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AGP tells Supreme Court

Government decides to review legislation aimed at trimming CJ's powers

CJP Bandial welcomes govt decision says Government should consult with the SC when making laws related to the judiciary

ISLAMABAD (APP): At- cedure Bill. torney General for Pakistan (AGP), Mansoor Usman Awan on Thursday said that the federal government had decided to reconsider the Supreme Court Practice

and Procedure Bill. He expressed these views before eight-member larger bench of the Supreme court headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial and comprising Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Sayyad Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A Malik, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shahid Waheed which heard the petitions challenging SC Practice and Pro-

dure Bill. tion of the judiciary, he During the course of added. matters did not take into account the judiciary's adproceedings, the Attorney General said that this law also dealt with many other

He said that there were preme Court Review of of the court. Orders and Judgments Act and the other was the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act, both the laws had similar provisions for review and hiring a law-

Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said that it was good that the Parliament and the laws.

"We welcome your similar laws.

The attorney general said that the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023 was more extensive and included provisions retwo laws, one was the Su- lated to the internal affairs

> It was necessary to arrive at a solution regarding which of the two legislations could be relied upon, he stressed.

> The chief justice said that the Parliament could be told to look into the

proposal," he added.
The AGP Awan said

All records were account the judiciary's adpresent on the Parliament's website and the court had taken the record from the He said that the amendments to the law would Parliament's website, he

now be made with the Su-Justice Mazhar said preme Court's consultathat it was important to see Other than the legislaif the issue of similar laws tions, advice would also be could be solved.

added.

sought on other matters, he If the laws were similar, it would be a waste of Imtiaz time to hear petitions re-Advocate Siddiqui counsel for a petitioner said that the court

garding full court, he added. The attorney general said that the matter could had asked for the record be sent to the Parliament for of the parliamentary proceedings in its previous discussion.

ring. Subsequently, the court directed the AGP to seek that the court found out instructions from the through newspaper that government and adjourned the hearing till next week.

that Imran Niazi could go

present the record Marriyum says:

Interview with BBC, true reflection of Imran's duplicitous character

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb Thursday said that Imran Khan's interview with BBC correspondent was "a true reflection and mirror of the real face of a duplicitous and false character.

Parliament had declined to

In a tweet while commenting on Imran's contradictory claims in the interview, she said in one sentence he said if he was jailed, there would be reaction while in the next sentence he blamed the party's workers and leaders for May 9 mayhem.

This was a lesson for all those who had fallen victim to the misguidance and deception of the misguided Imran Khan, she remarked.

She said Imran Khan himslef always indulged in wrongdoings, but whenever he was caught, he blamed others. "From 'one page' to 'I was powerless', from 'United States brought down my government' to 'Mohsin Naqvi brought down my government', the liar has now finally put the debris of May 9 on his party workers and leaders. She maintained that the PTI workers



burnt Pakistan at the instigation of Imran Khan and damaged national dignity and desecrated martyrs memorials.

Marriyum Aurangzeb said that Imran Khan had the habit of blaming others for his own faults.

She said he blamed the party's leaders for illegal CJ FSC FSC foreign funding and failure ISLAMABAD (Online) to provide ten million jobs, Justice Igbal Hameedur failure in building 5 million Rehman has taken oath as houses, cipher issue and the Chief Justice Federal unprecedented corruption Shariat Court for a period committed during the PTI of three years. regime. She maintained that Imran Khan had crossed all stan (CJP) Umar Ata limits of honesty, law and Bandial administered oath to Iqbal Hameedur Rehman

The minister opined that Imran was the reason behind May 9 tragedy as he had poisoned the minds of his party workers and leaders with hatred since fall of his government last year.



"I am not surprised by his antics," Prime Minister Shehbaz said.

He said that someone

who could persistently and Türkiye. The Prime use foul language against the state institutions, in-

Chief Justice of Paki-

Chief Justice Federa

emony was attended by

judges of Supreme Court

(SC), attorney general and

PTI's Pervez

Khattak steps

down from

party position

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Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

senior leader Pervez

Khattak announced step-

The oath taking cer

Shariat Court Thursday.

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bility in the tragic events

about the evil intent be-

hind Imran Niazi's latest

ploy to defame our law en-

forcement agencies and

police. Yet again, he is mak-

ing misleading and baseless allegations of the "rights

abuses" just to distract at-

tention for his culpability

in the tragic events of May

9," the prime minister said

"Make no mistake

of May 9.

in a tweet.

cite people to violence and of the Government and **Justice Igbal** takes oath as

ISLAMABAD (APP): attack the state symbols people of Pakistan to President Erdogan on his re-Prime Minister Shehbaz and military installations, Sharif on Thursday said and bring down martyrs' monuments, was capable

of going to any extreme. The prime minister said that Imran Niazi presided over a disinformation apparatus that deployed fake news methodically to fool the people. "Everything about him is hate, division and lie," he remarked.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security, Tariq Bashir Cheema

PTI chief using all tactics

to divert attention from

May 9 incidents: PM

calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Meanwhile At the invitation of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will attend the inauguration ceremony of President Erdogan in Ankara on 3 June 2023.

The Prime Minister's visit will be a reaffirmation of the deep-rooted fraternal ties between Pakistan Minister will convey warm felicitations on behalf election as President of Türkiye on 28 May 2023.

The Prime Minister will also extend an invitation to President Erdogan to attend the 7th Meeting of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council (HLSCC) in Islamabad, with a view to providing further momentum to the diverse and multifaceted strategic partnership between Pakistan and Türkiye.

Pakistan-Türkiye relationship is deeply embedded in commonalities of faith, culture and history, and strengthened by mutual trust and convergence of views on regional and global matters. Frequent leadership level exchanges are a defining feature of the eternal bonds of friendship between the two countries



ISLAMABAD: Honourable Mr. Justice UmarAta Bandial, Chief Justice of Pakistan administering the oath of office to Honourable Mr. Justice Iqbal Hameed-ur-Rehman, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, as Chief Justice of the Federal Shariat Court at Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Two security personnel martyred in terrorist attack along Pakistan-Iran border

RAWALPINDI (APP): Two soldiers of the Pakistan Army on Thursday embraced martyrdom amid gallantly thwarting the terrorists' attack when a group of terrorists targeted a security forces' post through fire in Singwan Area District Kech of Balochistan along the Pakistan-Iran Border.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, a heavy fire exchange ensued since troops on the post were already alert and responded gallantly with all available weapons.

The security forces pushed back the terrorists successfully however, during the intense fire exchange, two brave soldiers, Sepoy Hasnain Ishtiaq (age 34 yrs resident of District Dera Ghazi Khan) and Sepoy Inayat Ullah (age 27 yrs resident of District Jhal Magsi) embraced Shahadat (martyrdom) while fighting bravely against the terror-

The security forces have launched an immediate sanitisation operation in the area and were in communication with Iranian authorities across as well to deny terrorists any opportunity to escape. Security Forces, in

step with the nation, remain determined to thwart attempts at sabotaging peace and stability all along the borders in Balochistan," the ISPR said.

Meanwhile Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan Thursday strongly condemned terrorist attack on a security forces' check post in the Singwan area of Balochistan's Kech district, and paid tributes to the martyred soldiers.

In a press statement, he highlighted the professionalism and dedication of the security forces, saying that the successful retreat of the terrorists was a testament to the excellent training the soldiers.



