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QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir

Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has

categorically stated that no

member of National Eco-

nomic Council (NEC) from

the province including him

would participate in the

NEC's meeting being held

According to an offi-

The foreign minister,

Bilawal told the media

He said, "My mother,

arrived here on a three-day

visit from Jordan, on the

second leg of two-nation

that every year, a huge number of Pakistani pil-

grims visit Iraq to pay re-

spects at Ziaraat.

today (Tuesday)

Islamabad

Quetta

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of coalition partners for consultation on proposals for Public Sector Development Programme 2023-24.

Public welfare, business friendly policies focus of budget: PM

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday said the focus of the budget for the financial year 2023-2024 will be progress, public welfare and business-friendly poli-

He was speaking at a high-level consultative meeting with the allied parties here on the Public Sec-Development Programme (PSDP).

He said the size of PSDP in the budget would be increased from Rs 700 billion to Rs 950 billion in the next financial year to spur economic growth and create job opportunities.

cial year would be the year of economic progress for Pakistan, adding economic conditions were difficult and the government was adopting a policy of utiliz-ing available resources in the best possible manner.

The PM said substantial funds would be allocated in the new budget for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the flood-affected areas.

During a briefing, the participants of the meeting were told that the long-delayed National Flood Re-

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Apex Court says: Political issues can best be resolved through negotiations, consensus

Supreme Court of Pakistan has said that political issues can be resolved in a better way only through negotiations and consensus.

It is expected that poa date for simultaneous elections across the country.

The Supreme Court has issued a written order of the previous hearing in the case related to holding elections across the country on one day.

The order said the effort of the parties to solve political issues through negotiations is commendable. It further said the PTI

and the government committees submitted their reports on the negotiation process. Saad Rafique said there has been consensus on

ISLAMABAD (INP): The holding elections on a single day across the country. He also said that if talks continued, they could agree on a date as well. However, Shah Mahmood Qureshi expressed disappointment litical parties will agree on over the progress in the negotiations. The court adjourned the hearing of the

It should be noted that the Ministry of Defense has filed a petition to hold simultaneous elections across the country.

The ministry has further said in the petition that the Supreme Court should withdraw its order for elections in Punjab in view of the security situation and order the exercise after the completion of the term of the Sindh and Balochistan



KASHMIR: Chief Organizer of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Maryam Nawaz addressing to the huge crowed during public gathering at Bagh area.

Maryam Nawaz says: No respect for those who disrespected martyrs on May 9

BAGH (INP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz Monday declared that no respect for those who disrespected martyrs on May 9.

Addressing a rally in Bagh district of Azad Jammu and Kashmir during her mass-contact campaign in constituency of party candidate Mushtaq Minhas today, Maryam Nawaz said that those who burn our fighter jets and martyrs memorials are not among us because no matter how much angry someone is. they cannot cause damage to their country.

She held the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf chairman Imran Khan responsible for the May 9 aftacks and vowed that he would be made a 'nishan-e-ibrat' for others. "Your people are revealing that the chairman is the mastermind of May

vice president reiterated that people would not respect anyone who burnt graves of martyrs, adding that the arsonist did not belong to the country. 'Anyone who vandalised martyrs' scriptures could not be a Pakistani," she added.

She added that the nation will not forgive the May 9 rioters and people who are hiding as they hurt the feelings of martyrs' families. "The nation will not forgive those who meted out ill treatment to the martyrs," she remarked. The PML-N chief or-

ganizer lambasted PTI saying that those who came to power in 2018 through rigging are now leaving them and those who wanted to divide PML-N their party is now no more in the poli-

'The party which was imposed by rigging has crumbled today.

IHC bans airing of judges' remarks in cases

ISLAMABAD (INP): While hearing a plea for the recovery of former adviser to Prime Minister Shahzad Akbar's brother Murad Akbar, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) Monday banned the airing of judges remarks and said that only the written verdict of the court would be aired.

The court in its order stated: "Only the written verdict of the court will be aired. Neither the name nor the picture of the judge will be displayed. It will be contempt of court otherwise.

The judge said: "I am writing to Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra). If there is a violation, the license of the TV channel will be can-

The additional attorney general, Islamabad inspector general of police (IGP) and the interior secretary appeared in the

"The file of the case is being sent to the chief justice. Similar cases are pending in the division bench, the text of the verdict read

FM Bilawal hopeful of stronger Pakistan-Iraq cooperation in future BAGHDAD (APP): For- hour of need.

eign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday expressed the hope that bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Iraq would strengthen in the future.

The foreign minister, while addressing a joint press stakeout with his Iraqi counterpart Dr. Fuad Hussein, said that both the countries enjoyed decades old ties as they always supported each other in the

Muhtarma Benazir Bhutto

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Military installations attackers being tried under Army Act: Fazl

Democratic Movement (PDM) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said on Monday that the miscreants involved in attacking the state institutions, military installations and GHQ, were being tried under the Army Act.

Talking to the media

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan after visiting residence of Democratic Movement Federal Minister Sardar Ayaz Sadiq to offer condolences over the death of his brother, he said the other political and religious parties had also been staging protests, but they remained peaceful and no one went

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OUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakarin a group photo with delegation of Ulema and Tribal elites from Hazar Ganji led by Maulana Tahir.

Soldier martyred amid intense exchange of fire with terrorists in S. Waziristan

RAWALPINDI (APP): A soldier of Pakistan Army on Monday embraced martyrdom after an intense fire exchange took place between the Army troops and terrorists in general area Ladha, South Waziristan District.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the Army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location.

However, during intense exchange of fire, Lance Naik Muhammad Sabir (age 30 years, resident of District Mansehra) having fought gallantly, embraced shahadat.

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

Six killed, 13 injured in passenger van-truck collision

MANDI BAHAUDDIN (APP): At least six persons were killed, while 13 others suffered injuries in passenger van-truck collision near Pahrianwali area. Rescue 1122 said here on Monday that the accident occurred at Gujrat-Sargodha road that claimed lives of six people, while leaving 13 others injured. The deceased were identified as-Kaku (driver of van) r/o Pahrianwali,three women.

Environment Day: Governor House Quetta's role vital in keeping environment clean for around 150 years

Kakar emphasizes on making contribution by all for ending environmental pollution from country

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that a very least people would know that there has been an important role of the Governor House in keeping the environment clean and ending the pollution for around 150 years. Referring the serene

and beautiful environment of the Governor House Quetta on eve of the World Environment Day on Monthe Governor Balochistan said that a very appropriate arrangement is present for feeding and breeding of the birds besides taking constant concrete measures for watering hundreds of the trees and saplings during such a long

And obviously in this good deed, invaluable services and conscious efforts of the former and incumbent Governors, officers and staff of the Governor House are included. The Governor re-

marked that climate changes are threat for the world globe and matter of great concern for all the human begins and other creatures. Therefore, the Gover-

nor stressed, there is an urgent need to adopt measures on emergent basis for improving the current situ-He also underlined the

need to inspire the people Continued on page 2

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

QUETTA: Participants are holding awareness rally on the occasion of World Environment Day organized by Balochistan Environmental Protection

consultation on budget, prevailing political situation ISLAMABAD (Online):

JUI-F President Maulana Fazlur Rehman has called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the two made consultation on the budget for next financial year besides holding talks in details on the prevailing political situation of the country.

Talking to media men later Maulana Fazlur Rehman said the political parties stage profest but they don't damage the properties. If they attack the GHQ then army act will come into action too.

He went on to say the court has to decide about matter of ban on PTI.

He held court is d onstrating partiality. Therefore, we had to move to people court.

if court thinks ban should be imposed then it is good riddance, he remarked. We are desirous of stable judicial system.

Woman killed, five injured in **Ouetta firing**

QUETTA (INP): A woman was killed and five others including four women were injured in firing of armed men in Hazar Ganji area of Quetta on Monday. Police said that armed

men sprayed bullets a group of people killing a woman Shabnam Binte Lajer on the spot. Five people including Nazia Binte Daleel Khan, Shafeeqa w/o Rehmatullah, Nadia w/o Abdul Rahim, Shamkeena w/o Noorullah belonging to Marwat community and Muhammad were injured in the firing.

The assailants fled the scene. The body and injured were shifted to hospital for medico-legal formalities.

ANF recovers huge quantity of charas & heroin from Kuchlak area Independent Report

QUETTA: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) recovered huge quantity of charas and heroin from an abandoned area near Kuchlak bypass in wee hours of Monday.

According to the spokesman of ANF, the raid was conducted on a secret information in an abandoned area near Kuchlak bypass from where 90 kilogram of charas and 20 kilogram of heroin was recovered.

The narcotics was concealed underground to smuggle the consignment to abroad, the ANF spokesman informed. No arrest, however, could be made during the seizure.

He said that this attitude of the federal government reflects the extreme disappointing situation.
Even Rs. 10 billion as announced by the Prime

Prime Minister, but in vain.
Mir Abdul Quddus
Bizenjo said that the pro-

Minister for rehabilitation of the flood affected people of the province has also not been provided yet, he added

CM Balochistan finally decides to

boycott NEC's meeting in Islamabad

No member of National Economic Council from Balochistan including myself would participate in NEC's meeting being held today, asserts Bizenjo

cial handout issued here on

Monday, the Chief Minis-

ter has made the decision

of boycott of the NEC's

meeting in view of the non-

cooperative attitude of the

regretfully pointed out that

the federal government has

ances and commitments so

not implemented the assur-

far made regarding the prov-

The Chief Minister

federal government.

In this regard, re-

peated reminders were also made to the federal government and an official memorandum was also sent to the

vincial government helped and rehabilitated the flood affectees to its best mobilizing its limited resources.

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BAGHDAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari alongwith his Iraqi counterpart Dr. Fuad Hussein addressing a joint press.

PM, Fazl make Sardar Rind demands action against culprits involved in bid on life of his son

Says 9th May incidents of violence done under planned conspiracy; strongly condemnable to attack and torch civil and military buildings device two months back,

Independent Report QUETTA: The senior politician and Member Provincial Assembly, Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind has accused of the local administration of Kachhi for not taking any action

against the culprits involved in the attack on his son's caravan in Kachhi district months back.

while he had in-Commissioner Kachhi about the incident and culprits involved soon after the attack was made on his son with remote control but any action against the nominated culprits is yet to be taken. Sardar

Muhammad Rind was addressing apress conference

He said that

formed to the Deputy at his residence on Zarghhon road on Monda morning.

He said that he knew

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BHC declares **Decision of transferring** new waste water treatment plants to Q-WASA as illegal

Independent Report QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court has declared the decision of handing over of the "New Waste Water treatment plants in Quetta project " to Quetta WASA as illegal

and null and void.

The division bench headed by the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan heard the

Justice Muhammad Aamir Rana was the other judge in

the bench. According to the judgment, the summary sent by the Additional Chief Secretary development and planning and development to Chief Minister violated the recommendations and it

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KARACHI: Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langu talking with Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori during his visit. Senator Danesh Kumar and Home Minister Son Mir Ahmed Khan also present.

Imran Fitna has become minus from national politics: Rana Sana

FAISALABAD (Online): Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah Khan has said Imran fitna has become minus from country's politics. "Imran Khan "fitna"

has become minus from national politics. He will have to reap the crop what he had sown. Farah Goggi and Pinki peerni plundered the country. PTÎ indulged in rebellion and treason by challenging the writ of state on May 09 under an organized planning. Therefore, those who committed trea-

son against the state will not be pardoned. They have too no right to participate in national politics. Elections will be held at every cost but the fitna will stand minus from the politics of the country, he said this while addressing inauguration ceremony of NADRA and passport office on Amin pur Bangla road in his constituency. Whosoever will distance them from these events and their offence is verbal, they can be pardoned, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairing a meeting to discuss proposals for providing relief to poor and middle class in the upcoming budget.

Sardar Rind..

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well that who were in-

volved in the attack on his

son. But, the culprits in-

volved in the attack are

roaming freely, he charged.

He mentioned that a secu-

rity guard was martyred

while three others were in-

jured in the attack. He re-

gretted that forensic of the

area where his son was attacked could not be done

nents are being rewarded

against his in the district he

belonged to. He also

charged that allocations

have been made for his po-

litical opponents in the pro-

vincial budget, and so is

being done in the next bud-

He alleged that special grant of Rs. 7 crore and 75 lakh was allocated for his

political opponents in the

people don't want peace in

the province. But we want

peace and desire that our

people may live peacefully

and with calmness.

Sardar

He said that some

current budget.

He said that his oppo-

'Water sector reforms imperative for sustainable development in Punjab'

ternational Water Management Institute (IWMI) Pakistan celebrated World Environment Day 2023 by organising a capacity building workshop for media and highlighting the role of water governance in fostering prosperity and sustainable development in Punjab. Theworkshop was organised under the UK Aid-funded Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme Component 1: Climate Resilient Solutions for Improving Water Governance (CRS-IWaG) led by IWMI, through which water governance reforms will be introduced in Punjab and at the federal level. Speaking on the occa-

Director - Water, Food and Ecosystems, IWMI, and Team Leader, WRAP Programme Component 1: CRS-IWaG, informed the media that with increasing impacts of climate change, Punjab is experiencing unpredictable rainfall patterns, which is increasing reliance on groundwater resources. He suggested, "Through climate-smart interventions, IWMI Pakistan aims to guide farmers, industrialists, urban water users, and other stakeholders on sustainable water use, so that water scarcity can be addressed." Dr. Hafeez also gave an overview of the implementation progress of Punjab-specific interven-

FM Bilawal hopeful..

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Shaheed held Iraq in very high esteem and had very fond memories of her visit. I have come here with a desire to reinvigorate our fraternal ties and build them on solid foundations based on mutual respect, interests, and institutional link-

"I want to reiterate our desire to transform our bilateral relations into mutually beneficial economic ties. During my visit, we would have range of exchanges with the Iraqi leadership and private sector. We would be signing bilateral strengthening our collabo-

Bilawal said, "Similar to Pakistan, Iraqi nation has shown exemplary resilience, steadfastness, and resoluteness in combating terrorism and defeating this scourge. Our two nations have made great sacrifices in achieving this victory, fruits of which are being enjoyed by the region and

Bilawal said both countries always stood by each other at the multilateral forums. "We have good flourishing defence cooperation, contributing towards our shared objectives for peace, stability and security. It is time to rebuild. come out stronger than ever and transform our countries ration in diverse fields," he into progressive nation

tions introduced

Muhammad Rind said that our political opponents create law and order situation after coming into He appealed to the Chief of Army Staff to look

into the matter. He said that if something happened big, its effects would be worst. He on the occasion

demanded a commission to ascertain the causes behind the poor circumstances in the province. Referring the 9th May

2023 incidents of violence in the country, the former PTI parliamentary leader and provincial President strongly condemned the in-



QUETTA: Government Teachers Association Balochistan Central President, Habib Ur Rehman addresses during public gathering meeting held in Quetta.



TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Officer Municipal Committee Khaliq Abad (Mangochar) invites sealed tender based on composite schedule of rates, 2018 G.O. B amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below: - Earnest Money 2%, Time limit 6 Months

Name of work

1. Providing of Inst of Solar Tube Well Complete with Pipe Water Pound Etc at Sardar Kotmangochar Kalat.PSDP No. 3487/Z2022.1439 TSE222306335443

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Baluchistar Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council June-2023 in the category relevant in the value of work C-6 or above for which one is applicable with relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities' i.e. (NTN, Sales Tax Department and Balochistan Revenue Authority), where applicable. One Years Relevant works experience. Turnover last three years showing financial capacity of the firm. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: National Competitive Bidding Procedure: Single stage - One envelope bidding procedure. BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: The contractor/firm having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtained bidding document from the addressed mentioned below on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs.1500/(Non Refundable) deposited in the head of account C-6025-2 through Government treasury/ National Bank Pakistan Kalat or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA, from the date of publication of this invitation on the website of BPPRAtill one day prior to the last date of submission. The contractor/firm who obtained bidding document by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited green challan from above mentioned fee. The document if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be by the applicant, however, under no circumstances the procuring agency will be held responsible for last delivery or loss of document so mailed. Earnest money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or deposited at call from a scheduled Bank. Dead Line of submission: The bidding documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 20-06-2023 at 11:00 AM. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 20-06-2023 at

12:00 PM, before procurement committee in the presence of the

contractors or their authorized representative. Address: Office of

The Chief Officer Municipal Committee Khaliq Abad (Mangochar)

District Kalat. Tel: 0334-3589303 Term and conditions are

mentioned (incorporated) in detailed in bidding documents.

Procuring agency may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to

acceptance of bid or proposal as per provision of BPPRA Rules,

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Chief Officer Municipal Committee Khaliq Abad (Mangochar)

Military...

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ablaze state properties. Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan was a political party in nature, it staged protest demonstrations but did not attack the state institutions or GHQ. 'We are facing a new situa tion which cannot be compared with the past," he

"We have respect for national institutions including the judiciary; however, one has the right to express reservations if there was a question over the performance of any institution, he added.

Decision..

Continued from page 1 was approved to transfer the project in violation of the recommendations made in the summary.

The record shows that the approval of para No. 10 was made without considering the facts as mentioned in the para No. 6, 7 and 9. It is also surprising

that the Chief Secretary Balochistan endorsed the para No 2/S without any iustification and explanation despite the objections of Secretary PHE department in para No 6 and 7 of the summary

Although these objections were also supported by the ACS development and P&D department in para No 9.

Apparently it seems that the Chief Secretary was not provided proper required assistance in this re-

AJK PM tells Australian envoy

UN resolutions only way forward for settlement of Kashmir dispute

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister Chudhary Anwar ul Haq Monday said that the implementation of the UN resolutions was the only way forward to settle the long-standing Kashmir dispute peacefully.

Talking to Australian
High Commissioner Neil Hawkins who called on him at the state metropolis, he stressed the need for early resolution of the long stand-

Moĥammad Wasim

said that the children should

focus on education first and

at the same time they

should express their talents

in extra-curricular activities

which include sports, he

said, adding that there are

many cricketers including

Shadab Khan, Mohammad

Amir and myself who are

came up and reached the in-

ternational level, he said and

advised the children to

work hard to make their

parents and family mem-

bers proud of their perfor-

Col (retd) Wasim Janjua said that children are the future of any country and in a wonderful way

He expressed the hope that some children would go ahead and reach

an international level in this

game. Iram Sikandar Janiua

said. "The future of the

country is in the hands of

the children and we are

promoting extra-curricular

activities along with qual-

ity education in the

E/Cost

Taekwondo.

school

TENDER NOTICE

The Assistant Director Local Govt, Quetta invites bids from Eligible

Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on

Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Bid Security 2%

Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic

or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to

Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in

Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any

procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority

Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3

Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 39,607,499

PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial

capacity of the firm. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two

Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2%

specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled

bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained

from the office of the under-signed 2,000 PKR Issuance of tender

Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 21 June, 2023

during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission:

The Tenders must be submitted latest by 21 June, 2023 till 12:00 PM

Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the

office of the under- signed at 01:00 PM Address: Assistany

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TENDER NOTICE

The ADMINISTRATION (COLLEGE DIRECTORATE) invites bids

Bid Security 2% TSE-222306334931

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or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to

Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 2 Assignments of

Similar Nature and Complexity 2,500,000 in Previous2. Turn over of

at least 3,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years, Presence

in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must

not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV

is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security In case

Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the

bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive.

Submission of the required Bidding document Fee. Must agree to

serve the Contract within 30-06-2023 on Government Boys Degree

College Khanozal. The Bidder must have functional corporate office

in Balochistan having PTCL Phone & Fax No. Must unconditionally

agree with all the instructions, terms & conditions specified in the

bidding documents & contract agreement. Bidder Must Provide

sample. Manufacturer Authorization is required Procedure Of

Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid

Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of

Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-

signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding

documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed

1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of

publication of NIT to 19 June, 2023during office hours on working

days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted

latest by 19 June, 2023till 09:30 AM. Tender opening: All tenders

will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:30

AM Address: Planning Section Directorate of Colleges & Higher

DIRECTOR COLLEGES AND

HIGHER EDUCATION BALOCHISTAN QUETTA

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from eligible Bidders for supply of following items

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

LOCAL GOVT, QUETTA

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Director, Local Govt & Development Deppt Quetta

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"After hard work, we

from small areas.

Young players successfully

promoting different

games in Pak: Wasim

RAWALPINDI (APP): ers were present.

Mohammad Wasim, the

former chairman of the se-

lection committee of the Pa-

kistan Cricket Team on

Monday said that cricket is

the most popular game in Pakistan and the role of

young players is very im-

portant to promote the

game in the country.

Addressing the participants at a Taekwondo

competition organized by Pakistan Taekwondo Fed-

eration in collaboration with

World Taekwondo at Iram

Public School and College,

Kahuta, he said that in fu-

ture, the players from

Kahuta would make us

proud of their performance

as there is no shortage of

taekwondo competition of

the children and got encouragement that Pakistan's

young talent is coming up

in cricket as well as other

Taekwondo Federation,

Col Waseem Janjua, Prin-

cipal Iram School and Col-

lege. Iram Sikandar Janjua.

International Coach,

Sadaqat Hussain and oth-

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CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD

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1 Medical Equipment and Accessories

(Total Item(s) Count: 238)

Education Balochistan Quetta

PRQ No.4236/05-6-2023

Phone no: 3333309369

QUETTA PSDP NO 3747

On the occasion, sident Pakistan

"I am happy to see the

talent in Pakistan.

sports," he said.

President

ing dispute.
He said that hundreds of thousands of innocent Kashmiris have been martyred by the Indian troops during the ongoing freedom movement. "There are thousands of anonymous mass graves discovered in different areas within and outside the Kashmir

valley", the AJK PM said. Referring to the massive troops' concentration in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir the Indian constitution",

(IIOJ&K), he said that the Occupied Kashmir has been classified as the world's highest militarized zone where India had deployed over 9 lakh forces to crush the Kashmiris lepolitical gitimate struggle."The human rights situation has further worsened in the IIOJ&K since the Modi government stripped the region of its

right to freedom of assembly, the right to protest and rights to freedom of speech and expression remain largely suppressed in the region. "India has denied Kashmiris of their fundamental human rights in oc-

the PM said, adding that essential fundamental free-

doms including the people's

cupied Kashmir", he said. Referring to the existing political harmony in the liberated territory.

Public welfare, business..

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be restarted after a lapse of many years. He said despite the damage caused to the national economy by the previous government, his

government worked hard

and brought economic sta-

He said he considered consultation with the allied parties very important, adding last year for the first time in the history of Pakistan, the 13-parties alliance saved the state by putting in danger their own politics.

"We cannot find this kind of effort to save the country's economy, anywhere in the world. He said Pakistan was

saved from economic destruction and agents of Federal Ministers

Ishaq Dar, Ahsan Iqbal, Moulana Asad Mehmood, Rana Tanvir Hussain, Maulana Abdul Wasey, Syed Aminul Haque, Agha Hassan Baloch, Sardar Israr Tareen, Advisor to PM Ahad Cheema, Ministers of State Hashim Notezai, Ehsanullah Reki, member National Assembly and Convener Muttahida Ooumi Movement Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, MNAs Aslam Bhotani, Mohsin Dawar and member Awami National Party Sardar Hussain Babak and

special status by abrogat-

ing Article 370 and 35A of

the meeting.
Chief Minister Sindh
Syed Murad Ali Shah, member National Assembly and Chairman Balochistan National Party Sardar Akhtar Mengal attended the meeting through a video link.

officers concerned attended

The leaders and members of the allied parties thanked the prime minister for taking them into confidence about the development budget and for including their suggestions.

The meeting was told in detail about the economic targets and figures and proposed projects of the de-

velopment budget.
The PM directed the officials concerned and the Ministry of Finance to implement the suggestions of the allied parties and incorporate them in the upcoming budget.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday decided to take major steps in the budget for the welfare of poor and middle classes.

He was chairing a meeting to finalize measures to provide relief to the poor and middle classes of soci-

The PM directed that despite economic challenges, special measures should be taken for the protection of vulnerable sections of society.

He said maximum relief should be given to the public by utilizing the available resources in the best possible manner.

He ordered that a comprehensive plan should be devised for giving direct subsidy to the farmers



ISLAMABAD: Players in action during 1st Quaid-e-Azam National Championship, 2023 organized by Pakistan Squash Federation at Mushaf Squash

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He said that it was hoped that the rehabilitation activities would be promoted further after receiving the grant of Rs. 10 billion from the federal government.

He pointed out that the flood affected people are still awaiting the government support under the open sky.

He said that the federal government has also been asked to include the projects proposed by the members of Senate and National Assembly in the federal PSDP.

He said that we can't give development funds to the members of Senate and National Assembly because of the limited funds and resources.

The Chief Minister said that the members of provincial assembly are not in favour of including the Senators and MNAs' proposed projects in the prodevelopment vincial programme.

Governor..

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towards tree plantation and make organized efforts for forestation.

Kakar said that as all knows that United Nations has declared the decade of 2020-2030 as the decade of rehabilitation of the ecosystem, this is why we should also contribute it in by arranging maximum programmes and ensuring maximum participation of the people in them to highlight importance of the clean and healthy environ-

a need to recognize and appreciate the excellent performance of all the public and private institutions working in the country and province, adding he stressed.

CORRIGENDUM

Loralai all other ToRs will be remained same.

The place, issuance, submission, inquiries and opening will be the office of the Executive Engineer Building CW&PPH Department District Pishin published in Daily newspapers Quetta vide PRQ No. 3986/23.05.2023 may be read as Deputy Commissioner Office Quetta Road near Police Line District

PRQ No.4254/05-6-2023

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Divisional Forest Officer Pishin has invited the sealed tenders Form (as per Schedule B and A) on the Composite Schedule of Rates 2018 Government of Balochistan from interested firms of following work. BID SECURITY/ Earnest Money 2% in Shape of Call Deposit at Schedule Bank, Tender Fee Rs. 1000/-

S. NO NAME OF WORK E/COST 1. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF NURSERY 3,995,000/-

TSE-222306335463 The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with

Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014, BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Firms must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council who also has deposited case for renewal (2022-23) in relevant Category, and registration with tax authorities i.c. (NTN and BRA), including three years similar nature work experiences & Bank Statement (Turnover). Firms (Single Entity) having valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the Category C-6 or above with required Specialized Code Valid Registration with Income Tax, &Baluchistan Revenue Authority. Turnover of at least PKR 2,796,500/-in the last three years showing financial capacity of the firm. Other Mandatory conditions and Detail Marking Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. The bidder who offered bid of 10% below the of the total estimated cost will deposit 08% addition security in the shape of call deposit in the name of the undersigned In case of failure of additional security the 02% earnest money will be forfeited in favor of Government of Balochistan & bidders will be recommended for blacklisting Sequential page numbering of Proposal. Signing and stamping of proposal (Technical and Financial) wherever indicated as well as initial/ signature and seal on all other pages of proposals. The Proposal is bound as hard book to deny addition/ removal of pages. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage-One Envelope procedure. BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS: ISSUANCE: The Firms can obtain the bidding Documents from the office of the Divisional Forest Officer Pishin upon payment (non refundable) bidding document fee Rs. 1000/- deposited in government treasury under head C-03370 through Green Challan Form in National Bank of Pakistan(NBP),.(The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk, in this regard, the interested bidders must submit Green Challan Form deposited in government treasury one day prior to the bid opening in the office of undersigned. Issuance of Tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 20 June, 2023 during office hours on working days. Last date of bid Submission: The bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before on 20/06/2023 at 11:30 pm. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 20/06/2023 at 12:30 pm, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives/agents. And the financial bid will be retained and only successful bidders will be called/invited trough courier for opening of financial bid. The financial bid of disqualified bidders will be returned unopened. Place of issuance and submission will be: - Address: Divisional Forest Officer Pishin Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days. Phone No:: 0826420541

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Malik Abdul Wali

He noted with pleasure that Pakistan's performance and contribution is being acclaimed at the international level for improving the environment particularly regarding the large-scaled tree plantation in the country.

In this regard, there's

Single-use plastics to be banned in PM Secretariat, federal ministries: Sherry

Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Senator Sherry Rehman on Monday announced that the government has decided to ban single-use polythene items in Prime Minister Secretariat, federal ministries and in all the divisions to end non-degradable plastic use as model for the nation to embrace behavioural change for beating plastic

in connection with the World Environment Day at tion (SBF), the federal minister informed that the ban would be imposed from tosions would be directed to no policy can come from

ensure refillable water the blue as climate policy bottles and containers for official use.

Senator Rehman informed that the prime minister has endorsed it and regulations would be resed in the evening.

However, the plastic manufacturers have directed to stop manufacturing of non-degradable plastics and by August 1, 2023 it would be discontinued.

She said environment has become a serious topic Addressing a seminar at present but there was very low awareness among the public on the matter that Shaheed Bhutto Founda- made it necessary to hold maximum events of this kind. "Unless a community, household, office, trader, day at PM Secretariat and manufacturer or others do federal government divi- not contribute their input;

cannot be policed it demand mutual consensus."

"Human legacy of this generation would be heaps and mountains of plastics as entire world recycles 9% plastic waste and it is not being recycled. Only Norway do 100% recycling of plastics and then Germany.

The European countries can do it because they have environmental literacy," she added.

Some 624 containers, she said were dumped on our beaches full of hazardous plastics because the world was unable to recycle it, adding, "This plastic is going into our rivers, drains and oceans. We turned River Indus into the second most polluted river

lined that there was no plan and planet B as we cannot throw away this planet.

"Plastics are not degrading even after a century. It is where it is and it's proliferating. By 2050 plastics will be more than marine life in world oceans," she added.

Senator Rehman noted that without active citizenship government could not police its policies and regulations as no policy was successful without student and youth engagement.

