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PM directs for ensuring complete prevention of human trafficking

Bring all those responsible for human smuggling to justice as soon as possible

ISLAMABAD (APP): the incident, the prime min-Sharif on Wednesday directed Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah to supervise the investigation and formulate necessary legislative proposals regarding the complete prevention of hu-

man trafficking.
He also directed the investigation committee regarding the Greece shipwreck incident to finalize its proceedings and present its report as soon as possible.

A high-level meeting with respect to the Greece boat incident was held here under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shehbaz

Expressing anger over high officials were present

Prime Minister Shehbaz ister questioned why the criminal activities of human smuggling could not be

timely stopped.

He asked why concrete preventive measures were not taken despite repeated happenings of such kind of incidents. The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to bring all those responsible for human smuggling to justice as soon

Federal Ministers Rana Sanaullah, Marriyum Aurangzeb, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Tariq Fatimi, DG FIA, Chief Secretary Azad Jammu and Kashmir and other relevant

in the meeting. On June 14, a boat sank in the Mediterranean Sea near Greece, in which 104 people have been rescued alive, out of which 12 are from Pakistan. So far, a total of 79 bodies have been recovered from the sea.

The meeting was told that the coordination cell established in the Ministry of Interior was working 24 hours, where families of missing persons can contact

The meeting was informed that after the incident, a total of 10 FIRs had been registered while 15 people had been arrested, including the main accused

President Alvi

appoints Justice

Qazi Faez Isa

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on

Wednesday approved the

appointment of Justice

Qazi Faez Isa as the next

will assume office on Sep-

tember 17, 2023, following

the retirement of the incum-

bent Chief Justice of Paki-

stan Justice Umar Ata

Bandial, a President House

justice will reach the age of

superannuation on Septem-

ber 16, 2023, under Article

appointed Justice Qaz

Faez Isa under Article 175

(3) of the Constitution

would also administer the

The president, who

179 of the Constitution.

The incumbent chief

statement said.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa

Chief Justice of Pakistan.

as next CJP



Governor calls for strengthening all institutions to materialize dream of good governance

Malik Abdul Wali Kakar pays homage to police martyrs for sacrifices; says we are living peacefully due to their sacrifices; heirs wouldn't be left alone; vows to provide wholehearted resources to police in future

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stressed that we have to strengthen and make stronger our all institutions to materialize the dream of good governance there.

He said that we are proud of sepoys of police and value their sacrifices a lot. He said that it is because of the sacrifices of martyrs of police that we are living peacefully in our homes. We would never leave the heirs of police

views were expressed by

The Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Commandant PTC, Dr. Farhan Zahid, DIG Police Quetta, Ghulam Azfar Mahesar and other senior police officers were also present

Also attended the passing out parade was by the family members of the police graduates.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor congratulated the police graduates on successful passing out and said that they This and similar other would be entrusted different tasks and responsibilithe Governor while ad- ties at different places, and dressing the 97th passing surely this training would

at the Police Training Center (PTC) on Wednesday

The said that the police officers and jawans have the police of th rendered numerous sacrifices for the province, and it is because of their sacrifices that terrorism could be eliminated and peace was established in the province. He said that no doubt

there is a key role of peace in establishing peace and protection of the life and property of general public. He said that it is our

utmost endeavour to provide wholehearted resources to the police force so that it may continue to play its pivotal role in establishing

He stressed that the police force would have to play more part for sus-



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan chairing a meeting with Tehreek Labaik Pakistan. Minister of State for Interior Abdul Rehman Kanju is also present on the occasion

Govt committed to complete IMF programme: Dar

ebrate 70th birthday of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar said here on Wednesday that the government was committed to complete the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme.

During a meeting with Ambassador of the United States of America to Pakistan, Donald Blome who called on the minister, the minister informed him about the progress on the on-going talks with IMF, according to press statement issued by finance

ministry.

He said Pakistan values the deep rooted historic and durable bilateral

trade fronts.

Dar shared the eco-

growth. He informed the US Ambassador about the government's budgetary measures to reduce the fiscal gap in order to meet its national as well as international financial obligations.

The two sides also exchanged views about areas of common interest and how the existing bilateral relations between the two countries can be enhanced



the United States of America to Pakistan called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar

Balochistan rich in minerals: resources need to be used in better way: Behrooz Regi ISLAMABAD (APP): path of development and

prosperity" he said.

Within the city of

Khartoum, thousands of in-

nocent civilians have fallen

victim to this war, he said

"We need to abandon the

politics of division in Paki-

stan and adopt the path of

brotherhood, tolerance and

dialogue, So that the coun-

try can move on path of de-

velopment and prosperity.

sion, President Islamabad

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry Ahsan Zafar

Bakhtawari said that

Balochistan is the future of

Pakistan. After the comple-

tion of Gwadar Port, Paki-

stan will be able to gain new

importance in the entire re-

gion, this is the reason why

anti-Pakistan forces are ob-

structing the way to bring

peace and tranquility in Balochistan and Gwadar.

Speaking on the occa-

Pakistan's ambassador to Sudan Mir Behrooz Regi has said that Balochistan is a province rich in gold, gas and mineral resources.

He said that by utilizing these resources in a better way, the destiny of Balochistan as well as Pakistan can be changed.

The Ambassador expressed these views yesterday while meeting President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari on the occasion of his visit to the chamber.

He said that the civil war of Sudan is causing the destruction of a very sad and important African

"We need to work together to improve the security situation of Pakistan and take the country on the

States on economic and

KARACHI: Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Foreign Minister cutting cake to cel-

nomic policies and priorities of the government to address the challenging economic environment and set the economy on the path to stability and



PPP has completed all the preparations to give big surprise to government after Eid ul Azha.

Possibility is there that PPP which is annoyed with government has made all preparations to part ways with government.

According to private TV report PPP hopes to get anti Nawaz votes from Punjab.

PPP sources said it has started considering over parting ways with ruling alliance. Following the approval of federal budget PPP is likely to quit ruling coalition.

Ghulam Sarwar, his son, nephew arrested

ISLAMABAD (Online) Former federal minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan has been arrested from Islamabad.

Police have also arrested Mansoor Hayat son of Ghulam Sarwar Khan and his nephew Ammar

Police sources said these three were wanted in May 9 vandalism case and attack on judicial complex.

Protecting Prophet's (PBUH) honour religious duty of every Muslim: Rana Sana The meeting, attended by Minister of State for In-

Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah Khan on Wednesday said it was the religious obligation of every Muslim to protect and uphold the honour of Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). No compromises could

be made on the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) honour as the love for him was deeply embedded in the hearts of Muslims, he said chairing a meeting of the joint committee of the government and Tehreek-e-

Labaik Pakistan (TLP). The minister further said a person who did not believe in the finality of the Prophethood could not be

sures taken to safeguard the honour of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The TLP was represented by Dr Shafiq Amini. Mufti Ameer Al-Azhari and Officials of the minis-

terior Abdul Rehman Kanju

and Secretary Interior Syed

Ali Murtaza, reviewed the

progress made on the mea-

tries of Interior, Foreign Affairs and Information Technology, Federal Investigation Agency, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority, and provincial home departments were also in

NHA completes key link road in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (INP) The National Highway Authority (NHA) has completed the construction of a key link road in Balochistan to reduce distance for Gwadar-bound traffic from Punjab and other northern parts of the country.

According to a recent statement of NHA's Member (West Zone) Shahid Ihsanullah, the Authority has completed work on the 106-kilometre-long Basima-Khuzdar Road (N-30), at a cost of Rs11.7 bil-

Shahid Ihsanullah said that currently, both light and heavy traffic is plying on the road and the Prime Minister will formally inaugurate the highway soon, he said. The road is part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative, he said.

Jawad Khokhar, a senior official at the CPEC Secretariat at the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, told Gwadar Pro that N-30 will reduce over 100 Continued on page 2

PM arrives in Paris to attend New **Global Financing Pact Summit**

PARIS (France) (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday arrived here on an official visit to attend the New Global Financing Pact Summit, on the invitation of French President Emmanuel Ma-

As the prime minister landed at the Paris Airport along with his delegation, he was warmly received by Pakistan's ambassador in France and diplomatic officials, besides senior French government authorities.

Federal ministers Sherry Rehman, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Marriyum Aurangzeb, and Special Assistant to the PM Tariq Fatemi are part of the prime minister's entourage. During the visit, the

prime minister will attend the New Global Financing Pact Summit being hosted by France and participated by heads of state and delegates from over 50 coun-

9-member SC bench to take up pleas against military court trial

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Umar Ata Bandial has constituted a nine-judge bench to take up petitions against the trial of May 9 rioters in military

The chief justice is heading the bench while Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Sardar Tariq, Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Khan Afridi, Justice Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi, and Justice Ayesha Malik are its members.

The petitions have been set for hearing tomorrow (June 22).

Last month, PTI activists took to the streets to vent their spleen over the arrest of Imran Khan in a corruption case. They damaged public property, state assets and sensitive instal-

The rioters stormed

ISLAMABAD (INP): Lahore and Radio Pakistan.. Innocent people lost their lives and riots left a trail of destruction. The government launched a hunt for the culprits in PTI.

> As soon as the decision to try rioters in military court, PTI moved the Supreme Court (SC) against it, calling the decision a 'clear violation' of the constitutional guarantees of due process and fair trial.

> Such trials are highly deprecated internationally and widely considered as falling short of providing fair trial," the petition

It stated, "They constitute a violation of Pakistan's obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) which has been ratified by the country."
It added, "Trial of

thousands of workers of a political party (or a political leader) through such GHQ in Rawalpindi, Corps
Commander House in history of this country.



OUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar giving away shield to Constable Nabi Bakhsh Kurd who got first position 97th Passing Out Parade at Police Training College

PM constitutes AC for revival of national economy

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Shebaz Sharif has constituted Apex Committee (AC) for revival of national

PM himself will head AC. The committee will also include Army chief and

military authorities. Sources said finance minister, minister for planning, defence minister and minister for defence production will also be included

in the committee. Federal minister food security, minister for information technology and min- ment in Pakistan.

ister for petroleum and natural resources will also be part of the committee.

The sources disclosed that the AC will evolve frame work on foreign investment in Pakistan. The committee will also facilitate the countries interested in making investment in Pakistan. Government sources have claimed 5 major countries have shown interest in making heavy investment in Pakistan. Among these countries Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar and Bahrain are ready to make heavy invest-

Minister Home congratulates provincial Govt on preparing "public-friendly" budget

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has congratulated the provincial government for presenting "balanced" budget for the next finan-

cial year 2023-24. In a statement issued here on Wednesday, the Provincial Minister said that the provincial government led by Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo deserves much appreciating on preparing a public-friendly budget.

The Minister Finance Zamarak Khan Achakzai presented a best budget remaining in the available retion.

sources, said Mir Ziaullah Langove adding that low paid employees were given substantial relief in the bud-

In addition to this, spe-

cial steps were also taken to provide relief to the un-

der privileged segments of the society, the Minister Home added. He particularly hailed the decision of provincial government for increasing salaries and pensions of the

government employees and pensioners. With this,

longstanding demand of the employees has been met, he noted with satisfac-

Mitha Kakar terms province's next budget as historic

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister, Mitha Khan Kakar has termed the next financial yeast budget of the province as historic. In an official statement

issued here on Wednesday, the Advisor said that the provincial government under leadership of the Chief Minister Mir Abdul

Quddus Bizenjo has presented a balanced budget remaining in the limited financial resources. He said that the budget

is unprecedented in which several development projects of public welfare have been included. He said that the budget

reflects the Chief Minister's

public friendly vision.



OUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili addressing participants of National Workshop Balochistan-XI

Pak, Iran pledge stronger bonds through pilgrimage, trade cooperation

MAKKAH MUKARMA between the two countries, (APP): Pakistan and Iran have reiterated their resolve to further enhance cooperation in facilitating pilgrims and extending economic cooperation through border trade, aiming to create a seamless and enchanting experience for pilgrims, besides strengthening their economic ties.

In a meeting with Syed Fateh Nawab, the head of the Iranian Hajj Mission in Makkah on Wednesday, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Senator Talha Mehmood, stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the Ziaraat of sacred places in Iran has been sent to the Iranian Embassy in Pakistan through our representative from the Foreign

Talha expressed his utmost desire for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to evolve into a formal agreement, aiming to foster an enriching cultural exchange between the two

Talha voiced his aspi-

which currently takes place through Dubai.

Recognizing the significant potential for bilateral trade, Talha emphasized the importance of establishing regularized channels for commerce between the two

Talha highlighted the importance of Iran's assistance during the 1965 war and stressed the need for a strong partnership to promote the prosperity and progress of both nations. He emphasized the significance of supporting each other in combating economic challenges and diffi-

Reminiscing about his 2007 visit to Iran, Talha emphasized the deep reverence Muslims hold for the religious and sacred places in the country. He revealed his forthcoming plans to lead a delegation on a visit to Iran in the near

Talha emphasized the geographical proximity between Pakistan and Iran, stating that this inherent closeness cannot be altered. ration to formalize and He expressed the belief in streamline the border trade mutual support as neigh-

boring countries and emphasized the need to prioritize assistance in financial matters, including the resolution of issues concerning Iran.

He emphasized his commitment to maintaining a strong collaboration with the top leadership of the State Bank of Pakistan and the Ministry of Finance to facilitate the establishment of a branch of an Iranian bank in Pakistan.

The minister announced the successful accomplishment of his goal to establish an agreement with Iran, aimed at enhancing border trade and fostering economic cooperation between the two nations.

Talha claimed to have successfully accomplished the objective of establishing an agreement with Iran to bolster border trade between the two nations. He mentioned that he

holds a portfolio of Saffron and is actively addressing the issues concerning Afghan refugees. He expressed his acknowledgement and gratitude for Iran's instrumental role in providing assistance to Afghan refugees in Pakistan.



KARACHI: Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Foreign Minister inaugurating the Muhammad Ali Jauhar Football Ground, Lvari.

Zaka Ashraf set to become PCB chief before Eid

to take over the reins of Mustafa Ramday as PCB's asked. Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) stewardship before Eid-ul-Azha as Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) Ehsan Ur Rehman Mazari said on Wednesday that the government did not want to delay his appointment.

Talking to media along with Zaka Ashraf here at a cake-cutting ceremony on the birthday anniversary of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, the minister said that the PCB Election Commissioner would be looking after the affairs of the board till the election of the new PCB chief. "Every effort will be made to hold the elections before Eid. It is clear that Zaka Ashraf will be the new chairman of the board, following its elections," he

on Tuesday in a notification

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Board of Governors (BoG).

According to the minister, the leadership of Pakistan People's Party wanted to see Zaka as the PCB chief. "I had sent the summary to the Prime Minister's House [for Zaka and Ramday's appointment]. I am thankful to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for approving that," he said.

To a question, he said India was politicizing cricket by not allowing its team to visit Pakistan. "India should leave its stubbornness and play cricket in Pakistan. Personally, I believe that if India does not come to Pakistan, then Pakistan should also not visit them. If India chose to play at the neutral venue then Pakistan should also do the

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same," he added. Prime Minister Office "India always plays politics on cricket. If Indian said that the prime minister teams from other disciplines

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I S L A M A B A D had nominated Zaka and can visit Pakistan, then why (APP):Zaka Ashraf is all set Supreme Court advocate not its cricket team," he

> To another question, the minister said that the PCB management committee's term had ended on the night of June 19, and the decisions taken by it after that had no status. Talking on the occasion, Zaka said: "I am deeply grateful to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Co-Chairman of PPP Asif Ali Zardari and IPC minister Ehsan Mazari for repos-

ing trusting in me.' He said the Asia Cup and the World Cup were approaching and his focus would be to prepare the national outfit for those

In response to a question, he said that he was against the hybrid model from day one. He said if the Asian Cricket Council had given rights to PCB to hold the Asia Cup then the entire event should have taken place in Pakistan.

