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Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrives in Abu Dhabi, UAE on his one day official visit. Pakistan's Ambassador to UAE and Senior officials of UAE received the Prime Minister upon his arrival

# **People of Balochistan have** first right on province's resources: PM

Socio-economic well-being, welfare of masses forms core of real development

on Friday said that the people of Balochistan had the first right to the resources of the province as the betterment of their lives would make them own the development

"The people of Balochistan have the first right to the resources of the province. When their lives and those of their children change for the better, they will own development and become a partaker in it," the PM wrote on social media

The PM spent an "eventful" day in Gwadar on Thursday along with federal ministers, army and naval chiefs, the .governor and chief minister of Balochistan, and the government officials, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a series of development, infrastructural and educational projects that would change the destiny of the region.

Despite sporadic attempts here and there, bit," the PM remarked.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Balochistan has been a victim of our collective neglect. The province has not progressed at par with other federating units, which is a shame," he remarked.

He recalled that he had toured all the affected regions of Balochistan during the devastating floods last year and saw the conditions for himself.

PM Shehbaz said that his idea of development was rooted in the uplift of the standards of living of the people as it was their socio-economic well-being and welfare that formed the core of real development.

He reiterated that Pakistan's progress was linked to that of Balochistan.

"My meeting with the youth of the province on the occasion of the distribution of laptops was a high point of my visit. Their beaming faces reassured me that the future of Balochistan and Pakistan is in safe and responsible hands. The old guard only needs to do their

# Pakistan calls for Israel to be held accountable for its 'crimes' in occupied Palestine

dards

UNITED (APP): Pakistan has urged the UN Security Council to "fully and forcefully" implement its resolutions on the Middle East conflict that give the right of solf that give the right of self-determination to the Pales-and consistently, without exceptions or double stantinian people.

Speaking in the 15dor Munir Akram also Council has not been able cent large-scale Israeli mili- responsibility for the tary operations in Jenin in occupied Palestinian West Bank, and called for hold-"grave human rights viola-tions and crimes in occu-tion," the Pakistani envoy Rapporteurs also called voy said, "the killing of impediment to the exercise

NATIONS children, women and men of the right to self-determicontinues in occupied Pal- nation by the Palestinian estine with complete impu-nity." He added, "The rule people is immediately terminated He said that on 5 July, three Special Rapporteurs

that Israeli attacks against Ambassador Akram the Jenin refugee camp may member Council, Ambassa- regretted that the Security constitute a war crime and had no justification under strongly condemned the re- to exercise its primary international law. The impunity that Israel has enmaintenance of internajoyed for its acts of viotional peace and security in occupied Palestine. "Given els and intensifies the recurlence over decades only fuing Israel accountable for its the erga-omnes character of ring cycle of violence.

pied Palestine." "Unfortu- said it is also incumbent on for Israel to be held acnately," the Pakistani en- all States to ensure that any countable under international law

#### Govt didn't 'nominate or reject' Dar as caretaker PM, says Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD (Online): Interior minister Rana Sana Ullah has said PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif will soon come to Pakistan. "Nawaz Sharif will

soon return to Pakistan. He was isolated from practical politics under a conspiracy. No one has presented name of Ishaq Dar for care taker Prime Minister (PM)', he said this in a statement is-

sued here Friday. He went on to say Nawaz Sharif conviction is court's decision. There is a process for quashment of court's decision. This process was adopted and Maryam Nawaz was acauitted.

names for the slot of care

taker Prime Minister (PM)

and all these are politicians.

made to me in connection

with caretaker PM slot.

PPP and PML-N together

have finalized 4 to 5 names

which will be discussed

with other parties as well",

To my view election

should be held in 90 days

and this too suits us, he

underlined. It is my per-

here Friday.

regard.

'No offer has been

#### He held PML-N Quaid will get protective bail. He will be acquitted following hearing of appeals. What restrictions were imposed on him would come to end.

Interior minister remarked this was not correct to say name of Ishaq Dar was given for caretaker PM and it was rejected. Ishaq Dar name was not even presented by any one.

law and order situation in the country is deteriorating.

forcement agencies are facing the terrorists valiantly.

#### Khawaja Asif says: Caretaker name will be

It cannot be said that

Terrorism is raising its ugly head in KP, he said adding however law en-

#### expand military to military cooperation RAWALPINDI (APP): Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), Gen-

eral Sahir Shamshad Mirza, is on an official visit to Australia from July 24 for Defence and Security Talks and 1.5 Track Security Dialogue.

Pakistan, Australia agree to further



During the visit, the CJCSC met high-ranking civilian and military leadership including General Angus J. Campbell, Chief of Defence Forces Australia. In the meetings, both militaries agreed to further expand military-to-military cooperation, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.



WASHINGTON: Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Masood Khan held separate meetings with three key US lawmakers to discuss Islamabad-Washington relations, economic partnership, defense ties, and security collaboration

#### **Masood Khan meets three American** lawmakers in effort to boost Pak-US ties

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States. Masood Khan, held separate meetings with three key US lawmakers to discuss Islamabad-Washington relations, economic partnership, defense ties, and security collaboration, said a Pakistani embassy press

release. Ambassador Khan, conferred with Senator Todd Young, who serves on Committees on Finance. Foreign Relations, Commerce, Science & Transpor- the Ambassador tweeted tation, and Small Business after the meeting. and Entrepreneurship; Masood Khan also and Entrepreneurship; Congressman Mike Rogers,

Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. Deputy Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, also discussed climate adaptation and mitigation as Masood Khan tweeted that well as regional developments.

@SenToddYoung, a great leader from Indiana, to explore ways to strengthen Pak-US economic partnership. Discussed issues related to regional security,"

discussed the same subjects

with Congressman Rogers, Chairman Armed Services Committee. The two sides

Omar's work on promoting human security. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is the Vice-Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee. She also serves on the House Education and

Workforce Committee.

agreed to continue their talks. After meeting with Congresswoman Ömar, he had discussed a range of subjects, including Pak-US "Met with pleasure relations, developments in Senator Todd Young the region, and climate adaptation and mitigation. He lauded Congresswoman

Congressman Sherman, have called for free, fair, and internationally-monitored general polls in Pakistan. The demand by members of the Congress came

during an event, 'Status of Human Rights and Democracy in Pakistan', where 8 dacoits critical issues in Pakistan, including human rights viokilled in lations, missing persons,

finalized within a week SLAMABAD (Online): should take place prior to PML-N senior leader and 90 days. I think assemblies defence minister Khawaja will be dissolved two days Asif has said PML-N and before their tenure. Had the PPP have shortlisted five field been left vacant in as-

sembly this would have created too much difficulty Citing to finance minister Ishaq Dar he said he has neither given his name ever for the slot of care taker PM nor has expressed such desire at any stage. that PPP co-chairman

he said this in a statement Asif Ali Zardari was not He held name for care trust worthy person, he said it was his opinion, add-ing: "I am still cautious taker PM will be finalized within a week. The leadership of allied parties will about him". make final decision in this The statement that

Asif Zardari was not trustworthy person was his personal statement and he still exercises cautiousness about him, he unsonal opinion that election derscored.