This is becoming humanity's biggest sin of polluting entire environment. We have skin in this game that we have to reduce plastic pollution for our coming generations because it is our next generation's matter." she concluded.

ISLAMABAD

Undersecretary of Staté,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Poland, Wojciech Gerwel

on Monday reiterated his

resolve to enhance bilateral

relations with Pakistan in

various fields including

The diplomat ex-

trade, investment and en-

pressed his resolve during

a Round-Table discussion

organized by the Centre for

Strategic Perspectives

(CSP) at the Institute of

Strategic Studies Islamabad

Gerwel underscored the im-

portance that Poland ac-

corded to its 'friendly and

solid' relationship with Pa-

Undersecretary

Poland vows to enhance

ties with Pakistan

uncertain times, Poland

was reaching out to its part-

ners, and as such Pakistan

is a valuable partner," the

vast potential in economic

relations between the two

countries in a number of

key sectors including trade,

Gerwel was apprised of the

evolving regional situation

including in Ukraine as well

as Poland's perspective on

the range of issues of peace

and security confronting

dial relations between Pa-

kistan and Ukraine for the

last six decades.

Highlighting the cor-

investment and energy.

He highlighted the

Undersecretary

diplomat added.



ISLAMABAD: A view of the massive garbage in the huge area of the outskirts of Federal Capital on the World Environment Day as World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5 June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth.



ISLAMABAD: Mir Shai Mazar Baloch, Director General (Coord/Pdu), senate attending a meeting between the PDU and the Country Director of the United Nations World Food Program (UN-WFP) at Parliament House.

Its not in my knowledge who is in contact with whom: Qamar Kaira

Pakistan Navy observes

World Environment Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- on the importance of pol-

kistan Navy on Monday lution caused by plastic

on taking suitable measures Navy news release said.

World Environment kistan Navy organised vari-

ISLAMABAD: Students of the International Islamic

University Schools, I-8 Campus visiting Senate

Speakers say:

Administrative hurdles in

beating plastic pollution

ISLAMABAD (APP): and choking trachea of

The speakers at seminar on aquatic life in sea. Mass

Museum at Parliament House.

Monday said that the envi-

ronmental hazards of plas-

tic are multifarious but of-

and lack implementation

whereas plastic has detri-

mental effects on human

health that take their toll on

millions of lives every year.

The impact of plastic on

aquatic life in oceans is an

example of this. Pakistan is

no exception to plastic pol-

million tonnes of plastic waste in 2020, over 65 per

cent of which was misman-

aged. 18 per cent of munici-

pal solid waste produced in

Pakistan is plastics. Only

3 per cent of plastic used

by the manufacturing in-

dustry in Pakistan is re-

tic bags is now ubiquitous.

Starting from shops, plas-

tic bags are seen flying in

streets, floating on water bodies, tangled in trees,

blocking sewerage networks governments

The presence of plas-

cycled material.

Pakistan produced 3.9

Policies are ineffective

ten glossed over.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Advisor to Prime Minister (PM) on Kashmir affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira has said it is not in his knowledge who is in contact with

He said this while talking to a private TV channel

Expressing the possibility that Karachi mayor will be jiala he said all parties should together go towards solution of Karachi

celebrated World Environ-

ment Day to underscore the

significance and emphasize

to protect the marine eco-

Day is observed globally on

5 June to raise awareness

of the significance of a

healthy and green environ-

ment. It aims to promote

healthy measures for im-

proving quality of life. This

year's theme for World En-

vironment Day is 'Solu-

tions to Plastic Pollution',

which aims to bring focus

parties form government in future, all will have to legislate keeping in view the national interest.

He went on to say population census is a constitutional process. PPP too had placed its reservations in federal government. If there are mistakes in population census these should be rectified.

We are opposed to banning political parties, he said adding people are join-He held several people have joined PPP and more to know about PTI, thereing PPP. People have come fore, they are returning.

material and promote its re-

sponsible use to protect the

environment, a Pakistan

ous lectures, harbour clean-

ing campaign at Karachi

and an awareness walk at

Manora Beach to highlight

the importance of preserv-

ing the environment. Addi-

tionally, PN has launched

various initiatives to con-

serve the environment rang-

ing from a collection of solid

waste from the harbour.

To show firm resolve

create awareness, Pa-

Four Corona cases reported in last 24 hours: NIH

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health officials on Monday said that four new Coronavirus cases were reported during the last 24 hours across the country.

As per the data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.28 percent while six patients were in critical condition.

No death was reported from the Coronavirus in the last 24 hours while 1,424 Covidported

19 tests were conducted.

Meanwhile, Minister
for National Health Services Regulations and Control vices, Regulations, and Co-ordination, Abdul Qadir Patel said the government has strengthened the role of Border and Health Services in Pakistan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19.

PMD forecast isolated rain atvarious places

kistan Meteorological De partment (PMD) has forecast rain-wind/thunderstorms for isolated places in South Punjab, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and adjoining areas during the next 24

According to the synoptic situation, continental air was prevailing over most parts of the country. Western currents were

reaching into western and central parts of the coun-

The PMD stated that Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country, while very hot in southern parts"

10 catch during police dragnet

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad police have taken 10 suspects into custody during a search and combing operation in the limits of Secretariat Police Station (PS), informed a police spokesman.

The detained suspects have been moved to the police station for further investigation. He said the police were carrying out search and combing operations in various areas of the Federal Capital following Islamabad Capital City Po lice Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan's directions to flush out the antisocial elements and criminals from the district and to maintain law and order. He said that the search and combing operation at 'Bari Imam' in precincts of Sec-

in plea regarding kidnaping of Shahzad Akbar's brother

IHC issues written order

ISLAMABAD (Online): identical cases. The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday issued written order regarding hearing on a petition seeking recovery of Murad Akbar, the brother of PTI's leader Shahzad Akbar.

The court order said that it was sending the case file to the chief justice so that the case could be transferred to the other bench.

It said that a division bench was already hearing

It further instructed the investigation officer to probe the matter as per the law. The FIR had already registered against the kidnapping Murad Akbar against the unknown people.

It said that the IGP Islamabad was ensuring investigation of the incident, adding that as per the footage, police uniforms had been used in the incident.



ISLAMABAD: Participants are holding awareness walk in connection of Climate Change to increased knowledge on plastic pollution organized by Ministry of Climate Change, held at D Chowk.

CDA aims to make sports Islamabad's identity: Chairman

Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Captain Noor Ul Amin Mengal has announced that the civic body was working to make sports the identity of Islamabad city and to achieve this goal, the authority prioritized improving sports facilities in the

working on a mega project to upgrade sports grounds in the city, adding that providing facilities to the youth was essential for building a better society, said a press

Noor Ul Amin expressed these views as a special guest at the cricket tournament organized by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The teams of ICCI. CDA, Media anchor and ICT XI participated in the tournament. The senior officials of

CDA, Senior Vice President ber had a keen interest in Islamabad Chamber Faad Waheed, Vice President En-

gineer Azhar Islam, Zafar Bakhtawari also participated in the tournament. Speaking on the occasion, the chairman CDA

the authority was taking effective steps regarding sports and would provide complete sports facilities in every sector of the capi-He said that CDA was He said that CDA was also working to improve the condition of the existing

> grounds, special sports en claves, and jogging tracks had been made indispens able in all major parks. "ICC's interest in the promotion of sports is welcome, I hope the Chamber

and CDA would work together for the promotion of sports", he added. President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtavari said that sports could be best alternative for youth in any society and promoting heels

meant highlighting positive activities in the society. He said that the champromoting sports related

activities in the city.

Development process can be augmented by active women participation: Law Minister

Constitution from Women's

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Monday said there should be no discrimination in terms of services as women had performed outstandingly in every profession over the years. He said the women constituted half of the population in Pakistan and by ensuring their active participation in the socioeconomic sphere the development process could be augmented in true letter and

The was addressing

IHC extends protective bail of Babar Awan for 10 days

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has extended protective bail of Babar Awan for

The court has also ordered to provide details of cases registered against the senior lawyer.

The case pertaining to protective bail and provision of details of cases against Babar Awan came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Chief Justice Amir Farooq Mon-

The court extended the protective bail of Babar Awan for 10 days besides ordering to provide details of cases against him.

AIOU to host policy dialogue on June 06

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high-level policy dialogue on air pollution titled "Reimagining plastic and re-newable solutions to environmental degradation" will be held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on June 6 (Tuesday), in connection with 'World

Environment Day'. Vice Chancellor (VC) of AIOU Prof. Dr Nasir Mahmood will deliver the welcome talk while Executive Director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Abid Qayyum Suleri will deliver the introductory re-

The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Hamad Obaid Ìbrahim Salem Al Zaabi will also address the event.

PIMS makes medical waste disposal system fully functional

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has made it fully functional of its system to properly dispose of medical waste in the hospi-

According to the hospital spokesperson Dr. Mubashir Mushtaq Daha, following Secretary Health's directions, measures were adopted on an emergency basis to dispose of the hospital's waste and make the system fully func-

the seminar "Reclaiming the Space: Reading the tial that "we view it through

a diverse lens that encap-

sulates the struggles and

aspirations of all the mem-

bers of the society, specifi-

cally of the women. When

Constitution from women's

perspective we aim to en-

hance our understanding

and ensure that all individu-

als are treated equally un-

der the law". He said the

gender-based discrimina-

tion still existed in various

forms withing our society

and it was more visible in

we speak of reading the

Perspective", jointly organized by the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Women Parliamentary Cacus (WPC). The minister said he stood there not just as a government's representative but also as a proponent of progress, equality and justice for all. The Constitution of Pakistan was a beacon of hope, a guiding force that laid the founda-

tion for the nation's values and principles, he added.

ISLAMABAD: High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Pakistan Ruhul Alam Siddique cuts the ribbon along with others to inaugurates "Bangladesh Festival 2023" as the event was held on 03-06-2023 at Bangladesh Embassy in Federal Capital.

SDPI and GAIN sign collaboration agreement to further cause of nutrition

for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) has signed an agreement to collaborate to further the cause of nutrition in Pakistan.

SDPI Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, while speaking on the occasion, said nutritional security was the most important aspect which was threatened by variety of factors with particular threat from climate change and consumption of micro-

ISLAMABAD (APP): highly resistant to degrada-The Sustainable Develop- tion and sustained in the ment Policy Institute environment for a pro-(SDPI) and Global Alliance longed period resulting in getting way into human food chain.

Microplastic exposure to humans, he added, was caused by foods of both animal and plant origin, food additives, drinks, and plastic food packaging. As this year's Environment Day theme was "Plastic Pollution", by reducing micro-plastic consumption, "we can ensure proper utilization of food consumed by the humans and avoid plastic-toxicity", he con-



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) and Ufone 4G Group Head, HSE Corporate, Fawad Farukh along with others team members plant a tree inconnection with World Environment Day held in Islamabad.

APPLA demands salary increase in upcoming budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the government prepares to unveil the upcoming budget, the All Pakistan Professors and Lecturers Association (APPLA) had urged the government to implement a significant salary hike of 100pc for federal and provincial government servants.

The association also emphasized the need to bridge the existing disparity in the salaries of various government employ-

President of APPLA Professor Munawar Abbas while talking to APP, expressed concerns over the current state of affairs, stating that the current house rent allowance provided by the government is insufficient to rent even a single

Senior Vice President (VP) of APPLA Dr Rahima Rehman highlighted the disparity between the conveyance allowance and the soaring transportation costs, which had been fueled by the exorbitant prices of petrol. The General Secretary (GS) Professor Jamshed Khan pointed out the inadequacy of the medical allowance, noting that it failed to cover the expenses for essential medications such as the monthly purchase of panadol tablets. Addressing these pressing issues, APPLA leaders Dr Kaleem, Prof Tariq Baloch, Prof Rehmat Ali. Prof ShahJahan, Prof Tariq Saleem, Prof Faiz Muhammad, Prof Abdul Razzaq kakar, Prof Ehtesham Gul



and Rehan Tahir. Speaking as a guest of honour, well-known environmentalist and Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed said Pakistan's single-use plastic consumption is rising by over 15 per cent a year despite all the legislation by the federal and provincial

production, low cost and

easy access have turned

plastics into a major haz-

The seminar titled "Beat Plastic Pollution"

was organized by the Bahria University Environ-

ment and Earth Sciences

Department and APGA on

Monday. The guest speak-

ers included well-known

environmentalist and

Devcom-Pakistan Execu-

tive Director Munir Ahmed.

Dr. Said Akbar Khan, Dr.

Abrar Shinwari, UNIDO

technical expert Hammad

Bashir, former Member

CDA Sanaullah Aman, en-

vironmentalists Sana Tahir

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Tuesday June 06, 2023

Environment Day

Our world is not reusable nor can it be made perishable. As the plastic tide spins out of control, World Environment Day, being observed this year with a focus on plastic pollution, is a requisite to stem it. An alarming level of plastic — 8m to 10m tonnes — spills into the oceans each year, becoming a devastating rogue wave for the ecosystem. Take the North Pacific Ocean where a mass of litter comprising common trash, belongings and process that is still underfishing equipment is known as way. The defecting members all spoke from the the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. There isn't much comfort for life above water either: UNEP sounded the alarm last month when it stated that, considering the invisible "microplastic fragments" plaguing the highest peaks and the ocean floors, single-use plastics and disposable consumption must drop to half as the next few years are precarious. These were identified in "blood, breast milk and placentae" — foreboding signs of a noxious marine and animal feed and food chain. The report also pronounced plastic as the source of 19pc of global greenhouse emissions by tangent every time. They 2040; it presented a 'reuse, recycle and diversify' approach for used materials to meet the basic principles; in fact, their survival depends on diminution target.

ministers at the G7 summit even the JUI-F: all have been able to survive and vowed to halt surplus plastic play their roles one way or pollution in their nations by able to do so? One tends to 2040. However, the most significant development that can for that answer. First, the set the path to recovery was in PTI from the very beginning was a party of no principles at all. Its leadership came together and assented to negotiate an international one man-lacked the essential ingredients of a sound treaty which plugs the plastic political leadership. The crunch, similar to the Paris to man was so steeped in self-love and a high degree to holding leaders such as Agreement on climate change. The charge of mapping an agenda to lessen global plastic excess fell squarely on the shoulders of UN affiliates. Likely to be settled by the end of 2024, the accord should translate into a powerful, stringent plastic policy with legal teeth, resolute on restoring the globe. Closer to home, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have banned single-use plastic fare. But Pakistan and India's undertaking to phase out expendable plastic has sunk.

Pakistan's pollution laws -Section 11 of PEPA forbids the missed by doctors treating discharge of effluents, waste spective, ie looking at the and air pollutants — are met painful part and not the with oblivion. And resistance from retailers and consumers defeated the government's SRO to ban plastic bags in 2020. In April, the climate change ministry disclosed that the production level of plastic waste was 3m tonnes and, according to UNEP, only 3pc is recycled. If unaddressed, this will stand at 12m tonnes by 2040. A World Bank survey in 2022 claimed 10,000 tonnes of macro-plastics flow through the Indus into the sea annually. Meanwhile, untreated sewage and solid refuse continue to ravage Karachi's marine ecology. The fatal threat of toxic plastic, which makes flora, fauna and humans sick, must emerge as a rebel yell for environmentalists and provide magic cures, nor has media. Also, without a habit revolution, a plastic ban is just the tip of a rapidly dissolving iceberg.

