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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- Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A laws had similar provisions 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

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

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

for review and hiring a law-

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

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QUETTA: A delegation led by head of IRC Nicolas Lambert meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Governor acknowledges int'l support for flood victims; urges action against gas theft

Governor Abdul Wali Khan Kakar highlights international cooperation in assisting natural disaster victims and stresses the need to curb gas theft

Wali Khan Kakar, ex- ternational institutions in pressed gratitude to inter- aiding and rehabilitating innational organizations, par- dividuals who have lost ticularly the International their lives or suffered inju-Red Cross (IRC), for their ries in natural calamities, effective assistance in providing relief to those affected by recent natural disasters, especially the devastating floods, on Thurs- veyed these sentiments

during a meeting with a del-Independent Report
QUETTA: Governor of
Balochistan, Malik Abdul
He emphasized the
critical role played by inegation led by IRC's Chief, Nicholas Lambert, at the Governor House in Quetta. Representatives from the Balochistan Rural Support considering Balochistan's

status as an economically disadvantaged province. Governor Kakar con-

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-



QUETTA: Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed **Qureshi meeting with representatives of Chamber**

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 QUETTA: 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 Pakistan

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 Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) here at the Chamber on Thursday afternoon.

The Federal Ombudsman is on the three-day

Program (BRSP) were also present on the occasion. Governor Kakar under-Continued on page 2

scored the prevalence of deadly diseases in Balochistan, emphasizing

PTI's Pervez Khattak steps down from party position

Monitoring Desk 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 consid-

Six killed, three injured in house explosion

MUZAFFÄRGARH (APP): At least six people including two women and a minor were killed while another three persons sustained injuries as result of an explosion at a house in Daira Din Pannah on Thurs

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

They stated that the deceased belonged to a single family.



to divert attention from May 9 incidents: PM

Sharif on Thursday said that Imran Niazi could go to any extreme to distract attention from his culpability in the tragic events

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 distract attention for 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

ISLAMABAD (APP): and bring down martyrs Prime Minister Shehbaz monuments, was capable of going to any extreme.

The prime minister said that Îmran Niazi presided over a disinformation apparatus that deployed fake news methodically to "Make no mistake fool the people. "Everything about him is hate, division and lie," he remarked.

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 andTürkiye. The Prime Minister will convey warm felicitations on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan to President Erdogan on his reattack the state symbols election as President of Türkiye on 28 May 2023.



Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging views with Suh Sangpyo, Ambassador of Korea to Pakistan during meeting held at Naval Headquarters in Islamabad.

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.'

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

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.

Woman among five died, 10 injured in Mastung accident

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

QUETTA (APP): At least coming from the opposite direction due overspeeding. As a result, a woman among four died on the spot while 10 others sustained injuries. 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 dur-

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial administered oath to Iqbal Hameedur Rehman Chief Justice Federal Shariat Court Thursday.

CJ FSC FSC

ISLAMABAD (Online)

Justice Iqbal Hameedur

Rehman has taken oath as

Chief Justice Federal

Shariat Court for a period

of three years.

The oath taking ceremony was attended by judges of Supreme Court (SC), attorney general and

President Arif Alvi had accorded approval to appoint justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman as chief justice Federal Shariat Court. Ministry of law and justice had issued formal notification in respect of his appointment.

justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman has remained chief justice of Islamabad High Court and judge of Supreme

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

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

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 (IMF) Fund

recommendthe government 'focus on restoration of proper foreign exchange market functioning.'

OGRA notifies Rs37/Kg cutin LPGpricefor June ISLAMABAD (APP): In a

notification issued by Oil and Gas Regularity Authority (OGRA) on Ťhursday, 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.



OUETTA: Adelegation led by Provincial Advisor for Information Mitha Khan Kakar meeting with Continued on page 2 | Balochistan Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili

Nefarious designs of peace enemies to be foiled at every cost, asserts CM

Bizenjo condemns firing incident in Kech:

Independent Report OUETTA: While strongly condemning the incident of firing at the check post of security force in Sangwan area of Kech district on Thursday, the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has expressed deep grief and sorrow over martyrdom of

two security personals in the attack. In a condemnation statement issued here, the Chief Minister commended the response of security forces to the terrorist attack at the security force check post in Kech area saying

that the personals countered the attack very courageously and bravely. The nefarious designs of the peace enemies would also be foiled at every cost in future, adding the Chief Minister asserted.

Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo said that the sacrifices of the martyrs for the cause of peace would not go waste at all.

He also paid tributes to

them. He prayed for the departed souls of the personals embraced martyrdom in the terrorist attack. He also prayed that may Alalh Almighty give enough strength and patience to the bereaved families to bear the loss of their loved ones.

Meanwhile, spokesperson of provincial government has also condemned the act of terrorism in Kech district.

The spokesperson for the Government of Balochistan, Farah Azeem Shah, strongly condemned the firing on the security forces' checkpoint in the Sangawan area. She denounced the act of terrorism as cowardly and highlighted the timely response and bravery of the security

She assured that the sacrifices of the martyrs would not be in vain, emphasizing the nation's solidarity and tribute to the fallen heroes. She prayed for the elevation of the martyrs' ranks and urged pathe martyrs and added that tience and resilience among



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

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

Corruption cases are filed on Ch Pervaz Elahi in

Mandi Baĥudin and Gujranwala. Pervaz Elahi was not appearing in court after the



Keep clear that anti-corruption court dismissed his interim bail. Heavy contingents 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 bulletproof 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

BHC expresses displeasure over absence of MD SSGC

QUETTA (APP): The Balochistan High Court on Thursday expressing its displeasure over absence of the Managing Director of the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) directed him to appear in next hearing.

Justice Kamran Mulakhail was hearing the case filed in connection with the low gas pressure and unknown additional charges added by the company in consumers utility bills for the month of March and April

Annoyed by the unsatisfactory response from the gas company, the BHC issued another notice to the MD SSGC for appearing in next hearing.

"Despite the court order to eliminate illegal charges in gas bills, the June 19.

Justice Kamran Mulakhail said, urging SSGC to take note of the complaints of the people and allot them a serial number. Expressing displeasure over non-compliance of the

company is reluctant to do

court order, he said on the next appearance, he would look at each complaint him-Strict action will be

taken if a single meter is removed without informing the house owner within 24 hours, the court ordered. The BHC also directed

the SSGC consumers not to deposit additional amount of the bill and file a complaint in the complaint cell. The court adjourned the next hearing till

CJP constitutes **Arbitration Law Review Committee**

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 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 Muhammad Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior Advocate Supreme Court, Feisal Hussain Naqvi, Advocate Supreme Court, Ms. Riffat Inam Butt, Secretary Law and Justice Commission of Pa-Muhammad Khashih-ur-Rehman, AS/

Board of Investment, Islamabad, and Ms Ambreen Abbasi, Senior Legislative Advisor, Minis-

the meeting.

The committee resolved to go with the specific timelines to meet its mandate and for that adopt a holistic approach for drafting new legislation which would cater for the domestic and international arbitrational requirements. The new legislation would ill also be shared with the stake holders including government and private sector as well as academia and le-

It emphasized on trainbers of the commerce etc.

considered that a comprehensive awareness strategy on the arbitration and mediation be evolved for the public and for that the Judicial Academy would be engaged to devise training programs as per the international standards in consultation with prominent local and international arbitration experts.



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.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chairman Market Committee Dera Murad Jamali invites sealed tender/bid from Eligible Bidders for the outsourcing of janitorial services/collection of toilet fees for use of general publi situated at Fruit/Vegetable & Grains Market Committee, Dera Murad Jamali for the year 2023-24 (12 months) based on Highest-Cost Selection Method, from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below. Earnest Money 5%, Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and

S. No. Name of work

Base Rate peryear(Rs.) Rs.349.990/-

1. outsourcing of janitorial services/ collection of toilet fees for use of general public situated at Fruit/Vegetable & Grains Market Committee.

Dera Murad Jamali for the year 2023-24 Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any Procuring Agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Active Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work in last 3 years. Turnover of bidder/firm should be at least 349,990/- PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Showing financial capacity/balance of the firm not less than 25% of the base rate/price. Power of Attorney for lead member of consortium (Power of attorney on stamp paper Rs.1000/- dully attested by notary public). Correctness of information (stamp paper of Rs.100/- dully attested by notary public). Complete and colour profile of the firm. PEC Registration Active with up to-date renewal. Original CDR. Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.1000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture, C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 5% specified above in the name of the Chairman Market Committee Dera Murad Jamali from a Scheduled Bank. Tender/Bidding Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained from the address mentioned below on production of Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.1000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture. C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan during working hours from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The documents if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be borne by the applicant, however, under no circumstances, the procurement agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the document so mailed. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled bank. Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be obtained from undersigned office from the date of publication of NIT to 15th June, 2023 during office hours on working days. Last Date of Bid submission: Bid can only be submitted the Bidding Document duly filled, signed and attached with copies of supporting documents in sealed one envelope clearly marked with work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before latest by 15th June, 2023 till 01:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:00 PM Terms & Conditions: Successful Bidder must deposit 10% advance of bid amount, advance amount equal to two month installments to the Market Committee. Successful Bidder must deposit 10% Income Tax as per Government Rules at the time of award of contract into Government Account and receipt may be provided to Market Committee. Successful bidder must sign an agreement on judicial stamp paper at the rate of 0.25% of total value of award of contract. Successful Bidder is bound to collect fee as per Schedule of Market Committee. The Market Committee is not responsible for any kind of strikes, natural disasters such as flood, earth quick, unfavourable weather and other conditions beyond the human control. Address: Chairman, Market Committee Dera Murad Jamali Phone No. 0838-

710497, Fax No. 0838-710456, Email: marketcommitteedmi@gmail.com.

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ing members participated in

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 frame work on arbitration and mediation.

ing of the judges, legal practitioners, subject experts and members of the cham-

The committee also

He said that the amendments to the law would now be made with the Supreme Court's consulta-

Other than the legislations, advice would also be sought on other matters, he

Government

decides to....

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2023 was more extensive

and included provisions re-

It was necessary to an

rive at a solution regarding

which of the two legisla-

tions could be relied upon,

that the Parliament could be

told to look into the

harmonisation of both

proposal," he added.

The AGP Awan said

that the legislation done on

the SC's administrative

matters did not take into

account the judiciary's ad-

The chief justice said

We welcome your

lated to the internal affairs

of the court.

he stressed.

Imtiaz Advocate Siddiqui counsel for a petitioner said that the court had asked for the record of the parliamentary proceedings in its previous hearing.

The chief justice said that the court found out through newspaper that Parliament had declined to

present the record. All records were present on the Parliament's website and the court had taken the record from the Parliament's website, he

Justice Mazhar said that it was important to see | that there are small issues if the issue of similar laws

could be solved. If the laws were similar, it would be a waste of time to hear petitions re-

garding full court, he added. The attorney general said that the matter could be sent to the Parliament for discussion.

Subsequently, the court directed the AGP to seek instructions from the government and adjourned the

hearing till next week Governor acknowledges...

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the challenges faced in coping with both fatal epidemics and the scarcity of resources at the local level.