RAWALPINDI: Secretary Defence, Lt Gen (Retd) Hamood Uz Zaman Khan presenting a gift to General Sir Patrick Nicholas, British Army chief of the General Staff, in Ministry of Defence.

Anti-corruption, Punjab police arrests Ch Prevaz Elahi



LAHORE (Online): Anti-Corruption Punjab and Punjab Police arrested Former chief minister Punjab Chaudhry Pervaz Elahi from his residence.

The arrest was made when he was going somewhere in his car. Corruption cases are filed on Ch Pervaz Elahi in Mandi Bahudin and Gujranwala. Pervaz Elahi was not appearing in court after the cancellation of his bail. Keep clear that anti-corruption court dismissed his interim bail. Heavy contin-

gents reached to Elahi residence Gulbarg. Anti Corruption team was also along with police however they fail to arrest him. Once again taking action anti corruption and Punjab police arrested him from Zahoor Elahi Palace. Afterward Zahoor Elahi Palace was surrounded by police. On the

other side Anti-corruption also recognized the arrest of Pervaz Elahi Punjab interim information minister Amir Mir said he was wanted to anti-corruption. They arrested him. We haven't arrested him. Action will be taken in accordance

He said see today resistance was made he was attempting to runaway in bullet-

proof vehicle. Police attempted to break glass then he gave arrest. It is worth mentioning that Anti-corruption Punjab made many raids on house to arrest Elahi. Raids were made in Gujrat, Kunjah and Lahore residences.

Pak, UAE discuss ways to strengthen economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaabi Thursday called on the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

During the meeting, they conversed about the deep rooted brotherly ties and discussed various areas of common interest for further strengthening the trade and economic ties between the two countries, said a press statement issued by finance ministry

The ambassador also reciprocated interest of the UAE government for expanding investment in various sectors of the economy of Pakistan

Ishaq Dar acknowledged that UAE had been a great partner of Pakistan in various fields including energy, refinery, petroleum and trade.

He appreciated and welcomed the investment proposals of the UAE in Pakistan and assured of complete support and cooperation by the government.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates called on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

Woman among five died in Mastung accident

QUETTA (APP): At least five people including a woman died and 10 other sustained injuries in a collision between passenger bus and wagon on National Highway near Jangal Cross area of Mastung district on

Thursday According to Levies sources, a Khuzdar-bound wagon carrying commuters was on its way when a passenger bus hit it which was coming from the opposite ment process.

direction overspeeding. As a result, a woman

among four died on the spot while 10 others sustained

The bodies and the injured were shifted to Shaheed Nawab Ghaus Bakhsh Raisani Hospital where the injured victims' treatments were started. One injured succumbed to his injuries during treat-

Rupee recovers sharply in open market trade against USD

KARACHI (Online): Pakistani currency made a remarkable recovery of almost 5.5%, or Rs16, in a single day to a one-week high at Rs295 against the US dollar in the open market at around

midday on Thursday. The currency had closed at Rs311 against the greenback on Wednesday, according to the Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan (ECAP)

Accordingly, the gap in the rupee-dollar exchange rate between interbank and open markets narrowed down to about Rs10 compared to around Rs27 a day ago. In the interbank market, the currency has continued to stabilise around Rs285/\$ for the past couple

of weeks. The widening spread in the value of the rupee between the two markets had led International Monetary Fund (IMF) to recommendthe government "focus on restoration ofproper foreign exchange market functioning.

OGRA notifies Rs37/Kg cutin LPG price for June

ISLAMÂBAD (APP): In a notification issued by Oil and Gas Regularity Authority (OGRA) on Thursday, the prices of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) have been reduced by Rs 37.13 per kilogram for the month of June

According to the notification, the new price of LPG would be Rs 196.75 per kilogram. Similarly, the price of a standard domestic cylinder of 11.8 kilograms has fallen by Rs438. The new price of the

domestic cylinder would be

Rs 2321.22 for the month of

June which was set at Rs.

2759.89 for the month of May.

Baloch in weekly rebriefing here Thursday. She held last year, Yasin Malik was awarded life sentence in a contrived case, marked by fabricated charges and denial of fair trial. He is being held in inhumane conditions in the notorious Tihar jail despite his deteriorating health. Mr. Malik is being denied access to family members, privileged access to lawyers and quality health treatment. India's latest move is an-

ISLAMABAD (Online):

We are deeply concerned over India's latest move

seeking death penalty for prominent Kashmiri

eign Office (FO) spokes-person Mumtaz Zahra

Baloch in weekly press

This was said by For-

leader, Yasin Malik

other instance of political vendetta aimed at silencing the Kashmiri leadership and intimidating the Kashmiri people. It is a manifestation of India's unending and pervasive oppression in IIOJK where political leaders and human rights defenders are rou-

death penalty for Yasin: FO trumped up and baseless charges. She remarked we urge the Indian authorities to bring an end to this farce of a trial of Mr. Yasin Malik. He must be provided quality health treatment and allowed to live freely among his people and family. India must also immediately and unconditionally release the Kashmiri leadership and human rights defenders who are being unjustly held in prisons in IIOJK and across Îndia. she held at the invitation of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Muhammad Minister Shehbaz Sharif will attend the inauguration ceremony. of President Erdogan

in Ankara on 3rd June 2023. The Prime Minister's visit will be a reaffirmation of the deep-rooted fraternal ties between Pakistan and Türkiye. The Prime Minister will convey warm felicitations on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan to President Erdogan on his re-election as President of Türkiye on 28 May 2023.

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ping down as the party's ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chap-Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging views with ter president late Thursday Suh Sangpyo, Ambassador of Korea to Pakistan dur-Addressing a press confer ing meeting held at Naval Headquarters in Islamabad. ence in Islamabad, the PTI stalwart said it was difficult Pak deeply concerned over for him to continue serving as the party's KP chapter India's latest move seeking president amid the prevail-

announce the future course of action after consulting his friends and party col-Six killed, three

ing political crisis.

Khattak said he would

injured in house explosion $M\,U\,Z\,A\,F\,F\,\stackrel{\bullet}{A}\,R\,G\,A\,R\,H$ (APP):At least six people including two women and a minor were killed while another three persons sus tained injuries as result of an explosion at a house in Daira Din Pannah on Thursday.

Police and rescue resources said that the explosion took place in the junkyard room of the house which caused in death and

The deceased were identified as M. Iqbal,(32) M. Bilal(52), Haseena Mai (40) Shano (35) and Saidia Bibi, Sadia Akhtar(3) and a minor Farhan, they in-

They stated that the deceased belonged to a single family adding that Bilal and Iqbal were broth ers who were dealing in business of junk

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The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf has been made to suffer a steep price for the events of May 9. It appears deflated in the wake of a sweeping crackdown against its most ardent supporters and sympathisers, and has been depleted by the exodus of several key leaders from its ranks. However, it would be a mistake to write the party off

It may be diminished, but it is not defeated. Imran Khan enjoys remarkable public support for his cause. The PTI chairman recently told his supporters that, despite whatever they may be suffering today, they have already won the narrative

He believes his party's message has resonated so deeply with millions of Pakistanis that it will remain alive in the hearts of a vast crosssection of the citizenry. This majority may have been forced into silence, but they will not so easily forget this message. He may not be wrong.