An inflection point?



Maleeha Lodhi

The fallout of the May 9 riots on the country's politics has been both immediate and significant. Coming on the back of opposition leader Imran Khan's intensifying confrontation with the establishment, the violent protests of that day triggered a sequence of developments that led to a sweeping crackdown on PTI supporters.

The party also began to disintegrate as more and more of its leaders and former lawmakers started to quit — an orchestrated same script — condemning the vandalisation of military installations and disassociating themselves from a party they held responsible for the violence.

ing he could be tried in a military court for "masterminding" the May 9 riots and his party could even face a ban. A beleaguered Khan, now mired in multiple court cases, vehe-mently rejected this allega-

While condemning the mass arrests and coercive actions, which he claimed were forcing the exodus from his party he nonetheless offered talks to the government in a dramatic reversal of his previous position.

Prime Minis ter Shehbaz Sharif, however, rebuffed the offer and ruled out dialogue with those he dubbed as "anarchists and arsonists who wear the garb of politicians but attack the symbols of state".

PTI's disintegration has already begun to reshape the political landscape. While political alignments will likely be fluid until elections are finally called, it raises questions about what will be the electoral state of play down the road. A key question is where will PTI's sizeable vote bank go?

The ruling coalition Jahangir Khan Tareen to electorate.

mounted more pressure on Khan with ministers warn- to attract 'electables' who have deserted PTI, and offer a 'third option' to voters. A smart politician and dynamic entrepreneur, JKT will, however, need his disqualification to be legally overturned to play a pivotal role. It is, in any case, too early to say how successful he will be in launching a party, and more importantly, whether enticing ex-PTI members to join will mean they would bring PTI voters with them.

> This puts the country's electoral politics in a state of flux. Will the contest in Puniab — the battleground province that determines the national outcome — be a four-way fight, which ends up denying any party a majority at the centre and producing a hung parliament?

Will PTI voters turn up at the ballot box if they see their party has been dismantled and their leader, with all the legal cases against him, has little or no chance of returning to power? This would have a significant bearing on the overall turnout figure, especially as young voters now Efforts are on by constitute a large part of the

voters would be persuaded to support the two traditional parties, PML-N and PPP, even though the latter has attracted some defectors from south Puniab. After all, their support for Khan was predicated on rejection of these two old

Can JKT's new party appeal to them? What also has to be kept in view is that in the past voters punished candidates who switched party loyalties. If the PTI vote divides will that benefit one or other of the traditional parties in our first-past-the-post system? Uncertainties abound,

especially as no election date has vet been announced by the government. When that happens, and it cannot be delayed once parliament's present term ends on Aug 16, electoral calculations will start determining political alignments and the picture will become clearer about the nature of the electoral con-

But for now, none of the political parties seem interested in spending any time spelling out their policy programmes or vision for the country's future. No party has offered any ideas about

It is unlikely that PTI how to address the them. country's many challenges. They remain engaged in a power struggle and efforts to subdue their political op-ponents rather than evolve policy plans for the future.

If uncertainty has become a defining feature of the country's politics, what is certain is the precarious state of the economy. The economic slide has accelerated under the PDM government with all economic indicators continuing to worsen.

The country is still teetering on the verge of a sovereign default on its debt despite protestations to the contrary by the government. The bailout deal with the IMF remains elusive.

The prime minister recently spoke to the managing director of the Fund. Kristalina Georgieva, for resumption of the stalled programme. But the IMF has conveyed its inability to conclude a staff-level agreement unless Pakistan is able to arrange financing to fill the gap of \$6 billion in its current account in this fiscal vear, which ends on June 30. Reserves have plunged to iust over \$4bn that cover less than a month of imports

The government has sought to manage Pakistan's worst balance-of-payments crisis by stop-gap measures controls. This has already

such as imposing import produced severe economic contraction. The latest officially estimated GDP growth figure for the current fiscal year is 0.3 per cent compared to 6pc in the last fiscal year — but even this dismal number is contested.

The industrial sector contracted by 3pc, with many businesses shutting down, causing job losses and shortage of goods. The mon-ster floods last year adversely impacted the agricultural sector, where growth has slowed down significantly.

Exports too have declined, in large part due to restrictions on imports and resultant shortage of raw materials. Meanwhile, inflation has hit the highest ever level and the rupee has lost record value against the dollar. With an eye on elections, the government now plans what officials call a relief budget' expected to include fiscally lax, populist measures. This will only compound the economic despite the curbs placed on crisis. -- Courtesy Dawn

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Dr Naazir Mahmood

In Pakistan, successful political parties are able to push the content and style of their politics off at a new are able to reshape their identity and interests without compromising on their this ability. Look at the The same month, climate ANP, JI, PPP, PML-N or the other. Will the PTI be respond in a big negative. There are plenty of reasons that revolved around just

of narcissism that everything else looked insignificant. Other parties such as the ANP and JI were able to survive because they had well defined principles. The ANP had a clearly left-wing and progressive agenda, the JI was exactly the opposite - but both had some ideological ground to stand on. The PTI never had any clearly defined agenda other than targeting the two largest parties in the country: the PPP and the PML-N. The PTI's rhetoric against corruption did not target the real corruption in the country; it simply wanted to tarnish nearly all politicians that did not join the good

In the late 1990s when the PTI was still a fledgling – its founder developed a love for more tribal mores, advocating the jirga system. Parties such as the JI and the JUI also had a soft corner for the Taliban; but these were outright religious parties with no pretension of having a clean-shaved leader who could entice the young generation with his fluent English and handsome looks. In that the PTI was a confused hotchpotch – a Taliban outlook, but still emplary punishment. The

Shireen Mazari and Zartaj

Then there was even more confusion about whether it wanted a democratic system in the country or an autocratic one. Other parties such as the PPP and the PML-N have no ambiguity about their democratic credentials as they believe in parliamentary democracy and say so loud and clear. The PTI was always replete with a lot of mumbo-jumbo about its stance on democracy, a moment it claimed to be democratic; soon to contradict itself by pointing out flaws in democracy to prove that an autocratic system would be much better for Pakistan. The same it displayed during the dictatorship of Gen Pervez Musharraf. The PTI initially had a soft corner for Musharraf, which the PPP and PML-N never had. Then the PTI expected Musharraf to coopt its leader as prime minister and facilitate his enthronement. Then it started spewing venom against Musharraf for a while, soon to take a U-turn and condemn Justice Waqar Seth who sentenced Musharraf to an ex-

expert at U-turns justifying them for their immediate interests, even if they were diametrically opposed to what the PTI claimed to stand for. Rather than developing an achievable agenda for the country, the PTI used hyperbole to promise the moon, especially to a young unsuspecting generation. No other political party made such outlandish claims about its ability to deliver millions of houses and tens of millions of jobs in a jiffy. Other parties were more realistic and down-to-earth, not the PTI. It was flying in the clouds and jumping across the mountains; and its followers loved it. The Pegasus that the PTI displayed was a wax one, but those who craved for quick solutions to deep problems rode it.

Other parties never claimed to have geniuses in their fold, but the PTI was able to sell the idea of having hundreds of geniuses who were ready to push the country on the path of rapid development. By any definition, a genius must be able to communicate and create new possibilities and opportunities, without misleading the audience. The Amendment, then ob- ter. -- Courtesy The News

PTI leadership was miscommunicating and misleading their followers in the wrong direction. The party created a makebelieve world for its listeners and viewers who started circumambulating the corruption mantra, like whirling dervishes who move in their own world, cut off from their immediate surroundings. Then there was a will-

ingness to disturb peace

and occupy spaces just to make their presence felt and become a nuisance to everyone who did not support them. No other party had this level of cunningness to stage long sit-ins and entertain its fol-lowers with repeated cliches. Like most formula films that people still watch to applaud the unbelievable summersaults of their heroes, the PTI kept on staging the same hackneyed performances to mesmerized spectators. Such shows went on and on, no matter whether the party was in power or out. It was never clear if the PTI was for the constitution or against it. Once in power, its leader-

jected to the parliamentary system itself. It tried to bypass all parliamentary procedures to make laws through dozens of presidential ordinances that suited it. Its top leadership kept a disgusting disdain for parliament first by not attending the sessions and then by putting the parliament itself at stake when it used the speaker, the deputy speaker, and the president to circumvent an entirely constitutional and legal vote of no-confidence. No political party in the history of Pakistan had done so in the face of a no-confidence move. No other party jeopardized Pakistan's relations with other countries the way the PTI leadership repeatedly did without learning any lessons from its past and present errors of judgement. A mocking style at international conferences, a hubris incongruent with diplomatic etiquettes, a lack of vision in nearly all matters – from constitutional and economic to political and social, and a certain way of seeing things and hearing ship expressed dissatis- voices, all pushed the nafaction against the 18th tion to the brink of disas-

Ease the pain



Muna Khan

Is there a more dismissive response to pain than hearing someone tell you 'it's all in your head?' As someone who has suffered chronic pain for at least a decade, I can't tell you how upsetting it is.

I've often felt dismy pain from a limited perwhole body. A few healthcare professionals have told me how they're seeing more patients with complaints similar to mine, especially since Covid, but can't explain why. I think it's pretty clear that stress levels amplified during the pandemic haven't receded.

I've tried just about every pain relief method shared by friends and family — from myofascial massages to acupuncture to physical therapy, osteopathy, cupping to hypnosis, even sound healing. I also psychedelic microdosing. Each provided various levels of temporary relief. I know stress aggravates pain but if any reader has a tip on how they manage stress that doesn't involve leaving the country or switching off the news, let me know.

So it was with some trepidation that I read Rachel Zoffness' Pain Management Workbook after hearing her on a podcast. While her book does not it changed my life, it has shifted my attitude.

Her basic premise is that the causes of pain are a mix of biological, psychological and sociological factors. Treating lower back pain in isolation, for example, won't provide longterm relief; one's emotional health has to be taken into consideration. How a person views their own pain is of equal import. The section on pain dial — imagining your pain as a volume button — and how to con-

"Any time your brain perceives or beli-eves that your body is in danger, the pain dial is turned up, so pain volume is loud — loud enough to grab your attention, change your behaviour, and get you out of harm's way. However, if your brain determines that your body is safe, the dial is turned down — so pain volume is lower, and warning signals are quieter," she

trol it, was particularly use-

writes When your body is stressed, it tenses and tightens and "cerebral cortex and limbic system (which control thoughts and feelings) send signals to your pain dial, turning it way up", she adds. The same is true when your mood is low or you have negative thoughts or when your attention is focused on pain.

In the good news though, the opposite is also true. When your stress is low, you are happy, your mood is high, your brain determines "little protection is needed", turning pain volume low.

"Thoughts, beliefs, emotions, perceptions, coping behaviours, and context can adjust pain vol-

ume," she writes. The trick then is to focus on keeping the pain volume low, and she suggests many activity-based things — from being outdoors, to more socialising and reduced screentime. I can attest to how this has helped me tremendously in pain management but they are difficult goals, especially when everyone you know shares your anxiety about the un-

certainty in the country. Is it possible to turn the

dial lower when you worry about a near economic collanse that awaits, the tensions in families for opposing political views, the lack of opportunities for the

PTI leadership became an

While DrZoffness does not have an answer specific to the pain Pakistanis are afflicted with — neither, i seems, does the PDM govemment — she says having a dee-per understanding of the science behind pain, and coping behaviours, allows one a greater control of their pain. She explains cognitive behavio-ur therapy and how it has hel-ped people imp-rove their lives, red-uce dependency on me-d-ication and lower their pain dials.

Perhaps the most useful part of the book is the tools she offers, like the school exercise book where you fill in the blanks to questions that will give you insight into your emotional state and help you recalibrate your relationship to pain. It may seem simplistic but putting things down on paper, like how you react to certain situations, can be very useful, even cathartic, maybe surprising. Seeing those words on paper helped me make lifestyle changes. I spend 10 minutes in direct sunlight upon waking to manage circadian rhythms in a bid to help improve sleep hygiene.

Pain is debilitating. It can lead to isolation and reduced activities; it can impact your work and all your relationships. I especially chose to write this piece given the situation in Pakistan, a nation in perpetual crisis mode, because the environment impacts mood and the body. Many may not understand how pain is the body's warning system. Zoffness' action focused book offers useful techniques and tips without sounding new age-y. More importantly, it of fers hope that life without chronic pain is possible provided you're willing to do the work.

- Courtesy Dawn

It's an ant's life



Zarrar Khuhro

There are some clips that go viral time and again, because they're absolutely incredible. One such clip on social media feeds is from a 2006 documentary named Ants! Nature's secret nower in which scientists discovered a massive abandoned ant city somewhere in Brazil and proceeded to pump it full of 10 tons of cement over three days so that they could take a look

at its inner working. The ant megapolis, which had been created by leafcutter ants by displacing over 40 tons of dirt was a masterpiece in construction which covered an area of 46 square met-res and reached about 8m below the surface. Dubbed the "ant equivalent of the Great Wall of China", this megacity conta-i-ned subterranean highways linking the main chambers with 'side roads' connecting the highways. The ant city comes complete with dedicated fungus gardens where the ants grew their own food and sepa-

rate re-fuse pits to avoid disease and contamination. The design was so intelligent that it emerged that the entire colony, its chambers and routes were built in the most effici-ent and sustainable way possible: minimising commute time and maximising ventilation to keep its residents cool and healthy. It was a more sustainable design than most above-ground cities we live in. As per the documentary's narrator: Everything looks like it has been designed by an architect with a single mind .. the collective will of the

ism." A superorganism is defined as a "group of synergetically interacting organisms of the same species", or, simply put, a group of organisms acting in concert to fulfil the will/ meet the needs of the collective. Apart from ants, bees and termites are also examples of superorganisms, as are some fungal networks. Recently, the shocking discovery was made that in the mouths of those afflicted with severe tooth decay, microbes and fungi can combine into a superorganism that can then sprout 'limbs' allowing it to 'walk' and 'leap'

parts. The concept of superorganisms has also helped scientists better understand the human biome, in particular the complex and still little understood way in which microbes and bacteria within our body interact. The field of cybernetics, working on the concept of 'distributed intelligence', has also found interesting applications for this concept in yet another example of man learning from nature.

over teeth surfaces — an

ability that the individual

organisms do not have,

thus proving that the sum

is truly greater than its

And there's a lot to learn, especially in the field of architecture; the way that insects like termites use collective, distributed intelligence to collaborate to build enduring, sustainable structures has inspired scientists at Harvard to work on developing an army of bug bots of their own. Dubbed TERMES, this miniature automated team of robots works together to build castles, pyramids and towers out of foam blocks without any supervision, even constructing staircases when they need to reach a higher level, and responding to unexpected changes in the structure or the environment spontaneously without any need to 'talk' to one another — exactly

work by utilising a process of implicit communication known as 'stigmergy'

This means that, unlike systems where swarms of robots need a central operator giving them instructions, these robots can work more or less independently and can pick up where one leaves off. The scient-ists hope to use this model to one day have the robots construct emergency housing in remote/ disaster-stricken areas, placing sa-n-dbags where floods are expected, or even to perform simple construction tasks on the moon or

But before we get ahead of ourselves, it's instructive to study how insects instinctively come up with efficient designs, and then to apply those principles to human design. Tâke spider webs, the design of which parallel the way humans construct suspension and cable-stay bridges. The way that spider webs can catch flies travelling at high speeds without breaking can benefit the designers of aircraft carriers aiming to secure planes landing at high speeds. Termite mounds have also inspired architects, with the Eastgate center in Zimbabwe mimicking the cooling techniques employed in termite mounds, using air pockets that drive natural ventilation, thus cooling the building withoutside air. Considered the first building to use natural ventilation on this scale, the Eastgate Centre consumes a fraction of the energy that other buildings of this size do.