He expressed gratitude to the International Red Cross and the BRSP for their assistance in aiding the flood-affected individuals and urged the delegation to cooperate in the treatment and management of life-threatening diseases in this impoverished prov-

Furthermore, in a separate meeting with the Managing Director of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), Imran Maniar. Governor Abdul Wali Khan Kakar called for decisive action to ensure uninterrupted supply of natural gas to the general public.

He emphasized the need to curb illegal gas connections and the installation of compressors that disrupt the gas supply Governor Kakar urged Sui Southern Gas Company to take appropriate measures to rectify the irregularities committed by its employees. He also highlighted the dwindling gas reserves, indicating the necessity of exploring alternative energy sources alongside the judicious use of existing resources and efforts to

eliminate gas theft. Governor Kakar stressed the importance of utilizing existing resources effectively, eliminating illegal connections, and taking effective measures to prevent gas theft.

The governor's proactive approach seeks to guarantee uninterrupted and lawful access to natural gas for the public while exploring alternative means to meet energy requirements in the face of depleting re-

Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar Water filtration plant set up by FC in Kharan city

QUETTA: A delegation of Pashtookhwa Milli Awami Party (PMAP) led by former Provincial Minister

Independent Report

QUETTA: The water filtration plant installed by the Frontier Corps (FC) South Balochistan was inaugurated in Kharan city on Thursday.

The Commissioner Rakhshan Division, Tariqur Rehman Baloch inaugurated the water filtration plant along with Sector Commander, Brigaider Yasir Nawaz Janjua, Commanding Officer Kharan Rifles, Colonel Rehan Mehmood, Deputy Commissioner Kharan, Munir Ahmed Mosiani, Chairman Municipal Commit-Kharan, Nooruddin Nosherwani

besides others. Also present on the occasion were the Vice Chairman Municipal Committee Kharan, Aminulah Durrani, officers of Public Health Engineering and other notables.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Rakhshan appreciated the initiatives taken by the FC for public welfare in dif-

He said that we can provide relief to the gen

maintaining security.

ferent sectors besides

eral public together. He said that a large number of people would benefit from the water filtration plant established by the FC in Kharan

Brigadier Yasir Nawaz said that water filtration plant is the best source to provide clean drinking water to the people.

He said that the water

filtration plant has been installed in the middle of Kharan city so that the people may have the clean drinking water easily.

He announced that more water filtration plants would be set up in different other areas besides Kharan. Earlier, the Colonel Rehan Mehmood and Wing Commander Colonel Zahid Khatak briefed about the water filtration plant

Meanwhile, the par ticipants thanked the FC South for installation of water filtration plant in Kharan.

Jails lacking amenities....

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visit to the provincial metropolis. 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 of the province, however, these 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 ombudsman 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-

tained 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 and industry in Ouetta tocommunity. He said that it

would be his utmost endeavor to resolve the issues of traders of Quetta, which are related to different federal government institu-

He said that the issues related to the electricity, gas and other ones would be resolved. Earlier, the President

QCCI, Abdullah Achakzai apprised the Federal Ombudsman about the issues being faced by the traders community in Quetta. He mentioned that the

issues of traders are related to the FBR, check posts of the law enforcement agen cies and other ones. He particularly noted

that the non-receipt of the Income tax refund is a major issue of the business community. He also appealed to the

Federal Ombudsman to take notice of the harassment of the traders doing business with the neighbouring countries in local currency.

Meanwhile, as per the schedule, the Federal Ombudsman is scheduled to meet the office bearers of small chamber of commerce day (Friday) morning.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Officer Municipal committee Dalbandin invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2018 and market rate. Government of Balochistan amended upto date from interested contractors/Firms for the work listed below. Earnest Money 2%, Tender Fee Rs.1000/- Completion Time 30-June 2023

Construction Of Cultural Monoment 1.919.8898.00 at Municipal Committee Dalbandin. TSE-222306332753

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014. amended up-to-date. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant Category for the Current year. Registration with Tax Authorities i-e (NTN, BRA and Sales Tax Department), where applicable. The Contractor must be Registered in B-PPRA. Bank turn over certificate of at least last three years, each year showing amount not less than the tendered amount. The Contractor must have completed at least (3) works of similar nature and of amount not less than the tendered amount in the last 3 years. (Submission of Work Orders and Completion Reports of the Works mentioned is mandatory) The Contractor must not be Blacklisted or engaged in litigation with or by any of the Federal, Provincial, Local Governments department/Agency/Autonomous/Semi-Autonomous/Corporate body or private sector organization anywhere in Pakistan.METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single stage-one envelopes bidding procedure will be adopted. TERMS & CONDITIONS: All bids must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of Rs.2% Of estimated amount in form of call deposit. Qualified contractor has to submit 10% of the estimated amount as performance security only in the form of a Call Deposit from a scheduled Bank (BPPRA rule-44). It will be released within sixty days after completion of the contract subject to clearance of everything else. Further terms & condition and evaluation criteria are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents. Submitting bid means,the firm agrees with all mentioned terms & condition. BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS: ISSUANNCE: Tender Fee deposit of an amount of Rs.1000/= through Green challan in Account No.6247-4 National Bank of Pakistan Dalbandin (non refundable). The documents can be downloaded from website of B-PPRA (www.bppra.org.pk), documents by downloading from BPPRA Website will also be required to deposit above mentioned fee. Submission:Last date of submission will be16-06-2023 at 09:30 am Hrs. Openning: The Tender documents will be opened on 16-06-2023 at 10:30 am Hrs Place: Submission Inquires and opening will be at the office of Municipal Committee Dalbandin.

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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

Jahangir Tareen will leave for Ľondon within next few days to meet Nawaz Sharif on the matters of making adjustment or forging elec-toral alliance with PML-N in next general election. Sources said PML-N had expressed reservations over the recent political activities of Ĵahangir Tareen.

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

Attaullah Tarar says

Imran directly responsible for May 9 mayhem

Special Assistant to Prime Minster on Interior Attaullah Tarar on Thursday held Pakistan Tehreeke-İnsaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan responsible for the May 9 acts of arson and

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): with the BBC admitted that the May 9 violent acts were in response to his arrest.

He owned those incidents and justified violent acts of targeting memorials and military installations, said SAPM, adding the PTI chairman stood exposed before the masses.

He said the violent acts were a well-thought-out conspiracy to target the 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 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

Balochistan water filtration plant operators demand five months salaries

Independent Report

QUETTA: The All Balochistan Water Filtration Plant Operators have demanded of the provincial government to pay the salaries to the water filtration plant operators, which otherwise not paid for last five months in the

The demand was made by the spokesman of All Balochistan Water Filtration Plant Operators, Ayub Langau



while addressing a press conference here at the Press Club on Thursday.

The spokesperson of the Plant Operators mentioned that the Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo had approved payment of the arrears of the plant operators on account of their salaries, some time back. A summary was also approved by the Chief Minister in this regard, he claimed adding that it is an insult to the portfolio of Chief Minister not to implement the approved summary. He expressed deep concern over the non-release of

the arrears of the plant operators and demanded of the concerned authorities to ensure it at the earliest. VACANCY

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they have applied for (vi)VIVA VOCE TEST: The written examination qualified candidates will be called

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incorporating the relevant RCO/District-wise Code in Challan. The RCO/District-wise code is available on the official website of this commission i.e. www.bpsc.gob.pk Intending candidates may apply on-line upto 26th June, 2023 and for further details visit the BPSC's Website. However, those applicants who do not have access to internet facility are allowed to submit their applications by hand or by post before the closing date mentioned above. TESTIMONIALS: The candidates who qualify the written portion of the competitive exam would require to submit the following documents soon after announcement of theresult. (a) Duly verified copies of Matriculation to Fina Academic Qualification Certificates/ Degrees alongwith Detail Marks Certificates from the concerned Board/University. (b) Duly verified copy of Local/ Domicile Certificate from the competent authority. (c) Attested copy of Computerized National Identity Card. (d) Original Treasury Challan of Examination Fee Rs.1000/- for the post (duly deposited) along with two photo copies. (e) Five latest photographs (duly attested), bearing the name and parentage of the candidates.(f) Three Character Certificates "one from Head of Educational Institution last attended and two from different gazetted Officers not related to the applicant" (for non-serving candidates). (g) Departmental Permission Certificate from the

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President directs SRBC to pay Rs 10.32m outstanding dues to security company

President Dr Arif Alvi has directed the Shalimar Recording and Broadcasting Company (SRBC) to pay outstanding dues of Rs 10.32 million to a company in lieu of security services, which SRBC had regretted to pay due to financial

The president further directed the Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to ensure payment of outstanding dues in monthly instalments within one year and, if necessary, seek approval of the competent forum within six months.

He gave these directions while rejecting a representation filed by SRBC against the decision of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Wafaqi Mohtasib (WM) that directed it to pay Rs 10,320,800 to a security company (the complainant company) on account of security services received from it, a President House press release said.

The SRBC had admitted the outstanding dues but had expressed its inability to pay the outstanding amount, even in easy instalments, due to financial constraints faced by it

Feeling aggrieved, the security company approached the Wafaqi Mohtasib, which passed the orders in its favour. SRBC, then, filed a representation with the president, which was rejected.

president said that it was adopted the stance before the president that it did not fall under the definition of "the Agency' which as per president's order No. 1 of 1983 meant a Ministry, Division, Department, Commission or office of the Federal Government or a statutory corporation or other institution established or con-

Government. He observed that SRBC was a public sector company, established under the Companies Act, 2017, and administratively controlled by the Ministry of Information and Broad casting under the Rules of

trolled by the Federa



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

Audio leaks IHC seeks help of AG on matter of recording telephonic conversation

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed Attorney General (AG) to assist the court on the matter of recording telephonic conversation of private persons and audio leaks.

4 amicus curiae have also been appointed.

Justice Babar Sattar of IHC issued the written order to Najam Saqib son of former Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Saqib Nisar rest with whom for releasabout suspension of sum- ing illegally recorded calls. mon issued to him by committee of parliament.

In the 7-page order of IHC, directives have been issued to make federation, interior ministry, ministry of defence and PTI respon-

The court have appointed five amicus curiae including Attorney general, Aitzaz Ahsan, Makhdoom Ali Khan, Raza Rabbani and Shahnawaz Ranjha.

The court has raised different questions on the matter. It has been asked do the law and constitution

cording of citizens calls. It it is allowed then which authority can do so under what mechanism. What are the safeguards for keeping secret such audio recording and stopping their mis-

IHC also raised this question if it is not allowed then which authority is responsible for violation of

Responsibility will Can parliament conduct inquiry on the matter of a private person.

The court raised question do the rules allow the speaker to constitute committee on the leakage of conversation of private

Justice Babar Sattar remarked notification on formation of the committee is not being suspended by exercising restraint in the reverence of parliament. However summon issued by special committee to call the petitioner Najam Saqib will remain suspended.



