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## PM directs for preparing export-oriented dev. budget 2023-24

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday issued clear directions to include on priority, such projects in the upcoming development budget that help in ensuring import substitutions, expanding export volume, and bringing innovation in various sectors.

The prime minister also directed to allocate special funds in the development programme for the welfare and development of the country's youth.

Chairing a meeting to review the budget proposals with respect to the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2023-24, Shehbaz Sharif said that in the upcoming budget, projects relating to higher education, professional training and job cre-

ation for the youth must be added in the programme.

He also asked for the establishment of Pakistan Endowment Fund to provide higher education to the youth.

The laptop programme should also be included in the upcoming PSDP to distribute free laptops among the top performing students to equip them with modern technology skills, he added.

He said through the endowment fund, the youth should be given professional and higher education besides skill-based training in IT sector.

The prime minister also stressed the need to give special importance to merit and transparency while providing scholarships and education to the youth.

PM Shehbaz directed to continue the projects initiated under the Kissan Package while renewable energy projects should also be made part of the development budget.

The prime minister also directed to allocate special funds in the upcoming budget for projects to bring innovation in the energy sector.

He said all the slow ongoing projects under the PSDP that had lost their importance, should be removed from the development budget.

All stakeholders of the relevant sectors and the allied parties should be consulted before including any development project in the budget and their proposals should also be considered.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on PSDP proposals for 2023-24.

## PML-N decides to file appeal in SC to get undo life time disqualification of Nawaz

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-N has decided to file review petition in Supreme Court (SC) under new law to get undo the life time disqualification of Nawaz Sharif.

This appeal will be filed under article 62-1/F of the constitution against the decision of life time disqualification of Nawaz Sharif.

According to PML-N sources an important meeting of PML-N was held here. The meeting was presided over by Nawaz Sharif through video link.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister (PM) Shahbaz Sharif, federal ministers, Rana Sana Ullah, Ishaq Dar, Maryam Nawaz, Khawaja Asif, Ahsan Iqbal, Marriyum Aurangzeb, law minister Azam Nazir Tarar, Malik Ahmad Khan and Attorney General.

A big decision was taken to file petition to get undo the life time disqualification of Nawaz Sharif.

The PML-N senior leadership agreed on it that review appeal plea will be

filed against Supreme Court (SC) decision pertaining to 62-1/F instead of filing review appeal in Panama case.

Sources said that PML-N will go to seek review against decision of Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial under 62-1/F. The PML-N will request the court to change life time disqualification of Nawaz Sharif to one time disqualification for five years. This benefit will be taken under new law.

if the decision on appeal comes favorable then life time disqualification of both Nawaz Sharif and Jahangir Tareen will stand abolished. In the event of disqualification for five years, they both have spent this period.

Sources told Online that both law minister and Attorney general have been directed already to file review appeal in supreme court. The political, economic and law and order situation of the country also came under discussion in the meeting of senior leadership of PML-N.

## Justice Isa refutes reports of grouping in SC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Justice Qazi Faez Isa, the senior puisne judge of the Supreme Court (SC), Friday issued a clarification to reject 'erroneous interpretations' in the media that he did not greet Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial or shake hands with him at the oath taking ceremony of Justice Iqbal Hameedur Rahman as the Federal Shariat Court Chief Justice in the SC building on Thursday.

Justice Isa firmly rebutted the notion that the captured moment in the video was awkward, asserting that he had already exchanged greetings with Chief Justice Bandial before the camera captured the scene.

"Justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman took oath as the chief justice of the Federal Shariat Court yesterday (June 1, 2023). Immediately after the ceremony's conclusion, I went first to greet and congratulate his wife, where I met Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial and

## Governor assures every possible cooperation to protect media persons' rights and safety

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has assured of his every possible cooperation to the media persons for protection of their rights and safety.

He said that positive and sensible media plays important role in reforming of the society, as such it should continue to do it.

This and similar other views were expressed by the Governor while speaking to a private media here on Friday.

The Governor said that it is matter of pleasure and pride for all of us that our political elders and media persons have always upheld the seriousness, courtesy and responsibility in the politics and journalism even in the present era of digitalized media.

He said that the serious-minded and conscious faces of the politics and media are our real asset.

He urged the people associated with the electronic and print media to make conscious efforts for keeping the ruling class abreast with the public hardships and highlighting the positive image of the province at national level.

We value the endeavours of all the electronic and print media in this regard, Governor maintained.

He particularly commended the role of media persons for giving wholehearted coverage to the backwardness, unemployment and economic as well as political circumstances and happenings in the province.

Meanwhile Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar expressed his pride in the political leaders and media personnel of the province for upholding seriousness, de

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QUETTA: MPAs Sana Baloch and Zabid Reki meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

## GoB decides to manage Green bus service through private company in metropolis

Another project approved under PPP Mode: ZABTEC to run state-of-the-art Center of Excellent Hub in TVET sector; 2700 students to be imparted training in more than 18 trades; Chief Secretary says Govt.'s top priority to provide modern transport facility to citizens of Quetta

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has approved an important project under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. As per the decision made in a meeting of the Executive Committee of Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) chaired by Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili, the famous institution of the private sector, ZABTEC would run the state of the art Center of Excellence, Hub in the TVET sector for the next three years.

Under the arrange-

ments, at least 2700 students would be imparted training in over 18 trades in the institution, it was informed in the meeting.

Moreover, the meeting directed to LIEDA to start work on the Hub Special Economic Zone Phase-II immediately. It was mentioned that proposals have been received by the PPP Authority for promotion of several industries in the Hub Special Economic Zone.

In addition to this, it was decided in the meeting to run the Green Bus Service in Quetta through a

private company.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said that it is directive of the Chief Minister to start prompt implementation on the Green Bus Service project. He said that it is top priority of the government to provide modern facility of transport to citizens of Quetta. The Chief Secretary directed the Secretary Transport to present the complete workplan of the project within next two weeks.

Earlier, in the briefing, it was informed that the work has been completed on phase-I of the SEZ under the federal and provincial PSDP.



ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary delegation of Balochistan Awami Party meeting with Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja

## If PTI wants serious talks, these can be held only with PM: Rana Sana

ISLAMABAD (Online): Interior minister Rana Sana Ullah has said if PTI wants serious talks then these can be held only with Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

He said this in a tweet here Friday.

Talking to a private TV channel here he said Pervez Elahi case is not separation from PTI press conference case.

He held Pervez Elahi committed enormous corruption as chief minister Punjab. Farah Goggi job was done with impunity.

He claimed 10 percent commission was taken in contracts and billion of rupees were minted by converting green land to brown land. Moonis Elahi sent dollars abroad through plane.

## BHC suspends notification of appointment of Dr. Changaiz as CEO PPHI

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar and Justice Shaukat Ali Rakhshani, of the Balochistan High Court, have suspended the notification of the appointment of Dr. Changaiz Baloch as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the PPHI.

The decision to suspend the notification was made during the hearing of a constitutional petition filed by Dr. Rashid Tareen, a member of the Board of Directors of PPIC, through his counsel, Advocate Munir Ahmed Kakar, on Friday.

During the hearing, both sides presented their arguments, and subsequently, the court suspended the notification of Dr. Changaiz Baloch's appointment as CEO of PPHI and adjourned the hearing.

## Well incident; 4 family members suffocated to death

QUETTA (APP): Four people of the same family suffocated to death here on Friday while saving a teenager from a well near Qambrani Road in Quetta.

According to a private TV channel, the rescue teams recovered the bodies of the deceased after the hectic operation.

Rescue sources said an 18-year-old boy became unconscious after he went

into the well to fix an electric motor.

His father, brother and sister-in-law (brother's wife) who went into the well for his rescue also died.

The deceased identified as Yusuf (18), Ali (50), Khameesa (25) and Naeema (30).

They died due to the accumulation of gas in the well, the rescue sources said.



MOROCCO: Balochistan Minister for Agriculture and Food Zamrak Khan Achakzai addressing at Software exhibition

## Federal govt department urged to facilitate business community of Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi on Friday urged the federal government departments to facilitate the legitimate trade of the business community instead of hindering it.

"The government's support to the business community will help flourish businesses in Balochistan, reduce poverty and increase the country's foreign exchange," Federal Ombudsman said this while talking to the representatives of small industries during his visit to Quetta Small Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

While talking to the business community, he

said that the tax matters are under the authority of the Tax Ombudsman, who can deal with the tax matters in a good manner.

"The Federal Ombudsman is striving hard to resolve public complaints related to federal institutions in Pakistan through its 18 offices in Pakistan," he said adding that in this regard, the Federal Ombudsman has dealt with one hundred and sixty-four thousand cases in a year.

He said that the federal ombudsman's office, by providing free-of-charge services without any lawyer, disposes off the case within sixty days so that the time of the parties is not wasted.

## SC fixes JI's plea for Panama Papers hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court on Friday fixed the petition related to Panama Papers for hearing.

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood would preside over the nine-member bench which would hear the plea on June 9, with the court also issuing notices to attorney general in this regard.

Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Sirajul Haq filed a petition for a detailed investigation of 436 Pakistanis named in the Panama list. It should be noted that a large number of secret documents - Panama papers - were revealed in 2016, disclosing how the world's top rich and powerful people hide their wealth.



QUETTA: Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi meeting with Chief Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqaili



QUETTA: Former Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Buzdar addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

## Former CM Punjab slams 9th May violence: Usman Buzdar parts ways with PTI, quits politics forever

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The senior leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and former Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Buzdar has announced to part ways with his party and quit the politics forever.

He said that he has always did the "gentleman politics", but the political situation going on currently in the country, it doesn't allow him to do such kind of politics.

Therefore, he has decided to take a break from the politics, and thus is quitting the party (PTI) and the politics even.

This assertion was made by the former Chief Minister Punjab while addressing a hurriedly called press conference at the Quetta Press Club on Friday afternoon.

Sardar Usman Buzdar

came to the Press Club alone and surprised all those present to attend the press conference unknowingly as who is going to address the presser.

The former Punjab Chief Minister said that the 9th May 2023 incidents of violence and attacks on important installations were condemnable.

He said that we strongly condemn the violence happened on May 9, however, those arrested after the violence and found innocent should be released.

He said that we have always stood by our Army and would continue to stand by it.

He stressed that all should think about future of the country. He said that he has always served Punjab, and so as its Chief Minister for three years and seven months.



LAHORE: Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President, Chaudhry Parvez Elahi leaving court after court case hearing, at District Court in Lahore

## Parvez re-arrested after being discharged in corruption case

LAHORE (APP): Former chief minister Punjab and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was re-arrested on Friday in another case after being discharged by a local court in Gujrat development projects corruption case.

As per Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab spokesman, the PTI president was arrested in a corruption case, registered by the ACE Gujranwala. The spokesman said that the ACE Punjab would file an appeal against the local court verdict, as many important points were ignored in the matter.

Earlier, on Friday, a local court discharged

Chaudhry Parvez Elahi in the Gujrat development projects corruption case and ordered for his release.

Judicial Magistrate Ghulam Murtaza Virk announced the reserved verdict, which had been reserved after hearing detailed arguments of parties on the 14-day remand plea, earlier in the day.

The ACE Punjab officials produced Chaudhry Parvez Elahi before the court and sought his 14-day physical remand for investigation. The court was apprised that Chaudhry Parvez Elahi misused his powers as the chief minister Punjab and caused loss to the exchequer.



## Will continue struggle for Dr. Afia's safe release, vows Sen. Talha

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood has vowed to continue struggle for safe release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.

In a statement on Friday, he said that Pakistani scientist Dr. Siddiqui has been serving an 86-year sentence in the United States (US) since her conviction by a federal court in New York in 2010 on charges of attempted murder and other offenses.

It's worth mentioning here that currently receiving treatment in a federal medical prison in Texas, Dr. Siddiqui benefits from specialized medical and mental health facilities available to women inmates.

Senator Talha Mahmood said that he held meeting with Dr. Siddiqui at the Phantom Detention Centre in Dallas in 2008

after fulfilling all necessary protocols.

During their encounter, he engaged in a detailed discussion with her adding that at that time, it was a fresh incident and she sustained three bullet injuries. Since then, Dr. Siddiqui's sister, Dr. Fowzia Siddiqui, and mother, Ismat Siddiqui, had maintained consistent contact with him, he mentioned.

Highlighting his priorities, Senator Talha emphasized his initial focus on locating Dr. Siddiqui's missing children and fighting the case in the US court, in a parallel way to efforts for her release. Notably, her children, Ahmed and Maryam, were discovered in Afghanistan under distressing conditions, he added.

To secure Dr. Siddiqui's freedom, the minister orchestrated protest demonstrations, pursued diplomatic channels through the foreign affairs

and interior ministries, and successfully garnered unanimous support for resolutions in legislative forums, including the National Assembly and Senate.

Disclosing a longstanding alignment between himself and Dr. Siddiqui's family, Senator Talha revealed that over the past 15 years, they had approached the situation with mutual understanding. Regrettably, due to pressing official commitments as the minister for religious affairs, he could not personally visit Dr. Siddiqui during the most recent trip to the US, despite planning to do so alongside her sister, Dr. Fowzia, he added.

Senator Talha, expressing his dissatisfaction with the treatment of Dr. Siddiqui's case in the past, maintained that she could be absolved of all fabricated charges if her case was persistently and efficiently pursued.



ISLAMABAD: Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Mehmet Pacaci bidding farewell to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif upon his departure for Turkey on his two day official visit.

## IHC says: PM will be summoned if Murad is not recovered

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned Director General (DG) Rangers, interior secretary and IG Police Islamabad on the petition seeking recovery of Murad Akbar brother of Shahzad Akbar.