Then there's the honeycomb, perhaps nature's most efficient design, which is being incorporated into products like bicycle helmets and car bumpers. In fact, the latest tyres for US military vehicles are based on the honeycomb design and are capable of surviving an IED attack and keep chugging away. -- Cour-

May 9 vandalism exposes evil | face of attackers: Sajid Turi

PESHAWAR (APP): ransacking and burning of Federal Minister for Radio Pakistan Peshawar, Overseas Pakistanis and Resource Hussain Turi on Monday said that May 9 vandalism had exposed the evil face of the attackers and elements involved in the ransacking of national installations could not escape from the law.

strongly condemned the ransacking of public, government and defence installations on May 9 and 10 vandalism and said that the burning of Radio Pakistan historic building showed that the attackers had "no regard for cultural heritage and

He expressed these views during his visit to the burnt building of Radio Pakistan Peshawar and expressed solidarity with employees of the national broadcaster and Associated Press of Pakistan

Jinnah House Lahore and defence installations on May 9-10 exposed the barbaric mindsets of the

He said that former president Asif Ali Zardari had raised the slogan of "Pakistan Khapay" after the martyrdom of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed in 2007 and PPP had always raised the national flag sky high.

The federal minister said the destruction and damages of the May 9 vandalism were beyond immigration and the culprits could not escape from the clutches of law. He said Radio

Pakistan Peshawar was a historic station established on March 6, 1935, from where the announcement of Pakistan's independence was aired on midnight of August 13-14, 1947. Sajid Turi said he

would talk to PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Corporation. about the devastations Sajid Turi said the caused to the Radio

building and announced five motorcycles for the national broadcaster.

Later, talking to APP, the federal minister said that the government in the last year had sent over 9,50,000 skilled labourers

The minister said the death grant of overseas Pakistanis had been increased from Rs 600,000 to Rs 800,000 and the dowery grant from Rs 400,000 to Rs 600,000.

Sajid Turi said that 800,000 children of overseas Pakistanis and 62,000 students of other Pakistanis were enrolled in his ministry schools.He said many politicians were approaching leaderships of the Pakistan People's Party to join the party and parliamentarians like Dr Haider Ali and Usman Lala had joined PPP and expressed full confidence in the leadership of PPP Chairman Bhutto Zardari.



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy Personals and students of Bahria University cleaning the beach on the occasion of World Environment Day.

success story in all

said that his Excise and

Narcotics Control Department has launched

a comprehensive campaign

against drugs with three

major goals, including

Haji Manzoor Afridi

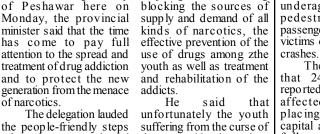
Afridi says: **Drug addiction most** heinous social evil

PESHAWAR (Online): KP efforts on anti-narcotics, caretaker Minister for assured of full cooperation Excise and Narcotics at the public level to make Control Haji Manzoor this important initiative a Khan Afridi on Monday said that drug addiction is the most heinous social evil which has rapidly infiltrated in our youth and is eating away all their

Talking to a delegation from Shiro Jhangi locality of Peshawar here on Monday, the provincial minister said that the time has come to pay full attention to the spread and treatment of drug addiction generation from the menace addicts.

tĥe provincial government, especially the minister of Excise in respect of waging war against narcotics

appreciating the sincere conditions.



drugs consider themselves to be healthy, but in reality, they are terminally ill and their abilities fade with time and eventually they while die in very miserable



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh President, Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuhro addresses to media persons during press conference held at PPP Media Cell Bilawal House in Karachi.

Andrew Schofer for continued US partnership to empower Punjab economy

Punjab has immense economic potential and empowering economy of the province economically empower local population besides having a positive spillover impact on the country

economy. During a three-day visit to provincial capital Lahore and industrial hub Faisalabad, he underscored United States' partnership with people of Punjab through initiatives related to education, cultural preservation and economic

development.
The DCM Schofer visited higher education institutions, software houses, and places of historical and cultural importance during his visit to the two cities.

In Lahore, the US diplomat met leaders at Mission Pakistan.

LAHORE (APP): U.S. NETSOL Technologies Embassy Deputy Chief of and discussed Pakistan's Mission (DCM) Andrew digital ecosystem and digital ecosystem and Schofer has said that highlighted areas where U.S. Mission can partner with the private sector for inno vative solutions.DCM Schofer also toured Sunehri Mosque and Wazir Khan Mosque and the adjoining areas. These cultural landmarks have been conserved through financial assistance from the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) of the US Islamabad. embassy Founded in 2001, AFCP has invested more than 7.6 million dollars on 32 cultural preservation projects. The latest project is an almost one million dollars restoration project of seven sites at the Lahore Fort. During his Faisalabad visit, Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer inaugurated a U.S.

abroad for employment.

19 dead, 1,204

injured in Punjab

road accidents

Nineteen people were killed and 1,204 others

injured in 1,136 road traffic

crashes (RTCs) in Punjab

rescue medical teams.

underage drivers, 114

pedestrians and 507

passengers were among the

victims of the road traffic

that 243 RTCs were

reported in Lahore, which affected 261 people,

placing the provincial

capital at top of the list, followed by 84 in

Faisalabad with 88 victims,

and at third Multan with 72 accidents and 71

data, 1,000 motorbikes, 78

auto-rickshaws, 119

motorcars, 26 vans, 12

passenger buses, 22 trucks

and 110 other types of vehicles and slow-moving

carts were involved in the

Police arrest

two suspects

in injured

condition after

encounters

The

road traffic accidents.

According to the

victims.

(APP):

LAHORE



PESHAWAR: Media briefing by Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & Human Resource Development Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi at Radio Pakistan.

Sindh Cabinet approves procurement of 60 ambulances, Hindu Marriage Act

under chairmanship of the Chief Minister and approved procurement of 60 ambulances, including 30 mobile medicals, cleared the breastfeeding law to ensure breastfeeding of children for three years, and upgraded posts of JPMC from grade 9 to 14 and onward.

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by provincial ministers, advisors, special assistants, chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, AG Sindh Hassan Akbar, PSCM Fayaz Jatoi, and others. Minister

Health Dr Azra Pechuho briefing the cabinet said that there was a need for diagnostic the procurement of 60 surveillance

KARACHI (APP): The ambulances, including 30 mobile medical vans and five mobile laboratories for which Rs 2 billion were required. The cabinet was told

that the purpose of procuring ambulances, medical vans, and laboratories was to link Gaucher's Diseases (GDs) with Primary/Secondary care; rapid medical assessment and treatment; transport patients, supporting mass casualty incidents.It was pointed out that Mobile medical units would be utilized where medical facilities were limited inaccessible. The mobile

laboratory would be used in disease outbreak

monitoring, environmental testing, and support for field hospitals and medical teams. The ambulances would be included in the fleet of Rescue 1122.

The cabinet approved the request and funds for the purpose.

The cabinet discussed and approved the Sindh Protection and Promotion of Breast Feeding and Young Child Nutrition Act, 2023.Dr. Azra said that it was expedient to ensure safe and adequate nutrition for infants and young children up to the age of 36 months by promoting protecting and supporting breastfeeding, promoting healthy diets to prevent obesity and non-communicable diseases and regulating the marketing and promotion.

Governor urges people fight environmental pollution

LAHORE Punjab, Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that environmental pollution and environmental changes including climate change and global warming are affecting ad vers ely mankind.

during the last 24 hours. As many as 610 In a message on the occasion of World seriously injured people were shifted to different Environment Day here on hospitals, while 594 with Monday, he said everyone minor injuries were treated in the society needs to take eco-friendly steps to meet at the incident site by the these challenges. The analysis showed The Governor Punjab that 602 drivers, 45

said according to this year's theme of World

(APP): Environment Day, it is Punjab, very important to spread awareness among the people about the pollution caused by plastic. He added that the use of plastic bags should be discouraged as they are harmful environment.

He said more plantations not only make the environment beautiful but also prevent floods. provide oxygen and reduce temperature. "We all have to play a role in making the planet safe from environmental pollution,"

ENTKANCE

Young doctors strike challenged in LHC

LAHORE (Online): Petition has been filed against illegal strike of young doctors in Lahore High Court (LHC). The petition has been submitted by Judicial Activism Panel (JAP) against Young Doctors Association (YDA).Plea was taken in the petition that inexpensive treatment in hospitals is fundamental right of people. But doctors have gone on illegal strike. The strike has added to miseries of the poor patients. JAP has requested the court to revoke registration of YDA. It is pertinent to mention here

that YDA had announced to shut the OPDs.

Federal Ombudsman directs, NHA resolve the issue of sewerage in Abbottabad

ABBOTTABAD (APP): construction, cleaning and Regional In-charge Federal restoration of the Ombudsman Office surrounding drains for Gahfoor Baig Monday said that public complaints against mismanagement in federal institutions will be addressed promptly at the doorsteps of the masses.

He expressed these views while talking to the media here said, immediate action against the National Highways Authority (NHA) in response to the complaint filed by Nazir Ahmed, President of the Citizen Traffic Society Abbottabad we have resolved the issue.

The complaint highlighted the prolonged construction work on the Main Manshera Road, immense difficulties and distress for the public due to the blocked sewerage pipelines. Upon receiving the complaint, the NHA promptly initiated measures to address road

water supply. On this occasion, the complainant Nazir Ahmed and other residents of the area expressed their gratitude to the federal ombudsman's office and Regional Head

Abdul Ghaffar Baig. Regional Head Abdul Ghaffar Baig stated that the federal ombuds man's office is committed to the timely complaints related to mismanagement and public issues in various federal institutions, without any tolerance for delays.

He further mentioned that the office of the federal ombudsman addresses public complaints in all federal institutions within a short period of 60 days without any charges, and after receiving complaints, it seeks responses from the relevant departments to resolve the issues faced by the complainants.



PESHAWAR: Leader of ANP and former MPA Samar Haroon Bilour meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

Nominated 'Mayor of Karachi' Murtaza vows to deliver, take city forward

Spokesperson for the Sindh government and Advisor to Sindh Chief Minister on Law Barrister Murtaza Wahab, after his nomination as the Mayor of Karachi, on Monday pledged to deliver for the people under the guidance of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

While expressing his gratitude to the PPP leadership for his nomination as the Mayor leadership of PPP for this Bhutto Zardari.

honour of nominating me for the position of Mayor of Karachi.'
Wahab said that he

was a Karachiite, the city was in his veins, and nothing would be of greater honour for him but to work for the betterment of his great city. He said, "I pledge to deliver to the best of my abilities and take the entire city forward, working with all stakeholders, political and

administrative."He also specially thanked the PPP of Karachi, he said, 'I have workers, who worked so no words to express my hard to win the elections gratitude to Chairman of the city. The nominated Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, mayor vowed that they Zardari, Adi Faryal Talpur deliver under the guidance Sahiba, and the entire of PPP Chairman Bilawal

ANF seizes over 135 kg drugs in eight operations

ANF while conducting eight operations across the country managed to recover over 135 kg of drugs and arrested six accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday.

He informed that in an operation conducted near Bahria Town Phase-4, over 100 intoxicated tablets were recovered from the possession of an accused resident of Rawalpindi.

In another operation near Hangu Bypass, Kohat,

RAWALPINDI (APP): 14.4 kg charras was ANF while conducting recovered.

In the third operation at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, 1256 grams of Ice drug and 6.5 kg of suspected material were recovered from the possession of a Saudiabound passenger resident of Mardan, going on flight no GF-751.In the fourth operation conducted by ANF and Cus to ms Department, 270 grams of charras were recovered from a parcel booked for Bangkok at the GPO office, in Karachi.



GILGIT: Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah Returned the resignation letter to Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Syed Amad Zaidi at Governor Secretariat.

IGP commends matchless sacrifices of Swat Police

PESHAWAR (APP): Inspector General of Police of all ranks from various IGP)

Khyber units and departments of Pakh tun kh wa Akhtar the Hayat Khan Monday said that the Malakand Police had rendered matchless sacrifices in war against terrorism and reiterated his determination to make the divisional police stronger and more integrated to deal with all kinds of challenges. He expressed these views while addressing a Police Darbar of officers and

Swat

Lines.Officers and jawans the police force participated in large number in the darbar.DIG Malakand, DPOs Swat Lower Dir, Bajaur, Buner and other senior police officials were also present on the occasion. The police chief said that every officer and iawan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police had performed their duties bevond the expectations despite all kinds of adverse conditions jawans of Malakand region for the past two decades and Police every rank of officer.

SSWMB to set up more plants for waste recycling materials: Imtiaz Shah

HYDERABAD (APP): KARACHI (APP): Managing Director Sindh The Hyderabad police have arrested 2 suspects in Solid Waste Management injured condition in Board (SSWMB), Imtiaz separate encounters in the Ali Shah, on Monday, said limits of A-Section and that more recycling plants Tando Jam police stations. will be set up in other districts of Karachi after spokesman informed here success of the waste recycling pilot project.

The Managing on Monday that a suspect booked in 37 FIRs in many

Director SSWMB, in a police stations of different districts was arrested in statement issued here on injured condition after an Monday in connection encounter near Amani Shah with World Environment graveyard in Latifabad. Day, informed that He identified the SSWMB suspect as Abdul Razzaq significant progress in recycling waste under Haryali Hub project, an Jhanjhano who was shifted to Liaquat University Hospital (LUH) for initiative carried out in

Fund on a pilot basis.

surgery on his leg injury. The polic police spokesman claimed that Thanjhano was allegedly involved in street crimes, robberies, theft and police encounters in different districts.He was the mastermind of a recent robbery conducted at a mobile communication shop near New Hyderabad City in the limits of Hatri

police station, he added. According to the spokesman, he disclosed during initial interrogation to the A-Section police that last night they had planned another robbery but the police engaged them before their act.

recycling plants installed at two Garbage Transfer Station (GTS) at Baldia and Sharafi goth and both of pilot projects were already recycling waste into organic compost fertilizer, plastic granules, and plastic flakes," Imtiaz Shah informed adding that now plastic dust bins had been made from the plastic granules produced by

RAWALPINDI: Young Doctors holds placards and shouting slogans during

protest in the favor of their demands at District Head Hospital, in City.

also be used for making achieved other plastic items. He said that SSWMB was taking all possible steps to protect the city from environmental collaboration with Tear pollution and Sindh government's waste-to-"We have waste energy project.

converting polythene bags

into granules which could



RAWALPINDI: Health workers spraying anti dengue spray in the residential areas to protect from dengue feverat Pirwadhai neighbourhood.