#### US lawmakers call for free, fair, monitored polls in Pakistan

WASHINGTON (INP): upcoming general elections Several lawmakers of the politically-motivated arrests, as well as the signifi-United States, including cance of free media, and Brad democracy came under discussion

"This is a difficult time for Pakistan. America is dedicated to the rule of law and democracy, more than we are dedicated to whether this prime minister or that prime minister agrees with us on this or that foreign policy issue," Congressman Sherman said.

The CJCSC also visited Royal Military College and addressed the participants the Australian Defence College.

#### Tragedy of Karbala; a lesson in sacrifice, devotion, and resilience

ISLAMABAD (APP): fervour of martyrdom. National Assembly Speaker, Raja Pervaiz social responsibility to Ashraf, and Deputy stand firm against tyranni-Speaker Zahid Akram cal forces that seek to Durrani said the incident of spread chaos in society to Karbala stands as an unparachieve their reprehensible goals," the speaker asalleled example of unwavering faith in Allah Almighty, serted unmatched devotion to the He emphasized that paying tribute to the marcause, bravery, patience, tyrs of Karbala is best achieved by dedicating our-

and the spirit of martyrdom, as mentioned in the Holy Quran, to be rememselves to the betterment of bered until the Day of Judghumanity and the development of the country. ment

They, in a message to He declared the sacrifices made on the Day of the nation on the occasion Ashura against falsehood as of Youm-e-Ashura, the speaker remarked that the a guiding light for future tragedy of Karbala reminds generations, stating that the great sacrifice made by they would not hesitate to Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) make any sacrifices for the and his companions for the protection and preservation sake of truth and justice. of Islam, the homeland, and

He praised the Hazrat its integrity Meanwhile, Deputy Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions for exemplifying Quranic teachings, en-Durrani, stated that the indurance, sacrifice, and the cident of Karbala serves as of humanity.

a lesson for Muslims to "As Muslims, it is our firmly stand against the forces of falsehood.

"This is the same path beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) taught us to follow, and which Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions exemplified through their timeless sacrifices," he said.

Durrani added that the tragedy of Karbala instils in us the spirit to be ready at all times to make any sacrifices for the elevation of religion and the welfare of the nation.

The messages from the speaker and the deputy speaker of the National Assembly resonate with the significance of Youm-e-Ashura, as it continues to inspire millions of Muslims worldwide to uphold the Speaker Zahid Akram values of truth, justice, and sacrifice for the greater good

#### OIC's extraordinary CFM moot on July 31 to discuss Quran's repeated desecration

the request of the Kingdom ISLAMABAD (APP): The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will hold an extraordinary virtual session for the Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States (CFM) on July 31 to discuss the repeated incidents of desecration and burning of copies of the Holy Ouran in Sweden and Denmark. This session has been convened at

dressed the burning of a copy of the Holy Quran in Sweden and called for highlevel emergency meetings as needed. The meeting is being held considering the OIC Secretary-General Hissein Brahim Taha's consultations with the member states regarding the implementation of the final statement issued by the Executive Committee

of Saudi Arabia, the Chair of the 14th Islamic Summit, and the Republic of Iraq. This urgent meeting of ministers has been called in response to the final statement issued by the OIC Executive Committee after an extraordinary meeting held at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah on July 02, this year. he statement ad-



ISLAMABAD: Participants in a group photo during appreciation ceremony for Exemplary Disbursement Targets Attained during FY 2022-2023 at Ministry Of Economic Affairs.

#### **Data Darbar expansion project** Dar, Naqvi lays foundation stone

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday jointly laid the foundation stone one could visit the interior of expansion project of the shrine round the shrine of sufi saint

Hazrat Hassan Ali Hajveri (RA) popularly known as Data Ganj Bakhsh.

They also bathe the shrine with rosewater and laid Chaddar on the shrine. The leaders also launched the "Nazrana Online"

App. Briefing the media, the country the administration informed that the App would be helpful for Överseas present.

LAHORE (APP): Federal Pakistanis to share their contribution in Langar (sacred food) through 'Nazrana Online App' while sitting abroad and clock.

Later, talking to the media, Ishaq Dar congratulated Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on the commencement of the Darbar expansion project and called it the third major expansion.

They prayed for the safety and prosperity of dacoits killed in the encoun-PML-N leader Bilal

Yaseen and others were also set for him.

SUKKUR Kashmore police on Friday killed eight dacoits during a shootout in the katcha area of the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amjad Ali Shaikh said that the dacoits were killed in an encounter with the police in the katcha area of Kashmore. These dacoits were entering Sindh's katcha area from Punjab when they met an encounter with the police, he added. Janu Indhar. leader of the Indhar gang was also amongst the

ter, SSP said and a prize money of Rs10 million was Page 02

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holds

country.

Zubeida Mustafa

OPINION

#### Daily **Independent**



## **Control.pk**

The PDM government, much like the PTI government before it, has proven that our politicians have little interest in protecting civil liberties if there is something to be gained from surrendering them.

Two bills, aimed at bringing under state control online media and digital platforms — the last remaining spaces where most Pakistanis can still freely express themselves - received the federal cabinet' nod of approval on Monday.

The innocuously titled 'Personal Data Protection Bill' and 'E-Safety Bill' are, critics say, much more sinister in intent than their titles suggest. Internet rights activists have slammed the government, with a statement circulating on the internet. co-signed by industry pioneers as well as prominent digital rights activists, lawyers and journalists, stressing that "legislation prepared in secrecy and passed in haste disregarding input and clear reservations, serves no protective purpose but reeks of nefarious designs to further curb the rights and liberties of citizens". The signatories to the statement believe that "these bills must not be passed"

Separately, the Asia Internet Coalition has especially criticised the Personal Data Protection Bill, saving it "falls short of international standards for data protection and creates unnecessary complexities that will increase the cost of doing business and dampen foreign investment" The managing director of the organisation also pointed out that "the bill creates additional barriers to digital trade at a critical time, when Pakistan's economic growth demands paramount attention". The question naturally arises: how does the PDM government, which has pinned much of its economic turnaround hope on growth in the country's nascent IT industry, square its vision with such measures that, if they do not kill the nascent IT industry, will surely cripple it?

It defies understanding, and it is unsurprising that the reaction to its secretive new laws has been swift and condemnatory. The government clearly has no clue about how to empower the industry and unlock its potential.

It is obvious that the need for these legislative interventions has not arisen from any pressing public concern. This much is evident from the manner in which the two bills were quietly drafted, tabled before the cabinet, and hurriedly passed. Even the government's allies, it seems were unaware of their existence. Observers fear it is the state that has been unable to shut down the unbridled ridicule and criticism it has lately been receiving online, which is pushing these laws. To them, it wants the same control over online publishing platforms that it has over tradi-tional media. The PTI learnt after its ouster that had it not been for the Islamabad High Court striking down very similar rules and laws it had introduced towards the tail-end of its tenure, it would have quickly been crushed by the state. The PDM should not repeat the same mistake.



