who was visiting Dubai with his family, will meet the members of roval family

Life-time disqualification hanging sword went away from Nawaz Sharif

New election bill empowers ECP to unilaterally announce and delay polls

ISLAMABAD (Online): Hanging sword of life-time disqualification over Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Supremo Nawaz Shareef went away as National Assembly (NA) passed 'Election act àmendment 2017' bill

by consensus. Election Commission of Pakistan will an- in section 62 and 63. This nounce general election schedule and will also be able to change it. Finance minister Ishaq Dar presented more amendments in 'Election Act Amendment

National Assembly session held under the chairmanship speaker Ayaz Sadiq. Election Act 2017 amendment bill passed

in session unanimously. Section 57 of the bill was amended in NA session. Election Commission now will announce

posed bill, punishment duration is not decided in those crimes will have maximum of five years disqualification. Bill also said qualification and disqualification method and tenure under act 232 be given in same way as it was given

According to pro-

schedule also.

method and period of disqualification is not Convicted person will remain disqualified for five year from the day of verdict issued by Supreme Court, High

act's section will be ap-

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Court or any other It is said in bill that punishment of disqualification under article 62 clause 1(F) bill not be

more than five years. Related person will be able to contest elecelection schedule and tion of parliament or provincial assembly.



Balochistan Jamal Shah Kakar meeting with Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah

Balochistan Assembly's budget session:

Deputy Speaker summons QESCO chief after members strongly react over power load shedding crisis

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Deputy

ding crisis in Quetta and other parts.

Mr. Zairay pointed out that worst ever load shed-

lengthy power load shedding in the severe cold He requested the chair

to summon the QESCO chief and ask him as why the duration of power load

out that the Customs tams are conducting raids in the markets of Ouetta and thus

tion Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate and MPA Qadir Nayal also endorsed the assembly approved the PM today (Monday).

pointing out that the power load shedding has become a matter of routine in Ouetta with no exception to his Malik constituency. Sikandar also urged the chair to summon the OESCO chief over the issue and speak to him about the crisis. Meanwhile, the

point of Nasrullah Zairay supplementary grant of over Rs. 37 billion for the current financial year 2022-

> The Provincial Minister for Finance, Zamarak Khan Achakzai presented the motions about supplementary grant.

Later, the session was adjourned to meet at 04:00

Information minister criticises previous government for bulldozing IMF agreement ISLAMABAD (APP): IMF agreement on strict

Minister for Information terms, violated it and then Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Sunday that it was against the country and the strange that those who ruined the national economy were crying over signs of restoration of agreement signed by themselves with International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In a statement, the minister said that on May 9, they burned the country, attacked military and private properties, desecrated the memorials of martyrs

suspended the agreement, then hatched conspiracies

agreement. The minister said that questions should be asked to those who were crying over the agreement and why did they sign the agreement with the IMF. She said it was ironic that those who were shouting about the agreement, themselves had signed the agreement with

"Not only did they vioand now they were prepar- late and suspend this agreeing to damage the economic ment, but they conspired to



"Arsonsits, conspirators and enemies of the country have started crying again as they heard the news that the agreement with the IMF is being restored", she maintained.

previous regime signed the port.

she added. The minister said that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif during his tenure had stabilized the country's economy, but "the foreign agent" shook the foundations of the economy and the country Marriyum said that the had to seek the IMF's sup-

US not influencing Pakistan on ties with China, says envoy Blome

KARACHI (INP): Am- four decades, many policy has denied that the United States is pressing Pakistan to choose between the US and China.

He was speaking at an interactive session on 'US-Relations: Pakistan Present and Future' organised by the Pakistan Council on Foreign Relations (PCFR) here.

Ambassador Blome opined that trade among partners was key towards economic prosperity. The trade must also be equitable and our message to China is to go forward with fair trade terms and Pakistan should demand the same from its economic relationships, he added.

He said that for the last

bassador Donald Blome makers in Washington have viewed Pakistan with the lens of US engagement in Afghanistan.

More recently, some commentators try to frame the US relationship with Pakistan in perspective of China or India or Russia. he said and added that it should stand on its own. The US engagement

with Pakistan remained very strong, he continued. The ambassador saw

Pakistan's economic future bright as an engine of a larger regional economy. connecting South and Cen-He hinted at potential

of an improved eco-

nomic relationship with

Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail has summoned the Chief Executive Officer of Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) over the power load shedding issue at 03:00 PM on Monday (today). Actually it was the budget session of ding of electricity is being shedding has been in-

provincial assembly, which was resumed on Sunday afternoon. However, on a point of order, raised by the MPA Nasrullah Zairay, the members strongly reacted over the power load shed-

observed in Quetta these creased? He also pointed days.

He said that the people are suffering due to the

exceeding the authority. He also urged the Deputy Speaker to call the Collector Customs on the issue. The leader of Opposi-

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Legal questions

When the Supreme Court decided to take up multiple petitions against the court martial of civilians, there had been much excitement over the inclusion of the senior puisne judge, Justice Qazi Faez Isa, in the nine-member bench originally formed to hear the matter.

It had been a long-running complaint of critics of the current chief justice that he had actively excluded Justice Isa from important benches. Therefore, after his 'surprise' nomination to the bench, many were looking forward to hearing Justice Isa's thoughts on the matter; more so as the honourable justice had, just a day earlier, been confirmed as the next chief justice of Pakistan. Instead, both Justice Isa and the next senior-most judge, Justice Tariq Masood, chose to abruptly disassociate themselves from the proceedings. Granted that they may have had their reasons not to sit on the bench, but it would seem that, in this case, they missed the forest for the trees.

The decision to court-martial civilians is no frivolous matter. It merits a detailed review under the laws of the land, preferably by as many of the best legal minds the country has in its service as possible. The incoming chief justice's differences with the incumbent on various administrative matters of the court are well documented. They need not have become a reason for two senior-most judges to sit this case out. The state has argued against any debate or discussion over the trials of civilians under military laws, even shutting down attempts to question the grave implications of this practice.

The petitioners were not wrong when they pleaded with Justice Isa to reconsider, arguing that they had already risked much to bring the matter to court. Considering that he has not recused himself, he should find a way to still weigh in on the matter.

