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# **PM reiterates call for Charter** of Economy to ensure consistent economic policies

Stresses upon efforts to facilitate overseas Pakistanis with IT-related initiatives

Economic

Pak-China ties.

(CPEC).

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday reiterated his call for the nation to unite on Charter of Economy to ensure the consistency of economic policies and put country on the course towards progress and prosperity.

The prime minister, addressing the groundbreaking ceremony of Islamabad Model Special Economic Zone, said with the signing of IMF agreement, the risks for default had ebbed away and the country would have to focus on boosting exports to compete with the neighboring states, particularly the eastern neighbor.

He said the Islamabad turing power and road

(APP): Model Special Economic projects. Zone was launched with a He told the gathering delay of five years as nine that after the Chinese industry gone hitech, Pakistan SEZs were planned to be built under China Pakistan had the golden opportunity Corridor to learn from the Chinese textile expertise, go for joint He said despite the land and designs, finalised for

ventures and bring Chinese second-hand machinery to the SEZs in Punjab, the Pakistan to boost its exprevious government not ports only impeded the projects He said during the last

but also made conscious 14 months, the incumbent efforts to undermine the government remained in fire-fighting' mode as it had The prime minister, to cope with the unprecwho earlier broke ground for edented floods and record the project and penned a inflation, begotten by the

testimonial, said that dur-Ukraine war. ing Nawaz Sharif's tenure, The prime minister \$30 billion Chinese investsaid after the IMF agreement came to the country ment, the government in the form of CPEC, fea-

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QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali, Deputy Speaker Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail, Provincial Ministers and MPAs from opposition parties attending a dinner hosted by Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo

Chairman Markazi Ruet-e-Hilal Committee:

On the rise: **Congo virus** 

claims another

life in

**Balochistan** 

OUETTA (APP): Congo

virus has claimed another

life in Balochistan, raising

Shair Ahmed, 65, a resi-

dent of Pishin, was under

treatment at a Faitmah

Jinnah Chest Hospital,

Ouetta where he suc-

cumbed to the disease on

virus has risen to eight in the province during the cur-

rent year, while as many as

23 patients have tested

positive for Congo virus.

while confirming the death

toll said that Shair Ahmed

was brought to the hospi

tal a few days back. He

died while under treatment

Two died,

19 injured as

vehicle overturns

The hospital sources

The death toll of the

sources confirmed.

Fuesday.

said.



to inaugurate temporary Mobile Registration System for overseas Pakistanis & Foreign Nationals.

# **CJP** expresses reservations over military trial of civilians

SC rejects govt request for full court on pleas against military trials of civilians

ISLAMABAD (Online): dents were of a serious na-As the Supreme Court (SC) ture. resumed hearing petitions against trial of civilians in military courts on Tuesday, Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP)Umar Ata Bandial made it clear that civilian citizens should not be subject to trials which are not in accordance with the Con-

stitution. Emphasising on civilians having constitutional protection, the CJP went on to say that the military courts conduct summary trials, do not issue reasons in their judgments, and don't record evidences either; the courts are not open for the public.

Justice Bandial added 1923. However, it rejected the petitioners' request to stay the trial of the accused that civilians should not be subject to undue harshness as he noted that military in military courts The proceedings had laws were very tough, and different from ordinary provisions Nonetheless he

During the last hearing,

the SC had summoned the record of all the alleged May 9 rioters - including women and journalists - in custody of civil or military authorities as it took up petitions filed against court martial of the people who vandalized army assets after the arrest of former pre-

mier Imran Khan. The court also issued notices to all the people and institutions named as respondents in the petitions filed against trial of civilians in military courts under the Pakistan Army Act, 1952 and the Official Secrets Act,

however been marred by controversy as at the outconceded that May 9 inci- set of the proceedings a valid

nine-member bench led by by CJP Bandial started the CM has also ordered hearing petitions filed by the elimination of unnecessary check posts to restore people's confidence and former chief justice Jawwad S Khawaja, Imran Khan, Pakistan Peoples Party self-respect. (PPP) leader Aitzaz Ahsan and civil society, one of the bench members Justice Qazi Faez Isa raised a number of issues.

Justice Isa, who has already been notified as the next CJP three months in advance, took exception to the bench. He said parliament had passed the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023 which outlines a procedure for formation of benches in cases related to Article 184(3).

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, the third senior most judge in the bench, had agreed with Justice Isa. He had asked how many judges will hear an appeal

if the SC declares the Ac

## **Balochistan govt** achieves significant success in a short period of time: Farah

QUETTA (APP): The and transparent local body Spokesperson of elections and census. Balochistan Government The manner in which

Farah Azeem Shah on Tuesthe chief minister kept the opposition and political leadership on board in the implementation of imporday said under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, the pro-vincial government has tant provincial affairs and policy-making decisions is unprecedented, she said. Farah said Chief Minachieved significant success

in a short period of time. She said, in a state-ment, according to the ister Bizenjo used his political insight and leadership wishes and aspirations of the people, historic deciskills to promote an atmosphere of political understanding. He always welsions were made to protect the rights and interests of comed quality and con-Balochistan, will be remem-bered for a long time. structive criticism and improve the service delivery of the government and car-

During the tenure of Quddus Bizenjo, the hisried out government affairs according to the facts on the ground, she added. She said Quddus Bizenjo emphasized on the solution of real problems torical agreement of Reko Diq has been inked, providing employment opportu-nities to the youth of the

instead of giving preference to appearances and artificial things and added that the CM has announced the development project will be inaugurated by someone from the masses, the

Wing said in a press release.

Recalling his successful visit to the UAE in Janu-

ary, the prime minister re-

iterated the common re-

solve of leadership in both

countries to translate the

fraternal bonds into mutu-

ally rewarding economic

ties. Prime Minister

Shehbaz also conveyed

Farah said the government had conducted a fair spokesperson added.

province, she added.

The spokesperson said



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Sirajuddin Aziz as the Banking Mohtasib Pakistan at Åiwan-e-Sadr.

PM expresses gratitude to

## Muharram moon not sighted, Ashura to be observed on July 29

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chairman Markazi Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, Molana Abdul Khabir Azad has announced that the moon of Muharram has not been sighted anywhere in the death toll to eight in the current year, hospital the country, therefore, the first of Muharram would be on 20th July and Ashura Muharram would be observed on 29th July



This was announced by Molana Azad while addressing the press conference about the moon sighting at Deputy Commissioner complex on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were the members of Markazi Ruet-e-Hilal committee besides the senior high ups of the Met office.

"14 years old Bakhtnama, a patient of Congo virus, has been dis-Molana Abdul Khabir Azad announced that no evidence of moon sighting has been received from any part of the country including Balochistan. Thus, the first of charged from the hospital today after she recovered,<sup>3</sup> Muharram would fall on 20th July. the hospital management

## FM Bilawal for unlocking true potential of Pakistan's relations with countries

ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday said that during the last 15 months of the incumbent government, Pakistan's engagement with the countries had improved, though the true potential of relations could not be unlocked.

The foreign minister, addressing the dinner reception hosted by him for the diplomatic corps in the Federal Capital, said that during his tenure, he tried to restore the engagement with the countries.

He said that he was shocked to see the immense potential for Pakistan in the countries he had been visiting during the last 15 stan

in Mastung QUETTA (APP): At least two people died and 19 Calling it an honour to serve as the foreign minis-ter, he spoke high for others including women Pakistan's diplomats and and children received injuofficers for their efforts to ries in road mishap near contribute to the working Dasht Link Road area of Mastung district on Tuesof the Foreign Affairs Minday.

According to Levies He told the diplomats sources, a pick-up vehicle carrying people including women and children to atthat he tried to run the ministry purely on professional terms isolating it from the domestic politics. tend a wedding party was on its way from Mastung Coming to the internawhen the vehicle overturned tional scenario, the foreign

minister said the modern on the road near Khand world challenges were not Masori area due to speedrestrained by the borders ing. As a result, two people and exemplified climate died on the spot while 19 people including women change-induced catastrophic floods in Pakiand children suffered wounds.

ISLAMABAD: Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan signed a Joint Protocol on (UAP) Railway project at Ministry of Railways.

## No decision taken on NA dissolution date: Marriyum Aurangzeb

taken yet on the NA's disso-ISLAMABAD (INP): Information Minister Marriyum lution date. Aurangzeb on Tuesday as-She said the date would serted that no decision had be decided in consultation

been taken yet by the incumbent government and its allies regarding the dissolu-tion date of the National As-

Reacting to media re-ports about the NA's early dissolution on August 8, days before its term completes on August 12, the in-'A decision has not been tions."

sembly

7 FC personnel among 10 injured as convoy attacked in Peshawar

PESHAWAR (APP):At civilians were also injured least 10 persons including in the attack.

demned the suicide blast.

He said that FC vehicle seven security personnel sustained injuries when a was the target of a suicide suicide car bomber targeted car bomber that exposed his the vehicle of Frontier vehicle at Hayatabad Phase-Corps at posh Hayatabad ll where civilians were also township here on Tuesday. passing.

SP Cantt, Waqas Rafiq The injured were told the media that seven rushed to Combined Milisecurity personnel includtary Hospital and Mardan ing Havaldar Hussain, Medical Lance Naik Wahab, FC con-Peshawar. stables Ishaq, Shafiullah, KP Governor Haji Hadayat and Lazam sus-Ghulam Ali strongly con-

between the government and its allies. 'There will be an official announcement about the date of the NA's dissolution," Aurangzeb said.

Mainstream media has also been reporting contradictory statements from various leaders of the coa-

#### **UAE President for his firm** Joint Protocol support to economic stability deposits of USD 1 billion in the State Bank of Paki-stan, the PM Office Media (APP):

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday conveyed his profound gratitude to United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed for his firm support to the economic and financial stability of Pakistan, which certainly manifested his deep affection and care for the welfare of the people of Pakistan

gratitude to the UAE president for kind invitation for During a telephonic call COP28 and appreciated the with the UAE president, UAE's role in combating the prime minister also conveyed gratitude for the climate change.



**QUETTA: Provincial Minister Noor Muhammad** Dummar and MPAs meeting with Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran Gichki

### Despite lapse of one year **Flood affectees of Hanna** & Urak still awaiting financial compensation

their survival would be at Independent Report

stake. He was speaking to the QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has regretdelegation who called on him under leadership of Tahir khan Kakar here at the fully pointed out that the Governor House on Tuesflood affected people and farmers have been awaiting

The Governor noted financial assistance and with concern that dwellers compensation of their of have been forced to milosses despite lapse of one grate their areas just be-

cause of the devastating He asserted that if the floods and rains last government didn't help the affected people out then vear



tained injuries. He said three

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili presiding over a meeting of Provincial Anti-Smuggling Task force in connection with prevention of smuggling of flour and sugar in the province through video link





Afghan-trans railway ISLAMABAD (APP): The dream of connecting Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan through the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (UAP) intra-train project has come to a reality as the officials from the three countries on Tuesdav signed a joint protocolat the Ministry of Railway.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Fed-eral Minister of Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Federal Minister of Finance, Senator Ishaq Dar, the am-bassadors of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan and other

high-level officials.

The Joint Protocol was signed by the Secretary of Pakistan Railways, Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Director General and CEO of Afghanistan Railway Author-ity, Alhaj Bakhtur Rehman Sharaf and Head of Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade and Department of Transport of the Repub-lic of Uzbekistan, Dekhkanov.

> Pak envoy to deliver 'clear message' to Kabul on TTP ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has decided to send its point man on Afghanistan to Kabul this week to deliver a clear message on the banned Tehreeke-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), said officials in Islamabad on Tuesday.

Special Representative on Afghanistan Ambassador Asif Durrani is slated to leave for the Afghan capital tomorrow (Wednesday). He will arrive in Kabul Complex against the backdrop of

simmering tensions between the two countries on safe havens fpr terrorists.

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formation minister told a lition parties regarding the private Tv news channel: timing of the general elecndependent Quetta

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# Saud Shakeel's double ton puts Pakistan on top in Sri Lanka Test

GALLE, Sri Lanka (AFP/ APP): Saud Shakeel hit his maiden double century in Tests as Pakistan stretched their lead to a dominant 149 against Sri Lanka on day three of the rain-hit opening match on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka bowled out the tourists for 461 in the final session after a frustrating ninth-wicket stand of 94 between Shakeel, who remained unbeaten on 208, and Naseem Shah, who made six off 78 balls.

The 27-year-old Shakeel, who is playing his sixth Test, ruled as he cut Dhananjaya de Silva for a boundary to bring up his double century to a stand-

ing ovation. When Naseem Shah for backing me and not letjoined me, he said that ting me panic. there's a chance for me to



go for the double hundred," day on 14 for no loss after bad light stopped another Shakeel told reporters after rain-affected day. Sri Lanka the marathon knock.

"A lot of credit to him still trail Pakistan by 135 runs in their second innings. Nishan Madushka, on The hosts ended the eight, and skipper Dimuth

Karunaratne, on six, were batting at close of play. The Sri Lankan

bowlers led by off-spinner Ramesh Mendis, who ended with a five-wicket haul, hit back in the second session but Shakeel combined with the lower-order including a 52-run seventhwicket stand with Noman Ali, who made 25.

But it was his 177-run partnership with Agha Salman, wĥo hit 83, that drove Pakistan's bounce back from 101-5 in their reply to Sri Lanka's 312.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjarani meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Sardar Ayaz Sadig and Advisor to the Prime Minister Ahad Cheema are also present.

## **PTA between Pak-Azerbaijan** to be finalized in August

ISLAMABAD (APP): A preferential Trade Agree-ment (PTA) between Pakistan and Azerbaijan is expected to be finalized in the first week of the coming month of August 2023, for evolving the trade liberalization and enhancing the bilateral trade between both countries.

Pakistan and Azerbaijan also agreed to initiate direct flight operations in major cities of both countries including Islamabad and Baku.

Azerbaijan Minister of Digital Development and Transport, Rashid Nabiyev, visited Pakistan on Tuesday to meet with Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar, to discuss the finalization of the Preferential Trade Agreement flights would further (PTA) and Transit Trade strengthen the bilateral trade Agreement (TTA) between and connectivity between the two sides, said a press the two nations. release issued here.

To ensure the timely fi-During the meeting, nalization of the Transit Minister Nabiyev informed Trade Agreement, Federal Minister Qamar that the Minister Syed Naveed PTA is expected to be final-Qamar proposed the estabized in the first week of lishment of a High-Level Joint Working Group, which August, while the TTA is planned to be signed by the would actively work to wards achieving the desired end of August or in September. He mentioned that disgoals. Both countries are cussions regarding the TTA presently engaged in negoare currently underway in tiations for the Preferential Azerbaijan's relevant minis-Trade Agreement. tries. In addition, Minister Pakistan has completed Nabiyev revealed that consultations to finalize its

Azerbaijan to initiate flights list of requested items, sharof Azerbaijan Airlines being a request list of 103 tween Islamabad and Baku items with Azerbaijan on June 14, 2023, seeking mar

Syed Naveed said direct ket access

Rana reiterates to eliminate terrorism ISLAMABAD (Online): A lent extremism.

The policy also aims at meeting to review National Counter Violent Extremism Policy, 2022 was held in

Islamabad Tuesday, with involve all stakeholder in Interior Minister Rana the consultative process Sanaullah Khan in the chair. and introduced some The meeting was given amendments in the policy detailed briefing by Direcafter which it will be fortor General National warded to the cabinet for Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) about the approval.