ٹینڈ رنوٹس حقوق وصولی (ویلفیئرسیس)ا کیسائز ڈیوٹی معد نیات

و پہلو چتان کانوں 1 کواریز سے نکالی جانے والی مخلف معدنیات اور بذر لعیرمزک نکای پرمقررہ شیڈول کےمطابق جو کہ تمام معدنیات پر نئے نرخ کےمطابق فی ٹن کے حساب سے لاگو ہے۔ ایکسائز ڈیوٹی کے حقوق وصولی

مقرره مائننگ ایریاز

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گوا در ہتر ب**ت**اور پنگبور کے علا

🗨 انط 🛭 و 🍅 ابط 1. شرائط وضوابط مائنز ليبر ويلفيئراً رگنائزيش بلوچتان واقع سمنگل روژ کوئنه ہے حاصل کی جاسکتی ہیں حکومت بلوچتان بلااظہار دجوہ کی ایک یاتمام پیشکشوں کومسر دکرنے کاحق محفوظ رکھتی ہے۔ (2) بول

یں حصہ لینے والے ہرفر دکومندرجہ بالاعلاقوں کیلئے الگ الگ کال ڈیپازٹ بنام مائیز لیپر ویلفیئر کمشنر بلوچتان ہمراہ لانا ہوگا گغیرکال ڈیپازٹ کےکوئی بھی مختص یو بل میں حصہ نہیں لے سکےگا۔ (3) مجاز میکوں کے ہرکال ڈیپازٹ

کے ہمراہ بینک فیبر کا تصدیقی شوٹیک بابت کال ڈیمازٹ پیش کرنالاز می ہے نیز شوٹیک سے کینیر کوئی بھی کال ڈیمازٹ قامل تبول نہیں ہوگا۔(4) سب سے زیادہ بولی دینے والے کوکل بولی کا %125 لیڈوانس اور %25 قم بطور

بیکورٹی بولی منظور ہونے کے بعدایک ہفتہ کے اعداما عمر آغ ہوگا۔ (5) سب سے زیادہ بولی ادبیے والے کوکل ہو کی کا گڑرے سے اسٹامپ ڈبیوٹی کی ادائیگی کے بعداسٹامپ پیپریرا قرار نامہ تحریر کرنے کے بعد ہا قاعدہ

کسی بھی اوتھ کمشز سے تصدیق کرما ہوگا۔عدم کتیل کی صورت میں ٹھیکڈ سنز دکر کے کال ڈیپازٹ بحق سر کارضہ طرکر لی جائیگ ۔ (6)اگر پہلے نمبر پر بولی دہندہ مندرجہ بالاشرائط کی بھیل 10 دن کے اعدر پورانبیس کر بے و آٹھیر مجاز کو بید

فت حاصل ہے کہ دہ فدکورہ بولی دہندہ کی زرحفانت/کال ڈیمیازٹ بحق سرکار عنبط کر کے ٹھیکہ حاصل کرنے کے لئے دوسر نے غمبر پر بولی دہندہ کومندرجہ بالاشرائط کی بنیاد برٹھیکہ کے لئے دعور آفر) کرےاگر دوسر نے غمبر پر بولی دہندہ

نندرجہ بالاشرا اکھ کی بھیمن نہیں کرے گا تو آفیسر مجاز کو بیتن حاصل ہے کہ دو اس کی جمع شدہ زرصانت/کال ڈیپازٹ بحق سرکار صبط کر کے ٹھیلہ کی دوبارہ نیلا می کرے گا 7) ٹھیکید ارکو گومنٹ کےمقرر کر دو پٹر تر کےمطابق انگونکیس ادا

کرنا ہوگا اوراس بات محکمہ افریکس اوربلوچتان ریگولیٹرری افعار ٹی سے پٹیلیٹ پیش کرے کہ وہ انگم ٹیکس اوربلز الی آراے ٹیکس با قاعد گی ہے ہر ماہ جع کررہا ہے اورباد دہندہ نہیں ہے۔ پٹوٹیلیٹ کے نقول کال ڈیپازٹ کے عمراہ پیش کرنا

ازی ہے ورنہ ابولی میں حصہ لینے کی اجازت نہیں ہوگی۔ (8)محکمہ بذا کے جسٹھیکد ارکے ذمہ مرکاری واجہات واجب الا داہے دہٹھیکد اربولی میں حصہ نہیں لے سکے گا۔ (9) دوسلسل اقساط جمع نہ ہونے کی صورت میں آفیسر مجاز کو

چق حاصل ہے کہ وہ کھکیدار کی تمام جع شدہ قرقم بمدہ سیکورٹی ڈیپازے بحق سرکار ضبط کر کے ٹھیکید منسوخ کردے۔(10) کال ڈیپازے کے ساتھ اصل شاختی کارڈی ٹوٹو کا بی چین کرنا ہوگا۔(11) اس ٹینڈر میں صرف وہ ٹھکید اران

مہ لے سکتے ہیں جو مانیز لیبر ویلفیئرآ گنا مزیش میں رجنر ڈے۔ (12) ٹھکیدار کوا کیسائز ڈیوٹی کے مطے شدہ زخ کو ایک بورڈ پرتجر پر کرے ہر چیک پوسٹ کے قریب نمایاں جگہ پر نصب کرنا ہوگا۔ (13) پے آرڈر پیش کرنے

ی صورت میں تھکیدار کام واضح درج ہونا لازی ہے۔(14) ٹھیکدار کےنما کندے کو بولی دینے کی اجازت نہیں ہوگی۔(15) ٹینڈرفیس میلٹے۔1000روپے (ایک بزارردیے) نا قابل واپسی ہے۔(16) حکومت بلوچشان کی

رف ہے ایکسائز ڈلوٹی کاشرح بزھنے تھنے کی صورت میں فی ٹن کے صاب ہے اضافہ/ کی کر دی جائے گا۔ (17) وہ تھکیداران جنبوں نے سال 23-2022 کے لئے تحدید کی فیس جمینیس کرائی ہیں وہ بولی میں حصہ نہیں لے

Nawaz Sharif seeks opinion from party leaders about date for his return to Pakistan

N Quaid Nawaz Sharif has sought opinion from party leaders in connection with date for his return to Paki-

LONDON (Online): PML-

He has also sought details in respect of the party candidates Soon PML-N will hold

big gathering in London. The majority of PML-N leaders are in favor of landing by Nawaz Sharif in Lahore. The PML-N workers from all over the country will be given task to

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Minister for Interior Rana

Sanaullah on Wednesday

accused the Pakistan

Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) chief

of 'mastermind' of the May

9 incident, demanding his

trial under military courts.

vate television channel.

against security institu-

cases of PTI women lead-

ers or workers found in-

volved in attacking national

institutions particularly se-

curity should be forwarded

Commenting on Nawaz

to military courts.

He was of the view that

"All planning for May

reach Lahore



of May 9 mayhem (PML-N), has made a request to the former prime minister for leading the election campaign.

Rana said Nawaz Sharif should be given relief from the cases filed against him by rival party leaders on fake evidence.

9 was prepared by PTI Chairman himself," said He said political cases filed by rival parties should Rana while talking to a pribe abolished forthwith and added the PML-N, after He said Khadija Shah winning the elections will the PTI activist was moninominate Nawaz Sharif for toring all activities being the country's highest post done by her co-workers of prime minister.

To a question about Dr Aafia Siddiqui, he said allout efforts were being made to bring Dr Aafia back to Pakistan.

It is pertinent to mention here that Aafia Siddiqui was a highly qualified personality born in Pakistan, and facing sentence on dif-Sharif, he said the Pakistan ferent charges made by Muslim League-Nawaz Americans

FIA arrests Pervaiz Elahi again in money laundering case

LAHORE (INP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Wednesday arrested former Punjab chief minister Pervaiz Elahi in the money laundering case.

The FIA team produced Pervaiz Elahi before a court in the district courts of Lahore. The FIA officials de-

manded a 14-day physical

remand of Pervaiz Elahi

from the court It is to be noted here that Pervaiz Elahi had not been released despite bail from a special anti-terrorism court in Lahore.

On Tuesday last, a spe-

cial anti-terrorism court in Lahore had approved the post-arrest bail of PTI Central President Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi in a case pertaining to making illegal appointments.

The court had accepted the bail application of the former Punjab chief minister and former Punjab Assembly secretary coordination Rai Mumtaz in illegal recruitments case in lieu of surety bonds of Rs1 million each

Special Judge Anti-Corruption Ali Raza Awan read out the verdict he had reserved earlier.

Commissioner visits various divisional offices

Independent Report NASEĒRABAD: Commissioner Naseerabad Division Bashir Ahmed Bangulzai along with Additional Commissioner Ali Muhammad Hanbhi had made a surprise visit to various divisional offices in the past few days and the absent employees and officers were strictly instructed that such surprise visit will continue again and if any officials and officers who are found absent will be taken action

against them as per the Keeping the same continuity, Additional Com-

(ویلفیئرسیس) کانیلام عام برائے ایک سال حسب ذیل پروگرام کےمطابق ہوگا۔

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سکتے (18) ٹھیکہ حاصل کرنے کے بعد ٹھیکیدار برقتم کے نفح ونقصان کا خود ذیہ دار ہوگا۔

missioner Naseerahad Al-Muhammad Hanbhi visited various divisional offices on the instructions of Commissioner Naseerabad in which SE Irrigation, Live-

stock, Dairy Farm, Agriculture Engineering, Department of Fisheries Directorate Naseerabad involved. During the visit, the Khuzdar. employees of various departments were found absent. Additional Commissioner Naseerabad Division Ali Muhammad Hanbhi expressed his anger at the absence of the employees and the officers of the relevant

the prevailing laws. Contempt of EC case: **CEC** issues bailable arrest warrants of

departments have been in-

structed to report the ab-

sent employees and take

departmental action against

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry did not appear in contempt of Election Commission (EC) case despite being summoned.

Fawad Ch.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) while issuing bailable arrest warrants of Fawad Chaudhry has ordered him to appear in person on July 06. The contempt of EC

case against Fawad Chaudhry came up for hearing before a 5-member bench of EC presided over by CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja Wednesday. Fawad Chaudhry did not appear despite being summoned.

Counsel for Fawad Chaudhry appeared before EC and requested for adjourning the hearing.

The counsel said IHC has reserved judgment on

CEC said decision has been announced on the matter of election commission show cause notice. We had summoned Fawad Chaudhry in pertoday. Chaudhry has not filed reply so far

PEMRA forms bodies for inclusion of web TVs & OTT content services in broadcast media

ISLAMABAD (APP):The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Wednesday formed committees to ensure inclusion of website televisions (web TVs) and over-the-top (OTT) content services under the ambit of broadcast media

The decision to this effect was taken during the 177th meeting of PEMRA presided over by its Chairman Muhammad Saleem Baig, said a news

The forum also rethe decisions taken by the Authority during 176th

The meeting gave approval to a proposal which was related to issuance of was related to issuance of the company's shares to new directors and shareholders.

It approved necessary amendments in PEMRA (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations 2011 as amended 2022 for notifying new tariffs in the Official Gazette. Amendment in Clause

13(1) of PEMRA Rules 2009 related to the Landing Rights Permission Holder Channels was also accorded approval during the meet-It also approved a proposal for reviewing man-

agement change fee of satellite TV licensees.

FM radio licenses in the merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa of erstwhile FATA through bidding pro-

The forum also approved request of transferring ownership [rights] of satellite TV channel "Herald Entertainment" to M/s Jag Broadcasting System (Pvt.) Ltd from M/s Arora Broadcasting (Pvt.) Ltd.

Moreover, it approved request for change in management of M/s HB Media (Pvt.) Limited (Capital TV) and transfer of the

Usman Qamar wins gold medal in Special Olympics

KARACHI (APP): Usman Qamar of Pakistan won the gold medal in the cycling event of the ongoing 16th Special Olympic World Games being played in Berlin, Germany. Usman Qamar com-

pleted the distance of a 5 km road race in 7 minutes 21.59 seconds. After the great tri-umph, he said "I had pre-pared hard for the World Games and I hoped that I would reach the victory stand but winning the gold medal is a dream come true. And I am also grateful to Special Olympic Pakistan who helped me a lot in my training and preparations".

Usman Oamar who belongs to Islamabad, further said that he has been cycling since 2016 and attended two campuses for the World Games.

Meanwhile, in the javelin men's event of the 16th

NHA completes...

Continued from page 1 kilometres of distance for Gwadar-bound traffic from Punjab and northern parts of Sindh by connecting the Hoshab-Sorab Highway (N-85) in Basima with the Ratódero-Gwadar Motorway (M-8) near

As per the actual plan of CPEC's Western Route, M-8 will connect Ratodero in Sindh with Gwadar. However, M-8 is under construction between Hoshab and Khuzdar; therefore, N-85 currently links Gwadar with Punjab and Sindh. N-85 was already connected with the M-8 through Karachi-Chaman Highway (N-25). However, the vehicles had to ply up to 150 kilometres from Basima to Sorab and then travel back 90 kilometres on N-25 to reach Khuzdar.

Instead, the new road provides a direct link for N-85 with M-8 by diverting traffic from Basima towards Khuzdar, he said, according to Gwadar Pro.

Special Olympic World Games of Athletics, Pakistan's Umair Kayani won the gold medal with a

throw of 38.81 meters, while Umaima Iftikhar of Pakistan won the silver medal with a throw of 10.47 meters in the women's javelin event. The 25-year-old national athlete Umair and keeping this in mind for the World Games, his prepa-Kayani from Wah Cantt ration has been going on for called Commonwealth

Games gold medalist Arshad Nadeem his idol and expressed his desire to earn a name like him.

Umair's Head Coach Irfan Anwar says that Umair has been very skilled in shot-put and javelin throwing since his early days the past two years.



Terrorism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan during High Level Conference on Counter Terrorism on the Thematic Session IV "Strengthening Capacity Building Programmes: Making them fit for Purpose to Meet Resilience Gaps".

Serving of people is motto of PPP in country: Ali Hassan

Balochistan, the leading leaders of Shahwani, MuhammadMengal, Hassani, Palal, Jattak, Jatoi, Kharani tribes joined PPP under the leadership of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) District President Mir Ali Hassan Zehri in border town of Hub.

Leader of Bhutani group and tribal figure Mir Quddus Shahwani, former General Counselor Ghafoor Kharani also joined Pakistan People's Party along with hundreds of his col-On this occasion, Dis-

trict President of Pakistan People's Party Mir Ali Hassan Zehri and others addressed the joining ceremony. Mir Ali Hassan Peoples Party was a

(APP): people-friendly party and serving of people was the motto of Peoples Party.