Under Dr Moazam, who won the Hastings Centre Bioethics Founders' Award in 2022, CBEC has conducted Master's and post-graduate diploma programmes and certificate courses for hundreds of participants. Her

There used to be a time qualitative research on when 'tea trolley' (bor-Pakistani medical students (co-authored with rowed from the title of Sualeha Shekhani) has Rehana Alam's book) marriages were arranged been published in the by the families of projournal Medical Education (UK). Dr Moazam bespective couples. It was not uncommon for those gan by saying it is most unfair to blame the female who were about to tie the nuptial knot to be strangstudents because it is our ers to one another; it folpatriarchal society which lowed that they had no creates this situation. No support is forthcoming to say in the matter of their the young female docown marriage. In fact, tors. Our medical training this cultural practice still system is inadequate, persists in many housesubstandard and the trainees are poorly paid. Today, we are faced

Marriage is central with a bizarre situation: girls outnumber boys in to our societal values. The girls who particimedical colleges -- 70 per cent are girls — but pated in interviews and half the number do not focused group discusenter the medical professions conducted by Dr Moazam also conceded sion after graduation and opt for the stereotypical that marriage was their preference although it role of a homemaker asleft them little control signed to them by a patriarchal society. This over their lives. Thereafalso happens to be a time ter, they had to accept when there is an acute the role assigned to them shortage of doctors in the of the homemaker and mother.

It seems to pose an support from family and ethical dilemma since the common belief is that fesociety — few institutions provide for daymale medical graduates who do not work are not care centres for young children of working interested in doing a job, mothers - female mediand that they join medical college to enhance cal graduates simply their worth in the mardon't work. A hospital riage market. As a result, job is, after all, tough and they encounter public time-consuming. No girl can handle a medical job, disapproval as the genher home and her baby eral opinion is that they should pay society back singlehandedly. Moazam also points to the benefit they had rethe poor training faciliceived from the subsidised education ofties and their insufficient numbers in teaching fered in public medical hospitals. colleges

I decided to visit Dr Farhat Moazam, professor and founding chairperson of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics and enough to support a Culture, Sindh Institute of family. If all the students Urology and Transplan- who pass their MBBS

tation. Founded in 2004, were to decide to seek it is now a WHO-desig-nated bioethics centre. would be turned back. As a matter of fact, many male medical graduates are also known to be dropping out for this reason. Another significant finding of the CBEC research is that the number of male applicants to medical colleges is falling. Men do not find the medical profession financially satisfying in

the early years. Then what is the solution to this challenge? Dr Moazam suggests changes to the medical training system. There is a need to enhance the capacity of the teaching hospitals so that no young doctor is denied the training which is a prerequisite for the CPSP exams. The standard of training should be up-

graded and the emoluments increased so that young doctors get decent wages. Every institution where women work should be required to have a child care centre on its premises.

A proposal worth trying out is to have a number of shared jobs, which means one job should have two women working for the position on a part-time basis. This would reduce the num-

In the absence of ber of hours a woman is required to work every day though it will take them longer to obtain their degree requirement. All this is possible if the authorities are serious about finding a solution to the problem of the shortage of doctors. Dr Moazam insists that more research is needed on these issues to en-Dr sure that the changes introduced are meaningful and feasible. Underpinning these reforms should be a change in the general mindset. Only then The CPSP only conwill the family step in to facilitate a young doctor who wants to work. It

ducts specialisation examinations. As for the stipends, they are not would also ensure stability in the life of the working mother's child. Courtesy Dawn

#### **Jamil Ahmad**

A multidimensional global water crisis is front and centre of our current environmental problems. of life Amidst rising tempera-

tures, water scarcity is endangering lives at one end, while heatwaves are often followed by heavy rains and flash floods. Surging levels of extreme heatwaves, as seen in Asia, Europe, and parts of the US, demonstrate as much

At the other end of the water crisis are cyclones and floods of 'Biblical proportions' that have killed thousands of people, damaged infrastructure and worsened the financial woes of poor countries. Sea level rise due to global warming is affecting coastal communities and leading to salinisation of groundwater resources.

Water stress is tipped as one of the top global risks in the coming decade. According to the WHO, about two billion people lack access to safe drinking water, while 4.2bn do not have adequate sanitation. Demand for drinking water and sanitation is outpacing supply in most developing countries.

Oceans, which hold over 95 per cent of Earth's water, are also threatened by global warming. The temperature of the water in them is rising fast, leading to increased moisture in the air, which translates into heavy rains and intense hurricanes and typhoons. An analysis at the University of St Thomas in Minnesota found that last year the oceans were at their hottest ever.

The truth of climate

# Water for life

without getting to grips climate change. with the water crisis, which is stalling sustainable development in the Global South and depriving people of their basic right to water and a clean, healthy environment. However, if addressed in a timely and appropriate manner, water can be an ment is required in the enabler of socioeconomic development and environmental sustainability, velopment assistance as it connects all aspects

In search of solutions to urgently tackle the crisis and expedite the creased by 15pc over the implementation of SDGs, the UN convened a major conference in New York in March this year. The UN Water Conference was attended by over 10,000 participants from governments, the private sector, and other areas. Held after 46 years, it adopted a ʻUN Water Action Agenda' with 800 commitments to a broad range of water-related areas — agriculture, climate change, industry, health and domestic use. According to the World Resource Institute, over a quarter of regulation, accountability, these commitments are and transparency. potential game changers. The logical step is to swiftly translate these

pledges and commitments into action. The imperative for urgent action was reiterated this month at the An integrated approach High-Level Political Forum which reviewed SDG progress. A synthesis re- transboundary waters acport of SDG6, relating to count for 60pc of the water targets, notes that for reaching the global target of universal access by 2030, "progress needs to increase six times faster for safely managed drinking water, five times faster for safely managed sanitation and three times faster for basic hygiene". According to the report, water stress has increased globally, with some regions experiencing substantial increases, particularly in the arid areas, representing a serious concern for food security and centre of all efforts for and the resilience of agrichange cannot be faced cultural systems facing -- Courtesy Dawn

Poor water resource management is cited as a factor associated with rapid changes in the areas covered by surface waters in one-fifth of the world's river basins, leading to flooding and droughts. At a time when more investwater sector, the report revealed that "official decommitments to the water sector decreased by 12pc from 2015 to 2021, and actual disbursements de-

same period" The report identifies five priority areas to overcome the crisis, including: new and efficient investments; provision of credible and timely data for decision-ma-king; nationallevel workforce assessm-e-nts and capacity buil-ding; utilising techn-o---logy while customi-s--ing innovations to local contexts, and streamlining water governance and management by addressing institutional weakness, poor

Through its Integrated Water Resource Management programme, UNEP supports countries for protection, restoration, and management of freshwater ecosystems. also requires international cooperation, as world's freshwater flows.

For water-stressed developing countries, improving water resource management, institutional capacity building, policy coherence and engaging local authorities at the national level will be as necessary as strengthening transboundary water cooperation. These will be critical ingredients for a holistic approach to contain the growing risks of the water and climate crisis. Water solutions must be front sustainable development.



