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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and other dignitaries at the inaugural

Governor Sindh said

vestment opportunities,

from Swiss investors in the province would be wel-

comed. "They would be

provided every help and assistance", Governor

Georg Steiner also visited the 'bell of hope' and

Governor Sindh informed the Swiss Ambas-

sador about the purpose of

the 'bell of hope'. The Swiss envoy also went around Quaid's room,

where he witnessed the

personal belongings of the father of the nation Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

packing process of ration

bags under Taqatwar Paki-

President

He also inspected the

Sindh said.

rang the same.

No power on earth can hamper Pakistan's progress PM, COAS vow to put country on road to progress through Green Pakistan Initiative

Green Pakistan Initiative to usher in agri revolution, create four mln jobs, says PM; Army assures govt of all-out support for economic stability; Pakistani nation has potential to rise to the top; No power on the earth can stop Pakistan from developing, says Army Chief

ISLAMABAD (APP): was the backbone of the Prime Minister Shehbaz country and the farmers possible assistance for tries. Sharif Monday said that the Green Pakistan Initiative would eventually bring about the second agriculture revolution, in addition to the creation of four million jobs in the country.

Addressing a seminar on agriculture and food security, he said agriculture

worked hard to provide food to millions of people and they would be remembered in the history as builders of Pakistan.

He said the farmers had the due right to avail incentives for the agriculture

PM orders fool-proof

arrangements for

possible flood

situation in

Ravi, Sutlej, Chenab

Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif on Monday directed

the relevant authorities to

make fool-proof arrange-

ments to handle the pos-

sible flood situation in Ŕavi

Chenab and Sutlej rivers.

to get prepared for timely

and safe evacuation and

create awareness among the

people in the potentially

appreciated the Rangers

and Rescue 1122 personnel

for the timely evacuation

and assistance of the people

trapped in flood water in

lief actions by the Rangers

and Rescue helped save

dozens of people including

JUI-FAmir

Maulana Fazl

calls on PM to

discuss political

situation

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Amir of Jammiat-e-Ulema

Islam (JUI-F) Maulana

Fazlur Rehman on Monday

called on Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif to hold consultations

over the current political

Minister for Communica-

tions Maulana Asad

Mahmood was also present, PM Office Media

During the meeting

Both leaders of JUI-

situation of the country.

women and children.

He said the timely re-

affected areas.

Shakargarh.

He also directed them

The prime minister

possible assistance for overall development and progress. "Farmers work imperative to ensure hard but it is common progress of Pakistan, addknowledge that they are facing lack of resources," he

The prime minister said growth in the agriculsector and it was the re- ture sector would defi- ern agriculture practices sponsibility of the govern- nitely bring Pakistan at in the country.

He said hard work was

ing the green revolution in 1960s was due to the introduction of new varieties of seed, building of dams and canals and mod-

Swiss Ambassador calls on **Sindh Governor**

KARACHI (APP): Gover- zerland Georg Steiner at nor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori has said that there were ample opportunities for Pakistan and Switzerland in various fields to further enhance their mutual

This he said while talking to Ambassador of Swit- detail on the occasion.

Governor House here on that Sindh offers ideal in-Monday.

Bilateral relations, the especially for foreign invesneed to further enhance bi- tors and any investment lateral ties, investment opportunities in Sindh and other matters of mutual interest were discussed in

ners as the conspiracy

against the country's integ-

rity has been foiled," she

said while addressing a

posed by the Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chair-

man on his Twitter handle

asking who was benefited

from the May 9 incidents

of vandalising public and

private properties, desecrat-

The minister was re-

press conference.



KARACHI: Ambassador of Switzerland to Pakistan Georg Steiner called on Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori at Governor House.

PM dares Imran Niazi to face courts for his crimes, corruption

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday dared Imran Niazi to face courts for his crimes and cases of corruption and plunder, and severely criticized him for carrying out revenge against Nawaz Sharif, his party and for fabricating false cases against political opponents.

In a tweet tagging the account of Imran Niazi, Shehbaz Sharif thanked Allah for making his party including his Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif victorious against lies of opponent political group blinded by political revenge, against baseless cases and in every test of public ser-

Not only in Pakistan but in the decisions of National Crime Agency and for clemency.

ISLAMABAD (APP): courts of Britain there was satisfactory and sufficient response to every question of merchants of lies, he

> The PM said the latest example was the ver-dict in the plot allotment reference in the Accountability Court Lahore in which it was clearly stated that Nawaz Sharif was made target of political victimization and there was no case but it was a fabrication.

> The transgressors who called this falsehood a reference should seek for-giveness from Allah and the people, he said, adding,"But only those seek forgiveness who have fear of Allah in their hearts and have the capacity to ask



Syed Muhammad Anwer as the Alim Judge of the Federal Shariat Court at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

May 9 incidents benefit Pakistan's 'enemy', nation triumphed with foiling of conspiracy: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (APP): arson, but the people of Pa-Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb Monday said the May 9 incidents had only benefitted the "enemy", but it was the nation who ultimately emerged victorious with the foiling of conspiracy against

Ironically, she said, the "foreign agent", who masterminded the May 9 tragedy made a tweet the other day asking who benefited

administers oath to Dr Syed Anwar as Alim **Judge of FSC** ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday administered oath kistan are the ultimate win-

stan Program.

to Dr Syed Muhammad Anwar as Alim Judge of the Federal Shariat Court at a ceremony held here at the President House. The appointment has been made for a period of sponding to a question three years.

The president adminstered the oath in line with clause (2) of the Article

203C of the Constitution.

Court acquits

Suleman, others

in money

laundering case

LAHORE (APP): A special

court (central) on Monday

acquitted Suleman Shehbaz

and others in a Rs 16 bil-

lion money-laundering case,

registered by the Federal

Investigation Agency (FIA). Special Court Judge Bakht Fakhr Behzad an-

nounced the verdict while

allowing acquittal applica-tions of Suleman Shehbaz

mitted replies to 27 ques-

tions, asked by the court,

FIA prosecutor submitted

that a joint investigation

team, headed by Dr

Rizwan, had conducted an

inquiry into the money-

during the proceedings.

Earlier, the FIA sub-

To a court query, the

and others.

Nasir Shah inaugurates project for beautification of Shahrah-e-Faisal

Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, on Monday, along with Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab inaugu-rated a project of beautification and improvement of

Shahrah-e-Faisal. A series of development and beautification work would be carried out under an Rs.195.71 million project on the 18 km long major artery From Jinnah International Airport to Hotel Metropole for improving the environment, facilities for pedestrian

Syed Nasir Hussain Shah while speaking at the occasion said that the project was aimed at the beautification of Shahrah-e-Faisal so that visitors, both international and local, entering Karachi through the major artery have a better

look at the metropolis. The minister said that

Murad Ali Shah was working day and night to materialise Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's vision of development, welfare and improvement. He said that all the

concerned departments of the Sindh government and city government as well as the cantonments and CAA were on a single page and work with coordination to complete the project and achieve desired objectives.

