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PM urges OIC to put end to 'abominable practice' of desecration of holy books

Condemns Quran's desecration in Sweden; vows to campaign for decisions' reversal

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday called upon the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the civilized world to come forward and take steps to put an end to the abominable practice of desecration of the holy books. "The attitudes that incite religious hatred, promote violence and encourage terrorism and militancy, need to be checked," he said in a tweet.

The prime minister values of peace, and tolersaid no civilized society

(APP): would allow the desecration of holy personages, symbols and divine books in the name of freedom of expression

"The grant of permisvowed to launch a campaign sion to desecrate the Holy to seek a reversal of the de-Quran, Torah & Bible is cision of allowing the sacripart of a sinister, vile and lege of holy books. despicable agenda whose sole aim could be to threaten world peace," he said. The prime minister, in a statement, said that from

the platform of the Organisations of Islamic The prime minister said: "We should not let a handful of Satanic charac-Cooperation (OIC), the government would help create a common strategy ters undermine our shared to get rid of evil. He said, "The OIC has ance, pluralism

Meanwhile Prime to play a historic role in Minister Shehbaz Sharif on representing the senti-Friday strongly condemned ments of the Muslim Ummah and to do away the desecration of Holy with this evil." Quran in Sweden and

The prime minister said that he would campaign to reverse the decision to allow the desecration of the Torah, the Bible,

and the Holy Quran. He said the permission to desecrate the holy books, persons, and rituals was not the freedom of expression but rather a way to constantly torment the world

SIFC approves projects for attracting investments from friendly countries

PM Shehbaz chairs second apex committee meeting of SIFC; COAS, CMs, federal and provincial ministers attended

ISLAMABAD (APP):The Apex Committee of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Friday approved the projects for attracting investments from friendly countries in agricultural, livestock, minerals, mining, information technology, and energy sectors. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, chairing the second

meeting of the Apex Committee, directed to extend impeccable facilitation to the investors, interested in undertak-

ing and actualising the projects. The meeting, which was attended by Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, chief ministers, federal and provincial Ministers and high-level government officials, reviewed various projects presented by ministries for broaching with investors under the umbrella of SIFC.

The Apex Committee expressed satisfaction on functioning of the SIFC and its strategy to outreach the poten-tial investors through conduct of seminars and project inaugurations.



Right of appeal at an independent forum against the decision of a military court was a guarantee of fundamental rights, the chief justice observed; SC adjourns May 9 accused trial cases for indefinite time

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Friheard the cases. day adjourned hearing of petitions challenging the trial of accused involved in the May 9 riots in army fected the discipline of courts for an indefinite time. A six-member bench army, and whether "creatheaded by Chief Justice of ing a hindrance in the work Pakistan Úmar Ata Bandial of an army officer and breaking of discipline" were and comprising Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan, Justice Munib mentioned in the law. The Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Sayyed mentioned in the act. Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi

PM enquires

Shehbaz Sharif prayed

The president thanked

to Allah Almighty to grant

the best of health to Presi-

the prime minister for his

NA body

unanimously

approves PEMRA

Amend Bill 2023 ISLAMABAD (APP)

The National Assembly's

Standing Committee on In-

formation and Broadcasting

on Friday unanimously ap-

proved the Pakistan Elec-

tronic Media Regulatory

Authority (PEMRA) Amendment Bill 2023.

met at the Radio Pakistan

with Javaria Zafar Aheer in

the chair, termed the Bill a

historic initiative for the

welfare of journalists and

appreciated all the efforts

of all stakeholders, includ-

ing the government, in that

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The committee, which

ago

dent Alvi.

kind wishes.

and Justice Ayesha Malik asked whether the accused, civilians or army personnel During the course of who come under the purproceedings, CJP Bandial view of the Army Act, questioned that how the would not be entitled to May 9 incidents had afbasic human rights.

