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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 and 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.

The president expressed these views in a meeting with representatives of Association of Retarded Children Karachi (ARCK)

here at Sindh Governor House. First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi was also present in the meeting.

Dr. Arif Alvi noted that government as well as charitable organisations had taken a range of measures for rehabilitation, education and vocational training of special children and their financial empowerment and integration in the society.

He said that differently-abled children above the age of 9 years could be registered with NADRA

with special status that enabled their access to special facilities being offered by the government.

Awareness about the special children and their specific needs had raised in previous years but considering the number of such children in the country more initiatives and interventions were required, he maintained.

The president appreciated ARCK for its contributions for the cause of education, training and rehabili-

ation of retarded children for more than 50 years and encouraged the association to look into possibility of joining other organisations working for the same cause to strengthen their efforts and outreach. Begum Samina Arif Alvi, at the occasion, also emphasized the need of coordination among all relevant associations and organisations to reinforce the efforts aimed at rehabilitation of special children through education and vocational training.



KARACHI: President Dr. Arif Alvi along with Begum Samina Arif Alvi holding a meeting with delegation of Association of Retarded Children Karachi and special children at Governor House.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a meeting regarding Karachi Circular Railways (KCR), held at CM House in Karachi.

Murad takes up KCR project to resolve its land issues

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has once again taken up Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) Project and directed the Board of Revenue (BOR) to resolve all its land issues so that a joint working group with Chinese authorities and the federal government could be constituted for further action. This emerged in a meeting held under his chairmanship here at CM House, said a statement on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Information & Transport Sharjeel Memon, Advisor Law Muratza Wahab, Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, Chairman P&D Hassan Naqvi, SMBR Baqaullah Unar, Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, Secretary

Transport Saleem Rajput, and others.

Sindh Minister for Transport Sharjeel Memon briefing the chief minister said that the project was put on the back burner during the tenure of the PTI government. Otherwise, the project was most important to resolve the transport problem of the city.

Chairman P&D told the chief minister that the federal government, with the efforts of the chief minister, has sent the feasibility of the KCR to Chinese authorities through the Ministry of Planning & Commission of Pakistan.

Sharjeel Memon said that inclusion of KCR in CPEC and handing over of KCR Right of Way (RoW) to the Government of

Sindh, the Chairman/Secretary of Railways constituted a four-member committee of Railway Officers to finalize the modalities regarding handing over of Pakistan Railway/ KCR land to the provincial government. The highlights of the TORs of the Committee include negotiation of equal value of alternate and proposed land and future use of land. Sindh Minister for Transport said that there was an issue of around 40 acres of land for which Railway authorities wanted to have an alternate land.

At this, the chief minister directed SMBR Baqaullah Unar to work out details of the land the Railway Authorities wanted to retain or it's alternate, and report to him.

CJP constitutes Arbitration Law Review Committee

ISLAMABAD (APP): Taking cognizance of the gaps in existing legal framework on arbitration being domestic in nature, absence of arbitration friendly rules and time-consuming procedures, Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial has constituted the Arbitration Law Review Committee.

This project is an initiative of the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and the committee is mandated to analyze the existing legislation on the arbitration in Pakistan and recommend suitable measures, including the holistic legislation aligned with International and regional best practices on arbitration, an SC news release said on Thursday.

Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, who is Chairman of the Arbitration Law Review

Committee, convened its first meeting on Thursday in the Supreme Court.

M u h a m m a d Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior Advocate Supreme Court, Feisal Hussain Naqvi, Advocate Supreme Court, Ms. Rifat Inam Butt, Secretary Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, Muhammad Khashih-ur-Rehman, AS/EDGII, Board of Investment, Islamabad, and Ms Ambreen Abbasi, Senior Legislative Advisor, Ministry of Law and Justice being members participated in the meeting.

The committee examined the gaps in the prevailing legal framework and considering the international best practices and regional experiences, expressed the need to update and modernize the existing legislation with the contemporary international legal framework on arbitration and mediation.