Nasir Shah said that the PPP Sindh government was carrying out hundreds of development projects across the province and particularly in the provincial capital to ensure better facilities for the people and to resolve their problems. Sindh government had completed record projects despite natural calamities and non-cooperation of the previous PTI federal government, he claimed adding that number of completed projects was higher than any

Ghana's High Commissioner calls on **Commissioner Karachi**

ISLAMABAD (APP): KARACHI (APP): ton garments.
Prime Minister Muhammad Shall on Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Iqbal Memon at the Commissioner of-

fice here. The HC of Ghana and Commissioner Pakistan's foreign ex-Karachi discussed matters change. of mutual interest, said a spokesperson of the Commissioner.

They also discussed matters related to the exploration of new trade opportunities and further enhance mutual trade re-

Ghana's HC briefed the Commissioner about the trade opportunities available for Pakistan in

He said that there

Monday along with a four- have cordial and friendly member delegation called relations and there was a need to find opportunities to increase the existing trade relations between the two countries, which could increase

> He said that he would play his role in increasing the trade relations between Pakistan and Ghana and would draw the attention of the industrial community of Karachi and Pakistan to find opportunities for the promotion of Pakistani products in Ghana.

He said that trade opportunities for both countries were promiswas a demand in Ghana ing and businessmen for various products of should make joint efforts



ISLAMABAD: President JUI-F Maulana Fazl-Ur-Rehman call on Prime Minister Muhammad

PPP leadership fighting against poverty, empowering youth ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- talk of seat adjustment be-

(PPP) leader Sharmila Farooqi Monday said that her party leadership was fighting for the rights of underprivileged people and empowering youth for the restoration of true democ-

racy in the country.
"PPP was making allout efforts to bring youth into the mainstream in a bid to empower them socially and economically", she said while talking to a Private news channel.

Sharmila said the Pakistani youth only needed guidance, otherwise, they were capable enough to prove themselves in the

When asked about the in the country.

Sharmila Farooqi says:

kistan People's Party tween the two parties, she replied, "PPP only wants timely general elections and it is a common practice among politicians that they came together for seat adjustments and alliances before elections.' "PPP was neither in

favour of early nor delayed general elections it only demands transparent and timely elections which should be acceptable to all", she mentioned.

Replying to a query, she replied that political stability was highly important right now to achieve economic stability, attract investment, and ensure development and prosperity



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb addressing a press conference.

Sindh govt approves 17.5 percent increase in pension

Sindh government has sanctioned an increase of 17.5 percent on net pension with effect from July 01, 2023 until further orders to all civil pensioners of the Sindh government.
The increase in the

pension as mentioned at Para-01 will also be admissible to the pensioners, who would retire on or after July 01, 2023, according to a communiqué here on Monday. The term "Net Pension" means "Pension being drawn" minus "Medical Allowance".

The increase will also be admissible to family pension granted under the Pension-cum-Gratuity Scheme 1954 Liberalized Pension Rules 1977 on

pension sanctioned under the Central Civil Services (Extra Ordinary Pension) Rules as well as on the Compassionate Allowance under CSR-353. If the gross pension sanctioned by the Sindh government is shared with any government in accordance with the rules laid down in Part-IV of Appendix III to the Accounts Code, Volume-1, the amount of the increase in pension will be apportioned between the federal government and the other government concerned on

proportionate basis. The increase in pension sanctioned will not be admissible to Special Additional Pension allowed in lieu of pre-retirement Orderly Allowance.

laundering charges. KKH closed for traffic near Hassanabad due to landslide ISLAMABAD (APP): Karakoram Highway is closed for traffic near

A Spokesman of the National Highway Authority(NHA) said on Monday that necessary machinery has been delivered, and

Hassanabad due to land-

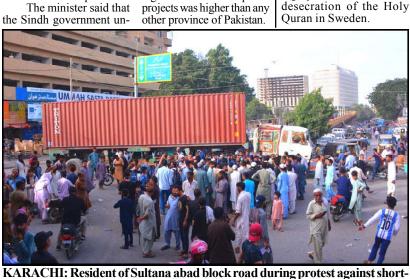
the road is being opened.

He said that N-35 is closed for all types of traffic near Nasirabad due to landslides. He asked the citizens traveling on the highway to start their journey after getting the necessary information

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Local Government (LG) Sved Nasir Hussain Shah addressing the inauguration ceremony of renovation of Sharah-e-Faisal at Karsaz Martyrs Memorial.

movement, landscaping and artistic works and designs.

Wing said in a press release. F appreciated the firm reaction and steps of the government and prime minister with regard to the highly condemnable act of



KARACHI: Resident of Sultana abad block road during protest against shortage of electricity

Daily soice of Masse Independent

Food concerns

The government has put into gear a new strategy, backed by the army and financed by the food-deficit Gulf countries and China, to tackle critical issues of low agricultural productivity, food insecurity and food

The Land Information and Management System-Centre of Excellence, launched on Friday, will focus on transforming how farming is done in Pakistan with a view to optimising agricultural output for improving domestic food security and creating exportable surplus for the Gulf states and China.

It is being financed by Saudi assistance of \$500m. The GIS-based initiative aims at enhancing modern agro-farming, and utilising 22m acres of uncultivated state land. The government is expecting huge investments in agriculture from the Gulf and China under LIMS. It is perhaps the first multipronged strategy designed to simultaneously target urgent challenges related to agriculture: growing food insecurity, a surging food and agricultural import bill and diminishing export surplus. The success of the new scheme is projected to address these issues to a large extent. While the LIMS initiative is a step in the right direction, its scope is likely to remain confined to the foreign-funded agriculture projects under it — mostly for producing exportable surplus for investing nations. With food insecurity rising in the country—the World Food Programme has said that 37pc of Pakistanis are food-insecure and one-fifth of them are facing a severe food crisis — it is imperative for policymakers to quickly design strategies to deal with long-standing deeper structural issues such as climate impact, soil erosion, land fragmentation, lower crop yields, etc, All these are pulling down Pakistan's important agriculture sector.

This becomes even more critical as the population is projected to grow to 367.8m by 2050. The surging population has already put unbearable pressure on the food system, and food insecurity in the country is billed to worsen in the coming years unless remedial steps are taken now.

With the country's agriculture sector characterised mostly by smallholder farmers, the rise in the demand for food has to be met either through an increase in yield or expansion in cultivable cropland. Pakistan needs to work on both as climate change, resulting in droughts, floods, uncertain weather patterns, etc, is likely to increase the already considerable stress on the food supply system. There is no doubt that the government needs to encourage the utilisation of uncultivated state land to boost crop output. Besides investing in swathes of wasteland to make them cultivable, it must also put a stop to the encroachment of agri-

cultural lands by sprawling housing schemes. A lot is required to be done to ensure food security and create exportable agricultural surplus. The LIMS initiative is only the first step. The next one should focus on strengthening the capacity of agricultural research institutions to increase yields

The danger ahead

age fund disbursements

will not be coming anytime



Huma Yusuf

Out of control. That's how the UN described the pace of climate change last week. The days leading up to last Wednesday were the hottest on record. July was the hottest day on Earth in 125,000 years, signalling that we're now well on track for average temperatures to increase by three degrees Celsius by the end of the century. And this is iust the beginning.