Lastly, a word to some of our elected lawmakers, who lately seem inclined to see a conspiracy in everything the Supreme Court does. It was unbecoming of two cabinet ministers to launch into ugly tirades against the superior judiciary on the floor of the National Assembly simply for taking up the relevant petitions. Perhaps they needed a reminder that all citizens of Pakistan enjoy the right to seek legal recourse whenever they feel their fundamental rights are being threatened. It is up to the judiciary to decide, based on its merits, which petition is to be heard and which is to be set aside.

There is little point, therefore, of fomenting controversy over whether or not the Supreme Court should hear this case. Instead, it would be best if both critics and proponents of military courts decide to test the strength of their arguments before the court. This need not turn into another public dispute between the judiciary and legislature.

A pressing need



Muna Khan

While I don't tire of writing about journalism, recently, I have been wondering whether I will witness its demise and if there will be takers for my news media literacy classes — 10 years from now. The fear was exacerbated after reading this year's digital news report by the Reuters Institute: "Audiences say they pay more attention to celebrities, influencers, and social media personalities than journalists in networks like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat." However, news organisations and journalists are still central to the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

While Facebook remains a top used platform, it has shifted away from news and faces tough competition from TikTok, "which reaches 44 per cent of 18-24s across markets and 20pc for news". Trust in the media was down by 2pc from the year before. It's no surprise that consumption of traditional media is down "in most markets", but the number of people who say they avoid the news has risen to 36pc across markets.

The only positive takeaway was that public media organisations had the highest trust in the Global North — because they "likely see them as important personally and for society" — but younger viewers are not consuming it. "These findings suggest that maintaining the breadth of public service reach remains critical for future legitimacy and especially with younger groups," the report says.

For journalism to remain relevant, news tance?

genuine, new ways to diences. And I don't mean copy/pasting their content on TikTok. It requires an understanding of the technological changes taking place in how audiences consume information and figuring out what issues younger audiences care about. Pro tip:

change of leadership in

Organisations also

XYZ parties.

have to figure out how to attract this generation into the fold. When I began working in the mid-1990s, journalism was considered a worthy pursuit. Today, the field offers low wages, uncertainty and too often people end up doing tasks sign up for. They're made to chase clicks over public service. Some try to challenge these goals in this is the only way to keep their jobs. Others quit, and it's almost always folks who had innovative ideas to solve issues; be it audience engagement, or creating meaningful stories that

matter to readers. One way to make journalism a worthy pursuit is to teach people about the journalists who made it such. My work in audio — interviewing journalists about their experiences working under various forms of press censorship — is a small attempt at doing that. I believe it can help people unaware of the country's history of civil resistance, understand this moment better. Why, for example, is there no visible collective resistance to curbs to press freedom? There's much to learn from personal narratives like Ghazi Salahuddin's, who shared why he courted arrest to protest the trials of journalists during Gen Zia's rule. Why don't we see muzzled media poses to similar collective resis-

I'm hoping I can convince like-minded journalconnect with younger au- ists and/or donors to build a press museum similar to the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Nearly 10 million visited the museum in the 11 years it was open — and it charged a \$25 fee, unlike the free museums in the vicinity, which shows people were interested in learning about the it's climate change, not news ecosystem. Some of the artifacts exhibited at Newseum included the front page of newspapers from history, starting from

1493 to the papers of the

day. It also had a memo-

rial for journalists who

died on the job. Visitors could also practise journalism by re--a--ding the thr-ough news teleprom-p-ter to better un---derstand how the on the job they did not news works. Incidentally, the TDF Magni-fiscie-nce Centre in Ka--rachi also has this opportunity; I've seen how children are extheir small ways, while cited to participate — it others give in, knowing may inspire them to pursue journalism, or influencing, as the case may be now. While the Newseum was never able to break even, it does not mean such an idea is unfeasible in Pakistan. There are plenty of examples of successful public-private partnerships that can provide inspiration for a press museum. The people behind such a venture need to be press freedom advocates; they have to believe that the public must have an understanding of

what that means, what it

entails, what the chal-

lenges are. The besieged

their civil liberties. -- Cour-

state of Pakistan's press requires interventions from all stakeholders, and while a press museum won't solve the crises, its creation will serve as a reminder of the battles fought by advocates to preserve press freedom. It may also reinvigorate a commitment from media owners to do the same educate their audience about the threats a

Bonhomie?



Aizaz Ahmad

Chaudhry Narendra Modi has come a long way from the time he was denied a US visa for his role in the Gujarat pogrom. Times have changed. He is now the prime minister of a country that the US wants to build as a counterweight to rising China. The US has honoured him, with his state visit and address to the US Congress. It believes India can serve as Washington's ally in its competition with China. But while India has welcomed its growing ties with the US, it appears that it is not looking for any alliance with it and wants to keep its options

The Indian leadership appreciates that the US is still the most eminent military and economic power, and that India has much to gain in terms of defence deals and technologies. Indian military capabilities have already been bolstered by bilateral agreements allowing the use of each other's military logistics (LEMOA), compatibility of encrypted communication equipment (COMCASA), exchange geospatial intelligence (BEĈA). During Modi's recent visit to Washington, the US agreed to sell armed drones and manufacture GE engines in In-

Yet, India is not prepared to sacrifice its longtime ties with Russia. India did not condemn Russia for its aggression against Ukraine, and also started buying Russian oil, which helped Russia redress the deleterious impact of Western sanctions. Likewise, India

wants to deal with China on its own terms and not on behalf of the US, despite serious India-China border issues. India has also maintained its trade and economic relations with China and cooperates closely with China on nience and interests. Doz-BRICŠ, SCO, AIIB and other forums. For its part, the US

recognises there are limits to what India can, or would, do to counter China or Russia. Yet, it is continuing to invest in tolerance. India as the country is central to America's plans to situate an arc of containment against China, with due support from Australia, Japan and some other countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

So, are both countries misreading each other? Can the high-flying visit of an Indian prime minister to Washington address the mismatch of mutual expectations?