We are the followers of Bibi Shaheed and our leader is Asif Ali Zardari. This is the reason why conscious people are joining Pakistan Peoples Party in droves, he said. e said that the Bhutani brothers said that we have come from outside, whereas the actual fact is that the Bhutani brothers belong to Sindh Larkana and they have come from outside, we

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri added in his speech that the right to vote was the personal right of every human being; whether they vote for the Pakistan People's Party or not, we Zehri said that Pakistan are serving our people would continue.

are the residents of this



Cancellation of Projects

Tender ID: NG-BSD/PHASE-21/2022/07



• Reference USF Tender having ID: NG-BSD/PHASE-21/2022/07 titled "NOTICE FOR INVITING BIDS FOR PROVISION OF NEXT GENERATION-BROADBAND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (NG-BSD) SERVICES IN 11 NG-BSD MAJOR LOTS & 3 NH&MW Lots:" published on 20th June 22 and uploaded on PPRA and USF websites, it is hereby informed that the following projects, for which bids were scheduled to be received, have been cancelled by the

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5	NG-BSD/Lot60-Gujranwala/2022
6	NG-BSD/Lot61-Upper Kohistan/2022
7	NG-BSD/Lot62-Bahawalnagar-Border/2022
8	NG-BSD/Lot63-Rahim Yar Khan-Border/2022

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NA Speaker launches first-ever **Summer Internship Program**

National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf on Wednesday inaugurated the Summer Internship Program for Young Citizens which aims to offer them a valuable opportunity to gain firsthand experience of the legislative procedures.

During the commemoration of Yom-e-Benazir, the Speaker officially inaugurated the aforementioned Summer Internship Program, emphasizing that democracy necessitates collective efforts by elected parliamentary representatives to foster prosperity.

He further asserted that democracy remains the most effective form of governance, and Pakistan, with its promising youth, is poised to embark on a progressive trajectory.

In emphasizing the importance of connecting

serves as a vital platform where political leaders tirelessly strive to shape the destiny of our nation.

He went on to highlight the relentless struggle and ultimate sacrifice made the late Shaheed Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto for the cause of democracy.

Furthermore, he acknowledged her courageous fight against oppressive forces and her unwavering dedication to challenging dictatorship until her last moments. Additionally, he underscored that it was Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto who bestowed upon our youth the fundamental right to vote.

The NA Speaker also condemned the recent vandalism and desecration of monuments dedicated to the nation's Martyrs. He also emphasized the fact the younger generation that it is impossible for a

stated, "The Parliament doesn't respect its martyrs. He stated that the onus is upon our young generation to preserve the sanctity of Parliament.

While addressing the launching ceremony of the Internship Program, National Assembly Secretary Mr. Tahir Hussain warmly welcomed the Interns. He remarked "Parliament is the house of people and it is fortunate that the youth of this country are getting an opportunity to work at this prestigious institution which will help them to understand democratic systems and the Constitution"

He encouraged the Interns to ask as many questions as they want during the course of their internship as it would help them in better understanding of the Parliament, State and endeavors undertaken by parliamentarians for better ment of the people of Paki



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain in a group photo during the Pakistan Learning Conference organised by the Federal Ministry of FE&PT.

assistance, while another Rs

the stipend is Rs 4000 and

merit list will be available

to actively participate in

ries of Taleemi Wazaif.

to a boy student.

BISP disburses over 13 billion rupees among 1.44 million beneficiaries

ISLAMABAD (APP): 1559, especially arranged Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) disbursed Rs 13.039 billion among 1.448 million families under Benazir Kafaalat Programme during last two

Additionally, 391,765 beneficiary mothers have withdrawn the stipend of Benazir Taleeemi Wazaif.

Benazir Income Support Programme had released the 4th quarterly lished by the BISP. tranche of Benazir Kafaalat cash assistance on Monday.

The amount of the 4th quarterly tranche is Rs 9000 after a 25 percent increase, which was announced by the federal government early this year.

In addition to Benazir Kafaalat cash assistance, Benazir Taleemi Wazaif stipend's installment of January to March is also being disbursed to 6.7 million school going students having at least 70 percent attendance in school who are registered under Benazir Taleemi Wazaif

This time, disburse- Rs 3500 for the female and ment is being made through male students, respectively.

registration of case against Islamabad DC ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Camp sites established throughout the country. Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday instructed the police to regis-The arrangement of disbursement of Stipends ter a case against deputy commissioner through Campsites is to fa-Islamabad Capital Territory cilitate the beneficiaries and (ICT) Irfan Memon and ensure transparency. others for illegally detain-Provision of payment through ATMs of HBL and ing a citizen.

IHC seeks

The court also di-Bank Alfalah will not be rected police to register a available, nor will any payment be made at the POS case against the additional deputy commissioner, Suboutside the campsite estab-Inspector Police Station About Rs 81 billion is being disbursed among nine stable Nadir as per the commillion beneficiaries' fami-

plaint of the citizen. Justice Babar Sattar lies of Benazir Kafaalat cash heard the case filed by a citizen Sherzada into the mat-16 billion is being doled out ter. The court remarked that to the 6.7 million beneficiahow the deputy commissioner could detain a citi-It is important to note

zen forcibly in his office. that at primary level Rs 2000 is paid to a girl stu-The petitioner had dent while Rs 1500 is given adopted the stance that he was detained for four hours at the office of DC ICT, At secondary level, a girl student and a boy stuadding that his mobile dent is paid Rs 3000 and phone was snatched and his chequebook was brought Rs 2500 respectively, while at higher secondary level from his house.

Strict action against smoke emitting vehicles ordered

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police has intensified action against smoke emitting and pressure horns vehicles for the purpose of environmental protection, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Capital City Police Officer Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police have intensified the crackdown against vehicles causing environmental pollution and using pressure horns.

In this regard all Zonal DSPs have been directed to take stern action against vehicles involved in polluting the environment. Mobile squads of Islamabad capital police have been formed to implement the campaign against the smoke-emitting vehicles.

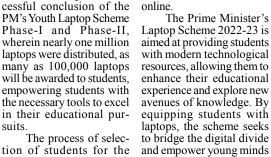
Youth Laptop Scheme ISLAMABAD (Online): multiple stages of scrutiny The Prime Minister's and evaluation. The appli-Youth Laptop Scheme cations submitted by stu-2022-23 has witnessed an dents are first reviewed and overwhelming response verified by the designated from students across Pakifocal persons at their restan, as 652,155 students spective universities/HEIs. of 143 universities have After initial screening, HEC applied to acquire a pergenerates the merit lists from online system. The

652,155 Students of 143

Varsities Apply for PM's

sonal laptop. Following the successful conclusion of the PM's Youth Laptop Scheme Phase-I and Phase-II, wherein nearly one million laptops were distributed, as many as 100,000 laptops will be awarded to students, empowering students with the necessary tools to excel in their educational pur-

The process of selecaward ensures fairness and





ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister Engr. Amir Muqam inaugurating three days book fair.

LAUNCH OF FIRST EVER

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf addressing to the participants of Launch ceremony of internship for O/A Levels Students at Parliament House.

UNHCR, Govt of Pakistan pay tribute to resilience of displaced people

ISLAMABAD (APP): UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency and the Government of Pakistan on Wednesday marked World Refugee Day by paying tribute to the resilience and courage of people who are displaced due to conflict or persecution across the

According to UNHCR's flagship annual people displaced by war, persecution, violence, and human rights abuses stood at a record 108.4 million, up **IHC** instructs

ISLAMABAD (Online):

The Islamabad High Court

(IHC) on Wednesday in-

structed PTI's leaders Shah

Mehmood Qureshi and

Asad Umar to appear in

personal capacity on

Thursday in their bail peti-

tions. The court said that it

couldn't hear the bail peti-

tions of the accused with-

out their appearances as

their bail cases already had

been dismissed by the lower

court. Justice Arbab

Muhammad Tahir heard the

interim bail petitions of

Asad Umar and Shah

Mehmood Qureshi in a case

gest ever increase.

The trend witnessed an increase in displacement in 2023, pushing the global total to an estimated 110 million by May 2023. More than 1 in 74 people world-wide remained forcibly dis-

The number of refugees hosted in Asia and the Pacific region rose from 4.2 million in 2021 to 6.8 milreport, the number of lion by the end of 2022, nearly 20 percent of the global total.

placed

Qureshi, Umar to

appear in bail cases

Over 90 percent of all refugees in the region are 19.1 million from a year hosted in just three counearlier, which was the big-tries, the Islamic Republic

incidents of May 9.

The petitioners had

stated that the police had

registered cases to pressur-

ize and humiliate them,

adding that they were ready

to join the investigation into

the matter. Petitioners' law-

yer Ali Bokhari Advocate

said that Qureshi and Umar

had reached outside the

court premises, adding that

there was a risk of their ar-

rest if they came out from

the vehicle. The court ques-

tioned that whether there

was any precedent when an

accused was given interim

of Iran, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

This year's theme is "Hope away from home" In Islamabad, government officials, heads of diplomatic missions NGOs and UN agencies, partners' staff, and many refugees joined UNHCR in marking World Refugee

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar was the chief guest on the occasion. Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugee Mr. Abbas Khan was also present on the occasion.

Very hot, humid weather expected in most parts of country Station with regard to the

ISLAMABAD (Online): Very hot and humid weather is expected in most parts of the country during the next twelve hours.

However, dust storm is expected in Northeast Balochistan.

Temperature of some major cities recorded this morning: Islamabad

Peshawar twenty-nine degree centigrade, Lahore thirty-one, Karachi thirty, Quetta twenty-five, Gilgit and Murree sixteen and Muzaffarabad twenty-four degree centigrade



Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadoy , Defense Attache Colonel Mehman Ñoyruzoy are cutting the cake along with others, on the occasion of the 105th Anniversary of the Azerbaijan Armed Forces, at Marriot Hotel in Federal Capital.

Embassy of Azerbaijan celebrates Anniversary of Armed Forces

ISLAMABAD (Online): Embassy of Azerbaijan hosted a reception to observer the 105th Anniversary of the Azerbaijan Armed Forces here in a local hotel. Addressing at the ceremony, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, said, 'Azerbaijan celebrate the 105th anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces. Undoubtedly, the peak of the warpath of our National Army during this period is the glorious Vic-

War, Karabakh Victory. There has been no similar Victory in the centuries-old history of our nation"

He said that on June 26, 1918, by the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first regular military unit – the Combined Azerbaijan Corps was created.

The government set the task of creating an army of 25 thousand people. On August 1, 1918, the Ministry of Defense of tory gained in the Patriotic Azerbaijan was established.

Senate body on Cabinet Secretariat meets

ISLAMABAD (Online): Meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat was held at Parliament House on Wednesday with Senator Rana Magbool Ahmad in Chair.

The Chairman Committee delayed the deliberation on "The ToshaKhana (Management and Regulation) Bill, stating that the Government is intending to present the Bill for the regulation of ToshaKhana. Federal Minister for Parliamentarv Affairs MurtazaJaved Abbasi apprised that Government Bill would be tabled in the next Senate Session. In relating to query asked by Senator Danesh Kumar about the number of posts advertised by FPSC

during the last two years along with the names of departments.SenatorDanesh Kumar expressed

unstatisfaction on the details submitted by establishment division and demanded that grade wise details of all gadres should be provided. WaseemMukhtar, Special Secretary Establishment Division, apprised that thirteen Ministries have submitted the details but an appropriate time is needed for submission of all relevant details. In addition to that, Senator Danesh Kumar and Gurdeep Singh also moved a resolution in the House that Government should equally distribute the reserved five percent job quota for minorities among all provinces.

IIUI, Baitul Mal ink MoU

ISLAMABAD (Online): International Islamic University (IIU) and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation under which they will provide financial assistance to needy students of university.

The MoU signing ceremony was held here at the new campus of the univerin which Dr. HathalHomoudAlotaibi, President IIU and Mr. Amir FidaParacha, Managing Director Bait-ul-Mal signed the document. The Bait-ul-Mal shall

provide stipend to the 175 deserving and brilliant undergraduate students and 75 postgraduate students. These students shall be recommended by the univer-

Both sides will jointly hold national and international days such as Universal children day, International women day, Thalassemia day, World blood day and World Aids Day. Baitul-Mal shall also provide internship facilities to the students of IIU.

Amir FidaParacha said on the occasion that Bait ul Mal is keen to provide financial assistance to all the poor without discrimination of cost, creed and race. He said bright students are an asset of the country and they will always remain top priority of Bait ul Mal. He said youth is a key to success and prosperity and we must invest in its education as it will produce best results

Shazia Marri vows to uphold Shaheed BB's mission

ISLAMABAD (APP): perspective to Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Shazia Marri Wednesday said Pakistan People's Party (PPP) will always stand with the people of the country and fight against poverty, inflation and unemployment, following the mission of Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto.

Paying tribute to heed Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto on her 70th birth anniversary, Shazia Marri said, "Her contributions to the restoration of democracy in the country will be remembered for-Addressing a news

conference along with Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Faisal Karim Kundi, the federal minister said that the PPP leadership and its workers have rendered great sacrifices for upholding democratic values in the Benazir Bhutto was

not only the first women Prime Minister of the country but of the entire Muslim Ummah giving a new

country's politics. She took a number of unprecedented initiatives for empowering women in-cluding establishing Women Police Stations, and First Women Bank as well as launching the Lady Health

Workers project.
The Ghazi Barotha and Neelum Power Projects were also launched in her tenure of electricity genera-

The federal minister said that oil and gas production increased during the tenure of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto while Pakistan's relations with foreign countries were also significantly improved.

Referring to the Thar Coal project which Shaheed Benazir Bhutto once termed as 'black gold', Shazia Marri said that the Thar coal project is now the biggest cheap source of generating electricity for the country.

Being a woman, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto never considered herself weak but changed the dynamics of politics by empowering women in the



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) Ehsan Ur Rehman Mazari along with PCB Board of Governor member Zaka Ashraf cutting cake on the birthday anniversary of Former Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed at IPC Ministry.

Media plays important role in creating awareness among masses: Muqam

ISLAMABAD (APP): the present government Adviser to Prime Minister was committed to promoton Political, Public Affairs, ing Urdu language and tak-National Heritage and Culture, Engineer Amir Muqam Wednesday lauding the role of media said that the forum was playing important role in creating awareness among the masses about racy; and raising voice public issues and promoting the national narrative.

Addressing 2nd One Day International Urdu Journalism Conference titled 'Seventy-Five Years of Urdu Journalism' organized by National Language Promotion Department (NLPD), the adviser highighted the role of Urdu journalism in the freedom movement and stability of Pakistan and adding that Urdu Journalists had rendered great sacrifices for the sake of the country and democracy. Besides others, Fed-

eral Secretary National Heritage and Culture Fareena Mazhar, wellknown literary figure Iftikhar Arif, Senior Journalist Mujibur Rehman Shami, Hafeezullah Niazi, Ishfaq Hussain and Farhat present on the occasion.

ing all possible measures at all levels in that regard. He said that Urdu jour-

nalism had played an important role in protecting human rights and democagainst economic injustices in the country. The adviser said that one person had divided the

nation, adding that PTI's narrative was anti-nationalism and anti-people. He said that PTI protestors set Jinnah House and Radio Pakistan building on fire and destroyed

other public properties on May 9 He said that no patriotic person could be involved to burnt the Jinnah House

The adviser termed the budget presented by the federal government as very balanced and peoplefriendly.

He said that despite the challenging economic conditions, the coalition government had prepared and presented the budget Ullah Babar were also keeping in view the welfare of the poor and salaried Amir Muqam said that class was commendable.