Mr Khan, his party and its supporters may have made some grievous missteps and mistakes in recent weeks. The right way to punish them would be to do so through the criminal justice

We are living in an age of unprecedented hyperconnectivity, where every act of oppression and resistance gets documented, disseminated and archived for future reference. Excessive measures by the state will only turn them into bigger martyrs in the eyes of ordinary people.

One cannot put a lid on the brewing storm by rounding up a few thousand PTI supporters or arresting and re-arresting the party's leaders. With the challenges the country is facing, especially those arising from its fast-sinking economy, the situation represents a ticking bomb. Very soon, the hungry and the desperate will be joining the political workers on the streets.

Against this backdrop, the Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency has offered the authorities sage advice. "Only a free and fair and timely election can bring back desperately-needed political stability in Pakistan,' Pildat has said. It has asked for the prosecution of lawbreakers involved in the May 9 violence, but through civilian courts; urged the armed forces to steer clear of politics, reminding them it's not their place; and underlined the need for urgent political dialogue between the government and the PTI. Those words should be heeded. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif may not be interested in talking to the PTI, but he must for the sake of the country. The anger, resentment and frustration that are building up in the body politic can only be released safely through a fair fight at the polls. This is no time to repeat dangerous experiments that can only end in ignominy and regrets. The stakeholders need to take a step back and let democracy take its course. All of Pakistan should not suffer for their egos.

'Noli me tangere'

ished, criticised, changed in any way"

strike hamstringing the

legislature. The law is

tions within their own par-

ties. Benazir Bhutto

handed the PPP to her wid-

ower Asif Zardari, who

shares it with their son

the

ministership to his

Shehbaz Sharif and the

PML-N party to his

Na-waz. Imran Khan nomi-

nates Shah Mah-mood

Qureshi as his unelected

Commission which has

had five years to oil and

service the electoral ma-

chinery tells the Supreme

Court that it cannot hold

the elections in May as

demanded by law, but is

happy to do so at some

future unspecified date. It

has flouted constitutional

provisions and also

evaded the diktats of the

Once, an Indian par-

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F.S. Aijazuddin

The term 'untouchable' has a different connotation in each culture and religion. To Christians, the words noli me tangere are attributed to Jesus Christ who, after his resurrection, deterred his follower Mary Magdalene from touching him.

In other cultures, untouchability, although officially discouraged, has been practised nevertheless — in China, against the Tanka people; in Europe, the Romani gypsies; in France, the Cagots; in Japan, the curtail the powers of the Burakumin; in Korea, the Baekjeong; in Nigeria, the Ohuhu and Osu, in Tibet, the Ragyabpa; in Yemen, the Al-Akhdam; in South the Bantus Africa, and the mand democracy in the (Blacks) Coloureds; and in the country but eschew elec-United States, the Blacks

and Hispanics. Discrimination abounds wherever humans are found. Man is an unsocial man. He cre- Bilawal. Nawaz Sha-rif ates distinctions from his fellow men, enforcing 'practices that are discriminatory, humiliating, exclusionary and exploit-

In India, the world's largest functioning democracy, now the world's most populous nation, successor. The Election and soon to be the world's largest saffron theocracy, untouchability is the hate 'that dare not speak its name'. It had been abolished officially in the Indian constitution of 1950, because of the influence of its major author Dr B.R. Ambedkar, himself an untouchable Dalit.

Another Dalit to achieve a ministerial position in Indian politics was Jagjivan Ram. He served in the cabinets of both

Jawaharlal Nehru and his success in holding general daughter Indira Gandhi. elections. He replied: 'Any She gave Jagjivan Ram fool can hold elections. The maturity of our dethe ministries of defence (1970-74) and of agriculmocracy was when Mrs ture and irrigation (1974-Gandhi lost the 1977 elec-77), but while she was pretions, she handed over pared to share a table with power to the Janata Party. him in cabinet meetings, And when it lost the 1979 she preferred not to offer elections, it handed power back to her Congress him a place at her dining Today, Muslims in

Another lesson was India are the new Dalits. provided by the Indian ex-They are beyond being perience after Mrs Gandhi's declaration of a untouchable. They are unwanted in their homeland. national emergency in In Pakistan, the word 1975. It provoked such outrage that there were 'untouchable' is closer to the Cambridge Dictionary rumours of a military takeover by the field marshal, definition. Its entry reads: Sam Manekshaw. Ac-.not able to be puncording to him, during their meeting, she ques-Name one individual tioned him about rumours or institution in our socicirculating in Delhi of a ety that does not regard military coup. He recalled itself if not at par, then later that he put his long above or beyond the law. nose near her long nose and from this unlikely Parliament seeks to pro-ximity, reassured her judiciary. The judiciary rethat as long as he was taliates with a pre-emptive chief, she had nothing to

> fear from him. Each elected prime minister in Pakistan craves a similar reassurance from his unifo-rmed subordinate. The present prime minister Shehbaz Sharif is unlikely to repeat the mistake made by his elder brother, when in 1998, embolden-ed by the ease with which he removed COAS Gen--eral Jehangir Karamat. atte-m-pted to remove his successor General Pervez Musharraf. He paid for his petulance.

Faced with the prospect of stormy general elections whenever, Shehbaz Sharif must view his contemporaries with envy. N. Modi — PM since 2014 — is set for another five-year term. The Bangladeshi PM, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, has been in power since 2009. Turkish President Erdogan, after 20 years in the saddle, has just been re-elected to ride for a third term. President Xi Jinping and the de facto Saudi ruler Mohammed liamentarian was Bin Salman are secure for complimented on India's life. -- Courtesy Dawn

34th National Games in **Quetta: A path to peace**



By Hamza Shahzad

Balochistan has confronted the security challenges over the years. Balochistan has struggled with security challenges postured by terrorism, insurgency, and relidisastrous incidents effect on province's reputation security condition in the past has discouraged the province's imening in tourism op-Despite the secu-

challenges, Balochistan has shown extraordinary spirit and progress in fighting terrorism. The province has assumed substantial actions to improve security, reinforce law enforcement agencies, Games Quetta served and restore peace. These efforts have brought about a significant reduction in turing a sense of nasecurity incidents, raising an environment fa-

In February 2023, After 7 years, a PSL exhibition match was picked the interest of people was just a wind of petition, the Games re- hope and progress.

by Security forces, the unity.

government dogged by conflict and volatility.

standing obstinacies. reassuring sports con-By organizing an inclutribution at the and stalled its tourism sive sporting event, the grassroots level. This potential. The unstable Games challenge the enablement will conusual narrative of war tribute to the growth of and separation. This an optimistic and wideaged tourists and dam- Event provided a ranging community chance for athletes spirit, and the developage, leading to a weak- from various back- ment of a sense of pride come together and compete go beyond social, ethnic, and po- Games in Quetta litical dissimilarities. The Games sent a the flexibility and willpowerful message that peace and unity can triumph even in hard-

The 34th National dorsing inter-provincial harmony and nurtional integration. 7000 Athletes and officials power of sports, the vorable to tourism and from all over Pakistan participated in various sports disciplines, on behalf of their respection, sympathy, and tive provinces and de- friendship, flagging the played in Quetta which partments. The event way for a positive and created an atmosphere more peaceful future. of friendship and har- As the event has been Balochistan and they mony, where athletes concluded, its imprescame from all over had the opportunity to sion on the region will Balochistan just to connect, learn from help as an aide-mémoire show their love for one another, and build that a unified effort can peace and show their lasting interactions. turn the tide of terrorhospitality. But this Through healthy com-