ISLAMABAD: Girls are taking interest in paintings during exhibition at Art Gallery in Sector F-6

NA defence body condemns May 9 incidents, express solidarity with armed forces

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion, and condemned the The National Assembly Standing Committee on Defence Thursday expressed solidarity with the Armed Forces of Pakistan, who were pride of the nation and strongly condemned the incidents of terror that happened on 9th

May.
The committee in its meeting held here under the chairmanship of Member National Assembly (MNA) Chaudhary Farrukh Altaf unanimously condemned the incidents of violence of May 9 and said such incidents were deplorable and intolerable, and must be dealt with sternly.

"We unanimously condemn the incidents of violence of 9th May which have deeply hurt the sentiments of the nation. We stand with our Armed Forces," the committee in its resolution resolved.

The 19th meeting of the Standing Committee on Defence discussed the prevailing law and order situaterror incidents of May The committee re-

marked that it was imperative upon every citizen of Pakistan to respect the sanctity of the institutions and the public property of The committee also

paid tributes to the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for Pakistan.

MNA, Barjees Tahir moved the resolution stat-"The Committee passed the resolution unanimously, and recommended that the perpetrators of the violent incidents must be dealt with an iron hand."

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence thanked the committee for recognizing the role and sacrifices of the Armed Forces of Pakistan to ensure prosperity of the country.

The committee expressed its desire to visit the General Head Quarters (GHQ), Rawalpindi as a symbol of solidarity with the armed forces

Motorway police foil drugs

smuggling bid ISLAMABAD (APP): National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) on Thursday foiled an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of drugs near Burhan Interchange on the Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway, recovering 17 kg 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.

The search for the escaped driver continued, the spokesman added. The beat commander of NHMP was also present at the spot along with the force during the operation.

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 notifi-cation 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 in-house CPD in the last week of July.

The heads of the institutions (HoIs) will engage a necessary number of staff to manage all these activities.

PIMS adopts special measures to serve dengue patients

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has made all necessary arrangements to manage dengue cases keeping in view the prevailing high-risk season of dis-

ease spread. According to PIMS spokesperson Dr Mubashir Mushtaq Daha, the Executive Director of PIMS Prof. Dr Rana Imran Sikandar directed the hospital staff to ensure the implementation of the plan prepared to handle the dengue patients at the hospital. Dr Rana said the hospital staff was put on high alert and he will personally supervise all preparations to prevent patients from any inconvenience in treatment.

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistan Tobacco Company calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

PM directs FBR to stop illegal sale of tobacco products

ISLAMABAD (APP): try should be ensured by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday directed the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) chairman to completely stop the illegal sale of cigarettes and tobacco products.

While talking to a delegation of Pakistan Tobacco Company here, the PM said steps should be taken on emergency basis against the illegal sale of cigarettes and tobacco products.

He also ordered that installation of track and trace system in all the ciga-

He said the smuggling of cigarettes should be stopped, adding nobody would be allowed to cause loss to the national exche-

He said strict action should be taken against those involved in selling of smuggled cigarettes and tobacco or those products on which taxes were evaded Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Advisor to the PM Ahad Cheema, FBR chairrette factories in the coun- cials attended the meeting

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

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

Senator Rehman said that since May 9, Imran Khan has changed his position several times on vio-

lent protests and attacks on sensitive installations. He has adopted an apologetic attitude regard-

ing 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 Imrar Khan should have apologized to the nation for these shameful incidents. She regretted that

Imran Khan was still defending May 9. He was arrested in an open and shut case of \$60 billion alleged misappropriation, and not in a bogus case, Sherry Rehman said.



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.

Foundation stone laying ceremony of Sangjani PS building held

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The foundation 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 Opera-

tions 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 ad justed. As per the revised demarcation, the area along both sides of the road from Tarnol Railway Crossingto Sangiani.

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 unit had recommended to Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to block 203 accounts, out of which 106 had been blocked by now.

IG IBD put on notice on contempt of court plea

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notice to ÌG Islamabad on the contempt of court plea on the matter of re-arresting PTI leader Shehryar Afridi despite court's orders.

The contempt of court plea came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by justice Arbab

Justice Arbab Tahir issued notice to IG siamabad.

The counsel for Shehryar Afridi said his client was again arrested despite court's orders. My client is also not being presented in the court.

Asad Qaisar approaches IHC to avoid arrest

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former speaker National Assembly and PTI leader Asad Qaisar has resorted to Islamabad High Court (IHC) to avoid arrest.

PTI leaders said in his application filed in the court that PTI leaders were arrested under 3 MPO and different cases after May 9 incidents. Two baseless cases were registered against him in which he had got bail. Apprehension is there that he will be arrested under 3 MPO. It has been requested in the petition details of the proceedings under 3 MPO should be summoned from deputy commissioner Islamabad. Deputy commissioner should be barred.

Benazir Nashonuma Program reaches over 659,500 women, children

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) has served over 659,500 women and children under the Benazir Nashonuma initiative until now through provision of health and nutrition services.

Among the total beneficiaries, a total of 320020 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and 339480 children have been facilitated so far. According to an offi-

cial source, these beneficia-

ries had been served through the network of over 470 Nashonuma Centers across the country. The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) intervention of Benazir Nashonuma

was designed in August 2020 to increase the uptake of Health and Nutrition services of its benefi-The primary objec-

tives of the program in children under two

years of age, improve weight gain of pregnant women during pregnancy, reduce anemia and micronutrient deficiencies and prevent low birth weight.

World Programme (WFP) is the lead implementing partner for Ehsaas Nashonuma. The programme aims to address stunting among pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and their children less than two years of age through the provision of additional cash of Rs. 2,000 per quarter per PLW and boy child and PKR 2,500/per quarter per girl child of BISP beneficiary fami-

In return, mothers are required to attend regular antenatal health checks and awareness sessions during pregnancy, consume specialized nutritious food (SNF), and take their chilwere to prevent stunting dren for immunization and regular health checks.



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Nawaz Ahmad Additional Secretary-1, Establishment Division giving away certificates during the 4-days workshop on Significance for Good Governance in the Public Sector.

IST, PSF collaborate to host Space Maker **Camp 2023**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Institute of Space Technology (IST) has joined hands with the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) to host the Space Maker Camp 2023, sched-uled to be held at IST from June 07-09. The camp, planned under the framework of Chinese Association of Science and Tech-Teenager Maker Camp, will be held in collaboration with the National Center of GIS and Space Applications (NCGSA), IST. According to an official of NCGSA, the primary objective of this camp is to ignite a passion for space exploration and serve as a catalyst in inspiring the forthcoming

the design and development of Small Satellites.

to immerse themselves in

three days, the camp will feature a combination of lectures and hands-on activities, providing participants with valuable insights into space mission design, satellite subsystems design and integration, as well as launch and ground segment operations.

Through active engagement in all phases of nology for Belt and Road satellite development, students will acquire invaluable practical experience and develop a profound comprehension of satellite technology and its intricate development processes. The highlight of the camp will be the development, testing, and launch of a model student satellite at IST. This camp, organized in the congeneration of scientists and engineers. Space Maker Camp 2023 provides a text of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between IST and PSF, is the unique opportunity for students in grades 8 to 12 culmination of collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Science and Technology, China, and the Ministry of Science and Technol-



ISLAMABAD: MOS/SAPM on Public Communication & Digital Platforms Fahd Haroon delivering a keynote speech at Microsoft EduDay event.

Capital rural areas observe increased ratio of school children dropout ISLAMABAD (APP): manded a substantial inissues that were impacting

The public schools in federal capital like the rest of the country observed a sharp increase in the number of out-of-school children in just five years which was a whooping 100 percent amid less than one percent current budgetary allocation for school education while lack of classrooms and teachers prevented 60,000 children in

education. Pakistan Change Advocates (PYCA) in partnership with the Pakistan Coalition for Education (PCE) recently held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with parents, teachers, and local media representatives to understand the

Islamabad from accessing

issues faced by public schools in rural pockets of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), a news release said.

The Article 25-A of the Constitution, which promises free and compulsory education for every Pakistani child between the age of 5 and 16 years, was passed in 2010. In compliance with this law, education across the federal capital in state-run schools was made free. However, almost 13 years since a complete waiver of fees in public schools, the results are far from satisfactory and the federal capital – like the rest of the country – has seen a sharp rise in the number of out-of-school children.

The FGD partici-

over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

both children's access to formal learning and the quality of education being imparted in the classrooms. With 80 or sometimes more students in one class, it is not humanly possible to ensure quality. The schools in rural Islamabad

> ensure that every student receives the teacher's due attention," shared one of the teachers participating in the discussion. Teachers and parents also emphasized the need to include their input in the budget-making process so

urgently need more class-

rooms and more teachers to

that the needs identified at the grass-root could factor into the federal education pants shared a plethora of budget. They also de-

crease in the school education budget to ensure adequate resources for quality education. They stressed that education should be a priority in the national budget to bridge the educational gap and enhance learning outcomes. The group highlighted

the importance of equitable distribution of resources across different regions, especially in economically disadvantaged areas. They urged the federal government to allocate funds based on the specific needs of each school, taking into account factors such as student population, infrastructure conditions, and teacher-student ratios. "Of the total educa- capital."

88% of the development expenditure was allocated for higher education while less than 1% was allocated for school education. This is simply insuf-

ficient to meet the needs of a growing population of children of school-going age," read a statement attributed to Areebah Shahid, Executive Director of "Without a sizable in-

crease in public investment at the primary and secondary levels, there is little hope to resolve education access and quality-related issues that are rapidly contributing to the population of out-of-school children across the federal



ISLAMABAD: Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Convener Sub-Committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Aviation presiding

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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 The current formula reexodus of several key leaders wards the provinces that record higher population from its ranks. However, it growth rate and occasionwould be a mistake to write differences between more the party off just yet.

It may be diminished, but point. The NFC award criit is not defeated. Imran Khan teria has simply failed to enjoys remarkable public support for his cause. The PTI chairman recently told his catalyst for accelerated and inclusive development, the 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 ev-project or assignment. This ery act of oppression and resistance gets documented, B system but in essence it disseminated and archived for gives them a lifelong skill to introspect at any given future reference. Excessive time of their life. Sadly, measures by the state will former prime minister Imran Khan wasn't taught the above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any, called him out for his two was picked up by certain journalists, channels and the state will any called him out for his tain journalists, channels and the state will any called him out for his tain journalists, channels and the state will any called him out for his tain journalists, channels are the state will be above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his tain journalists, channels are the state will be above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his tain journalists, channels are the state will be above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his tain journalists, channels are the state will be above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers; if any called him out for his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. Strangely not many of his followers in the above. The above his followers in the above. The above his followers in the above his followers in the above his followers in the above. The above his followers in the above his 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 resurrection, deterred his follower Mary Magdalana in Pakistan," Pildat has said. from touching him from touching him

It has asked for the prosecution of lawbreakers in- cially discouraged, has been volved in the May 9 violence, practised nevertheless—in China, against the Tanka but through civilian courts; urged the armed forces to steer clear of politics, reminding Burakumin; in Korea, the them it's not their place; and underlined the need for ur- the Ragyabpa; in Yemen, gent political dialogue be- the Al-Akndam, in South Africa, the Bantus (Blacks) tween the government and the and the Coloureds; and in PTI. Those words should be Blacks and Hispanics. 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 ability is the hate 'that dare experiments that can only not speak its name'. It had been abolished officially in end in ignominy and regrets. the Indian constitution of The stakeholders need to 1950, because of the minuence of its major author Dr take a step back and let de- B.R. Ambedkar, himself an mocracy take its course. All of Pakistan should not suffer for their egos.