# Pak-China floriculture coop. to boost Pakistan's economy

ing households with a long history and rich experience in floriculture. There is a huge potential for cooperation between China and Pakistan in the flower industry, said Naeem Iqbal mum income from a small Cheema, Political Counsellor at the Embassy of Pakistan in China.

Pakistan's floriculture of the Department of Agriexports could also be enhanced by targeting global Baltistan. Now, the new and Road Initiative (BRI),he added.

Floriculture is a highprofit industry. In recent years, multiple related programmes started in Pakistan to encourage farmers that we should bring people

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan Garden in Gilgit-Baltistan is one of the examples. of land can produce 10,000 sticks of lily flower, and sticks of lily flower, and "We want to show one stick can sell for 400 people that flowers are not rupees in the market of

only used for beauty, for arachi. The lily bulbs left in weddings and funerals, but also an important economic the ground after cutting is crop. Farmers can get maxialso a separate asset with separate value. This is dual area through floricultural income." Saqib said, emcrop production," said GM phasizing the high profit of Saqib, deputy director the flower industry.

'Two important climatic factors are required culture, Shigar, Gilgitfor flower bulb production. markets through the Belt cash crop, flower, is gain- One is the large difference ing popularity among local in temperature between day and night.

"Here you will find The other is the dry more than 80 flower varietweather with low rainfall. ies in Hashopee Garden. It These conditions are very is a very profitable business suitable in Gilgit-Baltistan and many other places in to plant flowers. Hashopee to. For instance, one kanal Pakistan, he added.



farmers

connection of Shiite religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdomof Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), on the route of Ashura Procession.

#### **FTO Coordinator says:** Security, economy to political stability interconnected aspects of a nation's development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis Thursday said security, economy, and political stability were interconnected and interdependent aspects of a nation's wellbeing and development.

Speaking at a work-shop on "Security, economy, political stability Integral parts" he said,

"Each one plays a crucial businesses, and invesrole in shaping the overall tors. strength and resilience of a country," said a news re-

lease issued here. He said, "Political stability is essential for ronment fosters economic ensuring security within a activity, encourages entre-nation." "A stable political system with effective governance and the rule of contributing to overall ecolaw can establish a secure nomic prosperity," he reenvironment for citizens, marked

"A secure environment is fundamental for a flourishing economy," he added. "Conversely, a secure envipreneurship, and attracts foreign direct investment,

(PRAL). On this occasion, Member Inland Revenue (IR) Operations, Member Information Technology (IT), Chief Executive Officer PRAL and heads of IR and IT wings were also present, said a news release ssued here.

IRIS 2.0 marks a sig-nificant milestone in tax administration with improved

ISLAMABAD: Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Commerce presiding over a meeting of the **Committee at Parliament House.** 

# Flights by 15%, achieving growth

Arabian (SAUDIA) continues to implement its operational plan for Summer 2023 by providing over 7.4 million seats for domestic and international routes during July and August, a 10% increase compared to the crease

same period in 2022. The airline will operate more than 32,400 flights, reflecting a 4% increase. These measures aim to meet high demand dur-

KARACHI (INP): Saudi sure smooth operations, Airlines efficient reservations for scheduled and seasonal destinations, and streamlined processes at airports. For international flights, SAUDIA is provid-

ing more than 4.2 million seats, achieving a 16% in-

Additionally, the airline is introducing over 14,800 flights, reflecting a 15% increase. On domestic routes, over 3.2 million seats will be available ing peak seasons and en- through 17,600 flights.

### **FBR launches IRIS** 2.0, redefining user experience, efficiency

ISLAMABAD (APP): user experience, enhanced Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Asim Ahmad launched IRIS 2.0, IRIS 1.0 and its suc-

cessor IRIS 1.1, while an upgraded version of the tax filing system de-veloped by Pakistan Revpioneering, faced several challenges which impacted enue Automation Limited its performance and user satisfaction in addition to

its costly hardware requirements during peak loads Addressing these con-cerns head-on, IRIS 2.0 has undergone a major transformation, with focus on robust backend enhancements

and an intuitive frontend design, ensuring a seamless experience for both users and the FBR

## SAUDIA expands Intl | SBP imposes monetary penalty on 6 banks for violating regulatory instructions

KARACHI (APP): The terrorism financing. State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) imposed monetary penalty of Rs.350.799 million on 6 banks for violation of regulatory instruc-

tions during. The banking supervi-sion department of the cen-tral bank taken the significant enforcement actions during the quarter ended June 30, 2023, against violation of regulatory instructions pertaining to customer identification, asset quality, foreign exchange, general banking operations, anti-money laundering and

nal action, the NBP has The contravening been advised to enhance banks were also advised to the internal processes and strengthen their controls controls and processes in the identified areas and ensure me-

The SBP imposed a penalty of Rs.125.253 on Bank Alfalah Limited for ticulous compliance with the regulatory instructions. violation of regulatory in-The central bank imstructions pertaining to antiposed a penalty of money laundering (AML) Rs.144.207 million on Na- and counter financing for tional Bank of Pakistan terrorism (CFT), CDD and KYC, foreign exchange (NBP) on charges of violation of regulatory in- (FX) and General Banking structions pertaining to Operations while the bank customer due diligence has also been advised to (CDD), know your cus- ensure meticulous complitomer (KYC) and Asset Quality. In addition to pe-instructions.

#### SBP to announce **Monetary Policy** on July 31

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will announce Monetary Policy on Monday, (July 31). The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the central bank would meet at Karachi on July 31, said a statement issued here on Thursday. The committee would review the overall economic situation of the country including the internal, external and real sectors and to decide about Monetary Policy. Governor SBP, Jameel Ahmad would announce the Monetary Policy decision at a press conference on the same day after the MPC meeting.

BEIJING (APP): General that the cherries from Pakistan meet the required standards and regulations for export to China. This not only opens up new avenues for trade but also showcases the quality and taste of Pakistani cherries to a wider international mar-

ket", he added. Arman Shah, CEO of Hashwan Group and Arman Shah Farm, which is the largest farm approved by Chinese Customs told China Economic Net (CEN) that the collaboration between China and Pakistan in promoting agricultural exports

KARACHI (ÅPP): The

Ghulam Qadir at the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing on Friday. Ghulam Qadir said that the approval of the Pakistani cherry orchards by Chinese customs holds significant potential for the agricultural sector in Gilgit Baltistan, where cherry cultivation is a prominent in-

dustry. "The endorsement by Chinese customs signifies



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# National News

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## **Electoral Reforms Bill 2023** through consultations a victory for democratic forces: Murtaza

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Murtaza Javed Abbasi said that the acceptance of the Electoral Reforms Bill 2023 through consultations with the coalition parties in the federal government was a victory for democratic forces.

In a press statement issued, the minister further mentioned that they had collectively decided on a political direction for the future. According to the Bill, the Presiding Officer will create Form 45's image and send it to the Election Commission, if the internet is not within 7 days instead of 15 available, the Presiding Of- days. The polling station

Wahab Riaz visits

DG Khan to review

security arrangements

DG KHAN (APP): Advi- the country.

sor to Chief Minister

Puniab Wahab Riaz said

that it was the responsibil-

ity of all of us to work for a

peaceful environment in the

meeting to review security

arrangements in Dera Ghazi

efforts were of vital impor-

tance for the betterment of

Khan here Friday.