After 19 years of uniqueness of being continuous hard work Pakistani, endorsing

The journey to-Balochistan and the wards organizing the loving people of 34th National Games in Balochistan, the 34th Balochistan contains National Games were held from 22nd May to gagement and empowagoth May 2023, in erment. Local authori-Quetta. This repre- ties i.e. Quetta Metrosents an astounding politan Corporation, journey of struggle for District administration, peace and unity in a community leaders, province factually and volunteers have worked together to ensure the success of the The 34th National event. This event also Games Quetta, arise as provided platform for gious violence. These an inspiration of hope-showcasing the talents fulness in the province of local players, fosterhave had a damaging dealing with long- ing their potential and grounds and areas to and belonging among

> The 34th National stands as evidence of power of the people of Balochistan motivated for peace and unity. Beyond its significance as a sporting event, the National Games repreas a platform for en- sent the spirit of endorsing coherence, and stirring social change

By yoking the 34th National Games Quetta is creating a platform for negotiaism into a journey of

National News

Govt striving for best medical facilities: CM

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday said that the government was striving to provide the best medical facilities to hospitals related to heart emergencies.

He was chairing a meeting at his office to review the progress of primary angiography in hospitals.

During the briefing, it was revealed that a total of primary angiographies were performed in government hospitals of various districts in the past five months. As many as 3113 primary angiographies were performed in the morning shift of nine

government hospitals and

1866 in the night shift,

instructions of Caretaker Addressing the Chief Minister Mohsin meeting, CM Mohsin

angiography/angioplasty

Minister Dr Javed Akram, President of the Pakistan Society of International Cardiology Dr Zaheer warned. Akram, health secretary, Dr. Farqad Alamgir, DG Rescue 1122, and others.

Meanwhile, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab meeting at his office to review the progress on Lahore's development projects and

ensuring a 67% increase in establish timelines for these hospitals on the their timely completion.

Naqvi emphasized that The meeting also development projects must reviewed the proposal to adhere to the prescribed patients in public sector set the target of timelines. He instructed the officials to expedite the in every government initiation of new projects, hospital to facilitate ensuring prompt decisionmaking regarding designs The meeting was and other necessary attended by Provincial matters. Any delay or negligence in public welfare development projects will not be tolerated, he

> inconvenience to citizens during the construction phase, the meeting emphasized the need for Mohsin Naqvi chaired a the best alternative traffic plans and suggested that alternative routes should major be suggested for best managing traffic load.

> > **CM condemns**

terrorist attack

Caretaker Chief Minister

Punjab Mohsin Naqvi

has strongly condemned

the terrorist attack on

the security forces

checkpoint near the

Pakistan-Iran border and

admiration for the

courage displayed by the

security forces in

thwarting the attack.

expressed

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali talking to a 30-member delegation of the Ittehad Malikan (Alliance of Maliks) which called on him here at the Governor's House. Minister for early dredging, desilting of all nullahs

Caretaker Provincial Minister Housing and Public Health Engineering, Barrister Syed Azfar Ali Nasir Thursday directed Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) to complete the dredging and de-silting projects of all nullahs by June 30 to ensure drainage of water in

case of heavy rains. The minister directed WASA officials in a meeting held here at the Commissioner's Office, where he was given a detailed briefing on different ongoing projects and the performance of different departments. Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chatha, Deputy Commissioner. Rawalpindi, Hasan Waqar Cheema and heads of all the departments concerned

Later, addressing a press conference, the minister informed that on the special directives of the Punjab Chief Minister, the performance of the government departments was being reviewed.

participated in the meeting.

"We are striving to improve individual performance of the government officials through

Indonesian **Embassy to** organize "A Night at Lahore Museum" on June 17

LAHORE (APP): The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in collaboration with the Lahore Museum will organize a week-long photo exhibition titled" A Night at Lahore Museum: Tracing the Confluence of Civilizations Between Indonesia and Pakistan", on June 17 (Saturday) at Lahore Museum.

Talking to the officials of the Lahore Museum and journalists in Islamabad, the Ambassador of Indonesia Adam Tugio warmly invited the Pakistani friends to the Exhibition and to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the two Muslim brotherly

in Sargodha

opened school for eunuchs in Sargodha under the directives of the government. Over 25 eunuchs have got admission in the school and started educational activities. It was told that not only books, uniform and free transport facility will be provided to eunuchs but also scholarship will be granted to them. Muhammad Ilyas Baiwa, spokesperson of education department has said transgenders have

Governor says: Era of progress, development about to begin in merged districts

(APP): Haji Lali Shah was Governor Pakhtunkhwa Ghulam Ali has said that and prosperity in the merged districts is about to begin now, powers and funds will be transferred to the merged districts through the elected local government representatives very soon. He was talking to a

30-member delegation of the Ittehad Malikan (Alliance of Maliks) which called on him here at the Governor's House on The delegation led by and others.

Khyber comprising Muhammad Haji Afzal Khan, Malik Ayaz, Malik Sultanzeb, Malik the era of real development Hafizur Rahman, Haji Syed Ahmad Jan, Mufti Hanifullah, Malik Khanzeb Malik Faqir, Malik Faqir, Malik Wali, Malik Hasib, Malik Ehsanullah, Malik Fazl Rabi, Malik Shater, Malik Usman, Malik Muhammad Shah, Malik Wazir, Malik Shirin, Malik Mashuq, Malik Nawaz Khan, Malik Abdul Nasser, Malik Hazrat Noor, Malik Umar Wahid, Malik Muhammadyar, Malik Khanzada, Abu Bakr Shah

Caretaker minister visits HR Directorate, inquired about operational matters

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa caretaker minister about the Caretaker Minister for modus operandi of inquiries Law and Human Rights and cases under KP (HR) Justice (Retd) Irshad Qaisar here Thursday visited Directorate General Law and Human Rights and inquired about its working and operational

Director General Human Rights Muhammad Idrees Khan briefed the minister about the working of the directorate and the status of human rights in the province.

He informed the Promotion, Protection and enforcement Act 2014. He also highlighted the work of Media Research Wing, training courses, workshops and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Islamia College and Benazir Women University. Speaking on the occasion, the caretaker minister was directed to compile a report of problems being faced by the directorate.

LAHORE: Senator Chaudhry Jaffar Iqbal, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

Psychiatric training session for employees of PBC, APP held

session for the employees of Radio Pakistan and Associated Press of Pakistan Peshawar was held here Thursday after their offices were burnt down by the violent mob on May 10 last.

session was organized by Iftikhar Psychiatric Hospital Peshawar at the premises of Radio Pakistan Peshawar building.

R e n o w n e d psychiatrist, Professor Dr their own abilities.

experience and professional knowledge with the employees of both the organizations regarding combating trauma, anxiety and depression after such horrible incidents. He said such trauma

situation could be The trauma training countered through shared will power, positivity and strength.He said such tragic and catastrophic situations come on nations and it could out of it through strong belief on

He paid tribute to the brave soldiers, Hasnain Ishtiaq and Inayatullah, who fearlessly defended against the terrorists at the cost of their own Their heroic sacrifice deserves the utmost respect and reverence, he said and added that the indomitable spirit of the martyred heroes has

elevated their status to the highest level. The nation will forever cherish and honor the everlasting sacrifices made by the martyrs, he emphasized.