AGP tells Supreme Court Government 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): Attorney 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 Mazhar 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 Procedure Bill.

During the course of proceedings, the Attorney General said that this law also dealt with many other issues.

He said that there were two laws, one was the Supreme Court Review of 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 lawyer. Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said that it was good

that the Parliament and the government were amending similar laws.

The government should consult the Supreme Court regarding the legislation of the judiciary, he added.

The attorney general said that the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023 was more extensive and included provisions related to the internal affairs of the court.

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

Peoples Bus Service to get mobile app soon: Sarjeel

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Transport & Mass Transit Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon on Thursday directed authorities concerned to complete mobile app work for the Peoples Bus Service.

The minister issued these directives while chairing a transport department meeting here. In the meeting, the minister was briefed on the operation of the bus service, its new routes, and the establishment of a com-

mand & control room.

The transport minister further directed authorities concerned to activate the intelligent transport system (ITS) in all the buses of the service.

He said the mobile app will facilitate citizens in tracking buses in real-time and make payments online, while CCTV cameras, screens, live tracking and monitoring facilities will be activated with the installation of the ITS in the buses.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori addressing during inauguration ceremony of Cricket tournament organized by Upleta Memon Association.

Chief Secretary Sindh reviews public-private partnership projects

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KARACHI: Chief Secretary Sindh, Dr. Mohammad Sohail Rajput, presided a meeting to review the progress on public-private partnership projects in the province. The meeting was attended by the Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh for Public-Private Partnership Projects, Senior Member Board of Revenue Baqaullah Unar, Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Iqbal Memon, Secretary Local Government Syed Najam Ahmed Shah, Secretary Finance Sajid Jamal Abro, Director General PPP Unit Assad Zamin, while All divisional commissioner, DIGs, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs have attended the meeting Via video link.

The meeting reviewed various projects, including the construction of Malir Expressway, M9-N5 Link Road, Ghotki Kandhkot Bridge, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and other significant initiatives. Speaking

on the occasion the Chief Secretary Sindh said that Sindh's Public Private Partnership Unit is far ahead of many countries as it has successfully completed various mega projects. He urged the officers to use all their abilities for timely completion of remaining PPP projects. He said that the Sindh Government believes in providing facilities to the people at their doorstep and the construction of these roads and bridges will bring prosperity to the respective areas and provide employment opportunities. Chief Secretary Sindh took note of the issue of debris dumping in Malir River and issued a directive to the Commissioner of Karachi to lodge FIRs against the responsible individuals.

It was highlighted during the meeting that unauthorized encroachments continue to surround Ghotki Kandhkot Bridge, on this the CS directed concerned Deputy Commissioners to remove the encroachment.

Anti-corruption, Punjab police arrests Ch Prevaz Elahi

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

The arrest was made when he was going somewhere in his car. Corruption cases are filed on Ch Prevaz Elahi in Mandi Bahudin and Gujranwala. Prevaz Elahi was not appearing in court after the cancellation of his bail. Keep clear that anti-corruption court dismissed his interim bail. Heavy contingents reached to Elahi residence Gulberg. 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 Zahooh Elahi Palace. Afterward Zahooh Elahi Palace was surrounded by police.

On the other side Anti-corruption also recognized the arrest of Prevaz Elahi. Punjab interim information minister Amir Mir said he was wanted to anti-corruption. They arrested him.



ISLAMABAD: Honourable Mr. Justice Umar Ata 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.

Govt to provide solar system to residents of Thar

KARACHI (INP): Sindh government decided to provide solar system to the residents of Thar under the royalty fund received in exchange of Thar Coal.

According to details, Provincial Minister for Energy Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh has stated that royalty funds received in exchange of Thar Coal Block 2 will be spent on installing solar systems on the homes of Thar residents.

The 15th Thar Foundation Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sindh's Energy Minister, which discussed detailed exchanges for providing public facilities under the Thar Foundation.