He was chairing a

He stated that joint

country

sonally deliver the original results, he said.

Murtaza Abbassi said that the Presiding Officer would be obligated to pro- lized, but an affidavit must vide election results by 2 also be provided, he exam on the polling day. In pressed. Murtaza Abbassi case of any delays, the Presiding Officer will be given nel would be deployed outa deadline of 10 a.m. the side the polling stations next day, with criminal proceedings initiated against them in case of non-com-

pliance, he told. under this bill, a decision on ency in the postal ballot, the violations of the Code of Conduct would be made

ficer will be bound to per- will not be changed within 5 days before the polling day and for election expenses, previously used bank accounts can be utisaid that security personadding, in case of any emergencies, they will be allowed inside with the permission of the Presiding Of-The minister said that ficer. To ensure transpar-

number of votes issued in LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif departs for UAE on each constituency and the polling day will be informed his one day visit to offer condolences on the demise of Sheikh Saeed Bin Zaved Al-Nahvan. on the website, he added. **Police says:** 

#### **PPP leader's** house attacked. no casualty

He informed that he was visiting DG Khan following instructions from Caretaker CM Punjab Aslam was attacked by an alleged militant after he re-Mohsin Nagvi to review fused to pay extortion security arrangements. Teamwork can help face challenges amicably, Wahab money, however no casualty was reported. Police said on added. Commissioner DG Friday that an alleged militant hurled a hand grenade Khan Dr Nasir Mahmood Bashir briefed the meeting at the male guest room of PirAslam's house located in participants about the over-Risalpur and escaped. all security plan.



lims all over the world as they mourn the Shuhada of spiring their fans with:

#### LAHORE (Online): Karbala and remembered what they stood for. It brings Ashura is the day of mourning as well as a symbol of tears to one's eyes and also resistance and resilience. teaches us resilience and Hazrat Imam Hussain RA motivates us to always left this mortal world on the stand with Haq. Pakistani day and showed the world celebrities are also mournthat you ever bow down ing Ashur as they share the you head in front of the evil messages of Imam Hussain even when the world has and Ahl e Bait and give messages of sacrifice and left you alone. The day is very important for Musresilience to their fans. This is what the celebs are in-

### Visits security Control Room Islam teaches us brotherhood and harmony: Sajid

PESHAWAR (APP): Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development, Sajid Hussain Turi here on Friday visited the Control Room of Crisis Management Cell established at the office of Deputy Commissioner Parachinar, District Kurram.

The Deputy Commissioner gave him a detailed briefing regarding the comprehensive security

Muharram. Speaking on the occasion, the federal minis-ter said that Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) was a beacon of light for the humanity and the Muslim world He said Islam teaches us

mony Therefore, we should maintain the atmosphere

Shazia shares pictures with celebrity friends from Deosai Mountains

stan is a country blessed with beautiful sights and many areas in our homeland will make you feel like you are in paradise. Rather be it the beautiful KPK, Gilgit Baltistan or Kashmir, we are blessed to have high mountains wit snowy caps beautiful green plains and glaciers that are not found anywhere else in the world. People from all over the world come to Pakistan.

#### One killed, 15 injured in bus-trailer collision

FAISALABAD (APP): A driver was killed while 15 passengers sustained multiple injuries in a road accident on motorway, in the limits of Sammundri police station. Rescue-1122 spokesman Zahid Lateef said here on Friday, the accident took place on Lahore-Multan Motorway M-3 near Sammundri Interchange in the wee hours where a bus

of a private company collided with a trailer in a bid

greenbelts, public parks FAISALABAD (APP): all kinds of support to the Faisalabad Development PHA so that it could im-Authority (FDA) Director prove the condition and structure of greenbelts, General Muhammad Asif Chaudhry said the Authorpublic parks and intersecity would extend its optitions of the city.

FDA to help PHA

for improvement of

mum support to the Parks He said that colorful & Horticulture Authority models, attractive land-(PHA) for the improvescaping, beautiful fountains ment of greenbelts, public would also be installed in parks and intersections in addition to planting ornathe city. During a meeting mental and flowery trees at with PHA Director General greenbelts and public parks Zameer Hussain, he apprefor providing entertainment ciated the performance of facilities to the general pub-PHA and said that it had lic. He said the FDA had taken a number of steps for also planned to plant maximaking the city a lush green. mum trees at available He said that various sites in FDA City besides intersection and Chowks of activating the owners of the city would be redeprivate housing colonies to signed to improve their take part in the drive for beauty and in this connecarresting environmental



HYDERABAD: Residents of Saddar area are burn tires and blocked road as they are holding protest demonstration against non-installation of electricity transformer since 3 days, in Hyderabad.

## Joint security plan by **PSCA, Lahore Police** issued for Ashura

Safe Cities Authority and Lahore Police have issued a ioint

security plan for Muharram and Youm-e-Ashura. According to the plan, the Lahore Police would provide security cover to 5,235 majalis and 650 mourning processions in the city.

The monitoring of Maialis and mourning processions across the city are moment-to-moment monibeing carried out through 650 safe city cameras round the clock, besides all essen- during central mourning tial locations covered by processions and gatherings.

#### LAHORE (APP): Punjab additional portable cameras. The Safe City Opera-

tion and Monitoring Center have assigned police communication officers and technical teams for 24/7 duty. As per SP Awais Shafiq, the central mourning processions will be provided three-tier security comprising Dolphin Squad, Police Response Unit, and effective patrolling of police vehicles. Continuous toring will be carried out through Safe City cameras



KARACHI: Members of Islami Jamiat Tulba are holding protest demonstration for eradicate drugs and sexual harassment from colleges and universities, at Karachi press club.

brotherhood and har-

of peace and brotherhood during Muharram by performing our duties in a

plan prepared for good manner. to overtaking. International News

# LAHORE (Online): Paki-

# Putin promises no-cost Russian grain shipments to 6 African countries

#### Monitoring Desk

ST. PETERSBURG: Russian President Vladimir Putin told leaders and officials from most African countries that his nation is making full efforts to avert a global food crisis despite concerns that its withdrawal from a deal allowing grain shipments from Ukraine will cause price spikes. Putin spoke at the opening session of a twoday Russia-Africa summit attended by a sharply lower number of African heads of state and government compared with a previous sum-mit in 2019. While discussing the halted Black Sea grain deal, he promised large nocost shipments of grain to six African countries.