The CM has extended unwavering solidarity and heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyrs.

Cases of perpetrators should be taken to logical end: Javed Latif

LAHORE (APP): Federal strict punishment to the Minister Mian Javed Latif on Thursday said that the cases against the perpetrators of May 9 incidents should be taken to a logical end as it was utmost necessary to protect security and sanctity of the state. Sparing the elements involved in the planning of this terrorist incident may cause more such incidents in future, he said adding sufficient evidence of internal as well as external conspiracy in this

incident was also available. Addressing a press conference at Model Town, Javed Latif said that no state could compromise to ensure

elements involved in such activities as it was a matter of national security.

He alleged that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was training its workers for a year to attack state properties and military installations in case of arrest of Imran Khan. Had the foreign funding case against the PTI been concluded, May 9 incident may had not occurred since there were evidences of funding from foreign countries to the PTI in the case as the May 9 incident was also a conspiracy against the country executed

countries. **Transgender** school opened

SARGODHA (Online): Education department has appreciated.

PM Shehbaz says:

Pakistan considered Japan as vital partner for its progress & prosperity

Invites Japanese companies to invest in Pakistan

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday said Pakistan considered Japan as an important partner for prosperity and Japanese companies should avail the Production Makhdoom immense opportunities for Murtza investment in Pakistan.

speaking to President Toyota Asia Yoshiki and Chief Executive Officer of Indus the meeting. Motors Ali Asghar Jamali

to Pakistan Mitsuhiro the first time established a Wada, Vice Chairman unit for the production of Toyota Indus Motors hybrid vehicles in Pakistan Shinji Yanagi, Minister for with an investment of \$100 Finance Ishaq Dar, million. Minister for Industries and Mehmood, Advisor to PM Ahad Cheema, Special Assistants Tariq Bajwa and high

Japan's Ambassador Toyota Indus Motors for all available facilities to the

welcomed the project of desirous of further Toyota to produce hybrid vehicles in Pakistan.

to PM Jehanzeb Khan and hybrid vehicles in Pakistan would decrease the import ranking officials attended bill resulting in saving of

industries for investment in modern technologies in the

ambassador said leading PM Shehbaz Sharif Japanese companies were investment in Pakistan. During the briefing, it

The production of was told that in the current year from July, Toyota Indus Motors would start export of spare parts of



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Toyota Indus Motors led by President Toyota Asia Mr. Yoshiki Konishi the meeting.
In a briefing, the prime minister was told that precious foreign exchange, and these exports would make Pakistan a part of the global supply chain.

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ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a meeting with delegation of Islamabad Industrial Association on Budget 2023-24 proposals, at FBR.

Ambassador says: Establishment of Italian Trade Agency office to enhance bilateral trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): enhanced trade cooperation increase exports of value-Italian Ambassador to between the two added goods"
Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese countries", the ambassador The Thursday expressed hope said in his message on the further stated that the fifth that establishment of the upcoming celebration of Italy-Pakistan Italian Trade Agency (ICE) office in Islamabad and assignment of the first Italian Trade Director to

Day of Italy.

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29-30 in Rome, where the two sides agreed to Italian Trade Director to Pakistan would enhance trade cooperation between the avenues with a focus to deal with climate change the two countries.

"I am pleased to share energy, with you exciting news; construction and tourism. that is the establishment of Collaboration in fields of that is the establishment of the Italian Trade Agency textiles, agriculture, "Roadmap for (ICE) office in Islamabad livestock, marble, Cooperation" which and the assignment of the pharmaceuticals, and mass covered climate and the assignment of the first Italian Trade Director to Pakistan would be a pharmaceuticals, and mass covered climate change, trade & investment, heritage &

textiles, management.

77th anniversary of the Republic Day, National (JEC) took place on May 29-30 in Rome, where the on agriculture, renewable and cooperation in water

He said both sides signed an important

EUAmbassador

calls on Sadiq

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Pakistan, Dr. Riina Kionka Thursday called on the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Sardar

Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and discussed

FCCI Chief says: **NASTP** should establish **Software Development** House in Faisalabad

Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) should establish its next Software Development House (SDH) in Faisalabad to provide globally compliant IT eco-system and exploit its export potential and transform it into Cyberabad, said Dr. Khurram Tariq President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI). Addressing an

FAISALABAD (APP): digitalization and said that an ecosystem compatible must be provided in Faisalabad on priority basis and NASTP must play its key role in this respect.He said that this innovative institution had been created in close collaboration of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) to cater to the national needs in this cutting-edge technology. open house session of He said that NASTP had NASTP, he underlined the already created its importance of Information Software Development Technology (IT) and Houses (SDH) in Kamara

Railways approach govt departments to pay outstanding dues

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Railways has expedited the efforts and approached the federal and provincial departments to recover outstanding billion of

"Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique has asked the official concerned to approach the federal and provincial departments for recovering the million and autonomous outstanding amount as and private bodies Rs soon as possible," an

services.

official in the Ministry told APP.

payable against the different departments, the official said that over Rs 8375million (over 8 billion) rupees dues on account of using its land and other departments on account of using its land and various services.

departments had to pay an amount of Rs 709.084 million, provincial departments Rs1980.217

About the amount

5685.736 million.

agenda items, preparations and protocol of the upcoming 13th European Union (EU)-Pakistan Commission, Joint scheduled in Brussels later this month. According to press statement issued by the Economic Affairs Division

(EAD), the ambassador expressed her appreciation for the commendable execution of the recent meeting of the International Partners Support Group

Rupee gains 08 paisas against **US Dollar**

ISLAMABAD (APP):
Pakistani rupee gained 08
paisas against the US
Dollar (USD) in the
interbank trading on
Thursday as it closed at
Rs285.38 against the
previous day's closing of
Rs285.46.
However according

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market stood at Rs 290 and Rs 293, respectively.

The price of the Euro increased by 19 paisas to close at Rs 304.67 against the last day's closing of Rs304.48, according to the State Bank of Pakistan



SIALKOT: Shoaib Sarwar Ambassador posted at the Embassy of Pakistan in Denmarkin a group photograph with Muhammad EjazCh, chairman PGMEA

and Gloves exporters at PGMEA.

FBR collects Rs 605b gross revenues in May

(SLAMABAD (APP): 131 billion in May 2022 Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) with its tremendous effort collected gross revenues of Rs 605 billion during the month of May, the board said in a statement issued here Thursday. According to the statement, against a target of Rs 621 billion, FBR was able to collect Rs 572 billion net revenue, while refunds amounting to Rs 33 billion were issued during the month.

The board collected Rs 205 billion in May 2023 under the head of domestic income tax compared to Rs

Despite challenges, the thereby showing a growth of 57%. A healthy year-onyear growth of 28% was achieved in the domestic sales tax with collection of almost Rs 100 billion. Around Rs 41 billion

were collected as Federal Excise Duty (FED) showing a year-on-year increase of 32%. A cumulative growth

of almost 44% has been achieved in the collection of domestic taxes.

"This is despite the fact that the economy has slowed down and GDP growth rate has been revised downward



SARGODHA: Student attends classes during Skill Summer Camp 2023 at Government College of Technology for Women.