ICP crackdown on illegal immigrants, ensuring enhanced security measures **Independent Report**

residents, has witnessed a ISLAMABAD: Islamabad collaborative effort by varicapital police is intensify- ous police stations. Notable ing its efforts to tackle the among these are the Police



issue of immigrants residing illegally in the federal capital, as part of an ongoing special security operation. Under the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer, Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the operation has resulted in the registration of 04 cases against 94 Afghan nationals, in accordance with the provisions of the 14 Foreign Act.

The operation, aimed at maintaining the security and well-being of the city's Station Sabzi Mandi, dustrial Area, Noon and Police Station Bhara Kahu. The proactive ap-

proach of the Islamabad capital police demonstrates its commitment to safeguarding the peace and protecting the life and property of its citizens.

The Islamabad Capital City Police Officer Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan emphasized that the operation would continue throughout different areas of the dis-

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Thriving racket

All sound and fury signifying nothing. That, in a nutshell, is how best to describe the storm of condemnation by the government and the anti-human ment and the anti-human nience that brought the smuggling operations taking place in the country, thousands place in the country, thousands a common adversary. The of miles from the watery grave removal of the PTI governwhere so many, possibly hundreds, of Pakistanis met their deaths last week.

The FIA has swung into action and several traffickers allegedly involved in human Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's smuggling have been arrested led government at a public in the country.

Yesterday, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah promised that the investigation into the catastrophe that struck the overloaded fishing trawler off the Greek coast would be completed within a week.

The ill-fated vessel was carrying at least 800 people, including reportedly 400 Pakistanis, when it capsized in the Mediterranean Sea. Only 104 people are known to have survived, with virtually no chance of finding more survivors. Bodies of around 80 have been retrieved from the water, as anguished relatives wait for news, hoping at the very least for a chance to provide a burial for hicle parked on the side of their loved ones. Unfortunately, it is only the scale of the latest light tragedy that has sparked this flurry of activity, the need to be seen as doing something. Human smuggling is a national shame, with thousands of desperate Pakistanis every year tension of calling it the Narisking life and limb and their hard-earned money to reach that was just a rebranding Europe for a chance at a better exercise by the incoming PDM government last year. future. Some undertake to go to their chosen destinations via start on the SNC in August Balochistan, Iran and Turkiye. in August 2025, these same Suffering hunger and thirst, students will continue on to become the first to go the SNC is that its scope dodging bullets from border through the SNC's grades was too narrow. Boards of depth that we can expect patrols, many die on the way; some are kidnapped for ransom by criminal gangs in Iran and Turkiye. Another means of illegal passage is the 'Libyan route' which entails crossing the Mediterranean under incredibly dangerous and squalid circumstances.

And all this happens under the very nose of the authorities: the various routes and It is being called the worst modus operandi have even migrant boat disaster in the been reported on ad nauseam ago, a migrant boat carryin the media. For, while it is an ing up to 750 people, 400 of them said to be Pakiorganised crime on a global stanis, started to have scale, every 'national' compo- trouble with its engine. Afnent of migrant smuggling is ter three days of being stranded, the boat capsized sustained by an elaborate network with multiple stakeholders. Traffickers are but one aspect of this lucrative criminal racket whose tentacles extend into the highest corridors of power. And yet, when has anyone of consequence been place off the shores of charged, let alone been pun- Greece. ished, for complicity? And it is that ruling elite of this country that is responsible for collectively creating such a loss of hope that it is driving young to find out whether their people out of Pakistan on treacherous journeys towards deed dead, their journey to greener pastures, no matter la better life having, ironithe hellish experiences they must endure to reach them.

Consider that on the trawler that capsized in the Mediterra- | treated worse than the other nean last week, the Pakistanis were reportedly forced to occupy the hold — the most dansolutely disgusting and fetid conditions and their gerous part of the vessel — and I travel documents like passsingled out for maltreatment. Unless every aspect of this racket is stamped out, human smuggling from Pakistan will crease in the number of continue to thrive.

Cracks in the coalition



Zahid Hussain

They have been strange bedfellows from the outset. It was a marriage of convement was a job half done. They stayed together to ensure the dismemberment of the archenemy.

With the mission almost completed, the cracks in this uneasy relationship are becoming tangible. outburst against the Sharifrally the other day was a testimony of the growing

The PPP leader, who is also foreign minister, didn't mince words when he warned that his party would not vote on the budget if its demands were not for the forthcoming elec-

met. The response from a senior PML-N federal minister was equally blunt.

That particular issue may have been resolved, with the prime minister vielding to the PPP demand for greater budgetary allocation for Sindh's flood-affected areas. But the fault lines in the alliance are now apparent in this changing political maze. Despite being a crucial partner in the coalition government, the PPP has craftily distanced itself from the unpopular policies of the Sharif admin-In fact, it has been tac-

itly critical of the finance minister's disastrous economic management for some time now. Party leaders have openly voiced their concern about rising inflation and financial mismanagement. At the same time, the party has jealously guarded its ministerial domain, particularly in foreign affairs. The shifting sands of

politics in the aftermath of the May 9 incident and the virtual disintegration of the PTI seems to have further sharpened the contradictions within the alliance, with each party gearing up

The PPP is not a part of the multiparty Pakistan Democratic Movement. The party had quit the motley alliance a few months after its formation in 2020, following a bitter guarrel over policy with the PML-N. But an agreement over a vote of no-confidence against the Imran Khan government brought the two rivals together.

Perhaps a nudge from the security establishment also helped bridge the differences. The plan worked. The PPP grudgingly accepted playing second fiddle to the PML-N in the coalition government. There was no option for a parting of ways yet, with the PTI juggernaut threatening to destroy the entire Not surprisingly, the

coalition worked smoothly in the face of the challenge arising from Imran Khan's populist politics. But the political scenario has completely transformed in the past few weeks, with the PTI buckling under the security agencies' massive crackdown. The establishment has struck hard after the May 9 attacks on mili-

tary installations, triggering

the process of dismantling a powerful adversary.

Although there is no indication yet of the PTI's diminishing mass support, the forced exodus of senior members and party electables has certainly dented its electoral prospects, sharpening the battle for Punjab. While the PML-N sees an opportunity to regain its electoral support in the heartland, the PPP is trying to take advantage of the emerging political dynamics.

Asif Zardari camped for weeks in Lahore to collect some of the crumbs falling from the PTI's dismantling process. He may have succeeded in grabbing some PTI defectors from south Punjab, but the party failed to make any breakthrough in central Punjab and the G.T. Road belt. Undoubtedly, the PML-N will be the main beneficiary of the PTI's crumbling and the possible disqualification of Îmran Khan.

But the formation of the Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party led by Jahangir Tareen as part of the ongoing political re-engineering has brought a new and significant element into the power game. The party, which presumably has the blessings of the ubiquitous security establishment, largely comprises PTI defectors, mostly from Punjab.

The development seems to have spoiled the PPP's effort to woo the electables. Some PML-N leaders have indicated that there is a possibility of an accord on seat arrangement with the new actor in the

The game, though, is far from over, with Khan holding his ground. That may be the reason why the government is not risking the holding of elections within the stipulated timeframe. The government is also reportedly thinking about imposing an economic emergency that may give it constitutional cover for extending the term of the current National Assembly by at least six months. But any such move will require the approval of the apex court.

Meanwhile, the stage seems to be set for the return of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif following the passage of two laws by parliament. While one of the new laws allows the PML-N supreme leader to

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file a review petition on his conviction by the Supreme Court, the second would reduce his lifetime disqualification to five years, which is about to be completed

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Although the PML-N supremo is virtually running both government and party affairs from London, his return will help restore some confidence to the party leadership. But it is still not clear whether he would be able to mobilise mass support in the changing political and social environment.

One of the reasons why the party is failing to mobilise the youth is the reluctance of the party leadership to introduce changes. Instead, family control over the party has been further strengthened.

The top party positions are dominated by Sharif family members or their henchmen. The recent party convention that was supposed to elect party officials defied even the pretence of democratic practice. Members of the Sharif family were returned unopposed to the top party positions. -- Cour-



Dr Ayesha Razzaque

I was on a road trip to the northern areas with friends. We were at a rest stop, our black off-road utility vethe road, its tinted windows glistening in the sun-

I was drinking Kool-Aid when I received a copy of the official notification bearing the news that the Single National Curriculum (SNC) for grades 9-12 has been finalized – I am going to dispense with the pretional Curriculum of Pakistan, or the NCP, because

2024. The following year,

10 and 12

Over the last few years, educationists and concerned citizens have been vocal in pointing out problems in the SNC and its roll-out strategy. The talk of a 'single school system' that was initially part of it and the insistence on subjecting private schools to the SNC have both fallen by the wayside since then. Nevertheless, over five years and two successive governments, the SNC project has continued to roll on. With this most recent announcement for high school grades 9 to 12 beginning next year, the SNC project is almost complete.

As I was standing there reading the notification, a light went on in my head! Maybe we have been looking at the SNC all wrong. Maybe the SNC's mind-numbing mediocrity is in fact the drug that young adults will need to cope with a life in a brutalized society where hyper-religious exhibitionism is the norm and they will gradu-Grades 9 and 11 will ate into a workforce and a tanked economy.

Apropos economy, going forward

Secondary and Intermediate Education offer around three dozen different subjects at the high-school level. The scope of the SNC exercise encompasses only nine subjects (English, Urdu, Islamiat, Pakistan Studies, Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics. Chemistry, and Biology).

altering benefits. The SNC's able captains and stewards may also consider folding the subjects of Economics with Islamivat into one, ever since our present finance minister publicly announced that this country's economy is run by God (Geo News, "Dar says Allah responsible for

This deprives students of

the other two-dozen-or-so

subjects of the SNC's mind-

I want to be thorough in my praise, so I went through the final versions of the SNC specifications of grades 9 to 12.

Pakistan's prosperity, development," January 27,

All subject curricula now have elaborate lists of learning outcomes attached to them. The benchmarks accompanying them give the reader a good picture of the topical coverage and

to see in the textbooks that should be developed over the course of the next 12

When it comes to Mathematics, I am happy to report that the SNC specification was like a trip down memory lane. I think everything looked a lot like I remember from high school in the 90s. I found it very comforting. Chemistry was much

the same way. The only way I can think of improving on it is by following India's example and removing mention of the periodic table from the curriculum (Nature, "India cuts periodic table and evolution from school textbooks – experts are baffled", May 31, 2023). Something worth considering. While the Physics

SNC retains its 30-yearold charm (and contents). my sole concern is with the addition of some new contents about subatomic particles beyond electrons. protons, and neutrons. It burdensome. After all when was the last time you interviewed for a government job and someone asked you what your favorite flavor of quark is?

SNC document. I am happy to report that large parts of it, entire paragraphs, are lifted from a patchwork of internet sources, clocking in at a solid 46 per cent on Turnitin. Why write something original, why reinvent the wheel in the age of search engines and

If there is one thing you need to know to survive and succeed in Pakistani society it is to master Islamiat through 12 years of school and beyond. I appreciate the significant bulking up of its contents under the SNC because it will serve us well should alien powers decide to put their thumb on the scale in favour of rightwing religious outfits in future elections. After all. it was Benjamin Franklin who said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing

ChatGPT?

The stated learning graders will graduate under the SNC, they will do so as native English speakers. My only wish is we could te flavor of quark is? have their teachers go to good idea. -- Courtesy For Biology I relied high school again as well. I TheNews

look forward to seeing education departments providing schools with the teachers and other resources necessary to deliver such outstanding learning outcomes

Outside of the SNC specification for English, I have been informed that a message has been conveyed to the relevant champions of the SNC to ensure that the curriculum promotes traditional family values. I believe that means there shall be no acknowledgment of the existence of widows/ widowers, divorced/remarried parents, single parents. adoptions, since these do not exist in our society, as we have already seen in the SNC for primary grades. The Computer Science SNC promises to have 9th graders, many of whom will not have ever had a computer at the schools they will come from much less used one, making webpages in HTML. CSS, and Javascript. All other current outcomes for English have buzzwords (AI, Machine is clearly unnecessarily me firmly believing that by learning, data science, NLP burdensome. After all, 2026, when the first 12th robotics, speech recognition, IoT, Blockchain, and cloud computing) are covered before the end of grade 10 so that all sounds like a

Boats of doom

Greek version of the story

which holds that the boat

was on course to Italy was

being questioned. A BBC



Mediterranean Sea. A week rescued. Among the survivors were only 12 Paki-

The boat smugglers who run these migrant boats had promised its passengers passage from Libya to Italy. The accident took

In the hours after news of the boat disaster spread, relatives of the Egyptians, Syrians and Pakistanis, and possibly other nationalities, on board gathered in Kalamata in Greece relatives had lived or died. Most of course, were incally, taken their own life.

Pakistanis reporting on the boat disaster have emphasised how the Pakistanis on the boat were passengers by the Egyptian boat operators. They were kept below the deck in abports etc, were taken away.

According to Yiva Johansson, the EU commissioner for home affairs, there has been a 600 per cent inthese boats running the Mediterranean passage.

The majority, it seems, have little hope of actually accomplishing their goal of getting people safely to the EU countries where they want to go to live a better life. As Johansson puts it the passengers are being sent "to their deaths". On Monday, a few days after the accident, the

report looked at tracking data from passing ships to see the boat's location. They found that the Greek narrative which held that the Greek coastguard did not assist the ship because the boat was on a steady course to Italy may not be true. The boat was actually stationary for several hours near the Greek coast — giving plenty of time to the coastguard to and shivering hawking trinassist it. Was it, then, Greece that was the boat's destination?

The issue of Greek or Italian or any other European nation failing to rescue migrants has become normalised in recent years. Again and again, there are absolutely heartrending stories of migrants taking extreme risks to get to the European Union because they believe that they will have a better life in Europe. This idea itself requires some questioning given the dire economic situation in many European countries.

Greece and Italy, for instance, are both in economic decline, with rising unemployment in the post-Covid era. In the case of this particular boat catastrophe, nine Egyptian men, allegedly the smugglers who ran the boat, have appeared in court. Institutions such as the Greek, or in other cases the Italian, coastguard have, as per usual, escaped accountability even as the United Nations has called the efforts at saving migrant

boats dismal In Pakistan itself, people need to be better educated about the actual

opportunities available to them in the EU. The gradual decline in employment opportunities available in Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Gulf in general, all of which are trying to transition to more locally staffed workforces, are one reason that more and more Pakistanis have been found travelling on migrant boats. This is exactly why a

public information campaign that underscores not only the extreme risks that these boats represent but also the life that awaits them even if they do get to Europe is a desperate need. As anyone who has travelled to the EU can attest, migrants who make it are either sequestered in horrendous conditions in filthy refugee camps (such as the one on the Italian island of Lampedusa) or seen cold kets at tourist sites. The risk is far greater than the reward of getting to the EU

As artificial intelligence and remote work gets more integrated into the workforce, developed industrialised democracies in EU and also the UK and US are going to decline further. In other words, all of these countries are looking at the impending employment crises particularly in the low-skilled sector.

Already, stores have stopped hiring cashiers and shelf stockers because these jobs have become automated. Soon jobs that do not require much local context information, such as computer programming, data sciences etc, are also going to end up in countries that can provide these services at the lowest cost.