The case came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani here Friday.

Additional Attorney General Munawwar Iqbal Dogal, Assistant Attorney General Usman Ghuman, Advocate General Islamabad Jahangir Jadoon, DIG operations Shahzad Bokhari, SP Nowsherwan, DSP legal, Qasim Wadood counsel for petitioner and others appeared in the court. Advocate General Islamabad submitted details of the case before the court.

The court inquired "tell us the people who came were neither from CTD nor from Rangers. This should be confirmed."

DIG Police told the court "yes, there was no one from CTD or Rangers. The court remarked it was seen in the footage who are they. DIG Police told yes we

will see it. Court should give us time.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked if persons and vehicles are determined then it will have consequences. If people in such number come in the uniform of CTD and Rangers then it will be a shameful act. Million of rupees have been spent on safe city cameras. They make personal video of the people and then upload them. But they don't arrest thieves and robbers.

The court inquired where is DG Rangers. Who is from defence ministry. The court while directing interior secretary and DG Rangers to appear in person remarked show cause notice will be issued against DG Rangers on next hearing. He is responsible if uniform of Rangers is being used. So many people together lifted a person in Islamabad. People came in uniform of police and Rangers and took away the man. Were they fake people. Why did you not register case. The uniforms of police and Rangers are being stolen. Assistant Attorney General said earlier no direction was given to Rangers.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked "I just is-

sue order. All will understand. Otherwise neither IG nor any one else has right to stay in Islamabad. DG Rangers should know it if Rangers uniform has been used. People are lifting men in the uniform of police and Rangers and no one is caring for it.

The court directed the representative of defence ministry to say to DG Rangers to appear in the court in person on next hearing. DG Rangers and IG should see the matter and get register case. Its effect will come.

The court while directing IG Police Islamabad to appear in person remarked "if the man does not come then I will summon interior minister. Even then if he does not come then I will summon Prime Minister. If law and order situation remains this in the area of 36 kilometers then people should go homes.

The court adjourned the hearing of the case till Monday.

## PTI government has been in power in the province for nine years, but unfortunately, they did nothing for the welfare of the people and now, their era has come to an end.

Advisor to the Prime Minister and President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Ameer Muqam, said that the only goal of Imran Khan is to destroy the institutions and the people of this country.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to break Pakistan on May 9, but the true face of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has been revealed to the people, adding he said.

Ameer Muqam said that Imran Khan's intentions are driven by the enemies of the country and he is working as their agent and was caught in a robbery of 60 billion rupees, what message is sent? It was considered a crime to touch Imran Khan and instead of holding them accountable, they were given protection and an unsuccessful conspiracy was made to break Pakistan.

The minister said that



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari meet Chairman NDMA Lt General Inam Haider Malik at his office.

## No achievement possible without knowledge: Sardar Khondai

Independent Report

CHAMAN: Renowned journalist Syed Sardar Muhammad Khondai addressed a gathering at the Academic Center in Chaman during the Parents' Day event, on Friday.

In his speech, he emphasized the significant role of parents in the education of their children, stating that no achievement is possible without knowledge. The event featured remarkable speeches by students on the importance of Parents' Day.

The ceremony commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by Syed Sardar Muhammad

Khondai delivering an insightful speech. He emphasized the value and service of parents in society, particularly in their children's education and upbringing. He highlighted the mother's lap as the first classroom for children and stressed the need to recognize and appreciate the elevated status of parents.

Syed Sardar Muhammad Khondai stated that a harmonious society is built on the foundation of respectful and dutiful parents. He urged everyone to avoid the discord caused by disobedience towards parents, as Islam has bestowed great honor upon them.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest of the event Minister of Defence of Pakistan Khawaja Muhammad Asif cuts the cake along with Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese and others during the celebrations of the National Day of Italian Republic, at Serena Hotel in Federal Capital

## Justice Isa refutes reports of...

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greeted him. Then I proceeded to greet Justice Rahman," a clarification note issued by Justice Isa said.

The note added that after greeting Rahman, the senior puisne judge went to talk to Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer, a former Aalim judge of the FSC when Justice Bandal came to greet him too.

"Someone recorded this moment and incorrectly added that I had not greeted Justice Bandal, even though just a few minutes earlier I had done so."

He said that he turned because Justice Rahman's wife wanted to introduce him to some of her family members. Justice Isa urged

that such factually incorrect stories should not be propagated, as they "cause unnecessary and avoidable misgivings and harm".

He and his family could attest to the recent pain of being the brunt of sponsored false stories, he added.

Justice Isa said, "It is also factually incorrect to add in the same breath that I have intentionally created a separate group within the Supreme Court.

This is completely untrue. I stand by my oath of office to defend and uphold the Constitution of Pakistan and cannot concur with anything less. Garnishing facts to create a controversial narrative is damaging to the institution."



LAHORE: Indian fishermen show their identity cards at Lahore Railway Station after Pakistan authorities released them, allegedly arrested for trespassing into its territorial waters.

## PM directs for...

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ered, the prime minister directed. Earlier, the meeting was briefed in detail about the proposals for adding new projects in the upcoming fiscal year and progress on the ongoing projects.

It was informed that as per the direction of the prime minister, projects related to the agriculture sector, renewable energy, higher education for youth, professional training and job-raising schemes would be important part of the development budget.

The meeting was further told that the IT sector development and export boosting projects would also be part of the development budget.

## Rising swimming stars Hareem, Meher illuminate Sindh sports horizon

QUETTA (APP): Though the curtain has fallen on the National Games in Quetta, the performance of our stunning athletes is going to be remembered forever.

Every province had its share of medals and performances, but for Sindh, the brilliant performance of rising swimming star Hareem Malik made us proud as she won the most gold medals from the Sindh Contingent.

Hareem won as many three gold medals in the Games' swimming discipline while her other compatriot Meher Maqbool of Sindh also won a gold medal to take the tally to four gold medals for their province in the swimming events of the just-concluded 34th National Games.

The 14-year-old Hareem Malik won gold medals in 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke contests while 13-year old Meher Maqbool bagged a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle swimming held at the Punjab International

Swimming Complex in Lahore.

Hareem Malik clinched top honours in the 100m breaststroke, clocking just one minute and 23.21 seconds. Both talented teenagers have attributed their success to their hard work and the efforts of their coaches and the support of their families, particularly their parents, who made sure that they are provided with the best environment and training necessary for success on the sports front.

"My mother personally accompanies me to the training sessions and her support has been vital for me", Hareem said.

The same is the case with Meher Maqbool, who says, "Her mother is very supportive and makes sure that she attends every training session and gains confidence."

Both the dashing swimmers said that their coaches worked very professionally and extra hard on them besides ensuring that their

training does not coincide with their studies.

"Our coaches drafted a fine schedule for us in a way that our studies and sports training maintained a perfect balance," said talented Hareem and Meher.

They further said, "They are also really grateful to the Sindh Swimming Association for its tremendous support." "Their officials encouraged us in every way and informed us about any competition two months in advance which helped us prepare well," said Hareem Malik.

Speaking about the hurdles the sportswomen face in society, the young swimmers said, "Though the ratio of girls' participation in sports is much low as compared to males, they are given the best opportunity by the sports authorities and concerned associations and are treated at par with their male counterparts in each aspect of the swimming competitions which is a very encouraging factor."



QUETTA: PPP Balochistan President Mir Changez Khan Jamali inaugurating Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Football tournament.

**TENDER NOTICE**

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The Executive Engineer, E&M (Workshop) Division Quetta Invites Bids From Eligible Bidders For Execution Of Following Works For The Year 2022-23 Based On Composite Schedule Rates 2018 On Percentage Rates. Earnest Money 2% in Shape of Call Deposit, Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Time limit 12 Months

| S.No. | Name of work   | E/CoSt   |
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| 1     | CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT OF B/T ROAD AT Sariab Road New Adda District, QUETTA PSDP No.915 (Z2022.1415) TSE-222305332493          | 14.857M  |
| 2     | CONSTR/IMPROVEMENT OF B/T ROAD AND SIDE DRAIN AT KILLI ISMAIL BALOCH COLONY QUETTA, PSDP No.929 (Z2022.1471) TSE-222305332503    | 9.904 M  |
| 3     | CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD WITH SEWERAGE LINE SUMALANI TOWN NEAR QAMBRANI ROAD QUETTA, PSDP No.1427 (Z2022.3670) TSE-222305332533. | 14.858 M |
| 4     | CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD ZEHRI TOWN, QUETTA, PSDP No.1461 (Z2022.3753). TSE-222305332563.  | 9.905 M  |

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## Pakistan, Georgia affirm desire to explore cooperation in multiple areas

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan and Georgia affirmed their desire to explore mutually beneficial areas of cooperation with a special focus on trade and investment, tourism, education and information technology. The bilateral relations were discussed in the inaugural session of Pakistan-Georgia Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) held in Tbilisi on Thursday.

Foreign Secretary Dr Asad Majeed Khan and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia Alexander Khvtisiashvili led the respective sides. Ambassador of Pakistan to Georgia and Azerbaijan and senior officials from both sides were also present.

The two sides exchanged views on the state of play of bilateral relations. Both sides termed the inaugural session a stepping stone for diversified cooperation.

Noting the investor-friendly policies of the two countries, the foreign secretary highlighted immense potential for bilateral trade and investment between Pakistan and Georgia.

The two sides also formalized the bilateral political consultation mechanism with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

It was agreed that the second session of the BPC would be held in Islamabad on mutually agreed dates.

The foreign secretary also called on Foreign Minister of Georgia Ilia Darchiashvili.

Welcoming the inaugural round of consultations, the two sides expressed hope that it would lay the foundation of multifaceted cooperation between the two sides.

Separate meetings with the Deputy Minister of Justice and the Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia were also held.

The foreign secretary also attended an interactive event with prominent business representatives of Georgian companies where he underscored the need for rigorous B2B networking to unlock the potential for cooperation between the Pakistan and Georgia.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Lawyers from Punjab Bar Council called on Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.

## Ministry reviews Hajj operations, pledges improved services for pilgrims

ISLAMABAD (APP): An important meeting was convened at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, focusing on the evaluation of Hajj operations and addressing the challenges faced by pilgrims the other day.

Chaired by Federal Secretary Aftab Akbar Durrani, the meeting saw the participation of key officials including the Director General Hajj, Director Makkah, Director Madinah, Director MCO, Director of Moavineen, and

Director Monitoring. Despite being conducted remotely via Zoom, the meeting proved instrumental in fostering collaboration and devising strategies to enhance the Hajj experience for all.

Under scrutiny of Minister Senator Talha Mahmood, the performance of various departments involved in Hajj operations was meticulously reviewed.

Valuable insights were shared by the minister, who had gathered information from multiple sources. To address the raised concerns, Senator Talha penned a comprehensive letter to the Director General Hajj, emphasizing the need for immediate action.

During the meeting, a thorough discussion took place, delving into the intricacies of the issues at hand. The officers assigned to relevant fields were probed regarding their responsibilities.

Notably, the directors stationed in Saudi Arabia presented detailed briefings on the performance of their respective departments, shedding light on their ongoing efforts to assist and serve the pilgrims.

In a bid to provide better services and rectify any deficiencies, Secretary Aftab Akbar Durrani issued instructions to all officials present.

He emphasized the importance of fostering stronger mutual relations and leaving no stone unturned in resolving the challenges faced by pilgrims.

The session was originally initiated with good communication and collaboration between the Pakistan Center for Disease Control (CDC) of NIH and the Embassy of Japan in Islamabad during the challenging time of COVID-19.

The session aimed to highlight the crucial role of Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) in disease surveillance, prevention, and control.

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## NIH, Japan-FETP organize online session on disease surveillance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan-Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Islamabad in collaboration with Japan-FETP, organized a special online session on the "Role of FETPs in Disease Surveillance and Prevention / Control of Diseases".

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press release issued by the Japan Embassy in Islamabad. Hitoshi Kikawada, a member of the House of Representatives of Japan Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and former State Minister of the Cabinet Office in charge of Policies against COVID-19 was the chief guest of the session. Fellows from the FETPs, health experts, and partners also attended. In his video message, Kikawada, stated "We have faced a pandemic of COVID-19 for more than three years and have understood that infectious diseases have changed our economies and societies dramatically and overcoming infectious diseases has become one of the most important issues of the human beings". He also said that Japan has dealt with COVID-19 successfully. Japan has contributed to universal healthcare with ODA for a long time and through these experiences, Japan can play a more active role in medical areas.



ISLAMABAD: Students of Islamabad College for Girls F6/2 poses for group photo with chief guest President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari Principal Prof Sabah Faisal in launching ceremony of Entrepreneur Program for Students.

## Delegation of Punjab Bar Council calls on Law Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of lawyers from the Punjab Bar Council on Friday called on Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.

The delegation led by Basharat Ullah Khan (Vice Chairman of Punjab Bar Council) and Tahir Shabbir Chaudhry (Chairman Executive Committee of Punjab Bar Council) along with members of the Punjab Bar Council discussed issues of mutual interests and the matters regarding grants in aid.

The minister shared his views regarding the importance of Bar Councils stating that the Bar Councils were an integral part of

our legal justice system. The delegation informed the minister about various issues faced by the Bar and the minister assured his utmost support to address these issues.

The minister expressed that it was important to have a liaison between Government and Bars and that there should not be a disconnection which was why the Lawyers Protection Act had great importance.