The provincial minister for Energy, Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh, mentioned that on the directives of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhattu Zardari and Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah, the royalty funds re-

ceived from Thar Coal Block 2 will be spent on installing solar systems in the homes of Thar residents.

This step aims to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply, including water supply, to the residents of Thar.

In the meeting, it was informed that under the Thar Foundation, the establishment of 28 schools has been implemented under the TCF (The Citizens Foundation). Out of these, 23 schools are fully operational, meanwhile, different programs has been launched for the training of school teachers.

The schools have facilities for sports, especially cricket, to provide a healthy environment for children. In terms of skill development, training programs for hotel management, tourism, vocational training for women.

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).

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 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 government was informing the local communities on impending risk of GLOF 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 to control the use of this water. "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 France would be held in June, she added. International financial institutions were created to support developing countries, whereas the conference in France would restructure the global financial system, including credit finance, she said.

Sherry Rehman Pakistan had earned a chance in COP-27 and had consolidated a group at the international level to highlight the cause of appropriate climate finance to cope with climate change. "Droughts and floods are the best examples of climate change. Pakistan will meet environmental pollution targets, it has pollution issues at the local level, but it has no role in global carbon emissions driving global warming," she said.



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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 just yet.

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 war.

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 cross-section 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.

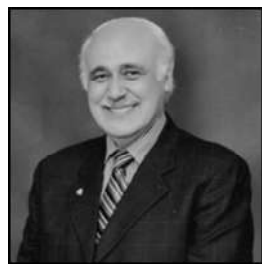
Mr Khan, his party and its supporters may have made some grievous missteps and mistakes in recent weeks. The right way to punish them would be to do so through the criminal justice system.

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'



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 Burakumin; in Korea, the Baekjeong; in Nigeria, the Ohuhu and Osu, in Tibet, the Ragyabpa; in Yemen, the Al-Akhdam; in South Africa, the Bantus (Blacks) and the Coloureds; and in the United States, the Blacks and Hispanics.

Discrimination abounds wherever humans are found. Man is an unsocial man. He creates distinctions from his fellow men, enforcing 'practices that are discriminatory, humiliating, exclusionary and exploitative'.

In India, the world's largest functioning democracy, now the world's most populous nation, 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 daughter Indira Gandhi. She gave Jagjivan Ram the ministries of defence (1970-74) and of agriculture and irrigation (1974-77), but while she was prepared to share a table with him in cabinet meetings, she preferred not to offer him a place at her dining table.

Today, Muslims in India are the new Dalits. They are beyond being untouchable. They are unwanted in their homeland.

In Pakistan, the word 'untouchable' is closer to the Cambridge Dictionary definition. Its entry reads: "...not able to be punished, criticised, or changed in any way".

Name one individual or institution in our society that does not regard itself if not at par, then above or beyond the law.

Parliament seeks to curtail the powers of the judiciary. The judiciary retaliates with a pre-emptive strike hamstringing the legislature. The law is above the law.

Political parties demand democracy in the country but eschew elections within their own parties.

Benazir Bhutto handed the PPP to her widower Asif Zardari, who shares it with their son Bilawal. Nawaz Sharif yields the prime ministership to his you-n-ger brother Shehbaz Sharif and the PML-N party to his daughter Maryam Na-waz. Imran Khan nominates Shah Mah-mood Qureshi as his unelected successor. The Election Commission which has had five years to oil and service the electoral machinery 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 Supreme Court.

Once, an Indian parliamentarian was complimented on India's success in holding general elections. He replied: 'Any fool can hold elections. The maturity of our democracy was when Mrs Gandhi lost the 1977 elections, she handed over power to the Janata Party. And when it lost the 1979 elections, it handed power back to her Congress party.'

Another lesson was provided by the Indian experience after Mrs Gandhi's declaration of a national emergency in 1975. It provoked such outrage that there were rumours of a military takeover by the field marshal, Sam Manekshaw. According to him, during their meeting, she questioned him about rumours circulating in Delhi of a military coup. He recalled later that he put his long nose near her long nose and from this unlikely proximity, reassured her that as long as he was chief, she had nothing to fear from him.