Speaking on the occa-sion, the Interior Minister reiterated the national resolve to eliminate terrorism and extremism as it has caused irreparable damage

to the country. He said we need to cretify and respond effectively to trends in violent extremate awareness among the people about the extremist Under the policy, the elements. He said the Navalues of peace, tolerance tional Counter Violent Exand diversity will be protremism Policy cannot be moted in the society and implemented as long as all social, electronic and print media will be used stakeholders do not agree on it. proactively to counter vio-

#### PM reiterates call for Charter....

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would mainly focus on boosting industrial and agriculture sectors.

aims and objectives of the

the policy has been devised

based on the opinions of

over 280 experts to iden-

The DG NACTA said

Policy.

He said that a Special Investment Facilitation Council had been established with a mandate to attract investment to the agriculture, mining, information technology and exports sectors.

He said the government would abide by the IMF agreement which had laid a basis for the economic reforms.

Minister

Shehbaz said in the past.

the SEZ turned into the de-

Emphasising the provi-

Tarig Fazal's son Citing Bangladesh's ISLAMABAD (APP) \$40 billion export of imported cotton, the prime Prime Minister Shehbaz minister said successful na-Sharif on Tuesday extions always learned lespressed deep sorrow over sons from past mistakes, sudden death of PML-N leader Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry's son who died and strove to cope with the

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#### protecting the downtrodden segments of the society. The meeting decided to ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday underlined the need for increasing trade and economic cooperation with Maldives for the mutual benefits of two countries. He said that there was

a great potential to expand bilateral trade and export Pakistani products to Maldives, particularly textiles, fabrics, rice, cement and pharmaceutical.

He expressed these views while talking to the outgoing High Commissioner of Maldives to Pakistan Farzana Zahir who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

Talking to the outgoing High Commissioner, the president highlighted that Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with Maldives in bilateral context and within the framework of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Organization of Cooperation Islamic (OIC), the United Nations and Commonwealth. He said that both coun-

tion of the Muslims by Intries had commonality of dia was a matter of grave views on important reconcern and the internagional and global issues,

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is affected which not only

Additional Inspector

Jawad Ahmed Dogar was

the chief guest of the open-

ing session. Jawad Ahmed

Dogar thanked all the par-

ticipants of the session.

He said that we all have to



**President for boosting trade,** 

economic cooperation

for closer cooperation against the Muslims, paramong countries of the ticularly in Indian Illegally world to counter the sever- Occupied Jammu & Kash-



ISLAMABAD: The outgoing High Commissioner of Maldives to Pakistan, Ms. Farzana Zahir called on President Dr. ArifAlvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

mir (IIOJK). He also called ity of natural disasters as for revitalization of the well as climate change that had endangered both devel-SAARC enabling it to achieve its objectives. oped and developing coun-

Referring to the rising wave of Islamophobia, the President Alvi further president emphasized that the Islamic countries said that both countries needed to enhance cooperashould work together to counter the Islamophobia. tion in the area of tourism and learn from each other's

The president also con-gratulated the outgoing high He also highlighted that commissioner on the suc-cessful completion of her the isolation and persecutenure and appreciated her efforts for improving Pakitional community needed stan-Maldives ties.



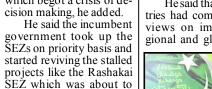
QUETTA: Former MPA Yasmeen Lehri meeting with Governor Balochistan MalikAbdul Wali Khan Kakar

PM grieved over **Russian crude oil to cost** sudden death of **Rs10** per liter cheaper

soon.

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, in his address, said after 2020, the establishment of nine industrial zones was agreed under CPEC but the previous government put all the projects to the backburner. The officers were implicated in false cases which begot a crisis of de-

cision making, he added. He said the incumbent government took up the SEZs on priority basis and started reviving the stalled



## than international market

ISLAMABAD (INP): The oil bought from Russia will cost Pakistan Rs10 per liter cheaper than the international market, according to a preliminary report of the Ministry of Petroleum on the Russian crude oil.

According to the ministry officials, 100,000 metric tons of crude oil has been ordered from Russia. The volume of crude oil is 715,000 barrels. Both the

cargoes of Russian oil have cost about \$502.9 million. If the same amount of oil was procured from the

international market, it would have cost \$507.2 million. Both cargoes of Russian crude oil were cheaper by

over \$4.29 million than the international market. According to officials, the Russian crude oil is being refined at the PRL refinery. During the refining process, 50% of furnace oil and 50% of petrol and diesel have been yielded.

The low yield of petrol and diesel will also affect their price.



QUETTA: Chairman Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Maulana Syed Abdul Khabeer Azad meeting with Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shehak Baloch in his office

challenge. "Now, we will have to in a road accident here on get out of the loans and at-Monday night.

tract investment. This is The prime minister, in what the Model Special statement issued by the Economic Zone is for to PM office, offered his attract investment from heartfelt condolence and China, UAE, Qatar and othsympathies to the beers to take Pakistan at par reaved family of late with the neighboring na-Anza Tariq. tions," he added. Prime

He prayed to Allah Almighty to grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with

fortitude. He also prayed for grant of eternal peace to the

departed soul. sion of land to the inves-Meanwhile, in his tors in SEZs on easy terms, tweet, the prime minister he said the land in the said that for parents, noth-Bahawalpur Solar Park was ing was more heart shatterleased out at just \$1 to the ing than losing a child. investors which was inevi-"My heart goes out to

#### table for them to save their Tariq and his bereaved famcapital to set up the indusily in this hour of indescribtry. able grief. The whole PML-

He also called for es-N family shares his sorrow. tablishing a mechanism to May Allah rest the decancel the lease agreement parted soul in peace! My if the investor failed to develop the industry within heartfelt condolences," he the specified time-frame.

be inaugurated. Emphasising the execution of 5E framework,

the minister said the country had no other option but to take its exports to \$100 billion and the SEZ would act as a powerhouse for the purpose.

He suggested that land should be provided on easy terms to the investors for the SEZs.

Federal Minister for Industries and Production Makhdoom Syed Murtaza said with the establishment of Islamabad Model Special Economic Zone, a

longstanding demand of the Federal Capital's industrial velopment estate and the people have been minting community would be addressed.

needs to be understood but Highlighting his also need to adopt stratministry's performance, he egy for behavior changes in said they addressed the the society. A plan of acanomalies in the processes tion must be set to bring like the import of solar panabout changes. els and that the petrochemical and coal gas poli-General of Police Âdmin cies would be finalised by

July 30. He called for taking advantage of Pakistan's cheap labour and an ease of doing business environment in the country. Secretary Board of In-

play a role individually and vestment Asad Rehman collectively to spread the Gillani said that the PM's awareness. There are some vision of "investors are my diseases that we feel relucmasters" gave the governtant to talk about. Today, ment machinery a the topic is also one of strength to execute the those diseases, but the projects. happy thing is that thanks

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tries alike.

experience.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Federal Ministers visit former MNA Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry to offer him condolences for the unfortunate accidental death of his son.

#### **Collective efforts needed to**

and for safety.

to UNDP and UNAIDS, the law enforcement agennot only there was an opcies

portunity to talk about Dr. K. D. Usmani prethis topic, it is not considsented a comprehensive ered a stigma but a disease presentation regarding throughout the country. HIV. He explored the con-Through an awareness tours of the issue and highcampaign we have an oplighted the significant portunity to differentiate progress made in combatbetween HIV stigma and ing the spread of HIV. He discrimination. Through further highlighted preventhis session we have to motive measures.

tivate ourselves to under-On behalf of UNDP stand this disease and take Balochistan, Ms. Batul inconcrete steps to prevent formed about the efforts being made regarding HIV. Additional Inspector He said that in Balochistan General of Police CTC, Medical College, Quetta, Kashif Alam said that not only the facility of free UNDP has provided use-HIV test has been proful information about HIV. vided, but also the services He appreciated the efforts of experts for counseling to prevent its spread and are being taken free of create awareness among charge

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GoB called for Pkr.7.7b for implementation ....

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sentatives and also concluded that the European Union will support the Local Government & Rural development of Balochistan and the CLLG Policy for further consolidating their efforts.

Addressing the development Partners' forum, The Representative of EUD, Mr. Stephen Langreal reflected on Role of European Union Delegation in the Policy Reforms in Balochistan through BRACE Programme and the Technical Assistance. He expressed his pleasure on behalf of the EU in working with the Government of Balochistan. He affirmed that the EU recognizes Balochistan as a priority area and will continue to support the development initiatives. He highly appreciated the CLLG Policy reforms being achieved by the Government of Balochistan assisted by the EU funded technical assistance implemented by DAI Global. He iterated the importance of accountability, transparency, and sustainability as policy

principles for the European Union to be put in place by the GoB to ensure the funneling of resources to the grassroots level through implementation of CLLG Policy Programme. He urged other development partners to join hands and support the Government of Balochistan in implementation of CLLG Policy reforms for sustainable devel-

opment in the province. Talking during the panel discussion at the development and development partment partners' forum, ners under the CLLG Policy Member Balochistan Asimplementation. sembly and Chairman Standing Committee Local retary Finance, Govern-Government Qadir Ali ment of Balochistan also Nayel said that the local participated in the developgovernment system in ment partners forum and Balochistan has been in exduring the panel discussion istence for many decades reflected back on the Govand it has undergone variernment of Balochistan's ous changes over the years. commitment towards the There are many issues and community driven reforms. challenges that need to be He underscored that the addressed to improve the GoB has not only develfunctioning of the local govoped the policy but also ernment system. The have passes its PC-1 and Balochistan Local Governallocated outlay of PKR 9 ment Act 2010 was an imbillion for the CLLG Policy portant step towards im-Implementation proving local governance in Programme and 1.5 billion the province. However, are approved under the with the passage of time, PSDP 2023-24 for the further reforms were

needed to improve the functioning of the system. Ms.

added.

Mahjabeen Sheran, Parliamentary Secretary Women Development also spoke during the panel discussion and apricated the CLLG policy reforms which provides equal opportunities to women to participate in the development process from planning, designing, implementing and evaluating from their own perspective supported by the Governof development in the Balochistan Province.

Mr. Zahid Saleem, Secdesired goals.

implementation of CLLG policy and requested development partners commitment and resource allocation to fill the gap of 7.7 billion for CLLG reforms imple-mentation. The World bank representative appreciated the CLLG Policy and referred it to the Bank's approach which has been adopted by the government f Balochistan and insisted on policy's implementation to achieve the ultimate goal

Mr. Gul Muhammad Mengal, Director LG and Focal Person BRACE Programme insisted on continued technical assistance to the government in CLLG Policy implementation referring to the policy development process where EU funded Technical assistance to the Government of Balochistan has played the pivotal role to support the Government of Balochistan in realizing the development of CLLG policy and now its empirically evident support is required to ensure that the policy is implemented in to its real sense to achieve the

لمدافقامت المل بلوجتان آرکا ئیوز کے اشتہار بحوالہ 2023-07-PRQ No.89/13 بورند 2023-13-07 کودرن ذیل اسامیوں کو پر کرنے کیلتے ہلو جتان کے (کے لوکل/ ڈومیسائل کے حال موزوں امید داروں سے رخوسی طلب کی گٹی حیس جن کی زونل ایلدکیشن میں غلطی ہے قلات زون کھھا گیا ہےاب ان اسامیوں کیلئے درج ڈیل زونل کوئہ کے مطابق درخواستیں جن کی جا کیں گی۔ قلات نصير آباد كمران سبىزون نمبر إنام اسامي تغليمي قابليت أنكميت انظرويع زون زون أبيرهم لائبرري استنت 2اگست بروز بدھ 14 (1) كى بحقى منظور شده يونيورش سے بيچكرد گرى سيند دُوريژن (2) كى بھى تسليم شده 5اكست يروز بيفته يو نيورش سے لا تعرب سائنس بين ايك سالد ذيلومد (3) كمي بھى منظور شدہ ادار ب <u>=6ماەكاكمپيۇر ڈىلومە</u> (1) کمی بھی منظور شدہ یو نیورٹی سے بیچلرڈ گر کی سیکنڈ ڈویژن (2) بیچلرڈ گر کی بمعہ 2اگست بروز بدھ 2\_ الٹینوگرافر 5اكست بروز ہفتہ 14 متارت بيتدين 80 الفاظ في منت (3) كم يبور ثائيتك مين 35 الفاظ في منت كي سپیٹراورکسی بھی رجنٹر ڈادارے سے کم از کم 3 میںنے کا کمپیوٹر ڈیلومہ (1) سمى منظور شده بورات F.Sc (2) المتحان كى ياس شده سند 1 | 5 أكست يروز يفته 2اگست بروز باره たい -3 -بمعدکسی بھی منظور شدہ ادارے ہے 1 سالہ ڈیلومہ شینیکیٹ اور ٹا کمپنگ میں 60 الفاظ 12 فى منكى ڪيپيڈ | 5 أكست بروز بغته 2اگست بردز بدھ ريكاردا ستمتك 11 (1) كى بھى منظورشدد يونيورش – مسرى يا يويشيكل سائنس ميں يولرڈ گرى 2اگست بروز بدھ 5 أكست يروز جفته یڑھالکھا / مقامی 01 تائب قاصد م**رورى هدايات** :. در فواشي ش مح كراني دالي اميد دارول ب در فواشي بمد كاغذات مراها كير عد دقعويا در كميني فرز شاختي كارژ كابي مام نظامت اعلى لموجنتان آف آركا نيز دلوچنتان مورند 26 جولاني 2023 ل دفتر ی اوقات میں نوری نصیر خان گجرنظامت اعلی طوچیتان آرکائیز آنپنی روژکوئید میں دصول کی جا میں گی۔ سرکاری ملاز میں مروجہ طریقہ کارے مطابق ایے حکمہ کے توسط سے این درخواشیں ارسال کریں یہ مقررہ تاریخ کے بعد کو ل درخواست دصول نہیں کی جائیگی۔ایک سے زائداسامیوں کیلیے علیمہ ہ درخواستیں جن کرانے ہوں گی۔ سی بھی امید دارن کوٹی اے ڈ کیا اے ٹیک دیا جائے گا۔

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## Webinar 'Shocks, Stresses & Resilience of Food System in Arab Region' on July 26

COMSTECH-the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation will arrange a webinar titled "Shocks, Stresses and Resilience of Food System in the Arab Region" on July 26.

According to an offi-cial of COMSTECH, Secretary General, The Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST), Jor-dan, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Al Musa will be the convener/ speaker of the webinar. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Al Musa is the member of Technical Experts Group in the domain of climate change, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Dr. Abdullah M. Al-Musa is an academician with more than 20 years of experience in higher institution management at different levels starting from department head to president of the largest two universities in Jordan; namely the University of Jordan for three years and Yarmouk University for four years. Prior to involvement

in management and at intermittent periods when released from management assignments, he got involved in teaching and re-search. Heis well-published (h-index 17, i10-index 23) acterized by short duration, abrupt and rapid onset events such as those caused in the field of plant virolby climate change, the sudogy (etiology and epidemiden eruption of pandemic (i.e. COVID-19), macroology). Éarly stage research-

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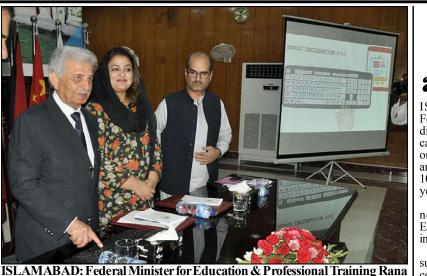
economic shocks and vioers, students, and relevant lence and conflicts. personnel from the re-These shocks exacerbate the impact of persissearch laboratories and industries will attend the tent pressures exerted by already intrinsic local driv-According to the abers of the system.

stract of the webinar, the A major shock to the framework of the food sys-Arab Region's food system tem interlinked three comcomes about by flaring violence and conflict ponents namely the food that engulfed one-third of supply chain, the food environment and the conthe countries in the resumer behavior. The latter gion could be filtered at the indi-These conflicts have

resulted in extensive popu-The system is driven lation displacement exacer by exogenous determinants bating food insecurity in the including demographic, conflict and host countries economical, socio-cultural, as indicated in prevalence political and institutional, of undernourishment and technological and infrastrucfood insecurity experience ture, biophysical and enviscale indicators. The advent of COVID-19 further strained ronmental elements. This conceptual framework ana-

lyzes the complexity of inthe economies of the counteraction among the system tries in the Region resulting components and its drivers in a 5.35-19.6% decline in GDP in 2020. and further illustrates the impact of different shocks Shocks emanated from climate change aggravated and stresses the system is

already scarce water and The Arab food system arable land resources in the is subjected to shocks char-Region



Tanveer Hussain is pressing the key of computer to confirm during the Result Declaration ceremony SSC Part I & II 1st Annual Exam 2023 at FBISE.