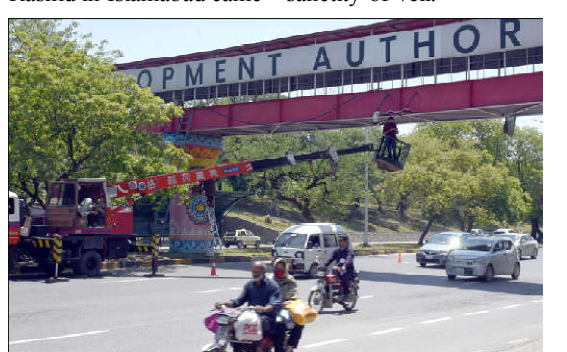
The participants of the meeting hailed the efforts of the Law Minister for the passage of the Lawyer's Protection Act which was a long-standing demand of lawyers across Pakistan.

## Police raid on Sheikh residence: IG Police, SSP put on notice

ISLAMABAD (Online): Additional Sessions Judge of district court Tahir Abbas Sipra, Sardar Abdul Razaq counsel for Sheikh Rashid appeared in the court. Sardar Abdul Razaq told the court that at 3 am on May 31 night SHO Kohsar, SP, DSP, other police personnel, Rangers broke the doors of his client home and entered into it forcibly by violating sanctity of veil.

The petition pertaining to illegal police raid on the residence of Sheikh Rashid in Islamabad came

up for hearing in district court led by additional sessions judge Tahir Abbas Sipra. Sardar Abdul Razaq counsel for Sheikh Rashid appeared in the court. Sardar Abdul Razaq told the court that at 3 am on May 31 night SHO Kohsar, SP, DSP, other police personnel, Rangers broke the doors of his client home and entered into it forcibly by violating sanctity of veil.



ISLAMABAD: A worker of local administration is busy in repairing the CCTC Cameras on the pedestrian bridge at Express Way in Federal Capital.

## Police to deploy additional traffic staff at under construction roads

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On this occasion, he directed the removal of bottlenecks creating hindrances in the smooth flow of traffic and asked Zonal DSPs to ensure deployment of the additional traffic staff at rush areas and road construction points for the convenience of citizens. Dr Mustafa Tanveer said that traffic flow was affected during office hours especially and it should be maintained during these times. He said Islamabad Capital Police had prepared a modern scientific revolutionary plan to deal with traffic problems and the road users would benefit.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turi chairing a performance review meeting of WWF at Ministry of Overseas.

## Rain likely to persist in some parts of Balochistan, south Punjab and Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) on Friday predicted Rain-wind-thunderstorm in northeast Balochistan, south Punjab, Kashmir, and its suburbs during the next 24 hours.

Dry weather is expected in most parts of the country, while hot in southern parts.

Dust-raising/gusty winds are expected in plain areas of Punjab, Sindh, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Balochistan in the afternoon.

In Islamabad, partly cloudy/dry weather is expected in Islamabad.

In Punjab, hot and dry weather is expected in most districts of the province.

Dust-raising/gusty winds are expected in plain areas during the afternoon. Rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Layyah, Multan, Bahawalpur,

Rahimyar Khan and Sadiqabad.

In KP, dry weather is expected in most districts of the province. However, rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected at isolated places in Swat, Kohistan, Dir, Waziristan and Dera Ismail Khan.

In Balochistan, dry weather is expected in most districts of the province with chances of rain-wind/thunderstorms in Zhob, Musakhel, Barkhan, Loralai and Kohlu.

In Sindh, mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most districts of the province. However, rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Sukkur, Jacobabad, Ghotki, and the suburbs.

In Kashmir/Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), isolated rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected during the period. During the last 24 hours, dry weather prevailed over other parts of the country.

## IDA in support of stakeholders committed for Capital's development: Yasir Ilyas

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Islamabad Developers Association (IDA) Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan has said that the IDA is a community led organization comprising of developers and stakeholders involved in the development of Islamabad.

He stated this while addressing a conference organized by IDA with the builders and developers of the capital to discuss proposals for the upcoming budget in addition to working on a policy framework with CDA with a primary focus on issues related to bylaws.

Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan said that IDA is dedicated to promote sustainable and efficient development practices that contribute to the growth and prosperity of the Federal Capital. It was highlighted that 236K related to withholding tax on sale and purchase of property has had a detrimental impact on property transactions due to the

additional cost levied on non-filers. For sellers it has doubled to 4% and for non-filer purchasers it has gone up to 7%. He said, "Capital gain tax period should also be reduced to 4 years from 6. Policy related to section 7E which applies taxes on deemed income on additional property has further led to a reduction in the purchase of properties due to the additional tax burden. This has deterred both investors and end users from acquiring additional properties and overseas decline rates would also decline further since most of those funds were also being invested in property." The IDA President said that CVT on foreign assets would discourage people from declaring their assets or becoming tax residents in Pakistan. Supertax on large scale manufacturing has increased the cost of local materials in addition to the hefty custom duties and sales taxes plus GST levied by the government.

## Domestic employees, tenants' registration in full swing

ISLAMABAD (APP): The police campaign titled 'Knock the Door' is in full swing to register the tenants as well as domestic servants.

According to the police spokesman on Friday, "The police teams are conducting door-to-door visits to ensure their registration."

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) visited 286 houses in the Karachi company police area during the last 24 hours and registered 183 domestic servants.

"The purpose of the campaign is to avoid any untoward incident by maintaining law and order in the federal capital," the spokesman added.

He said this exercise would help to keep a vigilant eye on miscreants and suspects.

## Islamabad police recover 10kg heroin

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Tarnol police station has arrested a drug seller and recovered 10 kilogram heroin and 125 gram ice from his possession.

According to police, a massive crackdown against drug suppliers is underway and effective action is being ensured against such anti-social elements.

One of the team from Tarnol police station arrested an accused Imran and recovered 10 kilogram heroin and 125 gram ice from his possession.

Case has been registered against the nabbed accused and further investigation is underway. Police team is also raiding different hideouts of the drug peddlers.

Islamabad police officials have appreciated the performance of Tarnol police team and announced commendation certificates and cash rewards.

They said that Islamabad Capital Police will not leave any stone unturned to curb the menace of drug.

## Hashoo Foundation, INU inks MoU to strengthen academia-industry linkages

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Hashoo Foundation in order to foster academia-industry linkages and strengthen the concept of using knowledge as a resource, has signed an MoU with Iqra National University (INU). "Through this partnership both organizations will be working closely to benefit students, enhancing their professional skills and knowledge," said a news release issued here on Friday.

Country Director of Hashoo Foundation, Ayesha Khan, and Vice Chancellor (VC) of Iqra National University Prof. Dr Shah Jahan signed the agreement in the presence of senior officials from both organizations.

Ayesha Khan said, "We believe in the power of learning and using knowledge to produce actionable input for the betterment of individuals and communities. Hashoo Foundation has always impacted the lives of youth by providing them with opportunities for capacity building, career development, and education." "The more organizations collaborate for youth development, the greater outreach and impact for national sustainable development priorities can be achieved," she added.

Prof. Dr Shah Jahan said that this partnership would help students in capacity building, hands-on training, and capacity building.



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Civil Society are shouting slogans during Takreem-e-Shuhada-e-Pakistan rally at Jinnah Avenue to show solidarity with Pak Army.

## Call for collective responsibility to prioritize mental health, avoid suicide

ISLAMABAD (APP): Experts at a workshop stressed the need for collective responsibility and determination to prioritize mental health as a fundamental human rights concern. Over 700,000 people worldwide take their own life each year by suicide, according to statistics reported by the World Health Organization (WHO).

These figures were shared by Dr Fayaz Amir, a mental health expert during a workshop held at the University of Chitral the other day in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Rights and the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The consultative workshop brought together representatives from various organizations and departments to address the critical issue of mental health in our society.

Dr Fayaz Amir delivered a comprehensive presentation on the causes of

suicide.

Another mental health expert Dr Amir presented the findings of a study conducted by Peshawar University, which reported 176 cases of suicide in Chitral between 2013 and 2019.

Zahid Rehan Niazi, Regional Director of the Ministry of Human Rights in Peshawar, provided an overview of the aims and objectives of the workshop, highlighting the importance of raising awareness and formulating effective strategies to protect mental health as a fundamental human right. Nasar Khan, a lecturer at the Department of Sociology, University of Chitral, conducted another technical session focusing on the role of academia in preventing suicide. He shed light on the responsibilities of educational institutions and shared insights on how academia can contribute to suicide prevention efforts.

## There is no MRI machine in any govt hospital of Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (Online): Government hospitals in Islamabad lack basic facilities like MRI.

According to authorities, there is no MRI machine in any government hospital in Islamabad. PIMs, Polyclinic and National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine do not have MRI machines.

Dozens of patients are being sent to private centers for MRI every day in Islamabad.

Private diagnostic centers in the federal capital are charging Rs 18,000 to 25,000 for MRI.

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Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.



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## Balanced approach

Political equations are never easy to engineer, let alone solve. A political crisis should either be allowed to burn through or resolved via the electoral process — imposing any artificial solution on it will never address the social conflicts precipitating it.

Unfortunately, the many lessons from Pakistani history that substantiate this simple fact continue to be ignored. Instead of taking a laissez-faire approach to democratic processes, past practice has been to introduce new variables into the political equation to counteract a popular political force whenever it begins posing a threat to the status quo.

There are several extant by-products of this strategy. The Q-League, MQM-Haqiqi and Pak Sarzameen Party were carved out from the PML-N and MQM after the parent parties began asserting themselves in ways that were not approved of by the status quo elite.

Likewise, the National Awami Party, banned from Pakistani politics in 1975 by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto because of its dogged opposition to his politics and policies, has survived through its avatar, the ANP.

Based on recent news reports, it appears that several PTI leaders who recently deserted their party and said they were disavowing politics might have already been roped in for a fresh experiment.

Former information minister Fawad Chaudhry, former Sindh governor Imran Ismail and erstwhile PTI stalwarts Amir Kiani and Mehmood Moulvi on Wednesday made an attempt to convince PTI vice-chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi to ditch the party.

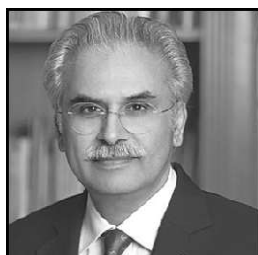
Mr Chaudhry also revealed that he had reached out to other key leaders from the PTI for their support for the new venture. For now, his efforts have borne no fruit. It may be noted, however, that Mr Qureshi was recently named heir apparent to the PTI by the party's chairman himself. This could make his departure, if it happens, rather devastating to the beleaguered party's morale.

What is most intriguing, however, is that this new grouping has made it quite clear that it will be acting in opposition to the PDM parties. In other words, it will be seeking to prevent the PPP and PML-N from taking advantage of the PTI's fall.

It is unclear how this wheeling and dealing will benefit the country, considering how polarised public opinion has become due to the PDM government's economic mismanagement amidst worsening sociopolitical crises.

Only a legitimate government — elected through a fair electoral contest and backed by a strong public mandate — may be able to take the country out of its present crisis. Unfortunately, it appears that we may be heading in a completely different direction.

The parties in power must ask themselves if another hung parliament serves their political interests. They entered a marriage of convenience over their opposition to the PTI, but will this marriage last another five years amidst wide-ranging crises?



Zafar Mirza

"I did not myself know what I wanted: I feared life, desired to escape from it, yet still hoped something of it." — Leo Tolstoy

WE are all passing through collective anxiety and suffering from a sense of loss and perennial sadness. Gloom is growing. Hope is battered and moribund. Chronic optimism has its limits.

I mainly write these columns on health issues that abound and are deep and complex. Put together, they constitute a national health crisis. But the serious and sustainable resolution of any of these issues requires, ultimately, national stability, good governance, leadership, focus and fiscal prioritisation — all of which we don't have.

"The weak are dying of hunger. I will try my best

— all of my policies will be made to raise our weaker classes, for our labourers ... for our poor farmers, who work all year and get no money ... 45 per cent of children have stunted growth, they don't reach the right height, or their brains don't develop."

"There are countries with less than 25 million people, and we have that many children out of school."

"My effort will be that we try our best to raise these people up, that all of our policies be focused on human development. I want the whole country to think like this."

"No country can prosper when there is a small island of rich people, and a sea of poor."

"We will not do any kind of political victimisation. We will establish supremacy of the law ... whoever violates the law, we will act against them."

"Accountability will start with me, then my ministers, and then it will go from there."

"... I am telling you that we will run Pakistan like it has never been run before ... and we will start

with ourselves."

"... I pledge that there will be a different kind of governance in Pakistan."

This was the grand vision and high moral pitch on which it all started on July 26, 2018, after the election victory. In his first speech as prime minister on Aug 19, 2018, he pulled out a CT scan of the stunted brain of a child and compared it with a healthy brain scan to show the difference. The reason for the stunted brain was not getting enough nutrition, and 45pc of our children are stunted, almost every other child, he told the nation, and we are going to change this.

As a public health professional and an international civil servant sitting in the WHO regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo, this speech lifted my spirits. I had goosebumps. Finally, I thought, there is somebody who knows the real problems of the people of Pakistan, who knows his priorities and is determined to establish an 'Islamic welfare state'. Next day, in office I trans-

lated all this to my international colleagues and everybody voiced a big 'Wow!' I had an acute urge to return to my country to witness this transformation up close, and contribute to it.

In mid-April 2019, sitting in a meeting in the same office in Cairo, I had a personal call from prime minister Imran Khan followed by another call the next day. In these conversations, we discussed in detail the health sector in Pakistan and its problems and the need for and approach to reform. I never realised in the beginning that I was actually being interviewed to join his cabinet as his special adviser on health. Finally, in the end, when he offered me the position, I promptly accepted. On being asked when I could come, my explicit reply was, 'on the first available flight to Islamabad', and that is exactly what I did, and never looked back. Such was the dream, the opportunity and the resolve.