Developed economies are aware of this and of the fact that low-skilled workers will become redundant first. This is going to require these wealthier countries to institute some sorts of benefits such as a universal basic income so that the poor in their countries can survive. -- Courtesy Dawn

Man of conscience



Mahir Ali

On Sunday, June 13, 1971, the New York Times carried a groundbreaking report across three columns at the top of its front page under a rather mundane headline, Vietnam Archive: Pentagon Study Traces 3 Decades of Growing US Involvement'. It was a live bombshell dressed up as history, with several inside pages devoted to the topic.

It landed with a dull thud. Initially, there was almost no reaction. Then the Nixon White House stepped in. A telex from the attorney-general, John Mitchell, ordered the NYT to desist. The newspaper responded defiantly, and published more the following day. Mitchell took the matter to court and obtained an injunction. Right away, other newspapers, beginning with the Washington Post, began publishing rep-orts based on the same study. Within days the NYT, backed by its rival the Post, took the matter to the supreme court, which ruled that "prior restraint" was unconstitutional under the First

Amendment. The majority decision upheld free speech but did not protect the papers, let alone their source, from prosecution. The study, which became known as the Pentagon Papers, had been commissioned in 1967 by Robert McNamara, defence secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. It laid bare the extent of US involvement in Vietnam going back to 1945, and left no doubt that successive presidents had consistently

lied to the public about their nation's obnoxious role in

Daniel Ellsberg, the

Indochina. Rand Corporation consultant who had contributed to the study and eventually

decided to publicise it, was once a gung-ho cold warrior whose mind was changed by the two years he spent in South Vietnam in the mid-1960s. He realised not only that the war could not be won, but also that it was wrong. As he put it in the 1974 documentary Hearts and Minds, it's not just that the US was on the wrong side, but rather "we are the wrong side". Ellsberg, who died last

Friday at 92, was a dedicated antiwar activist even before the Pentagon Papers were publicised, alongside the likes of the late historian Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky. It was in fact a speech by a draft resister who faced imprisonment that persuaded Ellsberg to reveal the secrets of which he had gathered intimate knowledge. After offering the documents he had copied to a number of senators - some of whom, notably foreign affairs committee chair William Fulbright, promised to hold hearings but went quiet — Ellsberg eventually offered the information to NYT reporter Neil Sheehan.

It was months before the NYT published anything — on the very night, it turned out, that Ellsberg, a movie buff, watched for the first time what became his favourite film, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. He expected to spend the rest of his life in prison, but considered the sacrifice worthwhile if it helped to halt the war in Vietnam. He became the first civilian to be charged under the Espionage Act 50 years ago and faced a 125-year sentence. He escaped it thanks to the Nixon administration's overkill. Its operatives tried to burgle the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist, hoping to embarrass him, but found noth-

ing that could help them. There were also efforts to debilitate or even assassinate Ellsberg.

were caught out du--ring

their Watergate operations,

The same operatives

and eventually served time, as did Mitchell and the Nixon aide John Ehrlichman, who, mid-trial, offered Ellsberg's trial judge the post of FBI director. The judge was obliged to declare a mistrial. Ellsberg was arrested do---zens of times in succeeding years as an antinuclear activist, with his book The Do--oms--day Machine offering a reminder of how close the world had come — and remained — to the ultimate catastrophe. At 90, he also reiterated his knowledge of American plans for a nuclear first strike during the 1958 Taiwan Strait crisis. The possibility of that particular confrontation remains alive today. In his latter years, Ellsberg was a vociferous defender of fellow whistleblowers such as Edward Snowden, Chelsea Manning and Julian Assange and recognised Afghanistan and Iraq as symptoms of his failure as a dedicated truth-teller to thwart the US imperialist enterprise. He was also an admirer of Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and, above all, Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg. His monumental legacy will endure, unlike — hopefully — the American empire. A single column on the far right of the NYT front page mentioned at the outset is head-

lined 'US urges Indians and Pakistanis to use restraint' By then, West Pakistani forces were busy creating their own Vietnam. And the Nixon administration's response doesn't sound very different from how the Biden White House responds to Israeli transgressions against human rights. From America to Pakistan and far beyond, the world would benefit from a lot more Daniel Ellsbergs. --Courtesy Dawn

Independent Report

AHORE: Vice Chancellor

of Government College Women University Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Rubina

Farooq and former Vice

Chancellor of Arid Agricul-

Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Rai

Niaz Ahmad called on Gov-

ernor Punjab Muhammad

Balighur Řahman at Gov-

were discussed.

ernor House Lahore, here

University,



PESHAWAR: A representative delegation of All Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Goods Transport Union meeting with Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali and Chief Minister Muhammad Azam Khan.

CM Punjab expresses annoyance over poor arrangements at BBH

Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi paid a surprise visit to Benazir Bhutto Hospital last night and expressed annoyance over poor arrangements at the hospital.

During his visit, the CM in detail inspected various sections of the hospital and found that air conditioners were shut down in several wards while the X-ray facility was also missing at the hospital.

Some doctors and staff were also found absent

Naqvi expressed strong displeasure over the treatment of patients on stretchers in

On the occasion, the patients complained to the CM that medicines were not available in the hospital and they were forced to buy medicines from outside the hospital.

The Caretaker CM assured the complainants that their concerns would be resolved and stern action would be taken against the negligent staff.



LAHORE: Vice Chancellor Government College Women University Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Rubina Farooq meeting with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman at Governor House.

Dr Jamal directs to expedite anti-dengue surveillance

RAWALPINDI (APP): Caretaker Provincial Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Punjab Dr Jamal Nasir on Wednesday directed the relevant officials to expedite antidengue surveillance to com-

Presiding over a meeting along with Commissioner Rawalpindi Division

Rawalpindi district.

The officials f Liaqat Ali Chatha to review anti-dengue arrangements, the minister directed the relevant officials to implement anti-dengue Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in letter and spirit.

He directed all the relevant departments to utilize all resources to eliminate dengue mosquitoes, as the prevailing weather was suitable for breeding larvae.

Dr Jamal directed the concerned to remove stagnant water in graveyards and other public places to stop mosquitoes from breeding after rain and submerged water and warned that no negligence would be toler-

ated in any arrangements.

He asked the district administration to arrange seminars and walks for creating awareness against

dengue and check the hotspots regularly.

On the occasion, the health officials briefed the meeting that that ten dengue-positive cases had been reported in the Rawalpindi district this year, while there were around 150 positive hotspots in the

The officials further briefed that 150 FIRs while 24 people had been arrested over the violations of the SOPs in the district.

Similarly, the meeting was briefed that there were 1,667 hotspots in district Jehlum and 173 FIRs had been registered against the violators. In district Chakwal the number of positive hotspots was 1,166 and 877 in Attock.

D e p u t y Commissioner(DC) Hasan Wagar Cheema, Director General (DG) RDA Saif Anwar Jappa, Vice-Chancellor (VC) Rawalpindi Medical University Dr Umer, and others participated while Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of Attock, Jehlum, Chakwal attended the meeting

through video link.



GUJRANWALA: People are performing Yoga exercises to keep them fit on the occasion of International Day of Yoga, at Cricket Ground in Gujranwala.

83 drug dealers arrested with 195kg narcotics in Vehari: DPO Esa Khan

BUREWALA (APP): Dis- the area. Giving details, he trict Police Officer (DPO) Muhammad Esa Khan Sukhera said on Wednesday that police has traced out a big narcotics network in district Vehari during anticrime operations carried out in just six days, 83 drug dealers arrested with 195 kilogram of narcotics.

Addressing a hurriedly called press conference in Vehari, DPO Sukhera said that 130 KG of Hashish, 31kg of Haroin, 22kg hemp leaf and 12kg opium were recovered from the drugs dealers besides 1137 litres of alcohol from 22 bootleggers during operations carried out, police spokesman said. Sukhera said, he had promised to eliminate narcotics within 30 days, however, police achieved the breakthrough within a week with the arrest of big fish in narcotics trade and many others had to leave

said that Sadar police Burewala arrested six drug dealers and recovered 5-KG of Hashish, 19.5 KG Haroin and 115 litres of alcohol. Sahooka police arrested five drug dealers with 5358 gram of Hashish and 11340 gram of Haroin, Vehari city police arrested four drug dealers and recovered 9220 gram Hashish and seven kilogram opium, while Tibba Sultanpur police arrested seven drug deal-

Hashsish and 700 kilograms of hemp leaf. He said that since there was no rehabilitation centre in Vehari, the drug addicts that police had found on green belts were shifted to mausoleum of Hazrat Baba Fareeduddin Shakar Ganj in Pakpattan where proper food and lodging facilities were being provided to

ers with 25 kilogram of

PDMA issues **GLOF** alert for Chitral, Kohistan, Dir

PESHAWAR (APP): The Provincial Disaster Man-Authority agement (PDMA) on Wednesday issued an alert of flash floods in Upper and Lower Chitral, Kohistan, Upper and Lower Dir, and Swat due to Glacial Lake Out-

burst Flood (GLOF).
PDMA has directed all the relevant district administrations and other line departments to take precautionary measures and sensitive the local communities at risk, besides ensuring the availability of emergency and rescue services.

The spokesperson of PDMA said that the authority also warned tourists to avoid any unnecessary travel to these areas and contact the district adminstration, PDMA, or toursm authority before planning any activity.

Two killed in truck, motorcycle collision

LAHORE (APP): At least two youngsters were killed when the motorcycle they were riding on was hit by a truck near Raiwind near Lahore on early Wednesday afternoon. According to details. Rescue 1122 said that the accident occurred in Raiwind where a truck collided head-on due to over-speeding, killed two

persons on the spot. Police and rescue teams reached the spot and shifted the bodies to nearby hospital.

Bhutto remembered on her birth anniversary

Shaheed Benazir

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah felicitated Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's family and workers on her birth anniversary, being celebrated on Wednesday across the country.

Syed Murad Ali Shad in his message told the workers that today (June 21) should be celebrated as the day of Bhutto's sacrifice, struggle, undying love for people, and democracy.

Benazir Bhutto was the great daughter of Quaid-i-Awam Shaheed

 Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Latif I

 Begum Nusrat, the CM added.

He said that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto's bravery, struggle, and martyrdom were inherited from her great father and mother. Murad Ali Shah said

that Benazir Bhutto sacrificed her life for the love of her motherland, the restoration of democracy, and the uplift of the people. 'In order to under-

stand the greatness of Bhutto and her love for the country, one has to read the 'Sur Marvi" of the great poet of Sindh, Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai," Murad Shah

Govt taking tangible steps for bringing reforms in jails: Hidayt

PESHAWAR (APP): Special Assistant to Caretaker Chief Minister (CM) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) for Prison Hidayat Ullah Khan Afridi on Wednesday said that the caretaker provincial government was taking tangible steps for bringing reforms

He said, "Solid steps are also taking for providing basic human rights along with other facilities to detainees in jails."

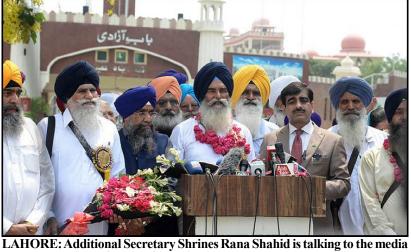
"It is the need of the hour to bring reforms in prison department aimed at tackling the current era challenges," he added.

In a statement issued from his office, the caretaker Special Assistant said, "For counseling the prisons, psychiatrists perform their duties to make the prisoner's responsible citizens of society while prisoners are also learning different skills in jails."

The provision of standard meals in jails and the cleanliness of lockups are included in our priorities," he maintained.

Hidayat Ullah Afridi said, "Medical facilities and other basic necessities are provided to detainees in the

He issued directives to the relevant officers to make sure cleanliness and security of all jails.



about the arrival of Indian Sikh pilgrims at Wagah borde to join the death anniversary of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh.

Edhi **Foundation** to add more 3 aircrafts in its fleet

LAHORE (Online): Edh Foundation (EF) will add more 3 aircrafts in its airambulance fleet.

The aircrafts will include 2 Americans and one

According to Faisal Edhi, head of Edhi Foundation 3 more aircrafts are being added into air-ambulance fleet and with addition of these 3 aircrafts total number of aircrafts will come to 5. One helicopter is also part of the fleet.

He said a new centre of foundation will be opened in Punjab. My son Saad too has become pilot after getting training.

2 bodies found in canal, River Ravi

FAISALABAD (APP) Two bodies were found floating from a canal and a river in suburban areas here on Wednesday.Rescue-1122 spokesman said that some passersby spotted the body of a 24-year-old youth floating in Rakh Branch Canal near D-Type Chowk on Sammundri Road and informed the rescue department. The divers of Rescue-1122 fished out the body from the canal and handed it over to Samanabad police. The body was identified as Abdul Jabbar, resident of Masood Abad. Apparently, the victim was an addict. The real cause of his death would come into light after postmortem report.

Minister praises free micro-financing model of Akhuwat Foundation

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister of Industry, Commerce and Technical Education, Mohammad Adnan Jalil on Wednesday praised the free micro-financing model of Akhuwat Foundation for the promotion of health

and education, rehabilitation works, development of the agricultural sector and poverty alleviation in the country.

He was talking to a delegation of the welfare organization here at Civil Secretariat Peshawar.

The delegation of the organization briefed the

provincial minister about the operational responsibilities and the activities being carried out in various sectors for social develop-

Besides, Managing Director (MD) Technical & Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA), Abdul Ghaffar, Director General Industries, Barkatullah, Director (Finance) TEVTA), Munir Gul, representatives of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Eco-

nomic Zones Development & Management Company (KP-EZĎMC) and UNDP project were also present on

Citizens urged not to throw solid waste in drains

Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) here on Wednesday urged the citizens not to throw garbage and solid waste in drains particularly Nullah Lai.

RAWALPINDI (APP):

According to a WASA spokesman, in an operation, three owners of tractor trolleys found throwing solid waste in Nullah Lai on late Tuesday night were handed over to police for legal action in accordance with the law. According to Managing Director, WASA, the Agency has launched an operation on the directives Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali

Chatha against the violators

of Section-144 imposed in areas near Nullah Lai and other nullahs of the town. He informed that

Punjab government spends huge amount every year to clean nullahs. Those who throw garbage and solid waste in the nullahs do not deserve any kind of concession, he added.

In view of the monsoon rains, the citizens had been requested to cooperate with WASA staff to keep the nullahs clean, the MD said adding, the citizens should come forward and play their role to make the efforts of the sanitation department regarding cleanliness of nullahs a success.

He said that the Muslim League (N) government has always paid special attention to the health and education sectors. Governor Punjab said that as Chancellor he is giving special attention to improving the quality of education in the universities and character building of the students. He said that he has di-

rected the Vice-Chancellors

Govt taking concrete steps

for promotion of higher

to focus on the character building of the students. He today. In the meeting, the improvement of governance also emphasized that there in universities and the use of hydroponics technology will be no compromise on governance issues in univerin the agriculture sector sities. Governor Punjab Speaking on this occasaid that it is a good thing sion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur that women's universities are making progress . He said that it is a matter of Rehman said that the government is taking concrete pride that Government College Women University steps for the promotion of Faisalabad has come to a higher education in the country, adding that the prominent place in the rankings of Times Higher Education and Asia. government has allocated sufficient funds for the pro-He said that the promotion of higher education

cess of improvement should

education in country said that all universities should work together and move forward. Governor Puniab further said that modern methods are being encouraged in the agriculture

Vice-Chancellor Faisalabad Women's University Rubina Farooq said that by activating E-employment centers on the instructions of the Gover-nor of Punjab, female students of the university are being equipped with entrepreneurship skills. She said that due to the special interest of the Governor of Punjab, 70 percent of the university has been transferred to solar energy. Former Vice Chancellor Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi Rai Niaz Ahmed said that in view of the growing needs of the country, use of hydroponics technology is very important.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah along with senior leaders of Peoples Party (PPP) and members of Sindh Assembly are cutting cake during celebration ceremony in connection of the 70th birthday anniversary of Šlain leader Benazir Bhutto, held in Karachi.