The CJP remarked that the independence of judiciary was the base of justice in the country. The prosecution would decide the case under the Army AGP replied that it was Act and also hear the ap-

Justice Yahaya Afridi Continued on page 2

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs the 2nd meeting of Apex Committee of SIFC.

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar meeting with Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in Governor House. Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad KHan Jamali, Member National Assembly Nawabzada Khalid Khan Magsi and Senator Abdul Oadir are also present

Governor Balochistan meets Interim setup, polls PM makes **Chairman Senate; discusses 5** members politics, law & order situation

Independent Report Khan Kakar called on order situation in the Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani here at the Governor House on Friday. During the meeting, also present were the Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali, Member National Assembly, Nawabzada Khalid Khan Magsi and Senator Abdul Qadir.

The matters pertaining QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul litical situation and law and

negotiation committee ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Shahbaz

of meeting, the ongoing development process and matters of mutual interests came up for threadbare discussion Moreover, both the leaders were agreed upon making the relations be-

tween center and provinces further and pleasant.

Bilawal vows to provide ownership rights to flood-stricken people

the Sindh districts.

expand the projects".

LARKANA (INP): Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday vowed to provide ownership rights to the flood-stricken people.

Addressing an event, Bhutto-Zardari expressed his resolve to build two million homes in Sindh during a speech. He continued, "From today, good days have started for the floodstricken people"

He admitted the masses stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) were facing severe economic chief, saying, "The PTI's hardships. Bhutto-Zardari doctrine is to make the rich continued, "That is why even richer.'



LARKANA: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari distributes Land Titles among flood affectees during the ceremony of Distribution of Land Titles for Flood Affectees held in Larkana.

Excellent arrangements made to cope with challenges of terrorism, says IGP

eral of Police office here on **Independent Report** Friday morning. The IGP mentioned

He said that the sec-

QUETTA: The Inspector General of Police that there's shortage of re-Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq sources with the police in Sheikh has stated that the Balochistan while on the police is facing the chalother hand, the issues are lenges of law and order in abundant mainly because the province. However, exthe province's border is cellent arrangements have situated along two counbeen made to cope with the tries, he maintained. challenges of terrorism, maintained the IGP while tarian incidents have been speaking after inauguration

of the new conference room in Deputy Inspector Gen-

Shareef has made five mem-Balochistan were disber negotiation committee cussed. During the course over the issue of caretaker setup and upcoming general elections Important task given to

committee comprised of Pmln seniors leaders Sources told that Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Khawaja Asif, Khawaja Saad Rafique,

Ahsen Iqbal and Ishaq Dar are included in committee. Committee will hold talks with Pakistan People Party (PPP), Jamiat Ulema

Islam-Fazal (JIUF), Mutahida Qoumi Move-ment (MQM), and other allies. Prime Minister also we are bringing revolution-

ary projects for the public". asked allies to make nego Hepledged to adopt the tiation committee.

ideology of former prime Pmln negotiation comminister Benazir Bhutto to mittee will be in direct conevery nook and cranny of tact with their supremo Nawaz Shareef. Committee will discuss Bhutto-Zardari as

serted: "By winning the two important issues, disgeneral elections, we will solution of National Assembly, and caretaker The foreign minister setup Discussion will be took a swipe at the Paki-

afternoon made on which people be included in interim setup, who will be interim prime minister. tion from Karachi. Committee will consul

on names Petroleum dealers defer strike for two days

Monitoring Desk KARACHI: The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) on Friday deferred fuelstrike across country for two

days. The moves comes as comprised the younger brother of Nawab Raisani State Minister for Petroand former Senator, leum Musadik Malik ar-Nawabzada Lashkari rived in Karachi to convince Raisani, and other notables the PPDA to call off the and tribal elders. strike.