US Deputy Chief of Mission engages stakeholders on trade, climate, green shipping

shipping in Pakistan organized by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

During the discussion, policy makers and privatesector leaders identified existing issues and challenges related to climate change, with a specific focus on promoting green and sustainable shipping practices in Pakistan, said a news release. The participants developed a c t i o n a b l e recommendations and a common vision for a path

'Through the US-

ISLAMABAD (APP): US Pakistan 'Green Alliance' Deputy Chief of Mission framework, our two Andrew Schofer countries are jointly participated in a preparing to meet the stakeholder consultation on environmental and trade, climate, and green economic challenges of the future, especially climate change, while spurring sustainable and inclusive economic growth," DCM Schofer said.

He said, "Through events like the one today, we are encouraging bilateral dialogue on climate action, and exploring innovative solutions to build Pakistan's climate resilience."In his keynote address, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari highlighted the importance of addressing climate change and promoting sustainable shipping practices in Pakistan.



peas in the field.

Meher Kashif says: Trade expansion between Pak, Kyrgyzstan possible

Chairman Kyrgyzstan Trade House Meher Kashif Younis on Thursday said the trade relations between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan had the potential to grow and expand in various sectors. Talking to a delegation of industrialists led by Faran Shahid, he said, "While the current trade volume between the two countries is relatively modest, there are several areas where both nations can benefit from increased cooperation and trade,"

ISLAMABAD (APP):

He said the bilateral trade between the two countries had historically been limited but has shown potential for growth, adding that in recent years, both countries had expressed commitment to enhancing trade ties and serious endeavors for improving transportation links, simplifying customs

said a press release.

strengthening trade facilitation measures, which can contribute to boosting trade volumes.

He said both countries could also explore opportunities for cooperation in the agricultural, education and pharmaceutical sectors.

Pakistan was known for its agricultural produce, including fruits, vegetables, rice, and textiles, Younis said, adding that Kyrgyzstan, on the other hand, had a rich agricultural base and was known for its exports of walnuts, dried fruits, and honey. "Collaboration in this sector can lead to the exchange of agricultural products and expertise," he emphasised.Meher Kashif Younis said Pakistan had a well-established textile industry, Kyrgyzstan could benefit

from sourcing textiles and apparel products.

World now acknowledging Pakistani youth expertise in IT: IT Minister

Amin inaugurates Pakistani pavilion at GITEX Global Exhibition

Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque on Thursday said that World acknowledging Pakistani youth expertise in Information Technology and Telecom sector.

"Pakistan's skilled IT experts, time zone, and fluent English speaking with excellent accents have unique importance in Digital World. The World openly acknowledging the expertise of Pakistani youth in information technology "The minister expressed these views during meetings with different International delegations on the sidelines of GITEX Africa Digital Summit, and the Global tech exhibition being held in Morocco from May 31 to June 2.

discussed global challenges including revolutionary initiatives in the IT &

Government of Pakistan said a news release received

The Minister also held an important meeting with Secretary General Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO), Ms. Deemah Al-Yahya. During the meeting, both sides discussed bilateral issues and measure to enhance

> Economy, Saeed Al-Gerghavi also met with IT Minister Syed Amin Ul Haque and discussed investment opportunities in IT and telecom sector in Mr. Babajide Sanwo-

Olu, Governor of Lagos, Nigeria, also called on Federal Minister for IT Syed Amin Ul Haque.

Telecom sector by the Haque on Thursday inaugurated the Pakistani pavilion at the GITEX Global Exhibition summit

in Morocco. A three-member Pakistani delegation led by Minister IT Syed Amin Ul comprising Member IT Syed Junaid Imam and Chairman PASHA Zohaib Khan is attending GITEX Africa digital cooperation Digital S between the member states release. Digital Summit, said a news

About 14 tech Vice President of companies, 10 start-ups Dubai Chamber of Digital and more than 200 ÎT experts from Pakistan are participating in GITEX-23 Exhibition in Morocco for the first time. Former Minister for

IT and Transport of Morocco Rabbah Aziz, Huawei Africa President Colin Hu and many prominent personalities and Global tech leaders visited Pakistan's Pavilion Federal Minister for and showed their great Information Technology interest in the item and Telecom Syed Amin Ul displayed at the pavilion. interest in the items



MOROCCO: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin U Haque in a meeting with Secretary General Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) Ms. Deemah Al-Yahya on the Sidelines of GITEX Africa Digital Summit.

envoy calls on Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting Charge'd Affairs, Embassy of the People's Republic of China Ms Bao Zhong Thursday called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and discussed matters of mutual interest.

The minister highlighted the deeprooted, long-standing bilateral ties between Pakistan and China, and appreciated the Chinese support to Pakistan on multiple fronts, said a press release.

envoy of the economic situation of the country and the progress in the ongoing IMF programme. Ms Bao Zhong reciprocated

He also apprised the

sentiments about the strong bilateral ties between the two countries.

PSX loses 63 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) lost 63.79 points on Thursday, a slight negative change of 0.15 per cent, closing at 41,266.77 points against 41,330.56 points the previous day. A total of 99,950,613 shares were traded during the day as compared to 158,102,664 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.2.867 billion against Rs.6.167 billion on the last trading day. As many as 303 companies transacted their shares in the stock market.

Acting Chinese | FTO disposes of 2,297 complaints in 4 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): says a quarterly report The Federal Tax released here by the FTO. Ombudsman disposed of around 2,297 tax-related complaints during January-April 2023, showing an increase of 64.42 per cent compared to the same period of last year (2022).

According to an official document available with APP, compared to the corresponding months of 2021 during which the FTO Secretariat disposed of 769 cases, the disposal rate witnessed a 198.6 per cent ncrease in 2023.

first four months (January to April) shows a of 172.6 per cent compared remarkable upward trend to 555 in 2022 and 179.6 visa-a-vis registration and disposal of complaints," per cent compared to 541 in 2021, the report says.

According to the report, as many as 2,467 complaints were registered during 2023 compared to registration of 1,784 in 2022 and 903 in 2021,

posting a considerable growth of 38.28 per cent and 173.2 per cent against and respectively.

Due to consistent efforts and effective coordination with the

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), implementation of FTO recommendations "A comparison of jumped to 1,513 in 2023, showing an upward trend

Ufone 4G connects pilgrims through its industry-best Hajj Data Roaming Offer

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani telecom operator, Ufone 4G is providing seamless data connectivity through its industry-best and most competitive 'Hajj Data Roaming Offer' to its prepaid customers travelling to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) for

The exceptionally affordable offer comes with generous allocations of data volume and allows exclusive access to Whats App calls for varying volume depending unrestricted upon their budget and need. communication with friends and family back avalidity of 30 days.

home said a news release. The offer has been designed to provide a worry-free user experience to Ufone 4G customers during the pilgrimage.

The large volume of data allows for easy exchange of photos, videos and video calls from the Holy land so the pilgrims can virtually include their friends and family in the blessed experience. Customers may choose from three data buckets of

President Alvi for boosting cooperation to synergise efforts for differently abled children

KARACHI (APP): President Dr. Arif Alvi, on Thursday, stressed upon coordination and cooperation among all stakeholder for rehabilitation, educaand organisations working for differently abled children to synergise their efforts so that rehabilitation of special children could be carried out in a holistic and inclusive manner.

pressed these views in a meeting with representatarded Children Karachi (ARCK) here at Sindh Governor House.