## Federal Govt ready to help GB to meet power demand: Azam Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): tended by Federal Minister for Power Khurram Federal Minister for Law Dastagir Khan, Advisor to and Justice Senator Azam Nazir Tarar on Tuesday the PM on Kashmir Affairs said that under the prime and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar minister's directions, the Zaman Kaira, Secretary Federal Government was Water And Power Gilgit ready to help in every pos-Baltistan, Secretary Kahmir Affairs, and Secretary Law sible way to meet the power demands of the other stakeholders. Gilgit-Baltistan region.

The people of GB should not suffer because of the demand and supply gap on that count, he said while chairing a meeting regarding the formulation of Power Generation Policy the demand and supply Gilgit Balitistan. gap, being faced by the GB, The meeting was at- and agreed on the fact that for Gilgit Balitistan

Toshakhana case:

**Court reserves judgment** 

on Imran exemption from

attendance

Dilawar

#### by GB Government was And Justice Division, and emphasized. The Law Minister as-The participants held sured of full support and cooperation of the Federal an in-depth discussion regarding the GB's power Government where needed. generation policy for GB. They gave their valuable suggestions to overcome

The Centre would facilitate the GB Government to devise a way forward in order to meet the power deficiency in every possible way.

a clear policy was needed

alternate energy resources

was also deliberated upon.

Initiation of small projects

and internal connectivity

through transmission lines

The option of use of

in that regard.

## **Federal Board** announces matric annual results 2023

1088 marks.

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Amina Amir of APS

Meanwhile, speaking

Lahore and Fatima Ansari

ISLAMABAD (APP): for Girls G -10/2 and Warda Federal Board of Interme-diate and Secondary Edu-Farooq of APS Lahore secured second position with cation (FBISE) Islamabad on Tuesday announced the annual results of the 9th and 10th examinations for the year 2023.

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of APS Gujranwala got the third position by getting The results were an-nounced by the Federal Education Board by press-1087 marks. Similarly, Malaika Aamir of DHA Senior

ing the keyboard button. According to the re-School Lahore stood first with 1037 marks in Arts sult details, the passing per-centage of students of Sec-Group, while Rida Fatima of Dr AQ Khan School ondary School Certificate Bahria Town and Zainab Khalid of APS Lahore (SSC) Part-II remained at 89.61 per cent while the passing percentage of SSC-I was 65.28. Cantt got second position with 1032 marks. However, Tahseen Iman secured the first po-

According to the po-sition holders of SSC-II, Rida Fatima, a student of sition with 1031 marks. Global College of Science, Range Road, stood first at the results announcement ceremony, Federal Minister with 1089 marks in Matric of Education Rana Tanveer Science Group, while Hussain lauded his educa-Maryam Ghafar of tion team for fulfilling the Islamabad Model College assigned duties.



ISLAMABAD: A view of rain water accumulated on the roads after rainfall causing difficulties for the commuters.

## Govt urged to rectify irregularities in upcoming **NCH's elections**

ISLAMABAD (APP): during their election cam-Former President of the paigns

Dr Nasir highlighted National Council for Homeopathy (NCH) and Chairthat in 2017 the Senate person of the Pakistan Ho-Standing Committee on Health directed the adminmeopathic Doctors Association, Dr Nasir Ahmed Chaudhry has called on the istration to issue verified voting lists from the Disgovernment to address the trict Health Officers and irregularities in the NCH recommended that the election process, which is scheduled for September members of the previous NCH body be asked to reign. He added that if the

Talking to APP here on sitting council members be-Tuesday, Dr Nasir stated come contestants in the that according to the rules, election, then the electoral NCH was supposed to disprocess would not be fair. play the voters' list in its Expressing his belief in

democracy, Dr Nasir emfourth year which had not phasized that no tactics He emphasized that would be employed to delav the passes the entire province he said rectifying the existwhich makes it challenging ing anomalies is essential to for candidates to cover all ensure a trustworthy pro-

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazir Tarar chaired a meeting of the committee regarding the formulation of Power Generation policy for Gilgit Baltistan

### 19 July, the day when Ahsan saddens Kashmiris decided to link their fate with Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion adopted a month be-Jammu and Kashmir Na-

fore the creation of Pakistan tional Front on Tuesday, demonstrated Kashmiris' while terming 19th July as unconditional love for Paa defining moment in kistan. Referring to the par-Kashmir's history, has said tition plan of the sub-conti-that it was on this historic nent, the J & K National date when the Kashmiri Front leader said that the

over demise mistrust on judge. of Dr Tariq's son in road accident Tuesday. ISLAMABAD (APP)

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday ex-

pressed deep grief and sorrow over the demise of the

account is his account but post is not his post. tion filed in Islamabad Ĥigh The court reserved Court (IHC) . judgment on PTI Chairman Gohar Ali counse for PTI chairman while pleas for exemption from giving arguments on the attendance for today and petition of mistrust on Toshakhana criminal the judge presented face case came up for hearing book posts. Barrister Gohar while

before district and sessions court Islamabad addressing the judge said face book account is there in your name where posts Petitions were filed

Judge Hummayun Dilawar

while confirming the face

book account said face book

by Imran Khan with regard are placed. When I saw to exemption from atten- these post I was too much dance for today and mis- grieved

Over Rs. 70b disbursed among 7.8m beneficiaries

ISLAMABAD (APP) Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has ISLAMABAD (Online): trust on judge Hummayun so far disbursed more Judge Hummayun than Rs. 70 billion among Dilawar remarked was not over 7.8 million benefiit better to attach the peticiary women under the

Benazir Kafaalat initiative. The process of disbursement of the 4th quarterly tranche of Benazir Kafaalat for the Financial Year-2022-23 is underway successfully across the

country. Under Benaziı Kafaalat, 90 lakh registered beneficiary families are entitled to a quarterly installment of Rs 9,000 per family

**IIUI President** 

calls on education

minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): President, International Is-

lamic University, Islamabad

(IIUI), Dr. Hathal Homoud

Alotaibi, Tuesday, called

on Federal Minister for

Education and Professional

Training, Rana Tanveer

Hussain. During the meet-

ing, issues of mutual inter-

ests including initiatives for

the promotion of quality

education and the role of

universities in society build-

ing were discussed. The

minister desired that the

university having two inter-

leadership unanimously state of Jammu and Kashmir decided to link their future was geographically, historiwith the yet-to-born state cally and culturally, and ethof Pakistan. According to a report, in his message from India's Infamous Tihar jail. the incarcerated JKNF Chairman Naveem Ahmed Khan said that the resolu- Kashmir has pushed.

nically part of Pakistan but India's policy of deceit and deception, expansionism and perpetual denial to implement the UN resolutions on

## **Rank Pinning ceremony** of newly promoted SI held at Safe City Islamabad

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According ficers were acknowledged to the details, a distinguished ceremony was held CPO Safe City/Traffic at Safe City Islamabad to and SSP Operations Safe at Safe City Islamadad to honor the promotion of six City. Under the special di-

The newly promoted ofand congratulated by



Sub-Inspector (ASI) to rectives of Islamabad Capi-Sub-Inspector. The event was organized by the CPO Safe City/Traffic in recognition of their exemplary motions is currently underdedication and commitment to their duties.

tal City Police Officer Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the process of departmental proway within the Islamabad Capital Police.

## HEC sends off 156 PhD **Scholars for fellowships** in top 200 int'l varsities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Aayesha Ikram, Vice Chan-The Higher Education Commission (HEC), has awarded six-month Research Fellowships to 156 PhD scholars from the top 200 universities of the world during the 53rd award ceremony under the

International Research Support Initiative Programme (IRSIP). Under IRSIP, HEC has so far distributed a total of 6,545 awards, representing 79 Pakistani universities. Among the current awardees, six scholars are going to the top 10 universities, 44 to the top 50 universities, and 71 to the top 100 universities of the world. Chairman HEC Dr Mukhtar Ahmed was the chief guest of the ceremony held Tuesday, also attended by Director General (Hu-

man Research Develop-ment Division) HEC Ms

cellors, faculty members, IRSIP experts and reviewers, supervisors, alumni and awardees, and parents. The event started with a predeparture orientation by Project Director (HRD)

Jehanzeb Khan In his remarks, Dr Mukhtar Ahmed highlighted the importance of research and training opportunities for doctoral students at advanced research laboratories of reputed universities abroad. He said, 'The programme helps enhance the quality of doctoral research being conducted in Pakistan.

Appreciating the Government for prioritising higher education despite financial constraints, the Chairman advised the scholars to exploit the opportunity, enhance their skill set, learn work ethics.

son of PML-N Islamabadchapter President Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry in a road accident. In a condolence mes-

sage on his Twitter handle, the minister said he felt extreme shock to hear about the death of Dr Tariq's son. 'Inna Lillah e Ŵa Inna Elah-e-Rajaioon," he said while sympathizing with Dr Tariq Fazal. ISLAMABAD: PML-N senior leadership and other offering funnel prayer of

#### **3-day training** of ECP's master trainers begins ISLAMABAD (APP): A 3-day Training of Lead Trainers (ToLT) for the training of polling person-

nel has commenced at Electoral Academy for Democratic Practices, Research and Management false, (PADRM) in Islamabad to strengthen the ECP's capacity nationwide.

According to ECP cused with his friend. spokesperson, the training aims to prepare 20 officers from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as lead trainers. These trainers will subsequently instruct 2,423 Master Trainers from all four provinces for the upcoming General Elections.

ISLAMABAD (Online): naming Siama, resident of Trail-3 rape case got drop Rawalpindi to pose rape scene, rape story was a allegation on Noman. Saima according to contacted Sidra, resident of Islamabad police story of Shekhu pora to plan 'Rape rape was fake and actual drama'. According to drama issue was of fight of acplan Sidra was supposed to

PML-N leader DrTariq Fazal Choudhry Son.

**Trail-3 rape was** 

false, capital police

exposes drama

take accused Noman to According to police, trail-3. Sidra have to make nominated accused Noman noise of to create rape had fight with his friend. drama. Amid all this situa-His friend hired a group to tion, group was supposed take revenge. Group comto reach on the spot and prised of Siama, two fake record video. This recorded journalists naming Sidra and video was supposed to use

nationally reputed faculties Shakeel and a fake police to take ransom from acof Shariah and Law and Araofficer Manzoor. cused and his family and bic can help Pakistani job Anwar contacted a girl make the blackmail. seekers in the Arab world. Over 14,000 security personnel to guard

Muharram gatherings in Islamabad

Independent Report sive security plan for Muharram ul Harram.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police have finalized comprehensive security arrangements for the lice officer (ÎCCPO) Dr. processions, religious gatherings during Muharram ul Akbar Nasir Khan, after its thorough review all wings Harram, a police public reof Islamabad police have lations officer said. He said that, follow-

also been given directions to ensure complete coordiing the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Po-lice officer (ICCPO) Dr. nation for success of this plan. CPO/ DIG Operations directed all concerned Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police have finalized a comprehen-

tees and organizers of He said that special arrange-Majalis and processions. The formal approval He said that cooperation of of this plan was given by Islamabad Capital City Po-

organizers should be ensured with the police and law enforcing officials. A total of 181 religious gatherings (Majalis) and 965 processions will be held in the federal capital. The CPO/ DIG (Operations) Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari directed for strict security arrangements on these occasions and special

ments should be made for checking of participants in a professional way and to install walk-through gates at the entrance points of Majalis. He said that it should be ensured to make arrangements for checking of participants of Majalis and processions thoroughly using metal detectors. Strict vigilance should be maintained to ensure that security measures are in place by the police as well as peace committees.

officials to maintain close liaison with peace commitchecking of participants.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Water Resources presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

districts of the province cess.

been presented yet.

this year.

## **ICP directed for enhanced** public services and convenience to citizens of the Traffic Police to serve

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Chief Trafroad users with professional competence. In line with the fic Officer Islamabad, Dr. special instructions of Sved Mustafa Tanveer on Monday conducted inspec-Islamabad Capital City Potion of various departments



at the traffic headquarters in Faizabad and directed for enhanced public services and convenience to citizens. During this inspection at the traffic headquarters in Faizabad, various citizen-oriented initiatives were evaluated across different departments. The performance of the traffic staff was commended, and measures to further improve their efficiency were directed.

Akbar Nasir Khan, a par ticular focus was placed on digital driving licenses, the one-window hall, driving tests, and other relevant branches during a special checking at Traffic Head-

quarters, Faizabad. He stressed the importance of courteous and polite interactions between officers and personnel of Islamabad Capital Police and citizens during duty, as the force is regarded as a

CTO Islamabad em- model force across the phasized the commitment country.

## **ANF** recovers 828.581kg drugs in 36 operations; arrests 38

ISLAMABAD (APP): covered 11.700 kg drugs in Anti Narcotics Force two operations and ar-(ANF) Pakistan seized rested two accused involved 828.581 kg drugs worth US\$ 14.687 million interin drugs smuggling. The seized drugs comprised five nationally and arrested 38 kg hashish and 6.700 kg persons including two Clonazepam women, a foreigner besides (47900 tabs). impounding 14 vehicles while conducting 36 ered 304.66 kg drugs in 12 operations and arrested 14 counter narcotics operations throughout the counaccused besides impound-

try.

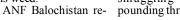
ing nine vehicles. The According to an ANF seized drugs comprised 75.600 kg Opium, 6.830 kg Heroin, 219.300 kg Hash-ish and 2.930 kg Metham-Headquarters spokesman, the seized drugs comprised 255.600 kg Opium, 14.505 kg Heroin, 546.142 kg Hashish, 5.334 kg Methphetamine (Ice). ANF KPK recovered amphetamine (Ice), 6.700 402.236 kg drugs in seven kg Clonazepam tablets operations and arrested six  $(\bar{4}7900 \text{ tabs})$  and 300

persons involved in drugs smuggling besides impounding three vehicles.

Tablets

ANF Punjab recov-

grams weed.





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## **Rains again**

Since the first monsoon spell began less than a month ago, weather-related incidents have already claimed around 90 lives across the country and caused significant damage to property, crops and livestock.

Punjab is the worst-hit region where more than 50 people died in rain-related will be going home by midpeople died in rain-related events, followed by at least 20 deaths in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to flash floods and landslides.

National disaster agencies isters such as Khawaja have warned of more rains, thunderstorms, landslides and high-level flooding in the rivers including the Sutlej, Ravi, Chenab and Jhelum in the coming weeks.

The rains are aggravating the already tough conditions faced by communities affected by the 2022 floods, at a time when the government is scrambling for funds for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Last summer's floods killed over 1,700 people and washed away homes, crops, livestock, roads and bridges worth more than \$30bn. The world promised to provide Pakistan \$10bn, mostly in the shape of loans, at a conference in Geneva back in January to help the government's efforts, but 2017. A similar power was only a fraction of these pledges has been disbursed since 'assistance' for the flood-affected people was tied to the approval of the IMF bailout.

funding facility. The heavy rains expected could slow down recovery in the areas where a large number of people displaced by last year's deluge still live — without shelter, food, healthcare and jobs. The International Rescue Committee has warned that the floods could affect 9.1m people this year, spreading disease and triggering more food shortages in a country where food insecurity is becoming an overriding concern.