The members of del-The association would egation held meeting with hold another round of neboth the parties and disgotiations with the governcussed the matters related ment after two days, the to decrease the ongoing ten-PPDA said



Presides over meeting on Wadh situation:

We want to resolve matters

situation of Wadh area of ing through video link. Khuzdar district on Friday The Commissioner Kalat briefed the meeting The Minister Home about the latest situation in presided over the video link

Wadh area. Speaking on the meeting on the Wadh situaoccasion, the Minister Home said that law enforce-The Commissioner ment agencies have taken all

Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove pre-

siding over a video link meeting on the Wadh situation from Karachi

Kalat Division, Dadood necessary measures from Khan Khilji, Secretary the day one.

Hold meetings with both parties **Reconciliation delegation led** by Nawab Raisani reach Wadh Independent Report

sion in Wadh. QUETTA: A reconciliation

Earlier, Nawab Aslam Raisani had meeting wit hthe Commissioner Kalat, delegation led by the Chief of Sarawan and former Chief Minister Balochistan, Dawood Khilji and other Nawab Aslam Khan police high ups. Raisani reached Wadh on The members of del-Friday. The delegation was egation were briefed about

the situation of Wadh. Earlier, the spokesman of Sarawan House told a communique that it would be attempted to reduce tension between the two par-

ties. Quoting Nawab Raisani, the spokesman said that our own people are suffering due to the prevailing tension in Wadh.

reported in the province in QUETTA: Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court Mr. Justice NaeemAkhtar Afghan presiding over Continued on page 2 meeting of Provincial Justice Committee

review reference against Justice Qazi Faez Isa

SC dismisses curative

ISLAMABAD (INP) -The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the curative reference against SC puisne judge Justice Qazi Faez Isa. Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial dismissed the pleas

after they were withdrawn. The apex court announced the detailed verdict on the review petition filed by Justice Isa. Court dismissed the plea with 6-4. The verdict also annulled the instructions issued by the FBR and the Supreme Judicial Council (SJĈ).

The verdict stated that the government filed a review petition against the judgement on review petition. SC Registrar said, as per SC rules, another review petition could not be filed.

The petitioner filed an appeal in chamber against the objections raised by SC Registrar. On March 31, President Arif Alvi requested to withdraw the curative review petition and the cabinet approved the withdrawal of the reference.

Action to be taken against PTI Chairman under Article 6: Babar

QUETTA (APP): Spokesperson of Chief Minister Balochistan Babar Yousafzai on Friday said that action should be taken against the chairman of PTI under Article



6 because he tried to mislead the nation by telling lies through the cipher.

He expressed these views while addressing a press conference at the Chief Minister's Secretariat here.

He said that the chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) created a cipher drama based on lies to hide his politics and tried to save his power by misleading the country and the nation, in which he did not face failure.

Anti-polio campaign to be started in Balochistan from August 1

Independent Report tricts of the province are in-QUETTA: The anti-polio campaign is scheduled to cluded: Quetta, Killa Abdullah, Pishin and Chaman. The EOC sources begin in all districts of informed that it is targeted Balochistan from August 1, 2023

tricts of the province.

to vaccinate around 2.6 mil-According to the lion children below five sources of Emergency Opyears of age during the upcoming campaign. eration Center (EOC) for The necessary arrange-Polio eradication, the campaign would run for seven ments and preparations are

being made for the polio days in four high risk disimmunization campaign in the province. While in other remain-It may be mentioned ing districts, the campaign would be launched for five

here that no fresh polio case has been reported since January 2021. days. The four high risk dis-



ndependent Quetta

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Miscellaneous

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Energy efficient technologies crucial to cope energy crises: Khuawaja Asif

Defense Minister Khuwaja Asif on Friday stressed the need for adopting energyefficient technologies in order to fight against energy challenges in the country.

The minister made his remarks during a nationallevel consultation on "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Action Plan 2023-30, Energy Conservation Building Codes (ECBC)-2023 and Pakistan Energy Labels Regulations"

guns

The consultation was organized by the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA).