Pakistan is once again suffering the consequences of a rapidly heating planet. At least 50 people, including eight children, have died since June 25 in floods and landslides triggered by heavy monsoon rains. Lahore last week received recordbreaking rainfall, and Karachi had only just finrelief at dodging Cyclone Biparjoy when it is forced to brace for rain. We talk about the 2010 and 2022 floods as freak, one-off disasters. But they are our new reality, reflecting the global 134 per cent increase in climate change-related flooding since the turn of this century.

As our planet approaches climate tipping points, Pakistan will find itself in alternating cycles of flooding and drought, worsening in frequency and intensity with each passing year. For that reason, whoever becomes the next prime minister must put climate change adaptation and mitigation at the centre of all policymaking.

The hype last year around loss and damage funding — announced at the 2022 UN climate change conference COP27 Pakistan's experience with devastating floods

seems to have unleashed, tion, that climate change counter-intuitively, com- adaptation and mitigation placency among our policymakers. They now dream of foreign funds flowing into climate finance projects. But discussions in the run-up to COP28 later this year But the fallacy of should serve as a reality check that loss and dam-

Questions about such funding persist. Where will the money come from? We know that high-emitting, rich countries will be on the hook, but beyond that, details remain elusive. Will funds be generated through carbon taxes or other levies? Will states offer grants or partner with the private sector to mobilise capital? How will financing be structured and amplified? And most importantly, what counts as loss and damage? The last is a tricky question because it could encompass everything from immediate humanitarian assistance to more long-term investments into climate-adaptaished breathing a sigh of tion projects aimed at minimising loss and damage. Will we fund the prevention or the cure?

> and damage funding is likely to be conditional. There are likely to be expectations that countries receiving loss and damage funding have good disaster management plans, emissions reductions strategies, green transition pathways, and relatively stable economies and governments. Recipients will also have to evidence some rule of law, transparency and accountability, to ensure that funding is properly deployed. Pakistan is sadly struggling on all these counts.

In all scenarios, loss

Ironically, struggle itself is often cited as a reason why Pakistan is not tackling the climate challenge more aggressively. A after gaining impetus from common refrain is that we and we're now fast runcan't afford to think ning out of time. -- Courabout the green transitesy Dawn

are luxuries for the developed world. Pakistanis, we counter, have to prioritise feeding themselves and powering their homes and factories.

such thinking is increasingly being challenged. For example, there is no feeding ourselves without dealing with climate change. An article published last week in Nature Communications points to the risk that warming jet streams could lead to simultaneous harvest failures in major food-producing countries, presenting a severe threat to global food security. The article emphasises that such a phenomenon has not yet been properly modelled and so is poorly understood, but that basic global food security is certainly not guaranteed. Indeed, 'breadbasket failures' would take us back to the eras of mass famine and resulting social instability, even con-Pakistan's lack of

planning in the face of such impending disaster is arguably its greatest political crisis. And that's saying something, given how recent events have played out. A key danger of any technocratic, stitch-up government that may emerge is that rather than find meaningful routes to climate adaptation and resilience, it is swayed by the promise of climate tech, geoengineering or fanciful carbon capture technologies. After all, it's easier to plan for a future in which a problem is miraculously solved, rather than one in which the only way to avert state failure is to find an inclusive, equitable way to share increasingly meagre resources. Today's ruling elite and their power brokers are not up to the task,

Tando China

ghettoise the new arrivals.

A federal court in



Shahzad Sharjeel

We have all read accounts of, or watched movies about fugitives brought to justice from far-off corners of the world. Historically, these happen to be persons wanted for war crimes, genocide, or both. The protagonists are usually secret agents of the wronged country/nation, determined to bring the evil doers to justice even if they happen to be octogenarians. Since these operations are beyond the pale of international law and are not governed by any extradition treaty between the countries concerned, they are undertaken in a classic cloak-and-dagger style: the mission and the 'missionaries' remain unnamed, till Hollywood decides to tell the tale, that is. How international relations are conducted is changing. We shall return to it, but a digression first.

You have heard of Tando Adam, Tando Jam, and many other places named Tando. Among vernacular words where etymology stumbles, 'tando' stands out. The consensus on its closest meaning is 'outpost'. One can only resort to conjecture that when these settlements first came up, they may have been considered outposts of stronger and somewhat distant centres of power. In large metropolises

around the world, names like Little Columbia or Bangladesh Chinatown are commonplace. These names come about as the immigrants try to hang on to some part of their erstwhile identity, or the natives — usually earlier migrants —

New York has convicted three men, one a retired New York police officer and two men of Chinese descent from the Big Apple on charges of abetting the Chinese rein in the diaspora. The prosecution believes China is maintaining around 100 outposts, sort of overseas police stations, across the US, UK, Belgium, France, etc. True or not, one wonders: here we are unable to maintain police stations on our

mainland', while pop-up

Tando China' has sup-

posedly become a global Not a day passes without someone reminding us that the Chinese are taking over the entire globe. Looking at our increasing dependence and the ignominious liability we have become for our friends, many amongst us desire a Hong Kong-type arrangement; only this time, the leaseholder and the lessee share a land border. No 'hostile enemy corridor' between the mainland and Tando. Returning to how

the conduct of international relations is changing and the ways in which political, economic and military power is projected. take the Chinese case for instance: the effort to rein in the dissenters among the diaspora and bring back the accused to stand trial is no hush-hush affair. It has a name. It is own Tando towns has becalled 'Operation Fox Hunt'. It could have been a title thought up by the US Department of Justice to add drama to a plot already thick with intrigue and conspiracy, but for the Chinese dailies who have been reporting about the operation, complete with pictures of hundreds of persons the a marathon of eons to sur-People's Republic wants brought back to and tried 712AD as our year of birth, in China. The man whose harassment purportedly at the behest of the Chi-

the convictions by the New York court is on that list on charges of embezzlement that carry severe sentences, including the death penalty.

According to a US overnment release, the Chinese also had an ingovernment's efforts to ternational red notice issued against the man through Interpol in 2015. The two countries, however, do not have an extradition treaty. A federal US court will determine the punishment, ranging from 10 to 25 years' imprisonment, for the three men convicted for conspiracy, interstate stalking, surveillance, harassment, and working as agents of a foreign government without intimating the attorney general. The former New York police officer pleaded that he undertook the assignment as a private investigator, not knowing the Chinese government's connection to the case. The prosecution claims that Chinese officials have been flown in to supervise the day-to-day proceedings of these purported Chinese police outposts.

We also have 'persons of interest' living in exile, and, from time to time, hear noises about bringing them back to stand trial in courts of law

However, despite having an extensive network of extradition treaties, we have mismanaged our affairs at home so badly that governing our very come taxing. In the race for global projection between China and the US, the former has a lead of a couple of thousand years while the latter is at best a

We, too, have a heritage dating back some 7,000 years; the question is whether we own it to join vive and thrive, or mark or even a much later date and descend even further from vassal status to serfbestow these names to nese government led to dom? -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Dar chairs Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCoP)

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCoP) toon

Federal Minister for Power Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Federal Minister Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Privatization / Chairman Privatization Commission Mr. Abid Hussain Bhayo, SAPM on Finance Mr. Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Mr. Taria Mehmood Pasha. Chairman RRMC Ashfaq Yousuf Tola, Federal secretaries and senior officials attended the meeting.