**Arifa Noor** 

There have been rapid developments in the past couple of weeks. First came the new IMF standby programme, after months of back and forth. And then just as rapidly, came the announcement

> August. On cue, the rest of the government and the allied parties also began speaking about the importance of holding elections

on time From senior min-Asif and Rana Sanaullah to others, they have all made it clear that election season is here. The security situation, the financial shortage and even concerns about the census were all forgot-

And if this connecten. Necessity is the

tutional mandates are mothered by political compulsions. The rapidity of the IMF programme and the

prime minister's announcement seems to imply that one is connected to the other. Between the rather publicised meeting the Fund officials held

with the PTI leadership and their earlier press release which hoped that "a peaceful way forward is found in line with the Constitution and the rule of law", while referring to Pakistan's political instability, it seems as if there has been some pressure from the rest of the world about the need for politi-

cal stability. And this may have been a critical factor leading to the decision to hold elections rather than, say, go for any of the other options we have been hearing about for months. Let's not forget that other friends also have been pushing for stability behind the scenes for months, if those who have friends in the Diplomatic Enclave are to be believed.

mother of invention and in tion is accepted, then I Pakistan legal and consti- wonder if the EU messaging also found fertile ground. From a rather focused statement from the ambassador in a 'public' video message about the issues to be watched, for

the renewal of the GSP Plus, to the statements that emerged from a trip of journalists to Brussels. the mood of the EU wasn't hard to read, even while everyone here was

To elect or not

focused on the IMF. The impact of this may become visible in the coming days, for in the current cash-strapped situation, the GSP Plus is a treasure trove that we can't afford to lock and

then throw away the key. Moving on, now that elections seem possible, what next? The PTI has its own

struggles which range from Imran Khan's disqualification to imprisonment to the party being banned. The last seems the most far-fetched while the other two are not just possible but also accepted as a done deal. The party

is counting on its support base and waiting for better times.

perhaps want to accept is that even if their popularity and the changed times lead to a miracle and they are able to win big and form a government (or perhaps more?), those who oppose them won't let them settle down. The new battles might just begin quickly enough. The PPP looks to

leading a coalition government with its hope of retaining Sindh along with grabbing a handful of seats in each of the other provinces to take Bilawal over the finishing line. Whether or not the math works out

remains to be seen. For a handful of seats from, say, Punjab and KP, still leaves a large number of seats in the provinces to be filled (especially if the PTI is kept on a leash); and why would the PPP form the government if these numbers go to other parties which may also be amenable to a coalition? But then, I am simply far too terrible at numbers to figure this out.

The PML-N is where the confusion is the greatest. Everyone in imes. Islamabad is certain that But what they don't Shehbaz Sharif is the cho-leads to a stable govern-

sen one for the prime ment and very few in minister's slot (everyone which the government enthat is but the party he joys legitimacy. leads)

Within the party, many are keen on Nawaz Sharif returning, for they realise that only his homecoming and campaigning can motivate its disgruntled and angry voter. Why else would the senior leadership predict his re-turn again and again but to convince the party voter? But what is not clear

Saath Hain'

ity

cussed earlier, but also because the ones managing all this are now proving incapable of offering mid- to long-term policies. The 2018 governis whether he will be willing to do all this simply to ment barely made it to win the election and then 2022; and now we are behand the reins over to his

However, along with

this, there is the added

complication of the lon-

gevity crisis. When engi-

neering or manipulation to manufacture a government

is high, its instability is not

just due to the factors dis-

ing told it lasted this long brother and retreat to Jati because of Covid-19, Umra. Not an easy price to pay for 'Hum Saath which derailed plans. So how long should we expect the 2023 set-up to And even if one suplast, once it has been poses he, like Karan tweaked and shaped ac-Johar, feels "it's all about cording to plan and then

loving your family", why put in place? would he then play silent In a piece full of quesspectator? It may just end tions (rather than answers) it may not be reup being a repeat of last summer when he put his miss to also ask why the foot down and changed the antics of the caretaker finance minister. In other government in KP have words, when decisionsuddenly become so public. Should one brace for a making is divided, the only outcome is instabilmajor change or reshuffle in the caretakers to ensure Indeed, it is hard to some new and improved caretaking? -- Courtesy

Dawn

# Should the ECP punish contempt?

by enacting deeming provisions through an ordinary law which is impermissible by the constitution.

It is interesting to note that the Indian election commissions asked for a similar power to punish contempt few years ago but the Indian parliament flatly refused to grant such a power on constitutional and legal grounds. The con-

does not permit conferment of such powers on to the ECP. Therefore, Section 10 through chosen representaof the Election Act is unconstitutional and ultra tives. Under the Election Act and the earlier election vires of the constitution. law, limited quasi-judicial power was conferred upon The reasons are as follows.

The ECP is not a court and does not share judicial the ECP by enacting a power with courts It is a deeming clause therein to constitutional body created treat it as a tribunal during under Article 213 of the a certain period. But it is constitution. Its functions prima facie ultra vires of Article 225 of the constituare provided in Article 219 tion which envisages indeof the constitution: of these, its primary function pendent tribunals run by is to hold and conduct free members of the subordinate and fair general and by-elecjudiciary or retired judges tions elections to the nato decide election disputes. tional and provincial assempower, the ECP becomes a blies, the Senate and local

function is conferred upon a body or institution would be wholly insufficient to confer upon it the power to punish contempt.

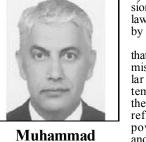
There are several bodies that are performing such functions but none of them has been given that extreme power to punish someone for its contempt. A power conferred upon an institution or body is to be judged against the liberties of the people and functioning of the state and its institutions and not to silence them for legitimate criticism. The right to freedom of speech provided in Article 19 of the constitution refers to contempt of court. The word 'court" used therein has an obvious reference to Article 204 of the constitution and its scope cannot be expanded through an ordinary legislation. The ECP does not fit in there.

The constitution confers the power of contempt powers on courts under Article 204 of the constitution. The word 'Court" is defined in the same article which means the Supreme

said ordinance states that been given the power to provide for or confer the every high court shall have the power to punish for the power of punishing concontempt of its subordinate tempt of court upon the election commission. court. It is doubtful if this

power could be conferred There are no general even upon the high courts. In pursuance of legislative and unlimited legislative powers of the parliament. powers given in that article, If that were so all other countries would have conthe power to punish contempt cannot be given to the ECP. ferred similar powers on their election commissions. Even the UK parliament Parliament has limited power to punish a person which has no constitutional who refuses to give evilimitations upon its legisladence or produce docutive powers has never conments and even that power ferred such a drastic and is to be exercised through punitive power upon its election commission. The courts. The constitution of Pakistan deviates from the status of an election com-English practice where parmission is that of an adminliament is also considered a istrative body even if it is high court in the constitumanned by former judges of the Supreme Court.

tional sense. The Supreme It may be asked why Court has already held in Baz Muhammad Kakar's the ECP would need such case (2012) that the power a power. The commission to punish contempt is performs several functions including those mentioned meant for the courts only. in Article 219. It also en-The power of parliament to legislate upon a subject is provided in and tertains and decides questions referred to in respect controlled by Article 242 of of a member whether (s) the constitution. Parliament he has become disgualified can legislate on a subject in from being a member. This respect of legislative fields power was originally provided in the Fourth vested in the chief election Schedule to the constitucommissioner but through tion. The legislative list has the 18th Amendment was two parts. In none of the given to the whole commisentries of the said Fourth sion. -- Courtesv only implement its ideas disproportionality with given the requisite resources. Expanding the latwhich these climate disasters affect women and girls. ter requires both intention Constructing public latrines and liaising with partners at all levels. The 2022 floods in villages has helped, but (and those in 2010) witare these accessible to pregnessed many CSOs stepnant women and people ping up to voluntarily rewith disabilities? build damaged infrastruc-Across Sindh and ture, but a year later there Balochistan these remain are questions to ponder. widely inaccessible to The preplanning for them. The inclusion of PWDs, women and chil-Biparjoy was immaculate; however, had the cyclone dren in response and rehahit Pakistan with the exbilitation strategies will improve their quality of life. pected intensity, the situation would have been dif-Disaster preparedness in communities remains a The sustainability of challenge. Irrespective of our response after a disasradio and media campaigns, ter needs a complete study most of our population of resources and action, remai--ns unaware of without which disaster im--mediate responses to a management is incomplete. disaster. Per-h--aps the in-Disaster management inclusion of disast-er pre-pared-ness in the curcludes both an immediate response and long-term rericulum at an ear-ly level may im--p-act the knowlfrom infrastructural rehabilitaedge base of many, but we tion to emotional well-beneed to have a plan for that ing — of the community. part of the population that In order to reap long-term does not have access to results, we require more schools actors (beyond those with Radio alone is not political mandates) to enough to prepare commuimplement the plans. nities. In the remote periph-The public-private eries, where people are alpartnership model may ready living at the edge, disound clichéd, but in the saster preparedness is a absence of one, it would be challenge that public officechallenging to expedite reholders must be aware of. habilitation after a calamity. These challenges can only Public-private partnership be eased with structural in times of crises can open changes to the system. The events of the 2022 new pathways for collabofloods will likely become a ration and learning. While this kind of partdocument that no one will nership has existed since the care to read till another cliearliest of times, we may like mate-induced disaster hits to reconsider building sus-Pakistan. Disaster managetainable solutions, instead of ment is not a political manfocusing solely on immedidate; it's a universal need ate response-based service which requires unity of officeholders who must not NGOs provide huge politicise it for personal benefit. Merely adding to hefty funding opportunities, however, public officeholdreports, which are unlikely ers need to tap into these to be read and acted upon, opportunities to create will not serve the purpose. something beyond a public However, an enabling apdialogue. These funds need proach that can serve comto be redirected towards the munities in the long term and make them better prepared development of early warnand more resilient when diing facilities for the larger saster revisits is the only good. The response mechanism needs the inclusion of workable solution. -- Coura gendered approach to adtesv Dawn



Waqar Rana

The Election Commission of Pakistan has been given the power to punish someone for contempt under Section 10 the Election Act, conferred upon it under Section 103A of the Representation of People Act, 1977. Since repealed, it was added to it by an amendment made thereto in May 1977 in the aftermath of the

general elections of It still remains unclear if 1977. The text of the aforeand when the pledged amount referred provisions snows that the Election Commisreferred provisions shows will materialise even after the sion has been equated with IMF agreed to provide the \$3bn a high court in the exercise of power to punish contempt of court. The ECP is deemed as a high court and its members as judges of a high court. This amounts to virtually amending the constitution, making inroads into constitutional powers difference between a power some deeming quasi-judicial Ranked among the top 10 Jawed Naqvi most vulnerable countries on The Uber ride was smooth despite the rain-clogged the Global Climate Risk Index roads, and I was thanking even though it is responsible the driver with a heartfelt for less than 1pc of global smile when the frail and vulnerable-looking fellow burst greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan has suffered economic unconsolably. A recent milosses of \$29bn in the last grant to Delhi, he had trav-elled some distance from the three decades due to climate- tribal state of Jharkhand to find work in the big city. Berelated disasters (excluding tween the sobs, he asked if I last year's floods) that have knew any pandit in the area who could read his horoaffected 75m people. These scope. I told him I knew no estimates by the World Bank such person and wouldn't have directed him to one anydo not include the damages way, adding gratuitously caused to biodiversity, ecosysthat horoscope readers were merely spreading ignorance tems and coastlines. and blind faith among gullible Indians, including the Each new disaster forces educated and illiterate kind. thousands of children out of Everything I touch turns into mud," the man school, causes epidemics, and sobbed. I offered him a tidy tip, which, to my surprise, he declined. I decided not to With the impact of climate probe into his personal life. change increasing in intensity, He seemed to be in considas evident from last year's delerable distress. It could be money, or it could be a uge, policymakers need to ingreater loss. A frightening vest heavily in dealing with the thought would occur a bit later. The emotional wreck scale of these disasters, with was a great candidate to be led astray, I thought. or without international help. The story of Ashok That said, the richer nations Parmar came to mind. Also must realise that what is hapcalled Mochi, the saffron bandana-wearing cobbler pening in Pakistan — or other became the poster boy of Hindu fanaticism during the countries on the front line of climate change — will not be Gujarat violence in 2002. Recent reports said he was unhappy with the unending limited to vulnerable states. They must not only pay for their rule of the Bharatiya Janata Party. contribution to global warming At his tiny shop on a footpath in Old Ahmedabad, but also radically cut GHG Parmar, now 48, was disilemissions as agreed to at varilusioned with the politics of violence. "That photo went ous international forums. there, to Sikhs, Dalits and viral and brought a lot of

and a function. The ECP has been given an additional

power of deciding the caretaker prime/chief ministers in case there is no consensus over the name between the prime minister and the leader of opposition or the committees referred to in

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leads to severe food shortages.

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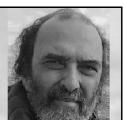
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judge in its own cause par-The ECP can be enticularly when allegations of corrupt and illegal practices are made and the elecder the new clause (e) of tion staff is involved Article 219. But there is a therein. The mere fact that

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Court and the High Court. The Contempt of Court Ordinance, 2003 defines 'superior court' as the Supreme Court and the high

## Nothing coded in Modi's agenda



problems in my life. I even the tribespeople, depending could not get married beon the political need. cause of the situation created by the photograph," he was quoted as saying dur-Hindutva chiefs in different ing the recent Gujarat elecstates are busy kindling the tions that the BJP won. time-tested malignity to her-

ald the general elections, Suppose the tired and harassed cabby finds himbarely nine months away. An 800-year-old mosque self in a communal maelstrom while looking for the end to his misfortunes. Sup-Muslim worshippers in this pose he meets the BJP's endeavour in BJP-ruled

chief minister for Assam. He Maharashtra. The courts was blaming the skyrocketmay perhaps review the deing price of tomatoes last cision, but a discussion has been set into motion, and week on Muslims in his state. Reports say Himanta that's what counts in Biswa Sarma told his fol-Hindutva's rumour mill. lowers to clean Guwahati of 'miyas', a derisive name for floated by Prime Minister Bengali Muslims, and take Modi himself to see if a po-

their jobs. tentially polarising discus-The prejudice is desion can be triggered on the cades old, but the context to effete idea of a 'Uniform express it has transformed Civil Code'. His law cominto a vote-rich electoral mission had itself recently strategy. It was a black-anddisagreed with the need for white TV in Delhi on which a UCC in multicultural In-I remember I saw a patently dia. But something has communal 1950s movie, flipped. The problem here cleared by L.K. Advani is that the Muslim clergy is when he strategically became the information and broadcasting minister in the Janata Party's short-lived government. The RSS had penetrated the JP movement against Indira Gandhi, and Advani grabbed the key job when the time came in 1977. The movie was about

a village woman in distress, much like the cabby one met the other day. Her husband had become suddenly very ill, and the village doctor gave him only a few days to live. The desperate woman found advice from a Brahmin priest. The village had many Christian missionaries polluting the culture, and their presence caused the husband's illness. Armed with the insight, the woman mobilises a mob to evict the missionaries. The village was cleansed of the evil spirit, and the husband began life anew, completely healed. Sarma's hateful conclusions go back to at least 100 years of manufactured bile. The target of the contrived bias has moved from Christians here to Muslims

constantly on the hunt for issues to keep its flock together. Hindutva shares its anti-women DNA with the clergy of most religious groups in India, not least with the Muslim variety. But Hindutva-sponsored UCC can't be about solving the problems of polygamy or Indian women's rights. The effort is to whip the Muslim community for political advantage. Neither Muslim leaders nor Hindutva advocates will

solve the pervasive problem of child marriage, bride-burning, and abandoned wives. It was the clergy in the form of the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board that had refused a host of compromise solutions on the Babri Masjid that would have spared untold bloodshed. The least the conservative leaders can do is to first reflect on the UCC, and be the last to speak when, or if the first draft of the proposal sees the light of day. Sikhs, tribal groups and Christians have worries about the UCC.