The minister said that fans and air-conditioners were two main sources of electricity consumption in peak loads which was around 18000 MW out of the total demand of 30000 MW

"We are still manufacturing Fans of 120 W and 100 W while Fans with capacity 40 W and even 30 W are also available, and it is a globally adopted tech-

ISLAMABAD (APP): nology. We can address the energy crises in the counissues of peak loads by try. adopting energy-efficient He said that within lim-

technologies," he added. ited span of time, under the leadership of Mian Muhammad Shahbaz He said that motorbikes constituted the major por-Sharif, Prime Minister of tion of energy consumption in the transport sector and Pakistan, National Energy the country badly failed to Efficiency & Conservation introduce electric bikes due (NEEC) Policy 2023 was to the resistance by the big approved in April this year and several drastic measures like preparation of

He appreciated the NEECA team for their ef-Energy Efficiency Conser forts to make energy effivation Action plan 2023ciency a workable agenda 30, banning on inefficient and presentation of content bulbs have been taken. in an impressive manner.

Federal Secretary, Min-Khawaja Asif also inistry of Science & Technol augurated the National Enogy Muhammad Abdullah ergy Efficiency and Conser-Khan Sumbal, highlighted vation Behavior Change the role of the ministry for gearing up energy efficiency Campaign launched by NEECA and requested the and conservation agenda in media to play their role in Pakistan. the dissemination of public

service messages. Speaking on the occasion, Federal Minister for Science and Technology Agha Hassan Baloch stressed the need for national collaboration among all the segments of society Defence in order to fight with the Muhammad Asif.

Pakistan hopes Ukraine conflict to be solved soon: FO

ISLAMABAD (Online): Foreign Office Spokes-person Mumtaz Zahra Baloch has expressed the hope that Ukraine conflict will be solved soon on the basis of negotiations and Pakistan is ready to play its part in promoting a dia-logue to end this war.

Responding to a question at her weekly news briefing in Islamabad on Friday, she said Pakistan and Russia are friends we have a very solid rela-tionship. She said Pakistan's engagement with Russia will con-

tinue and Islamabad is concerned about sufferings of the civilian population on both sides.

are also present

prived of basic facilities

like health and education,

in this regard, she was try-

ing day and night to solve

problems so that the com-

mon man has access to

this modern era of health

Fehmida thanks DG Health He said that the Prime Minister of Pakistan formulated two high-level committees for energy conservation measures led by Ex Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Federal Minister for Khawaja

for provision of ambulance to Mach Hospital QUETTA (APP): Former

Central Vice President of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Women's Wing, social leader Fehmida Kausar Jamali on Friday thanked DG, Health Dr. Qazi Noor and MS of Mach Hospital Dr, Sajad for provision

of an ambulance and medi- time, the former officials cal equipment to the hospital.

She said that Health officials won the hearts of the people of Mach by providing an ambulance education. for people of Mach, saying that the provision of medical facilities along with an ambulance would of the poor and oppressed significantly reduce the people of Mach and difficulties of patients, would continue efforts for especially delivery cases. the provision of basic fa-

She expressed these cilities to them in the area. views while talking to the media representatives aftion was the basic right of ter receiving the key of the ambulance provided by the Health Department

She said that the washerdream and we were people of Mach were de- working hard for it.

Military trials of civilians...

The right of appeal at an independent forum against the decision of a to the military courts and

Arshad Iqbal's five-haul takes Pakistan Shaheens into grand final

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka) were bundled out for 262 in partnership for the fifth (APP):Arshad Iqbal's five-45.4 overs. wicket haul and half-centu-

two wickets each.

QUETTA: Chairman Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani meeting with founder of Balochistan Awami

Party Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi. Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali,

MNA Mir Khalid Khan Magsi, Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar and Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir

wicket. Omair scored 88 off Arshad, plaving a key 79 balls, smashing 10 fours role, ended up with match figures of five wickets in his and a six. Haris and Mubashir, who made 42 off 7.4 overs off 37 runs – his 45 balls with two boundaries maiden list-A five-wicket and as many sixes added another 73 valuable runs for haul. Mubasir Khan and Sufiyan Muqeem grabbed the sixth wicket stand.