After taking charge of the federal Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordina-

tion, I started attending cabinet meetings, and gradually the brightness started fading from what I was observing and experiencing in my efforts to bring tabdeeli to the health sector as part of 'naya' Pakistan. Almost every reform effort was thwarted and blunted, one way or the other. My personal experiences and observations actually deserve a book, which I hope to write one day.

But look where we have landed — in a bigger lurch, in every sense of the word, than before July 2018. What a great loss of opportunity. In fact, was it really a true opportunity or was it a farce? From what I saw as part of the government and what I have learnt since then and am learning every day, these days especially after the events of May 9, I feel so deeply betrayed, hurt and embarrassed.

I ask myself, was all this intentional or was it naively mixed with lack of experience and mismanagement? Or was it hubris and a know-it-all attitude and delusional megalomania? Or was it all an ob-

session to get political opponents, and frustration at not being able to get them? Maybe it is a mixture of all these. But where to fit in and explain the turning of a blind eye to the corruption under the nose of near and dear ones? How to describe the stubbornness in defending a nincompoop chief minister against the whole world? Or is it that we still don't know the full story of all that is shrouded beneath layers of white sheets? Will time and destiny allow part two of 'my personal journey'?

Flabbergasting is the complex human package of multiple intertwined strands of great visions and self-destructive weaknesses — the weight of which drags all good intentions, great sayings, lofty ideals and everybody else and the nation.

At the end, it is hope that is the ultimate sufferer, battered and moribund — that is the real damage that has befallen us.

Human resilience will lift its head again out of shattered dreams, of course, but a loss is a loss. — Courtesy Dawn

## How to appoint a judge



Foqia Sadiq Khan

Once general elections are held in the country, Pakistan needs to focus on a number of economic and political reforms. It might be worthwhile to streamline the seemingly top-strewn process of judicial appointments and judicial accountability as well. In my article 'The accountability question' (May 7), I briefly discussed judicial appointments. Now I will expand the debate on judicial appointments in Pakistan with reference to examples from other developing countries largely based on International IDEA (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance) Constitution-building Primer-4. The literature outlines four key methods of judicial appointments: "(a) single-body appointment mechanisms; (b) professional appointment mechanisms; (c) cooperative

appointment mechanisms; and (d) representative appointment mechanisms." The executive branch typically enjoys the power of judicial appointments in the single-body mechanisms. In the professional appointments generally existing judges play a key role in the appointment of judges (what we currently have in Pakistan largely). In this mechanism, "the bench is self-perpetuating through a formal co-optation process that subjects prospective judges to approval by their superiors."

The downside is that a "self-perpetuating judiciary can protect judicial independence and professionalism, but it can also concentrate power within the senior judiciary, undermining the independence of individual judges and making the bench conservative, unrepresentative, unaccountable and unresponsive to the public." And we are witnessing some of these developments identified in the literature in the judicial functioning of Pakistan.

In the cooperative mechanism, two different bodies cooperate with each other to appoint the judges.

One institution can nominate them and the other can consent to those appointments. In Brazil, the Supreme Federal Court judges are nominated by the Brazilian president and then those nominations are approved by an absolute majority in Brazil's Senate. In Pakistan's system of judicial appointments, there is also the role of the parliamentary committee in ratifying the appointments forwarded by the Judicial Commission of Pakistan. So it may seem as if Pakistan's mechanism is also cooperative. However, in Pakistan's mechanism, judges play the key role in this process of judicial appointments and it is not really a cooperative mechanism but one tilted towards the self-perpetuating judiciary.

In the representative mechanism, two or more institutions each appoint a certain number of judges to the supreme or constitutional court. Mongolia is an example of it whereby one-third of the judges of the constitutional court are appointed by the Mongolian president, another one-third by the judiciary, and the remaining one-third by

parliament. There is an essential difference between the cooperative mechanism and representative mechanism: in the former the judges are appointed with the cooperation or at least 'acquiescence' of different institutions, whereas in the representative mechanism, each institution appoints its own referrals 'severally' and that can produce an 'internally fragmented court'.

Literature points out that in practice, there are mixed mechanisms as well. "The above appointment mechanisms can be combined in creative ways. For example, a representative appointment mechanism may provide for some members of a court to be appointed by the executive and others to be appointed by a cooperative mechanism that requires the joint approval of two or more actors. The bodies that participate in a cooperative appointment process may themselves be constituted on a representative basis." Jamaica is quoted as an example in the document where a mixed mechanism is applied. In Pakistan, the

chief justice of the Supreme Court has a central role in judicial nominations. Reema Omer, a legal advisor to the International Commission of Jurists, has explained the Pakistani system of judicial appointments and pre-pondering role of the chief justice of Pakistan very nicely in her August 2022 article published in 'Dawn' entitled 'Paterfamilias?'. This term means the head of judiciary. Before the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment in April 2010, the judges to the Supreme Court were appointed by the president in consultation with the chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) and the recommendations were almost binding. The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment tried to make the process of judicial appointments — including the nominations — "more transparent, accountable and inclusive". However, the post-18<sup>th</sup> Amendment judicial activism largely subverted it.

As a result in the Pakistani system, only the CJP has the power to nominate judges for their appointment in the Supreme Court. These names are considered by

the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) where the majority of the membership belongs to judges including the CJP. Although the federal law minister, attorney general, and one senior advocate representative from the Supreme Court Bar Association are also the members of the JCP, only the CJP can initiate the proceedings by recommending names for consideration that makes him the 'gatekeeper' in this process.

Other countries such as South Africa, "invite nominations, where interested candidates apply to be considered for appointment to the Supreme Court." The Pakistani system relies too heavily on the "integrity, independence and good choice of just one man" (Justice Khosa's words).

Once the JCP finalizes the nominations, they are sent to the parliamentary committee with the equal representation of the treasury and opposition in the National Assembly and the Senate. Finally, the president issues the order of the appointment of judges. — Courtesy TheNews

## Sound treasures



Zubeida Mustafa

Man is by nature a collector. What he collects and how he manages his collection depends on his personal commitment and style of working as well as the resources available to him. If well planned and made accessible, collections can become a valuable source of knowledge for mankind.

After all, what are museums and libraries but institutionally managed collections which tell the story of civilisations and cultures or just a branch of knowledge. What is important is that the collections' permanence, continuity, security and accessibility are ensured.

All this cannot be done single-handedly, and governments and public institutions have to be involved in this mammoth process. Unfortunately, such commitment has been missing from the agenda of successive Pakistani governments. However, Lutfullah Khan (1916-2012) made the impossible possible when he recorded, relying on his own efforts, the voices and works of persons of great eminence in literature, music and other fields, and preserved them for posterity.

In fact, to make his collection accessible, he devised his own cataloguing system that he kept revising from time to time. The collection comprises tapes, CDs and digitised recordings that are unparalleled in magnitude and versatility.

A musician, and in his early years a radio pre-

senter, Lutfullah collected whatever he could lay his hands on. He developed an interest in archiving human voices and musical sounds when he acquired a tape recorder for which he paid Rs 1,148 in July 1951. Fascinated, he recorded his mother's voice, saying a time would come when she would be no more. It is such a thought that drives a collector's passion. But it also makes him possessive.

In that respect, Lutfullah Sahib was lucky. Five years after his death, a chance meeting between Mrs Zahida Lutfullah and Dr Khurshid Abdullah (an adviser at Aga Khan University), who had never met the man whose lifetime's labour he is now trying to preserve, led to the present arrangement. The credit for retrieving this treasure from the brink of oblivion goes to Dr Abdullah. With a similar passion, but also a full-time job, he has managed to digitise in six years nearly 25 to 30 per cent of the collection. But nothing has been added since Lutfullah Sahib recorded the last word.

When I asked Dr Khurshid Abdullah to give me an idea of the size of the collection in terms of the duration of the recording, he simply gave me some statistics. The presence of poets in the recording is enormous: there are nearly 800 of them. There are 7,261 poems with a duration of 278 hours, 39 minutes and nine seconds. In other words, you will have to listen round the clock for 11 days to go through the poetry section. Faiz and Akhtarul Iman top the list with their entire work recorded in their own voice.

The cataloguing leaves you marvelling. The catalogue for the music section, the largest, consists of 42 volumes with 200 pages each. The entries are classified as 'artistic', 'classical', 'semi-classical', 'instrumental', 'vocal', melody-wise,

etc. Similarly, there are catalogues for poetry, prose, talks, radio dramas and so on.

What is the significance of this collection? It is oral literature/history in a pure form. A poet who recites his own poetry — stressing a syllable at the right place to convey the meaning and nuances of the words as only the creator of these can do, communicates more effectively with his audience.

The Lutfullah collection contains a number of interviews, readings and conversations by eminent authors that are exclusive and give an insight into society and history. They are all there: be it Qurratun-Najwa Hyder talking about her father, or Hajra Masroor in conversation with Ismat Chughtai. Pir Hisamuddin Rashdi figures in there with many others. Dr Khurshid Abdullah has wisely had transcribed in books exclusive talks and interviews.

Exploring at random, I found so many pearls of wisdom from these great of the greats. In the present distressing times, Faiz reassures us "Lambi hai gham ki shaam magar shaam hee to hai" (The night of sorrow is long, but it is only a night). Or when he promises us a better future reciting "Hum deykhein gai..." (we shall see).

Then there are Noon Meem Raashid warning us against Nimrood's sham philosophy in the land of his divinity and Habib Jalib defiantly proclaiming "Mein naheen manta" (I don't accept). History is the best teacher and this collection is full of history. The voices in the recordings can be the mentors students need and which Dr Khurshid Abdullah believes are missing today. According to him, people look for 'sanaads' (degrees) or 'tarbiat' (training) but what is really needed to make a youth accomplished is 'subhat' (mentorship). Lutfullah has provided them in plenty. — Courtesy Dawn

## Near collapse



Nazir A. Jogezi

It is said that contrary to its intended purpose of driving social growth and producing well-informed human capital, higher education in the country has fallen prey to a level of mediocrity that has stymied societal advancement and economic development.

Take the example of Balochistan. Along with all its other issues, including a poor security situation, political instability, economic challenges and natural disasters, the province faces a severe crisis in higher education. Of late, this has been most apparent in the state of its faculty at higher education institutions, who, deprived of their salaries — with some forced to sell their personal belongings — have taken to the streets to protest.

This state of affairs is a sorry comment on the history of higher education institutions in the province, which have been poorly planned and managed. It is a mere illusion that physically expanding existing campuses and hiring more staff will keep pace with greater enrolment numbers. It is unfair to burden the public sector with the task of generating job-creation opportunities in a province where there has been little industrial development.

Universities in the province spend more on building and maintenance, thus shifting the emphasis from teaching and learning to administration and control. The majority exist as corporate entities, employing administrative and support personnel. One professor said that university of-

icials spend more on fuel while there was no budget for chemicals for the laboratories. Another believed that the clerk had more authority than him; even his request for paper to write on was sometimes denied.

The majority of sub-campuses promote social sciences programmes, including degrees in education and management, because they have comparatively lower administrative costs — there is little understanding of the importance of scientific subjects for future generations. Interestingly, some of the sub-campuses comprise just a few borrowed rooms with no labs or other prerequisites.

All this is in contrast to globally established norms in higher education institutes. Universities abroad invest billions in making themselves a hub of cutting-edge research and diversity by attracting talent from around the world and providing a learning platform offering students different skills. Here, we believe in rigid ideas, and old skills, and provide students with a static education experience from primary to the doctorate level in the same sociopolitical and sociocultural context, with minds closed to learning from multiple sources.

Political elites have brought sub-campuses to the doorsteps of their voters in remote areas, despite criticism that this can diminish students' exposure to diversity and limit their critical thinking skills. Faculty members with poor skills and inadequate qualifications have been employed for the purpose, thanks to the paucity of genuine professionals.

Our financial crisis continues to worsen, with adverse implications for teaching and learning at higher education institutes. Solutions so far have proved to be superficial and ineffective. Perhaps a more concrete remedy lies in restructuring

Balochistan's higher education institutes. The establishment of a provincial higher education commission is the starting point in the aim to incorporate strong human capital that can lay the ground for workable ideas, which meet the demands of academic needs, the sociocultural and sociopolitical environment of the province, and global trends. The currently centralised higher education mechanism, in the aftermath of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, is in-effective and a great mismatch with ground realities and global academic trends.

It is essential that the tendency to set up satellite or sub-campuses be curbed and that universities receive additional funding instead. Higher education cannot be regarded as a fundamental right like school education by simply expanding access through sub-campuses; rather, there must be sophisticated admission standards so that meritorious students have the opportunity to avail themselves of academic programmes taught by highly qualified professors in well-equipped universities.

Additionally, ad hoc appointments on the back of loose selection criteria must be discouraged. Nepotism is a national trait and relatives and non-professionals are often accommodated, resulting in education of an inferior quality.

Rather than behaving as corporate entities, higher education institutions must act as the hubs of learning and research that they were meant to be, and give academicians more leadership roles and a larger say when it comes to decision-making. Learning, research and development must be the core business, and available material and human capital must be utilised towards this end. — Courtesy Dawn



## Punjab Cabinet meeting approves measures for employees' public welfare

**Cabinet decides to introduce an axle load management regime to prevent overloading and accidents on roads in Punjab**

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: The 16<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting, held under the chair of the caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at his office on Friday, approved measures for welfare of employees and general public in the province.

It approved an amendment to the Punjab Civil Service Pension Rules, ensuring the immediate payment of 65 per cent pension to employees after retirement as it will continue to be paid until the complete pension documents are not prepared.