"Our country will continue supporting needy states and regions, in particular, with its humanitarian deliveries. We seek to actively participate in building a fairer system of distribution of resources. We are taking maximum efforts to avert a global food crisis," Putin said. "I have already said that our country can replace Ukrainian grain, both on a commercial basis and as grant aid to the neediest African countries, more so since we expect another record harvest this vear," he said

Russia intends to ship up to 50,000 tons of grain were being held up. Promising Russian food exports to Africa is key aid to Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Mali, Somalia, to Putin's stated goal of us-Eritrea and the Central Afing the summit in St. Petersrican Republic in the next burg to bolster ties with a three to four months, Putin continent of 1.3 billion said. The Russian merce-people that is increasingly nary group Wagner has assertive on the global stage. been active in Mali and Africa's 54 nations make up Central African Republic, the largest voting bloc at the and Eritrea has voted United Nations and have against more U.N. Genbeen more divided than any eral Assembly resolutions other region on General Ascriticizing Russia's invasembly resolutions criticizsion than any other Afriing Russia's actions in can nation. Ukraine. The Russia-Africa Burkina Faso is seen

event follows South African authorities announcing last by some observers as a likely next target for week that Putin had agreed Wagner, and Zimbabwe has not to attend an economic long been bitter about U.S. summit in Johannesburg next sanctions against it. Somamonth because the trip could lia, while a U.S. ally, is ofexpose him to arrest under ten held up as an African an International Criminal country most affected by Court warrant for alleged war any restrictions on grain crimes in Ukraine. Putin on Thursday supplies related to the con-

flict in Ukraine. announced other moves to Both Russia and deepen relations with Af-Ukraine are major grain rica, including increased ensuppliers. They agreed a year ago on a U.N.- and rollment of African students in Russian universi-Turkey-brokered deal that ties, the opening of Russian reopened three Ukrainian state news media bureaus Black Sea ports blocked in many African countries and a proposed "common by fighting and provided assurances that ships eninformation space in Russia and Africa, within which tering the ports would not be attacked. Russia de- objective, unbiased information about events taking clined to renew the agreement last week, complainplace in the world will be ing that its own exports broadcast to Russian.



**Monitoring Desk** AOSCOW: Vladimir Putin lauded North Korea's "unwavering support" for the special military operation" in Ukraine as Russia joined China in Pyongyang to celebrate the hermit kingdom's 70th anniversary of the Korean Wartruce. Mr Putin sent defence minister Sergei Shoigu who was seen along-

side North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and held one-on-one talks with him, reported the Korean nation's state media. Mr Putin sent his congratulatory message wherein he lauded "the DPRK's un-

operation" in Ukraine. The Russian president lamented 'Western policies" for "undermining the supremacy of international law, the indivisibility of security and the establishment of a truly multipolar and just world." the state media reported. Mr Putin accused the

West of disregarding "respect for the sovereignty and national interests of states" Vladimir Putin lauded North Korea's "unwavering support" for the "special military operation" in Ukraine as Russia joined China in Pyongyang

to celebrate the hermit kingdom's 70th anniversary of wavering support for kingdom's 70<sup>th</sup> annive [Russia's] special military the Korean Wartruce.

## **Biden orders US to share Russian war crimes** evidence with ICC -official

Monitoring Desk ASHINGTON: U.S. President Joe Biden has ordered his administration to begin sharing evidence of alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine with the Hague-based

cial said.

overseas.

of

dent has been clear: there needs to be accountability for the perpetrators Court (ICC), a U.S offie Pentagon had been resistant to the move and privately argued that person said. any cooperation with

the court could open the way for politicized prosecution of American troops deployed e ICC, a permanent war crimes tribunal, in March issued an arrest

the ICC.

warrant for Putin for suspected deportation children from Ukraine, which would effectively undermining be a war crime.

e news was first reported by the New York Times, which said the Biden administration had started notifying lawmakers on Tuesday

St. Petersburg, Russia.

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: Russia's defence minister accompanied North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to a defence exhibition that featured the North's banned ballistic missiles as the neighbours pledged to boost ties, North Korean state media reported.

The Russian minister, Sergei Shoigu, and a Chinese delegation led by a Communist Party politburo mem-ber arrived in North Korea this week for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Korean War celebrated in North Korea as "Victory

war crimes prosecution of Russia by blocking the sharing of U.S. military intelligence with



Russian President Vladimir Putin and President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste Ndavishimive meet on the sidelines of the Russia Africa Summit in

## North Korea's Kim shows off banned missiles to Russian minister

vided a striking backdrop for a show of solidarity by three countries united by their rivalry with the U.S. and a revival of what some

War-era coalition. fence minister to North Soviet Union.

**UN chief** warns 'handful of donations' can't replace **Black Sea deal Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: United Nations Secretary

General Antonio Guterres warned that a "handful of donations" won't correc the dramatic impact of the end of a deal that had allowed the safe Black Sea export of Ukraine grain for the past year. Global wheat prices have spiked about 10% in the past 10 China to attend the opening days after Russia quit the ceremony of the FISU pact - brokered by the World University Games in United Nations and Chengdu. China and Indo-Turkiye in July 2022. nesia should ensure the

Day". The nuclear-capable Chinese delegations marks missiles were banned under its first major opening up to the world since the U.N. Security Council resolutions adopted with Rus-COVID-19 pandemic. Shoigu gave Kim a letsian and Chinese support but this week they proter from Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Ko-

rean media reported. Kim thanked Putin for sending the military delegation led by Shoigu, saying analysts see as their Cold the visit had deepened the strategic and traditional' relations between North Shoigu is making the first visit by a Russian de-

orea and Russia. '(Kim) expressed his views on the issues of mu-

Korea since the fall of the tual concern in the struggle For North Korea, the to safeguard the soverarrival of the Russian and eignty.

#### China open to deepen partnership with Indonesia, says Xi - state media

**Monitoring Desk** high-standard completion of BEIJING: China is willing to the Jakarta-Bandung highspeed railway as it nears deepen its strategic cooperacommercial operation, Xi tion with Indonesia, state media cited President Xi told Widodo. Jinping as saying. Xi made ship project of the Indonesian the remarks in a meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu, CCTV reported. Widodo is visiting

esident and part of China's Belt and Road Initiative, was set backby budgetary problems and already four years behind schedule. "The two sides should make every effort to do a good job in the last kilometre

of construction and ensure the high standard and high quality of the project."

The high-speed rail, a flag-



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu visit an exhibition of armed equipment on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice in this image released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency.

The White house declined to discuss specifics of any cooperation with the ICC. "Since the beginning of Russia's assault on Ukraine, the presi-International Criminal

and enablers of war crimes and atrocities in Ukraine," a National Security Council spokes-"On the ICC specifically, we are not going to dis-

cuss the specifics on any cooperation, which is consistent with the court's practice of treating requests for cooperation in a confidential manner," the spokesperson added. Republican and Democratic lawmakers have accused the Pentagon of

#### Saturday July 29, 2023

# **'Fading Vistas' reminds Northern** Areas of Pakistan at stakes amid climate change: Sherry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Sherry Rehman said the coffee table book 'Fading Vistas' underscoring the beauty of Northern Pakistan reminded that what was at stakes in the highly glaciated region of the country due to climate change.