First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi was also present in the meeting.

that government as well as charitable organisations had taken a range of measures tion and vocational training of special children and their financial empower- ciated ARCK for its con-

The president ex- above the age of 9 years

Awareness about the special children and their Alvi, at the occasion, also specific needs had raised in emphasized the need of co-

Dr. Arif Alvi noted previous years but consid- ordination among all relering the number of such ventions were required, he maintained.

The president appre-

ment and integration in the tributions for the cause of education, training and re-He said that differ- habilitation of retarded chilently-abled children dren for more than 50 years and encouraged the assocould be registered with ciation to look into possi-NADRA with special sta- bility of joining other tives of Association of Retus that enabled their acorganisations working for cess to special facilities the same cause to being offered by the gov-strengthen their efforts and

outreach

Begum Samina Arif

evant associations and children in the country organisations to reinforce more initiatives and inter- the efforts aimed at rehabilitation of special children through education and vocational training.

> The ARCK delegation briefed the president about performance of the association, facilities available at their school and issues being faced.

> Later, President Dr. Arif Alvi, along with Begum Samina Arif Alvi, also observed handicrafts and artefacts prepared by special children of ARCK and appreciated their hard work and artistic



KARACHI: President Dr. Arif Alvi and Begum Samina Arif Alvi posing for a group photo with delegation of Association of Retarded Children Karachi and special children at Governor House.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education, Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain in a group photograph with students during his visit at Pakistan Sweet Home

Siachen glacier world's highest battlefield melting faster: Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD (APP): pending risk of GLOF Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Thursday said Siachen was the highest battlefield in the world, and the Siachen glacier was melting very fast which was directly jeopardising the to control the use of this local communities facing severe glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs).

She was addressing the concluding session of the second day of the Leaders in Islamabad Business Summit titled "Changing Narratives"

Senator Rehman said when glacial lakes erupt, they wash away bridges and small dams. The govlocal communities on im- June, she added.

through an early warning system being put in place that indicated expected GLOF event.

She added that water scarcity would not happen now, but there was a need

"Pakistan is facing serious environmental challenges and is not ready for future in terms climate and environment It has suffered heavy losses," Sherry Rehman said.

She queried, "Are developed countries doing anything for climate financing?" However, a conference on climate financing in ernment was informing the France would be held in



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman addressing the concluding session of the second day of the Leaders in Islamabad Business Summit.

Report to be compiled on jail reforms on SC directives:

Jails lacking amenities; steps are to be taken to resolve issues of prisoners, says Ejaz Qureshi

Independent Report OUETTA: The Federal Ombudsman, Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi has pointed out that our jails are lacking desired amenities and as such the necessary steps are to be taken to resolve the issues being confronted by the

jail inmates. He said that the matters related to the jail reforms are continuously being monitored, and a report would be compiled on the jail reforms on directives of the Supreme Court of Pa-

Earlier, he had meeting with the provincial heads of the federal government departments and institutions the other day.

While speaking to the media persons, the Federal Ombudsman maintained that there are small issues of the province, however, ese are to be addressed.

He said that it happens to be his effort to listen to the issues while visiting the province personally and then resolve them.

Mr. Ejaz Qureshi mentioned that the federal om-



He said that there is an improvement in the issue of keeping the over capacity of prisoners in the jails.

This and similar other views were expressed by the Federal Ombudsman while speaking to the media persons after interaction with the office bearers of Ouetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) here at the Chamber on Thursday afternoon.

The Federal Ombudsman is on the three-day visit to the provincial metropolis.

budsman secretariat and its offices had compensated some 1,64,000 complaints

during last year 2022 However, we would endeavor to attend some 200,000 complaints during the current year, he main-

Referring his visit to the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Federal Ombudsman maintained that the basic purpose behind his visit to the Chamber was to overhear the issues of traders

Pak Navy Ship conducts rescue operation in Arabian Sea

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) SAIF while carrying out routine patrolling in the Arabian Sea, expeditiously responded to a distress call by a stranded Fishing Vessel AL ZUBAIR and saved the valuable lives of six fish-

The fishing vessel had uffered engine failure and subsequent flooding due to rough sea conditions, a Pakistan Navy news release

PNS SAIF swiftly responded to the distress call at night and safely recovered six stranded fishermen.

Medical assistance was provided onboard and the fishermen were subsequently shifted to Gwadar. The fishermen's community has lauded the efforts saving precious lives at sea.

Pakistan Navy, besides ensuring combat readiness at all times, remains vigilant to contribute to ensuring the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) through sustained presence and monitoring of activities vithin the Maritime Zones of Pakistan.

106 social media accounts blocked on request of I'abad police

ISLAMABAD (APP): Around 106 social media accounts have been blocked on the request of Islamabad police for promoting sectarianism, and propaganda against state institutions.

According to an Islamabad Police spokesperson, the step was taken in response to the findings of the Provisional of Violent Extremism Unit (PVE) of the capital police's Counter- Terrorism Department (CTD).

It is worth mentioning here that PVE is monitoring the social media accounts involved in different illegal activities, including sectarianism, anti-state, terrorism, and anti-Islam.

Police said that the init had recommended to Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to block 203 accounts, out of which 106 had been blocked by now.

Motorway police foil drugs smuggling bid

SLAMABAD (APP) National Highways and Motorway (NHMP) on Thursday foiled an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of drugs near Burhan Interchange on the Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway, recovering 17kg of opium and 41 kg of hashish.

According to an NHMP spokesperson, the officers signaled a suspicious vehicle coming from Peshawar to stop, but the driver fled the scene. The NHMP officers chased the suspicious vehicle and near Burhan Interchange, the driver escaped the scene while leaving the vehicle behind on the road. During a search huge quantity of drugs was recovered from the suspected vehicle

lic of Uzbekistan, Aybek Arif Usmanov called on Chief of the Air Staff, Air bilateral relations. Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu and lauded the professionalism of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) personnel here on Thurs-

Calls on Air Chief Uzbek Envoy lauds

professionalism of

PAF personnel

opments, a PAF news re-During the meeting, the Chief of the Air Staff shared his pragmatic policy decisions aimed at modernizing Pakistan Air Force through the smart acquisition of niche technologies, upgradation of infrastructure and revitalization of operational and training

The meeting was fo-

cused on areas of mutual

interest and regional devel-

The Air Chief emphasized the longstanding reli-

gious, cultural and histori-Ambassador of the Repubcal bond between Pakistan and Uzbekistan which was exemplified through robust

He also reiterated his unwavering commitment to enhancing the existing ties in realms of military-tomilitary cooperation and

Highlighting the bond of brotherhood between the two nations, the Air Chief said, "Pakistan values its strong diplomatic, economic and defence relationship with Uzbekistan which is based on convergence on all important issues relating to regional peace, security and stabil-The Ambassador of Uzbekistan expressed his admiration for the exceptional progress made by Pakistan Air Force, particularly in the area of indigenization.

Attaullah Tarar says

Imran directly responsible for May 9 mayhem

ISLAMABAD (APP): with the BBC admitted that Special Assistant to Prime Minster on Interior Attaullah Tarar on Thursday held Pakistan Tehreekvandalism.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad, he said the PTI chairman had directed the party leaders to strongly react in case of his arrest in a corruption case against him

Imran Khan did what the enemy of Pakistan could not do in 75 years, said Tarar, adding Imran Khan later did negative propaganda on social media against the arrests made by enforcement agencies[LEAs].