There are two broad

foundations for the close partnership that India and the US are seeking to establish: geopolitical interests in the Indo-Pacific region, and shared democratic values. On both counts, there are issues that place limits on what can be achieved. While shared geopolitical objectives essentially revolve around China, India is not inclined to be categorised as a 'US ally'. Foreign Min-Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has often talked about 'strategic autonomy'. Indian journalist Barkha Dutt in her Washington Post article says, "Sorry, America. India will never be your ally". She argues: "În a multipolar world, India will look to be a pole, not an exclusive partner." As for shared democratic values, there are growing concerns in America on the weakening of democracy in India and violence against religious minorities. The State on international religious freedom has documented violence by law-enforcement authorities against re- Courtesy Dawn

ligious minorities in multiple states. American scholar Daniel Markey has argued in a recent essay in Foreign Affairs that India-US relations are not based on shared values of democracy but on conveens of US lawmakers have written a letter to President Joe Biden, drawing his attention to the "troubling signs" in India of shrinking political space and the rise of religious in-

An interesting per-

spective has been fielded

by Indian journalist Raja Mohan, who describes the Modi visit as a "fundamental turning point" in India-US ties. His argument is that the convergence is not about containing China, but creating a new multipolar Asia. While there is no doubt that Asia, as indeed the rest of the world, is fast becoming multipolar, the Modi visit, from the US perspective, seems to be centred on US objectives in the Indo-Pacific, including "empowering the QUAD" and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. Markey argued in his interview with Karan Thapar that US cooperation with India should be limited to those technologies that can enable India to defend itself against

Intriguingly, the joint statement after Modi's visit does not explicitly mention China or Russia, but makes a negative reference to Pakistan in the context of cross-border terrorism even though Pakistan fought against terrorism and actually achieved results. The US knows well that fighting terrorism is a joint responsibility of the international community, and should not have signed on to this reference which is a violation of the norms of bilateralism. India's continu-Department's 2022 report ing targeting of Pakistan is unfortunate and a bad omen for peace and stability in South Asia. --

Commerce News

tesy Dawn

Pak-China collaborate to promote Pakistan pharma development

has equalized or surpassed the developed nations' pharma standards over a period of time.

experience in cooperation with China, our progress is with China, our progress is accompanied by the dividend of the development of China's pharmaceutical industry," highlighted Waheed Ahmed, Chief Executive of China is becoming more and more informative due to Pvt Ltd at the CPHI & PMEC China.

"As Asia leading pharmaceutical show for rading, knowledge sharing and networking, CPHI & China spans all pMEC China spans all protection of the protection of th

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Executive Officer

Pakistan Furniture

Council (PFC) Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday

urged the government to

encourage investments

and create a favorable

business environment

manufacturers.He said

the furniture industry

in the country can be

successfully promoted

and positioned as a

furniture

competitive player in furniture making.

Government urged

for encouraging

furniture Industry

BEIJING (APP): China industry sectors along the pharmaceutical supply chain including APIs, excipients, finished dosage, natural exacts, ma standard over a historical sage, hadded acts, biopharma & & CDMOs, animal health&feed, medical supplies, etc," China China, our progress is Economic Net (CEN)

Shaigan Pharmaceuticals the major R&D work being carried out in China, China, Pakistan's largest trading partner and the largest producer of API attaches

the global market with

effective marketing with the right combination of factors,

including export potential, design and

innovation, technology

adoption, and skill

development.Chairing

the PFC executive

committee meeting, he

said Pakistan has a

skilled labor force and

a rich heritage of

craftsmanship

technologies developing rapidly, and the quality of pharmaceutical and mechanical products is reliable," he explained.

This time I am exploring future technologies and newly developed products, especially in biosimilars and new drug delivery systems," Waheed mentioned.

'Meeting my over 15 collaborative partners who are all old friends at the expo and witnessing their growth is always a pleasure and opportunity to tap new business ranges."

Cantt Boards

advise taxpayers

to pay taxes by June 28

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi and Chaklala

Cantonment Boards have

advised the taxpayers to pay

their property taxes, conservancy taxes, and

water charges for the current

year by June 28 and receive

a 10 percent discount. The

property owners failing to

pay the taxes and other

charges by the deadline

would be facing monetary

penalties. According to an RCB spokesman, "The board have sent all the

outstanding bills to its

taxpayers.

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LAHORE: Caretaker Minister of Livestock and Dairy Development Ibrahim Hassan Murad in a photo with a delegation of Chinese livestock experts under the leadership of Vice President Royal Group of China Mr. Teng Cuijin.

Murtaza Abbassi says: **Establishment of HESCO** to be game changer for development of Hazara

Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi Sunday inaugurated the Sui gas provision project in the villages of Batolni, Mujahath, Termuchia, Slawala and Sirila of Tehsil Havelian with an estimated cost of 548.982 million.

While addressing a village of Batolni Murta, he establishment of this said that this initiative was company

HAVELIAN (APP): aimed to provide Federal Minister for affordable access to natural gas to the rural communities in the region, heralding a new era of progress and development.

Murtaza Abbasi expressed his delight over the approval of the board of directors for Hazara Electric Supply Company (HESCO) and huge public gathering in the emphasized that the

N and Prime Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif will prove to be a game-changer for the region, the minister declared.

Govt transfers Rs.3billion to railway account for Salaries of June

effectively eliminate the long-standing deprivation

faced by the people of

taken a significant step

towards the advancement

multimillion project undertaken by the PML-

Hazara",

"Today, we have

FAISALABAD (Online): Federal minister of Railway Saad Rafique personnel interest and timely action to pay the salaries of month of June on the demand of 'Pakistan Railway Prem Union' government transferred the amount of 3 billion Pkr to railway ministry account. Salaries has also been

Efforts afoot to expand tax network, growth rate: Kiyani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Economic and Energy Affairs Bilal Azhar Kayani on Saturday said the incumbent government under the leadership of PM Shehbaz Sharif. has taken extensive measures to expand the tax network and

growth rate. An amount of 466 allocated for BISP to help government in the current budget has also increased

the allocation for BISP to facilitate beneficiaries, he informed. He said the Pakistan

Muslim League-N, with the help of coalition partners, had protected the country from falling into the default line. He blamed Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI)

government for the current billion rupees has been economic situation, saying that it had created mistrust under privilege groups of people, he said while government was making allwith IMF. He said the talking to a private television channel. The impression created by the PTI chief during his tenure.