ANF recovers 54 kg drugs in six operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan in six operations conducted across the country recovered 54 kg drugs and arrested five accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Wednesday.

He informed that in an operation near Motorway Islamabad, 21.6 kg opium and 25.2 kg charras concealed in secret cavities of a vehicle were recovered. An accused resident of Faisalabad was rounded up. In another operation

near Pak-Afghan Border area in Chaman, three accused were arrested on recovery of 4.8 kg suspicious material. In third operation con-

ducted in a deserted area of Khyber, 1.5 kg Ice drug was recovered. In fourth operation, a

vehicle was intercepted near main Kamalpur Interchange Faisalabad, 9.6 kg opium and six kg charras were recovered while two accused resident of Mardan and Peshawar were netted.

KP Food Safety operation against adulteration mafia

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority is active against adulteration mafia across the province with more than 2500 liters of nonstandard and mislabeled juices and packing materials were seized from the factory.

According to a spokesman, the KP (FSHFA) launched an operation to people involved in using substan-dard materials in the food

press club.

Development works being executed under Karachi Mega Project: Murtaza KARACHI (APP): Mayor being done, after that, the

Karachi Barrister Murtaza road will be carpeted, this Wahab has said that the de- road is from Ziauddin Hosvelopment works of roads pital to Landi Kotal and stormwater drains are Chowrangi and from Landi going on in various areas Kotal to People's under the Karachi Mega Project, which will be completed as soon as possible.

On visiting Allama Rashid Turabi Road, Shahrah Humayun, Shahrah Noor Jahan and Shadman Nala, he said works which were urgently needed in the city have been prioritized keeping the convenience of the citizens.

Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad was also with him, Project Director on this occasion briefed Mayor Karachi about details of the projects included in the

Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that Allama Rashid Turabi Road is three and a half kilometre long. carpeting of other parts will Here first the drain work is be done.

Chowrangi, he said.

He said that it will be carpeted from Ziauddin Hospital to People's Chowrangi.

Later, Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab visited Shahrah Humayun, where after the completion of the construction of the Storm water drain, the 20 km long road is now being carpeted

Barrister Murtaza Wahab, on the occasion of his visit to Shahrah-e-Noor Jahan, inspected the construction of the road from Asghar Ali Shah Chowk to Qalandria Chowk, where the work of drain is in progress in the remaining part of the road, after which

Reproductive health rights essential for basic human rights: Shams ur Rehman

Officer Abbottabad Shams ur Rehman Wednesday said that reproductive health rights are an essential part of basic human rights and have been officially recognized and implemented through the Act by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly for the first time in 2020.

He expressed these views while addressing a day-long awareness seminar about the Reproductive Health Act of 2020. The seminar was at-

ABBOTTABAD (APP): tended by District Health District Population Welfare Officer Faisal Khanzada, Dr. Shahzad, Deputy Demographer of Population Welfare, Sadra Malik, and other officials from the Department. The seminar began with a presentation on population demographics by Deputy Demographer Sadra Malik, highlighting the growing population and its consequences.

District Officer Shamsur Rahman emphasized that the Act guarantees reproductive health for all citizens of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



ABBOTTABAD: Residents of Banda Phugwarian are holding protest demonstration against shortage of drinking water in their area, held at Abbottabad

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Musadiq Malik says: Pak-Azerbaijan LNG purchase agreement will end gas crises soon

State Minister for Replying to a Petroleum Musadik Malik question about the shortage Pakistan's a liquefied natural gas (LNG) purchase agreement framework with
Azerbaijan would end gas
orions are a least of the same specific areas in Karachi's, he said that crises and domestic consumers will not face infrastructure issues that any gas shortage in the next winter season.

will Azerbaijan supply an LNG cargo every month to Pakistan at a "cheaper price," he said while talking to a private news channel.

LNG Cargo, he said under Pak-Azerbaijan long-term agreement in the current year we will have 9 to 10 cargo factories in the adding, Azerbaijan would help Pakistan to fulfill its energy needs through

Wednesday assured that of gas, he said in winter, we would be able to control the gas shortage.

> we have been facing will be solved on a priority

- rnment hoped to give more relief to domestic consumers in coming winters which ensure gas supplies to residential While giving details of consumers at three

> To another question, he explained that the government has also devised a plan to attract investment from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries as part of

of investments in the country would create jobs and livelihoods for the youth and women.

In responding to another query about IMF, he said Pakistan has met all the conditions set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a staff level agreement and we are still very hopeful that the IMF programme will materialize soon.

Talking about the senate chairman's additional benefits, he strongly condemned and said that these certain privileges as well as allowances at a time when the country has been going through a severe financia crunch is unacceptable.

He said that as a Senator," I will play my due role and raise the 'Economic Revival objections for these special

PIA offer



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Ministry of IT and Telecommunication Navid Ahmed Shaikh chairing 85th meeting of Board of Directors of Universal Service Fund (USF).

540 bln invoices issued through POS in one year: FBR

ISLAMABAD (APP): that the FBR is trying to Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Wednesday said that almost 540 billion invoices have been issued through the Point of Sale (POS) system in one year.

Director General Automation Abdul Wahid said this during the 2nd day experiences in the of a workshop titled digitization of the system "Digitalization of Taxes in and adopt their reforms to Pakistan" jointly organized make the tax system easy by FBR and the United and convenient for the Nations Economic and people" he added. Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP).

Addressing the important information participants he said that regarding digitalization. almost 50 million invoices were issued on a monthly

He said in order to improve and expand the our first step towards system steps are being

FBR senior official we are in touch with said that the use of international experts and in technology in Pakistan is case of any difficulty we less as compared to other are supported in every developed countries adding way.

lowest fares in market for flights to China BEIJING (APP): Pakistan

International Airlines make tax and tax matters (PIA) has announced to offer the lowest fares in the market with gracious He urged the private sector to put their efforts free baggage allowance for its flight between Pakistan to improve the system and minimize the loopholes. and China.

"We should benefit We are pleased to announce that the national from other countries' fag carrier is resuming flight operation to China starting from August 06, an official of PIA told APP here on Wednesday He said initially, PIA

will have one weekly flight on the Islamabad-Beijing-He appreciated the UNESCAP for sharing Islamabad route every Sunday with departure regarding digitalization. from Beijing at 21:15. He said that global experts

experts and their experiences will help us to We are offering the lowest fares in the market with gracious Free Baggage set a new path and this is Allowance of 50 kg in Economy Class and 60 Kg digitalization. in Economy Plus, he added.

He informed the one-He further said that

way fare from Beijing to Islamabad is 3814 RMB and the fare for the Return ticket is 5685 RMB. We are also offering a 20 per cent student discount with 80 kg free baggage Allowance, he added.

USF meeting discuss connectivity expansion in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Universal Service Fund (USF) Board of Directors meeting held here on Wednesday to discuss connectivity expansion in

The 85th meeting was chaired by Secretary Information Technology and Chairman USF Board, Navid A. Shaikh, said a press release.

The board members were joined by the newly appointed members, who bring a wealth of expertise and diverse perspectives to the organization. Among the newly

appointed board members are Major General ® Hafeez Ur Rehman, Chairman of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), Hatem Bamatraf, CEO

as other board members and USF management, were also in attendance. The USF, under the

of PTCL (Nominee of Fixed line licensees), Wang Hua, CEO of Zong (Nominee of mobile cellular licensees), and Independent Members/ Directors Sofia Saeed, Ayla Majid, and Muhammad Yousuf. Muhammad Omar Member-Malik, Telecom, MoITT, as well

leadership and vision of the Minister of IT and Telecommunication, is proud to announce a significant achievement with the appointment of distinguished female members, Sofia and Ayla, who assume the roles of Independent Members/Directors on the USF Board.



ships namely MSC Sky-II Maersk Hartford, MSC Madeleine, Scirocco, Maud, FSM, and Al-Areesh carrying Containers, Mogas, Coal, LPG, and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal, Oil Terminal, Bulk Terminal Engro Vopak Terminal, and Engro Elengy Terminal

ships, Ikan Parang and Star Bovarius with Steel Coil and Coal also arrived at the outer anchorage of Port Qasim on Wednesday.

A total of nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, MSC Sky-II, Mega-I, and Santa Francesca sailed out to sea on Wednesday morning.



HYDERABAD: Vendors selling sacrificial animals at Animal Market Hathri Bypass in connection with upcoming Eid ul Azha.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet.

ECC approves Rs1.9 bln technical supplementary grants

ISLAMABAD (Online): Order 2022 to allow In addition to approving various summaries, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, here on Wednesday approved Rs1,914.83 million in technical supplementary grants for various ministries and divisions.

attended by Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator state-owned distribution Mohammad Ishaq Dar, companies. said a press statement issued by the finance

Ministry of Commerce summary ECC suspended Import conditions contained in Import Policy Order 2022 related to the import of Timber/Wood from the date of issuance of IPO 2022 to 31st October 2023 with direction to the Ministry

this issue. The ECC also approved summary of the Ministry of Commerce regarding amendment in the relevant clause in the Import Policy

of National Food Security

and Research to review the

import policy and come up

with suggestions to settle

government agencies to

The Ministry of Energy(Power Division) submitted a summary regarding the Quarterly Tariff Adjustments of K-Electric and informed that as per National Electricity The cabinet Policy 2021, the committee meeting was government may maintain a uniform consumer-end tariff for K-Electric and

Accordingly, KE's applicable uniform variable charge is required to be According to the modified to maintain the press statement, on the uniform tariff across the

> The ECC approved a surcharge of Rs.1.52/unit to be recovered from K-Electric Consumers in 12 months. The ECC further allowed the release and utilization of the available budget of Rs76 billion as payment of arrears under different heads.

The ECC considered another summary of the Ministry of Energy(Power Division) regarding the implementation of a revised circular debt management plan and utilization of Rs20.726 billion to government-owned power plants

LAHORE: Members of WAPDA Employees Pegham Union are holding protest

demonstration for acceptance of their demands outside LESCO Headquarters

due tax revenue.

the business premises.

MNAs deliberate on Senate budget recommendations

Assembly on Wednesday deliberated

recommendations of the Upper House of the Parliament presented for incorporation in the federal budget 2023-24, suggesting measures to improve the national economy, strengthen key financial sectors and provide maximum relief to the common man.

Resuming debate on the federal budget and the Senate recommendations. Dr Sobia Aslam Soomro of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP) said the past regime of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf

Gold prices decline by Rs.1,800 ISLAMABÁD (APP):

The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.1,800 and was sold at Rs.218,700 on Wednesday against its sale at Rs.220,500 the previous

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.1,543 to Rs.187,500 from Rs.189,043 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Rs.171,875.

ISLAMABAD (APP): (PTI) installed landmines that remained on Lawmakers in the National for the incumbent backburner during the government by weakening rule of the PTI. the national economy and pushing the country

> situation. She said the present government effectively challenges and put the country on a path of macroeconomic stability with collective wisdom, setting remarkable growth targets in the fiscal year 2023-24.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, she said, soon after assuming charge of the office restarted the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project

three-hand-an-half year

Commenting on the towards the default-like Senate recommendations, she suggested increasing sales tax on sugary-energy tackled all the economic drinks and tobacco products so the generated revenue could be utilized in health and education sectors besides controlling the increasing population.

Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali of Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan (MMAP) recommended ensuring interest-free economic system in the country in line with the Islamic laws.



PESHAWAR: Farmers busy in spraying on crops near Dalazak road.

Olive Culture's steering committee reviews strategic proposal plan

ISLAMABAD (APP): representatives from Wednesday reviewed a

of the Pakistani Olive Value Chain.

The committee also appraised the 'Olive Cultures' outstanding achievements, work plan and budget for remaining period from June 2023 to March 2024, said a press release issued here. The project "Olive

Culture-Holistic and multiprofessional Mechanism for a Pakistani Olive Value Chain", is funded by the Italian Government and implemented by CIHEAM Bari with the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MFSR).

The meeting was chaired by the Italian Ambassador in Pakistan, Andreas Ferrarese and the Secretary, MFSR, and attended

The third meeting of the several Ministries, steering committee on provinces and the Italian Cooperation, AICS

The project is an strategic proposal plan and ambitious initiative aimed policy's recommendations at supporting Pakistan in for a holistic development strengthening the olive value chain.

The event, which also included participation from Deputy CIHEAM Director Bari, Biagio Di Terlizzi, shed light on the initiative's progress and prospects.

The work plan of project will pursue the training for technicians and farmers in all the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), in managing and operating the olive processing plants, in generating Carbon sinking avenues for olive growers, creating participatory tourism olive plans with communities' implementing Women and

Youth generating income activities on value addition from olive table, in by standardization.



KARACHI: Visitors are taking keen interest at stalls during Craft Mela organized by The Crafts Guild held in Karachi.

President KATI calls for providing incentives to boost exports

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan's major export Korangi Association of sectors and easing (KATI), Wednesday urged a comprehensive 10-year policy in consultation with industry stakeholders to boost exports and foreign earnings. exchange President KATI Faraz-ur-Rehman, in a statement issued here, pointed out that Pakistan possesses the significant potential to earn foreign exchange through textile, pharmaceutical, and horticulture sectors.emphasised the

Trade and Industry restrictions and conditions on exports as the the government to develop government was in urgent need of foreign exchange and supporting the export industry was crucial in that regard. specifically highlighted the textile

sector and urged the restoration of subsidised electricity and gas tariffs, as well as the provision of affordable uninterrupted natural gas supply to industries.

He also emphasised the importance of restoring need of focusing on SRO 1125(1) of 2011.

Sale tax evasion worth Rs 1358 million recovered on June 20

ISLAMABAD (APP): Directorate of Intelligence Investigation, Inland Revenue, Lahore recovered sale tax evasion worth Rs 1,358 million and default surcharge of Rs 26 million from a reputed company on

release issued here on

In this way, the

Wednesday.

building in Lahore.

the other day. respectively.

Meanwhile, two more The company issued illegal credit notes of huge amounts in Annexure-C of the sales tax returns without corresponding debit notes from the buyers, said a FBR press

sales tax liability for the tax with default surcharge. Gold imports up by 44.22% in 11 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The gold imports increased by 44.22 percent during the past eleven months of the current fiscal year as compared to corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

reported. The gold imports during the July-May (2022-23) were recorded at \$27.377 million as compared to the imports of \$18.983 million during July-May (2021-22), according to the data.