Another two PTI women leaders quit MULTAN

Another two Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) leaders including former MPA, Sabeen Gul and Shazia Abbas Khakhi ioined the bandwagon of defectors of the party here on Monday.

In a video message, Sabeen Gulannounced not only to part ways with PTI but also to quitting politics saying that she always did peaceful politics and condemned May arsonist's attacks. She disclosed that she

was suffering from breast cancer and had two young daughters to nurture and added that under these circumstances, it is difficult to continue with politics.

In a separate video message, Sĥazia Abbas Khakhi stated that she condemned the incident of

She maintained that our Armed Forces had always rendered sacrifices for the country, adding that she pays rich tributes to them for their valour and

Khakhi said that she was on performing Umrah on May 9 and was still in Saudi Arabia adding that she will announce her future strategy with the consultation of her supporters after returning to the country.

ECC approves over Rs 422bln supplementary grants

ISLAMABAD (Online): Minister for Industries and secretaries and other senior The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), in addition to other decisions on approved Supplementary Technical Supplementary Grants (TSG) of Rs 422.3 billion in favour of various

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired the ECC

The meeting was nded by Federal

Production Syed Murtaza officers. Mahmud; Member of the Assembly (MNA) and former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi; Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr Aisha Ghous Pasha; Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Masood Malik; Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Finance Tariq Bajwa; SAPM on Revenue Tariq

The ECC accorded approval to the summary Ministry Communications issuance of Government of Pakistan's (GoP) guarantee amounting to Rs 9,500 million for the construction of Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway on buildoperate-transfer basis.

The committee also approved Rs 12 billion for the National Disaster Management Authority for

to restock/replenish its reserves in order to be better prepared to respond to any impending disaster.

The ECC on the summary of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations Coordination approved fixation of maximum retail prices (MRPs) of 49 new drugs on the basis of being lower as compared to their

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Former President of the Islamabad Chamber of

(ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed

Butt said on Monday that

inflation is deeply rooted

in the system and it will

continue to damage the

interests of masses with

financial year to increase

broken the backs of the

people and pushed millions

of people below the

than people in urban areas.

which is unfortunate, he ends meet

In a statement issued

public anxiety.

full force in the next

Commerce and Industry released

Inflation rooted in system,

will continue to hurt masses

in next FY: Shahid Rasheed

here, he said that the a significant increase in the

merciless inflation has salaries of public and

poverty line. People in said that people are being

rural areas are more affected by inflation and

affected by the inflation that it has become

SARGODHA: Workers repairing old batteries on

Govt needs to withdraw

decision of 50% increase

in gas tariff: Atif Akram

ISLAMABAD (INP): companies get additional Former Vice President of funds of 226 billion rupees

government needs to provide SNGPL with review decision of 50 additional funds of about

percent increase in gas Rs121 billion during the

tariff by next month as it next financial year. SSGCL

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facing

will help state-run gas he warned.

Senate body on

FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh amid mounting losses.

has said that the

will burden the people with

hundreds of billions of

here on Monday, he said

that a fifty percent increase

in gas prices will affect the

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taking a toll on the masses.

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Shahid Rasheed Butt said that as per data

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of the country and in South

but there has been no

increase in the wages of the

workers, nor has there been

private employees, he

difficult for them to make

The business leader

OGRA's decision will

will get additional funds of

Rs 105 billion, which is not

justified. The business

leader said that domestic

production is continuously

falling, the production of

major industries has

decreased to an alarming

level, and exports have

dwindling for nine months.

In the month of May,

exports dropped by

seventeen percent, and this

decision will make the

production process more

expensive, which will

further reduce exports.

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Inflation is increasing,



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prices in the neighbouring ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Darchaired the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet.

Mehmood Pasha; federal LTPANSMISSION & DESPATCH CO MINISTER FOR ENERGY (PO)

FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Power Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan is addressing a gathering after lying foundation stone for the construction of 500/132-KV grid station of Allama Iqbal Industrial City (AIIC) near

Govt plans to upgrade major airports at par international standards: Saad Rafique

Federal Minister for Railways and Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique has said that the PML-N-led government had planned to up grade the country's major airports with the addition of modern the performance of airport facilities for passengers to bring the airports at par international stand ards

Talking to a private news channel on Monday, the minister said, "We will provide maximum basic facilities to passengers in airports and railway stations and generate more revenue for the department aiming to drive it to selfplanning to upgrade security checks at railway stations, he added.

Rafique said the government was taking several steps to improve authority and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) services and would provide maximum facilities

had been signed with the York government to operate the renowned Roosevelt Hotel of the PIA situated in New York (USA) for three years.

The minister further said that three international

MULTAN: People standing in a queue waiting their

turn outside Utility Store to purchase grocery

items on subsidized rates at Masoom Shah Road.

FPCCI's UBG demands

business friendly, export

oriented, pro-poor budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): commerce, FBR and other

relevant departments, which he added are now in

the final stage of approval

proposals were mainly

aimed at ensuring growth-

oriented and business-

friendly environments to

boost economic activities

in the aftermath of the

coronavirus pandemic,

prevailing political turmoil and economic

up heaval grappling the

passing through crucial times due to the deadly

pandemic, Russia-Ukraine

conflict, and political

chaotic conditions, adding,

"At this uncertain time, the

business community has

come forward with a clear

vision to stamp out the

He said Pakistan was

Malik said all

the

competent

Federation of Pakistan

Chamber of Commerce and Industry's United Business

Group (UBG) on Monday

demanded a business-

friendly, export-oriented

and pro-poor people

budget to gear up trade

activities, besides restoring

the confidence of investors

with a basket of lucrative

incentives to attract foreign

industrialists and traders,

Chairman UBG Shahzad

Ali Malik said that the

considering their all

proposals at all levels and

discussing in detail about

their incorporation in the

coming annual federal

budget, said a press

Minister's office had sent

at Parliament House.

He said the Prime

Chairing a meeting of

investments.

government

Apart from this, the airports, including Lahore, government was also Karachi and Islamabad, were being outsourced and made it clear that outsourcing did not mean

privatisation".
A credible company, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank, had also been given the task of outsourcing the airports as no Pakistani company had to the passengers. the experience in He said that a contract regard, he mentioned. the experience in this

The minister said that work of up-gradation at airports had already been started, adding the Gwadar International Airport was also under construction and would soon become operational.

Gold prices decline by **Rs.1,000**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs 1,000 and was sold at Rs 230, 400 on Monday against its sale at Rs231,400 the previous

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs857 to Rs.198,388 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Ks.181,070 from Rs 181, 855, All Sindh Jewellers Sarafa Association reported.

The price of per tola ten-gram silver remained constant at Rs.2,750 and Rs.2,357.68 respectively.

Rupee sheds 52 paisas against **US Dollar**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistani rupee witnessed 52 paisas devaluation against the US Dollar (ŬSD) in the interbank trading on Monday as it closed at Rs286.19 against the previous day's closing

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market stood at Rs305 and Rs308. respectively.

The price of the Euro increased by Rs1.43 to close at Rs 306.10 against the last day's closing of Rs307.53, according to the State Bank of

Aviation meets ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Allama Iqbal International Airport, Remittances due to ticket sales not being Aviation was held on allowed to remit foreign Monday at Parliament exchange, Action against those appointed in PIA on Islamabad. fake degrees, setting up Members were briefed on various issues that currently being faced by the Aviation Sector in security agencies counters

in one place at different

airports and Distance of

the Islamabad Airport

building from the parking The Committee while deliberating details of bidding process of the Allama Iqbal International Airport was informed that the lowest bidder M/s Sinohydro was selected after an intensive bidding process on the basis of owest Readout Bidder. However, the bidder now has been trying to move

Matters taken up by the Committee included

The meeting was presided over by Senator

Hidayatullah. Members of

the Committee who

attended were Senator

Saleem Mandviwala,

Senator Syed Muhammad

Sabir Shah, Senator Umer

Faro oq, Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman and senior

officers from the Ministry

Khurram Dastgir lays foundation of 500/132kV grid station in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (INP): its tenure 2013-18. Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan laid the foundation stone of 500/132-kV grid station at Allama Iqbal Industrial City (AIIC), Sahianwala, here on Monday. He said that Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and its leadership believed in serving mass. It always preferred to initiate development projects in the country so that life standard of masses could be improved by providing them with basic amenities at their doorsteps. He said that the PML-N government had launched a number of mega projects including transmission

lines, new grid stations, industrial cities and CPEC in addition to eliminating the menace of terrorism and load-shedding during

Later, incompetent rulers were imposed on the country, who did not launch even a single public welfare or development scheme. He said that the incompetent rulers had committed criminal negligence which

consequences. He said that the PML-N government PML-N government established new grid stations near Painsara and Lalian few months ago, which saved Rs1.5 billion for FESCO. If these schemes were not completed, the people had to pay this amount in their electricity bills.

nation was facing its

Similarly, the PML-N go vernment had laid Lahore-Matiari

launched the project of Matiari-Thar transmission line. This transmission line had 220-kilometre length and National Transmission & Dispatch Company (NTDC) completed it within record time.

He said that the incompetent rulers fooled increased price of the nation during their development projects tenure by unveiling fake manifold and now the plaques. When their government was removed through constitutional means, they started protests to destabilise the country. They burnt and damaged the national assets like Radio Pakistan building Peshawar, Jinnah House Lahore, Toll Plaza of Swat Motorway, Metro Station Rawalpindi, Model of MM Alam's plane in Mianwali and Edhi Ambulance in addition to attacking installations

Transmission Line and now vandalising monuments of

PSX gains 314 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 314.95 points on Monday, a change of 0.76 per cent, closing at 41,667.94 points against 41,352.99 points the previous day.

A total

145,177,892 shares were traded during the day as compared to 99,545,856 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.4,682 billion against Rs. 3.336 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 321 companies transacted their hares in the stock market 1830 f them recorded gains and 107 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 31 companies remained unchangêd.

The three top-trading companies were WorldCall Telecom with 16,777,021 shares at Rs.1.16 per share; Sui North Gas with 9,750,118 shares at Rs.43.38 per share and Pak Petroleum with 9,434,106 shares at Rs.61.57 per

China to expand 5G application scenarios, boost R&D on 6G

ISLAMABAD (APP): another telecom giant in China's Industry and Information Technology (IIT) Minister Jin Zhuanglong on Monday said that his country would speed up the construction of virtual private networks in the 5G industry and

optimizing infrastructure layout, and building a batch of 5G factories," Jin said at the opening forum of the 31st

PT Expo China in Beijing. Chairman of China Telecom Ke Ruiwen said, The company has been building an all-optical network, with gigabit

China, said, "It has led nearly 200 international standards for 5G and applied for more than 4,100 patents." According to China

Tower, "The company has made more than 200,000 enrich the 5G application communication towers smarter by equipping them "China will improve with 5G and artificial the coverage of high- intelligence."Jin also said, quality networks such as "China is eyeing the next-5G and gigabit optical generation internet, as well networks by continuously as other frontier fields, and comprehensively advancing the research and development of sixthgeneration communications technology."

"The country will facilitate the development of new types of information infrastructure facilities, speed up the use optical networks now covering more than 300 of information technology and deepen the integrated cities," China org reported. applications of the China Mobile, industrial internet," he said.



QUETTA: A delegation of Medicine Traders Association Balochistan led by its President Roohullah Kakar meeting with Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Two ships namely, Chem-Leona and Karimata, carrying 17,850 tonnes of palm oil and 50,779 tonnes of mogas, berthed at Liquid Terminal and Terminal respectively on Sunday.

Meanwhile, seven more ships, Budapest Express, RSG, Jiu-Li-669, Saver-1, Valiant, Ullswater and Alexandra Kosan, scheduled to load/offload containers, bitumen, palm oil, coal, LPG and chemicals also arrived at the outer anchorage of the port during the last 24

A total of five ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships, Meratus Jayakarta and Alexandra Kosan, left the Port (Berths) on Mond ay whereas, another General Cargo carrier 'BBG-He-Zhou' is expected to sail later today.

KP caretaker ministers visits industrial zones, inaugurates projects

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Mohammad Adnan Jalil visited Nowshera on Monday and inaugurated various projects in the industrial zones.

He also inaugurated the newly established centre of Rescue 1122 and a new tube well for supplying drinking water to the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).

During the visit, he also laid the foundation stone of two new industrial units including a flour mill (MS Mibron Flour Mills) and a Waste Management Plant (MS Green Private

Limited). Besides, Secretary Industry, Commerce and Technical Education, Mutiullah Khan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Development Management Company (KP-EZDMC), Javed Iqbal Khattak and other officers, the Regional Coordinator Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Sartaj Ahmad Khan also accompanied the provincial minister.

provincial The minister planted a sapling and inspected industrial plants producing edible oil and ice cream.

Meanwhile, provincial minister also directed the relevant authorities to make a standard policy for the allotment of plots in the industrial zones of the province and make allotment of vacant plots in these zones according to the basis and transparency



ISLAMABAD: Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman Senate standing committee on aviation presiding over a meeting of the committee

Washington, New Delhi agree plan to fast-track defence production

to reduce reliance on Russia for arms supply, the United States and India chalked out a plan to step up joint military industrial

cooperation.
"We established an ambitious new roadmap for defence industrial cooperation, which will fast track high priority co-development and co-production projects," US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said as he wrapped up an overnight visit to New Delhi.

India — which has not condemned Russia for its invasion of Ukraine — is looking to diversify, both by broadening its sources of imports and ramping up domestic production.

Western countries, including the United States and France, are negotiating multi-billion-dollar con-

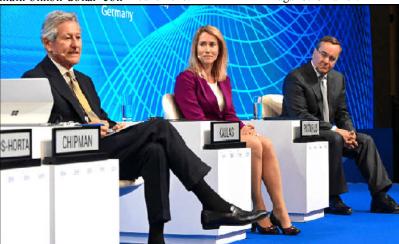
tracts, and diplomats say India is putting a high priority on technology transfer as part of any deal.

The agreement will fast-track technology cooperation and co-production in areas including air combat and land mobility systems, the "undersea domain", and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, the US Defense Department said. The initiative "aims to change the paradigm for cooperation between US and Indian defense sectors", it said, and "could provide India access to cutting-edge technologies and support India's defense modernisation plans"

India displaced China as the world's most populous country earlier this year, and relations between the Asian giants have been strained since a deadly high-altitude border clash in June 2020.