Haris made a quick-fire 43-ball 52, hitting five Earlier after opting to bat first, Shaheens lost openboundaries. Shaheens were ing batter Sahibzada Farhan dismissed for 322 on the fion 12 runs off 22 balls hitnal ball of the innings.

For Sri Lankan-A. Chamika Karunaratne, Lahiru Samarakoon and Pramod Madushan bagged two wickets each. Scores in brief:

Pakistan Shaheens beat Sri Lanka A by 60 runs

Pakistan Šhaheens 322 all out, 50 overs (Omair Bin 13 overs. Omair – the top Yousuf 88, Mohammad Haris 52, Mubasir Khan 42; Lahiru Samarakoon 2-42, Chamika Karunaratne 2-55,

Sri Lankan-A 262 all out, 45.4 overs (Avishka Fernando 97, Sahan Arachchige 97; Arshad Iqbal 5-37, Sufyan Mugeem 2-44, Mubasir Khan 2-45) Player of the match – Arshad Iqbal (Pakistan

ting one boundary in the sixth over to Lahiru Samarakoon. Saim Ayub was joined by Omair Bin Yousuf and the pair added 37 runs for the second wicket before Saim was caught behind for 22 off 41 balls, which included three fours as Shaheens' scorecard read 61 for two in

Pramod Madushan 2-56)

After Tayyab and Qasim departed with the score at 145 for four in 26 overs captain Mohammad Haris and Omair knitted a 48-run Shaheens).

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior, Rana Sanaullah Khan cutting

ribbon during the inauguration of Dolphin Force in Islamabad.

Excellent arrangements made....

Continued from page 1 past. While on the other hand, the acts of terrorism have also been taken place in the recent days, he referred.

The IGP mentioned for support of the civil adthat different sections of Balochistan police have been activated to bring improvement in its overall performance.

He said that the anti- mities and clashes, the IGP terrorism department is be- said that political and tribal ing made more functional.

proof security would be provided to the processions of mourning sessions to be held during the month. He said that the army

would remain on high alert during killed on the spot while anministration Muharram. However, there would not be such situation to call army, he added.

speeding Jeep falls into Ravine near Shangla district Referring the tribal enof Malakand division in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on enmities are appearing as Friday afternoon. the general elections are

Six killed, 2 injured as jeep falls into ravine in Shangla from DG Health.

I S L A M A B A D (APP):Atleast six persons including women were

other two persons sustained injured after an over-*Continued from page 1* for trying an accused in mili-

tary courts was in front of the bench. Firstly a report regarding the certain incident used to be submitted

and education in the area. run victory over Sri Lankan-She said that for a long A in the first semi-final of the ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup at the P deliberately kept the people of Mach back-Saravanamuttu Stadium here wards, they spared no efon Friday. fort in depriving them of Defending Champions basic rights like health and Shaheens will now play In-dia in the final. The final will She said that she has take place on Sunday at the always raised her voice on every forum for the rights

R Premadasa Stadium, where the first ball will be bowled at 2.00 p.m local time.Chasing 323 to win, Sri Lankan-A lost three wickets in quick succession with 33 runs on the board. Opening batter Avishka Fernando She said that educaand Sahan Arachchige got together and added 128 runs

ries by Omair Bin Yousuf

and Mohammad Haris led

Pakistan Shaheens to a 60-

for the fourth wicket. After the departure of Fernando 97 of 85 balls with a dashing 12 boundaries and two towering sixes, Sri Lankan-A lost wickets at regular intervals which included the prized scalp of Arachchige, also on 97 off

run-getter for his side in every child and the secret Friday's match – partnered of development was hidwith Tavvab Tahir. who den in education adding scored 26 runs off as many that an educated Balochistan balls with four boundaries and stitched a 61-run partnership for the third wicket.