Each elected prime minister in Pakistan craves a similar reassurance from his uniformed subordinate. The present prime minister Shehbaz Sharif is unlikely to repeat the mistake made by his elder brother, when in 1998, emboldened by the ease with which he removed COAS Gen-eral Jehangir Karamat, Nawaz attempted 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 Bin Salman are secure for 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 posed by terrorism, insurgency, and religious violence. These disastrous incidents have had a damaging effect on the province's reputation and stalled its tourism potential. The unstable security condition in the past has discouraged tourists and damaged the province's image, leading to a weakening in tourism opportunities.

Despite the security challenges, Balochistan has shown extraordinary spirit and progress in fighting terrorism. The province has assumed substantial actions to improve security, reinforce law enforcement agencies, and restore peace. These efforts have brought about a significant reduction in security incidents, raising an environment favorable to tourism and investment.

In February 2023, After 7 years, a PSL exhibition match was played in Quetta which picked the interest of the people of Balochistan and they came from all over Balochistan just to show their love for peace and show their hospitality. But this was just a wind of

change. After 19 years of continuous hard work by Security forces, the government of Balochistan and the loving people of Balochistan, the 34th National Games were held from 22nd May to 30th May, 2023, in Quetta. This represents an astounding journey of struggle for peace and unity in a province factually dogged by conflict and volatility.

The 34th National Games Quetta, arise as an inspiration of hopefulness in the province dealing with long-standing obstinacies. By organizing an inclusive sporting event, the Games challenge the usual narrative of war and separation. This Event provided a chance for athletes from various backgrounds and areas to come together and compete go beyond social, ethnic, and political dissimilarities. The Games sent a powerful message that peace and unity can triumph even in hardships.

The 34th National Games Quetta served as a platform for endorsing inter-provincial harmony and nurturing a sense of national integration. 7000 Athletes and officials from all over Pakistan participated in various sports disciplines, on behalf of their respective provinces and departments. The event created an atmosphere of friendship and harmony, where athletes had the opportunity to connect, learn from one another, and build lasting interactions. Through healthy competition, the Games re-

inforced the shared uniqueness of being Pakistani, endorsing unity. The journey towards organizing the 34th National Games in Balochistan contains substantial public engagement and empowerment. Local authorities i.e. Quetta Metropolitan Corporation, District administration, community leaders, and volunteers have worked together to ensure the success of the event. This event also provided platform for showcasing the talents of local players, fostering their potential and reassuring sports contribution at the grassroots level. This enablement will contribute to the growth of an optimistic and wide-ranging community spirit, and the development of a sense of pride and belonging among inhabitants.

The 34th National Games in Quetta stands as evidence of the flexibility and will-power of the people of Balochistan motivated for peace and unity. Beyond its significance as a sporting event, the National Games represent the spirit of endorsing coherence, and stirring social change.

By yoking the power of sports, the 34th National Games Quetta is creating a platform for negotiation, sympathy, and friendship, flagging the way for a positive and more peaceful future. As the event has been concluded, its impression on the region will help as an aide-memoire that a unified effort can turn the tide of terrorism into a journey of hope and progress.

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Govt striving for best medical facilities: CM

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LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday said that the government was striving to provide the best medical facilities to patients in public sector 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 5,534 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,

ensuring a 67% increase in these hospitals on the instructions of Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

The meeting also reviewed the proposal to set the target of angiography/angioplasty in every government hospital to facilitate patients.

The meeting was attended by Provincial Minister Dr Javed Akram, President of the Pakistan Society of International Cardiology Dr Zaheer Akram, health secretary, Dr. Farqad Alamgir, DG Rescue 1122, and others.

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

establish timelines for their timely completion.