Climate-smart NFC awards



Ali Taugeer Sheikh

At the heart of the controversies surrounding Census 2023 is the National Finance Commission award that determines the basis of financial flows from the federation to the provinces. wards the provinces that ally brings the simmering populous and less-popukeep pace with the chang-

Instead of serving as a catalyst for accelerated and NFC award has perpetuated elite capture and a political system that does not rest on local governance and service delivery institutions. Each chief minister

lope from the federal government. Based on an unsustainable formula, he spends it all without worrying about the provincial financial commission and without systematically transferring resources to lower tiers of government. This mechanism does not address increasing poverty, climate vulnerability, degrading physical environment, and falling quality of life indicators. In this system of top-down dispensation, the envelope is delivered without building mechanisms for performance, resource efficiency, transparency and account-

award continues to be a prisoner of the colonial purpose defined by Sir Otto Niemeyer in 1936 and later adopted by Liaquat Ali Khan's finance minister in 1951: the central government will collect and distribute the collected revenue to the federating units. The focus was on strengthening the capacity of the central government to collect taxes. Strengthening capacities of the federating units to generate and collect revenues was not the

annually receives an enve- objective. There was no room to tax and spend locally. The same principle has continued to drive the federal-provincial financial allocation system.

After East Pakistan left the federation, population was adopted as the sole basis for distribution of finances. Hence, the NFC award began to increase economic and social disparities between the provinces and widened the development gap between less and more populated regions simply because more financial resources were flowing into more populated areas This arrangement con-

tinued for 50 years and was The soul of the NFC revised only by the 7th NFC award in 2009. A new beginning was made by revisiting the formula and reducing the weightage of population to 82 per cent, resulting in 5.2pc reduction in Punjab's share. The sum that accrued created space for three additional parameters: poverty and (economic) backwardness (10pc), revenue collection and generation (5pc), and inverse population density

distilled into four guiding revisited their respective

principles that can help shape future NFC awards. First, it recognised the principle of give and take, whereby for collective benefit a province allows reducbackwardness

tion in its given share. Second, poverty and economic recognised as a shared concern by all provinces. Third, revenue collection and generation capacity in the provinces was recognised as a source of prosperity for all federating units. Fourth, affirmative action was taken to cater to the special needs of some federating units. Regrettably, succes-

sive governments have failed to build upon these principles, despite some significant enabling changes introduced by the 18th Amendment. The amendment transferred 17 social sector ministries to the provinces and made it mandatory for them to make local governments functional. In reality, the then existing local governments have been withdrawn by violating the constitutional amendment. Subsequent awards, if issued, should have redefined and refined This formula can be these parameters, or simply

percentages in order to respond to the emerging provincial needs and demands — a task that is staring in the face of the present government. Successive federal

governments have invoked debt servicing, defence, terrorism, merger of Fata with KP, the Covid-19 pandemic and climate induceddisasters to revisit the existing formula, while GB is knocking on the door for its fair share. Rather than ringfencing, Islamabad has undermined the NFC award by randomly accessing it for contingencies. dysfunctionality is an inevitable result of an overly centralised system that denies the provinces powers to generate and collect revenues except through property and agricultural income taxes, the latter remaining a pipe dream. Likewise, the federal government is accused of defining the services sector arbitrarily to increase its own share. Finally, the efforts to weave environment and climate resilience in development planning has been far from successful since the efforts

at national and provincial

levels began in the early

kistan a high-risk country, routinely suffering unbearable losses and damages. The 2022 floods alone cost over \$30 billion. The NFC award is an underutilised policy instrument for Pakistan to adopt a climatesmart development pathway. Climate-compatible NFC awards can help to systematically pursue SDG targets and build climate resilience.

Given the present transitional nature of the polity, it is unlikely that the government can constitute the commission, or muster a new consensus. What then are the government's options for immediate remedial measures? Creating a national pool of funds to manage contingencies. In operational terms, the government may like to roll back the 1pc fund that was set aside for KP to tackle terrorism, now that it has been largely tamed. The provinces have been asking to bring this preallocation to a closure. Herein lies an opportunity to repurpose this allocation as an inter-provincial climate risk pool. This fund can lend collective support to the provinces immediately following any climatic disas-

Will Imran ever introspect?



Taimur K Bandey

One of the core teachings for the primary year students of the International Baccalaureate system is to learn how to reflect on their work and actions. These young elementary students are populated with the skill to introspect and learn from their journeys towards completion of any task, nor did he learn it through and tremendous exposure. One of the reasons he and

case think three times. Post-2011 PTI was a mirror image of what Imran was all about. The leadership reflected his mind set and the followers, most of them being the youth, echoed his language and attitude. Sadly, Imran saw all those who opposed him as enemies and never wanted to try to engage with them. He sold hate to his fans and vilified all his political opponents by creating an aura of negativity and hostility towards the opposing po-

litical parties/ politicians. He personally attacked them by attacking them with very serious charges and when in a lighter mood he would mock them by name calling, body shaming, misogynist remarks or through his homophobic/ transphobic statements. All this while his fans picked up in numbers and applauded him when he resorted to all of sexism, bigotry, vilification and social media activists his vast array of experience and charges without who became holier than the proof. His media trial of the king and took Imran's alleading political parties and his party are where they are their leaders was covered by today is because he never all forms of the media and learnt the art to stop, ponder and think twice or in his was seen more as a form of entertainment by many mous popularity within

for all the leading politicians that he hated and made sure that his fans hated too. The envious attention Imran captured through his rhetoric. utopian claims and a mirage of hopes was mesmerizing with many willing to overlook so many of his shortcomings and lies that they would have hanged others for.

Imran's past, his Uturns and his contradictions were valiantly defended in public and on social media by many of his hardcore followers. The word 'troll' was used for some diehard online Imran fans as they would hunt you in pairs every time you dared to either question or disagree with what he said or claimed. Imran Khan's era polarized society and created friction within homes, friendships and even relationships

But the biggest turn of ready extreme and violent narrative to a different level

PTI voters. He had a name Pakistan and especially outside Pakistan. There came a point where instead of Imran giving them themes and trajectories to work on, they started doing the same to/ for him. The tail indeed started wagging the dog.

This was a turning point for his politics as those journalists or social media activists who had millions of viewers or followers now started and raised the narratives for Imran Khan. They started a very well-structured design of fake news which they were able to transmit to millions within seconds through their YouTube channels or social media handles and the blinded zeolites would buy the most unbelievable and the vilest of accusations and statements about anyone without any fact checking, probe or questioning. Reason, logic and facts were oblivious and evasive in this situation – thus resulting in humongous power in the hands of those who actu-ally started to set the ball rolling for the party through

Imran Khan. Those sitting abroad Many made a fortune in the and sitting pretty didn't everything in the courts and

tures in the country while Imran followed their lead carelessly and without question. The term Khanfidence emerged after Imran grew in size and became louder and more aggressive in his language, tone and approach. He became the most popular leader – at least on social media, certain channels, surveys and the by-elections after his ouster as the PM of Pakistan. In this entire roller coaster journey one can't find instances of action or words when one could presume Imran has paused and reflected upon his actions. We could not find any introspection and felt he wouldn't look within or reflect critically as he saw the rising temperatures and the increasing applause for him

Imran's back-to-back speeches, his hard-hitting words and his largely flustered opposition made him seemed to be getting away with virtually anything and care much about the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions and counter-arguphore for him even in other the reactions are considered for the reaction of the reactio

34th National Games in

as a sign of all was right and

ments and continued to institutions. Imran seemed raise the political temperaunconquerable and his valiant keyboard warriors made sure the impression remained true. They attacked all opposing voices at all media platforms. They ran ugly and ruthless campaigns against dissenting voices in the country. They lied and lied to such an extent that it felt true to even those that didn't support him.

The wild and often brutal narrative had many takers and few to scrutinize it. They mocked all those arrested during his regime and laughed when the opposition faltered. They sat on this moral high ground where their filthy and often personal attacks were patted by Imran himself.Then came the events of May 9, 2023 and everything suddenly changed. Of course, Imran Khan probably did not ask his followers to go and burn every military installation etc but when you sell so much hate against all your opponents. When you a giant compared to anyone in the political history of come out on the streets to Pakistan. Added to that he protest. When you name and shame men in the military all the time. What do you expect out of your blind fol-

'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 follower Mary Magdalene

In other cultures, untouchability, although offipeople; in Europe, the Romani gypsies; in France, the Cagots; in Japan, the Baekjeong; in Nigeria, the Ohuhu and Osu, in Tibet,

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 exploit-

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, untouch-

untouchable Dalit.

Another Dalit to achieve a ministerial position in Indian politics was

Jawaharlal Nehru and his success in holding general daughter Indira Gandhi. She elections. He replied: 'Any 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

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

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 Sha-rif 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 par-Jagjivan Ram. He served in liamentarian

the cabinets of both complimented on India's 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, 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 pro-ximity, reassured her that as long as he was chief, she had nothing to fear

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, Nawaz 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 Saudi ruler Mohammed Bin Salman are secure for life. -- Courtesy Dawn

Quetta: A path to peace wind of change. uniqueness of being Pa-After 19 years of kistani, endorsing unity.



By Hamza Shahzad

Balochistan has confronted the security challenges over the years. Balochistan struggled with security challenges postured 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.

challenges, Balochistan has shown extraordinary spirit and progress in fighting terrorism. The province has assumed substantial actions to improve security, reinforce law enforcement 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 people of Balochistan and they came from all over Balochistan just to

continuous hard work by Security forces, the govheld from 22nd May to 30th This represents an as-

flict and volatility. The 34th National ness in the province dealobstinacies. By organizevent, the Games chalof war and separation. and areas to come to- among inhabitants. gether and compete go beyond social, ethnic, Games in Quetta stands Despite the security and political dissimilaripowerful message that the umph even in hardships.

The 34th National Games Quetta served as national integration. 7000 Athletes and officials from all over Pakistan participated in various sports disciplines, on behalf of their respective provinces and decreated an atmosphere of learn from one another, and build lasting interacity. But this was just a reinforced the shared

The journey towards organizing the ernment of Balochistan 34th National Games in and the loving people of Balochistan contains Balochistan, the 34th substantial public en-National Games were gagement and empowerment. Local authorities May 2023, in Quetta. i.e. Quetta Metropolitan Corporation, District adtounding journey of ministration, community struggle for peace and leaders, and volunteers unity in a province fac- have worked together to tually dogged by con- ensure the success of the event. This event also provided platform for Games Quetta, arise as showcasing the talents an inspiration of hopeful- of local players, fostering their potential and ing with long-standing reassuring sports contribution at the grassroots ing an inclusive sporting level. This enablement will contribute to the lenge the usual narrative growth of an optimistic and wide-ranging com-This Event provided a munity spirit, and the chance for athletes from development of a sense various backgrounds of pride and belonging

The 34th National

as evidence of the flexties. The Games sent a ibility and willpower of people peace and unity can tri- Balochistan motivated for peace and unity. Beyond its significance as a sporting event, the Naa platform for endorsing tional Games represent inter-provincial harmony the spirit of endorsing agencies, and restore and nurturing a sense of 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 partments. The event for a positive and more peaceful future. As the played in Quetta which friendship and harmony, event has been conpicked the interest of the where athletes had the cluded, its impression on opportunity to connect, the region will help as an aide-mémoire that a unified effort can turn the show their love for peace tions. Through healthy tide of terrorism into a and show their hospital- competition, the Games journey of hope and progress.