The Minister expressed her views while dress, Senator Rehman aplaunching the coffee table book launched under the GLOF-II project with the in Pakistan. She said the title "Fading Vistas-Beauty of Northern Paki- were stunning and had by a photograph exhibition

showcasing the natural ism company, social media beauty and unprecedented magnets showcasing natuscenic ecosystems existing ral beauty and nature.

in the mountainous region Pakistan had the largof the country. The GLOFest glaciers outside the po-II is a joint initiative of the lar region and the experience Ministry of Climate Change of watching Indus River and Environmental Coordipassing by the mountains nation, United Nations Dein the north was a humbling velopment Programme-Pafeeling. "Many cities are kistan (UNDP) supported holding direct flights to by the Green Climate Fund. northern areas bringing In her keynote adplethora of tourists depsite knowing the fact that it preciated the book and also might not accommodate

lauded UNDP partnership such huge number of masses," the Minister said. mountains of the country She added that these mountains were facing real stan" which was followed emerged like a poster child risk as these glaciers were at the content of every tourmelting faster than average.

Senator Rehman in a calculated estimate said that the glacial melt was probably beyond 300% which she said on the basis of the past glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) event.

The Minister noted that there was no data available on the pace of melting glaciers. However, she said the melting of glaciers varied from glacier to glacier as some of it were more resilient due to rocks on it, hence causing slow melt. She underlined that littering at snowy peaks was reaching at a critical level event at the highest peaks that were hard to access.



ISLAMABAD: President Sajjad Haider along with senior members presenting souvenir to chief guest Mir Chakar Bhugti in annual training workshop of Rawalpindi Islamabad PhotojournalistAssociation (Professional) held at PID center.



ISLAMABAD: Mourners touching tazia during 9th Muharram-ul-Haram at G-6 Imam Bargha.

### Gwadar airport best example of **Pak-China cooperation: Jamali**

BEIJING (APP): Gwadar flights from Beijing to stan and China would airport's construction in a Gwadar soon. About the achieve a lot of benefits airport's construction in a short span of time is the best example of cooperation between Pakistan and China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), said Senator Sana Jamali. Jinping.

Talking to Urdu Service of China Media Group (CMG) during her visit to China, she particularly highlighted the rapid progress of Gwadar development project.

She said that the construction of Gwadar airrelations between Pakistan port was the best example and China. of success in a short time She expressed the cooperation and under-and wished to start direct confidence that both Paki- standing.

Balochistan's progress, from the Belt and Road she said that the largest Initiative launched by province of Pakistan was China a decade ago. Senator Sana Jamali experiencing a significant development under the also expressed gratitude for CPEC, a pilot project of China's support on the

the BRI launched by the occasion of the 10th an-Chinese President Xi niversary of the Belt and Road Initiative and appreciated the commend-Senator Sana Jamali, who is also a member of able progress in the Senate Committee on Gwadar project. Power Affairs, Na-Stressing a need for tional Health Services

Chinese language learning Regulation and Coordiprograms, she said that the nation Committee, ap-Chinese learning centers were being introduced in preciated the bilateral Pakistani universities to further promote bilateral standing.

3 members of

criminal gangs

**Country's politics to be in** decisive phase from Aug 1: Sheikh Rasheed

Awami Muslim League as nominee for caretaker prime minister became controversial the moment it was suggested. Criticiz-

caretaker government to act as his interim government but his wish will not be fulfilled," he added. "It is not democracy to pass 29 bills in just one hour as this legislation has been done on the pressure of someone," Rashid said tion and therefore, the ju-

was going through the darkest time in the his-

IT ministry proposes e-safety agency to 'regulate' digital media

ISLAMABAD (INP): To well as content published regulate digital media, the on websites. Social media Ministry of IT has recomrules will also be made a mended the federal governpart of the e-safety law, under which the websites ment to establish an eof TV channels and news-According to sources papers will also be moniin the IT Ministry, the tored.

PICA Act 2016 has been As per reliable declared inadequate by the sources, the ministry will federal government to reguensure a balanced approach to freedom of exlate social media, the ministry recommended that a pression under article 19, while rules will be strict broad-based legal framework is needed to regulate to curbing online harassl and digital media. ment, cyber

#### Int'l Day of Friendship to be marked on July 30

ISLAMABAD (APP): In ternational Day of Friendship will be marked on July 30 (Sunday) across the globe including Pakistan.

ing the prime minister, the The day promotes the AML chief said Shehbaz ole that friendship plays Sharif was playing on both in promoting peace in many sides of the wicket and he cultures. It is observed on was deceiving his brother. July 30 each year. Shehbaz wants the

The UN has a special day to promote the concept of friendships across di verse backgrounds and cultures.

To mark the Interna tional Day of Friendship, the UN encourages governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities, and initiatives that promote solidarity, mutual understanding, and reconciliation.

In 2011, the UN pro claimed the International Day of Friendship with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, and cultures can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

The UN wanted for the day to involve young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

## **PMD** warns of scattered heavy falls with risk of urban flooding in 3 days

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Chakwal, Jhelum, Mandi Pakistan Metrological Department (PMD) has warned that the upper and central parts of the country were likely to receive scattered heavy falls during the next three days (upto July 30).

According to the weather department, monsoon currents from the Arabian Sea were continuously penetrating while a westerly wave was also present in the upper and central parts of the country.

Under the influence of these systems, rain/windthundershowers (with scattered heavy falls) were expected in Kashmir, (Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur), Gilgit Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Haripur,

Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Lakki Marwat, Kohat, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, Karak, Waziristan, Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock,



(with few heavy falls) were expected in Kalat, Khuzdar, Lasbella, Awaran, Kech, Gwadar, Panjgur, Mastung, Sibbi, Naseerabad, Zhob, Sherani, Barkhan, Musakhel, Kohlu, Jhal Magsi, Loralai, Dera Ghazi khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Khanewal, Layyah, Kot Addu, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan from the night of July 27 to July 28.

The PMD, in its press release, said that heavy rains might generate flash floods in Balochistan and hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan on July 27 (night) and July

While the same weather was expected in Kashmir, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Manshera, Abbottabad, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, including (Lai Nullah), from July 27 to 29.



# RAWALPINDI (INP): said the name of Ishaq Dar

(AML) chief Sheikh Rasheed has stated that the country's politics will be in the decisive phase from Aug 1. Taking to Twitter, the former interior minister said the judiciary could give important decisions in line with the constitution and law.

"The decisions of judiciary are being mocked publicly. There is no respect for law, constitution and justice in the country these days," he lamented. He said amendments to Article 224 and 230 were contrary to the constitu-

He said the country diciary shouldn't remain

The senior politician tory.

silent on it.

safety agency.

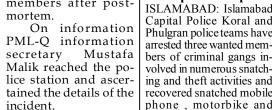
#### PA murdered in private held; valuables housing society recovered **Independent Report**

**PML-Q** candidate for

ISLAMABAD (Online): members after post-PML-Q candidate for provincial assembly from Sahiwal, Mian Allah Yar has been alleg- secretary Mustafa edly murdered in a private housing society in Islamabad.

As per sources Mian Allah Yar was thrown from the 4th Islamabad about the storey of building in incident and demanded the private housing so- of him to investigate ciety. Police took into the matter on merit. possession his dead body from footpath.

Police have taken Hussain has expressed into custody 3 persons staying with him and dent and condoled with the body was handed the family members of over to the family the victim.