Let them take the lead. Courtesy Dawn

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With little to show for successful tenure, was last week shut for

#### Tooba Niazi

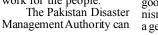
Pakistan faced its worst floods in 2022. More than 33 million people were affected. According to a World Bank report, cities in lower-

A trial balloon has been income countries contribute around 14 per cent to global carbon emissions yet they are more vulnerable to climate-induced disasters. of Irrespec-tive

infrastructural changes carried out to upscale the discourse on climate change in Pakistan, we remain at the edge when it comes to rehabilitation after any crisis. The 2022 floods and the recent expected horror of Cyclone Biparjoy made us proactive in planning but sustaining rehabilitation efforts remains a challenge.

The government initiated multiple relief programmes for the floodaffected, including multipurpose cash assistance, relief items for dignity, and makeshift shelters. The onset of any emergency requires an immediate response including the provision of basic items which supports the affected population.

Recovery and rehabilitation of people struck by disaster is a crucial component of disaster management ideology. However, deliveries. the rehabilitation process is and has always been an afterthought, leaving many facing long-term social and economic instability. Disaster management requires financial and social integration, the absence of which can lead to bigger trials for public officeholders who work for the people.



After the floods



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# Govt committed to make KP polio free province: Azam

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on the occasion.

province.

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan has said that the provincial government is committed to make Khyber Pakhtunkhwa a polio free province of the country adding that concrete measures are being taken under a well-planned strategy to this end.

He said that a special anti-polio drive has been launched to administer anti-polio drops to those children who are still out of coverage in the southern districts of the province.

He said this while talking to a delegation of Polio Oversight Board (POB) which called on him here at Chief Minister's House Peshawar on Tuesday.

The delegation led by Chairman POB Dr. Christopher Elias consisted of Regional Director WHO Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari, Acting Regional Director UNICEF Ms. Noala

Skinner, Canadian High till eradication of polio Commissioner to Pakistan virus from Khyber Leslie Scanlon, Pakhtunkhwa. They also Deputy Director Polio Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Michael Galway, WHO Pakistan Representative Dr. Palitha Mahipala and others

Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Principal Secretary to CM while appreciating the role of partner organizations in mitigating polio virus in the province said that eradication of polio is Amjad Ali Khan, secretary Health Mehmood Aslam indispensable to give a and Director General healthy and safe future to Health Services Dr. Shaukat were also present the upcoming generations. Stressing the need for

awareness with regard to The participants made a threadbare polio virus he said that it discussion on various is instrumental to create is instrumental to create awareness among the matters related to antipolio campaigns with special focus on the people about damages caused by polio. strategy to eradicate polio Azam Khan stated that parents needs to be virus from Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, especially convinced to administer southern districts of the anti-polio drops to their children as lack of seriousness of parents in

The stakeholders on this occasion reiterated this matter can cause their commitment to irreparable damage to continue the joint struggle children.



**PESHAWAR: Senator Noman Wazir meeting with Governor Khyber** Pakhtoonkhwa Haji GhulamAli

## **Punjab Governor says:** Women empowerment must to development

Independent Report opportunities to women. AHORE: Country Head Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Birgit Lamm called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman and discussed measures for women empowerment and matters of mutual interest during a meeting at the Governor's House, here on Tuesday.

Head of Programs and Administration Muhammad Anwar was also present during the meeting.

Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said it is impossible to achieve the development goals of any country without empowering women, adding that the government

is providing equal **PPP fulfilled promise** of providing services for minorities: Minister

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister of Minority Affairs Gian Chand Esrani on Tuesday said that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) had fulfilled the

promise of the service and development of the minority community.

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under the direction of

Shehla inaugurates Safe House in Nawabshah NAWABSHAH (APP)

Sindh Minister for Women He said Pakistani Development Syeda Shehla Raza on Tuesday performed the opening of Safe House at Nawabshah.

Talking to the media, the minister said 27 Safe Houses are set up in all the districts of the province in order to provide shelter and protection to women.

She said the Sindh government apart from promulgating laws for the welfare of women is preparing projects with the objection to make women self-sufficient.

The minister said that Darul Aman being run under the department is also extending legal support, food and residence to victim women. She said that despite the

shortage of staff, complaint cells are set up for the help of women. On the occasion, Deputy Director Women Development Naseem Development Naseem Hassan Mastoi briefed the minister about steps taken for the women's welfare in District Shaheed Benazirabad. PPP leader and member District Council Qamarunissa Dhamrah, Principal Govt Girls Degree College Lala Rukh Baloch, In-charge Women Complain Center Zaibunnisa and other

and

statement issued here on Tuesday, Sohail Khan and women were present on the occasion. other office bearers

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## Punjab govt to crack down on wheat, sugar hoarders

Independent Report LAHORE: On the directions of Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin crack down on the hoarders province, and assigned the responsibilities of

meeting.The

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higher than the fixed rates is not acceptable, adding Naqvi, the Punjab that those fleecing the government has decided to consumers by creating artificial shortage of of wheat and sugar in the eatables will be dealt with strictly. He directed the officers to ensure stability monitoring to the Special Branch in this regard. in prices of flour and sugar through effective administrative measures.

Secretary Punjab said that sale of flour and sugar at

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Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar The Chief Secretary Zaman chaired an important meeting to said that along with the prices of commodities, their review the strategy for supply and demand should controlling the prices of also be closely monitored. He flour and sugar, at the Civil Secretariat here on T u e s d a y. T h e administrative secretaries said that the special branch would provide support to the administration for taking action against hoarders.

of relevant departments The Secretary Food gave a detailed briefing to including industries, food the meeting. He said that and finance, the director food Punjab, officers there are ample stocks of concerned attended the wheat and sugar in the Chief province.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori warmly welcome to Great Religious Scholar, Thinker, Poet, Writer, and Rabbani Scholar Ayatollah Maulana Syed Aqeel-ul-Gharavi upon his arrival in city for attend the Holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram, in Karachi.

## ANP leadership asked to avoid giving preference to 'parachuters' over workers

PESHAWAR (APP): maintain its policy of President Awami National according preference to Party (ANP) Bhana Mari stalwarts and old Ward, Sohail Khan has associates who spent their associates who spent their whole lives for the cause stressed upon the party leadership to maintain its decades-old legacy of rewarding diehard workers of the party and its leadership. on different posts instead of facilitating those who come through the use of parachutes.

They said the step-motherly treatment of ANP leadership with its old and diehard worker Adnan Jalil is a test case and is not acceptable to In a joint press party workers.

They also mentioned the example of Haji Sher SVPAllauddin and VPAtif Khan said if ANP leadership in elections for

meeting with Governor Punjab, Muhammad Balighur Rehman. Tragic drowning Work on BRT progressing incident claims day and night with the three lives

LAHORE: Country Head of Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Birgit

Lamm, along with Muhammad Anwar, Head of Programs and Administration

KARACHI (APP): Sindh the rise in inflation, which Transport and Mass project costs, the Transit Sharjeel Inam relocation of utilities

Minister for Information, subsequently increased Memon said that the work required both time and on the Red Line BRT was capital, leading to progressing continuously additional delays. He day and night and the Asian mentioned the necessity of Development Bank was granting a write-off to the extending financial support consultant before

support of WB: Sharjeel ATTOCK (APP): A tragic incident happened in Attock as three members of a family drowned near the Kurd bridge on Tuesday. The

victims, identified as 38-year-old Yasir Nawaz, his 10-year-old son Saim Nawaaz, and his 9-year-old niece Eshal Fatima, all belonging to

in Attock

women are talented and their significant representation in various fields is a practical proof of this. The Governor Punjab said a special quota has been fixed for women in the Prime Minister's Youth Loan Program, adding that

the program will help empowering women in the country, including the backward areas of Sindh and Punjab.He said Lahore

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has also a separate section for empowering women by helping them to start different businesses. The Governor Punjab also appreciated the training

program for the Pakistani parliamentarians by the

> minister said the Minority Affairs Department was working on record development projects of minority places of worship across Sindh.

Esrani said that the Minority Department was providing financial support for marriages and According to the support for marriages and manifesto of PPP and educational scholarships to poor people of the

### KP police held

for this project.

The BRT Red Line will pass through this underpass, connecting to the Green Line, this project aims to provide transportation facilities for the next 60 to 70 years, taking into account Karachi's population, it is the best project for the city, Memon said this during his conversation with media representatives at the under construction 'Underpass' for the BRT Red Line project near another question, he Mazar-e-Quaid.

In response to a question, he acknowledged that certain delays in the projects were attributed to of the World Bank.

## No one to be allowed to spread sectarianism during **Muharram: Dr Jamal**

RAWALPINDI (APP): during the holy month of Provincial Minister for Muharram.He said Islam is Primary and Secondary Healthcare and Population Welfare Dr Jamal Nasir on Tuesday said that no one would be allowed to spread religious hatred and sectarianism in the country

Addressing a 'Peace Conference' organized by the Pasban Watan Welfare Foundation at Rawalpindi Arts Council, he said that Ulema had always rendered great sacrifices services for and maintaining peace and their Dargahs were spreading the cooperation was needed to message of harmony which maintain law and order was the sou

commencing the work. Jatial village Hazro, met their untimely demise in tirelessly day and night, the diligent efforts of the entire Trans Karachi team in

achieving that goal. He mentioned that the BRT Red Line project spans a distance of 22 km, stretching from Model Colony Tank Chowk to Numaish Chowrangi. In response

waters but tragically lost process for the Yellow Line will be expedited with the

development the waters of the river Indus. According to the police and Rescue 1122 sources, the family had gone to the river Indus for

a pleasant outing when tragedy struck. Eshal Fatima accidentally fell into the river and began to drown. In a brave attempt to rescue her, Yasir Nawaz jumped into the deep to

control and also drowned. Meeting reviews Muharram

arrangements BAHAWALPUR (APP): A meeting of the Distric Core Management Committee was held under

the chairmanship of

Deputy Commissioner Zaheer Anwar Jappa in the committee room of his office to review the a religion of love, to lerance arrangements for Muharram-ul-Haram. and brotherhood and no

one will be allowed to fan Additional Deputy religious hatred and Commissione sectarianism.Speaking on Headquarters Sumera the occasion, the custodian Rabbani, Assistant of Eidgah Sharif Pir Commissioner Bahawalpur City Fazlur Naqibur Rahman said the Assistant scholars had sacrificed Rehman, Commissione their lives for the establishment of Pakistan Bahawalpur Sadar Mujahid and will not hesitate to Abbas, Deputy Director make more sacrifices to Development Malik Mehboob Elahi Khar maintain law and order in the country.He said Chief Officer District Masajid, Imambargahs and Council Nasrullah Malik and officers of other concerned departments were present.



MOHENJO DARO: Culture and Political Head of Consulate General of Japan in Karachi, Saito Machi along with her delegation of Japanese tourists are visiting and expressed keen interest in the historical ruins of the World Heritage Monuments of Mohenjo Daro.

community without any Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the journey of discrimination. Gian Chand said PPP and

prosperity will continue, was at the forefront in he said this while talking providing public service to to people during the the common men that's inauguration of different why people will once again development projects in repose confidence in the

Thatta district. elections provincial

SWAT: Members of Qaumi Islahi Tehreek Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (Qaumi Jirga) meeting with Regional Police Officer Malakand Nasir Mehmood Satti.

## **GIZ, KPK minister discuss** German cooperation in technical education

PESHAWAR (APP): vocational training in the Program Component province and has Manager of GIZ Tahir established a centre of Khan on Tuesday called on excellence in Advance Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Technical Training College Caretaker Minister for Hayatabad Peshawar, for the teachers' training and Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Muhammad Adnan Jalil capacity building. German The

and discussed matters organization representative assured the provision of related to German cooperation extended in the same technical support the Technical Education in the Industries sector in sector under the TEVT terms of the establishment of an Apprenticeship German Implementation Centre, for which would provide International Cooperation services to the public

(GIZ) has provided their through one window full support in the operation and hoped that preparation of an advanced by their organization by their organization curriculum for technical and technical support.

## NI conducts training on food fortification

PESHAWAR (APP): Nutrition International (NI) on Tuesday conducted a training session for officials of the food department, stakeholders and surrounding districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa fortification about processes and quality control to scale up wheat flour fortification in the province.

Support program.

The

Organization

The main objective of the activity is to facilitate the initiation of food fortification in the globally.

province and to reduce micronutrient deficiencies in the province. Nutrition International has provided necessary technical support to provincial governments in food fortification.Provincial

Program Manager NI Imtiaz Ali Shah told that our organization is reaching 123 million people in Pakistan with fortified food products and is the leading organization in the area of food fortification

husband hurt in road mishap

Jehania chowk Alipur road on Tuesday. According to rescue

Muhammad along with his wife Sughran bibi was going somewhere riding on a motorcycle when a van hit them near Pir Jehania chowk. Meanwhile, a speeding passenger van ran

leadership wanted to save Mayor of Peshawar, the party from parted ways silently and fragmentation, it has to joined PML(N).

## **PTI MPs to release** list of party members in next meeting: Ishaq

PESHAWAR Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Parliamentarian (PTIP) on Tuesday rejected the list of its members that went viral on social media the other day and said that party chairman Pervez Khattak would formally release the names of party members in the next consultative meeting.

In a statement Ishaq Khattak the son of PTIP chairman said that the contest general elections party leadership held a consultative meeting here Mehmood Khan.

(APP): the other day and did not release any list of its members, adding that the viral list was completely fake.He said that party chairman Pervez Khattak would release the list of all party members in the next meeting to be held soon.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Khan the brother of former Chief Minister KP Mehmood Khan decided not to join PTIP and against his brother



LAHORE: Participants are holding protest demonstration against desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden organized by Darul-Uloom Jamia

## Section 144 imposed in Tank for Muharram

systems, loudspeakers and

wall chalking in streets and

public places besides

playing audio-video cassettes containing hatred

sectarianism and printing

of such material in the said

TANK (APP): The district to ban use of sound administration Tuesday decided to impose Section 144 in the district during first 10 days of holy month of Muharram to ensure protection of life and property of the people and to prevent any untoward incident.

The

Besides, providing According to a notification issued by the shelter to strangers in hotels or houses on the district administration, Muharram processions<sup>3</sup> there will be a ban on pillion routes would also be banned.Moreover, there riding, display of arms and will also be a ban on sale of petroleum products staying on the roofs, attics in open bottles.

district and doors of the houses at the time of processions. administration also decided

period

M U Z A F F A R G A R H (APP): A woman was killed while her husband sustained serious injuries as a speeding passenger van crushed them near Pir

officials, a 50 years old citizen named Ghulam

over them.