Govt striving for best medical facilities: CM

Naqvi reviews progress on Lahore's development projects

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday said

meeting at his office to review the progress of primary angiography in

During the briefing, it was revealed that a total of 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

these hospitals on the instructions of Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin

hat the government was striving to provide the best medical facilities to patients in public sector hospitals related to heart emergencies.

He was chairing a had a chief with start with the meeting also reviewed the proposal to set the target of angiography/angioplasty in every government hospital to facilitate

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 be suggested for best development projects and managing traffic load.

ensuring a 67% increase in 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 The meeting was attended by Provincial Minister Dr Javed Akram, President of the Pakistan The meeting was and other necessary matters. Any delay or negligence in public welfare development projects will not be tolerated, he warned.

inconvenience to citizens during the construction phase, the meeting emphasized the need for the best alternative traffic plans and suggested that alternative routes should



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

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

LAHORE (APP): Federal Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Minister Mian Javed Latif (PTI) was training its on Thursday said that the cases against the state properties and perpetrators of May 9 military installations in incidents should be taken protect security and PTI been concluded, May sanctity of the state. 9 incident may had not Sparing the elements occurred since there were 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.

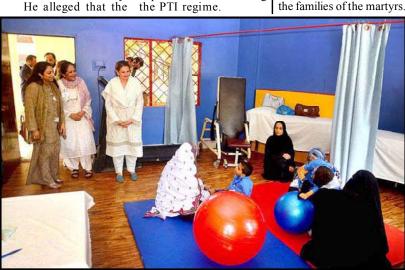
Addressing a press conference at Model Town, Javed Latif said that no state could compromise to ensure strict punishment to the elements involved in such activities as it was a matter of national security. He alleged that the

workers for a year to attack military installations in case of arrest of Imran Khan. Had the foreign funding case against the evidences of funding from in the case as the May 9 incident was also a conspiracy against the country executed by the PTI.He said today concerns about mistreatment with women

inmates involved in May 9 incidents were being raised but nobody spoke over treatment with PML-N Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz when she was kept in death cell during

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 foreign countries to the PTI 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



KARACHI: Begum Samina Arif Alvi visiting the society for the Rehabilitation

LHC nullifies detention orders of Yasmin, PTI workers including of Punjab

has nullified detention orders of PTI workers in 11 districts of Punjab including Lahore.

Justice Safdar Salim Shahid of LHC announced 9-page decision on different petitions of identical nature under which the detention orders of PTI workers including Dr Yasmin Rashid have been declared null and void. According to decision

the arrest orders of PTI workers from Lahore, Wazirabad, Jhang, Sheikhupura, Hafiz Abad, Sialkot, Mandi Baha ud Din, Gujarat, Nankana Gujranwala, Narowal have been

said in LHC order May 9 distorted picture of detention decision by peaceful and democratic deputy commissioners.

LAHORE (Online): country. Maintaining law Lahore High Court (LHC) and order was responsibility government. Sorrowful reaction came all over the country on arrest of

political leader. Government issued several detention orders without thinking in connection with May 9 incidents. Had government evidence then there was too much time for making arrests in criminal cases. The decision further said the

allegations should have been in the knowledge of the arrested persons so that they could defend themselves. Lifting the citizens without cases and putting them into jails is sorrowful. In every notification of Deputy It has been further commissioner the citizens were sent to jail on the incidents depicted the report of only DPO. The

Seminar held on 'Police **Tahaffuz** Markaz'

SARGODHA (APP) Police and the National Commission for Human Development organized an awareness seminar on 'Police Tahaffuz Markaz' at Government Anbala Muslim College on Thursday.

District Police Officer Muhammad Faisal Kamran attended the seminar as a special guest. A large number of representatives of various organizations and students from various departments of the college participated in the seminar

Principa Government Muslim Anbala College Professor Muhammad Mazhar Abbas, Deputy Director NCHD Úmar Daraz Jhauri, District officer Population Welfare Aftab Ahmad Awan and Victim Support Officers of Police Tahaffuz Markaz expressed their views in the seminar.

Haji Lali Shah was and funds will help in comprising Muhammad development of all areas Afzal Khan, Malik Ayaz, of the merged districts Malik Sultanzeb, Malik and development Hafizur Rahman, Haji Syed initiatives will be seen at Ahmad Jan, Mufti the street level. Minister for early dredging,

occasion.

Governor says: Era of progress,

development about to

begin in merged districts

PESHAWAR

Pakhtunkhwa

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

g o v e r n m e n t

representatives very soon.

30-member delegation of

the Ittehad Malikan (Alliance of Maliks) which

called on him here at the

Governor's House on

He was talking to a

Governor

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

and others. Provincial

Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chatha, Deputy

C o m m i s s i o n e r, Rawalpindi, Hasan Waqar Cheema and heads of all the

departments concerned

participated in the meeting.

press conference, the

minister informed that on

the special directives of the

Punjab Chief Minister, the

performance of the

government departments

Later, addressing a

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, detailed briefing on different ongoing projects and the performance of through different departments.

was being reviewed.
"We are striving to where he was given a improve individual performance of the government officials



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

Psychiatric training session for employees of PBC, APP held

PESHAWAR Psychiatric session for the employees knowledge with the of Radio Pakistan and employees of both the Associated Press of organizations regarding Pakistan Peshawar was combating trauma, anxiety held here Thursday after their offices were burnt down by the violent mob on May 10 last.

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

(APP): Iftikhar Hussain shared his training experience and professional and depression after such horrible incidents.

He said such trauma situation could be countered through shared will power, positivity and strength.He said such Hospital Peshawar at the tragic and catastrophic situations come on nations and it could out of it R e n o w n e d through strong belief on psychiatrist, Professor Dr their own abilities.

Caretaker minister visits HR Directorate, inquired about operational matters

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

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 caretaker minister about the modus operandi of inquiries and cases under KP Promotion, Protection and enforcement Act 2014. He also highlighted the

PESHAWAR (APP): work of Media Research Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wing, training courses, workshops and Memorandum Understanding (MoU) signed with Islamia College and Benazir Women

directives of the government. Over 25 niversity eunuchs have got admission Speaking on the in the school and started occasion, the caretaker educational activities. It was minister was directed to told that not only books, compile a report of problems being faced by uniform and free transport the directorate and said facility will be provided to eunuchs but also that efforts would be made to resolve them. Expressing scholarship will be granted to them. Muhammad Ilyas satisfaction over working in the directorate, she said Bajwa, spokesperson of education department has that monitoring of human rights would be further said transgenders have improved in the province. appreciated this step She also suggested saying for the first time a proposals to improve the good project has been performance of the introduced directorate. government.

(Alliance of Maliks) which called on him here at the Governor's House. 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

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali talking to a 30-member delegation of the Ittehad Malikan

House, said a statement on Thursday.

Ministers Mohammad Adnan Jalil and Fazal Elahi were also present on the The Governor said The delegation led by that the transfer of powers

This emerged in a meeting held under his chairmanship here at CM The meeting was

attended by Minister of Information & Transport Sharjeel Memon, Advisor Law Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, Chairman P&D 3 of robbers

> gang held, arms, stolen

> motorcycles

recovered

Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police in a joint intelligence based

intelligence based operation in Orangi Town

arrested three of an alleged

robbers gang and recovered

stolen motorcycles, illegal arms and ammunition from

identified as Noman alias

Chotta, Zeeshan and

Mooda, according to a news release issued here on

involvement in more than

70 robberies and snatched

150 mobile phones, cash Rs. 0.5 million from

citizens and stolen 10

motorcycles. Raids were

being conducted to arrest their other accomplices.

Indonesian

Embassy to

organize "A

Night at Lahore

Museum" on

June 17

LAHORE (APP): The Embassy of the Republic

Índonesia

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

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

spirit of friendship and

witness together the

exciting display of cross-cultural connectivity and

convergence of Indonesia-

Pakistan civilization

through past and present journeys".

Transgender

school opened

in Sargodha

SARGODHA (Online):

Education department hás

opened school for eunuchs

in Sargodha under the

by

"Let's embrace the

countries.

Talking to the officials of the Lahore Museum and

Lahore Museum.

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KARACHI

Hassan Naqvi, SMBR Pakistan.Sharjeel Memon Baqaullah Secretary to CM Raheem Secretary Shaikh, 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

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

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

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 Chinese authorities Railway authorities through the Ministry of Planning & Commission of alternate land.

highlights of the TORs of the Committee include

negotiation of equal value



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

Punjab Governor says: Politics of chaos is not in the interest of the country

Independent Report LAHORE: Chaudhry Jaffar Igbal, challenges. called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman here at Governor House Lahore today. Minister Shehbaz Sharif is Current situation of the utilizing all resources to country and issues of

discussed in the meeting.
Speaking on this occasion, Punjab Governor, Muhammad Balighur Rehman, said that political stability plays pivotal role in economic stability, the politics of chaos is not in the interest of the country. He said that the development and

lies in unity and solidarity.

Report the country is currently facing huge economic He said that the

ieadersnip mitigate the financial mutual interest were problems of the poor and middle class of Pakistan. Governor Punjab said that

the government is determined to provide relief to the people in the recent budget. Governor Punjab said that Muslim League (N) had taken steps for the welfare of the people in its previous He said that politics prosperity of the country

is the name of selfless service to the people.



FAISALABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and Chairman Ulema Council Pakistan Maulana Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi addressing a press conference.

CTP lodges 36 FIRs against encroachers

RAWALPINDI (APP): City Traffic Police (CTP) Rawalpindi, on the directives of Deputy Inspector General Traffic, Punjab Mirza Faran Baig, removed encroachments from the city roads by taking action against the rules violators, said a CTP spokesman here on Thursday.

He informed that against encroachers during CTO was ensuring smooth

flow of traffic on city roads as per the vision of the Inspector General of Police, Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar. CTP conducted operations under the supervision Commissioner Rawalpindi Division and City Traffic Officer, Rawalpindi and cleared several areas while 36 FIRs were also lodged

last month, he said.



MUZAFERABAD: Director Sheikh Mohammedbin-Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Al-Mazrooi cuts the ribbon along with Member Legislative Assembly of Kashmir Javed Ayub to inaugurates School at Hattya Bala area

OMMERCE EWS

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.