109, with twelve cracking boundaries and one six, and

Referring the security arrangements for imminent. Muharramul Haram, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh said that the leaves of all police personnels have been cancelled in the month.

In addition to this, joint course of action has been prepared along with other law enforcement agencies in the province, he added.

He assured that fool-

The IGP said that pooccurred in Chakesar tehsi lice should be given preferof Shangla when a driver of ence in the budget and futhe jeep lost control due to ture plans enabling it to deal over-speeding of the vewith the issues of law and hicle, private news channels order and terrorism more

reported. The two women effectively. He said that all the were among the killed while two people also received stakeholders have been told critical injuries, the rescue that police can steer soluofficials added. tion of the issues.

NA body unanimously...

Continued from page 1 bill, the fine for deliberately

regard.

Besides The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill 2023, the committee also discussed The Press Council of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill 2023.

Minister of Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb, briefing the committee, said amending the PEMRA law was the need of the hour as the entire scenario of the media had changed.

She said the PEMRA Ordinance, which was promulgated in 2002, was was being amended first time. Its nine clauses were amended while five new ones were added.

The minister said under the amended law, for the first time media workers were being given the right to file complaints in the Council of Complaints, whereas in the past they were sacked even for demanding salaries.

Under the new bill. a three-member committee would now have the powers to close down a channel instead of the PEMRA chairman, she added

Marriyum said in the past an unsuccessful attempt was made to bring a black law like the Pakistan Media Development Authority.

However, the incumbent government took 13 months to prepare the amended bill as extensive consultations were held with all stakeholders, including media workers organizations and owners of media houses.

The minister said that non-payment of salaries. the definitions of fake news, disinformation and misinformation had also been included in the bill Disinformation and misinformation had been interpreted separately.

She said under the new

years and the distribution spreading false news had enses for 10 years. She said a violation fall been increased from Rs 1 ing under the category of million to Rs 10 million. In the past, the channels used violation of Article 19' to take the plea that the fake would be considered a "serious violation" news by aired by them was

Marriyum said for the filed by journalists in their personal capacity, but now first time, the Pakistan Fedthey (channels) would also eral Union of Journalists (PFUJ) and Pakistan be made accountable. Broadcasters Association The minister said nine clauses, including 2, 6, 8, 11, (PBA) had been given rep-13, 24, 26, 27 and 29 had resentation under the new

been amended whereas five PEMRA law, while the news ones 20, 20-A, 29A, condition of not broadcast-30B and 39A were added ing "disinformation" had to the bill. also been included in the She said in the prenews channels' code of con-

amble of the bill, instead of duct The minister said the "the news", words like "certified news, patience and grievance councils would be tolerance, economic and based at Islamabad and proenergy development and vincial capitals to redress children-related content the grievances of the have been added" people, institutions and

Under the bill, the others scope of public entertain-The councils would ment, education and inforalso ensure implementation mation had been expanded, of the government policy of she added. minimum wages in the elec-

Marriyum said the electronic media and timely tronic media would have to payment of wages to the use authentic news, besides employees, she added. The grievance council

the content related to tolershall consist of a chairman ance in the society, general development, energy and and five members, serving economic development. for a term of two years, She said as per the she said, adding an appeal

amended bill, "timely paycould be made against the decisions of PEMRA in the ment refers to payments made to electronic media high court of the respective employees within two province. On the occasion MNA Nafeesa Shah said months' The electronic media

of salaries.

the committee members would be bound to abide by should be given time to reall decisions and orders of view the amendments in the PEMRA and the grievance bill. On this, the minister said all the details regarding council for timely payment the bill had been provided

She said at the federal to the members. Nine and provincial levels, govamendments were made in ernment advertisements the bill, with addition of would not be given to the five new clauses, she added. electronic media houses for MNA Zeb Jafar said

that the bill should be ap-The duration of airing proved by the committee. advertisements would not PEMRA Chairman exceed five minutes during Saleem Baig told the panel a regular programme on the that all electronic media electronic media, he added. channels were legally bound

The minister said the to submit a copy of their broadcast media licenses annual audit reports every would be issued for 20 vear

According to the demilitary court was a guar antee of fundamental rights, tails, the rescue sources inthe chief justice observed. formed that the accident

added.