PML-Q

Chaudhry

phone, motorbike and weapons with ammunition He informed IG used in crime from their possession, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of chief Islamabad Capital City Po-Shujaat lice officer (ÎCCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the sorrow over the inci-Islamabad Capital Police had categorically started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to save the precious lives and property

#### Special Traffic education, of citizens. Following these directions, a Koral police team used technical and enforcement campaign human resources and succeeded in apprehending in full swing two wanted members of a snatcher gang involved in Independent Report

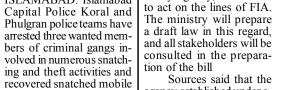
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police took prompt action against underage motorcyclists and drivers and imposed fines on them under the campaign of Special Traffic education and enforcement.

Following the directions of Islamabad Capital City



Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police launched a special traffic education and enforcement campaign in order to solve the traffic related problems faced by the citizens on roads, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, campaign is underway against underage bikers, those involved in rash driving and violating traffic rules. Under the supervision of chief traffic officer Islamabad, zonal DSP's are ensuring strict action against those violating traffic rules.



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AJK leadership express grave concern over HR situation in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq and President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry have expressed deep concern over the deteriorating human rights situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu Kashmir (IIOJK).

In a meeting held in Mirpur (AJK) on Thurssnatching activities. The accused were identified as Fasi ud din and Hamza day, both the leaders dis-Azram. Police team also recussed mutual interests, regional developments and the continued oppression faced by religious minorities in India.

As per sources, the and threats. Ministry of IT has recom-The new measures will also encompass the mended to the federal govregulation of activities such ernment to establish an e-

as Photoshop manipulation, sexual harassment, and the dissemination of propaganda aimed at damaging an individual's reputation. Additionally, an esafety bill will be imple-

Sources said that the mented to safeguard data agency established under e- and prevent the unauthorized and illegal use of intor social media activities as formation systems.

They particularly high-lighted the brutal treatment of the Christian community in Manipur, stating that, in addition to the suppression of Muslims in occupied Kashmir and Sikhs and Muslims in Gujarat and Punjab, Hindutva forces were now targeting the Christian community in Manipur.

They termed this oppression of religious minorities as a severe form of state terrorism and called on the international community to take notice of these atrocities in India.

ISLAMABAD: Traffic Police clear the route of Shiite Muslim procession of 9th Muharram at Sector G-6/2 in Federal Capital.

Independent Report

1,572 newly passed

to different divisions

#### Masroor urges Indian govt to out officials transferred release all religious leaders

ISLAMABAD (APP): All Parties Hurrivat Confer-SLAMABAD: ence (APHC) leader in In-Islamabad Capital Police dian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir announces the deployment of 1,572 well-trained per-Maulana Masroor Abbas sonnel from the 38th Basic Ansari has urged the Indian Recruits Course to various government to release all the religious leaders, detained in commitment to enhancing different jails of India and security and ensuring pubthe territory lic safety in the capital city,

According to Kashmir a police public relations ofmedia service (KMS). Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansaritalking to media men in Srinagar said that the ban on large Eid prayer gatherings in the occupied territory should also be lifted.

Course have been assigned to different crucial divisions within the Islamabad Capi-The tal Police. The operation di-visions will be bolstered by 482 personnel, including 335 male police personnel divisions, reinforcing its and 75 female officers, all equipped to handle various challenges and emergencies. To fortify security measures, 400 personnel have been assigned to the secuficer said. He said that, under the directives of rity divisions, which include 44 women police per-Islamabad Capital City Posonnel, while enhancing lolice Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the gistical support, 190 perpassing out officials from the 38th Basic Recruit sonnel have been allocated to the logistics divisions.

## PGF-2023 adopts resolution to implement STAR governance system

two-day Pakistan Goverted to upholding a govnance Forum 2023 (PGF), ernance framework that organized by the Minisembodies the principles of STAR.

try of Planning, Devel-opment and Special Ini-tiatives, has adopted a This commitment underscores the resolve resolution calling for the to promote peace, enimmediate implementahance transparency, and tion of the Stable, Transensure public accountparent, Agile, and Re-sponsible (STAR) goverability while focusing on improved service delivnance system in the ery, embracing innovation and technology, and adapting to emerging

The resolution was adopted at the conclusion challenges. According to of the PGF-2023 held in the resolution, stability Islamabad, aiming to deentails the continuity of velop a roadmap for a inclusive, consultative, stable, transparent, agile, and evidence-based poliand responsible govercies fostered through colnance system in the country, a need release laborative working relations between all organs of the state including the said. The forum saw par-

country.

Legislature, Executive, ticipation from hundreds and Judiciary; the Federal, Provincial, and Loof prominent figures cal tiers of government; as well as the political from across diverse sectors, political leaders, experts, and representaleadership, bureaucracy, tives from civil society, and military.

Effective measures who highlighted crucial should be taken to proaspects of governance.

teamwork among state institutions within the constitutional framework, the resolution said.

Ensuring stability necessitates incorporating the views and aspirations of all segments of society, especially under-represented groups such as youth, women,

and diverse religious and ethnic communities. It said this inclusivity must be institutionalized within all tiers of government through affirmative action and adopting an allof-government ap-proach, as emphasized by the resolution in high-

lighting the key feature of stable governance. Furthermore, the resolution stressed the need for establishing

peace within the country and the region, ensuring of making data acces-law and order, and up-sible to the public holding the rule of law through digital formats

The forum commit- mote harmony and to create a conducive environment for good ment and enforcement of governance. right to information'

It called for resolving conflicts along poagility, as per the resolitical, ethnic, religious, lution, necessitates placand other lines through ing effective and efficient peaceful means, unservice delivery at the equivocally rejecting core of the government's violence. function.

Regarding transparency in governance, ing incremental but conthe resolution undersistent improvements to scored the importance of public service delivery enhancing transparency through refining adminto eradicate corruption istrative structures and and strengthen public processes accountability at all tiers of government. output to an outcomes-

Utilizing advanceoriented approach. ments in technology, particularly in prudent ther emphasized the and responsible spendneed for structural and ing of public money, offorward-looking refers unprecedented opforms in public sector portunities to increase management, particutransparency in all govlarly civil service reernment functions.

forms. The resolution stressed the importance hauling public servants' recruitment, induction, training, administrative structures, performance

and ensuring the enact- management, compensation, and retirement benefits is vital in this laws. The principle of regard

Additionally, it said politically, administra-tively and financially empowered local governments must be established in all federating This involves makunits to ensure efficient service delivery and grassroots inclusion.

Furthermore, the resolution highlighted that the needs, interests, and aspirations of Pakitransitioning from an stani citizens must be the primary focus, prioritized over the narrow or short-term political in-The resolution furterests of individual stakeholders.

and

It said that over-

It called for efforts to forge consensus on a minimalist set of core national interests in the domains of the economy, foreign policy, and security through meaningful and inclusive deliberations among all stakeholders

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#### covered a mobile phone, motorbike and weapons with ammunition used in crime from their possession. ISLAMABAD (APP): The