The cabinet decided to introduce an axle load

management regime to prevent overloading and accidents on roads in Punjab. Heavy trailers exiting factories will be subject to regular weight checks, and those exceeding the prescribed limits will not be allowed on the roads. The Motor Vehicle Rules of 1969 were also amended by the cabinet to ensure the effective implementation of the decision. The responsibility for its execution was entrusted to the Minister for Industries SM Tanveer by the CM who also instructed all departments to expedite the resolution of promotion cases for

government employees, emphasizing that no deserving government employee should be deprived of career advancement. "I am personally monitoring promotion cases of government employees," he stated.

The establishment of Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centers was approved in the meeting, special centers will be established in Multan, Taunsa, Lahore, Faisalabad, and Wah, to provide rehabilitation services for paralysed patients. Necessary medical equipment will also be provided to paraplegic patients.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali inaugurates Umar Diabetes Foundation for free treatment of sugar patients.

## Peoples Bus Service to start a new route on Lyari Expressway

KARACHI (INP): Government of Sindh on Friday decided to start a new route of People's Bus Service on Lyari Expressway to alleviate the problems of commuters.

The decision was taken in a meeting held here with Sindh Minister of Information, Transport and Mass Transit, Sharjeel Inam Memon in a chair, said a news release issued here.

In the meeting, it was decided to conduct a survey to assess the feasibility of a non-stop route of Peoples Bus Service on Lyari Expressway and initially to start plying a bus on a trial basis on the expressway.

The member of the National Highway Authority (NHA) Munir Memon and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Highways and Motorway Police Javed Ali Mehr briefed the meeting regarding the flow of traffic

on the Lyari Expressway. Sharjeel Inam Memon said that the Sindh government was striving to provide the best transport facilities to the people across the province and various public transport initiatives were taken in that regard.

He hoped that starting a route of People's Bus Service on Lyari Expressway would help reduce the burden of traffic on other roads of Karachi.

The minister instructed the relevant officers to complete the necessary arrangements for starting trial bus service on the expressway and carry out a survey by June 11 and submit the report.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Transport Salim Rajput, Managing Director (MD) Sindh Mass Transit Authority Kamal Dayo, Additional Secretary (AS) Transport Kiran Shaikh.

## CM seeks plan for improving healthcare facilities

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has sought a plan from the health secretary within seven days for improving the healthcare facilities in major hospitals.

The plan will encompass measures for providing essential facilities as well as addressing repair and maintenance requirements to improve services.

The meeting, held under the chair of CM Mohsin Naqvi, was attended by the chairman P&D, secretary finance, health secretary, secretary C&W, chairman PITB, chief executive officer (CEO) Infrastructure Development Authority Punjab and others. Minister for Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Dr Javed Akram participated through video-link. Meanwhile, the relocation of hospitals from old buildings to the newer constructions was discussed to further enhance the quality of service delivery.

## Gas Theft FIA managed to arrest accused

PESHAWAR (APP): Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Friday nabbed an accused in account of gas pilferage and illegal connection.

Investigation Officer Naheed Bilal said that Anti-Corruption Circle Peshawar arrested the accused involved in getting a gas connection from an unauthorized supply line.

Irshad obtained an illegal gas connection with the connivance of Sui Gas officials. The accused used the identity cards of ordinary citizens to get the connection. He was produced before a local court and the judge ordered his two-day physical remand. The IO said that an accomplice of the accused Jehanzeb the BD-Retail Surveyor SNGPL.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori addressing during Prime Minister Electric Wheel Chairs Scheme distribution ceremony for the differently abled university students at Governor House.

## Kundi says: PPP supports extension in FATA/PATA tax exemption period

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Faisal Karim Kundi Friday advocated the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) stance of supporting extension in the FATA/PATA tax exemption period considering the prevailing economic situation.

"PPP has a very clear stance with the government, federal cabinet and Finance Minister as a coalition partner to support the demand of the people of former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (PATA) for extension in the tax exemption period", he said.

Bacha, the SAPM said that tax exemption was given to FATA/PATA at the time of merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa keeping in view the economic situation, which is extendable.

Faisal Kundi said that the PPP delegation, under the leadership of the provincial president, has visited the Radio Pakistan building in Peshawar which was attacked and burnt by the PTI workers.

He condemned the workers of PTI who ransacked and set on fire the public and private properties including Radio Pakistan's building and stolen computers, electronic appliances, furniture, sound system, vehicles engines and other expensive items.

He said that attack on the government and defense installations was a preplanned conspiracy by the PTI and demanded

strict legal action against the miscreants involved in all such activities.

Faisal Kundi said that those who sold the gate of Radio Pakistan building for Rs. 9,00,000 were saying that they entered into politics against the thieves and dacoits."

Commenting on the prevailing situation when PTI leaders are quitting party and from positions, Faisal Kundi said that may be people will see an advertisement from PTI soon seeking leaders.

Faisal Kundi said that a number of PTI leaders including the prominent ones have contacted PPP to join the party however the PPP will welcome those who pursued politics of morality and obeyed the constitutional values. While "Entry is closed for those violating these basic principles of politics", he said.

## Women's role in water conservation highlighted

PESHAWAR (INP): Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar (WSSP) on Friday organized a Clean Campus Drive in collaboration with Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University to highlight women's role in sanitation and water conservation.

According to a press release issued here, teachers and students from various departments of the university attended the seminar.

Stalls displaying awareness materials on water and sanitation were set up. Students staged tableaux and played videos they produced on the environmental hazards of non-biodegradable plastic waste with a message to replace it with biodegradable bags.

The hall was adorned

with banners inscribed with slogans on the importance of cleanliness, sanitation, and water conservation.

An awareness walk was organized at the end of the seminar, encouraging students to play their part in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).

Addressing the participants, chief executive officer Dr. Nasir highlighted women's role in water and sanitation and how a clean environment could transform their lives.

He also shed light on the importance of proper water usage, conservation, recycling of recyclable waste, and instilling cleanliness habits in their children from an early age.

They were made aware of WSSP operations, achievements so far.

## Next PM, CM Punjab to be from PPP, claims Faisal

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan People's Party Central Punjab leader Faisal Mir called on PPP Parliamentarians President Asif Ali Zardari at Bilawal House on Friday.

After the meeting, he expressed his optimism that the next chief minister Punjab would be from the PPP after 1977. He claimed that PPP Chairman and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari would be the next prime minister.

He said Asif Zardari was determined to fulfill the dreams of party's founder Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto Shaheed.

## Taqatwar Pakistan program Needy patients coming to medical centers will also be given ration: Governor

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Friday chaired a high-level meeting on the hospitals of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) in the Governor House, here.

The participants discussed the measures to improve the KMC hospitals, the provision of all facilities to the patients, and the difficulties faced in this regard, said a statement.

In the meeting, the plan of providing ration to one lakh people for six months under the Taqatwar Pakistan program was also discussed.

Administrators Karachi Dr. Syed Saifur Rehman, Municipal Commissioner, Senior Director Health Services and the medical superintendents of hospitals were also present.

It should be noted that Governor Sindh is also the brand ambassador of the Taqatwar Pakistan program.

Speaking on the occasion, the governor said that Abbasi Shaheed and Sobhraj hospitals are the most important medical facilities of KMC. Improvement of all medical centers of KMC, especially these two hospitals, is among the priorities, he added. Kamran Khan Tessori said that the needy patients coming to the medical centers will also be given ration under the Taqatwar Pakistan program. The ration bag of 27 kg will contain various items and the ration has been arranged according to the household of five-member family.



LAHORE: Lahore Qalandars CEO Aif Rana called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

## PFA stops production of illegal pickle factory

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: An enforcement team of the Punjab Food Authority (PFA) stopped the production of pickle and candied fruit (murabba) factory over multiple violations of the PFA Act besides discarding 1,000kg fungus-infested murabba.

PFA Director General Raja Jahangir Anwar said that on the tipoff, the team raided a production unit in Ahmed Park and caught their red-handed producing inferior quality food items with rotten vegetables and fruits. Moreover, artificial flavours and hazardous chemicals were being used for this purpose, he said.

He further said that fungus-infested pickles and candied fruits were preserved in non-food grade drums while the use of non-food drums is strictly prohibited. Apart from that, the food business operator failed to present a food license and medical certificates to the raiding team. Raja Jahangir Anwar further said that the substandard and adulterated pickle was to be supplied to different hotels and local shops after packing, however, PFA ruined their unholy ambitions by taking timely action. He said that the use of fungus-infested pickles is injurious to human health.



MULTAN: Activists of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) chant slogans for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui during protest demonstration to condemn the verdict against her, in Multan.

## UK Health Security Agency team visits Institute of Public Health

LAHORE (Online): The UK Health Security Agency mission, during its Pakistan tour, paid a visit to the Institute of Public Health (IPH), here on Friday.

According to sources, the mission members had a detailed discussion with Dean Professor Dr Zarfishan Tahir and her technical team about creating a robust system using modern information technology in terms of disease prevention, detection and response.

Dr. Zarfishan said Pakistan is a signatory to the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 under which it is prime responsibility of the country to strengthen various technical areas of the health sector. She said capacity building of the staff should be done on modern lines while a comprehensive strategy to prevent, detect and respond should be adopted with reference to diseases and prevention of spread of epidemics in a timely manner. She said that the Health Security Agency of the UK was providing technical assistance to Pakistani institutions to strengthen the public health sector.

Dr. Mohammad Sartaj, country head UK Agency, said the Health Security Agency would provide technical support to the IPH experts in environmental epidemiology and e-learning programmes.

The mission had a detailed discussion with the technical team of the IPH about the training programme, IT solutions. The UK mission would also support the training and capacity building of IPH's public health experts and technical staff.



HYDERABAD: Youngsters sliding down into a swimming pool to get relief from hot weather at Khisana Moroi

## Sindh to initiate action against water theft, encroachment

KARACHI (APP): Chief Secretary Sindh, Dr Muhammad Sohail Rajput on Friday chaired a high-level meeting regarding the illegal encroachments and water theft in Karachi and decided to take stringent measures to tackle these unlawful activities.

The meeting was attended by Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister for Local Government, Muhammad Iqbal Memon, Commissioner Karachi, Baqaulah Unar, Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Syed Najam Ahmed Shah, Secretary Local Government, officials from the Malir Development Authority, Karachi Development Authority, Water Board Police, and Rangers. The reports of encroachments

on the lands of the Malir Development Authority (MDA), Karachi Development Authority (KDA), and the Water Board were presented. Briefing the meeting, the officials said that the lands of MDA, KDA and Lyari Development Authority (LDA) had been illegally occupied in different city areas and at different times. They informed that they had also carried out various operations but encroachments resurfaced.

Addressing the meeting, the chief secretary said that a strong operation would be carried out against encroachments and water thieves in the city of Karachi. "An operation will be conducted against illegal hydrants in the East and West districts.



KARACHI: Students are blocked road as they are holding protest demonstration against kidnapping of students, at University road in Karachi

## Rescue 1122 rescued 139,574 victims in May

LAHORE (APP): Secretary Emergency Services Department Dr Rizwan Naseer said on Friday 139,574 victims were rescued while responding to 146,492 emergencies with an average response time of seven minutes across Punjab during the month of May 2023.

He said that out of 146,492 emergencies, Rescue responded 34,216 were road traffic accidents, 91,358 medical emergencies, 2,588 fire incidents, 4,035 crime incidents, 103 drowning incidents, 97 structural collapses, 1,256 animal rescue and 12,839 miscellaneous operations in Punjab.

He expressed these views while presiding over monthly review meeting of all District Emergency Officers (DEOs) on zoom

held at Emergency Services Department here.

All Heads of wings of Rescue Headquarters & Emergency Services Academy also attended this meeting.

On this occasion, Provincial Monitoring Cell briefed about monthly emergency statistics.

The meeting was informed that 271 people died in 34216 road accidents in Punjab during the last month. Out of these traffic accidents, the majority of traffic accidents 7726 occurred in Lahore in which 37 people died.

Similarly, 2367 RTCs in Faisalabad, 2239 RTCs in Multan, 2072 in Gujranwala, 1418 in Sheikhpura, and 1359 in Rawalpindi while the remaining 17035 accidents took place in 30 districts of Punjab.

## Police net nine drug peddlers, bootleggers

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi police, in an action against suspected drug peddlers and bootleggers, conducted raids in different areas and rounded up nine accused on recovery of over two kg charras, 43 liters liquor and other items, said a police spokesman on Friday.

He informed that Bani police recovered 1210 grams of charras from the possession of Kamran while Sadiqabad police netted Ehtesham with 300 grams of charras. Wah Cantt police held Mansoor for having 110 grams of charras while Dhamial police netted Usman for carrying 540 grams of charras. Bani police arrested Bilal with 10 liters of liquor, Dawood Masih for having eight liters of liquor, Tahseen for carrying eight liters of liquor and Saif.



LAHORE: Rickshaw union holds a banner during protest in favor of their demands outside Press Club, in Provincial Capital.



## FAO joins hands with MNFS&R to unlock potential of Pak livestock sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) together with Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R) concluded a national workshop in Islamabad to share the findings of the assessment of Pakistan's existing animal disease surveillance system and provide valuable recommendations.

The Workshop was organized under the Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) which aims to improve the animal disease surveillance system and establish a real-time animal disease reporting system in the Pakistan.

The workshop brought together leading experts, officials from federal and provincial livestock departments, and other key stakeholders committed to safeguarding animal health and welfare. The workshop provided a platform to unlock the potential of the livestock industry and promote its development.