QUETTA: A vendor arrange the fresh vegetables

ICCI for further strengthening trade ties with Japan

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari on Sunday urged the need for further strengthening bilateral and economic relations between Pakistan and Japan to attain sustainable growth and development in

Japan is the third largest economy in the world with a GDP of \$4,940.9 billion and bilateral relations between Pakistan and Japan has a history, he said this while talking to Economic Minister designated for Japan, Dr Irfan Abbas Shah

during his visit to ICCI. Ahsan Zafar said that are many possibilities for further this regard.

improving trade relations between the two countries, adding that there are vast opportunities for Japanese investors to invest in different sectors of the national economy including automobile.

He said that the role of the embassy is very important to promote and develop diplomatic, trade and economic relations between both countries. President ICCI urged the need to impart skill training to youth to fulfill the increasing labor demand of Japanese markets and urged the government to take SMEDA and other concerned institutions into confidence and form a comprehensive policy in

RAWALPINDI: All Pakistan Mobile Phones Association are shouting slogans during protest in the favor of their demands at Sadr area in City.

Promotion of agro-based industry stressed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Rice Research and Development Board Punjab Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday stressed the urgent need for the promotion of an agro-based industry that's of immense importance to the country's economy.

He said agro-industry foreign exchange through exports, promotes rural development, ensures food security, and adds value to agricultural products. Talking to a delegation

of progressive farmers led Dr Muhammad Arshad Javed, he said a strong and vibrant agro-based industry is crucial for sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and overall development, says a press release. He said the agro-

based industry is crucial for contributes to GDP, earns ensuring food security in Pakistan. With a growing population, it is essential have a robust agricultural sector that can produce an adequate quantity of food.

transferred to salaries accounts of Railway employees.

CM seeks plan to improve livestock, dairy development

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has sought a plan to bring improvements in livestock and dairy development across

He was presiding over a meeting at the CM Office in which steps to livestock increase production along with livestock increasing exports were reviewed.

It was decided during the meeting to take steps on an emergency basis for the promotion of meat and poultry industry in Punjab.Caretaker CM while directing to formulate a comprehensive policy with regard to meat export stated that obstacles in the promotion of beef, mutton and poultry industry will be removed.

It was principally decided during the meeting to declare Bahawalpur

PESHAWAR

Provincial President Awami

National Party (ANP) has

expressed concern over the

and demanded immediate

action against those

involved in such crime.

KARACHI: A man washing the sacrificial animal

ANP condemns

increased target killing

incidents in Peshawar

increase of target killing and terrorist attacks incidents in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa long these unknown persons will remain unknown, Amil Wali Khan

The killing of community in a city like Manmohan Singh in Peshawar gives an

Peshawar is very alarming impression that Peshawar

and condemnable, is not safe, Amil Wali Khan Provincial President ANP said and added.

(APP): Amil Wali Khan said in a

questioned.

statement issued here

Sunday. Dayal Singh was

killed in Ramadan, how

members of the minority

The attacks on

in connection with the upcoming Eid ul Azha.

huge foreign exchange can be earned with the export of meat and poultry in Punjab. Latest modus operandis of semen protection, farm management and

vaccinations are essential to adopt. Halal certification of livestock production and traceability is a mandatory step for exports. Punjab province has the capability to export livestock and dairy products to Saudi Arabia and China.

Poultry industry will have to be driven towards latest mechanisation.

Fawad Mukhtar, Naveed Igbal and Professor Talat Naseer Pasha gave a briefing and put forth their recommendations. Provincial Minister Ibrahim Hassan Murad, Chief Secretary, Chairman Planning & Development, Secretary

Division" of Punjab. The Government, Secretary CM was informed that Finance and concerned officials attended the meeting. Renowned businessman Syed Yawar Ali participated in the meeting via video link.

Meanwhile, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has expressed his deep sense of sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives due to falling down of skylight

Narowal. Čaretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi has expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the heirs of the deceased. Mohsin Nagvi prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the deceased persons in eternal peace and grant fortitude to the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss with equanimity.Caretaker CM directed the administration to provide best treatment facilities to the injured

7 dead, 1235 injured in road accidents in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least seven people were killed while 1235 injured in 1235 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours.

Of whom, 638 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 597 victims with minor injuries were treated on the spot by Rescue medical teams.

Analysis showed that 599 drivers, 65 underage drivers, 153 pedestrians, and 490 passengers were among the victims of road crashes Statistics show that 284 road accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 273 people placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 80 in Faisalabad with 81 victims and at third Multan with 70 road accidents and 72 victims. According to the data, 1028 motorbikes, 80 auto-rickshaws, 114 motorcars, 29 vans, 18 buses, 17 trucks.



PESHAWAR: A representative delegation of North Waziristan led by Chief of Waziristan Malik Nasrullah meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji GhulamAli.

PPP always strives for ensuring political stability: Tasneem

State Minister for Production and Industries Tasneem Ahmed Oureshi said on Sunday Pakistan People's Party (PPP) had always strived to ensuring political stability and democracy in the country.

Addressing a gathering here, he said all political parties were sitting together despite ideological differences for the sake of country's economic and political stability and strengthening democracy. The coalition government came to power after removal of former affected people's prime minister Imran Khan rehabilitation, he added after removal of former affected

SARGODHA (APP): through a constitutional way to mitigate the sufferings of people amid inflation, unemployment and poverty, Tasneem said.

About sufferings of those affected by floods last year, Qureshi said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto effectively voiced the miseries of 33 million people of Pakistan at the international forums, who were affected due to devastating floods. As a result, Pakistan received financial assistance of \$9 billion for the flood

Ombudsman office provides relief to 23 complainants

LAHORE (APP): The Ombudsman Punjab office provided relief of Rs 64.3 million to 23 complainants from various districts by issuing orders to provincial government departments. In a press statement issued here on Sunday, a spokesman for the provincial ombudsman office said the office successfully resolved the longstanding matter of a family pension for a widow Ms Shaheena, residing in a secluded village within the Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. After the decision, Ms Shaheena received her remaining pension dues of Rs 182,695 from district district administrations in

accounts office Sargodha. response to public Furthermore, Ms complaints received by the Najma Mazhar, the ombudsman's office.

plaintiff from Mandi Bahauddin, has been duly compensated for her deceased husband's employment dues through the intervention of the ombudsman's office. Additionally, her daughter, Ms Mehreen Saba, has also been appointed as a junior clerk in a government department in grade-11, in adherence to Rule 17-A of the Punjab Civil Servants (Appointment Conditions of Service) Rules, 1974, the Rules,

who shifted the body to THQ Hospital Taxila for autopsy.During spokesman preliminary Moreover, the spokesman examination, it was revealed emphasized that the man was strangled to commendable efforts death and later his body was undertaken by various thrown there to conceal the crime. The deceased were identified as Meer Gull- a native of Landikotil-KP.