CJP Bandial said as per the Attorney General for Pakistan, the trials of the accused in military courts had not yet started and instructed the AGP to inform the bench before initiating of such trials.

The trial would be conducted in open courts and evidences would be recorded, he added.

focal person to meet 102

they should be given basic

the CJP added.

dents, he added.

force.

military men.

The court wanted that

arrested persons, he said.

The chief justice directed that the arrested accused should not suffer trial. from physical or mental problems. The bench would summon the respon-

sible if its orders were violated even after the tenure of the government ended, he legal branch of army or a The court could appoint any retired judge as a

he added.

facilities and have permission to meet their families, AGP Mansoor Usman appeal against his convic-Awan said what happened on May 9, had never happened in the country's histrial. The accused was given tory and that could not be a complete opportunity to defend the allegations against him, he said.

ently none of the 102 accused would be given death penalty or 14-year jail term as such punishment was used to be given to those involved in a foreign conspiracy. To a question, he said that prohibited areas were those which were mentioned in the Official Secrets Act. The attorney general

He said the Parliament had the authority for the legislation and that before amendments the Army Act said the arrested people had could be applied only on been kept in jails and were being provided all basic fa-

He said the procedure cilities

QUETTA: QESCO workers busy in maintenance

of electric wires in the city.

then a commanding officer conducted a complete investigation into it in a court of inquiry.

cused could be arrested under sections 73 and 76 of the Army Act, he said, adding the accused was also given an opportunity for cross examination during recording of the evidence. After cross examination, the charges used to be framed against them under section 19 and a three member panel was set up for the

The AGP said the accused were used to be given an opportunity to hire lawyers for their defence during the trial. The accused could hire any officer of the

private lawyer, he added. The accused was sentenced if he confessed the crime or faced the trial if he denied charges against him,

The attorney general said the accused could file an appeal to the courts of tion, and could also consult a legal advisor during the

The AGP said appar-

measures or tried to damage the discipline of the assured the bench that the civilian accused would be given the right to hire private lawyers during their trial in military courts. He

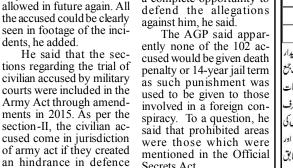
After it the civilian ac-

NASEERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad, Ayesha Zehri held a meeting with EOC through video link regarding the polio campaign, in Naseerabad.