In terms of quantity, Pakistan imported 437 kilograms of gold during the

months under review as compared to the imports of 302 kilograms last year, showing growth of 44.70

percent. Meanwhile on yearon-year basis, the gold imports into the country witnessed an increase of 250.55 percent as these were recorded at \$3.421 million in May 2023 against the imports of \$0.976 million in May

In terms of quantity, the imports of the commodity declined by 271.43 percent, from 14 kilograms in May 2022 to 52 kilograms in May 2023.

vegetables, fruits worries citizens PESHAWAR (APP): The

Prices hike of

periods in which illegal sudden increase in the prices of vegetables and credit notes were issued fruits in Peshawar worried and thus deprived the the citizens and they demanded of the district national exchequer from The team of the government to ensure the Directorate gathered availability of food items information meticulously at the rates given by the without disturbing the district administration. During a visit to the vegetable and fruit business activity of the company to initiate markets, the price of ginger increased to Rs 860 per kg, garlic Rs 320, and lemon to proceedings under section 38 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and retrieved the 160 per kg. Onion 50, record and documents from tomato 30, green pepper 100, okra 90, and peas 230 rupees sold per kg while potato 100, kachalu 150, management agreed to deposit the amount of sales cauliflower 120, and Tenda 90 rupees per kg are being sold. tax involved in the credit company suppressed note issued/claimed in the output tax to reduce its return of March 2023 along

PSX sheds 432 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) shed 432.23 points on Wednesday, a negative change of 1.06 per cent, closing at 40,220.80 points against 40,653.03 points

the previous day.

A total of 97,020,043 shares were traded during the day as compared to 124,856,236 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.3.572 billion against Rs. 4.031 billion on the last trading day.
As many as 323

companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 69 of them recorded gains and 231 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 23 companies.

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Biden will not 'lecture' Modi on human rights, White House says

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden welcomes India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, on Wednesday for two days of talks that the White House sees as bolstering "one of the defining partnerships of our age," despite ongoing concerns about human

Washington wants India to be a strategic counterweight to China while Modi is seeking to raise the influence that his country, now the world's most populous, has on the world

Biden and Modi are expected to announce a variety of agreements related to defense cooperation and sales, artificial intelligence, quantum computing and investments in India by

Micron Technology and Sullivan said. other US companies.

Biden is expected to bring up US concerns about democratic backsliding in India, but he will not lecture Modi on the subject, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters.

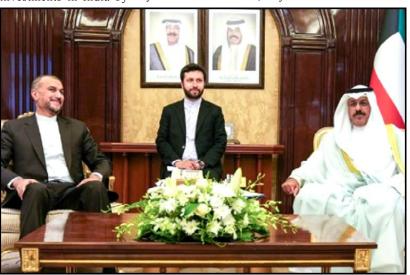
When the US sees challenges to press, religious or other freedoms, we make our views known," Sullivan said. He added: "We do so in a way where we don't seek to lecture or assert that we don't have challenges ourselves.'

'Ultimately, the question of where politics and the question of democratic institutions go in India is going to be determined within India by Indians. It's not going to be determined by the United States.

Modi has been to the United States five times since becoming prime minister in 2014, but the trip will be his first with the full diplomatic status of a state visit, despite concerns over what is seen as a deteriorating human rights situation under his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata

Biden is under pressure by his fellow Democrats to bring up human rights with Modi. Modi is being warmly greeted by US CEOs, including at a Friday reception. On Tuesday he met with Tesla's Elon Musk in New York.

Both Biden and Modi are grappling with Bejiing's flexing its muscle in the Indo-Pacific region and be-



Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah meeting with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, in Kuwait City.

US Coast Guard confirms 'underwater noises' detected in search for missing sub

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Rescuers

searching for a missing tourist submersible near the wreck of the Titanic have detected "underwater noises" in the search area, the US Coast Guard said on Wednesday, with oxygen for the five on board rapidly running out more than two days after they lost

All communication was lost with the 21-foot craft during its descent Sunday to see the remains of the British passenger liner, which sits more than two miles (nearly four kilometers) below the surface of the North Atlantic.

The Titan, operated by US-based OceanGate Expeditions, was built to stay underwater for 96 hours, according to its specifications — giving the five people aboard until Thursday morning before air runs out.

Engro Corp Vice Chairman Shahzada Dawood, his 19-year-old son Suleman, British billionaire Hamish Harding, French explorer Paul-Henri Nargeolet, OceanGate CEO Stockton Rush were on board the craft that went missing near the wreck of the Titanic.

Suleman and Shahzada Dawood. — Reuters

US and Canadian coast guard ships and planes are scouring 7,600 square miles of ocean (around 20,000 square kilometers) — larger than the US state of Connecticut — for the vessel which was attempting to dive about 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada.

German woman convicted of keeping Yazidi woman as a slave in Iraq

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BERLIN: A German woman was convicted Wednesday of keeping a Yazidi woman as a slave during her time with the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, and sentenced to nine years and three months in

prison.

The state court in the western city of Koblenz convicted the 37-year-old of crimes against humanity, membership in a foreign terrorist organization and being an accessory to genocide, German news agency dpa reported. Authorities have identified her only as Nadine K. in line with German privacy rules.

The court found that the defendant for three years abused a young Yazidi woman "in her own interests as a household slave." It said that her husband brought the woman to their home and regularly raped her, and that the defendant enabled those assaults and should have in-

Prosecutors have said

that the defendant traveled to Syria with her husband in 2014 and joined IS. In 2015, the couple moved to the Iraqi town of Mosul, where they allegedly kept the Yazidi woman.

The defendant was arrested in March 2022 after being brought back to Germany from a camp in northeastern Syria where suspected members of IS have been held.

In a statement read out at her trial by a defense lawyer, she denied having coerced the Yazidi woman at any point. She said there had been frequent arguments with her husband over the woman's presence and she was ashamed of not having done more for her.

In February, the Yazidi woman testified at the trial and said she recognized the defendant.

She traveled to Koblenz again for the verdict. "She hopes that others follow her example" and that all who committed similar crimes face trial, said her lawyer, Sonka Mehner.

Iran alcohol poisoning kills 15, leaves 180 hospitalised **Monitoring Desk**

TEHRAN: Iranian state media reported Wednesday that as many as 15 people have lost their lives in Alborz province due to drinking poison-ous alcohol with 180 others hospitalised, adding that some of the people suffered blindness after consuming bootleg alcohol while others are being treated.

Fazeli Hossein Harikandi, the chief justice of the province, told IRNA news agency: "So far, 15 people have died and 180 people have been poisoned and hospitalised." Most of those hospitalised had since been discharged, but "some have gone blind," while others were undergoing dialysis after suffering kidney damage. Deaths related to these incidents have been on the rise in the country despite a widespread ban on alcoholic beverages since the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

Biden's son reaches plea deal on gun, tax charges

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: US
President Joe Biden's son

Hunter has agreed to plead guilty to two counts of failure to pay federal income tax, and admitted to illegally owning a gun, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

Hunter Biden, whose business dealings have been under attack for years from Republican lawmakers, acknowledged possessing a firearm despite being a drug

The plea agreement between the 53-year-old and the US Attorney's Office in his home state of Delaware will still need to be approved by a federal judge. The president's son is unlikely to face any prison time.

President Biden and his wife, Jill, issued a brief statement following the an

nouncement of the deal. The President and First Lady love their son and support him as he continues to rebuild his life,' White House spokesperson Ian Sams said



A brawl broke out at the prison between members of rival gangs Barrio 18 and the Mara Salvatrucha.



Indian PM Narendra Modi is greeted by supporters upon his arrival at a hotel

Israeli police clash with Druze protesters in the Golan Heights. The rare violence leaves 20 injured

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: Israeli police on Wednesday fired tear gas, sponge-tipped bullets and a water canon during mass demonstrations by Druze Arabs in the Golan Heights — a rare burst of violence in the normally quiet area. At

least 20 people were re-

ported injured Thousands of Druze residents of the Golan took part in the demonstrations against the construction of massive wind turbines. The windswept area is an ideal spot for the turbines, but residents fear damage to their properties and landowners have said they did not understand the agree-

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MOSCOW: Kazakhstan

abruptly said on Wednesday

it will stop hosting talks

aimed at resolving the Syrian

conflict that erupted 12 years

ago. The decision was a sur-

prise to Russia and other par-

ticipants at the wrapping up

of the 20th round of talks held

Soviet nation has provided

a venue for talks to repre-

sentatives of Russia, Tur-

key, Syria and Iran on ways

Since 2017, the former

in the capital, Astana

local power company, according to Israeli media. Israeli police said a

large crowd attempted to storm a police position in the town of Masade, throwing stones, fireworks, setting tires on fire, vandalizing police cars, blocking roads and even shooting live fire into the air. A video released by

police showed the crowd pelting riot police with ob-

The video showed Israeli riot police, accompanied by a large armored vehicle equipped with a water canon, marching through the streets, firing tear gas. The sound of rapid gunfire ments they signed with a is heard in the background.

to resolve the Syrian con-

flict. Kazakhstan's Foreign

Ministry said that the talks

have fulfilled their mission

and "the initial goals, includ-

ing the creation of de-esca-

lation zones, ending the

bloodshed and reducing the

number of casualties have

been fully implemented.'

spokesman,

The foreign ministry

Smadiyarov, cited Syria's re-

cent return to the Arab

League and the efforts to re-

store ties with Turkey.

Aibek

Israel's Ziv Hospital reported 20 injuries — including 12 members of the police with light wounds and eight civilians, four of whom were in serious con-Israel captured the

Golan, a strategic plateau overlooking northern Israel from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war. It subsequently annexed the area in a move that was recognized by former President Donald Trump. But most of the international community considers the area to be occupied territory.
While Druze leaders

still profess allegiance to Syria, relations with Israel are normally good.

Kazakhstan abruptly Taiwan reports Chinese aircraft announces it will no longer carrier sailed host Syria talks, amid Russian surprise

through the sensitive Taiwan Strait on Wednesday, Taiwan's defence ministry said, amid heightened military tension over the island Beijing claims as its own territory.

Shandong, commissioned in 2019, had sailed in a southerly direction through the western part of the strait, and it had dispatched "appropriate forces" to monitor the Chinese activities.

through strait **Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: A Chinese aircraft carrier group led by the vessel Shandong sailed

The ministry said the



Israeli forensics experts inspect the scene of an attack outside a restaurant near the Jewish settlement of Eli in the north of the occupied West Bank.

Iran has talks with EU's Mora amid efforts to save nuclear pact

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: Iran met in Qatar

with European Union mediator Enrique Mora as part of efforts to revive its 2015 nuclear pact with world powers, as Tehran and Washington seek to cool tensions with a mutual "understanding" to help end the deadlock.

Having failed to revive the deal in indirect talks that have stalled since September, Iranian and Western officials have met repeatedly in recent weeks to sketch out steps that could curb Iran's fast advancing nuclear work, free some U.S. and European detain- of Action.

ees held in Iran and unfreeze some Iranian assets abroad. "(I) had a serious and constructive meeting with Mora in Doha. We exchanged views and discussed a range of issues including negotiations on sanctions lifting," Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani said on Twitter, without elaborating.

Mora tweeted that the

Doha talks were "intense" and had touched on "a range of difficult bilateral, regional and international issues, including the way forward on the JCPOA" - the Joint Comprehensive Plan

UN expert urges a different approach to resolve the crisis in Myanmar

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An independent expert working with the United Nations on the issue of human rights in Myanmar urged the international community on Wednesday to find a different approach to resolve the crisis in the Southeast Asian country, saying the current course of action is not working.

Tom Andrews, a special rapporteur working with the U.N. human rights office, told a news conference in Jakarta the world is looking to Indonesia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for leadership on the situation in Myanmar.

"I came to Indonesia because the human rights situation in Myanmar is dire and getting worse, and because I believe that Indonesia is positioned to play a critical role in the resolution of this crisis," Andrews said after meeting with Indonesian and ASEAN offi-Myanmar's crisis be-

gan after its military in February 2021 seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi The takeover prompted widespread public protests. whose violent suppression by security forces triggered an armed resistance that now spans much of the country.

Kremlin says **Biden calling** Xi a 'dictator' shows U.S. unpredictability

Monitoring Desk

MOSCOW: Russia said on Wednesday that U.S. President Joe Biden's reference to his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping as a dictator showed U.S. foreign policy was inconsistent and erratic. Kremlin spokesman

Dmitry Peskov said there was a contradiction between Biden's comment and the efforts of his secretary of state, Antony Blinken, to lower tensions with Beijing at a meeting with Xi earlier this week.

Iranian man charged in Germany over alleged plot for attack using deadly chemicals **Monitoring Desk**

BERLIN: An Iranian man arrested in western Germany earlier this year after a tip from U.S. officials has been charged with plotting an Islamist attack using ricin or cyanide, German prosecutors said Wednesday.

The 26-year-old, identified only as J.J. in line with Germany's privacy rules, was arrested in January along with his brother in Castrop-Rauxel, a city in the industrial Ruhr region.

Prosecutors Duesseldorf said he was charged with preparing a serious act of violence and

Over 30 feared dead as dinghy bound for Spain's Canary Islands sinks

Monitoring Desk SPAIN: More than 30 migrants were feared dead after a dinghy headed for Spain's Canary Islands sank on Wednesday, two migration-focused organisations said on

Walking Borders and Alarm Phone said the dinghy was originally carrying

Helena Maleno, head of Spain's Walking Borders migrants charity, said in a tweet that 39 people had drowned, without giving further details, while Alarm Phone, which operates a trans-European network supporting rescue opera-tions, said 35 people were missing.
Earlier on Wednesday,

Alarm Phone reported the boat was taking on water and three passengers were dead, adding: "We demand immediate rescue, do not let them down!"

Neither coastguard nor the Moroccan authorities would confirm how many people had been on board the vessel or how many might be missing. A Spanish coastguard source told Reuters that an operation carried out by Morocco some 88 miles to the southeast of Gran Canaria island rescued 24

The body of one child was recovered by the Spanish maritime rescue service and sent by helicopter to Gran Canaria, a Spanish coastguard source added.

European Union countries agree on a new package of sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: European

Union countries on Wednesday agreed on a new package of sanctions against Russia for its war against Ukraine aimed at countering sanctions circumvention through third countries and businesses. The EU had previ-

ously imposed 10 rounds of sanctions on Russia since President Vladimir Putin ordered his forces into Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. Banks, companies and markets have been hit — even parts of the sensitive energy sector. More than 1,000 officials are subject to asset freezes and travel bans. Much work in the latest batch of sanctions has involved closing loopholes so that goods vital to

usual relationship with

Putin's war effort don't get

through via nations that

trade with the EU and have

maintained a business-as-

der Leyen, the head of the EU's executive arm, said the new package will "deal a further blow to Putin's war machine with tightened export restrictions, targeting entities supporting the Kremlin. "Our anti-circumven-

tion tool will prevent Russia from getting its hands on sanctioned goods," she It is the first time that

plans have been announced to target trade via other countries, apart from sanctions against Iranians alleged to be supplying drones to Russia. It also prohibits the

transit via Russia of products and technologies which might help boost its defense and security sector. Under the latest package, if the EU sees for ex-

ample that exports of a certain computer chip increase five-fold to one nation, and then sees that such exports from the country increase European Commission President Ursula von to Russia.

Blinken, Turkish counterpart talk in UK, NATO on agenda

Monitoring Desk ISTANBUL: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met new Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan on Wednesday for talks that were set to focus on next month's NATO summit, where Sweden is

hoping to join the Western

defence alliance. Turkey has objected to Sweden's bid to join NATO, citing security concerns, but members of the bloc have expressed hope that it will become a member in time for the mid-July summit in Vilnius.