The Privatization Commission submitted a summary regarding privatization of Services In-

ternational Hotel (SIH) and its privatization process. The CCoP after detailed discussion allowed Privatization Commission to proceed towards successful conclusion of SIH transaction with completion of approved the summary. transfer/mutation process in the name of the purchaser. The Privatization Commission also presented a summary on privatization of House Building Finance Company Ltd (HBFCL) with one single (pre-qualified) bidder. After detailed deliberations, CCoP decided to allow Privatization Commission to proceed with single source/negotiated transaction for Privatization of HBFCL

The Privatisation updated the Committee on Commission tabled a summary related to Budget Estimates of the Privatization Commission for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to the tune of Rs. 1248.8 million. The CCoP after detailed deliberation

The Privatisation Commission also presented summaries on privatisation of Pakistan Engineering Company (PECO) and pany privatization of Sindh engineering Limited (SEL) and briefed the meeting on their status. The CCoP after discussion deferred both the summaries with directions that Secretary Privatization Commission, Secretary Law & Justice and Secretary Industries & Producwith sole pre-qualified intion may hold mutual convestor namely Pakistan sultations and come up with Mortgage Refinance Company Ltd (PMRCL). future course of action in both cases.



GILGIT: Farmers busy in collecting wheat for thrashing and making bundles.

FAO delegation receives briefing about **BISP's initiatives**

ISLAMABAD (INP): A high-level Mission from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), led by Benjamin Davis, Director of the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division at FAO HQ Rome, called on Secretary Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Amer Ali Ahmed, to discuss various initiatives of the programme.

During the meeting, Secretary BISP provided an overview of the BISP and its initiatives undertaken by it.

The FAO delegation also included Mark Johnson, Social Protection Expert at FAO HQ Rome, Bhalla Economist, also from FAO HQ Rome, Garima, Economist at FAO HQ Rome, and Aamer. The meeting is part of their 5-day visit to Pakistan aimed at identifying technical support from FAO on poverty graduation. Secretary BISP underscored the crucial role of the Benazir Income Support Programme in providing cash support to the vulnerable and

marginalized segments of Pa-

kistani society

Rupee sheds Rs1.91against **US Dollar**

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistani Rupee on Monday witnessed Rs1.91 devaluation against the US Dollar (USD) in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 279.80against the previous working day's value of Rs 277.89. However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market stood at Rs 281 and Rs 284 respectively.

The price of the Euro increased by Rs 4.34 to close at Rs 306.58 against the last day's closing of Rs 302.24, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese Yen gained 03 paisa to close at Rs1.96, whereas an increase of Rs 4.59 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 358.51 as compared to its last day's clos-

ing of Rs 353.92. The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal increased by 52 paisa and 51 paisa to close at Rs76.17 and Rs74.58, respectively.



(PWC) called on Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, today and presented him latest publication titled "Navigating the future of Opportunities and Challenges" on country's banking sector.

Pak has vast investment opportunities in various sectors including IT: Amin

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin-ul-Haque has emphasized the abundant investment opportunities available in the country across multiple sectors, particularly in Information Technology (IT).

a statement, he said that the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MOITT) is committed to extending comprehensive support and facilities to businesses and investors in various domains, including Incubation Centers, Software Technology Parks, Mobile Manufacturing, and the Telecom sector.

e minister's remarks highlight government's recognition of the potential for growth and development in Pakistan's IT industry. With a skilled workforce, a growing digital infrastructure, and a conducive environment for technological innovation, Pakistan has become an attractive destination for investment in IT-related ventures

The MOITT, under Syed Amin Ul Haque's leadership, aimed to foster a favourable ecosystem for businesses and investors by providing necessary resources, infrastructure, and assistance.

This includes establishing Incubation Centers that offer mentoring, and resources to startups, facilitating the growth of emerging technology companies

lditionally, Software Technology Parks will be established to create specialized zones equipped with state-ofthe-art facilities, encouraging the growth of software development and IT-enabled ser-

Furthermore, the government is keen on promoting mobile manufacturing in Pakistan, aiming to attract investment in this sector. By providing incentives and facilities, the MOITT aims to estab-

lish a robust mobile manufacturing industry that contributes to local employment, reduces imports, and strengthens country's self-suffi ciency in technology. he Telecom sector, a vital

component of Pakistan's digital transformation, also receives significant attention from the MOITT. The government aims to support and facilitate telecom companies, ensuring an enabling environment for their operations and pro moting further investment in expanding and improving the country's telecom infrastructure.

Syed Amin Ul Haque's announcement reinforces the government's commitment to promoting investment and fostering growth across multiple sectors, particularly in the realm of IT.

offering comprehensive support and facilities, the MOITT aims to attract local and international investors, paving the way for technological advancement and economic progress in Pakistan.

Standing body declares performance of Engineering Dev. Board unsatisfactory Mohammad Ishaq Khan in

Parliament House.

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Members of Commit-

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Secretary for Industry

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ISLAMABAD (Online): Standing Committee on Industry and Production has been told that increase in interest rate is obstacle in development of small busi-

The interest rate reached 22 percent.

First live stock farm is going to be built in Sheikhupura under name Royal Group in the name of Royal group.

This live stock farm will be made on collaboration with Chinese company and Royal Group. Committee directed

Secretary Finance to issue SME funds immediately. The meeting of Com-

tries. CEO EDB told that mittee was held under

funds of SME are stuck in Ministry of Finance. Sahiwal has great potential for rice, livestock.



QUETTA: Regional Business Head UBL Balochistan Syed Shakir Agha meeting with Balochistan Governor Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Jazz launches Garaj Partner League to Transform Local IT, Technology Landscape

ISLAMABAD Garaj, Pakistan's fastestgrowing local cloud service provider, recently launched the Garaj Partner League, which is the country's firstever partnership program focused on building a vertical forward partner ecosystem. The event garnered the presence of Garaj's new and prospective cloud partners, officials from the IT ministry, as well as professionals from the broader tech industry.
The Garaj cloud plat-

form is built to provide a true cloud experience across industries and is hosted in Pakistan's largest rated 3 Datacenter where customer security and accessibility are

prioritized, and solutions are tailored for customers' On-Demand and PAYG model. With its own selfservice portal, Garaj enables customers to easily subscribe, auto-provision, and modify their subscriptions without the need for human interaction. The company currently operates two compliant and certified data centers in Lahore and Islamabad, and they are set to inaugurate another data center in Karachi by the end of this year.

Speaking at the occasion, Asif Aziz, Chief Business Officer at Jazz, said. "Cloud computing has the potential to unlock significant economic growth

CM approves free treatment for people in emergencies at social security hospitals

LAHORE (APP): Care- security hospitals. More- grant of Rs.200 million was taker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi presided over a meeting at his office which approved free treatment for the general public in emergencies at social security hospitals, demgovernment's commitment to providing accessible

healthcare. The meeting, in principle, endorsed the provision of free treatment to domestic workers in social security hospitals as a fun-

damental principle. To ensure the implementation of these decisions, the Punjab government will bear the expenses for the free treatment of

treatment facilities through health cards.