Highlighting the importance of a comprehensive regulatory framework alongside the disease surveillance system, Dr Khalid Ashfaq, Animal Husbandry Commissioner said that the

Ministry has developed a draft National Animal Health Act aligned with World Organization for Animal Health guidelines, which will be presented to workshop participants for review and recommendations. Once approved, this will be the first national-level document related to animal health legislation in Pakistan, he added.

FAO Deputy Representative in Pakistan, Farrukh Toiro, during his inaugural remarks, said that there is a huge disparity between livestock sector's potential and the resources allocated

to this sector in Pakistan. To unlock the potential of the sector we need to improve the animal disease surveillance system and establish a real-time animal disease reporting system. Together with MNFS&R and other stakeholders, we aim to address this issue through this TCP.

Emphasizing the importance of the feasibility study which is expected to be completed within the project tenure, Muhammad Afzal, Project Coordinator said that establishing a robust animal disease surveillance system in Pakistan is crucial.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a meeting with a delegation of All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajirana headed by Mr Mohammad Naem Mir at FBR (Hqrs) in Federal Capital.



LAHORE: A delegation of LESCO board members led by Chairman Board of Directors LESCO, Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman, in a group photo with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House Lahore.

## Agriculture revolution imperative to tackle future challenges: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (INP): The minister said the country had immense potential to further progress in the agriculture sector for which research was being promoted to increase the productivity of crops.

Ahsan Iqbal said there existed bright prospects for exporting agricultural commodities and livestock to China and Middle East countries.

"New projects are being launched to promote research and modern technology," he added.

Under the Agriculture Revolution 2.0 initiative, he said the government had planned to achieve self-sufficiency in the agriculture sector and promote exports of its products. "We have to generate billions of dollars in exports from the agricultural sector."

Currently, he said, Pakistan was importing agricultural commodities worth \$10 billion annually.

## PSX gains 63 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 86.22 points on Friday, a change of 0.21 per cent, closing at 41,352.99 points against 41,266.77 points the previous day.

A total of 99,545,856 shares were traded during the day as compared to 99,950,613 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.3,336 billion against Rs. 2,867 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 296 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 146 of them recorded gains and 120 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 30 companies remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were Pak Int. Bulk with 10,345,500 shares at Rs.4.22 per share; WorldCall Telecom with 9,402,238 shares at Rs.1.17 per share and DGG Cement with 8,134,363 shares at Rs.53.81 per share.

## Gold prices up by Rs.4,000 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs4,000 and was sold at Rs233,000 on Friday against its sale at Rs229,000 the previous day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs3,429 to Rs199,760 from Rs196,331 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went up to Rs.183,113 from Rs179,970, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs.2,7500 and Rs.2,357.68 respectively.

## Rupee sheds 29 paise against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee witnessed 29 paise devaluation against the US Dollar (USD) in the interbank trading on Friday as it closed at Rs285.67 against the previous day's closing of Rs 285.38.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market stood at Rs299 and Rs302, respectively. The price of the Euro increased by Rs 2.86 to close at Rs 307.53 against the last day's closing of Rs304.67.

## Governor directs LESCO to resolve problems related to supply of power to consumers

LAHORE: A delegation of LESCO board members led by Chairman Board of Directors LESCO, Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman here today at Governor House Lahore. In the meeting, a detailed briefing was given on the overall performance of LESCO Lahore and the steps taken to provide uninterrupted electricity to the people. Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that serving the people and providing them with basic facilities are among the top priorities of the government. He said that the government is making great efforts to provide relief to the salaried class, and the common people in the budget. He directed the board members to resolve the problems related to the supply of electricity to the consumers. Governor Punjab said that it is responsibility of all the government institutions to ensure timely measures to redress the grievances of

the people. He added that LESCO employees should treat customers with courtesy.

Chairman Board of Directors of LESCO Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman said that so far 5,000 complaints have been redressed. He said that dues of 7 billion rupees from government departments and 26 billion from non-government organizations are pending. He said that they have given instructions to supply electricity to WASA, hospitals and jails despite non-payment of dues. He said that measures have been taken to remedy over-billing. Chinese company will soon supply new digital meters to all users. The legal department of LESCO has been reconstituted to deal with these pending cases quickly, while the defaulting properties will be permanently blacklisted and the electricity supply will remain disconnected until the dues are paid. The chairman said that the construction of workshops in four districts will be completed by the month of September to repair.

## Initiatives implemented to promote IT industry: Amin

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology (IT) and Telecommunication Syed Amin ul Haque on Friday said the initiatives implemented to promote the IT sector, freelancers, and start-ups had made Pakistan a digital hub.

He said this in an address as keynote speaker in a Panel Discussion at Digital Summit, GITEX-23 Morocco in Marrakech the Historic City of Morocco, said a press release.

Syed Amin ul Haque said, "To achieve the target of Digital Pakistan his ministry is working round the clock, and it will drive entrepreneurial innovation, productivity, and economic growth."

The minister said, "The Ministry of IT is working on different projects keeping 2050 in vision." "The purpose of the conference is to inform

about initiatives and various policies including Cyber Security, Freelancers Policy, and Personal Data Protection Bill."

"Pakistan is emerging as an important center of IT where wide opportunities and incentives are available for international investors," he added.

Highlighted the significance of start-ups in Pakistan, the minister said; "It is very well said that the entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity. Since start-ups are centers of novel innovations, they generate jobs, which implies more career opportunities."

"More employment leads to a stronger economy, and a healthier economy has a direct bearing on the growth of cities where the start-ups

locate."

"Pakistan is filled with talented professionals in different fields and start-ups provide them with the right platform to showcase their talent and this ultimately attracts multinational companies to invest in Pakistan."

"National Incubation Center (NIC) across Pakistan are working to boost start-ups and facilitate youth to have their own businesses," he added.

He hailed the efforts of GITEX-Africa organizers to host the mega event and manage to gather all Tech-Leader from across the globe.

The Digital Summit was attended by a number of prominent members from International leaders, entrepreneurs, industrialists, founders of different startups, and other notables from different walks of life.



MULTAN: Labourers unloading sacks of corn and spreading them for drying purposes near Head Muhammad Wala.

## Ambassador-designate stresses steps to enhance trade with Denmark

FAISALABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Denmark Shoaib Sarwar said on Friday that extraordinary steps would have to be taken in consultation with the business community to attract maximum foreign direct investment (FDI) and enhance trade with the country of his appointment.

Addressing the business community at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he acknowledged the economic strength of Faisalabad, particularly in the field of textile, and said it was strange that only one firm was included among the top 50 exporting companies to Denmark. He said probably the FCCI members had not focused on this small country,

which was included among the most developed and economically strong countries with maximum purchasing power. He motivated the exporters to exploit the Danish potential in addition to re-exporting their products to the EU countries. He proposed that an FCCI trade delegation should visit Denmark so that tangible steps could be taken to deepen the footprints of Pakistani textile there. He promised the best possible support and facilitation to the serious exporters intending to enter that market. He also underlined the importance of E-commerce and said that many countries were purchasing cheap Pakistani products and selling those under their own brand names at hefty profit.



MOROCCO: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin ul Haque addressing during GITEX Africa Digital Summit.

## Weekly inflation increases nominally by 0.03 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed a nominal increase of 0.03 per cent for the combined consumption group during the week ended on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

The SPI for the week under review in the above-mentioned group was recorded at 254.13 points as compared to 254.05 points during the past week, according to the PBS data. As compared to the

corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 42.67 per cent.

The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 =100 is covering 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups. The SPI for the lowest consumption group up to Rs17,732, however decreased by 0.06 per cent and went down to 260.57 points from last week's 260.77 points whereas it decreased by 0.10 percent for consumption group.

## Cut in prices of POL products, LPG to control inflation: Mian Zahid

KARACHI (INP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that a remarkable reduction in the prices of petroleum products, cooking oil, flour and LPG will help to control inflation which has crossed 38 percent.

In a statement issued here on Friday, the

business leader said that a reduction of 18 rupees in the value of the dollar in the open market is temporary.

According to government instructions, credit card payments will now be made from interbank instead of open market, as a result of which the demand for dollars will be transferred from open market to interbank and due to the increase in payment pressure, the rate of dollar will increase in interbank.

## 96.6pc wheat procurement target achieved in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): The Food Department has procured 542,000 metric tonnes of wheat against the total target of 560,938 metric tonnes, showing 96.6 per cent achievement.

The wheat procurement targets of 277,000 metric tonnes in two districts Jhang and Chiniot have been achieved while procurement in Faisalabad and Toba Tek Singh is continuing. The details were shared at the deputy commissioner's monthly conference, held in connection with good governance with the divisional commissioner in the chair, here on Friday. It was told during the meeting that farmers were now bringing wheat at procurement centers voluntarily and the remaining target will be achieved soon.

## Pakistan has great potential to develop its economy: Zhao Lijian

BEIJING (INP): Former Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said on Friday that Pakistan as a resilient country has great potential to develop its economy.

Being a time-tested and iron-clad friend, China is always holding the hand of Pakistan firmly.

Given the regional and international challenges, Pakistan is not alone because China is standing by Pakistan to grow and progress together.

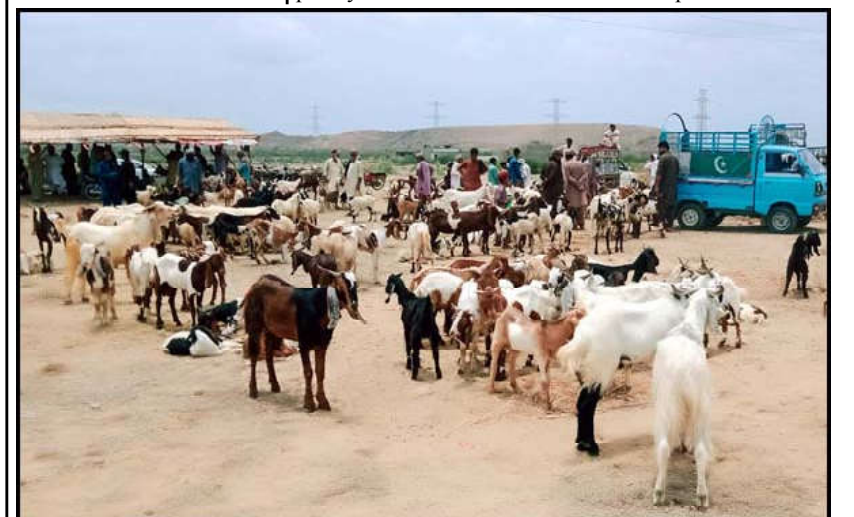
Zhao Lijian made these remarks in a meeting with Foreign Affairs Expert Muhammad Mehdi at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

During the meeting, Mehdi categorically supported the one-China policy.

Mehdi said Pakistan believes that it is the rightful and constitutional principle of the People's Republic of China. Pakistan also endorses China's immaculate and conspicuous stance of China on the South China Sea issue.

Meanwhile, during a dinner organized by a few Chinese parliamentarians in honor of Mehdi, matters of mutual interest to diversify and cement Sino-Pak relations, regional prosperity, peace, and development were discussed.

They also discussed the current status of CPEC and brainstormed multiple ways forward to move CPEC into high gear by spurring up Pakistan-China cooperation.



HUB: Sacrificial animals wait for their buyers at a make-shift sacrificial animals cattle market established for the upcoming festival Eid-ul-Azha, at Raees Goth located on Raees Goth in Hub.

## Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Three ships namely, Vancouver, Rhine and Al-Thakira carrying Containers, Palm Oil and LNG, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Elengy Terminal respectively.

A total of 07 ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships, Vancouver and Nave Aquila left the Port (Berths) on Friday morning on 1<sup>st</sup> June, & two more ships, Serenity Gas and Geneva Queen are expected to sail on Friday. Cargo Throughput during last 24 hours stood at 105,600 tonnes, comprising 87,104 tonnes imports Cargo and 18,496 tonnes export cargo, including containerized cargo carried in 331 Containers (240 TEUs Imports).

## Envoy appreciates ICCI efforts for promoting Pakistan-Ethiopia ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ethiopian Ambassador to Pakistan Jamal Baker Abdullah appreciated the efforts of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari for promoting bilateral relations and starting direct flights between Pakistan and Ethiopia.

The envoy during a visit of the chamber's office also presented a shield of honour to Ahsan Bakhtawari on behalf of his government for rendering "valuable services for the strengthening of relations between Pakistan and Ethiopia, especially for the improvement of trade relations", an ICCI news release said on Friday.

This year, an ICCI

delegation led by its President Ahsan Bakhtawari visited Ethiopia and laid the foundation for efforts to take the relations between the two countries to new heights. Ambassador Jamal Baker Abdullah, in his remarks on the occasion, said steps were being taken by both sides to further improve their trade relations. "We hope that Pakistan and Ethiopia will be the best trade partners in the next few years."

He said his embassy was trying for the visit of Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to Ethiopia soon.

The envoy said restoration of direct flights operation between Pakistan and Ethiopia.



Senator Saifullah Abro, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Power presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House Islamabad.



# China Ukraine envoy urges govt to 'stop sending weapons to the battlefield,' negotiate peace

**Monitoring Desk**  
BEIJING: China's Ukraine envoy called on other governments Friday to "stop sending weapons to the battlefield" and appealed for peace talks at a time when Washington and its European allies are ramping up supplies of missiles and tanks to Ukrainian forces trying to recapture Russian-occupied territory.

Li Hui said Russian and Ukrainian officials were open to peace negotiations, but he gave no indication they were any closer to happening.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping's government says it is neutral and wants to serve as a mediator but has supported Moscow politically. Foreign analysts saw little chance of progress from Li's visits to the countries because neither side is ready to stop fighting, but sending an envoy gave Beijing an opportunity to expand its global diplomatic role. "China believes that if we really want to put an end to war, to save lives and realize peace, it is important for us to stop sending weapons to the battlefield, or else the tensions will only spiral up," Li told reporters.