"Imran Khan tweeted fake videos from his account and later deleted," said Tarar, adding he in an interview

the May 9 violent acts were in response to his arrest. He owned those inci-

dents and justified violent e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman acts of targeting memorials Imran Khan responsible for and military installations, said SAPM, adding the PT chairman stood exposed before the masses. He said the violent acts were a well-thought-out

> memorials and military installations. He said the attack on military installations was an attack on the country's security. The special assistant said the PTI chairman is now

> conspiracy to target the

resorting to venomous and fake propaganda about the current situation in the coun-He rejected the reports

of custodial torture of women saying that the detainees are being treated as per the prison manuals



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Hilal E Ahmar Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari giving shield to Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman bin Faisal Al-Thani, Ambassador of State of Qata.

Pilgrims satisfied with Ministry's preparation

for Hajj

Makkah Mukarma (APP): The intending pilgrims of the government hajj scheme were filled with enthusiasm and commended the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony for their sincere efforts in addressing their concerns.

In an interview with APP, they also appreciated Pak Hajj Mission's dedicated efforts in promptly addressing any issues that arose.

After arriving in Makkah Mukarama from Madina Munawara, the pilgrims conveyed their deep attachment to Madinah, where they had experienced a lifechanging journey during their eight-day stay.

Talking to APP, they said their primary purpose in Makkah was to perform Hajj, and they expressed gratitude towards the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, as well as the staff of the Pakistan Hajj Mission and the Moavineen e Hujjaj, for their sincere efforts in addressing their concerns and guiding them in accordance with the Sunnah of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).

Rana Ramzan, one of the intending pilgrims, praised the exceptional management of Senator Talha Mehmood, the minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, highlighting the outstanding perfor mance of the ministry's team.

Rana Ramzan also expressed deep appreciation for the Moavineen e Hujjaj, recognising thêir invaluable guidance and unwavering support throughout the entire stay in Madinah.

The quality of food provided during their stay in Madinah was excellent, and Rana Ramzan earnestly prayed for the prosperity and welfare of the country.

Ahsan emphasizes portraying positive image of country

postgraduate levels.

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal Thursday emphasized portraying a positive image of the country.

The minister advised the youth to keep their self-esteem high adding that the rhetoric of portraying the Pakistani nation as corrupt must be discouraged as it has damaged the self-esteem of people of

"Pakistanis are not a corrupt nation, our leaders must portray a positive image of the country", he said during an inauguration ceremony of the academic blocks in the male and female campuses of the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIU).

These blocks are part of PC-I "Expansion and Up-gradation of International Islamic University, Islamabad" worth Rs. 2.5

The PC-I addresses

Tareen decides to go to London to meet Nawaz ISLAMABAD (Online):

Jahangir Tareen has decided to go to London to meet Nawaz Sharif for consultation on future electoral strategy and removal of Nawaz Sharif reservations.

On the other hand Jahangir Tareen has completed his contacts with former members of national and provincial assembly of PTI have been completed.

Jahangir Taren is all set on his mission of carving out new politi-

cal party.
Over 50 former members of National Assembly and senators of PTI have assured their support to Jahangir

FDE announces summer vacation from June 10

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has announced summer vacation for all the public sector educational institutions in the federal capital from June 10 to July 31.

According to a notification issued by the FDE, the educational institutions will reopen on August 01 for the session 2023-24. The summer vacations will be fully utilized to manage physical verification of stock/ stock checking, repair and maintenance of furniture/buildings/playgrounds, and inhouse CPD in the last week of July.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the need to strengthen and tem and IT infrastructure upgrade the University's academic infrastructure and establishment/ up-gradation of Labs to meet the ever-growing student strength in almost all programs offered at undergraduate, graduate and

The new block at male

campus will accommodate around 2000 students per shift of the civil engineering and Faculty of Social Sciences, while the second block in the female campus will accommodate around 3000 students per shift of the Faculty of Management Sciences and Social Sciences. Under this PSDP project, in addition to these inaugurated blocks, there are four more under construction buildings including Shared Academic block,

hostel, medical center.

Library building, Shariah

provision is also part of the PC-I. Addressing the inauguration ceremony, Ahsan Iqbal called upon the Muslim youth and universities to follow the great legacy of Muslims history.

He said in Islamic teachings and especially in the Holy book there is a great emphasis on education and exploration of the uni-

He said the government, since the previous tenure of 2013, under vision 2025 has established a network of universities cross the country.

He said under the vision, modern needs were addressed by establishing centres for Artificial Intel ligence, genetics, digital revolutionary reforms and projects of technology.

He said hatred, extremism and intolerance are There is also provi- major obstacles in the way sion of lab equipment, fur- of peace, national unity and niture and transport. The sustainable economic devel-Campus Management Sys- opment in the country.



ISLAMABAD: Chakkrid Krachaiwong, Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan called on Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at Parliament House.

Sanjrani, Thai Envoy discuss matters of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan Chakkrid Krachaiwong here on Thursday discussed matters of mutual interest, focusing on further enhancing the close and cordial relations between the two coun-

ments preserved in Paki- ence, and technology.

stan, which have played a pivotal role in fostering a lasting and robust relationship between the nations.

The ambassador highlighted the significant role played by thousands of Pakistanis residing in Thailand, acting as a bridge to connect both nations said a news release.

During the meeting, Acknowledging the both parties emphasized the need to strengthen bithe two countries, the lateral relations across vari-Chairman expressed his ous sectors, including inappreciation for the monu- vestment, education, sci-

Foundation stone laying ceremony of Sangjani PS building held

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The foun-

dation stone laying ceremony for the construction of a new building of Police Station Sangjani was held here, which would have modern facilities for policemen and to help them in carrying out the operational activities effectively. The ceremony was attended by DIG Operations Syed Shahzad

Nadeem Bukhari, while DPO Saddar Zone and a large number of police officials as well as community members were present on the occasion. With the introduction of the new police station, the demarcation of boundaries has also been adjusted. As per the revised demarcation, the area along both sides of the road from Tarnol

Railway Crossingto Sangjani

Islamabad police arrange workshop on road safety for students

Independent Report SLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police arranged a workshop for students of Islamabad Model School for Boys F-8/3, to acquaint

and better awareness about traffic rules. More than 300 students attended the workshop and efforts of the force in ensuring a safe road environment in the city were highlighted.

them with road safety tips

The Education Wing of Islamabad Capital Police informed the students as to how special measures are being taken to curb various traffic violations in the city and also informed about traffic rules and regulations.

It was informed that educational teams of police visit various organizations as this exercise is helpful in providing a disciplined traffic system to the masses. It was told that personnel of the force have not only helped to establish a disci-



Capital but also reduced the ratio of accidents. They were briefed

about the history of the traffic police force, its targets and achievements. Students were told about safety measures while walking along the road, road crossing code, causes of accidents and how to protect oneself, defensive driving and its requirements, practice to prevent risky situations on road, planning for a long

journey, positioning car or lane discipline, right of way on junctions and road markings, safe overtaking, traffic sign boards and traffic light signals and perils of using mobile phone and not fastening seat belts while

On the occasion, a message of Chief Traffic Officer Dr. Sved Mustafa Tanveer was also read who termed public cooperation vital to ensure a safe road environ-