In cases where the expenses exceed the specified limit of the health card, the Punjab government will cover the additional costs, ensuring comprehensive healthcare coverage for the

vices, digital cards will be issued to patients receiving treatment at social security

these measures and ensure for domestic workers, a

over, domestic workers will allocated to the Punjab have the option to avail the Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI) during the meeting.

Provincial Ministers Dr Javed Akram, Amir Mir, and Mansoor Qadir, health, finance, labor & information departments' secretaries, commissioner PESSI, and others attended the meeting, while Minis-As part of the efforts ter for Primary & Secondto streamline healthcare ser- ary Health Dr Jamal Nasir participated through video

Meanwhile, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab In order to support Mohsin Naqvi chaired a the implementation of meeting at his office to discuss the progress of develthe certainty of treatment opment projects in the



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi presides over the meeting to review matter of Social Security Hospitals.

PSCA provides more than 20,000 video, audio evidences for investigation

LAHORE (APP): A delega- ates were briefed on public tion of DGPR research associates from the Chief Minister Internship program paid a study visit to Punjab Safe Cities Authority Headquarters, here on

The delegation, led by Director Film and Publication Hamid Javed Awan, was received and briefed by the Director Intelligent Traffic Manage-Public Relations Tauseef Sabih Gondal.

The research associ- dents by 43 percent.

awareness campaigns, media management, and women safety application

The Director Public Relations said that the Integrated 15 system of Safe Cities Authority has significantly improved the police response time while the implementation of the ment System has reduced the number of fatal acci-

House gutted, girl injured

FAISALABAD (APP): A

minor girl received burn injuries during house-ablaze incident in the area of Sargodha Road police station. Rescue 1122 spokesman said here on Monday that a house situated at Mohallah Shah Abad near Crescent Mills Sargodha Road caught fire due to short-circuiting. The fire engulfed the entire surroundings and burnt precious house luggage present on the spot. Receiving information, fire fighters of Rescue 1122 rushed to the spot and brought the fire un-

der control after hectic efforts

of many hours.



PESHAWAR: Advisor to PM Engineer Ameer Mugam and Special Assistant to PM Attaullah Tarar meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

Meeting held to create awareness against dengue in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): Secretary Health Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mehood Aslam Wazir on Monday held a meeting with the Dengue Volunteer Task Force to discuss the current situation of virus throughout the province.

The meeting focused on raising awareness, strengthening surveillance efforts, and implementing preventive measures against dengue in different districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Dengue Volunteer Task Force led by Deputy Chief Atiq Ahmed and Di-

visional Warden Sartaj Khan, actively participated in the discussion.

Recognizing the urgency to control the spread of dengue in the province, the Secretary Health appealed to the Dengue Volunteer Task Force to collaborate with the Health Department in order to effectively combat dengue across the province.

During the meeting the Task Force officials assured the Secretary Health of their unwavering support at both the district and provincial levels.

KP witnesses significant fall in anti-polio drops refusal cases

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has recorded a significant decrease in anti-polio refusal cases as according to Emergency Operation Center, KP, a reduction of 35 percent was recorded among families refusing anti-polio drops to their children during the vaccination carried out in the month of June.

The Center said that a

drops in the province. Last year, all the 20 polio attack cases were reported from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa however this year the number of these cases significantly dropped to only one. The Center further said that in 2016 for the first time the

drop of 25 percent was re-

corded among children left deprived of the anti-polio

Two children die as landslide hits Swat houses SWAT (INP): Two children

were killed and two others injured when a landslide hit their houses in Gulabad. Swat district on Monday.

According to Rescue 1122, there were reports of people including children buried under the debris when the landslide hit their houses.

On receiving the information, Rescue 1122 medical and disaster rescue teams reached the spot and started the search opera tion. The rescue team managed to pull out two children but two children died due to injuries and suffocation. The injured have been shifted to the Saidu Sharif Hospital.

6 acres state land retrieved

FAISALABAD (APP): Assistant Commissioner (AC) Chak Jhumra Sultan Zafar has retrieved state land of 6 acres from 'Qabza Mafia' and handed it over to Revenue department for its safety. According to a spokesman of local administration, the AC Chak Jhumra along with team reached in Chak No.18-GB where the land grabbers had occupied 6 acres of state land. The AC retrieved the land which has an approxianti-polio campaign received the strong support. mate market value of mil-

FBR, Custom hailed for transforming public schools of GB into smart schools

GILGIT (APP): The Gov- ceremony was held today ernment of Gilgit-Baltistan extended its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Chairman FBR, Member Custom Operations, Chief Collector Customs (North), and Collector Customs GB Syed Fawad Ali Shah for their generous sponsorship and support in transforming three government edge technology and reschools in Gilgit-Baltistan sources. into Smart schools.

Chief Secretary Baltistan Muhiudeen Wani in an official statement to the media said in recognition of this significant contribution, a Letter of Understanding (LoU) signing for the region.

at the office of the Chief

Secretary, Gilgit-Baltistan. CS GB said the initiative to upgrade these government schools into Smart schools aligns with the government's commitment to modernize the education system and provide students with access to cutting-

He said by embracing digital tools and interactive learning environments, the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan aims to empower the youth, enhance their educational experiences, and foster a brighter future



LAHORE: A view of the large number of the people at Railway Station as the population of the country is increasing day by day along with problems, for which 11 every year world observed World Population Day to raise awareness of global population issues.

ANF recovers over 36 kg drugs in nine operation; arrests seven accused

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan while conducting nine operations across the country managed to recover over 36 kg drugs and arrested seven accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday. He informed that in an operation near Khana Road, Rawalpindi, an accused were arrested with 1000 grams charras.

In second operation conducted in a deserted area of Turbat, 18 kg Ice drug concealed in bushes was recovered. In third operation near Bilawal recovered 101 heroin.

Chowrangi, Clifton Karachi 10 kg charras was recovered from a rickshaw while an accused resident of Karachi was also rounded up.

In fourth operation near Godap Town Karachi, 1.7 kg Ice drug and two kg heroin were recovered from a vehicle while an accused resident of Quetta was also netted. In fifth operation near Shakarpur road Sukkur, two kg charras was recovered from the possession of a drug smuggler, resident of Khairpur. In sixth operation at Bacha Khan International Airport, ANF

International News

Biden meets King Charles and PM Sunak, hails 'rock solid' UK ties

Monitoring Desk LONDON: U.S. President Joe Biden made a whistlestop trip to Britain on Monday, hailing the "rocksolid" friendship with Washington's close ally before meeting King Charles for a discussion with the monarch and finance chiefs on tackling climate change.

Biden's visit to Britain kicked off a three-nation trip that will include the NATO summit in Lithuania, at which allies aim to show solidarity with Ukraine against Russia's invasion while not yet accepting Kyiv as an alliance

fifth in as many months, lasted less than an hour. with the focus on Ukraine.