Toyota Asia Yoshiki Tariq Bajwa and high Konishi and Chief ranking officials attended Executive Officer of Indus Motors Ali Asghar Jamali who called on him here.

Shinji Yanagi, Minister for with an investment of \$100 Finance Ishaq Dar, million. Minister for Industries and Production Makhdoom Murtza Mehmood, Advisor to PM Ahad The PM was Cheema, Special Assistants speaking to President to PM Jehanzeb Khan and

Japan's Ambassador Toyota Indus Motors for all available facilities to the Pakistan Mitsuhiro the first time established a Wada, Vice Chairman unit for the production of Toyota Indus Motors hybrid vehicles in Pakistan

> 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, In a briefing, the prime he said adding the

industries for investment in modern technologies in the

ambassador said leading PM Shehbaz Sharif 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 Jahanzeb 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): enhanced trade cooperation increase exports of value-Italian Ambassador to between the two added goods" Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese countries", the ambassador The Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese
Thursday expressed hope
that establishment of the
Italian Trade Agency (ICE)
office in Islamabad and
office in Islamabad an

FCCI Chief says:

House in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): digitalization and said that

Aerospace

Science and Technology

Park (NASTP) should

establish its next Software

(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

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

assignment of the first Italian Trade Director to Pakistan would enhance trade cooperation between the two countries.

Neputite Day, National 29-30 in Rome, where the two sides agreed to establish a joint framework to deal with climate change and cooperation in water

EUAmbassador NASTP should establish calls on Sadiq **Software Development**

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 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).

NASTP, he underlined the importance of Information Technology (IT) and Houses (SDH) in Kamara. Rupee gains 08 Railways approach paisas against **US Dollar** govt departments to ISLAMABAD (APP) pay outstanding dues

ISLAMABAD (APP): official in the Ministry
The Ministry of Railways
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"Minister for
Railways Khawaja Saad

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Rafique has asked the official concerned to amount of Rs 709.084 approach the federal and million, provincial provincial departments departments Rs1980.217 for recovering the million and autonomous

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 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 outstanding amount as soon as possible," an 5685.736 million. State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).



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

FBR collects Rs 605b gross revenues in May

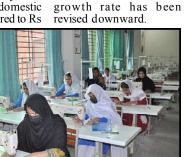
ISLAMABAD (APP): 131 billion in May 2022 effort collected gross achieved in the domestic during the month of May, the board said in a statement issued here Thursday. According to the statement, against a target of Rs 621 billion, FBR was able to collect Rs 572 billion net revenue, while refunds amounting to Rs 33 billion were issued during the month.

Rs 205 billion in May 2023 slowed down and GDP under the head of domestic income tax compared to Rs

Despite challenges, the Federal Board of Revenue of 57%. A healthy year-on-(FBR) with its tremendous year growth of 28% was revenues of Rs 605 billion 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 The board collected fact that the economy has



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

US Deputy Chief of Mission on agriculture, renewable energy, textiles, construction and tourism. Collaboration in fields 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 on agriculture, renewable energy, textiles, construction and tourism. Collaboration in fields of textiles, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and mass or vered climate change, trade to hange, trade to hange the hange to hange the hange participated in a preparing to meet the participated in a preparing to meet the hange than the hange ha

participated in a preparing to m stakeholder consultation on environmental trade, climate, and green 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 actionable recommendations and a common vision for a path

"Through the US-

in a preparing to meet the 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 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.



HYDERABAD: Farmers are engaged in harvesting 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,' said a press release.

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

procedures, 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.

Pakistani youth expertise in IT: IT Minister

Amin inaugurates Pakistani pavilion at GITEX Global Exhibition

World now acknowledging

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 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 ĞITEX Africa Digital Summit, and the Global tech exhibition being held in Morocco from May 31 to June 2.

discussed global challenges

said a news release received

The Minister also

held an important meeting with Secretary General Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO), Ms. Deemah Al-Yahya. During and measure to enhance

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

Nigeria, also called on Federal Minister for IT

Syed Amin Ul Haque.

Telecom sector by the Haque on Thursday Government of Pakistan inaugurated the Pakistani pavilion at the GITEX . Global Exhibition summit

Pakistani delegation led by Minister IT Syed Amin Úl Haque comprising Member IT Syed Junaid the meeting, both sides Imam and Chairman discussed bilateral issues PASHA Zohaib Khan is Imam and Chairman attending GITEX Africa

Vice President of companies, 10 start-ups the first time.

in Morocco. A three-member

digital cooperation between the member states between the member states release.

and more than 200 IT experts from Pakistan are participating in GITEX-23 Exhibition in Morocco for Former Minister for

IT and Transport of Morocco Rabbah Aziz, Mr. Babajide Sanwo- Huawei Africa President Olu, Governor of Lagos, Colin Hu and many prominent personalities and Global tech leaders visited Pakistan's Pavilion Federal Minister for and showed their great including revolutionary Information Technology interest in the items initiatives in the IT & and Telecom Syed Amin Ul displayed at the pavilion.



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

Acting Chinese 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 He also apprised the

envoy of the economic situation of the country and the progress in the ongoing IMF programme.

Ms Bao Zhong reciprocated

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

FTO disposes of 2,297 complaints in 4 months

Tax (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 increase in 2023.

"A comparison of first four months (January to April) shows a

ISLAMABAD (APP): says a quarterly report The Federal Tax released here by the FTO. 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 2022 and 2021; 2022 and respectively.

Due to consistent efforts and effective coordination with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), implementation of FTO recommendations jumped to 1,513 in 2023, showing an upward trend 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.

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 WhatsApp calls for unrestricte d friends and family back a validity 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 varying volume depending upon their budget and need. communication with Each of these bundles has

US-China tensions expected to dominate Asia security meeting

Monitoring Desk SINGAPORE: Tensions between the United States and China are expected to loom over Asia's top security meeting this week, as China has declined a bilateral meeting between the superpowers' defence

The Shangri-La Dialogue, which attracts top defence officials, senior military officers, diplomats, weapons makers and security analysts from around the globe, will take place from June 2-4 in Singapore.

More than 600 delegates from 49 countries will attend the meeting, which opens with a keynote address by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Analysts say the dialogue is invaluable for the many bilateral and multilat-

lines of plenary sessions and speeches delivered by defence ministers.

China's new Defence Minister Li Shangfu, however, has declined to meet US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, the Pentagon said on Monday.

China's defence ministry spokesperson said in response to a query at a news conference in Beijing that exchanges between the two militaries have always been ongoing but that the US was "entirely to blame" for current difficulties.

'On the one hand, the US keeps saying that it wants to strengthen communication, but on the other hand, it ignores China's concerns and artificially creates obstacles, seriously undermining the attend

eral military-to-military mutual trust between the meetings held on the side- two militaries," said the spokesperson, without saying what the obstacles

Austin, speaking in

Tokyo on Thursday, called it "unfortunate" that they would be no planned meeting. "I would welcome any opportunity to engage with Li," Austin said. "I think defence departments should be talking to each other on a routine basis or should have open channels for commu-

Russia's war in Ukraine, tensions between China and Taiwan and North Korea's weapons programmes will also be high on the agenda of many delegates at the dialogue. analysts said. However, no Russian or North Korean government delegates will

US 'warned' of

action against

Australia over

Afghan war

crimes

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SYDNEY: Australia's de-

fence chief said on Wednes-

day the United States

warned him in 2021 that al-

legations Australian special

forces soldiers killed pris-

oners and civilians in Af-

ghanistan may trigger a law

prohibiting assistance from

Australia's biggest security

alliance partner and Angus

Campbell's comments are

the first time it has been

publicly disclosed there

was a disruption to defence

ties. Asked by Greens Sena-

tor David Shoebridge how

long the US Department of

Defence had suspended en-

gagement with Australia's

special forces, Campbell

told a parliamentary com-

mittee: "There was a pre-

cautionary period where we

looked to our arrange-

the United States.



US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) wraps up a press conference in the Rayburn Room following the House vote on Fiscal Responsibility Act at the US Capitol in Washington, DC.

Ukraine says Russia again blocking Black Sea grain export deal

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KYIV: Ukraine's ministry of renovation and infrastructure said on Thursday the U.N.-brokered Black Sea grain export deal had been halted again because Russia had blocked registration of ships to all Ukrainian ports.

The United Nations and Turkey brokered the Black Sea Grain Initiative between Moscow and Kviv last July to help tackle a glo-bal food crisis aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a leading global grain exporter.

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OSLO: Nato Secretary-

General Jens Stoltenberg

said on Thursday he

would soon travel to

Turkiye to discuss Sweden's Nato member-

ship, in a bid to close a

process that has been de-

layed due to objections from member countries

Turkiye and Hungary.

Speaking during a two-day meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Oslo,

Stoltenberg said he had spoken earlier this week to

Tayyip Erdogan, who was re-elected as Turkiye's

Ankara in the near future

to continue to address

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COPENHAGEN: Danish

Prime Minister Mette

Frederiksen on Wednesday

delivered a speech to par-

liament partly written us-

ing artificial intelligence tool

ChatGPT to highlight the

revolutionary aspects and

ish government was giving

a traditional speech as par-

liament gets ready to close for the summer. "What I

have just read here is not

from me. Or any other hu-

Frederiksen suddenly said

part-way into her speech to

legislators, explaining it was

man for that matter".

The head of the Dan-

risks of AI.

"I will also travel to

president on Sunday.

Russia agreed in May to a two-month extension of the deal but has said the ship for inspection in the

Nato secretary general to

initiative will cease unless an agreement aimed at overcoming obstacles to Russian grain and fertiliser exports is fulfilled. "The Joint Coordina-

tion Centre in Istanbul (which oversees the initiative) has announced that it is impossible to draw up an inspection plan for June 1 due to another unjustified refusal of the Russian delegation to register the incoming fleet for participation in the Initiative," the Ukrainian ministry said on Facebook

It said Russia had reg-

how we can ensure the

fastest possible accession of Sweden," Stoltenberg

ministers expressed opti-

mism that now the election

was over, Ankara would

lift its objections to Stockholm's bid to join the

military alliance. Turkiye

ratified Finland's Nato ac-

cession in March, but says

Sweden harbours members

'Now that Turkish

of militant groups it con-

elections are over, it is im-

portant that Turkiye goes

on with the ratification

process," said Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka

siders terrorists.

Haavisto

Some Nato foreign

told reporters.

last two days of May and had given no explanation for the move, which the ministry said was a "gross violation" of the initiative. Russia did not imme-

diately comment on the ministry's statement.

Ukrainian officials have said that since mid-April, Russia has "unreasonably restricted" the work of the Black Sea grain deal. It said 50 vessels are waiting for inspection in Turkish territorial waters and that they were ready to deliver 2.4 million tonnes of Ukrainian food abroad. Some vessels had been waiting for inspections for more than 3 months.

Macron tells travel to Turkiye to discuss Sweden's Nato membership

President Emmanuel Macron acknowledged on Wednesday that France should have paid more attention to Eastern European nations, which warned about a belligerent Russia before Moscow's forces invaded

Eastern Europe We should have listened to you over Russia **Monitoring Desk**

Ukraine.