Development works halted by PTI in KP restarted by PML-N govt: Amir Muqam

SWAT (APP): Adviser to Swat which had been halted Upper Dir, Shergarh the Prime Minister, Engr by the previous PTI Mardan and Khawzakhela the Prime Minister, Engr by the previous PTI Amir Mugam here on Sunday said that Pakistan Muslim League (N) strongly believed in the uniform country's development process and had restarted work on projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Swat after it was halted by the PTI government.

Addressing a public gathering after the inauguration of the Passport Office at Khwazakhela in Upper Swat, Engr Amir Muqam said that the work on the gas projects was started by PMLN Govt in 2017 at

Dead body

found along

with motorway

WAH CANTT (APP): The

dead body of a man under a

bridge was found along with

Islamabad-Peshawar

motorway (M-1) near

Passwal in the jurisdiction

of Taxila Police Station on

Sunday.The police spokesman said that some

passerby spotted the body

of a man lying under a bridge

and informed the police

medical

government, thus making great injustice with people. He said the PML-N has restarted work on all halted gas projects in Swat

Minister Prime Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, he said that pasport offices were established in all districts of Khyber Pakthunkhwa.

He said that establishing five new passport offices at Pathan

Swat was another gift of PML-N government for the people of Khyber Pakthunkhwa.

Engr Amir Muqam to provide the much-needed relief to the people. opponents could not During the mislead the people of Swat government of former anymore as these elements were completely failed to address their problems during nine years long rule of PTI. He said that Khwazakhela road, gas projects at Charbagh. Manglawar and Nawaz Sharif Kidney Hospital Swat were completed by

Lower Kohistan, Chakdara the PML-N govt benefiting Lower Dir, Sheringal millions of people.

Driving licence issuance process made easy: IGP

LAHORE (Online): province. He said a said that driving licence issuance process in Punjab had been made simplified

and made easy. issued here, he said every Pakistani citizen, who owned a national identity card, could now easily get a licence from any

Inspector General of citizen from any region Police (IGP) Punjab Dr of Pakistan, who had Usman Anwar Sunday obtained a learner's permit, could appear for the driving test in the district of his job.

He said for the first time in the history In a press release of Pakistan, now driving licences had been issued to 62 transgenders.

"Transgenders are also being imparted training at driving licensing centre in schools of Punjab Punjab, and get Police," he said and renewed his/her added that the driving licence from number of driving any district of Punjab schools had been on its expiry in all increased from 32 to districts of the 64 across Punjab.

International News

Russia says China backs its efforts to stabilize the country after mercenary rebellion

Monitoring Desk TAIPEI: Russia said on Sunday that China threw its support behind President Vladimir Putin's efforts to stabilize the country after an aborted rebellion against the Kremlin by an army of

mercenaries. The Russian Foreign Ministry said China declared support for the leadership in Moscow during a previously unannounced trip to Beijing by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko.

stabilize the situation in the country in connection with the events of June 24, and reaffirmed its interest in strengthening the unity and further prosperity of Russia," the Russian statement

Rudenko met with Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang to discuss "international and regional issues Chinese Foreign Ministry said on its website.

Rudenko's visit came 'The Chinese side ex- just a day after Yevgeny

to march on Moscow in the greatest challenge to Putin's more than two decades in power. Prigozhin later on Saturday reached a deal with the Kremlin to go into

It was unclear whether Rudenko's visit to China was in response to the re-The Chinese Foreign

of common concern," the Ministry said in a statement late Sunday that the uprising was "Russia's internal affair." "As a friendly neigh-

pressed support for the efforts of the leadership of her leadershi

era, China supports Russia in maintaining national stability and achieving development and prosperity" it said, without explicitly referencing Russia's leader-

China and Russia, while not formal allies, have maintained close ties throughout Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, which China has refused to con-

The United States and other Western powers have urged Beijing not to supply Russia with arms that could be used in the Ukraine conflict.

Monitoring Desk

NEW DELHI: Amazon and

Google are the latest com-

panies to announce massive

investment plans in India

amid US President Joe

Biden's efforts to "send a

message to China" by ce-

menting India's position as

a close ally. Amazon said on

Friday it will take its invest-

ments in India to \$26 billion

by 2030, adding \$6.5bn in

new planned investments in

US firms pump money

in India as Biden eyes

geopolitical goals



the United States.

Police cordon off the Gröna Lund amusement park in Stockholm.

Afghan supreme leader claims women 'saved from oppression' by Taliban

Monitoring Desk KABUL: Afghanistan's supreme leader claimed on Sunday that the country's women were being saved from "traditional oppressions" by the adoption of Islamic governance and their status as "free and dignified human beings" restored. In a statement marking this week's Eidul Azha Hibatullah Akhundzada — who rarely appears in public and rules decree from the Taliban's birthplace in Kandahar — said steps had been taken to provide women with a "comfortable and prosperous life according to Islamic Shariah".