Naeemiya held in Lahore. Woman dies,

(CTD) recovered 68 kg of

explosives, 312 hand grenades, 12 suicide jackets,

three RPGs, 68 RPG shells

and 78 SMGs during the

operations.

six months PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police in its six months' performance report on

party in the next general Tuesday claimed to have arrested as many as 434 terrorists from across the province and killed 158 including absconders and terrorists with bounties in police encounters. During the period 144 police personnel embraced martyrdom while 224 official were injured in various crackdowns and operations, it said adding that Counter Terrorism Department

# **Pakistan to utilize Chinese** expertise to boost exports, operate SEZs: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Åhsan Iqbal on Tuesday said China would provide Pakistan with technical 'know-how' and expertise to increase exports and help successful execution of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), under the

CPEC project. "We have requested China not to give us fish, [but] teach us how to catch the fish. Pakistan wants Chinese assistance to increase its exports and in successful execution of the SEZs. So China has promised to attach its experts [with quarters concerned in Pakistan]," he said while addressing an international seminar here.

project

The seminar titled "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor at Ten: A Gateway to Regional Connectivity," was organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institution (IPRI).IPRI President establish vibrant industrial Àmbassador Dr Raza units besides having global

Muhammad, Director chains for marketing its Pakistan Institute of China products. Studies (PICS) Sargodha Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan needed export-University Fazul ur Rehman, former SAPM on oriented policies if wanted

CPEC Affairs Khalid to have sustainable economic growth, stressing for clamping 'export emergency' to get Mansoor, Director China Institute of Contemporary International Relations exponential exports not (CICIR) Dr Hu ShiSheng and Sohail Malik of Team incremental ones.

Lead Climate Resourcing Coordination Center (CRC) among the leading the importance to have surplus production of speakers who spoke at a panel discussion of the various items to increase the country's exports as seminar and highlighted significance of Chinaotherwise it could cause local market distortion." Pakistan relations besides

various aspects of the game-changer CPEC The panel discussion was moderated by Assistant Professor, Ouaid-e-Azam University

(QAU) Dr Salma Malik. The minister said China had a vast experience in these sectors was as it itself attained economic progress by to 2025

He also highlighted Economic Zone.

"Next phase of the CPEC is business-tobusiness cooperation, not the government-to-government. Now we have to move towards industrial Dar cooperation", he added. Elaborating, the minister said first phase of the China-Pakistan on

Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, initiated in 2013 was the infrastructure development by 2022, the second phase was industrialization from 2020

Commerce

minister.

**MNAs call** 

on PM

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Donald

Revenue

# ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif unveiling a plaque to mark the groundbreaking of Islamabad Model Special Dar urges to further deepen

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister Finance Brent Neiman and highlighted the deep-rooted and Revenue Minister Senator, Muhammad Ishaq historic and durable bilateral relations with the Tuesday appreciated the support and cooperation of the US United States on economic and trade fronts. and reiterated the desire of the government to further thanked

deepen bilateral economic and trade ties with the US. Department of Treasury for their role in the Mr Brent Neiman, Deputy Under Secretary of conclusion of an agreement the US Department of with the IMF. Treasury along with Mr. Blome also apprised of the Ambassador of the United economic policies and States of America to programmes taken by the Pakistan called on Federal

government in order to set the economy from stability to growth. Minister for Finance and Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at He further updated the US delegation on the Finance Division, said a press release issued by talks held with the IMF Ministry of Finance here. and informed them of the

Finance Minister GoP's firm commitment to Senator Muhammad Ishaq complete the SBA.

WAPDA generates highest 7286 MW hydel electricity of season

MW mark as these contributes 7286 MW to the National Grid during

Effective operation maintenance of members of the National Assembly, on Tuesday, behind the surge in hydel

MW, Mangla 275 MW, Warsak 172 MW, and Chashma 147 MW.While the other hydel power stations contributed 386 MW cumulatively. Hydel generation by WAPDA is expected to increase in the

days to come with improved hydrological conditions, increased indent by IRSA and resumption of electricity generation from Neelum Jhelum Hydel Power Station. The cost of WAPDA hydel generation stands at Rs.3.51 per unit,

The Finance Minister the administration and the US the The Finance Minister

**Gold rates** increase **Rs 6,200** ISLAMABAD (APP)

The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs 6,200 and was sold at Rs 221,000 on Tuesday against its sale at Rs 214,800 the previous day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs5,316 to Rs 189,472 from Rs 184,156 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went up to Rs 173,683 from Rs 168,810, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and 10-gram silver remained unchanged, i.e.,

**PSX loses** 

33 points

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The 100-index of the

Pakistan Stock Exchange

(PSX) on Tuesday lost

33.27 points, a negative

change of 0.07 percent,

closing at 45,009.34 points

against 45,042.61 points

the previous trading day.

254,960,671 shares were

traded during the day as compared to 314,785,498

shares the previous day,

whereas the price of shares

stood at Rs 7.322 billion

against Rs 6.770 billion on

As many as 332

The three top-trading

Punjab with 29,935,500

shares at Rs 4.05 per share;

WorldCall Telecom with

22,845,944 shares at

Rs.1.32 per share and

Haves Home Appl with

the last trading day.

total

of

## **Aminul Haque says:** Rs 77.8 bln projects for remote areas connectivity to be completed by year end

ISLAMABAD (INP): 3G towers in remote and Minister for Information previously unserved areas, he added Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque on Tuesday said that 83 projects worth Rs 77.8 The highlighted that all the billion would be completed by December 2023 under

country.

businesses

communities.

people nationwide.

To achieve

efforts had resulted in an increase in the USF spending from Rs 15 billion to Rs. 77 billion the Universal Service Fund during his tenure, (USF) to provide connectivity to remote and demonstrating the government's commitment to bridge the digital divide. unserved areas across the

minister

He also applauded the success of the Digi Skills programmes of Ignite, an initiativo Addressing a press conference, he said the primary objective of the initiative to provide freelancing courses to USF was to connect all citizens of the country, as interested individuals. Around 3.3 million people digitalization had become a crucial priority for both had registered for these and courses, exceeding the target by an impressive

Under the Next Generation Optic Fiber (NG-OF) Network and 75%, he added. He noted that freelancers trained through Services programme, he the Digi Skills programmes said, the USF had made had contributed had contributed significantly to the country's foreign exchange significant strides, contracting over 16,000 km of Optic Fiber Cable (OFC), which was expected to benefit approximately 31.5 million months protogram reserves, earning a remarkable \$290 million by June 2022.

A key focus for the government, he said, the remained attracting further milestone, the USF had investment into the diligently laid fiber optic information technology cables and installed 4G and sector

ISLAMABAD: Brent Neiman, Deputy Under

Secretary of the US Department of Treasury called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division.

## **Business community** briefed on NADRA's innovative services

LAHORE (INP): NADRA NADRA plays a key role (National Database and in vehicle transfer services Registration Authority) through its database. Abrar Ahmad Khan Director General Abrar

Ahmad Khan gave a revealed that NADRA

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque chair a meeting along with Azerbaijan Minister for Digital Development & Transport |Mr. Rashad Nabiyev at IT Ministry.

## PAT says: **Business community's** participation crucial in national development

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan his family back home and

ISLAMABAD (Online): Electricity generation run by WAPDA hydel power stations surpasses 7000

peak hours last night.

WAPDA hydel power stations, improved inflows in the rivers, increased level of water reservoirs and Minister for Commerce indent by the Indus River Syed Naveed Qamar and System Authority (IRSA)



Mr Brent Neiman appreciated the steps taken by the government in implementing timely reforms in the fiscal as well as monetary policy. He further stressed

the continuity of these actions and policies in order to keep Pakistan on positive economic trajectory.Mr Brent Neiman also highlighted importance

economic and trade relations between the US and Pakistan.He added that Pakistan has been a significant partner of the US global ties. He also appreciated the export potential of Pakistan and expressed the desire of the US to further strengthen ties with Pakistan, especially in terms of trade and finance.

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Secretary General Khurram Nawaz Gandapur has said that business community has a fundamental role to play in the economy and their facilitation and effective participation is critical to national growth and development.

He expressed these views in a meeting with Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Kashif Anwar and Executive Committee Members here at LCCI, on Tuesday.

Gandapur said that will of the authorities is the more important thing, citing that if the political will and political capital is not there, the development is not possible.PAT Secretary General said that Pakistan receives two kinds of remittances i.e. subsistence remittances of capital for the small and which some body sends to medium scale.

Food group imports into

the country during fiscal

year ended on June 30,

2023, decreased by 0.88

percent as compared to the

corresponding period of

During the period from July-June, 2022-23,

the country spent \$8.936

billion on the import of

same period last year in

order to fulfil the local

the data of Pakistan Bureau

of Statistics.During the

period under review, the

imports of milk, cream and

milk for infants into the country reduced by 11

percent as it came down

\$162.140 million, whereas

and nuts decreased by

of

the

imports

last year.

remittances which are sent by choice or for the Shehbaz Sharif. investment purposes. "Unfortunately, we have turned those remittances political situation in the towards the construction

Khurram

building small dams in a big

quantity, reducing the cost

period of last year.

country in detail, the PM sector," he maintained. Office Media Wing said in Nawaz Gandapur said that every a press release. commerce government remained in a The minister also briefed the constant state of crisis. prime minister about the "We have the worst aircraft matters related to his employee ratio in the world ministry. even though we were the

Separately, MNAs best of our times," he said Nadeem Abbas Rabaira, and asserted that grey Hamid Hameed and Abid economy needs a stability Raza Kotla also called on of policies and necessary the prime minister and assurances without those it briefed him about the may not be coming into the white economy. He stressed the need issues of their respective constituencies.

to go towards the longstanding profitable **Rupee sheds** sustainable projects like

#### **Rs3.78** against **US Dollar**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistani Rupee or Food imports reduced by Tuesday witnessed Rs3.78 devaluation against the US 0.88 % in FY 2022-23 Dollar in the interbank trading as it closed at Rs283.04 against the previous day's closing of ISLAMABAD (APP): recorded at \$39.964 million

. Rs279.26 as against the imports of However, according 65.272 million of same to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying The import of tea and selling rates of dollars during the last fiscal year in the open market stood also decreased by 9.13 per at Rs281 and Rs284.2 cent as it was recorded at respectively. \$569.043 million as against The price of the Euro increased by Rs4.45 to

landscape.

indelible

commitment

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Pakistan's technological

a half, Zong 4G has been at

forefront

technological advancement,

For over a decade and

the imports of \$626.185 million of the same period close at Rs 318.36 against last year.Meanwhile, the the last day's closing of Rs spices imports decreased 313.91, according to the State Bank of Pakistan different food commodities as compared to the imports of \$9.016 billion in the million by end of the fiscal (SBP)

The Japanese Yen year 2022-23 as compared went up by 03 paisa to close at Rs2.04, whereas an the imports of \$216.183 requirements, according to million in the same period increase of Rs4.65 was of last year. However, witnessed in the exchange during the period under rate of the British Pound review, the imports of food which traded at Rs370.32 commodities including as compared to its last wheat grew by 34.85 day's closing of Rs365.67 percent as wheat valuing The exchange rates of

\$1.072 billion imported to the Emirates Dirham and from \$144.300 million to tackle with the local the Saudi Riyal increased requirements as against the imports of dry fruits the imports of \$795.286 by Rs1.02 and Rs1.01 to close at Rs77.05 and million of same period Rs74.44, respectively.

separately called on Prime power generation, said a which is cheapest if Minister Muhammad press release. According to the statistics, Tarbela During the meeting, Hydel Power Station generation 3446 MW, they discussed the current

compared with other sources of electricity generation in the country. Hence, it has a significant Tarbela 4<sup>th</sup> Extension 1410 impact on lowering the MW, Ghazi Barotha 1450 overall tariff.

Rs 2,650 and Rs 2,271.94 respectively. The price of gold in the international market

increased by \$10 to \$1,967 from \$1957. Association reported.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan, Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan CEO Centaurs and other pose for group photo during closing ceremony of Mango Festival 2023.

## **Zong 4G celebrates** 15 years of pioneering excellence in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): transformed the way Zong 4G, Pakistan's leading Pakistan connects and telecom giant, marks a communicates, propelling the nation's digital revolution said a news momentous milestone as it celebrates 15 years of unwavering excellence in release.

Investing the country's digital significantly in expanding Guided by the motto its network infrastructure, 'Let's Get Digital," Zong Zong 4G has erected over 4G has revolutionized the 14,000 towers nationwide. nation's connectivity extending its services to through its widest 4G even the remotest corners network and cutting-edge of the country. With a technology, leaving an massive investment of over mark on USD 3 billion, millions of

companies transacted their shares in the stock market; Pakistanis now have access 117 of them recorded gains to affordable and best-inand 193 sustained losses, class telecommunications whereas the share price of services, bridging the 22 companies remained digital divide and unchanged. empowering individuals, businesses and companies were Bank of

pioneering the introduction communities alike of 3G and 4G networks Beyond commercial and successfully testing 5G. The company's success, Zong 4G actively contributes to society

to betterment.

of



ISLAMABAD: Senator Shamim Afridi, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Privatization presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

comprehensive operates in eight regions the involvement from various counters. international entities, during his visit to Lahore Industry (LCCI) on

Tuesday. The DG said that NADRA is commonly known for issuing ID cards but it offers a wide range of services, citing that NADRA Technologies Authority, handles services like e-Sahulat and branchless banking, overseeing all related deposits and systems. The agency has successfully processed an impressive sum of around Rs 66.87 billion cash till date.

presentation to business 36 divisions, 151 districts, community on NADRA's and 501 Tehsils. The services, highlighting its Authority manages 49 significance as an double shift centers and autonomous body with 2509 one-window one-window With a stakeholders including workforce of 21,109 employees, NADRA serves through 779 Chamber of Commerce and registration centers, 10 overseas centers, and 12 mega centers.

He shared remarkable statistics, stating that NADRA has issued 138 million cards, with 55.90 percent issued to males and 40.80 percent to females. Limited, a subsidiary of the Moreover, 8.5 million cards have been issued to overseas Pakistanis, 525,367 to special needs individuals, and 191,644 Pakistan origin cards. The Authority has also provided 4.6 million family registration family registration certificates, 909,873 death

He mentioned that certificates



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Syed Naveed Qamar and Azerbaijan Minister of Digital Development & Transport, Rashid Nabiyev, exchanging souvenir.

## Pakistan exports \$16.5b textile products in FY23

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan earned over \$16.50 billion from the exports of various textile products during the fiscal year 2022-23, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

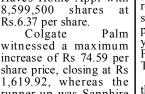
The textile goods' exports during the same period of last year were recorded at \$19.329 billion, showing a decline of 14.63 percent during the fiscal year 2022-23, according to PBS data released here on Tuesday.

share price, closing at Rs 1,619.92, whereas the that contributed positively runner-up was Sapphire in trade included raw Tex with an Rs 74.48 rise in its per share price to Rs 1,124.99. cotton, the exports of which grew by 104.78

\$6.577 million during FY 2021-22 to \$13.468 million during FY2022-23. tents, canvas and tarpaulin by 24.93 percent, from \$110.413 million to \$137.944 million, readymade garments by

The textile goods that witnessed negative growth in trade included cotton yarn, the exports of which declined by 30.04 percent, from \$1,206.789 million to \$ 844.283 million.

Likewise, cotton cloth decreased by 17.06 percent, from \$2,437.875 The textile products million to \$2,021.999 million, the exports of cotton (carded or combed) declined by 31.72 percent, percent by growing from from \$1.631 million.



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# China to deepen security, defence cooperation with Algeria

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: Longtime trading partners China and Algeria agreed on Tuesday to strengthen cooperation in other areas including security and national defence, boosting Beijing's already robust ties with a major nation on the African side of the Mediterranean.