Macron told a security forum there should be no division between "Old Europe" and "New Europe", referring to enduring divergences between eastern and western European Union members over matters such as Russia.

'Some said you had missed an opportunity to shut up.



Security checkpoints at the venue of the 19th Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

the nail on the head, both in

terms of the details of the

programme and punctua-

tion... it is both fascinating

and terrifying what it is ca-

pable of", the leader added.

the spotlight late last year,

demonstrating an ability to

generate essays, poems

and conversations from the

briefest of prompts. The

programme's wild success

sparked a gold rush with

billions of dollars of in-

vestment into the field, but

critics and insiders have

raised the alarm. Common

worries include the possi-

bility that chatbots could

ChatGPT burst into

go vernment's

Danish PM delivers speech

partly written by AI

UN chief implicitly criticizes Cambodia's upcoming elections after top opposition party ban

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: U.N. in the electoral process and Secretary-General Antonio Guterres implicitly criticized Cambodia's upcoming elections Wednesday for failing to be inclusive, Dujarric told reporters. "As after the top opposition (Guterres) said during his party was not allowed to register. The Candlelight it is vital that civic space be Party would have been the sole credible challenger to the governing Cambodian People's Party in the July elections, but the country's Constitutional Council last week refused to overturn a ban on its registration in a decision that cannot be ap-

'The secretary-general reiterates that inclusive elections, in which a plurality of views and voter choices is represented, are impor-

tant to engender confidence underpin the ability of Cambodia's people to exercise their democratic rights," U.N. spokesman Stephane open, for human rights defenders to be protected, and for civil society to play a wider role in society, all of which remain critical in preserving Cambodia's substantial development gains and consolidation of peace,' Dujarric said. He said: "The secretary-general reaffirms the commitment of the U.N. to support a peaceful and democratic Cambodia that fully respects the human

rights of all its citizens.'

Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang meets with Noeleen Heyzer, special envoy

of the secretary-general of the United Nations (UN) for Myanmar, in Beijing.

UAE withdraws from **US-led maritime coalition**

Monitoring Desk ABU DHABI: The United Arab Emirates has withdrawn from a US-led maritime coalition tasked with securing tense Gulf waterways that are vital to the global oil trade, it said on Wednesday. The UAE "withdrew its participation" in the 38-nation Combined Maritime Forces two months ago, a foreign ministry statement said, without giving reasons for the move. "As a result of our ongoing evaluation of effective security cooperation with all partners, two months ago, the UAE withdrew its participation in the Combined Maritime Forces,' said the statement carried by the official WAM news

The Bahrain-headquartered CMF was established in 2001, initially as a partnership between 12 nations. It is active in crucial but troubled Gulf waters where tankers have been seized and attacked in recent months.

A spokesperson for the Combined Maritime

Forces said the UAE remains a partner nation, despite putting its participa-tion on hold. "The CMF still includes 38 partner nations, of which the UAE is one," Commander Timothy Hawkins said. Iran seized two tankers in a week in late April and early May, including one empty ship that was travelling between the UAE ports of Dubai and Fujairah. Iran was also accused of launching a drone attack against an Israeliowned tanker in November 2022, stoking tensions with the United States. Earlier this month, the US said it was sending reinforcements to the Gulf, which carries at least a third of the world's sea-borne oil, after what it called increasing harassment by Iran.

The commander of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, Vice-Admiral Brad Cooper, later transited through the Strait of Hormuz in a guided-missile destroyer along with British and French naval commanders.

Berlin orders closure of four Russian consulates

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany said on Wednesday it will drastically reduce Moscow's diplomatic presence on its soil in response to a similar move from Russia, in the latest escalation of tensions

over the war in Ukraine. Berlin has ordered four of Moscow's five consulates in Germany to close a foreign ministry spokes man told a regular government press conference.

This was communi cated to the Russian foreign ministry today," spokesman said.

The move comes after Moscow put a limit of 350 on the number of German personnel allowed in Rus-sia, according to the spokesman.

This will mean that hundreds of civil servants and local employees working for German institutions in Rus-sia will have to leave the country

Taiwan donates \$5 mln towards rebuilding Ukraine with Lithuania **Monitoring Desk** VILNIUS: Taiwan has donated five million dollars to-

written by ChatGPT. flood the web with

Even if it didn't always hit disinformation.

wards Lithuanian-led reconstructions projects in Ukraine, a Lithuanian government investment agency

said on Wednesday.

The funds will be spent towards rebuilding a school in Borodianka and a kindergarden in Irpin, Central Project Management Agency said in a statement.

Lithuanian govern-ment has spent 9.8 million euros (\$9.2 million) towards the rebuilding, and the Taiwanese contribution will be used to purchase educational equipment.

'Taiwan sees Ukraine as our own image in a different continent. We both

face authoritarian regimes which do not shy from using force to impose its world view", Taiwanese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Roy Chun Lee said introducing the donation in Vilnius.

'If one day Taiwan is facing an increased level of military intimidation from China, we will be looking for your assistance as well, iust as we are helping Ukraine", he added.

In 2022 China downgraded its diplomatic ties with Lithuania, and told multinationals to sever ties with Lithuania or face being shut out of the Chinese market, after the opening of a representative office by Taiwan in Vilnius.

UN envoy for Myanmar Noeleen Heyzer to leave post in June

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: Noeleen Heyzer, the U.N. special envoy for conflicttom Myanmar, will be leaving the job in June, the United Nations announced Wednesday.

She took on the job in October 2021 following the military coup in February of that year that ousted the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi and has led to widespread armed resistance.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Heyzer, a former U.N. undersecretary-general, will leave on June 12 at the end of her contract. Her nearly 20 months in the post is less than half the time of her predecessor.

New York sinking under its own weight **Monitoring Desk**

NEW YORK: If New York is the city that never sleeps then how's this for keeping you up at night? It is also

sinking.

The Big Apple is gradually going down partly because of the weight of the skyscrapers that make the concrete jungle famous, a new study has found. The descent makes the metropolis more vulnerable to rising sea levels and coastal flooding caused by climate change, the researchers noted. The paper, published this month in the Earth's Future journal, sought to estimate how the city's vast infrastructure impacts subsidence.

US House overcomes divisions, passes debt ceiling bill

WASHINGTON: In a urged the Senate to quickly closely divided vote, the US pass it to be signed into law. House of Representatives approved a bill to suspend the \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling on Wednesday.

ceived support from both Democrats and Republicans, enabling it to overcome opposition from conservative factions and prevent a potentially cata-strophic default. The Re-publican-controlled House voted 314-117 in favor of the bill, which will now proceed to the Senate for enactment before the impending Monday deadline when the federal government is projected to exhaust

President Joe Biden expressed his satisfaction with the passage of the bill and the next two years.

pass it to be signed into law. The legislation, a compromise between Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, faced opposition The legislation re- from 71 hardline Republicans. However, with the backing of 165 Democrats, it managed to surpass the 149 Republican votes in favor and secure passage. The Republican party holds a narrow majority in the House, with a split of 222-213. The bill effectively suspends the federal government's borrowing limit until January 1, 2025. This timeline allows Biden and Congress to defer addressing this politically sensitive issue until after the 2024 presidential election. Additionally, the legislation imposes spending caps over

NK leader's sister says US hypocritical for criticizing failed satellite launch

Monitoring Desk

SEOUL: The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Thursday accused the United States of "gangster-like" hypocrisy for criticizing her country's failed launch of a military spy satellite and insisted a successful launch will be made soon. Kim Yo Jong said

North Korea's efforts to acquire space-based reconnaissance capabilities were a legitimate exercise of its sovereign right and restated the country's rejection of U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban it from conducting any launch involving ballistic missile technology. Her comments on state media came a day after the rocket carrying the satellite failed. North Korea said the rocket lost thrust after a stage separation and crashed in waters off the Korean Peninsula's western

Washington, South Korea and Japan had quickly criticized the launch. Adam Hodge, a spokesperson at the U.S. asatellite into space by balloon.

National Security Council, said Washington strongly condemns the North Korean launch because it used banned ballistic missile technology, raised tensions and risked destabilizing security in the region and beyond. In her statement, Kim Yo Jong briefly mentioned Hodge's comments before saying the United States "is letting loose a hackneyed gibberish prompted by its brigandish

and abnormal thinking." "If the DPRK's satellite launch should be particularly censured, the U.S. and all other countries, which have already launched thousands of satellites, should be denounced. This is nothing but sophism of selfcontradiction," she said, using the initials of North Korea's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. She noted how the United States closely monitors the North through its own reconnaissance satellites and other aerial assets, calling the Americans a "group" of gangsters" who would deem it as "illegal and threatening" had North Korea attempted to send

Lebanese army court charges 5 men allegedly linked to Hezbollah for Irish peacekeeper's death

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Lebanon's military tribunal on Thursday charged five men with the killing of an Irish U.N. peacekeeper in December, a senior judicial official said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, alleged all five are linked with Lebanese militant group

Hezbollah. The indictment followed a half-year probe after an attack on a U.N. peacekeeping convoy near the town of Al-Aqbiya in Lebanon's south, a stronghold of Hezbollah. The shooting resulted in the death of Pvt. Seán Rooney, 24, of Newtown Cunningham, Ireland, and seriously wounded Pvt. Shane Kearney, 22. The Kearney, 22. The wounded peacekeeper to Ireland. Two other Irish soldiers sustained light injuries.

The indictment includes evidence from bystanders' testimonies, as well as audio recordings and video footage from surveillance cameras, the Lebanese official said. In some of the recordings of the confrontation, the gunmen reportedly could be heard telling the peacekeepers that they are from Hezbollah.

Hezbollah has denied any role in the killing, and a spokesperson for the group declined to comment on the indictments Thursday.

One of five indicted, Mohamad Ayyad, is currently in custody of Lebanese authorities. The four others facing charges - Ali Khalifeh, Ali Salman, Hussein Salman, and Mustafa was medically evacuated Salman - are at large.

NASA talks UFOs with public ahead of final report on unidentified flying objects

Monitoring Desk CAPE CANAVERAL: NASA held its first public

meeting on UFOs on Wednesday a year after launching a study into unexplained sightings and insisted it's not hiding anything.

The space agency televised the four-hour hearing

featuring an independent panel of experts who vowed to be transparent. The team includes 16 scientists and other experts selected by NASA including retired astronaut Scott Kelly, the first American to spend nearly a year in space. "I want to emphasize this loud and proud: There is absolutely no convincing evidence for extraterrestrial life associated with" unidentified objects, NASA's Dan Evans said after the meeting. Still, hundreds of questions from the public that poured in ahead of time were skeptical and veered into con-

spiracy theories.

NASA launched the study to probe what it calls UAPs — short for unexplained anomalous phenomena — in the sky, in space or under the sea. Optical illusions can explain

some of this, said Kelly, a former Navy fighter pilot. He recalled a Tomcat flight off Virginia Beach years ago during which his radar intercept officer in the back seat was convinced they'd flown past a UFO. It turns out it was

Bart Simpson, a balloon,' Kelly said. "And in my experience, the sensors kind of have the same issues as the people's eyeballs." Evans pointed out that the livestream of the meeting led to considerable trolling. That comes on top of "online abuse" directed toward several committee members. Harassment detracts from the scientific process and reinforces the stigma surrounding the topic, said Evans, adding that NASA security is dealing with it. "It's precisely this rig-

orous, evidence-based approach that allows one to separate the fact from fiction," he said. The group is looking at what unclassified information is available on the subject and how much more is needed to understand what's going on in the sky, according to astro-physicist David Spergel.