The United Nations expressed "deep concern" last week that women were being deprived of their rights under Afghanistan's Taliban government and warned of systematic gender apartheid. Since returning to power in August

Two people died and 12 were hurt in a shooting at a street party that was promoted on social media **Monitoring Desk**

SAGINAW: A 51-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man were slain and a dozen others wounded during a shooting at a large street party in Michigan that was

promoted on social media. The shooting occurred around midnight Saturday in Saginaw, about 102 miles (164 kilometers) northwest of Detroit, state police said.

memory chip firm Mian announcement made after CEO Andy Jassy met cron Technology, which have made commitments Prime Minister Narendra li in the United States. during the Indian Though Jassy gave no premier's state visit. Modi in the United States. N.Korea vice foreign minister supports Russian leadership over mutiny-KCNA

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korea's

vice foreign minister in a meeting with the Russian ambassador on Sunday said he supported any decision by the Russian leadership to deal with a recent mutiny, North Korean state

media reported. Im Chon II, the vice foreign minister, "expressed

firm belief that the recent armed rebellion in Russia would be successfully put down in conformity with the aspiration and will of the Russian people," state

breakdown, the announce-

ment follows Amazon's

cloud computing unit Ama-

zon Web Services saying

last month it will invest

INR1.06tr in the country

giant's announced invest-

ment during Modi's trip

including US semicon-

The e-commerce

by the end of 2030.

Heavily armed Russian mercenaries who advanced most of the way to Moscow this weekend halted their approach

KCNA news agency said.

US Secretary of State Blinken says Russia turmoil could take months to play out Monitoring Desk Prigozhin. Blinken said the turmoil as an "inter-

WASHINGTON: The unprecedented challenge to Russian President Vladimir Putin by Wagner fighters has exposed fresh "cracks" in the strength of his leadership that may take weeks or months to play out, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on

adds to other companies, "I don't think we've seen the final act," ductor toolmaker Applied Materials and Blinken said on ABC News, in one of a series of interviews after an aborted mutiny by forces led by Yevgeny

> Russian jets said to step up strikes on Syrian rebel enclave

Monitoring Desk AMMAN: Russian jets bombed villages and towns near the northwestern Syrian city of Idlib on Sunday, killing at least nine civilians and wounding dozens in a major flare-up of violence in the country's last opposi-tion stronghold, witnesses and rescuers said. War planes flying at high altitude, which tracking centres said were Russian Sukhoi jets.

tensions that sparked the action had been rising for months and the turmoil could affect Moscow's military capabilities in

"We've seen more cracks emerge in the Russian facade. It is too soon to tell exactly where they go, and when they get there. But certainly, we have all sorts of new questions that Putin is going to have to address in the weeks and months ahead," Blinken told NBC's "Meet the

Press" program. Blinken described to their bases.

At International African American Museum opening, a reclaiming of sacred ground for enslaved kin

Monitoring Desk CHARLESTON: When the International African American Museum opens to the public Tuesday in South Carolina, it becomes a new site of homecoming and pilgrimage for descendants of enslaved Africans whose arrival in the Western Hemisphere begins on the docks of the Lowcountry coast. Overlooking the old wharf in

Charleston at which nearly half

of the enslaved population first entered North America, the 150,000-square-foot (14,000square-meter)museum houses exhibits and artifacts exploringhow African Americans' labor, perseverance, resistance and cultures shaped the Caro-

nal matter" for Putin.

lutely and relentlessly on

Ukraine, making sure that

it has what it needs to de-

back territory that Russia

to learn more in coming

days and weeks about the

events that unfolded in

Russia, including details

of the deal with Prigozhin

mediated by Belarusian

President Alexander

Lukashenko that led

Wagner fighters to return

seized," Blinken said.

fend itself and to take

U.S. officials expect

linas, the nation and the world. It also includes a genealogy research center to help families trace their ancestors journey from the point of arrival on the land.

Largest Hajj pilgrimage in history' begins in Saudi Arabia

MAKKAH (Online): Vast witness the largest Haj pillims pray towards every crowds of robed Muslim pilgrims walked solemn circles around the Kaaba, the black cube at Makkah's Grand Mosque, on Sunday as the biggest Haj pilgrimage in several years began in the heat of the Saudi sum-

Islam's holiest site is expected to host more than two million worshippers from 160 countries during the annual rites that could break attendance records, with 1.6 million foreigners already there by late Fri-

"This year, we will

grimage in history," if things go according to plan, predicted an official with the Saudi Ministry of Haj and

'The numbers will exceed 2.5 million pilgrims,' added the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorised to speak with

The Haj began early "tawaf" — the circumambulation of the Kaaba, the large cubic structure draped in black cloth with gold trim-

"I am living the most beautiful days of my life,' said Abdel-Azim, a 65year-old Egyptian, as he performed the ritual. The dream has come

true," added the retiree, who had saved up for 20 years to pay the \$6,000 fee to take part. The Haj is one of the

five pillars of Islam and Sunday with the must be undertaken at least once by all Muslims with A series of rites are

completed over four days in Makkah and its sur-

roundings in the west of oilrich Saudi Arabia.

On Sunday night, pilgrims will start moving to Mina, about five kilometres (three miles) from the Grand Mosque, ahead of the Haj's climax at Mount Arafat, where the Prophet Mohammed (SAW) is believed to have delivered his final ser-

Mina, the world's largest tent city, readied to receive the influx of pilgrims on Sunday, with food supplies brought in and security forces deployed around

tion, Asad Mehmood, on

the merger of the Federally

Administered Tribal Areas

(FATA) in light of the ongoing challenges faced by

FATA through a referen-

highlighted that although

progress has been observed

in the FATA areas, it is cru-

cial to obtain firsthand in-

formation about the issues

faced by the local popula-

officials to personally visit

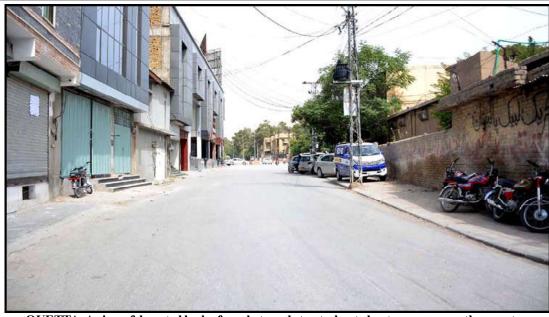
the area and assess the

ground realities to gain a

He urged government

Minister Mehmood

the region.



QUETTA: A view of deserted look of markets and streets due to heat waves across the country.

mings that millions of Mus-

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan MalikAbdul Wali Khan Kakar condoling with Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on sad demise of his aunt

Balochistan CM directs secretaries to attend budget meeting

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenji has directed the secretaries of all provincial government departments to ensue their presence in the budget session of provincial assembly continued these days in

In this regard, the Chief Minister has issued directives to all the secretaries through Chief Secretary to take the budget session serious.