Following Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune's meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Beijing, the two countries also agreed to support each other's core interests and safeguard each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, according to a joint statement released by China's foreign ministry

The North African na- eration. China's security tion has strategic imporpacts with other nations have tance to China given its lodrawn suspicion and concation on the Mediterracern. Earlier this month, the nean Sea. Relations be-United States, Australia and tween Beijing and the gov-New Zealand called on the erning National Liberation Solomon Islands prime min-Front go back to the late ister to disclose details of the 1950s, when Algeria sought independence from France. Pacific nation's policing deal signed with Beijing. China and Algeria In 2014, the two up-

graded their ties to a soagreed to work together to called comprehensive strafight extremist terrorist tegic partnership, with gas-rich Algeria the first Arab organisations within their borders, and support other nation to form such a partcountries including Somalia nership with China. and Sudan in their security In their statement on efforts, according to the

Tuesday, both sides agreed joint statement. Algeria, which has sucto deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership, cessfully battled domestic stressing the need for close terrorism, has long expolitical and security cooppressed its interest in sup-

porting its neighbours in fighting terrorism, as France, a former colonial power in the region, retreated from regional counter-terrorism efforts. Tebboune, on his first visit to China since becoming president in 2019, said Algeria is also willing to deepen its partnership with China to assist his country's economic development.

Tebboune visited Beijing after a state visit to Russia last month, during which he appealed to Russian President Vladimir Putin to support Algeria becoming a member of BRICS, a group of emerging markets comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.



Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Chile's President Gabriel Boric sit during their bilateral meeting during the third EU-CELAC summit that brings together leaders of the EU and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, in Brussels, Belgium.

US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart Xie Zhenhua before a meeting in Beijing, China.

## Trump says he has been notified he's a target of the US probe into efforts to overturn 2020 election

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Former President Donald Trump said Tuesday he has received a letter informing him that he is a target of the Justice Department's investigation into efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, an indication he could soon be charged by U.S. prosecutors.

New federal charges, on top of existing state and federal counts in New York advise individuals under inand Florida and a separate vestigation

election-interference investigation nearing conclusion in Georgia, would add to the list of legal problems for Trump as he pursues the 2024 Republican presidential nomination. Trump disclosed the existence of a target letter in a post on his Truth Social platform, saying he received it Sunday night and that he anticipates being indicted. Such a letter often precedes an indictment and is used to

unveils \$250m for Ukrainian farmers **Monitoring Desk** ODESA: U.S. aid chief Samantha Power on Tuesday pledged \$250 million in new funding to help Ukrainian farmers reeling from

**USAID** chief

visits Odesa,

blocked Black Sea grain shipments since Russia's invasion last year. Moscow on Monday pulled out of a U.N.-brokered deal allowing the safe passage

minister

of Ukrainian grain through the Black Sea in a move U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called "a blow to people in need everywhere". Speaking in the port of Odesa, Powersaid the investment, via a USAID initiative focused on

tural infrastructure and expand

other export routes. She also

called on other governments

and the private sector to

match the U.S. investment

with another \$250 million to

help farmers "under attack"

UK government's

contested illegal

The Illegal Migration

which had repeatedly made

from Russia's policies.

**Black Sea grain deal** Monitoring Desk stopped or suspended," she told reporters at the end of GANDHINAGAR: Sevthe meeting on Tuesday. eral G20 members con-Russia suspended the

demned Russia's move to deal hours after a blast quit an agreement that allowed safe export of grain knocked out its bridge to from Ukraine, India's fi-Crimea in what Moscow nance minister said on called a strike by Ukrainian Tuesday, as concerns rise sea drones. The Kremlin, in poorer countries over a however, said there was no rise in food prices followlink between the attack and ing Moscow's decision. its decision to suspend the

Russia halted particigrain deal. G20 financial leadpation in the United Naers have not been able to tions-brokered Black Sea reach "a common language" grain deal on Monday over on the war in Ukraine, which what it called a failure to started on Feb. 20, 2022, meet its demands to imple-Sitharaman said. ment a parallel agreement The lack of consensus easing rules for its own food resulted in India, which has and fertiliser exports.

Several G20 members

held the G20 presidency Members of the Group since December, issuing a of 20 major economies conchair summary at the end of demned Russia's move durmeeting rather than a joint ing a two-day meeting of the statement.

bloc's economic and financial The summary said policymakers in the western most G20 members con-Indian city of Gandhingar, demned the war in Ukraine, according to India's finance with the exception of China Nirmala and Russia, who distanced Sitharaman. "Several memthemselves from the docubers condemned it saying that ment with China stating that shouldn't have happened... the forum was not the right passing through the Black place to discuss geopoliti-Sea shouldn't have been cal issues.

#### Kerry seeks 'urgent action' as condemn Russia quitting China, US revive climate talks more dramatic action to

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BEIJING: US climate envoy John Kerry held four hours of talks with his Chinese counterpart in Beijing on Monday, calling for "urgent action" as the two countries revived stalled diplomacy on reducing planet-warming emissions.

Climate talks between the two biggest greenhouse gas emitters came to a halt last year after Nancy Pelosi, then-speaker of the US House of Representatives, enraged Beijing by visiting self-ruled Taiwan, which China considers to be part of its territory.

Kerry, a former secre-tary of state, has enjoyed comparatively cordial and consistent relations with China despite Washington and Beijing locking horns over Taiwan and other is-

sues Kerry met his Chinese counterpart Xie Zhenhua in Beijing, with the two men speaking for around four hours, state broad-caster CCTV said. Both countries "must take urgent action on a number of fronts, especially the challenges of coal and methane

pollution," Kerry wrote in a tweet after the talks. The climate crisis demands that the world's two largest economies work together to limit the Earth's warming," Kerry tweeted. Beijing said after the talks that "climate

change is a common challenge faced by all mankind China would "exchange views with the United States on issues related to climate change, and work together to meet challenges and improve the wellbeing of current and future generations", foreign ministry spokesper-

son Mao Ning said. US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan told CNN on Sunday Kerry would press Beijing not to "hide behind any kind of claim that they are a devel-oping nation" in order to slow-roll efforts to cut emissions. "Every country, including China, has a responsibility to reduce emissions," Sullivan said. "And the world, I do believe, should step up and encourage — indeed, pressure — China to take far

reduce emissions." China has long used its official status as a developing nation to justify its high emissions, with Sullivan saying "there is more work for them to do on that front". "Secretary Kerry will make that point when he's in Beijing,"he said.Kerry's trip follows two other high-profile visits by US officials - Secretary of State Antony Blinken and

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen — that were aimed at stabilising US-China ties His visit to China came as the Northern

Hemisphere endured record-setting summer heat waves, which scientists have said are being exacerbated by climate change.

"The Kerry visit and the resumption of climate interaction underscores the critical importance of coordinated efforts to address the climate crisis,' Chunping Xie, Senior Policy Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environ-ment, said in written comments.

## **Indian opposition parties** LURU, KARNAT form alliance called 'INDIA' for 2024 elections

Monitoring Desk committee of the alliance would be set up soon.

#### that was supposed to be a love-in Ukraine's agriculture sector would aim to boost agricul-

Divisions over the Ukraine war

cause a rift at EU-LatAm summit

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: European Union and Latin American leaders concluded a summit that was supposed to be a love-in after eight years of separation with a second full day of aggravation over a bland statement on Russia's invasion of Ukraine that could not even gather unanimous support.

Europe's fervent support of Ukraine clashed with the more distant approach pervasive in the 33nation Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, and what should have been a detail of a landmark summit became its encompassing theme.

In the end, the shadow Russian President this war."

cast doubt on readiness for extreme weather

**Monitoring Desk** SEOUL: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Monday blamed authorities' failure to follow disaster response rules as the death toll from days of torrential rain rose to 40, including a dozen people found dead in a submerged underpass.

Deluges have pummelled central and southern regions since Thursday as the rainy season that started in late June reaches its peak. The interior ministry has also reported nine people missing and 34 injured across the nation.

Twelve deaths, including three bodies found overnight, occurred in a tun-

Vladimir Putin hovered over the two-day meeting because Nicaragua refused to join 59 other nations, including Cuba and Venezuela, in a common criticism of the war. "All the select members are aligned except Nicaragua," French Presi dent Emmanuel Macron "I do respect the insaid. ternal process not to outvote just one member. So they will have to clarify this." There also was criti

immigration plan to become law cism and disappointment Monitoring Desk on the Latin American side. LONDON: British Prime

We're very sorry for Minister Rishi Sunak's the situation. And really, I highly contested plan to mean, we're very surprised make it easier to send asythat there are members of lum seekers to Rwanda is our group which oppose set to become law after the any resolution concerning government defeated attempts by parliament's

upper house to make South Korea flood deaths changes to the legislation. Bill had been stuck in a battle between parliament's House of Commons and the House of Lords, Britain's unelected upper chamber,

nel in Cheongju, 110km south of Seoul, where 16 vehicles, including a bus, were swamped by a flash flood on Saturday after a river levee collapsed. The incident fuelled questions over South Korea's efforts to prevent and respond to flood damage.

of poor management of vulnerable areas

Tuesday, the last of those proposed changes was voted down. It can now go for Royal Assent, where it is formally approved by the King and becomes law. The plan to deport asylum seekers has been criticised by some opposition politicians, lawyers, and civil rights

tries may follow.

water it down.

groups as inhumane, cruel and ineffective. United Nations human rights chief Volker Turk said on Tuesday the bill's passage raises "very serious legal concerns" and sets "a worrying precedent for dismantling asylum-related obligations" that other coun-

activist's home in the Malaysian state of Selangor. "The Malaysian gov-

ernment should urgently act to locate the family and ensure their safety," HRW Asia director Elaine Pearson said in a statement on Monday.

Police have opened a missing persons inquiry after receiving a report on the family's disappearance, Selangor police chief Hussein Omar Khan told Reuters

He did not elaborate further but said the investigation would "investigate any element of crime, including kidnapping.'

Malaysia has been an outspoken critic of vioto HRW. lence in Myanmar after the

two dozen Indian opposi-The next meeting will be held in Mumbai where tion parties said on Tuesthe 11 committee members day that they had joined will be elected," he said. hands to form an alliance called "INDIA" to take on adding that the panel and opposition leaders would Prime Minister Narendra also discuss and reach a con-Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in parsensus on seat-sharing in liamentary elections next next year's elections in the Mumbai meeting. In a video of the occa-

The decision was ansion shared on the Congress nounced at the end of a twoparty's Twitter, he was day meeting of 26 parties seen hailing the alliance a in the southern city of 'great achievement for us' "We have gathered Mallikarjun Kharge,

here to save our democracy and the constitution. This is a collective

fight against unemployment inflation and other key issues that the country is dealing with.

quoted him as saying that an 11-member coordination This fight is between and Narendra Modi.' This fight is between India

## Malaysia probes disappearance of Myanmar democracy activist and her family

military ousted a democratically elected government in February 2021. But it has also been criticised by rights groups for deporting thousands of Myanmar nationals, including military defectors.

defectors. Thuzar Maung, who fled Myanmar for Malay-sia in 2015 to escape growing violence against Muslims, may have been targeted due to her support for Myanmar's pro-democracy movement, HRW said. It did not identify who might have been responsible

Thuzar Maung heads the Myanmar Muslim Refugee Community and has over 93,000 followers on her Facebook page, where she frequently posts criticism of alleged abuses by Myanmar's junta.

Myanmar's embassy in Kuala Lumpur did not immediately respond to a request for comment. CCTV footage

showed a car entering the gated community where her family lived on July 4 HRW said. The driver told security guards they were police, but authorities later identified the license plate of the car as fake, according

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu MK Stalin, Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee and senior Congress Party leader Sonia Gandhi attend opposition parties meeting in Bengaluru, India.

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#### US to announce **\$1.3 bln in** military aid for Ukraine Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: The United States will announce a new pledge to buy \$1.3 billion worth of military aid for Kyiv in its conflict with Russia in the coming days, two U.S. officials said. The previously unreported weapons package includes air defenses, counterdrone systems, exploding drones and ammunition, one offensive of the U.S. officials said.

The United States is using funds in its Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) program, which allows President Joe Biden's administration to buy weapons from industry rather than pull from U.S. weapons stocks. Among the systems and ammunition the U.S. plans to buy for Kyiv are counter-air defenses made by L3Harris Technologies

(LHX.N) called the Vehicle-Agnostic Modular Palletized ISR Rocket Equipment.

#### **US** soldier crosses into North Korea, **U.S.** officials say

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: A US soldier has crossed the inter-Korean border into North Korea, two US officials told Reuters on Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

One of the officials said the soldier was believed to be in North Korean custody. The officials did not immediately offer further information.

The United Nations or reduced sentences for Command that oversees the those arrested, charged, or demilitarised zone area at detained during the previthe border earlier on Tuesous unrest. day identified the individual as a U.S. national but officials were not immedi-

ately available to comment fered no further details about their identity. on the current situation.

what Moscow said were KYIV: Russia struck Ukraine's port of Odesa strikes by Ukrainian seaborne drones.

Shortly after the bridge with missiles and drones on was hit on Monday, Mos-Tuesday, a day after pulling out of a U.N.-backed cow pulled out of the yearold U.N.-brokered grain exdeal to let Kyiv export port deal, a move the United grain, and Ukrainian offi-Nations said risked creatcials said Moscow was ating hunger around the tempting to go back on the world. Russia's overnight the east.Russian attacks on attacks on Ukraine's ports were "further proof that the Ukraine's ports followed a pledge by Moscow to recountry-terrorist wants to endanger the lives of 400 taliate for blasts on Russia's million people in various road bridge to the occupied countries that depend on Peninsula, Ukrainian food exports." knocked out on Monday by

## **Risking revival of unrest**, Iran rulers tighten curbs on dissent

**Russia strikes Ukraine** 

grain port after pulling

out of export deal

**Monitoring Desk** 

Crimean

However, senior officials have defended the DUBAI: Iran's clerical rulnew crackdown as necesers are clamping down on dissent ahead of the annisarv to maintain stability. But some politicians and versary of the death of a young woman in morality insiders have said that police custody, fearing a mounting repression could revival of nationwide prodeepen a crisis between tests that rocked the Isthe clerical leadership and lamic Republic for society at large at a time months. of growing popular dis-

Journalists, lawyers, content over economic activists, human rights adwoes Police on Sunday anvocates and students have nounced that the morality been arrested, summoned or faced other measures in police force has intensified a campaign that one activits crackdown on women ist described as "instilling flouting the compulsory fear and intimidation".

dress code. In a show of civil disobedience, un-In February, Iran's veiled women have frejudiciary announced a broad amnesty, which inquently appeared in public since the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini on cluded releases, pardons, Sept. 16 last year.

Amini fell into a coma and died three days later following her arrest by the Iranian Judiciary ofmorality police for allegedly violating the Islamic dress code.

CHEONGJU: Police examine a vehicle which had been trapped inside an underpass during heavy rains last week.

Some drivers who use the road regularly blamed the government for

failing to ban access to the underpass even though floods were widely forecast. Yoon, just back from an overseas trip, on Monday convened a disaster

response meeting and conceded the situation was made worse because

changes to the legislation to In the early hours of Monitoring Desk KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian police said on Tuesday they had opened an in-

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president of the main op-

position Congress party,

said INDIA stood for "In-

dian National Developmen-

In a joint press con-

ference held by opposition

parties part of the alliance,

Kharge said "together, we

will solve many problems

of the country," according

The report further

to Indian news website The

tal Inclusive Alliance"

vestigation into the disappearance this month of a Ayanmar democracy activst and her family, who are U.N. refugee card holders.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) this week said Thuzar Maung, 46, her husband and three children, were feared abducted "in a planned operation" on July citing witnesses and CCTV footage at the

We will succeed in this fight," he added. Also speaking on the occasion, top Indian oppo-sition leader Rahul Gandhi said, "The fight is against the BJP and its ideology

## Daily **Independent**, Quetta

## Wednesday July 19, 2023

# UK allocates £41.5 mn in development assistance to Pakistan for FY24

ISLAMABAD (Online): budget of £133 million The United Kingdom will provide £41.5 million in bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Pakistan for the year 2023-24, with a focus on accelerated family planning, girls' education, and revenue mobilisation, investment and trade, a statement from the British High Commission in Islamabad said.