Addressing the meeting, CM Mohsin Naqvi emphasized that development projects must adhere to the prescribed timelines. He instructed the officials to expedite the initiation of new projects, ensuring prompt decision-making regarding designs and other necessary matters. Any delay or negligence in public welfare development projects will not be tolerated, he warned.

To minimize inconvenience to citizens during the construction phase, the meeting emphasized the need for the best alternative traffic plans and suggested that alternative routes should be suggested for best managing traffic load.

CM condemns terrorist attack

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the security forces checkpoint near the Pakistan-Iran border and expressed deep admiration for the courage displayed by the security forces in thwarting the attack.

He paid tribute to the brave soldiers, Hasnain Ishtiaq and Inayatullah, who fearlessly defended against the terrorists at the cost of their own lives.

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.



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

RAWALPINDI (APP): 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.

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

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif 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

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 countries.

Transgender school opened in Sargodha

SARGODHA (Online): Education department has 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 Bajwa, spokesperson of education department has said transgenders have appreciated.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali has said that the era of real development 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 Thursday.

The delegation led by

Caretaker minister visits HR Directorate, inquired about operational matters

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Law and Human Rights (HR) Justice (Retd) Irshad Qaisar here Thursday visited Directorate General Law and Human Rights and inquired about its working and operational matters.

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.



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

Psychiatric training session for employees of PBC, APP held

PESHAWAR (APP): Psychiatric training 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.

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

Renowned psychiatrist, Professor Dr

Iftikhar Hussain shared his 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 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 their own abilities.

PM Shehbaz says: Pakistan considered Japan as vital partner for its progress & prosperity

Invites Japanese companies to invest in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday said Pakistan considered Japan as an important partner for its progress and prosperity and Japanese companies should avail the immense opportunities for investment in Pakistan.

The PM was speaking to President Toyota Asia Yoshiki Konishi and Chief Executive Officer of Indus Motors Ali Asghar Jamali who called on him here.

Japan's Ambassador to Pakistan Mitsuhiro Wada, Vice Chairman Toyota Indus Motors Shinji Yanagi, Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Minister for Industries and Production Makhdoom Murtza Mehmood, Advisor to PM Ahad Cheema, Special Assistants to PM Jehanzeb Khan and Tariq Bajwa and high ranking officials attended the meeting.

In a briefing, the prime minister was told that

Toyota Indus Motors for the first time established a unit for the production of hybrid vehicles in Pakistan with an investment of \$100 million.

PM Shehbaz Sharif welcomed the project of Toyota to produce hybrid vehicles in Pakistan.

The production of hybrid vehicles in Pakistan would decrease the import bill resulting in saving of precious foreign exchange, he said adding the government was providing

all available facilities to the industries for investment in modern technologies in the country.

The Japanese ambassador said leading Japanese companies were desirous of further investment in Pakistan.

During the briefing, it was told that in the current year from July, Toyota Indus Motors would start export of spare parts of vehicles and these exports would make Pakistan a part of the global supply chain.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Toyota Indus Motors led by President Toyota Asia Mr. Yoshiki Konishi and CEO Indus Motors Ali Asghar Jamali calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan H.E Mitsuhiro Wada, Federal Ministers Ishaq Dar, Makhdoom Mutaza Mehmood, SAPMs Jehanzeb Khan and Tariq Bajwa were also present in the meeting.



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): Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Andreas Ferraresi Thursday expressed hope that establishment of the Italian Trade Agency (ICE) office in Islamabad and assignment of the first Italian Trade Director to Pakistan would enhance trade cooperation between the two countries.

"I am pleased to share with you exciting news; that is the establishment of the Italian Trade Agency (ICE) office in Islamabad and the assignment of the first Italian Trade Director to Pakistan would be a major step towards

enhanced trade cooperation between the two countries", the ambassador said in his message on the upcoming celebration of 77th anniversary of the Republic Day, National Day of Italy.

He told the APP "We shall continue to explore the avenues with a focus on agriculture, renewable energy, textiles, construction and tourism. Collaboration in fields of textiles, agriculture, livestock, marble, pharmaceuticals, and mass manufacturing will help enhance Pakistan's industrial scope and

increase exports of value-added goods".