China is the only major government that has good relations with both Russia and Ukraine and has leverage as one of the biggest export markets for both. Xi's decision to send an envoy was welcomed by the Ukrainian government but prompted questions about China's motives after Beijing declared it had a "no limits" friendship with the Kremlin ahead of the February 2022 invasion. Beijing released a proposed peace plan in February, but Ukraine's allies insisted President Vladimir Putin must first withdraw Russian forces.

"China's goal is promoting peacemaking and a cessation of hostilities," said Li, a former ambassador to Moscow. European governments promised Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy missiles, tanks and drones when he visited Britain, France and Germany in mid-May. Ukraine has received Patriot anti-missile systems from the United States, Germany and the Netherlands. The United States, Spain, Germany and France have pledged a total of 300 tanks.

U.S. President Joe Biden earlier warned Xi of unspecified consequences if Beijing provided arms or military supplies to support Russia's invasion. China is buying more Russian oil and gas, which helps to shore up the Kremlin's export revenue after the United States, Europe and Japan cut off most purchases, but it appears to be avoiding anything that might trigger Western sanctions.

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US calls for UN meeting on North Korea's attempted satellite launch.

# BRICS meet with 'friends' seeking closer ties amid push to expand bloc

**Monitoring Desk**  
CAPE TOWN: Senior officials from more than a dozen countries, including Saudi Arabia and Iran, were in talks on forging closer links with the BRICS bloc of major emerging economies on Friday as it met to deepen ties and position itself as a counterweight to the West.

BRICS, which now consists of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, is considering expanding its membership, and a growing number of countries have expressed interest in joining.

Once viewed as a loose association of disparate emerging economies, BRICS has in recent years taken more concrete shape, driven initially by China and, since the start of the Ukraine war in February 2022, with added impetus from Russia.

In remarks opening Friday's discussions, host South Africa's Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor spoke of the bloc as a champion of the developing world, which she said was abandoned by wealthy states and global institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The world has faltered in cooperation. Developed countries have never met their commitments to the developing world and are trying to shift all responsibility to the global South," Pandor said.

Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, Comoros, Gabon, and Kazakhstan all sent representatives to Cape Town for so-called "Friends of BRICS" talks, an official programme showed.

Egypt, Argentina, Bangladesh, Guinea-Bissau and Indonesia were participating virtually. Other countries echoed Pandor's condemnation of wealthy states. Democratic Republic of Congo's foreign minister said developed countries lacked the political will to promote collective peace and prosperity.

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# Taliban say foreign forces committed 'unaccountable crimes' in Afghanistan

**Monitoring Desk**  
KABUL: The Taliban on Thursday said foreign forces had committed "unaccountable crimes" during the 20-year war in Afghanistan after a former Australian soldier lost a defamation case over reports of executing Afghan civilians.

Taliban administration spokesperson Bilal Karimi said the incidents involved in the Australian court case were a "small part" of the many alleged crimes that took place and that they did not trust any court globally to follow them up.

Ben Roberts-Smith, a former member of Australia's elite Special Air Service Regiment, sued three newspapers for 2018 reports that alleged he was involved in the murders of unarmed prisoners in Afghanistan.

Roberts-Smith denied the allegations and launched a multi-million-dollar defamation case in response.

But after two years of proceedings, Justice Anthony Beskano ruled that the papers had proven the bulk of their allegations to be "substantially true" and dismissed the case against them.

The defendants hailed the verdict as a major victory for media freedom in Australia, where defamation laws are often used to muzzle the press.

But journalist Nick McKenzie said it was also a victory for servicemen who testified against their former comrade and for Afghan victims.

# Blinken says no Ukraine cease-fire without a peace deal that includes Russia's withdrawal

**Monitoring Desk**  
KYIV: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Friday that a cease-fire in the war in Ukraine could not be declared unless it was part of a "just and lasting" peace deal that included Russia's military withdrawal.

Blinken said that "a cease-fire that simply freezes current lines in place" and allowed Russian President Vladimir Putin "to consolidate control over the territory he has seized, and rest, rearm, and reattack — that is not a just and lasting peace."

Russia must also pay a share of Ukraine's reconstruction and be held accountable for launching its full-scale invasion of its neighbor in February 2022, Blinken said in a speech during a visit to Finland, which recently joined NATO and shares a long border with Russia.

Allowing Moscow to keep the one-fifth of Ukrainian territory it had occupied would send the wrong message to Russia and "other would-be aggressors around the world," according to Blinken.

Russia, however, wants any talks to address Ukraine's request to join NATO. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has pushed for the country's membership in the Western military alliance that the Kremlin sees as a threat.

"Naturally, this (issue) will be one of the main irritants and potential problems for many, many years to come," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday.

Blinken said Washington was ready to support peace efforts by other countries, including recent overtures from China and Brazil. But any peace agreement must uphold the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

The United States is a leading Western ally and supplier of arms to Kyiv to help it push back against the Kremlin's forces.



Macron and Scholz urged Kosovo to allow new elections in four northern municipalities.

# Macron, Scholz call for new elections in tense northern Kosovo districts

**Monitoring Desk**  
BULBOACA: France's President Emmanuel Macron and Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Thursday urged Kosovo to allow new elections in four northern municipalities, amid renewed tensions with the area's Serbian population.

In response, Kosovo's President Vjosa Osmani said she had told the European leaders that this would be possible under Kosovo law if the Serbian leadership in Belgrade did not encourage Serbs to boycott the poll.

The European leaders met Osmani and her Serbian counterpart Aleksandar Vucic on the sidelines of the European Political Community summit in Moldova, hoping to head off further unrest in the region after recent clashes. "We have asked the two parties to organise new elections in these four municipalities as soon as possible, with an undertaking from Kosovo with participation in a clear manner on the part of the Serbian side," Macron said.

Kosovo is mainly populated by ethnic Albanians, but the Serbs who make up around six percent of the population have remained largely loyal to Belgrade, especially in the north where they are a majority. Kosovo's ethnic Serb minority boycotted April local elections in the north, allowing ethnic Albanians to take control of local councils despite a turnout of less than 3.5 percent.

# CIA head visited China in May, met counterparts - US official

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: CIA director William Burns visited China last month for talks with Chinese counterparts, a U.S. official said on Friday as the Biden administration seeks to boost communications with Beijing.

"Last month, Director Burns traveled to Beijing where he met with Chinese counterparts and emphasized the importance of maintaining open lines of communication in intelligence channels," the official told Reuters.

The visit by the head of the U.S. intelligence agency, first reported by the Financial Times, comes as President Joe Biden's administration has been pressing to maintain open lines and schedule meetings between various top officials in Washington.

# US sanctions Iranian firm for helping government censor internet

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: The U.S. imposed sanctions on an Iran-based technology firm on Friday for its role in facilitating the Iranian government's censorship of the internet as anti-government protests have swept the country since September.

A firm known as Arvan Cloud, its co-founders Pouya Pirhosseinloo and Farhad Fatemi, and a United Arab Emirates-based firm were all sanctioned for helping to facilitate the Iranian government's attempts to control and censor internet traffic.

Internet disruptions were instituted after home-grown anger over the September death of Masha Amini, an Iranian-Kurdish woman detained by the country's morality police, escalated into large-scale protests. U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control says Arvan Cloud provided interception services for the government, allowing Iranian authorities to control and censor incoming and outgoing traffic and surveil data on the servers. The firm also blocked websites at the request of Iran's Committee to Determine Instances of Criminal Content.

"Free and unrestricted access to information is a fundamental right of all peoples, including in Iran," said Brian E. Nelson, Treasury's under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence. He said the U.S. "is committed to holding accountable those who seek to undermine freedom of expression and suppress dissent."

# Ukraine lifts air raid alerts, says downed more than 30 missiles and drones

**Monitoring Desk**  
KYIV: Ukrainian authorities on Friday lifted air raid alerts across most of the nation, and officials in the capital Kyiv said defences appeared to have shot down more than 30 missiles and drones fired by Russia.

Moscow has launched around 20 separate missile and drone strikes against Ukrainian cities since the start of May.

Kyiv military authorities, writing on Telegram, said Russia had launched drones and cruise missiles at the same time.

"According to preliminary information, more than 30 air targets of various types were detected and destroyed in the airspace over and around Kyiv by air defence forces," they said in a statement.

# US slaps sanctions against Sudan after ceasefire violations

**Monitoring Desk**  
KHARTOUM: The US announced sanctions on Thursday on Sudanese leaders it blamed for the collapse of US and Saudi-brokered ceasefire efforts after shelling and air strikes killed 18 civilians at a Khartoum market.

"We are following through by levying economic sanctions, imposing visa restrictions against actors who are perpetuating the violence," US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said in a statement.

Fighting continued on Thursday, with witnesses reporting "heavy artillery" in north Khartoum, days after the two sides had agreed to extend by five days an initial week-long ceasefire.

In both north and south Khartoum on Wednesday, troops loyal to army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan attacked key bases of the RSF led by commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo.

"Eighteen civilians were killed and 106 wounded" by army artillery fire and aerial bombardments on Wednesday on a market in Khartoum, a committee of human rights lawyers said.

The toll was confirmed by a neighbourhood group that organises aid, which said the situation was "catastrophic" and appealed for medical help and blood donations.

Thursday's action marks the first punitive measures imposed under an executive order signed by US President Joe Biden in May that paved the way for new Sudan-related sanctions amid the fighting.

# India opposition leader Rahul Gandhi takes a dig at Modi over China in US visit

**Monitoring Desk**  
NEW DELHI: Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of relations with China, saying Beijing was "occupying our territory," while also taking a dig at the Hindu nationalist leader over the country's religious polarization.

"The fact of the matter is China is occupying our territory. It's an accepted fact," Gandhi, who belongs to the opposition Congress party, said in remarks at The National Press Club during a visit to Washington.

"It's absolutely unacceptable. Prime Minister seems to believe otherwise."



Brics meet with 'friends' seeking closer ties amid push to expand bloc.

# Russia says US accessed thousands of Apple phones in spy plot

**Monitoring Desk**  
LONDON: Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said on Thursday it had uncovered a US National Security Agency (NSA) plot using previously unknown malware to access specially made so-called backdoor vulnerabilities in Apple phones.

The FSB, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, said that several thousand Apple phones had been infected, including those of domestic Russian subscribers.

The Russian spy agency also said telephones belonging to foreign diplomats based in Russia and the former Soviet Union, including those from Nato members, Israel, Syria and China, had been targeted.

Neither Apple nor the NSA immediately responded to emailed requests for comment outside usual US business hours.

The FSB said the plot showed the close relationship between Apple and the NSA, the US agency responsible for US cryptographic and communications intelligence and security.

"The hidden data collection was carried out through software vulnerabilities in Apple phones."

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# Jordan celebrates wedding of Crown Prince Hussein

**Monitoring Desk**  
AMMAN: The heir to Jordan's throne married amid much fanfare on Thursday, in a glittering ceremony that the country's leaders, long backed by the West as a stabilising influence in a volatile region, hope will reinforce local and global alliances.

The 28-year-old Prince Hussein, named as heir by his father King Abdullah in 2009, tied the knot with Saudi architect Rajwa Al Saif, 29, who hails from a prominent family with links to her country's ruling dynasty.

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# Trump's supporter gets over 4 years' jail after conviction over 2021 Capitol attack

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: Far-right Oath Keepers militant group member Roberto Minuta was sentenced to four and a half years in prison on Thursday after he was convicted of seditious conspiracy and other crimes arising from the Jan 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by then-president Donald Trump's supporters.

"You can feel a way about a government and about the way it's treating its citizens without resorting to violence," US District Judge Amit Mehta said. "That is why you find yourself where you are today."

Minuta's sentencing comes just one week after Mehta sentenced Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes to 18 years in prison following his November conviction for seditious conspiracy and other charges.

Rhodes received the longest prison term handed down to any of the 1,000-plus people charged in the attack that was intended to block Congress from certifying Democrat Joe Biden's election victory over Republican Trump. Minuta, who provided a security detail to Trump ally Roger Stone during political rallies on the day of the attack, entered the Capitol with other Oath Keepers and, according to prosecutors, pushed past police officers while screaming obscene language.

# Hezbollah lashes out at Lebanese judge for alleging group linked with UN peacekeeper's death

**Monitoring Desk**  
BEIRUT: Lebanon's Hezbollah has lashed out at a Lebanese judge for alleging members of the militant group were behind last year's killing of a U.N. peacekeeper, saying the powerful faction "had absolutely no relation to the incident."

The comments by Hezbollah's chief spokesman Mohammed Afif came a day after Lebanon's military tribunal charged five men with the killing of an Irish peacekeeper in Lebanon's south, a stronghold of the Iran-backed group.

# Spike in boats smuggling meth out of Myanmar: UN

**Monitoring Desk**  
BANGKOK: Asian drug trafficking networks are increasingly using sea routes to smuggle methamphetamine out of Myanmar and ramping up ketamine production as they seek to expand their business, the UN said Friday.

Meth from coup-hit Myanmar's northeastern Shan state—the regional epicentre for the drug's production—is being smuggled by boats to avoid tighter patrols on land routes through China and Thailand, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in an annual report.

The border region between Myanmar, Laos and Thailand has long been a hotbed of illegal drug production and trafficking, particularly of meth and opium.

Increased drug patrols in China's southwestern Yunnan province and along Thailand's border with Myanmar led to a drop in meth seizures by Chinese and Thai authorities in 2022 as drug traffickers turned to alternative maritime routes.