"We've got a lot to talk about," said Biden as they sat in the garden of Sunak's Downing Street office. "Our relationship is rock-solid. Couldn't be meeting with a closer friend and a greater ally." Sunak and Biden shared notes before the NATO summit which kicks off on Tuesday. Ahead of the trip, Biden urged caution for now on Ukraine's campaign to join NATO, whose mutual defence pact obliges all mem-

Minister Rishi Sunak, their with the U.S. and our allies on the pathway for Ukraine to join," Sunak's spokesperson told reporters, saying it would not be appropriate for Ukraine to join

while the war was ongoing. The leaders also discussed the U.S. decision to send Ukraine cluster munitions, which are banned by more than 100 countries. including Britain, which view them as a potential threat to civilian populations because they typically release large numbers of smaller bomblets that can kill indiscriminately.

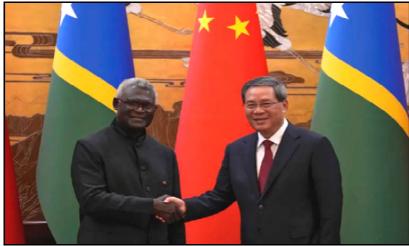
Britain's King Charles bers to come to the aid of and The President of the The president's meet-ing with British Prime any member that is at-tacked. "We want to work stage in the Quadrangle at

Windsor Castle on July 10, 2023 in Windsor, England Chris Jackson/Pool via REUTERS Russia, Ukraine and the United States have not signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which bans their production, stockpiling, use and transfer. "We stand by our obligations under the convention, which include discouraging their use. There is no change from us on that, obviously it is for each country to make a decision,' Sunak's spokesperson said.

After the meeting, Biden, 80, headed to Windsor Castle to meet the king, where he was greeted with traditional pomp and ceremony in the castle quadrangle.



Joe Biden was welcomed by King Charles to Windsor Castle for his first meeting with the monarch since he was officially crowned.



Visiting Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare, left, shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang after they witnessed signing on agreement for both countries at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Solomon Islands leader visits Beijing, highlighting US-China rivalry in South Pacific

Monitoring Desk

BEIJING: Leaders of the Solomon Islands and China promised Monday to expand relations that have fueled unease in Washington and Australia about Beijing's influence in the South Pacific. Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare met Chinese leader Xi Jinping and the country's No. 2 leader, Premier Li Qiang. Sogavare and Li presided over the signing of agreements on police, economic and technical cooperation. "We are here to further boost relations," Sogavare told Li following a ceremony at which a Chinese military band played the Solomon Islands national anthem.

The Solomon Islands, 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) northeast of Australia, has been China's biggest success in a campaign to expand its presence in the South Pacific. Sogavare's government switched official recognition in 2019 to Beijing from Taiwan, the self-governed island democracy claimed by the mainland's ruling Communist Party as part of its territory. "Solomon Islands, sir, has a lot to learn from China's development experience," Sogavare told Li. He welcomed an opportunity for dialogue to enhance "bilateral interaction and cooperation." The two governments "have decided to establish a comprehensive strategic partnership of mutual respect and common development," Li said. "The relationship between China and the Solomon Islands has developed rapidly, and we can now say that it is very fruitful.

Erdogan links Sweden's Nato bid with Turkey's EU membership

Monitoring Desk ISTANBUL: Nato's efforts to present a united front at a summit focused on helping Ukraine defeat Russia and Kyiv's push to join the alliance were undermined on Monday by a shock Turkish ultimatum on Sweden's

membership bid. As Ukraine's forces claimed more advances against Russian positions, Nato's 31 members agreed to simplify Kyiv's eventual accession bid by dropping a requirement that it completes a formal road map of negotiations to join the EU.

reforms. Alliance leaders gathering in Vilnius on the eve of Tuesday's summit were hoping a meeting between Erdogan and Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson would see the Turkish leader lift his veto on Sweden's membership. But President Recep Tayyip Erdogan appeared in no mood to compromise, declaring that he would only back Sweden's Nato candidacy if European Union members — most of whom are also Nato allies — agree to revive Turkey's

Shavkat Mirziyoyev re-elected as Uzbekistan's President

Monitoring Desk

TASHKENT: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has secured a landslide victory in the presidential election held on July 9, being re-elected as the President of Uzbekistan with an overwhelming

87.1% of the vote. The Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan announced

the preliminary results, revealing the extent of the president's popular support. A significant number of voters participated in the election, with 15.6 million citizens, accounting for 79.8% of registered voters, casting their votes. Among them 87.05% voted in the favour of Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

spokesman

Peskov told reporters that Putin had invited 35 people to the meeting.

with Wagner leader Prigozhin and his fighters - Kremlin including Prigozhin and led by Prigozhin, in

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President

Vladimir Putin has held Kremlin talks with Wagner mercenary group founder Yevgeny Prigozhin and his commanders to discuss the armed mutiny Wagner attempted to mount against the army's top brass, Putin's spokesman said on Monday.

The meeting was first reported by French newspaper Liberation, which said Prigozhin had met Putin and the head of the National Guard, Viktor Zolotov, and SVR Foreign Intelligence boss Sergei Naryshkin. The meeting, ac-

cording to Kremlin Peskov, was held on June 29, five days after the aborted mutiny, which is widely regarded to have posed the most serious challenge to Putin since he came to power on the last day of

Wagner unit commanders, and that the meeting had lasted three hours.

Putin held post-mutiny talks

"The only thing we can say is that the president gave his assessment of the company's (Wagner's) actions at the front during the Special Military Operation (in Ukraine) and also gave his assessment of the events of 24 June (the day of the mutiny),"

Peskov told reporters. He said Putin had listened to the commanders' own explanations of what had happened and had offered them further options for employment and combat.

The commanders outlined their version of what happened (on June 24). They emphasised that they are staunch supporters and soldiers of the head of state and the supreme com-mander-in-chief. They also said that they are ready to continue fighting for the Motherland,"

said Peskov. The brief mutiny

which Wagner fighters took control of the southern city of Rostovon-Don and a military headquarters building, was defused in a deal brokered by Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko.

Putin, who likened the events to the turmoil which engulfed Russia in the run-up to the 1917 Russian Revolution, has since thanked his army and security services for averting chaos and civil war. Prigozhin has said the mutiny was not aimed at overthrowing the government but at "bringing to justice" the army and defence chiefs for what he called their blunders and unprofessional actions in Ukraine.

Putin has so far kept Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov in place, judging by appearances by both men on state TV - rejecting Prigozhin's appeals to

sack them.

Ahsan Iqbal says: Digital economy vital for sustainable development

BEIJING (APP):Federal by the China International Minister for Planning De- Development Cooperavelopment & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal on Monday shed light on the importance of growing the digital economy, termed digital economy is vital to ensure sustainable development of the country.

Connectivity," organized

by the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA)

The CPEC enters a both have brought unprecedented opportunities for progress, economic

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal is on a four-day official visit to China to attend a special commemorative 12th Joint Coopera-The minister made tion Committee (JCC) to

markable achievements in It is noted that the fostering economic growth, infrastructure development, and regional connectivity

these remarks while speaking at the panel discussion titled: "Industricussion titled: "Industricussion titled: "Industricussion titled: "Industricussion of China Paccelebrations of China Paccelebr alization & Digital Era kistan Economic Corridor era connectivity have transformed the world as

progress, economic growth, and global connec-

However, he emphasized the harmonization in digital policies and stan-While highlighting the importance of "Industrialization & Digital Era

Ahsan Iqbal said that digital connectivity has revolutionized communication and collaboration in industrial sectors.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf in a meeting with Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Parliament House.