We'll be talking about the upcoming NATO summit, including the accession process for Sweden," Blinken told reporters, sitting opposite Fidan as they met on the sidelines of a conference in London. Defence cooperation and the issues of energy and economic collaboration would also be on the agenda, Blinken added. Last month,

Blinken urged Turkey to finalise immediately Sweden's accession to the bloc. Sweden and Finland both reversed decades of military non-alignment last year and applied to join NATO following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Finland joined NATO in April but Turkey continues to block Sweden's membership. Last week President Tayyip Erdogan said it should not expect a green light from Ankara at the summit unless it prevents anti-Turkey protests in Stockholm. Turkey savs Sweden harbours members of militant groups it considers to be terrorists. Sweden recently introduced a new law to make it harder to finance or support terrorist groups. Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom said on Wednesday Turkey's parliament should begin to ratify Sweden's bid because Stockholm has now met its obligations under a deal with Ankara.

German far-right to nominate chancellor candidate as support soars a chancellor candidate, party

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: The far-right Alternative for Germany said on Wednesday it intended to nominate a chancellor candidate for the first time for the 2025 election as it soars in the polls, a day after the domestic spy agency cautioned voters about backing the party. Founded a decade ago,

the AfD has surged to second place in opinion polls due to voter worries about recession, migration and the transition to a carbon-neutral economy, political analysts say. The anti-establish-

ment party is also benefiting from voter distrust in Chancellor Olaf Scholz's awkward three-party coalition that has spent much of the past few months fighting publicly over how to deal with these crises.

Support for the AfD is running at a record 19-20%, behind the opposition conservatives on 27-28% but ahead or on a par with Scholz's Social Democrats and well ahead of the two junior partners in his coalition. Asked by broadcaster ntv if the AfD would name

co-chief Alice Weidel said "of course, we would also nominate (one) without these polling numbers", side-stepping a question about whether she would present herself. The likelihood of an

AfD candidate becoming Germany's chancellor is very low currently given the party would need to be able to form a government and currently all other parties have ruled out working with it.
Still, the gesture of

nominating a candidate would denote the ambition of the most successful farright party in Germany since the Nazis, which is increasingly shaking up the political landscape of Europe's most populous country and largest economy. That authorities are worried about the situation was highlighted on Tuesday, when the head of the domestic spy agency Thomas Haldenwang warned citizens that farright extremism posed the biggest threat to German democracy and voters should bear this in mind before casting their ballot for the AfD.

In age of growing global problems, countries should sit, find solutions: Khar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar Wednesday underlined the need for the world community to work together to find out solutions to the growing global problems like climate change and

The minister, in an interview with the Voice of America(VoA Urdu), said Pakistan had close contacts with the Western world, including the institutional linkages, whether it were with the United States or the Europe Union (EU).

But at the same time, Pakistan also enjoyed close strategic ties with China spanning over decades, she

Replying to question regarding US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent visit to China, she said, "Look at Pakistan, Pakistan has good relations with both. It is every sovereign country's right to pursue its rights, our interest is in having balanced and good relations with all the coun-

She further said if the atmosphere of competition was intensified in the world, it would be a very good example for other countries how to preserve such like relationship and actually encourage them. MoS Khar said the

Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

victim of attacks from "ex-

ternally sponsored terror-

ist groups" such as the TTP, Da'esh and Baloch

militant groups, warning

that the country would

employ all means to defeat

dence of the external State

support to these terrorist

groups by our adversary to

attack at Karachi Stock Ex-

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and Dams and infrastruc-

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HUB: PPP leader, Ali Akbar Zehri along with Advo-

cate Irshad Paras Magsi and others addresses to

Samina Zehri terms

Greece boat accident an

irreparable human tragedy

QUETTA (APP): Senator through situations in which

Samina Mumtaz Zehri on they often lose their lives

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many accidents before in

which hundreds of pre-

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of their parents for a better

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patience for the families of

those who died in the acci-

dent. She demanded that

the dead bodies of those

who died in the accident

should be brought to Paki-

Greek Coast Guard and said

that the Greek Coast Guard

did not save the drowning

people and adopted an in-

human behavior which was

She condemned the

stan as soon as possible.

Senator Samina Zahri

media persons during press conference.

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envoy added.

"We have ample evi-

Pakistan tells world it

remains victim of foreign

funded terrorists

(APP): A top Pakistani diplomat has told the interna-Global Threat Landscape:

tional community that Pa- Assessment of Current and

kistan continues to be a Emerging Trends', which

world was facing increasing issues like refugees influx and climate change prob-

"We all - the US, China, EU, Pakistan or India - have to sit together to find out solution to these issues. With different blocks, these problems cannot be resolved," she stressed

About the Indian orime minister's visit to the US, Hina Khar said Pakistan would always look positively to bilateral ties between sovereign countries and would not look negatively. There was no need to look anything nega-

tively.

But on the other hand,

Pakistan she maintained, Pakistan had a very belligerent neighbour who indulged into military adventurism by sending jets during 2019 which was unprecedented and unthinkable.

She said the world must look into this factor as well whether those being propagated for their role in the regional security de-"The world have to see

whether there was conflict preservation instead conflict resolution due to them (India), then it did not augur well for the region. We hope that nothing would go wrong for the region and Pakistan," she opined.

OUETTA: Acting Vice Chancellor BUITEMS Dr. Abdul Rehman presenting

report of 1st All Vice Chancellors Strategic Plan to Governor Balochistan

He was speaking at a

was part of the third UN

Counter-Terrorism Week

now underway in New

also spoke about the con-

tinued campaign to portray

struggles for self-determi-

nation and national libera-

tion as terrorism, in order

to justify the oppression of

peoples under foreign oc-

spect pillar four of the GCTS (UN Global

Counter-Terrorism Strat-

egy) and to clearly define

terrorism and distinguish

it from legitimate struggles

for national liberation and self-determination," he

"It is essential to re-

cupation.

Ambassador Akram



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi addressing National Security & War Course members at National Defence University (NDU)

Upholding sanctity of Parliament; a collective responsibility: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf Wednesday said that the first ever Summer Internship Program for Young Citizen in National Assembly of Pakistan would provide an opportunity to young generation in form of a first-hand experience of legislative procedure.

He further stated that democracy entailed that Elected Parliamentary Representatives of people should make joint efforts to achieve prosperity.

The speaker also said that democracy was the only effective way of governance. In addition, he stated that Pakistan was destined to progress and its

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Balochistan and sugar deal-

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called press conference

along with the sugar deal-

ers at the Quetta Press Club

on Wednesday, the Presi-

dent Markazi Anjuman

Tairan Abdul Rahim Kakar

charged that Customs

teams are conducting raids

on the sugar godowns in

ince. The godowns of sugar

dealers and traders have

been sealed in different parts

of the province, he charged

adding that sugar seized by

the Customs is not of the

smugglers, rather it is of the

sugar dealers.

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lead the country onto the path of progress.

While emphasizing the need to bridge the gap between young generation and Parliament, he said, "Parliament is a place where political leaders work day and night to change the fate of nation." He further said that Shaheed Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto struggled and sacrificed her life for

Moreover, he said that she fought bravely against forces of tyranny and continued her struggle against dictatorship till her last

democracy.

He remarked that it was Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali ment is the house of people Bhutto who gave right of and it is fortunate that the

young generation would vote to our young genera-

The speaker also condemned the recent vandalism and desecration of monuments dedicated to nation's Martyrs, emphasizing the fact that it was impossible for a nation to progress if it did not respect its martyrs.

He stated that the onus was upon the young generation to preserve sanctity of Parliament.

While addressing the launching ceremony of the Internship Program, National Assembly Secretary, Tahir Hussain warmly welcomed the Interns. He remarked "Parlia-

youth of this country are getting an opportunity to work at this prestigious institution, which will help them to understand democratic systems and the Con-

terns to ask as questions as they wanted during the course of their internship as

stitution" He encouraged the Intechnological changes oc-

it would help them in better understanding of the Parliament, State and endeavours undertaken by parliamentarians for betterment of the people of Pakistan. On this occasion Additional Secretary (Special Initiatives) Sved Shamoon Hashmi outlined the basic contours of this first ever Summer Internship Pro-

tackle maritime security challenges: Naval Chief ISLAMABAD (Online): curring across the world. He

Pakistan Navy ready to

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi visited National University (NDU), Islamabad and addressed the course participants of National Security & War Course. On his arrival, the Naval Chief was received by President NDU Lt Gen Kahat Naseem Ahmed Khan.

While addressing the course participants, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi paid rich tribute to the role and sacrifices of Pakistan Armed Forces for defence of the motherland. He lauded the efforts of officers and men for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations during recent cyclone and nationwide floods last year. Naval Chief underscored the need for officers to remain abreast of major geopolitical developments and

emphasized that synergy remains central to the modern concept of military operations as no military force can achieve success in today's warfare single handedly.

The Naval Chiefhighlighted that Pakistan Navy with the active support of sister services is ready to tackle the maritime security challenges facing the country today. The Admiral appreciated efforts of NDU for providing the academic stimulus and honing the professional abilities of

course participants.

National Defence University is the apex military training institute of Pakistan inculcating advanced professional military training to officers of Pakistan Armed Forces and friendly countries for assuming future key Command and Staff appointments.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Ms. Shazia Marri address a Press Conference on 70th Birthday of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, MOS PA&SS is also present.

Persons with disabilities part of society: Governor

ployment.

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that persons with disabilities are part of our society and it's our collective responsibility to extend wholehearted cooperation

This would help them lead successful life.

Governor stressed that implementation is necessary on the quota allocated in the government jobs so as to resolve the basic issue of em-

Governor while speaking to the delegation led by President, Awaz Maazoran Balochistan Organization, who called on him here at the Governor House on Wednesday. The members of del-

This was stated by the

egation apprised the Governor about their issues. They also presented the demands to the Governor.

On this, the Governor assured them of his full cooperation to resolve their

On BHC directives Appointment orders issued to 174 Female Elementary **School Teachers**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Education Department, Government of Balochistan has issues appointment letters to as many as 174 female Elementary School Teachers (EST) on Wednesday.

According to an official hand out issued here, the appointment letters have been issued by the Education Department to female ESTs of Grade-15 on directives of Balochistan

High Court.

not been issuing appointment orders to the successful candidates for last two years. On this, the candidates had approached the court of law. The High Court gave verdict in favour of the applicants, however, the department didn't implement the orders.

Later, the Court expressed anguish on the petition of contempt filed by the successful candidates After this, the Education Department issued orders It was mentioned that of appointment to the

Education Department had



ISLAMABAD: Students of Jamia Hafsa shouting slogans during protest in favor of their demands at Blue area in the Federal Capital.

Shaheed Benazir's mission is to set up democratic system: Ghazala Gola

QUETTA (APP): Presi- thoughts of the Quaid-edent of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Balochistan Women's Wing Ghazala Gola and General Secretary Zareena Zehri said that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto as a political leader and elected Prime Minister of the country has left positive, deep and numerous impacts and impressions on Pakistan's politics, economy and society. They expressed these views while addressing the ceremony organized under the auspices of PPP Women's Wing on the occasion of the 70th birthday

Benazir Bhutto. They said that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto remained steadfast in her mission with patience and courage until the last moment. Shaheed Bibi's mission was to establish a democratic system and society based on equality and to fulfill the mission of Bhutto in the light of the continue to struggle.

of Shaheed Democracy Ms.

Ghazala Gola said that

in the light of the thoughts of Benazir Bhutto, there was a need to promote harmony between the federation and the provinces. He said that the man-

ner in which Asif Ali

Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari managed the party and the country after the martyrdom of democracy Ms. Benazir Bhutto was admirable. She paid tribute to People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and said that under the leadership of Bilawal Bhutto, the party was carrying on the mission of martyr Ms. Benazir Bhutto. Žareena Zehri said that the ideology for which Mrs. Benazir Bhutto sacrificed her life was a torch for us Pakistan People's Party following its mission to rule the constitution in accordance with the philosophy of People's Leader Zulfikar Ali Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and would

Ease of doing business cell opens at BBIT:

Executive Officer of BBIT

Saeed Ahmed Sarprah

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fisheries and other sectors.

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PEC organizes

a one-day

awareness

seminar

Independent Report

QUETTA: One-day semi-nar was held to create

awareness about the price

adjustment formula for the

ongoing and future develop-

ment projects in the public

sector here on Wednesday.

under the auspices of Paki-

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Chief Engineer Communi-

cation and Works, Dr. Sajjad

Baloch, Advisor of Secre-

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Govt. taking certain measures to facilitate investors Balochistan, says Secretary Industries

CEO BBIT Saeed says local & foreign investors ready to make investment of billions of dollars in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Secretary Industries, Muhammad Akbar Harifal has stated that there is a vast potential of investment in Balochistan, and the provincial government is taking certain steps for facilitation of the investors through one window opera-

He said that every possible facilitation would be ensured for the investors

make investment in the The Secretary Indus-

tries was speaking on occasion of the Ease of doing business cell at the office of Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade (BBIT), here on Wednes-The cell has been es-

tablished with cooperation of Governance and Policy Project (GPP). Also present on the

occasion were the head of so as to attract them to GPP, Rashid Razzaq, Chief



OUETTA: Secretary Industries, Muhammad Akbar Harifal inaugurating Ease of Doing Business Cell at the office of Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade (BBOIT)

Govt. determined to resolve issues of masses, Marri

Independent Report

Smuggling bid foiled, goods worth Rs 300m recovered QUETTA (APP): Field Enforcement Unit Custom Noshki on Wednesday

seized foreign goods worth more than Rs 300 million along with a ten-wheeler Spokesman Quetta Custom Dr. Atta Baraich said that the operation was programme. carried out by the customs

post located near the Afghan He said that as many as 3537 parcels of sugar worth crores of rupees urea fertilizer and ten non-Wednesday. customs paid vehicles were

Over 1.3mln pilgrims arrived in Saudia for Hajj

officials at a sensitive check

apprehended.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Saudi Arabia has so far welcomed over 1.3 million pilgrims during this year's Ĥajj season through the Kingdom's international ports, the General Directorate of Passports announced. Up until Monday, 1,342,351 pilgrims have arrived in the Kingdom through air, land and sea ports, the Directorate said.

It added that the number of pilgrims arriving to Saudi Arabia through its airhas reached 1,280,240 pilgrims.

ment Fund.

QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Education, Mir Naseebullah Marri has stated that the present provincial government is determined to resolve the issues being faced by the people besides serving them in the

He said that we have given equal preference to all segments and new era of development would be started with implementation on the recent public development

> The Minister Education was addressing the ceremony of cheque distribution among the deserving students and patients at the Deputy Commissioner Office Kohlu on

The cheques were distributed among the students of different unities and patients suffering from different diseases under the Special Support Programme

He also gave away the cheque to the national boxer, Sherr Baz Marri, who belongs to Kohlu dis

Mir Naseebullah Marri maintained that the people would get bafacilities after completion of develop-

ment projects. He said that the financial compensation has been given to the deserving students and patients on special directives of the Chief Minister, Mir Abdul

uddus Bizenjo. Referring the issues of Kohlu, the Minister said that he has tried his best to resolve the issues during the last five years.

He also said that secretary Health has been issued orders to ensure timely provision of the medicines in District Headquarter Hospital Kohlu.

He said that the government believes in provision of facilities to the masses at their doorstep.

gation hailed the efforts of present cabinet of PEC and said that the manner it is guiding the engineers as per the modern day requirements is really commendable and worth following. He said that the professional capacity of the engineers is built with such awareness seminars and



QUETTA: A group photo of participants of one day training workshop organized by Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Balochistan

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