People attend the funeral of five members of a Palestinian group Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command members, in Dam-

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

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 special children and their financial empowerment and integration in the society. He said that differ-

ently-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

The president appreciated ARCK for its contributions for the cause of education, training and rehabilitation of retarded children for more than 50 years and encouraged the association

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.
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 ob served handicrafts and artefacts prepared by special children of ARCK and appreciated their hard worl



QUETTA: A delegation led by MD Sui Southern Gas Company Imran Manyar meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

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

seeking death penalty for 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 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

ISLAMABAD (Online): and intimidating the We are deeply concerned Kashmiri people. It is a over India's latest move 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. Inheld in inhumane conditions dia must also immediately in the notorious Tihar jail and unconditionally release despite his deteriorating the Kashmiri leadership and are being unjustly held in prisons in IIOJK and across Îndia. she held at the invitation of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Muhammad

Shehbaz Sharif will attend



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

Nazar Baloch says Institute of Ombudsman operates independently to facilitate the masses

Independent Report QUETTA: Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar addressed a one-day seminar titled "The Role of Ombudsman in Safeguarding Public Rights and Good Governance" organized by the Accountability Institu-

tion, Thursday.

The special guest at the seminar was the President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi. The event was attended by Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Qureshi, Members of the Assembly, former judges, lawyers, representatives from civil society, students, and officers from the Accountability Institution.

During his speech at the seminar, Advocate Nazar Mohammad Baloch explained the purpose of establishing the Ombudsman institution, highlight-

ing the difficulties faced by the people in remote areas of Balochistan in accessing justice. He emphasized that the establishment of the Ombudsman institution was aimed at addressing these challenges so that individuals who fear bias in official proceedings or encounter legal complexities and financial constraints in pursuing their cases could have immediate and free access to justice in their own districts.

Governor Balochistan stated that the institution of Ombudsman operates independently, receiving complaints and initiating investigative actions. The responsible officers and representatives of relevant institutions are called for questioning regarding the complaints, and after a thorough process, decisions based on justice and the law are made.



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF conducts rescue operation and safely recover stranded crew of fishing vessel in Arabian Sea, in Karachi.

Pak Navy Ship conducts rescue

operation in

Arabian Sea KARACHI (APP): Paki-SAIF while carrying out routine patrolling in the Arabian Ŝea, 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 suffered engine failure and subsequent flooding due to rough sea conditions, a Pakistan Navy news release

PNS SAIF swiftly re sponded to the distress call at night and safely recov-

ered six stranded fishermen. Medical assistance the fishermen were subsequently shifted to Gwadar The fishermen's community has lauded the efforts of the Pakistan Navy in saving precious lives at sea

Gwadar connected to national grid

GWADAR (INP): The isolated Makran division grid has been connected to the national grid, providing another 100 megawatts electricity to Gwadar.

This was disclosed by Jawwad Akhtar Khokhar Advisor Maritime Affairs at the Planning Commission of Pakistan, while talking to

Khokhar said that the 286-kilometre long, 132kV dual-circuit transmission line through Naal-Basima-Naag-Panjgur energised on May 30 Gwadar now receives a total of 300MWs of electricity through three transmission lines, two from Iran

In addition, the official said that the 1.2 million gallons per day water desalination plant being completed with the Chinese grant of Rs2 billion will be inaugurated on June 30.

and the new one from the

national grid, he said.

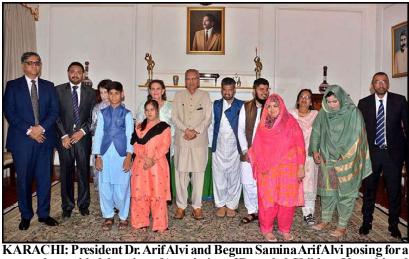
PML-Q requests SC to reject petitions filed against SCPPA

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-O has requested the Supreme Court (SC) to reject the petitions filed against Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act (SCPPA).

In its 12-page reply filed through advocate Zahid F Ibrahim, PML-Q has taken plea that the act will enhance the independence of judiciary rather than curtailing it. Earlier the opportunity for reforms was lost after lawyers movement in the country.

Section 4 of act broad ens the jurisdiction of SC Section 3 of the act does not belittle use of powers under section 184 (3) by judiciary.

Former chief justices Iftikhar Chaudhry, Gulzar Ahmad and Saqib Nisar used powers mercilessly.



group photo with delegation of Association of Retarded Children Karachi and special children at Governor House.

Ahsan emphasizes portraying positive image of country

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 Pakistan.

"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

ISLAMABAD: H.E. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim

Al-Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emir-

ates called on Federal Minister for Finance & Rev

BPPRA officially launches

its e-procurement

software in Morocco

The delegation from Balochistan, led by Minis-

Zamarak Khan Achakzai, is

participating in the JETIX

ister for Information Tech-

nology and Telecommuni-

cation, Syed Amin ul

Haque, inaugurated the Pa-

kistani Pavilion at the

JETIX Global Exhibition

Summit in Morocco on

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that a total of 158 incidents

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lost their lives, and 197 in-

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who were promptly res-

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aid by the Medical Emer-

gency Response Center

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Medical Emergency Re-

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1122 Balochistan, sheds

light on the performance

Balochistan's national high-

ways, including N-25, N-

50, N-85, N-65, and N-70.

statistics

The monthly opera-

Junction centers.

Thursday.

HUB: View of damaged bus after traffic accident

due to over speeding and break failed located on

15 lives lost in 767 traffic

accidents reported on

N-25 in May: MERC

Karachi Quetta Highway in Hub.

Independent Report

QUETTA: The goddess of

death continues to march on

Balochistan's blood-soaked

highways due to the ab-

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claiming countless valuable

According to the monthly report released by

the Medical Emergency

Response Center, Rescue

1122 Balochistan, in the

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Earlier, Federal Min-

Africa Digital Summit.

enue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

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Balochistan Public Procure-

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(BPPRA) achieved a sig-

nificant milestone on the global stage as it officially

launched its e-procurement software, branded as "Tender Expert," at the JETIX

Africa Digital Summit in

Morocco. The e-procure-

ment software, introduced by BPPRA, is a compre-

hensive procurement solu-

tion tailored for suppliers,

procurement agencies, and

tool for governments to

ensure transparency, eco-

nomic growth, fair compe-

tition, and value for

money.

More than 15 compa-

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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 postgraduate levels.

The new block at male campus will accommodate around 2000 students per shift of the civil engineering and Faculty of Social ciences, 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 Sys-

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 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, ex-

tremism and intolerance are major obstacles in the way of peace, national unity and sustainable economic development in the country.

Pak, UAE discuss ways to strengthen economic cooperation

SLAMABAD (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

nies and startups from Pakistan are actively partici-**BHC** announces pating in the digital summit. The Balochistan delegation summer vacation was welcomed at the Pakistan Pavilion by Federal for Sibi and Minister for Information Makran benches Technology and Telecommunication, Syed Amin ul

Independent Report QUETTA: According to an official statement from the Balochistan High Court, ter for Finance, Engineer the Sibi and Makran Benches will observe summer vacations for a period of two months, specifically from June 5, 2023, to August 4, 2023. During this time, all routine judicial proceedings will be suspended.

As per the statement, the working hours of the Sibi and Makran Benches' offices will be from Monday to Thursday and Saturday, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, respectively. On Fridays, the courts will remain closed.

The Sibi Bench will follow this schedule according to the roster, while the working hours of the Makran Bench will be from Monday to Thursday and Saturday, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and on Fridays from 9:00 AM to 11:00

The court vacation period allows esteemed judges to conduct hearings on essential cases during these vacations at the Principal Seat in Quetta.

Police recovers stolen vehicle in 24 hours

QUETTA (APP): Shalkot involving various traffic acpolice Thursday recovered a stolen vehicle within 24 hours snatched from the cidents, three individuals driver by unknown thieves near the Hazarganji area of the district. According to police

sources, the victim had lodged a complaint with Shalkot Police Station that unknown robbers snatched his Suzuki Pickup after tying him with rope in the Saadat Market area of Hazarganji and fled away. The police team cor-

doned off the entire area and recovered the stolen pickup after conducting a search operation. Further investigation was under-

Calls on Air Chief Uzbek Envoy lauds professionalism of PAF personnel ISLAMABAD (APP): gious, cultural and cal bond between cal bond between and the little and the li

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 Thurs-

The meeting was focused on areas of mutual interest and regional developments, 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

cal bond between Pakistan lic of Uzbekistan, Aybek and Uzbekistan which was exemplified through robust

bilateral relations. 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 stability." The Ambassador of Uzbekistan expressed his admiration for the excepoperational and training tional progress made by Pakistan Air Force, particu-



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

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 Rehman said. Narratives'

they wash away bridges ing?" However, a conferand small dams. The gov- ence on climate financing in local communities on im-

pending 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

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

She queried, "Are de-Senator Rehman said veloped countries doing when glacial lakes erupt, anything for climate financernment was informing the France would be held in June, she added.



Hamood Uz Zaman Khan presenting a gift to General Sir Patrick Nicholas, British Army chief of the General Staff, in Ministry of Defence.

MCKRU computer science degree to get NCEAC accreditation soon

Computer Science program of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University (MCKRU) will soon get registration of National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC). It was disclosed by

Dr. Bakhtiar Khan Kansi a professor of Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) during his visit to MCKRU along with NCEAC officials, a press release Thursday

He interacted with the varsity.

QUETTA (APP): The students to inquire about issues faced by them in education, saying It is the need of the hour to acquaint students with modern technology enabling them selfsufficient in society. Kansi said there was

no lack of talent among our students but many times success has come to our students in the competitions of other provinces. Earlier, MCKRU Registrar Dr. Mir Humayun

Yousaf Shahwani briefed the NCEAC about the provision of education facilities and other matters of the

Ayesha Zehri inspects under-construction mosque in Nasirabad

Independent Report NASIRABAD: Deputy Commissioner Ayesha Zehri visited the Chakhdara neighborhood to assess the progress of the construction work on an under-construction mosque, on Thursday.

Following a court case related to the mosque's renovation, the Deputy Commissioner granted approval for the mosque's architectural plans. Tehsildar Majeebur Rehman, esteemed religious scholars. and community members were also present during the

During discussions, Deputy Commissioner Ayesha Zehri emphasized that no encroachments on the mosque's land would be tolerated. The land has been dedicated for the mosque as an endowment (waqf). This mosque holds historical significance as one of the ancient mosques of Dera Murad Jamali. Therefore, the local community has initiated reconstruction efforts to restore the mosque's glory. The district administration of Nasirabad is committed to ensuring the mosque's land remains free from any unauthorized occupation.