IT GATE

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori cutting ribbon to inaugurate IT Gate at Governor House.

All elected UC chairmen to be given equal funds: Mayor Karachi

Wahab has said that all elected UC chairmen will be given equal funds without any discrimination and we will develop all areas of Karachi equally. He said this while pre-

siding over a meeting with the parliamentary leaders of the city council in his office here on Monday.

The first meeting of the council has been called for July 17.

He said that all the work for the improvement of the city will be done with mutual consultation and this is the time to take everyone together so as to make KMC financially

On this occasion, Deputy Mayor Karachi Karamullah Waqasi, General Secretary Central Dil Muhammad, Pakistan will also be improved. Muslim League-Nawaz Feroze Khan, JUI(F) Mufti

Mayor Karachi Bar-rister Murtaza Wahab said that before the inaugural meeting of the City Council, the purpose of the meeting with the parliamentary leaders is mutual consultation and adoption of a common policy for the development of the city.

He said that Karachi Metropolitan Corporation will be run in an excellent manner and, the process of collection of municipal utilimproved for revenue generation and for this already discussions have been held in the past, the collection Salman Abdullah Murad, not satisfactory due to Mufti Khalid said that all People's Party Parliamen- which there was very little action in the city council tary Leader Najmi Alam, recovery, therefore maxi- should be by consensus, other sources of revenue

He said that the common goal of all of us is to Khalid, Asad Aman of PTI, develop the city and solve Parliamentary Leader of the problems of the citizens TLP Muhammad Yasir. as soon as possible for

KARACHI (APP):Mayor UC Chairman Salahuddin which joint and coordinated Karachi Barrister Murtaza and other leaders were also efforts are needed. His doors are open for everyone and any proposal for the improvement and development of the city will

be welcomed, he said. During the meeting, the parliamentary leader of the Pakistan People's Party, Najmi Alam said that the first meeting of the city council will be introduction in which parliamentary leaders will state their own

Parliamentary Leader Muslim League (N) ity services charges will be Feroze Khan said that we are with Mayor Karachi to improve the situation in different areas of with K Electric. He said that Karachi, water and sewage systems in Karachi process of municipal utility service charges bills was liamentary leader JUI sured in this regard and People's Party and will

stand by the mayor's side. Parliamentary Leader of Tehreek-e-Insaf Asad Aman said that he will support the leadership of People's Party for development work in the city.

Governor inaugurates Sindh I.T Gate

KARACHI (APP):Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori inaugurated the Sindh I.T. Gate

While talking to media persons after the inauguration, he said that they were giving importance to Information Technology (I.T.) for the promotion of innovation. He said that the Governor House had received 1 million applications for I.T. course and 0.1 million candidates would be selected through test in the first phase whereas other candidates could also be trans-

ferred to other courses. Kamran Tessori said that a list of roll numbers of the aspiring candidates would be uploaded on social media platforms.

Condemning PTI chief Imran Khan, he said that Imran Khan merely wanted the government and he did not care about the people.

It is pertinent to mention here that on the directives of the Sindh Governor, the Governor House was going to conduct three course including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Web 3.0

Commissioner impose ban on swimming, bathing, diving in canals/river

LARKANA (APP): Com- has authorized all the SHOs missioner Larkana Division Ghanwar Ali Leghari on Monday imposed banned on swimming, bathing and diving in Rice Canal, Ghar Wah and Dadu Canal in Larkana district under Section 144(3) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr PC) 1898.According to the notification issued here, this order shall be enforced with immediate effect for Ninety (90) days, within the revenue limits of dis-

trict Larkana. Furthermore, any violation of this order shall result in an action under Section 188 Cr. PC. under Section 195(i) Cr PC 1898. The commissioner of concerned police stations to take action and register FIRs against the violators, under Section 195(i) Cr PC 1898. Notification adds that the incidents of drowning of people while swimming in the Rice Canal, Ghar Wah and Dadu Canal in Larkana district, have been reported in the past years.

There is apprehension that if swimming in the Rice Canal, Ghar Wah and Dadu Canal in Larkana district is not prohibited, the incidents of drowning of people cannot be controlled, which is an apparent threat to the public life since the majority of such people are nov-

Sherry condemns PTI chief's self-serving campaign as 'a bonfire of vanities'

for yourself," tweeted

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Senator Sherry Rehman on Monday condemned the PTI chief's self-serving campaign as "a bonfire of his vanities'

"You have become a parody of yourself, as the events of May 9 turned into a bonfire of your vanities. The entire nation witnessed it, and there is ample evidence to demonstrate how you incited, masterminded, and provoked mob violence. It is utterly absurd to believe that deploy-ing armed rioters against state installations, Edhi ambulances, radio stations, and monuments honoring our war heroes as part of your self-serving 'save-Imran' campaign would result in any political gains

ANP expresses

concern over

unrest in

Kurram on

land dispute

PESHAWAR (APP): Awami

National Party (ANP) leader

Aimal Wali Khan on Mon-

day expressed concerns over

unrest and armed conflict in

district Kurram over land

dispute. In a statement is-

sued here, he demanded of

the provincial government and district administration.

Special budget

session of

district council

Larkana to be

held on July 13

LARKANA (APP):A spe-

cial budget session of Dis-

trict Council Larkana will

be held on Thursday (July

13, 2023), under section 83

of Sindh Local Government

Act 2013 and Sindh Coun-

presided over by the Chair-

man of District Council

meeting of the Council will

trict Council will present

start at 10.30 am at the coun

Aijaz Ahmed Leghari.

cil meeting hall.

The session will be

The special budget

The Chairman of Dis-

cil Beat Rules 2017.

Senator Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination in response to Chairman PTI Imran Khan's allegations on Twitter. Senator Rehman

stated that the Pakistan Peoples Party had been a target of numerous politically charged persecutions over its history, but it has never resorted to attacking the country's institutions like Khan did. "Despite enduring relentless targeting from both Imran Khan and the establishment, political parties maintained their dignity while facing endless political victimization. However, Khan's recent claim that women have never been incarcerated in Pakistan before now reflects a lack of historical awareness. Mean-

while, figures like Faryal Talpur and Maryam Nawaz were imprisoned by him as if they were terrorists. Rather than working towards democratic recovery in the face of his own failures, Khan criticizes those who refuse to treat him in the same manner he has

treated them. The minister emphasized that while nobody should be subjected to humiliation, nobody should be exempted from the law ei-ther. "Imran Khan still doesn't seek the rule of law to apply to everyone uniformly. His monumental narcissism which stands exposed as a principal trigger for his action, makes him repeat egregious blunders like bad-mouthing political opponents, making it clear that he learns nothing from his mistakes



ISLAMABAD: Attorney General for Pakistan, Mansoor Usman Awan called on President Dr. Arif

Fitch upgrades Pakistan to 'CCC', Dar greets nation

The Fitch Ratings has upgraded Pakistan's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'CCC' from 'CCC, indicating a positive development towards the betterment of the country's economy Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in a tweet said it was another positive development towards current eco-

nomic revival journey. He congratulated Prime Minister, nation, government allies and economic team for this achieve-"Global Rating Agency "Fitch" upgrades Pakistan's Long Term Foreign-Currency rating to CCC from IDR (Issuer De-rangement (SBA) in June.