The ambassador further stated that the fifth Italy-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission (JEC) took place on May 29-30 in Rome, where the two sides agreed to establish a joint framework to deal with climate change and cooperation in water management.

He said both sides signed an important "Roadmap for Cooperation" which covered climate change, trade & investment, heritage & culture, agriculture.

FBR collects Rs 605b gross revenues in May

ISLAMABAD (APP): Despite challenges, the 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

131 billion in May 2022, thereby showing a growth of 57%. A healthy year-on-year 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

ISLAMABAD (APP): US Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer participated in a stakeholder consultation on trade, climate, and green shipping in Pakistan organized by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

During the discussion, policy makers and private-sector 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 actionable recommendations and a common vision for a path forward.

"Through the US-

Pakistan 'Green Alliance' framework, our two countries are jointly preparing to meet the environmental and 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.

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

FAISALABAD (APP): National 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 open house session of NASTP, he underlined the importance of Information Technology (IT) and

digitalization and said that an ecosystem compatible for the promotion of IT 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. He said that NASTP had already created its Software Development Houses (SDH) in Kamara.

EU Ambassador 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 Ayaz Sadiq and discussed agenda items, preparations and protocol of the upcoming 13th European Union (EU)-Pakistan Joint Commission, 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 (IPSG).

Rupee gains 08 paise against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee gained 08 paise 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 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 paise to close at Rs 304.67 against the last day's closing of Rs304.48, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).



HYDERABAD: Farmers are engaged in harvesting peas in the field.

Meher Kashif says: Trade expansion between Pak, Kyrgyzstan possible

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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."

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 their commitment to enhancing trade ties and serious endeavors for improving transportation links, simplifying customs

procedures, and 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, and Kyrgyzstan could benefit from sourcing textiles and apparel products.



SIALKOT: Shoab Sarwar Ambassador posted at the Embassy of Pakistan in Denmark in a group photograph with Muhammad Ejaz Ch, chairman PGMEA and Gloves exporters at PGMEA.

World now acknowledging Pakistani youth expertise in IT: IT Minister

Amin inaugurates Pakistani pavilion at GITEK Global Exhibition

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque on Thursday said that World now 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 is now 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 GITEK Africa Digital Summit, and the Global tech exhibition being held in Morocco from May 31 to June 2.

The meetings discussed global challenges including revolutionary initiatives in

the IT & Telecom sector by the Government of Pakistan said a news release received here.


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 digital cooperation between the member states of DCO. Vice President of Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, Saeed Al-Gerghavi also met with IT Minister Syed Amin Ul Haque and discussed investment opportunities in IT and telecom sector in Pakistan. Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Governor of Lagos, Nigeria, also called on Federal Minister for IT Syed Amin Ul Haque.

Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecom Syed Amin Ul

Haque on Thursday inaugurated the Pakistani pavilion at the GITEK Global Exhibition summit in Morocco. A three-member Pakistani delegation led by Minister IT Syed Amin Ul Haque comprising Member IT Syed Junaid Imam and Chairman PASHA Zohaib Khan is attending GITEK Africa Digital Summit, said a news release.

About 14 tech companies, 10 start-ups and more than 200 IT experts from Pakistan are participating in GITEK-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 and showed their great interest in the items displayed at the pavilion.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
PROJECT: SINDH WATER & AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION (SWAT)
Project ID: (P167596)
Assignment Title: Procurement of Consultancy Services of Project Implementation Support Consultants (PIC)
Reference No: PK-SAD-307037-CS-QCBS-001**

The Government of Sindh has received credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation Project (Credit No. 7255-PAK) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for procuring services of a Project Implementation Support Consultant (PIC) under the project. The consulting services ("the Services") include Consulting Services to be provided by a reputable consulting firm for supporting the project implementation.