Washington and Beijing are engaged in fierce competition on diplomatic, military, technological and economic fronts. But India is walking a diplomatic tightrope: uniquely, it is a member of both the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, which includes both Russia and China, and the Quad, set up with the United States, Japan, and Australia to counter Beijing's growing assertiveness. As well as arms, India also imports oil from Russia, increasing its purchases since the Ukraine war began. Austin, speaking to reporters after meethis counterpart Rajnath Singh, said boosting partnerships with India came against a back-

drop of "bullying and coercion" from China, as well as Russian "aggression against Ukraine'



John Chipman, CEO of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, and Germany's Defence Minister Boris Pistorius attend the 20th Shangri-La Dialogue summit in Singapore.

7 shot, 1 fatally, in Chicago when gunfire erupts amid remembrance for man killed in car crash

Monitoring Desk CHICAGO: A 25-year-old woman was fatally shot and six other people were wounded early Sunday when gunfire erupted in Chicago during a remembrance for a man who died in a car crash,

police said. A large group of people had gathered about 1 a.m. to mark four years since a man's fatal crash when there was an altercation and shots rang out, said Deputy Chief Adnardo Gutierrez of the Chicago Police Department, WLS-TV reported.

a 25-year-old woman, was pronounced dead at a hospital, he said. The six other on Chicago's West Side.

shooting victims were hospitalized, one in critical con-

"They were out there celebrating and then something happened and a verbal altercation occurred and somebody began shooting, or multiple people began shooting," Gutierrez said at a Sunday briefing.

He said it's still under investigation how many people opened fire, but he said the gunshots were fired by a person or persons who were taking part in the remembranc

Gutierrez said a witness told officers an alter-Seven people were cation occurred before the wounded and one of them, shooting, which happened as the group was in a street in the Austin neighborhood

EU top court says that Poland's justice reform infringes EU law

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: The European Union stepped up its ruleof-law fight with member state Poland on Monday when the bloc's highest court confirmed that Warsaw had refused to comply with EU rules on judicial independence for which it has already lost more than 500 million euros (\$535 million) in fines. The Court of Justice of the EU ruled that Poland's 2019 justice reform infringed EU law after the European Commission, the bloc's executive branch, said that the Polish Supreme Court lacked the necessary independence and impartiality.

"By today's judgment, the Court upholds the Commission's action,"

a court statement said. It was the latest in a streak of setbacks for the nationalist conservative ruling party in Poland, with many Poles furious at what they consider a dramatic erosion of democracy in the country. That sentiment boiled over into a massive anti-government protest in Warsaw on Sunday, prob-

ably the largest demonstration in Poland's post-communist era, with an election coming up in the autumn.

Opposition leader Donald Tusk, who had called for the march, estimated that 500,000 Poles turned out.

"Bad news for the government," declared the conservative Do Rzeczy news portal about the EU court ruling. The state broadcaster, TVP, which acts as a propaganda arm of the ruling party, said that the EU court had overstepped its powers and "attack Poland again. The court exceeds its powers."

The court decision was, however, welcomed by lawyers and other legal experts who hope it might restore independence to the judiciary. The EU court argued that "the value of the rule of law is an integral part of the very identity of the European Union as a common legal order and is given concrete expression in principles containing legally binding obligations for the Member States.

50 cops hurt in clash with leftists in Germany **Monitoring Desk**

BERLIN: German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser on Sunday called out "senseless violence" by far-left protestors after clashes with police in the eastern city of Leipzig left dozens

Protestors set up roadblocks, started fires and threw projectiles at security forces over the weekend in protest at the jailing of four far-left activists.

Around 50 officers were injured in the course of the protests, which began on Friday evening, with three left "unable to serve", Leipzig police said in a statement.

Almost 30 people had so far been arrested, police said, while "up to 50" people were put in preventative detention before being released again.

'The senseless violence of far-left anarchists and rioters is unjustifiable, Faeser said in a statement.

Palestinian toddler shot by Israeli troops in West Bank dies of wounds

Monitoring Desk NEBI SALEH: A Palestinian toddler who was shot by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank last week died of his wounds on Monday, Israeli hospital officials said.

Mohammed Tamimi was shot in the head last Thursday near his village of Nebi Saleh while riding in a car with his father. He was airlifted to Israel's Sheba Hospital, which announced the 2-year-old boy's death.

The Israeli military has said soldiers opened fire after gunmen in the area shot at a nearby Jewish settlement.

But the boy's father, Haitham al-Tamimi, told The Associated Press that he had just buckled up his son in the car and they were driving to visit an uncle when the bullet struck. The father was also shot and treated at a Palestinian hospital.



Award-winning Hong Kong journalist wins appeal in court ruling upholding media freedom.



US, India agree roadmap for defence industry cooperation.

UN nuclear chief, facing Israeli criticism on Iran, says his agency 'very fair but firm'

Monitoring Desk

VIENNA: The International Atomic Energy Agency will "never politicize" its work in Iran, the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Monday, insisting after Israel's prime minister accused it of capitulating to Iranian pressure that his agency has been "very fair but firm."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comments came after a confidential report from the IAEA last week said that its investigators had closed off their investigation of traces of man-made uranium found at Marivan, near the city of Abadeh, about 525 kilometers (325 miles) southeast of Tehran.

Analysts had repeatedly linked Marivan to a possible secret Iranian mili-

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TEHRAN: Iran is set to

reopen its embassy in Saudi

Arabia on Tuesday follow-

ing a seven-year closure,

Tehran and a diplomatic

source said, sealing a Chi-

nese-brokered rapprochement deal announced in

Saudi Arabia severed

relations with Iran in 2016

after its embassy in

Tehran and consulate in

the northwestern city of

Mashhad were attacked

during protests over

March.

After 7-year closure,

Iranian embassy to reopen

in Saudi Arabia today

accused Iran of conducting high-explosives tests there in the early 2000s.

'Iran is continuing to lie to the International Atomic Energy Agency. The agency's capitulation to Iranian pressure is a black stain on its record," Netanyahu told his Cabinet in televised remarks on Sunday.

'If the IAEA becomes political organization, then its oversight activity in Iran is without significance, as will be its reports on Iran's nuclear activity," Netanyahu said. Asked on Monday

about that criticism, IAEÁ Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossisaid that his agency's work is "neutral, it is impartial, it is technical."

Riyadh's execution of Shia

mission, which was ex-

pelled by Saudi authorities, will return under the

Kanani announced the re-

opening in a statement

comments by a diplomatic

source in Rivadh.

Iran's diplomatic

cleric Nimr al-Nimr.

day of a regular meeting in Vienna of the IAEA board of governors.

Grossi added that he would "never enter into a polemic" with the head of government of a member of the IAEA. "We never politicize. We have our standards and apply them al-ways," he said.

"The politicization is in the eye of the beholder,"

Grossi added.

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy, and Netanyahu has repeatedly said that he wouldn't allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. He has said international diplomacy should be accompanied by a serious military option, and hinted that Israel would be prepared to strike Iran on its own if necessary.

Venezuela's

RIYADH: Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro arrived in Saudi Arabia on Monday, state media reported, as the kingdom continues to expand its diplomatic outreach beyond tra-

leadership of Alireza Enayati, who previously served as Iran's ambassa-dor to Kuwait. Maduro was received at the airport of the Saudi Red Sea city of Jeddah by the Deputy Governor of Mecca Tehran's foreign min-istry spokesman Nasser region Prince Badr bin Sultan and otherofficials, Saudi state news agency SPA said. Venezuela's Maduro is the Monday, confirming earlier latest U.S. foe to visit Saudi Arabia as the kingdom rebuilds alliances.

Maduro visits

last year.



ditional Western alliances.

gland. "The plan is work-ing," he said, adding his gov-previously.

Iran Revolutionary Guard fast-attack boats 'harassed' ship in Strait of Hormuz

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US Navy says

DUBAI: The U.S. Navy said Monday its sailors and the United Kingdom Royal Navy came to the aid of a ship in the crucial Strait of Hormuz after Iran's Revolutionary Guard "harassed" it.

Three fast-attack Guard vessels with armed troops aboard approached the merchant ship at a close distance Sunday afternoon, the U.S. Navy said in a statement. It offered black-andwhite images it said came from a U.S. Navy Boeing P-8 Poseidon overhead, which showed three small ships close to the commercial ship.

The U.S. Navy's guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul and the Royal Navy's frigate HMS

Lancaster responded to the incident, with the Lancaster launching a helicopter.

deescalated approximately an hour later when the merchant vessel confirmed the fast-attack craft departed the scene," the Navy said. "The merchant ship continued transiting the Strait of Hormuz without further incident." The Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the PersianGulf, sees 20% of the world's oil pass through it. While the Navy did not identify the vessel involved, ship-tracking data from Marine Traffic.com analyzed by The Associated Press showed the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier Venture erratically

UK's Sunak says plan stopping small migrant boats is working

Monitoring Desk LONDON: British Prime

Minister Rishi Sunak said on Monday his plan to stop migrants arriving in small boats had reduced crossings by 20%, an update he hopes will ease criticism from his party and in the country over immigration policy. Sunak, who is expected to lead his governing Conservative Party into a national election next year, has promised to "stop the boats" from crossing the English Channel as one of his five pledges after he was propelled to power in October last year. But he has been criticised by members of his own party and the public for not moving quickly enough, with people protesting about the housing of hundreds of mi-grants in hotels after record numbers arrived in Britain

In the five months since I launched the plan, crossings are now down 20% compared to last year," Sunak told a news conference in southern En-

ernment was not complacent and would work hard to make sure parliament passed a new law.

The opposition Labour Party said Sunak had failed to clear the backlog of tens of thousands of asylum claims and that 7,600 people had crossed the English Channel so far this year.

Britain has long struggled to curb the number of arrivals on its southern shores, but Sunak is keen to show his plan of securing agreements with other European countries to reduce the numbers arriving can produce results. He said a deal with Albania had meant that Britain was returning more migrants to the country and that London was increasing its provision of accommodation for those awaiting immigration decisions. Sunak said so far this year "the number of Albanian small boat arrivals has fallen by almost 90%" and that Britain was now accepting one in 50 Albanian asylum cases compared with one in five

Germany launches \$53 bln scheme to help stricken industry decarbonise

Monitoring Desk

ollions of euros for firms facing substantial energy costs, in a bid to help its challenged industrial sector fund a shift towards carbonneutral production techniques. The programme, which according to sources will have a volume of around 50 billion euros (\$53.45 billion) over the next 15 years, comes as European industry faces pressure due to high costs for raw materials, energy and labour.

The money is to come from a so-called climate and transformations fund, being fed by proceeds from emissions trading and other sources, although the economy and finance ministries both pointed to ongoing talks over Germany's budget, suggesting details have yet to be hammered out. It also aims to provide

a counterweight FRANKFURT: Germany is programmes in other relaunching a programme that will make available tens of United States, that could the continent by offering lavish subsidies and more favourable legislation. The so-called climate protection contracts are a major pillar of Germany's response to these challenges, hoping financial support can help makers of steel, cement, paper and chemicals to decarbonise their production. "We are in a period of prolonged recession, in an extremely challenging period economically," Economy Minister Robert Habeck told journalists after outlining details of the scheme. He said that while other parts of the world, ranging from the United States to Asia, were offering investment incentives, Germany was subject to stricter requirements when it comes to budget and keeping debt under control.

Rahul Gandhi calls on US audience to stand up for 'modern India'

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: Indian op-

position leader Rahul Gandhi pressed his criticism of the country's leadership in a speech on Sunday, calling for Indians in the US and back home to stand up for democracy and the Indian constitution.

Gandhi, a sharp critic of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was expelled from Parliament, accused Modi and his Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) of dividing the country and failing to focus on important issues such as unemployment and educa-

"To be nasty to people, to be arrogant, to be violent, these are not Indian values," Gandhi, 52, told a crowd of about 700 at the Indian Overseas Congress USA event at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan. He spoke just after a minute of silence recognizing a massive train derailment in eastern India that killed 275 people and injured hundreds more.

Gandhi has been on a three-city tour of the United States, including

speaking engagements at Stanford University in California and the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, US congressional leaders have invited Modi to address a joint meeting of Congress later this month. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and other leaders announced the address as an "opportunity to share your vision for India's future and speak to the global challenges our countries both face. Grandson of former Indian Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi is a member of the Indian National Congress party. He is considered to be Modi's main challenger in the upcoming 2024 elections. "Modern India cannot exist without our constitution and our democracy," he said Sunday. He also urged a stronger partnership between India and the US to offset China's influence. "One of the things we have to think about is the bridge between India and the United States," he said.

Kuwaitis to vote tomorrow for seventh time in 10 years

Monitoring Desk KUWAIT CITY: Kuwait is

tions in Kuwait City.

staging its seventh general election in just over 10 vears on Tuesday as the oil-rich Gulf state remains mired in a political impasse undermining hopes of economic reform.

Fearing that widespread scepticism will discourage many people from voting, the authorities have festooned the capital with posters in an attempt to encourage a better turnout.

tion was called by the emir last month after he again

The latest general elecdissolved parliament amid a persistent deadlock with of the political crisis

the executive branch that has stalled reforms.

Marzouq al-Ghanem, Kuwait's former parliament speaker and current re-

election candidate, speaks at a campaign rally ahead of the country's elec-

Kuwait adopted a parliamentary system in 1962 but repeated political crises over the past years have resulted in state pa-

The emirate suffers from constant stand-offs between elected lawmakers and cabinets installed by the reigning Al-Sabah family, which maintains a firm grip on political life.

We have to wake up and face up to this great frustration," activist and university professor Sheikha al-Jassem told AFP

Award-winning Hong Kong journalist wins appeal in court ruling upholding media freedom

Monitoring Desk

HONG KONG: An award-winning Hong Kong journalist won an appeal Monday quashing a conviction related to research for an investigative documentary, in a rare court ruling upholding media freedom in the Chinese territory.

Bao Choy was found guilty in April 2021 of deceiving the government by getting vehicle ownership records for journalistic purposes after she had declared in her online application that she would use the information for "other traffic and transport related issues."

The investigative journalist was trying to track down perpetrators of a mob attack on protesters and commuters inside a train station during massive anti-government protests in 2019 for her do cumentary.

Choy was fined 6,000 Hong Kong Dollars (\$765) for two counts of making false statements at that time and called it "a very dark day for all journalists in Hong Kong. That ruling also sparked outrage among local journalists over the city's shrinking press freedom.

Indian suspension bridge collapses for a second time **Monitoring Desk**

NEW DELHI: A suspension bridge being built in India's poorest state collapsed for the second time in 14 months, with one person reported missing, Reuters partner ANI reported on Monday.

The bridge was being built over the River Ganges in Bhagalpur district of India's eastern state of Bihar. Construction was

scheduled to be completed in 2019 but faced multiple delays, including those caused by an earlier collapse on April 30 last year due to strong winds and

"There was a massive stir over here, it felt like there was a blast. Later we found out the bridge had collapsed," Rakesh Kumar, a local resident, told ANI.

services resume Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Resuming

services just over two days after India's deadliest rail crash in more than two decades, trains crossed the disaster spot in eastern Odisha state where at least 275 people died and 1,200 were injured in collision between three trains. Signal failure has emerged as a likely cause of the disaster on Friday, when a passenger train hit a stationary freight train, jumped the tracks and hit another passenger train passing in the opposite direction near the district of Balasore.