He said that the budget session used to be an important phase for apsuch all the secretaries the budget session

QUETTA: The Director

General levies force

Balochistan, Naseebullah

Khan has issued order of

forced retirement of two

Levies personals of Zhob

cial hand out issued here on

Sunday, the order of forced

retirement of Levies Dafadar Bahar Khan and

Risaldar Zaman Khan was

issued by the Director

Generalon recommendation

of the Inquiry Officerr con-

ducting inquiry into the al-

leged interference in the re-

cruitment process of Lev-

ies in Zhob district.

According to an offi-

with immediate effect.

should take the session se-

The Chief Minister further directed the secretaries to note all the points raised by the members of assembly during the session while remaining present in

He also asked the administrative secretaries of departments to come in the preparation of the figures of development and nondevelopment budget regarding their respective depart-

Chief Secretary to take action against the secretaries proval of the budget, as who didn't participate in

occasion of the physical

test and interviews at the

Truck addah Zhob some

According to the in-

15 excess demands for grants for FY 2021-22

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Minister for Finance and Revenue Ishaq Dar presented these supplementary demands for grants which were approved after voting. The demands were in respect of the Intelligence Bureau; Airports Security Force; Pakistan Post Office Department;

Federal Government Educational Institutions in Cantonments and Garrisons; Defence Services: Housing and Works division; other expenditure of Interior division, Combined Civil Armed Forces; Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan division; Law and Justice Division, National Accountability Bureau; Overseas Pakistanis.

Special counter to be set up for aged persons at NADRA

quiry, both the Levies percenter Zhob sonals were found involved Independent Report
QUETTA: Two new
counters would be set up in creating hurdle in the recruitment process using unjustified methods. Thus, the DG Levies issued order of their forced

ary rules, 2015's section (b) (II). Moreover, the DG also issued orders of the forced retirement of four

retirement under disciplin-

other Levies personals under the disciplinary rules in



Independent Report were posted for security on

time back.

OUETTA: Sacrificial animals are being selling at a roadside for the upcoming festival Eid-ul-Azha,

If Europe can unite why can't Asia region as it's now or never: Romina

ISLAMABAD (APP): tically demonstrated it as it Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener National SDGs taskforce Romina Khrushid Alam has said that If Europe can unite why can't Asia region. It's now or it's never as Asia is facing multifaceted challenges like climate change.

"We need to not only strengthen rather stand with each other," the SAPM underlined.

She was speaking as Chief Guest at an international dialogue jointly hosted by the Asian Institute of Eco-Civilization R & D, Schiller Institute USA/Germany and BRIX Institute, Sweden organised International Forum on Xinjiang Modernisation from Global Perspective held here.

SAPM, Romina Khrushid Alam in her remarks said the friendship between China and Pakistan is very close to the heart of every Pakistani. "China believes in peace and prachas been visible in Saudi-Iran ties, Afghanistan and for Pakistan China always supported and stood beside in testing times," she added.

Romina said China always come up with sustainable solutions to every crisis in the world which was very important. "It's high time for each one of us to more talk about the capacity build-up and knowledge sharing that will help exchange best practices for

resolving pressing issues."

The SAPM mentioned that economic development was the only solution to all Asian countries and it was the need for the region to come up with a consortium.

Deputy Minister of Economy, Afghanistan, Dr Abdul Latif Nazari was the guest of honour via video link whereas Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener National SDGs taskforce, Romina Khrushid Alam was the chief guest.

NA approves

The National Assembly on Sunday approved 15 excess demands for grants for the fiscal year 2021-22 after voice voting in the House.

He also directed the **DG** Levies orders "forced retirement" of two Levies personals

> at the NADRA center Zhob. This was announced by the Director Operation NADRA, Syed Shabahat during his visit to NADRA center the other day.

During the visit, the Director Operations reviewed the issues being faced by the people particularly the elderly per sons at the center.

He listened the problems of the people seeking the CNUCs at the Zhob NADRA center.

He directed the conerned staff to resolve the issues ensuring transparency in all the related af-

Speaking on the occasion, Director Operation said that the NADRA is determined to provide relief to the masses. He also said that it is the top priority of NADRA to resolve the public issues so that they may benefit from its

Govt contacts Interpol to bring backEx-Chairman NAB, 2 others

ISLAMABAD (Online): Expanding the scope of investigation in 'Broadsheet Case' federal govt has contacted interpol to bring back three people including former chairman NAB Naveed Hassan.

These people are alleged of \$28 million illegal payment

Scope of investigation of broadsheet case was expanded after the approval of federal cabinet. Letter has been written to Interpol regard hand over former Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and two other people.

will bring back these people via Interpol. NAB's former position holder woman is also

Federal government

wanted in this case. Federal Investigation Agency will carry this case to logical conclusion.

Minister for Communica-Sunday urged the government to thoroughly review

ISLAMABAD (APP): comprehensive understand-

Asad Mehmood calls for

Regarding the ongoing discussions about appointments within Pakistan Post, the minister clarified that the matter is currently under review by the com-He assured the House

Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, the minister emphasized that details of the findings will be shared once the committee concludes its delibthe need to ascertain the desires of the people of

He emphasized the need to avoid exploiting this issue for political gain and highlighted discrepancies in the appointment of division personnel.

He said that if it is

proven that an individual from one division has been appointed to another division, as claimed by a Member of the National Assembly, he would resign from his position.

Proudly highlighting

review of FATA merger the achievements of the Pakistan Post, the minister emphasized the organization's remarkable progress under the diligent efforts of its of-

> Notably, Pakistan Post has successfully overcome financial deficits and received international recognition for its accomplish-

Minister Mehmood also emphasized the expansion of road networks and motorways throughout the country, resulting in im-proved connectivity for the

The Minister revealed that approximately 50 new projects have been included in the current Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), showcasing the government's commitment to national development.

