







## PM appreciates Macron for convening New Global Financing Pact Summit

**Pak, Egypt agree to strengthen cooperation in multiple fields; PM Emphasizes resources mobilization to address issue of climate change during meeting with John Kerry**

PARIS (INP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of the New Global Financing Pact Summit being held in Paris, France. The Prime Minister appreciated President Macron for convening the New Global Financing Pact Summit. He also thanked the French President for inviting him to the Summit and for his warm hospitality.

Speaking on this occasion, Shehbaz Sharif hailed the French President's bold step towards a system, based on financial justice with developing countries. He said the developing countries are facing problems of non-availability of resources, burden of interest for debt payments and slow development.



PARIS: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a meeting with Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director International Monetary Fund.

## Govt earmarks Rs 25b to educate drop-out children: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning and Development Prof Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday said the government had earmarked Rs 25 billion for imparting elementary education to drop-out children in the country.

Addressing the Pakistan Learning Conference 2023, he expressed confidence that investing in early childhood education would lead to a significant reduction in dropout rates and enable children to fully utilise their inherent potential.

Ahsan Iqbal underscored that intellectual growth in the early period of children was an essential requisite for their later success and for leveraging the impending available opportunities in their lives.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Muhammad Balighur Rehman, today attended a seminar on promoting tolerance and harmony at Government Graduate College for Women, Gulberg, Lahore as a special guest.

## Curtain raiser event held to mark 10-year celebrations of CPEC

ISLAMABAD (Online): To mark the 10-year celebrations of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and upcoming 12th Joint Cooperation Committee JCC, a curtain raiser event was held on Thursday at the Planning Ministry.

The event was attended by Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Secretary Planning Commission, Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Chief Economic of Pakistan, who is also Executive Director of the CPEC, Dr Nadeem Javid, Chinese Charge d' Affaires to Pakistan, Ms. Pang Chunxue, Chinese state owned enterprises and representatives from various ministries.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Speaker National Assembly Zahid Akram Durrani chairing meeting of the Special Committee on Balochistan at Parliament House.

The Prime Minister said under the new Global Financing Pact, help of the indebted developing countries is the need of the hour so that the people of these countries can get relief. He said devastating effects of climate change have added the hardship to already troubled developing countries. Shehbaz Sharif praised the French President saying that he made a significant effort to create global consensus on an important issue.

On this occasion, the French President thanked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for attending the New Global Financing Pact Summit in France. During the meeting, the two leaders also agreed to remain engaged on issues of mutual interest.

## Law minister briefs Nawaz on new legislation

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif has given indication to return to Pakistan soon after the law regarding life time disqualification is implemented.

Sources said Law minister Azam Nazir Tarar has held three meetings with Nawaz Sharif in London.

Law minister gave briefing to Nawaz Sharif about legal points with reference to his return to Pakistan.

Law minister told Nawaz Sharif his life time disqualification will end after enactment of new legislation in the parliament. Senate has passed this bill and it will soon be got passed from National Assembly.

## IHC summons details of cases registered against Sheikh Rashid

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned details of the cases registered against former federal minister Sheikh Rashid.

The court while issuing notice to IG Islamabad and SHO Kohsar police sought reply till June 27.

The petition filed by Sheikh Rashid came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri Thursday.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari's witnessing MoU Signing Ceremony between KPT & UAE during the inauguration ceremony of Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited.

## Pak-UAE joint venture Karachi Gateway Terminal inaugurated

KARACHI (APP): Limited (KGTL), a joint venture of UAE's Abu Dhabi Port Group and Karachi Port Trust to improve infrastructure and facilities at one of the major ports of Pakistan was unveiled on Thursday.

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tesori inaugurated the Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited by unveiling the plaque in a ceremony held here at Karachi Port Trust. An agreement and memorandum of understanding were also signed between Abu Dhabi Ports Group and Karachi Port Trust at the occasion. The 50-year concession agreement would attract a much-needed investment of over \$2 billion to expand and modernize shipment facilities, and establish special economic zone and rail connectivity between KPT and Port Qasim. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ADPG Captain Juma Shamsi and Chairman KPT Syed Sayedain Raza signed the agreement in presence of Federal Minister of Maritime Affairs Faisal Sabzwari.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal and Chinese Ambassador for Pakistan H.E. Ms. Pang Chunxue press the button to perform Curtain-Raiser Event Celebrating 10 Years of CPEC at Auditorium Ministry PD&SI.