The ADU/PMU now intends to engage the services of a reputable and experienced accredited consultancy firm as Project Implementation Support Consultants providing supplemental support to the project management.

The Project Director ADU/PMU SWAT now invites eligible consulting firm/joint venture(s) "consultants" with specific and proven competence and experience to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) in the English language along with relevant complete details of the qualifications and experience.

Interested consultants will be expected to demonstrate or provide explicit information/ evidence of their qualification to perform this assignment, in their profiles, in the areas covered by the project as indicated below. The following information is requested:

Qualification Criteria
Corporate Capacity (Core business and years of experience in the same business of at least 15 years)
The firm should have a minimum of 10 years experience indicating the nature and scope of these assignments as project management/ implementation and support experience in the last 15 years
The firm must have successfully completed 2 similar projects. Preference will be given to the firms which have prior experience in complex projects of similar nature dealing with value chain development, training of farmers, subsidies for farmers, water logging and salinity, market information management, project management and civil works' design & supervision.
Firms having operational offices/ logistical capacity locally.
Core Capacity of Technically qualified staff.
Total

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at www.ictrg.gov.pk or can be obtained at the address given below:

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM from Monday to Friday. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 20th June 2023. Expressions sent over emails will be acknowledged by Project within 24 hours. In the absence of such acknowledgment please contact on the address given below

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Ahsan emphasizes portraying positive image of country

ISLAMABAD (APP): ever-growing student strength in almost all programs offered at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. 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, Library building, Shariah hostel, medical center. There is also provision of lab equipment, furniture and transport. The Campus Management System and IT infrastructure 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 universe.

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

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

He said hatred, extremism and intolerance are major obstacles in the way of peace, national unity and sustainable economic development in the country.

Ahsan Iqbal said that after escaping a terrorist attack, he decided to save the youth from hatred and terrorism. He said that the virus of hatred in the human mind destroys intellect and its ability to think in a positive way.

Ahsan Iqbal said that the base of conflict and violence is prejudice and intolerance as it leads to extremism.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security, Tariq Bashir Cheema calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

FO says:

Pak deeply concerned over India's latest move seeking death penalty for Yasin Malik

ISLAMABAD (Online): We are deeply concerned over India's latest move seeking death penalty for prominent Kashmiri leader, Yasin Malik.

This was said by Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch in weekly press briefing 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 another 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 routinely incarcerated on 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 India.

PM to attend Erdogan's inauguration ceremony in Turkey on June 3

ISLAMABAD (Online): 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 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.

PTI's Pervez Khattak steps down from party position

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader Pervez Khattak announced stepping down as the party's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter president late Thursday.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, the PTI stalwart said it was difficult for him to continue serving as the party's KP chapter president amid the prevailing political crisis.

Khattak said he would announce the future course of action after consulting his friends and party colleagues. The PTI leader further said that he had taken the decision to leave the party post after thorough consideration.

PTI chief using all tactics to divert attention from May 9 incidents: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that Imran Niazi could go to any extreme to divert attention from his culpability in the tragic events of May 9.

"Make no mistake about the evil intent behind Imran Niazi's latest ploy to defame our law enforcement agencies and police. Yet again, he is making misleading and baseless allegations of the 'rights abuses' just to divert attention from his culpability in the tragic events of May 9," the prime minister said in a tweet. "I am not surprised by his antics," Prime Minister Shehbaz said.

He said that someone who could persistently use foul language against the state institutions, incite people to violence and attack the state symbols and military installations, 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.

KARACHI: Begum Samina Arif Alvi visiting the society for the Rehabilitation of Special Children Centre.

Uzbek Ambassador lauds professionalism of PAF personnel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Aybek Arif Usmanov called on Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu and lauded the professionalism of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) personnel here on Thursday.

The meeting was focused on areas of mutual interest and regional developments, a PAF news release said. 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 domains.

The Air Chief emphasized the longstanding religious, cultural and historical bond between Pakistan and Uzbekistan which was exemplified through robust bilateral relations.