Talha personally

pays 14,350

Saudi Riyals for

Hajj expenses

has personally covered the

the holy cities of Makkah

Mahmood, personally paid

rivals to the Accounts Of-

ficer at Pakistan House

from his own expenses.

statement. Giving details of

dation, while transporta-



OUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Sikandar Umrani and Parliamentary Secretary Khalil George meeting with Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail

Three-day NYS draws students from Balochistan, rest of country

QUETTA (APP): A three-day National Youth Summit (NYS) was organized here in which a large number of students belonging to Balochistan province and different districts of Pakistan, participated.

The event was arranged under the theme 'Harnessing Youth Potential for Resilient Future, Navigating Challenges, Driving Change" at the Balochistan University of Engineering and Manage-Sciences (BUITEMS), a press re-lease on Sunday said.

On the occasion different speakers including

Sports & Youth Affairs Khaliq Hazara, Ishaq Jamali secretary sports, Babar Yousafzai coordinator to CM Balochistan, Nawabzada Jamal Raisani coordinator Youth Affairs, Hamna Malik project man-SMEDA, Sanaullah Baloch MPA, Abdullah Gul Presi-Muhammad Yasmeen Lehri former MPA and Romina Khurshid Alam SAPM & Convener SDGs

MAKKAH MUKARMA (APP): Minister of Reli-gious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Talha Mahmood expenses for his visits to and Madinah. "Talha an amount of 14,350 Saudi ager, Balochistan chief dent Tehreek e Jawanan e Pakistan, Senator Kabir said the spokesman Minis-Shahi, try of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony in a the expenses he said an amount of 10,000 riyals Task Force, expressed their was allocated for accommoviews. They informed that events of National Youth



QUETTA: Activists of BNP-Mengal hold protest in favor of their demands in front of the Quetta Press Club.

Pervez read out the notifi-

cation of the new batch of

cluded Sardar Muhammad

Ghaffar Lone, Sardar Mir

Akbar Khan, Dewan Ali

Khan Chaghtai, Abdul

Waheed, Chaudhry Arshad

Hussain, Muhammad

Ahmad Raza Qadri,

Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, Abdul Majid Khan,

Raja Muhammad Siddique.

Muhammad Akmal Sargala.

Zafar Iqbal Malik, Faheem

Akhtar Rabani, Chaudhry

Yasir Sultan, Javed Butt

Akhlaq

Muhammad

The ministers who

27-men AJK Cabinet sworn in

ministers.

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Newly-appointed 27-member Azad Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet sworn in on Thursday. Azad Jammu and took oath of the office in-

Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry administered oath to the newly inducted ministers at a special cer-emony held in the State metropolis.

The oath taking ceremony, hosted at the New Prime Minister's House, was attended, among others, by Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, Speaker Legislative Assembly Chaudhry Latif Akbar, Senior Minister Colonel Retired Wagar Ahmad Noor, Government Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, and several others

On this occasion, Secretary Services and General

Zia grieved over death of aunty of Sanjrani Administration Raja Amjad

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has expressed grief and sorrow over the death of aunty of Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Hussain Khan, Amir Abdul Sanjrani. In a condolence statement issued here on Sunday, Mir Ziaullah Langove prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and give patience.

for all May 9 tragic incidents: Kh Asif

Only Imran responsible

Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that the mastermind, planner and inventor of the May-9 incident was only Imran Khan. Addressing a dinner

reception, given in his honour by members of the Cantt Board Sialkot, he regretted that it was former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman who challenged the state writ and the state institutions. He said the state is like a mother to its citizens, but this person ended that relationship in lust for power.

(Imran Khan) imparted to tary leadership.

planning he done, resulted in attacks on memorials of martyrs and military installations and the defense assets, saying that political workers were incited by their leader to attack the

state and its institutions. Kh Asif said what happened on May 9, no one should doubt that its mastermind, planner and its creator was the PTI chairman alone. He said that during the last 14 months, this person (Imran Khan) did not even once ask to meet or sit down with politicians to solve the national problems. He only expressed his He said the lesson he desire to talk to the mili-

Pak-Kazakh BPC in Astana to review entire spectrum of bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Second Round of Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) between Pakistan and Kazakhstan will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on June 26 in which the two sides would review the entire spectrum of bilateral relations.

Additional Secretary Afghanistan & West Asia) Syed Ahsan Raza Shah will lead Pakistan side while Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Repub-

Kazakh side, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release on Sunday. "During consultations

both sides will review the entire spectrum of bilateral relations in political, trade, economic, connectivity, science & technology, cultural and people to people relations to strengthen the deep-rooted fraternal ties between Pakistan and Kazakhstan with a view to foster closer cooperation for the mutual benefit of lic of Kazakhstan Kanat their people," the spokes-Tumyst will lead the person added.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Asadullah Baloch giving away wheel chair to a disable person

Budget process in NA witnesses active participation of MPs

sion, the National Assembly (NA) successfully approved the federal budget for the fiscal year 2023-24.

Commencing on March 27, the session witnessed the presentation of the Finance Bill, 2023 on June 9, 2023, sparking a thorough and engaging deoate on the budget.

The House, after incorporating numerous recommendations from the Senate, passed the Finance Bill, 2023, alongside the adoption of four resolutions addressing significant issues. The formal budget debate commenced on June 12, with the Leader of the Opposition initiating discussions on the federal budget in accordance with parliamentary tradition.

According to the data compiled through the website of NA and observation of proceedings, a substantial number of lawmakers actively participated in the debate, with around 86 out of 174 NA members lending their voices to the discussions a significant increase compared to previous years. It is noteworthy that

the incumbent 15th NA

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a comprises 174 members, highly productive 51st sesexcluding the Speaker, who plays an impartial role as the custodian of the 342member House. During the debate, female parliamentarians played a particularly active role, with 22 female MNAs, accounting for 49% of their representation, expressing their views on the Finance Bill for a combined duration of seven hours and 27 minutes. Likewise, 64 male lawmakers, representing 50% of male participants, voiced their perspectives on the Finance Bill and the Senate's recommendations for more than 22 hours. Throughout the budget process, Minister for Finance and Revenue Ishaq Dar, along with State Minister for Finance Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha, consistently attended the sessions, effectively addressing the concerns raised by lawmakers. Both the ruling party and its allies, recognizing the government's efforts to prepare an efficient budget amidst rigorous economic challenges, voiced their support.

Furthermore, a majority of opposition lawmakers hailed the budget's significance in the face of a demanding economic sce-



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