According to the statement issued on Tuesday, the new Pakistan Country Development Partnership Summary (CDPS), published by UK's Foreign, Common-wealth and Development Office, set out a refreshed approach to the UK-Pakistan development partner-

The new CDPS aim of boosting efforts to shows an indicative ODA strengthen climate resilience

and reduce humanitarian pounds for the financial risks following last year's year 2024-25. "The stratdevastating floods.

egy underlines UK's tran-According to the statement, 56 per cent of sition from a traditional aid relationship to a UK-Pakithe programmes under the CDPS are primarily or sigstan partnership for mutual nificantly geared towards benefit. It aims to unlock promoting gender equality, progress against Pakistan's constraints to growth inand 26pc of the programs cluding population dynamare primarily or significantly focused on disabilics, climate vulnerability, gender equality and the ity inclusion. structure of the economy,'

It added that the CDPS was aligned with it added. The annual report Pakistan's long-term devel-opment strategies and susalso indicates likely significant growth in UK-Pakistan ODA in fiscal year 2024-25, based on an expected tainable development goals. 'The strategy's objecincrease in FCDO's overall tives are to deliver a step

ODA budget next year. The UK has provisionally allocated a greater a more resilient and cleaner share of next year's ODA growth path; support Pato Pakistan, reflecting the kistan to become a more open society; and promote macroeconomic stability

initiatives for sports ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday launched change in human capital support Pakistan to adopt multiple initiatives here for

promoting sports culture and welfare of the sports persons including the Rs 5 billion Pakistan Sports Endowment Fund.

In a ceremony held here, he launched Pakistan and to provide world class Sports Endowment Fund with initial seed money of Rs 5 billion to provide financial assistance and other facilities to the emerging players and retired sportspersons of the country

The prime minister also performed soft launch of the first dedicated Sports nation as despite limited re-University in the country sources.

ISLAMABAD

## **CDWP** okays 10 projects worth Rs1,073.41bln

tatives from various Ministries and Divisions.

tiatives Professor Ahsan Igbal on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) that approved 10 development<sup>1</sup> projects worth Rs1,073.41 billion.

Out of these, three projects worth Rs9.41 billion have been approved by the CDWP, while the forum also recommended seven projects worth Rs 1,064 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for its consideration, a news release said. Among others, the

meeting was attended by, Secretary of the Planning Ministry Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Additional Secretary, Senior Joint Economist, was approved by the Members of the Planning CDWP.





Iran.

to produce critical pool required for sports events such as planners, managers, Minister for Communicatechnical staff, nutritiontions Maulana Asad ists, physiotherapists and Mahmood on Tuesdav said others. Similarly, PM that Pak-Azerbaijan could Shehbaz launched the further enhance bilateral re-Prime Minister Youth lations in terms of trade & Sports Initiative to develop commerce and strengthen sports across the country public, cultural ties through land links and highways.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications, Maulana Asad Mahmood hosted a meeting with Azerbaijan's Minister for

sports facilities to the He expressed these youth. He also launched views during a meeting with the Elite Sportspersons a seven-member Azerbaijan Development Programme delegation led by Minister and E-Sports development for Digital Development programme. Addressing on and Transport Rashad the occasion, Shehbaz Sharif Nabiyev to discuss road said Pakistan's highly taltrade agreement and move ented sportspersons detowards a legal framework served appreciation from the for trade.

The minister praised the delegation of Azerbaijan for coming to Pakistan and holding meetings with vari-

ISLAMABAD (APP): ous ministries and officials garding road transport and to strengthen bilateral ties. trade

Rashad Nabiyev ap-During the meeting, a prised the Minister for task force was formed to Communications that develop a legal framework for road trade agreements, Azerbaijan has paved new roads for the promotion of and the Federal Secretary trade and public transpor-Communications & Chairtation by laying its netman NHA Captain (Rtd.) Muhammad Khurram Agha work of highways connecting up to Bandar Abbas, will be the focal person on behalf of Pakistan. In response, Asad

The Minister of Com-Mehmood expressed Pakistan's desire to expand munications appreciated the fact that Azerbaijan supports Pakistan's posiland connection to Iran, Azerbaijan, Russia and tion regarding Kashmir. Similarly, he added, Eastern Europe to boost the Pakistan's position in some economy of regional countries and raise the living other matters was a mirror standards of the people. He of mutual harmony. A road said the Government of trade agreement will help in Pakistan stands ready for furthering bilateral ties to all kinds of assistance re- new heights, he added.

PRIME MINISTER'S INITIATIVE ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with veteran

## sportspersons performing the soft launch of Pak first Sports University.

## Qadir terms visit of **COAS to Iran positive**

man Standing Committee for Petroleum and Resources Senator Abdul Qadir on Tuesday termed the recent two-day visit of Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir to Iran was very important.

He said this when he was talking to APP that three months ago, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's official meeting with Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi at the Manda-Pishin border was jointly inaugurated. After that, Foreign Minis-ter Bilawal Bhutto which is suffering from eco-Zardari's visit and now nomic crisis and political in-Army Chief General Asim stability, believes that satis-

QUETTA (APP): Chair- great importance. The three personalities of Pakistan were warmly welcomed by the Iranian authorities, he mentioned. He said that Pakistan wanted to develop special trade relations with Åfghanistan, Iran, China and Turkey to get out of economic pressure. Mr. Abdul Qadir said that Pakistan was taking all possible measures to establish peace and order in the country and the region in order to stabilize relations at the political, diplomatic and

approves **Criminal Laws** (Amendment) **Bill 2023** ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on

President

Tuesday gave assent to the Criminal Laws (Amend ment) Bill 2023. The Bill is aimed at amending the Anti Electronic Crimes Act 2016 Pakistan Penal Code 1860 and Qanun-e-Shahadat 1984. The president approved the Bill on the prime minister's advice under Ar-

ticle-75 of the Constitution **Tragic road** accident claims

life of PML-N

leader's son

## (APP): Commission and represen-Minister for Planning, De-velopment and Special Ini-

Transport, Mr. Rashad Nabiyev to discuss Road Trade Agreement.

**PM launches multiple** 

promotion

The projects discussed in the meeting covered sectors such as Agriculture & Food, Education



HIV is a disease, not a stigma: **Collective efforts needed to** create awareness about HIV stigma, discrimination: Speakers growing challenge of dis-

**Independent Report** QUETTA: Five awareness sessions were organized across the country with the support of UNDP and UÑÂIDS.

bilateral ties,

**security coop.** ISLAMABAD (APP): In-

terior Minister Rana

Sanaullah Khan and Italian

Ambassador in Pakistan

Andreas Ferrarese have

agreed to strengthen coop-

eration between their coun-

tries' interior ministries,

implementing better strat-egies and measures to pre-

The fifth and last con- societies and NGOs par- such steps to remedy it so sultative session in this reticipated in the ongoing gard was held in Quetta consultative session in Balochistan. Quetta. Dr. Syed Kaleem The main objective of the ongoing nationwide consultative session is to Imam hosted the session with his professional expertise and gave a thorough finalize a strategy for law enforcement agencies to efoverview of the current situation in Pakistan. He fectively respond to the

said that individual and colcrimination. Balochistan lective efforts are needed to Police, Quetta Traffic Poend the increasing trend of lice, CTD, ANF, National HIV in the society. He said Highways and Motorway that we should not be afraid Police, FIA and other civil of HIV but we have to take that no one gets hurt. AIDS is spread not only by one reason but by several reasons in which HIV positive people have no fault, but by neglecting their duties in the society, such a person

Transport & Communications, and Water Resources One of the projects, namely "Prime Minister's National Programme for QUETTA: A delegation of Hanna Urak Sahibzada Tahir Khan Kakar meeting Socialization of Agriculture with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar Tube Wells," with a cost of Rs. 377,236.275 million, has been recommended to

ECNEC for its consideration. The Ministry of Education presented a project titled "Establishment of Federal Government College of Home Economics Management Sciences and

Specialized Discipline, F-11/1 Islamabad," worth Rs2,637.769 million, which

### PPP to be more active from ISLAMABAD (APP): In a joining of Sardar Rahim in Balochistan: Changez

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Balochistan President Mir Changez Khan Jamali and Information Secretary Sardar Sarbaland Jogezai said that their Party would form governments in all four provinces including Balochistan after winning upcoming general elections.

They said that PPP would ensure transparent distribution of tickets to candidates for general elections, the Party wanted to hold timely elections and the party was active and organized across the country under the leadership of Peoples Party.

party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. They expressed these views on Tuesday while talking on the occasion of Sardar Abdul Rahim Harifal, the political and tribal leader of Shirani disday night. trict for announcing to join the PPP along with his colleagues. Earlier, the politi-

cal and tribal leader of Shirani district, Sardar Abdul Rahim Harifal, expressed full confidence in the leadership of President AsifAli Zardari and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and announced his joining Pakistan

The unfortunate colli sion occurred while trying to avoid a motorcyclist, resulting in the vehicle colliding with a roadside pole. Despite being rushed to PIMS hospital for surgery, Anza succumbed to his injuries. His funeral prayer is scheduled to be held today

PDM. PTI two sides of same

coin: Siraj MANANWALA (Online) JI Amir Siraj ul Haq has said the both parties PDM and PTI are two sides of same com

take action against illegal "Incumbent governtheft of water from irrigament is imposing tyrannition system and Pat feeder cal decisions on people by and Kher-Thar canals becoming slave of IMF. through machines and wa-People have been forced to ter pumps. commit suicide by inflating the tariff of electricity tretended by In Deputy Com-missioner Suhbatpur mendously. It has become Fayyaz Ali, Deputy Comout of reach of poor people to pay electricity bill. Imran missioner Najibullah Khan Tareen, Khan had too deceived the

nation by sitting in the lap of IMF. Both PDM and Deputy Commissioner Jhal Magsi Ramzan Palal, Deputy PTI are two parts of the same coin which have disappointed people.

QUETTA (PR). The Gov-

heart-wrenching incident, Anza Fazal Chaudhry, the young son of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) leader and former federal minister Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, lost his life in a road accident on 7th Avenue, Islamabad late Mon-Hayatabad area in Peshawar.

Tuesday.

He also directed to

The meeting was at-

Jafarabad

Muhammad



that targeted Frontier Corps (FC) convoy, at

## ADC directs to take action against those involved steal water from Pat-Feeder Canal

NASEERABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner On Special directive of Usta Muhammad Commissioner Naseerabad

Division Basheer Ahmad Bangulzai, Additional Commissioner (ADC) Naseerabad Division Ali (ADC) Muhammad Hanbhi presided over meeting regard-ing Pat Feeder Canal on

Muhammad Muhammad Ejaz Sarwar, Superintending Engineer Irrigation Engineer Abdul Hameed Mengal Xen Pat-Feeder Canal Ghulam Muhammad Badeni and

> cials Briefing the meeting. Xen Irrigation Abdul Hameed Mengal said that

currently six thousand cusecs of water was being supplied in Pat-Feeder Canal. The Pat-feeder canal was badly damaged by the flood.

Balochistan Irrigation Department has taken steps for its repair and maintenance on an emergency basis, he said. He said that the process of fair distribution of water was going on under the supervision of the Commissioner Kachhi engineers of the depart-Muhammad Hussain, ment. who have illegally entered. Continued on page 2

combat it. Prominent

speakers emphasized the

vital role of the police in

promoting transparency

and accountability. As part of the semi-

nar, a symbolic walk involv-

# NAB Balochistan seminar empowers police to **tackle corruption** ISLAMABAD (APP): fects of corruption on soci-the National Accountabil-ety and showcased practi-

ity Bureau (Balochistan) cal measures being taken to organised a seminar at the Police Training College aiming to promote anti-corruption awareness and encourage a shared commitment towards building a corruption-free and prosperous nation.

ing trainees from the Police Training College was con-ducted. Deputy Comman-The seminar titled Eradication of Corruption for a Prosperous Pakistan" dant Aurangzeb represented was held at the Police the college, while Director Training College on Sariab Dr. Muhammad Rashad Road, Quetta. and Deputy Director Mr.

The event focused on Khurram Shahzad represented NAB Balochistan. highlighting the harmful ef-



**OUETTA: Federal Ombudsman Ghulam Sardar Barohi and Provincial Ombudsman Nazar Baloch** meeting with Chief Executive Officer QESCO Engr. Abdul Karim Jamali

portant step towards the education livelihoods, com-

OUETTA: Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam presenting a souvenir to Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, Chairperson Women Parliamentarian Forum Balochistan.

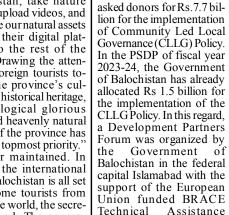
## **Berlin tourists to visit Balochistan:** Secretary

QUETTA Manzoor Hussain, provincial secretary of culture and tourism on Tuesday said that the Government of Balochistan is overly optimistic about the future of the province as the tourism sector in the province has been thriving.

Unveiling the details of his recent visit to Germany to attend the international expo, the secretary said, "A group of 35 to 40 Berlin tourists is anxious to visit and explore the natural beauty of Balochistan.

They all, vloggers were enthusiastic to explore natural, historical, cultural, and religious sites of Balochistan. On their concern, I assured them that tary vowed. The governthey will easily be issued a ment has launched a total no objection certificate soon of 59 uplift schemes worth Rs 785 million to improve after their arrival at Balochistan, he said while the tourism sector.

talking to APP. Assuring government's full support, the secretary asked the tourists to come and explore the hidden beauty of ernment of Balochistan has Balochistan, take nature photos, upload videos, and introduce our natural assets through their digital platforms to the rest of the world. Drawing the attention of foreign tourists towards the province's cultural and historical heritage, archaeological glorious sites, and heavenly natural beauty of the province has been my topmost priority.' Manzoor maintained. In view of the international trend, Balochistan is all set to welcome tourists from across the world, the secre-



Project implemented by Governance (CLLG) Policy, DAI In his opening re-marks, Additional Chief Secretary apprised that BSDP 2023-24 where GOB added that the development added that the development the CLLG policy is an im-

GoB called for Pkr.7.7b for implementation of CLLG Policy in Balochistan providing legal cover to has allocated PKR.1.5 Bilcommunity organization in Local Government Act, 2010, approval of the Government of Balochistan's Community Led Local

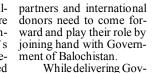
lion from its own share are historical steps and demonstration of the GOB's strong commitment and be-lief in the community led

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reforms which will trans- ernment of Balochistan's

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Secretary of Local Government & Rural Development, Balochistan Mr. Dostian Jamaldini, also addressed the event. He said that through CLLG Policy, poverty will be dented in Balochistan, while health.

ticipants regarding the CLLG policy. He said that the launch of the policy is a remarkable achievement of BRACE Technical Assistance Team. Establishing and implementing this policy is very important particularly for the development of rural areas of Balochistan. He said that the House appreciated the cooperation and role of the Local Government & Rural Development of Balochistan and its repre

munity infrastructure and

other sectors will gradually

improve. The Secretary of

Local Government & Rural

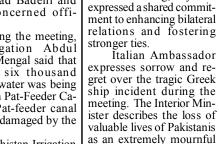
development also gave a

detailed briefing to the par-

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event. The Interior Minister emphasized that there will be no tolerance for the perpetrators involved and strict actions are being taken against them. He urged European countries not to provide any shelter to those

vent cross-border crimes. In a meeting, they both others concerned offi-

Sana, Italian envoy pledge to strengthen