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

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 stability."

The Ambassador of Uzbekistan expressed his admiration for the exceptional progress made by Pakistan Air Force, particularly in the area of indigenization.

Planting trees and saplings is the best charity: Murtaza Wahab

Independent Report
KARACHI: Spokesperson of the Sindh Government and Advisor for Law Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said that planting trees and saplings is the best charity. He was addressing the inauguration ceremony of Lyari River Urban Forest along Lyari Expressway Maripur Interchange as Chief Guest on Thursday. The Lyari River Urban Forest was organized in collaboration with Nazafi Organization Dawoodi Bohra Community and Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In the opening ceremony, Civil Society's Mushaq Chapra, Asghar Ali Bohra, DG Parks MC



Junaidullah Khan, Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh Asif Khan, Shakeel Chaudhary and others were also present. 13000 saplings of 35 different species have been planted in Lyari Urban Forest. Barrister Murtaza Wahab said during his address that urban forest is the most important need of the hour; the establishment of urban forest is very necessary to eliminate environmental pollution. He further said that people from other communities and social sectors, including the business community, should pay attention to this because planting trees is the best charity.

Commissioner urges Divisional Task Force to ensure provision of better health services

HYDERABAD (APP): Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Division, Muhammad Abbas Baloch instructed District Health Officers of Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar and Nausheero Feroze Districts to ensure the provision of better health services to all patients coming for treatment at hospitals of their respective domains, adding that medical camps be set up at different areas to cater treatment facilities to the poor public.

He expressed these views while chairing a meeting of the Divisional Task Force at the Committee Room of his office. Commissioner said that all resources be utilized in order to make the 12 days Protective Vaccination Campaign successful, which is commencing from June 5 to June 17, 2023. He said that steps shall also be adopted to maintain the cool chain of protective vaccine keeping in view of high temperatures. He said that awareness be raised among the public about the benefits of protective vaccination. Briefing the meeting, District Officer EPI of World Health Organization, Dr Irshad Ahmed said that the protective Vaccination is commencing in the division from June 5 to June 17, 2023 for which arrangements are underway for training of staff, maintaining of cool chain of vaccine and other arrangements. He said that during the campaign 75,300 children from birth and upto two years of age would undergo a routine immunization process while 1,88,400 children of 2 to 5 years of age would be vaccinated.



KARACHI: Famous Industrialist and Businessman Aqeel Karim Dhedi calls on Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori.

Pakistan, law nation's red line not Imran Khan: Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on Thursday said that the country and its law were the red line of the nation and not Imran Khan who was trying to defend the worst attack of May 9.

In a series of tweets, the Minister criticized Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan for his recent remarks and adamant attitude towards the violence of May 9th. Senator Rehman said that since May 9, Imran Khan has changed his position several times on violent protests and attacks on sensitive installations.

He has adopted an apologetic attitude regarding May 9 and his attitude would lead the country to a new tragedy, she added.

The minister said that defending May 9 was tantamount to complicity in these attacks as Imran Khan should have apologized to the nation for these shameful incidents.

Justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman is son of former chief justice of Pakistan Hamood ur Rehman.

They were alleging that their women were being mistreated which was entirely baseless, he said.

Kaira demanded that the government should take action against such incident if someone had evidence otherwise those elements, who were levelling fake allegations without any evidence, should be brought in to courts for punishment as there was the same penalty for a liar as it was for criminal. He alleged that the PTI was spreading fake news to tilt the perception in favour of the party and was making opinion through fake news.

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

Jahangir Tareen will leave for London within next few days to meet Nawaz Sharif on the matters of making adjustment or forging electoral alliance with PML-N in next general election.

Sources said PML-N had expressed reservations over the recent political activities of Jahangir Tareen.

On the other hand Jahangir Tareen sent a message to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Nawaz Sharif that his political activities will not be harmful for PML-N.

He said that the PTI, through social media and artificial intelligence, was spreading fake news about women.

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