"Traffickers have continued to ship large volumes through Laos and northern Thailand, but at the same time they have pushed significant supply through central Myanmar to the Andaman Sea where it seems few were looking," UNODC regional representative Jeremy Douglas said.

The report flagged high volumes of Myanmar-made meth heading into Bangladesh and India.

Health experts say use of the drug can lead to paranoia, hallucinations and violent behaviour and those withdrawing can experience psychosis.

# Aid agencies in Sudan grapple with looting, bureaucracy to deliver relief

**Monitoring Desk**  
CAIRO: Aid workers in Sudan say fierce fighting, rampant looting and reams of red tape are hampering efforts to deliver vital humanitarian supplies to the millions of people who now rely on a relief effort since a conflict erupted in mid-April.

The United Nations estimates 25 million people, or more than half the population, now need help, up from 16 million before the army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) began fighting.

"Often we cannot move because the warehouse is being looted or because it's unsafe for our staff to move, or because for the transporter it's unsafe to go," said Jean-Nicolas Armstrong Dangleser, emergency coordinator for medical aid group MSF.

Truck drivers have sometimes been detained and supplies seized, he said.

The most intense fighting has been in the Khartoum area, one of Africa's biggest urban sprawls with 5 million or more people, but it has spread beyond that, including to Darfur, a region in the far west already racked by years of conflict.

At least eight aid workers are among the hundreds of people killed in nearly seven weeks of fighting. Several ceasefires have been agreed, but they have been routinely violated and talks in Saudi Arabia between the combatants have collapsed.

At least 1.2 million people have been displaced inside Sudan and another 400,000 have fled to neighbouring states.

"It's not just the fighting... it's also the looting, the general state of lawlessness which makes things extremely complicated," said Alyona Synenko, a spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

At least 162 vehicles have been stolen from aid organisations, while 61 offices and 57 warehouses have been looted, an official from U.N. humanitarian agency OCHA said.



U.S. Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division confers with U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca for the Southern District of Mississippi, prior to addressing community leaders in Lexington, Miss., during a stop on the division's civil rights tour.



## Govt approves Rs 1,100b development budget for next fiscal year: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said the government had approved Rs 1,100 billion development budget for the upcoming fiscal year aimed at achieving the required goals of economic growth.

Addressing a news conference here, he said out of the total budget, Rs 950 billion would be utilized under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP 2023-24) and Rs 150 billion under the public-private partnership to execute different development schemes.

Initially, he said, the Finance Ministry had proposed Rs 700 billion for the PSDP 2023-24 which were extremely insufficient. "So we made a written request to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to increase the amount of development budget to achieve the economic growth, and the PM has approved Rs 1,100 bil-

lion development budget." In 2018, the minister said, he had presented a development budget of Rs 1,000 billion, and when the incumbent government came into power last year its size came down to Rs 550 billion. "Now after a period of five years there will be a development budget of Rs 1,100 billion, which reflects our priority for the national development."

Today, he said, the country was facing economic difficulties all because of the failed policies of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government, which during its last year allowed \$ 84 billion import of luxury items and obliged friends for showing artificial growth, but the trade deficit mounted to \$ 50 billion.

"It was the turning point that pushed the country into the severe economic crisis that has eaten away all the foreign exchange reserves," he added.



KARACHI: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing a seminar on "The Role of Federal Insurance Ombudsman in the Development of Insurance Industry" at Governor House.

## President urges insurance companies to expand services in health, agri sectors

KARACHI (APP): President Dr. Arif Alvi, on Friday urged insurance companies to expand their services in health and agriculture sectors and utilise modern technologies for enhancing outreach to masses.

The quantum of insurance sector in national economy was much less than its potential and in comparison to other countries of the region, he noted and stressed upon all the stakeholders to work hard for creating their good will among the public besides

imparting awareness to masses for achieving exponential growth.

The president was addressing a seminar, titled "Role of ombudsman in development of insurance sector" organised by Federal Insurance Ombudsman secretariat here at Sindh Governor House.

Dr. Arif Alvi said that government was providing social safety and assistance through its social safety net, public health services and in shape of compensation in case of natural calamities

and accidents but more initiatives were required to cover the entire population of the country.

He said that health expenditure was a major concern for people particularly the lower income group and there was a vast potential of health insurance services in the country as those services could not only bridge the existing gaps but also be of great value in time of need.

Emphasizing the need of insurance services for agriculture sector, the presi-

dent observed that agriculture was another important sector of economy that was under served in lieu of insurance services and products while progress with regard to provision of agriculture insurance services was sluggish. Rapidly developing information and communication technologies should be utilised to expand the outreach and ensuring the access of masses to the services while doors must be kept open for receiving the complaints and feed back of the public.

## Marriyum says: Pakistan seeks support from Germany for technical training in Film

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Maryam Aurangzeb has said that we want to show the beauty of Pakistan culture and civilization to the entire world through Screen tourism.

Maryam Aurangzeb has apprised German Ambassador about the film and culture policy of the government of Pakistan and the incentives given under the policy. She has said, Film, art and culture can be promoted by cooperation between German and Pakistani educational institutions.

The Federal Minister has appreciated the services of German NGOs GIZ and Hans Seidel foundation in Pakistan.

She has also expressed his gratitude for the German assistance of 18.4 million Euros to the flood victims in Pakistan.

A discussion was held



QUETTA: President Quetta Chamber of Small Industries presents shield to Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Qureshi during his visit to Chamber of Small Industries.

## ANF Balochistan intensifies crackdown on drug smugglers

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) in Balochistan has intensified its crackdown on drug smugglers, leading to a series of successful operations throughout the province in the month of May 2023. These operations resulted in the recovery of a substantial quantity of narcotics and the apprehension of multiple individuals involved in drug trafficking.

During the month, ANF Balochistan conducted a total of 36 operations in various regions of Balochistan, including Dalbandin, Gwadar, Quetta, Chaman, Qilla Abdullah, Pishin, Turbat, Nokundi, Pasi, Panjgur, and the Pak-Afghan border area. As a result of these operations, the ANF seized a staggering amount of illicit substances. The recovered



GWADAR (APP): A desalination plant, established with a Chinese assistance here will be inaugurated on June 30 to provide clean drinking water to the masses.

## Desalination plant in Gwadar to be inaugurated on June 30

GWADAR (APP): The project cost Rs 2 billion which has been financed by the Chinese government would provide clean drinking water for the people.

He said the construction of the desalination plant at the Gwadar port in its final stages.

He said the water supply to Gwadar would be resolved with the operational of the plant to cater needs of the city.

The official said resolving the water issue was top priority of the civic authority and added that steps would be taken to achieve the target to ensure the availability of safe drinking water.

## Four students of seminary drowned at Kambar

LOWER DIR (APP): Four students of a seminary drowned in a stream in Kambar area here on Friday.

According to details, four students of a seminary went to a local stream for bathing but they were swept away by water and drowned.

Their bodies were retrieved by the hectic efforts of locals and rescue workers. The ill-fated boys were identified as Fayaz, Zaid, Abubakkar and Abdur Rehman.

QUETTA: Participants of Pakistan Zindabad Rally expressing solidarity with Pakistan Army



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Sohail ur Rehman Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

## Resolution of business community's issues top budgetary priority: Dar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Friday said the government attached a top priority to addressing the issues of business community for economic growth.

During a meeting with a delegation of All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajirun headed by Mohammad Naeem Mir, the minister said the government would ensure all possible assistance to the business community through introducing a business and people friendly budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

He appreciated the budgetary proposals given by the delegation.

On the occasion, the delegates apprised the min-

## CEC inaugurates new website of ECP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja has inaugurated the new website of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for enhancing transparency, efficiency and public participation in the electoral process.

The friendly interface of the website aimed at providing citizens easy access to the important information, said a news release on Friday.

During the inauguration ceremony, the election commissioner expressed satisfaction over the efforts made by the IT team for the accomplishment of the task.

One of the key features of the new website is its integration with social media platforms which will enable citizens to stay informed and get in touch with ECP through social media platforms.

The ECP termed the initiative an "important milestone" and urged all citizens to use the innovative website of ECP, i.e. www.ecp.gov.pk.

## PDM govt, not our govt: Safdar

LAHORE (Online): PML-N leader Capt (Retd) Safdar has said case should be registered against those who had instituted false case.

Talking to media men in district Kutichery Lahore here Friday he said tragedy is this I am appearing in the court in connection with case since last 6 years. I kept on appearing in accountability court for one year.

He held the practice of instituting false cases should come to end now. I am facing treason case as well. He went on to say "every time this question is asked from me Mian Nawaz Sharif will return to Pakistan when Mian Sahib believes in justice. This is but a PDM government and not our government."

He stated what India could not do, it got it done through its agents.

## NAB raids hospital in Khattak, Mehmood cases

PESHAWAR (Online): National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Peshawar has raided King Abdullah Teaching Hospital in Mansehra to investigate medicine record.

NAB also checked health department record. NAB is investigating annual budgets and medicines purchase record from 2016 to 2023.

Irregularities found in found in initial investigation in purchase of medicines. Equipment was purchased during former chief minister Khyber-PK Pervaiz Khattak tenure.

Investigation is also underway on the recruitment during former chief minister Khyber-PK.

## Kachhi Canal Project likely to be completed in next two months

QUETTA (APP): Rapid construction work is going on Kachhi Canal Extension Project and is likely to be completed in the next few months.

Upon completion, the project would irrigate another 30,000 acres of land in district Dera Bugti, sources told APP.

WAPDA is executing the project and after the completion of the extension, the command area of Kachhi Canal Phase-I will

extend to 102,000 acres.

They said construction work on 40-km main lined canal, allied structures and 32-Km water distribution system has already been completed except at a couple of sites, which was likely to be completed soon.

Kachhi Canal is a significant project to alleviate poverty from backward and remote areas of Balochistan by developing irrigated agriculture and agro-based economy in the province.



QUETTA: DG PDMA Jahanzeb Khan meeting with Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langro

## 19-member AJK ruling parliamentary group reposes full confidence in leadership of PM Anwaar

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): A meeting of AJK ruling parliamentary party's members of the like-minded group was held in the State Metropolis on Friday with Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq in chair.

The group, comprising 19 members, reposed full confidence in the leadership of the Prime Minister.

The participants of the meeting were unanimous on the issue of the expansion of the cabinet and the increasing number of ministers. Addressing the meeting, Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar Haq said that good governance was the hallmark of our government. He said that timely completion of the ongoing development projects and resolving the problems being faced by the ordinary citizens at their doorsteps were his government's top priorities.

He said that the production sector would be given

top priority in the upcoming budget. He said that the bureaucracy has also been asked to propose innovative ideas to make the next budget people-friendly. He said that the people have attached high hopes with the government.

"All possible efforts will be made to meet the people's expectations", he said. "The government is keen to improve education and health sectors", the PM said, adding that concrete steps would be taken to ensure quality education in schools, colleges and universities. "Funds will be allocated to ensure quality treatment facilities to people in all state-owned health care facilities at district and Tehsil level", he said. He said that the members of the assembly should also put forth their suggestions and mark the areas where they consider it necessary to allocate resources for public welfare.



Member Chief Minister Inspection Team Kazim Hussain Jatoi inspecting recruit test of teachers in Uthal

## Two environmental samples tested positive for poliovirus

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Polio Laboratory, National Institute of Health (NIH) has confirmed that two environmental samples collected from the Peshawar district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have tested positive for wild poliovirus.

According to the lab, the wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has been found in sewage samples collected from Naray Khuhwar and Larana collection sites on May 9 and 16 May 16, respectively.

It added the isolated viruses are genetically linked to the virus cluster circulating in the neighbouring Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. Federal Minister for National Health Services

Abdul Qadir Patel has said that the two endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan are united in their fight against polio and both countries will not rest until they eradicate it. "The Pakistan Polio Programme is maintaining a robust surveillance system, which is evident from the prompt detection of the virus in sewage samples recently", he said. "We will continue to hunt and eliminate the virus wherever we find it to protect our children from a disability-causing disease." The minister added that poliovirus on any side of the border is a threat to children everywhere, and parents must continue to ensure that their children under five receive the life-saving polio drops in all campaigns.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Information Mitha Khan Kakar listening problem of elder man

## Security forces kill two active terrorists in Dossali fire exchange

RAWALPINDI (APP): The security forces killed two active terrorists involved in inimical activities against the forces and killing of innocent civilians during an exchange of fire in general area Dossali of North Waziristan District on Thursday.

According to an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release on Friday, the army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location and sealed all possible escape routes.

Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terrorists who remained actively involved in terrorist activities against security forces and killing of innocent citizens, it said.

The sanitization of the area was being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area.

The locals of the area appreciated the operation and expressed their full support to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the area, ISPR said.

## Attempt made to weaken armed forces on May 9, says Mairaj Kakar

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chairman, Pakistan Patriotic Youth, Mairaj Khan Kakar has stated that an attempt was made to weaken armed forces of the country on May 9, 2023 under a pre-planned conspiracy.

He said that Israel and United States of America were involved in the conspiracy hatched against the armed forces. Mairaj Khan Kakar was addressing a press conference here at the Quetta Press Club on Friday afternoon.

The Chairman Pakistan Patriotic Youth on the occasion strongly con-

demned the incidents of violence on May 9. He said that we are not in favour and against any political party, rather Pakistan is dearer to us, he maintained.

He said that those attacked the important buildings and military installations in the violent acts on May 9 did just enmity with the country, so we condemn those involved in it.

Mairaj Khan Kakar demanded that the culprits of May 9 should be taken to task giving punishment to them for their wrongdoings so that no one others do to commit the crime in future.