## Ideal democracy linked with constitutional supremacy: Marri

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri on Thursday said that the role of all institutions was well defined in the Constitution adding that ideal democracy in the country was linked with constitutional supremacy.

Taking part in the budget debate in the National Assembly, she said that the disbursement of fund under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) was not a charity rather, it was the right of the people. Shazia Marri said the government has to take responsibility in difficult situation due to poor economic policies of past regime.

She said that the budget of BISP had been significantly increased as now social security had become an important issue in the country.

## COMSTECH, University of Nizwa sign MoU to boost scientific collaboration

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Coordinator General COMSTECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary and the Chancellor of the University of Nizwa, Prof. Ahmed Al-Rawahi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Chancellor's office in the University of Nizwa in Oman, in order to strengthen scientific collaboration. The officials of COMSTECH, the Embassy of Pakistan in Oman, and the University of Nizwa also participated in the MoU signing ceremony. Prof. Choudhary also held a meeting with the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nizwa, said a message received here.

He discussed multilateral cooperation, reverse linkages and exchange of faculty, researchers and students. Prof. Choudhary also visited the labs and different departments of the university and appreciated the highly productive role being played by the University of Nizwa in the Middle East and the Muslim world by promoting quality education. COMSTECH and the University of Nizwa have agreed to promote and strengthen cooperation, provide a platform for collaborative activities in the relevant fields of mutual interest, and encourage mobility and cooperation such as sharing experiences and best practices, development of methodologies, and mobility of experts.

## Master Plan for reconstruction, rehabilitation of flood-affected areas by July 15: Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Thursday announced finalizing a Master Plan for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the flood affected areas by July 15.

"It has been agreed [by the special committee formed by the PM] that the Ministry of Planning sit together after the budget [passage] and finalize the \$16.3 billion Master Plan of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the flood affected areas tentatively by July 15," he made this announcement on floor of the National Assembly.

He said the government had allocated sufficient funds in the budget to execute projects of urgent nature in flood-affected areas. The minister said immediate rescue and relief work had been done throughout the country with disbursement of Rs 80 billion through the BISP programme, adding almost Rs100 billion had already been spent in addition to the assistance extended by National Disaster Management Authority in kind.

## Through tourism, the world can be turned towards Pak: Irfan Sheikh

ISLAMABAD: Irfan Iqbal Sheikh President of FPCCI has said that the immediate solution to Pakistan's economic improvement and increase in foreign exchange reserves is the promotion of tourism. It is an open secret that many countries of the world are now paying special attention towards the improvement of facilities to attract local and international tourists.

He said that better results can be achieved by Tourism will show the beautiful face of Pakistan to the international community and will invite them to see the land of treasures and enjoy traditional hospitality. President FPCCI stressed that the tourism sector is the only quick way to earn foreign exchange. He expressed these views while addressing the Blue Economy Conference organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the FPCCI



providing facilities in the tourism sector and the world can be turned towards Pakistan which will pave the way for future foreign investment in Pakistan. Capital Office. He further stated that Pakistan has been blessed with natural beauty by Allah, along with a long and amazing coastal line, there opportunities. The Federal and Provincial governments have to pay special attention to some areas such as direct tourism flights.

## HEC's notification against Holi celebrations in varsities withdrawn

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain on Thursday informed the National Assembly that the notification of Higher Education Commission (HEC) against organizing "Holi" celebrations in universities had been withdrawn. Responding to points of order raised by Ramesh Lal and Kesoo Mal Kheeral Das in the House, the minister said he took a serious notice of the notification, which had been withdrawn early in the morning. The HEC should not write such a letter, as per the Quaid-e-Azam's saying and the Constitution, the followers of every religion were free in Pakistan and they could perform their religious rituals, he added.

## Air University students delegation visits Safe City Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Air University students visited Safe City Islamabad. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Director Technical and Deputy Director Technical Safe City, who provided comprehensive insights into the state-of-the-art centralized system, command and control center, and technologically advanced surveillance cameras employed by Safe City Islamabad. Under the special instructions of the Capital Police Officer (CPO) Safe City, the visit aimed to highlight the effectiveness and importance of Safe City Islamabad in ensuring public safety and security. During the meeting, the student delegation also interacted with the CPO

The cutting-edge surveillance cameras installed throughout the city have proven instrumental in enhancing security measures, preventing crime, and safeguarding the lives and property of the citizens, he added. He said that safe city Islamabad's modern technology-enabled cameras are playing a crucial role in the city's security, crime prevention and protection of citizens' lives and property.