Trains cross site of Indian rail disaster as



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf addressing the seminar" Reclaiming the space: Reading the Constitution from Women's perspective organized by WPC in PIPS.

Pakistan 'very hopeful' of sealing IMF deal in June: PM Shehbaz

ANKARA (Online): Pakistan is "very hopeful" of finalizing a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this month, according to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

"We are still very hopeful that the IMF program will materialize. Our ninth review by the IMF will match all terms and conditions and, hopefully, we'll have some good news this month," Sharif told Anadolu in an exclusive interview in the Turkish capital Ankara.

Sharif was in Ankara President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan's inauguration, one of dozens of heads of state and government who attended Saturday's ceremony.

Islamabad has been negotiating with the IMF since early February for the release of \$1.1 billion, part of a \$6.5 billion bailout package inked in 2019 by the previous government of former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

In total, about \$2.7 billion are left to be disbursed from the package, which is scheduled to expire this month.

At the end of May,

Sharif requested IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva to Director help revive the stalled facility, but asserted that Pakistan does have a backup plan in place.

"We have met all conditionalities. I repeat, each and every requirement of the IMF as prior actions has been met," Sharif told Anadolu.

"Some of those actions are usually met after the board's approval, but this time the IMF required that those actions be met before the board's approval, so we have met them."

in case the IMF talks fall through, Sharif emphasized the resilience and fortitude

of the Pakistani nation. He said the people of Pakistan have faced challenges in the past, and if needed, will "tighten our

belt" and rise again. According to Sharif, Pakistan has been facing a plethora of problems since April 2022, when the current government took over after Khan was ousted in a no-trust vote. The issues are the result of the previous government's policies, the deadly floods in August.

Ensuring gender parity pivotal for socio-economic progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): the annals of world politi-The National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf while appreciating the active participation of women Parliamentarians in the country's August House Monday stressed the need for ensuring gender parity socio-econo mic progress. "Social progress and development are interlinked with women's

while inaugurating the seminar, "Reclaiming the Space: Reading the Constitution from Women's Perspective" organized by the Women Parliamentary Cau-

Pakistani Parliamentarians to further the cause of decal history. "The need of the hour is to focus on the implementation of laws regarding ensuring gender equality in every sphere of life," he remarked.

proud to learn politics from the unmatchable and astute leadership of Mohtrama Shaheed Benazir Bhuttoo. While demanding for establishment of a Women

Federal Ministry for empowering women, he said, 'It is time that our men must come forward for empowering their women".

Raja Pervez Ashraf emphasized the need for direct elections of women Parliamentarians and said the text of the Constitution General Secretary of WPC stressed the need for gender parity and gender equality as enshrined in the constitution. She expressed her gratitude to the NA Speaker for supervising with a dedication to the whole procedure of Gender Budgeting for this financial year. She said that WPC would continue to strive for women and childrenfriendly legislation. She said that since its inception in 2008, WPC has achieved milestones in increasing chances for women's participation. MNA Mehnaz Akbar Aziz Convener of the Parliamentary Caucus On Child Rights signified the

struggle of women parlia-

COMSATS varsity to allow student to complete degree had obtained fewer marks ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi has than required. directed COMSATS University to provide its student with a chance to com-

President directs

CJP says:

Court not to interfere

in economic matters

admission. The university cancelled the admission after the student had already completed 7 out of 8 semesters of his degree, a President House press release said on Monday.

plete their education as his

future was at stake after the

institution cancelled their

COMSATS had cancelled Hammad bin Zain's admission after 3.5 years on the ground that he was

(SLAMABAD (APP):

Chief Justice of Pakistan

(CJP) Umar Ata Bandial on

Monday said the court

would not interfere in eco-

nomic matters as it did not

have the required expertise.

these views while heading

a three-member bench

which heard a case related

to the K-Electric's (KE)

proceedings, CJP Bandial

asked the petitioner's law-

yer Rashid Rizvi to ap-

proach the high court con-

privatization.

The CJP expressed

During the course of

Secretary Home Saleh Muhammad Nasar.

Marriyum says:

Phasing out single use

The president said that it was surprising that the administration of the university could make such a huge error by granting him admission and then informing him, after a lapse of 3.5 years, that he was not eli gible for admission.

He noted that the student paid his requisite fees for 8 semesters and diligently completed the semester course.

He added that justice demanded that COMSATS should rectify the situation by allowing the student to not eligible for admission to the university in 2017 as he complete his degree program.

cerned in the matter.

be observed live.

He said the Parliament

Advocate Salahuddin

had made two laws related

to the clause 3 of Article 184

and asked whether any old

cases were scheduled for

hearings so the issue could

said an application had been

filed against the KSC Labour Union. Upon this,

Justice Ayesha Malik said

the matter was not before

the court as yet. The

petitioner's lawyer pleaded

that the hearing should be

QUETTA: Iranian Deputy Consul General meeting with Additional Chief

adjourned till next week.

LAHORE: President Jamiat Ullema e Islam, Maulana Fazal Ur Rehman and Federal Minister for Communication Maulana Asad Mehmood calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. World Environment Day observed: CM Balochistan calls for taking serious measures to overcome

issue of global warming vironmental pollution, add- maintained that clean envi-**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir ing he stressed. ronment is symbol of best The Chief Minister health. He said that there happen to be least diseases Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has said that we have to move ahead towards pollution of lungs and asthma in the underlined the need to take free Pakistan being a patriserious measures for over-

coming the issue of global warming and adding stressed that we have to move forward with a comprehensive effort for remaining safe from the effective of climate change. In a message issued here on eve of the World Environment Day observed

on Monday (June 5), the Chief Minister said that the day requires to plant maximum trees and keep our environment clean. Moreover, we also

have to use energy efficient vehicles and reinforce our joint efforts against the en-

otic Pakistani. Referring the provincial government's efforts

against the environmental pollution, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo said that every year hundreds of thousands saplings are planted in the province. The provincial government also take wholehearted part in the tree plantation campaign, he mentioned.

In addition to this, the provincial Environment department arranges public awareness programmes for creating neat and clean en-

countries which are pollution free in the world. While on the other hand, the increasing temperature has caused certain environmental issues in the whole world especially in

Pakistan, he noted with

He said that an unending process of natural disaster has been started due to increase in the temperature the world over.

The climate change has badly affected Pakistan and so Balochistan, which is also evident from the unprecedented rainfall in the nment. province last year, the Chief Minister recalled.

PPP names Murtaza as Karachi mayor candidate KARACHI (INP): The Pa- Insaf (PTI) are yet to an-

kistan Peoples' Party nounce their nominees. (PPP) on Monday an-Adminis trator Murtaza Wahab as its candidate for the city's mayor slot and Salman Murad for the seat of deputy mayor.

The announcement was made by PPP leader Nisar Khuhro during a press conference in Karachi where he announced the list of PPP nominees for local body seats in Sindh — elections for which are scheduled to take place on June 15. Nisar Khuhro said his party's nomination for deputy mayor of Karachi was Salman Murad while Kashif Shoro was the nomi-

nee for Hyderabad mayor. Jamaat-e-Islami (JI)

He said that Arsalan nounced it had nominated Sheikh has been nominated Sukkur city. Muhammad Anwar

Lohar is nominated as a candidate for the post of mayor of Larkana and Muhammad Amin Sheikh for Deputy mayor of Larkana. He said that PPP nominated Muhammad Khan Jakarani as a candidate for chairman district council from Kashmore and Altaf Khoso as his vice chairman. Mir Rashid Khan has been nominated as the chairman candidate for municipal committee Kandhkot and Sher Muhammad Korani is named as a candidate for the



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Fisheries Haji Akbar Askani meeting with Chief Executive Officer QESCO Engineer Abdul Kareem Jamali at

PMNH Researchers to preserve remains of **Dead Blue Whale**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Museum for Natural History (PMNH) will preserve the specimen of recently discovered 36feet long dead Blue Whale from Balochistan, for public awareness and research.

According to the PMNH, the 36-feet long lifeless Blue Whale body reached to shore on coast Jiwani, Gwadar,

Balochistan on last Friday. The concerned authorities identified it as a blue whale, one of the three whale species found in Pakistan's waters, alongside Bryde's whale and Arabian

humpback whale. Director General. Gwadar Development AuOn the request of

specimen of Blue Whale for

public awareness and re-

GDA, a team of PMNH zoologists comprising on Muhammad Asif Khan, Dr. Muhammad Abbas, Dr. Shabbir Ali Aamir and Dr. Rifagat Masroor reached onsite to inspect the dead specimen of Blue Whale to preserve its remains and skeleton.

Director, Administration, GDA, Zahid Ahmed Lango and Deputy Director Administration, Abdul Rahim Baloch also accompanied the PMNH team to facilitate them in preserving dead Blue Whale remains and skeleton for the purpose of public awareness and scientific re-

NA Speaker says:

The NA Speaker said he has been honoured and inclusion in every sphere of life," said the NA Speaker

He said the struggle of

mentarians for finding space mocracy is unmatchable in is above gender discriminain the Parliament of Pakistan.

QUETTA: A delegation led by Provincial Minister Haji Tor Utmankhail meeting with Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Road to Makkah initiative proposed for provincial capital of Pakistan: CG

JEDDAH (APP): Saudi transported to their resiauthorities were being persuaded to initiate the "Road to Makkah" project in the provincial capitals of Pakistan from next year, Consul General of Pakistan in Jeddah Khalid Majeed said

In an interview with APP, he stated that Saudi a total of 30,000 Pakistani authorities had assured that the airports situated in provincial capitals in Pakistan would also benefit from the Road to Makkah initiatives currently available in

Islamabad only. It may be mentioned here that the Road to Makkah Initiative by Saudi Arabia streamlines immigration for Hajj pilgrims from Pakistan.

Pre-clearance in their processing at Saudi airports. Pilgrims are greeted at lounges and quickly

dences upon arrival, ensuring a smooth and efficient journey. The Road to Makkah project allows Hajj pilgrims to go through immigration facilities at their respective countries' airports,

streamlining the process. This year, Khalid said pilgrims had already benefited from the Road to Makkah initiative, similar to the number in the previous year. It is anticipated that the number of beneficiaries will increase signifi-

cantly in the coming year. During the inaugural direct flight to Makkah, which brought 340 pilgrims from Pakistan to Jeddah as part of the "Road to Makkah" program, he said home countries eliminates the Pakistani haji pilgrims received clearance in a re-



QUETTA: Oppositional Leader in BA Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate meeting with Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shehak Baloch.

BFA directs food businesses to adopt **Intl food standards**

QUETTA (APP): The campaigns were also Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) has taken steps to make sure people engaged in the food businesses adopt the international food standards measures for the provision of hygienic and quality food to the masses for a healthy

The present government has fully activated the BFA, which has made it possible to provide hygiene and quality food products across the province, an official of the food department said. Terming substandard

food intake as the basic reason for the multiple diseases, he stressed that the establishment of a healthy society was our mission, if achieved and it would lessen the burden on the hospitals. He said the awareness

launched to sensitize the masses about the effects of low-quality food on human health. He said the BFA has demolished a huge amount of vegetables cultivated with contaminated and hazardous wastewater so far in collaboration with the district administration of Quetta. The BFA has accelerated its efforts against vegetable crops cultivated with contaminated sewage water, and discarded several ripen crops in the provincial capital of Quetta, he added. The vegetables prepared from sewage water were harmful not only to human health but also to animals, he warned.

The government has initiated the registration of food outlets and issuing of licenses for the franchising of restaurants, bakeries and canteens in the province.

Governor donates two months salaries for Govt. Inter college Kuchlak **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has donated his two months salaries in the fund of Government Inter Boys College Kuchlak

He made the donation his salaries in view of th financial issues being faced by the College.

This financial assistance by the Governor Balochistan not only manifests the interest of Governor in educational development but also sets trend for other government functionaries to follow the initiative

and spirit. By doing so, the financial issues of the educational institutions can also be resolved to the great extent.

Harvard university's visiting fellow visits BCSA

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Executive Officer of Center for Economic Research in Pakistan and the visiting fellow of Harvard University, Maaroof Syed visited the Balochistan Civil Services Academy on Mon-

day. He would be delivering lectures to the under trainee officers on the policy skills development and leadership at the Acad-

The Center for Economic Research in Pakistan is conducting workshops on the skills and leadership development under an agreement approved by the executive committee of Balochistan Civil Services

Gen (R) Bajwa mistreated in France

PARIS (Online): An incident of maltreatment has taken place with former army chief Gen (Retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa and his wife abroad. The unidentified man

who is involved in mistreat-

ment was apparently Af-

ghan. According to media reports It can be seen from video which went viral on social media that former army chief is sitting with his wife outside a building in foreign country.

plastic items govt's foremost priority ISLAMABAD (APP): the government's foremost Minister for Information priority," the minister said Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Monday reiterated the government's commitment to curb use of plastic made items from routine life for preserving the planet earth from looming threat of cli-

"Phasing out plastic shopping bags, plates, spoons, forks, containers, cups, bowls, knives, and similar single-use items is tecting the environment.

mate change.

in news statement issued in connection with the World Environment Day being observed today across the globe. Theme for the World Environment Day 2023 is under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution, 'Ecosystem Restoration'. The minister said, use of straws, lids and wraps for drinks would also have to be curbed at all cost for pro-

For God sake punish the guilty and release the innocent, pleads Sheikh RAWALPINDI (INP): The

head of Awami Muslim League and former federal interior minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed says the whole country curses the May 9 incident and calls it shameful. In his video message

on the social networking not a favourable day to evsite Twitter, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said that last night the Punjab police and Elite Force raided his house at 40-Golf City.

"The police again broke down the door and entered my house. The good thing is that no employee was beaten up and house items were not broken." He said God would dispense justice, though it might be late. He said every day was

"They think that they have taken away my videos and cameras. It's not worrisome to me.



souvenirs among participants of training workshop organized by journalists and NHA.

Sanjrani boards on diplomatic visit to Russia ISLAMABAD

Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, along with a delegation of Senators has commenced a four-day visit to Russia at the invitation of the esteemed Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Valentina Mativenko.

The chairman Senate and his accompanying delarrived egation Moscow's Domodedovo airport, where they were warmly received at the VIP lounge, a press release received here from Moscow on Monday said.

Consignment of DAP fertilizer dispatched to **Afghanistan** from Gwadar Independent Report

DAP fertilizer was successfully dispatched to Afghanistan from the Gwadar seaport on Monday.

DAP fertiliser was imported by KB fertilizers and Aagon private limited working in the Gwadar free zone (South) under the Afghan Transit Trade Agreement from Australia. The China Overseas Ports Holding Company high ups told that loading and unloading was performed by the Shipping Service provider Makran Trader and shipping clearing agent and both are the local companies. This means Gwadar port is providing opportunities of business to the local people

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