ISLAMABAD (APP): fault Rating)....Another positive news towards current economic revival jour-

AlhamdoLilah...Congratulations to PM @CMShehbaz, the Nation, Govt Allies & Economic Team," the minister tweeted The rating agency has identified key indicators that

contributed to the positive development rating for the country which include improvement in easing external financing risks. It says the upgrade reflects Pakistan's improved external liquidity and funding conditions following its Staff-Level Agreement (SLA) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a



HYDERABAD: Disabled persons hold a protest rally against non issue of offer letters and non implement on 5% disable quota in Government departments, in City.

Transport Deptt. imposed fine of Rs.56600/- on 79 transport operators

KARACHI: On the directives of Minister Information, Transport & Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon, Provincial Transport department has on

checking daily passengercarrying private vehicles, running from one city to another on highways, to curb practice of using illegal CNG cylinders and charging extra fares against government rates.

On Monday, 10th July. transport department conducted action in Karachi, Sukkur, Mirpurkhas, Larkana, Badin, Khairpur, and Thatta and imposed fine worth of Rs. 56600/on 79 vehicles and impounded 13 vehicles. In Karachi 32 vehicles were checked and imposed a fine of Rs. 16000/- on charging excessive fares from passengers and Rs. 4200/- were returned to passengers.

Ghanaian HC invites Pakistani industrialists to invest in Ghana

Ghana's High Commissioner to Pakistan and Iran, Eric Owusu, on Monday, invited Pakistani investors and industrialists to invest in Ghana for gaining access

to the vast African market. The Ghanaian envoy while addressing to Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) highlighted the vast potential for industrialisation in his country and said that the government of Ghana was committed to providing favourable conditions for investment in the textile sector.

Ghana was offering various incentives, including tax benefits, to encourage the establishment of industries in the country and the availability of skilled and cost-effective labour further facilitate business ventures, he said.

By setting up indus-tries in Ghana, Pakistani industrialists could gain access to the massive African market comprising 1.4 billion people, he said adding that goods manufactured in Ghana would enjoy dutyfree exports worldwide.

President KATI

at the occasion affirmed that KATI would play a significant role in assisting the business community to access African markets. He emphasised the importance of the exchange of trade delegations and collaborations between Pakistan and Ghana to enhance bilateral trade. He suggested organising a dedicated exhibition between the two countries to showcase their respective industries. He also proposed exploring currency swaps and local currency trade between Ghana and Pakistan, considering the development of both nations.

Honorary Consul General of Yemen Ikhtiar Baig urged Pakistani industrialists and investors to leverage Ghana's African policy, which includes advantages such as affordable land for setting up indus-

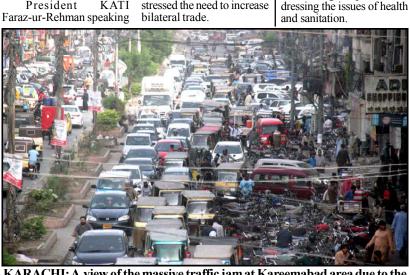
tries and tax concessions. Deputy Patron-in-Chief of KATI, Zubair Chhaya, highlighted the friendly relations between Ghana and Pakistan. Highlighting low trade volume between the two nations he stressed the need to increase

Mayor Hyderabad vows to restore city's glory

HYDERABAD (APP):The Mayor Hyderabad Kashif Shoro on Tuesday claimed that the lost glory of the historic city would be restored at the earliest with the cooperation of all stakeholders and the citizens would get all required facilities at their nearest soon with launching development schemes in every nook and corner of the district. The Mayor assured this during the meeting with the Chairmen of Town Committees and Union Councils of Hyderabad district here at his office on Monday, the HMC spokesman informed.

The Chairmen Nerun Kot, Paretabad, Hussainabad and Qasimabad towns and the Chairmen Union Councils apprised the Mayor about the issues being faced by the citizens of their respective towns and union council. The Mayor vowed that the citizens would soon positively change with the availability of all required civic facilities at their nearest. All grievances being faced by the citizens would resolve with combine efforts, he maintained and informed the participants about the mea-

sures being adopted in ad-



KARACHI: A view of the massive traffic jam at Kareemabad area due to the over parking of vehicles and bikes along the road side, which is the open sign of the negligence of traffic authority.

ceremony of renovation of Sharah-e-Faisal at Karsaz Martyrs Memorial hall Commissioner for completing all measures to deal with possible floods

missioner Sukkur, Ghulam Mustafa Phul on Monday instructed the authorities to make foolproof arrangements to deal with the possible flood-like situation in

He also directed concerned officials to fully monitor the water flow in the river Sukkur and Guddu Barrages.

Presiding over a meet-

SUKKUR (APP): Com- Khairpur, and Ghotki to personally inspect the embankments along with the officers of the Irrigation Department.

KARACHI: Mayor of Karachi, Murtaza Wahab addressing the inauguration

The Commissioner emphasized that the administration, police, and relevant departments should work as a team to effectively deal with natural calamities like floods.

The meeting reviewed the preparedness to cope ing at his office here, he with possible floods and asked the deputy commissioners of Sukkur, soon rains.

Newly elected **Chairman Saddar** Town takes oath

KARACHI (APP):Newlyelected Chairman of Town Municipal Corporation Saddar Mansoor Ahmed Sheikh took the oath of his office in the oath-taking ceremony held at the Deputy Commissioner South Office

DC South Manzoor Ahmed Kanrani administered the oath in the presence of District Election Commissioner South Azra Mahesar.

A large number of chairmen, vice chairmen, councillors and social figures of different union councils including Saddar Town Vice Chairman Abdul Rahman Motiwala were present.

On this occasion, the newly elected Chairman

by the elected representatives of Sadar Town who congratulated him for becoming the town chairman and achieving the blessing of performing Hajj.

Speaking on this occasion, Mansoor Ahmad Sheikh said that Saddar Town is a collection of people's representatives. We believe in democ-

racy and have been elected by the votes of the people. Our commitment and priority are to serve the people without discrimination for which we will take everyone together and provide local government facilities to the people based on equality in the entire Saddar Town with the available resources, he said

the Budget for the fiscal vear 2023-24 for the approval from the Council. Police arrest two drug peddler, recover mainpuri,

HYDERABAD (APP): Police claimed to have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered Mainpuri and raw materials from their possession. SHO of B section po-

raw material

lice station Inspector Najam u din Nizamani under supervision of DSP Agha Abdul Majeed Pathan during patrolling near Bismillah City arrested accused two MuhammadMaahi and Gullzar and recovered 400 packets of Mainpuri and raw material from their possession. Police registered a case against the accused

against Mainpuri act.

Violation of govt. fixed fare policy Independent Report on roads and have been

Monday taken action across the province and imposed fine of Rs. 56600/ on 79 passenger-bond intercity transports, for using illegal CNG/LPG Cylinders and charging excessive fares from passengers. Under the supervision of Secretary Transport & Mass Transit Saleem Raiput, different inspection teams in the province, each lead by its district Secretary RTA of Transport department along with traffic police officials are