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05 برخوا تين كوند روری ہوایت شرائط وضوائط : - 1_مطلو بقلیمی قابلیت رکھنے والے امیدار درخواست دینے کے اٹل ہو لَگے۔ 2_متعلقہ ڈسٹرکٹ کے لوکل/ ڈومیسائل کے حال امیدا فواست جح کردانے کے اہل ہو گئے۔ 3۔ عمر کی حد 18 تا28 سال بے ادر حکومت بلوچیتان کے رعامیت کے مطابق 43 سال محر کے حال امید دار درخواست جمع وانے کے اہل ہوتگے۔4۔ سرکار کی ملاز میں اپنے تحکہ کے توسط سے درخواست ارسال کریں۔5۔ آسامیاں متعلقہ ڈسٹر کٹ ایجو پیش آفیسر سے موصول شدہ معلومات لےمطابق مشتہر کی جارہی میں صرف ان کے لیے درخواست دصول کی جائے گی اوراس میں کسی بھی قتم کا ردوہدل قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔جو آسامیاں مشتہر کی جارہی میں صرف ن کے لیے درخواست دصول کی جائے گی اوران بنی کے مطابق میرٹ لسٹ مرتب کی جائے گی، اور اسکے علاوہ کوئی آسامی زیرغور ندلائی جائے گی۔6۔شتہر آسامیوں کی لمدیق شدد سکول دارنہرست متعلقہ ڈسٹر کٹ ایجو کیشن آفیسر کے دخاتر میں نمایاں مقام پر آوریز ل کی گی ہیں۔7۔ بائی سکول ددخاتر کی آسامیوں میرٹ کسٹ خطعی ادر زل و یرائری سکولوں کی میرٹ لسٹ متعلقہ یونین کولس کی سطح پر مرتب ہوگی، ادر یونین کولس کے حدود کانعین تحکمہ لوکل گورنمنٹ کے مرجبہ نوطیکش کے مطابق وہ 8۔ قمام آسامیوں کے لیٹر یوی انتخابات اور انٹرو یوز جبکہ درجہ چہارم کی آسامیوں کے لیصرف انٹرو یہ ہوگا۔ 9۔ سادہ کاغذ پر درخواست کے ہمراہ تعلیمی اسناد، لپییزائز ڈشناختی کارڈ ،لوکل/ ڈومیسائل کی مصدقہ نقول اور 2 عدد تازہ فوٹو گراف لازما مُسلک ہوگی، اور نائکس درخواست قابل قبول نہ ہوگی۔ 10 ۔ ہر کھاظ سے کمس ر خواست مور نہ 102 اگست 2023 تک متعلقہ دسٹر کٹ ایج کیشن آفسر کہ دفاتر میں تحت کردائی جائے گی۔11۔امیددار جس آسامی کے لے درخواست بخت کردائے گا ی آسامی کے ٹیسٹ کے لئے اہل ہوگا اور درخواست میں کوئی رد و بدل کا حقدار نہ ہوگا تا ہم امید دار ہر آ سامی کے لیے ملحدہ درخواست جنح کر داسکتا ہے۔12۔ قمام اسامیوں کے لیے (میل/فیمل) دونوں امید داراہل ہو نگے اور رولز کے مطابق ×05 معذور، ×50 آللیق د×05 خواتین کا کونہ ہر کیڈر کی آسامیوں کے مطابق شخص گا۔13 مختص کو نہ کی آسمامیوں کی تخصیص کے لیے پر کمر دشت کمیٹن کواضتارہوگا کہ دہ کہی دفتر /سکول/ یونین کولس کی آسما می معذور، اقلیت دخواتین کو نیرے لیے مختص ردےادر جزئل میرٹ کےامیداردں کوائں آسامی پراپیل/تقرر کی کافق حاصل نہ ہوگا۔14۔ ٹمیٹ/ انٹرویوکا شیڈول بذریعہ اخبارات مشتہر کیا جائے گا۔15۔ قمام بيدارون فريش درخواست جمع كرداكردسيدحاصل كرير، بذريعيدة اك كونى درخواست قابل قيول شيهوكي حرف ان اميرداردن كوشيت / انثروبي شوليت كما اجازت وگی جن کے پائں درخواست بخت کردانے کے رسید ہوگی ادرانگانا م امیداردل کی حتمی نیرست میں شامل ہو،امید داردل کی حتی نیرست درخواست بخت کردانے کی آخری تاریخ کے بعدڈسٹرکٹ ایجوکیشن آفیسر کی جانب سے جاری کی جائے گی۔16۔ قمام آسامیاں میرٹ کی بنیا د پر پر کی جائے گی تحکمہ معدلیہ کے فصلوں کی رڈنی میں کسی زمین د ہند ستوفى بإرينائرة ملازتين كے درشائد زيج دينے كاپابند نہ ہوگا ايے در شحکومت بلوچتان كے مروجداد داخش کون کے تحت علحيد در دفواست جح کردائے ہيں جس يرمر وجد دلا کے مطابق کاردائی ہوگی۔17۔ ریکردشت تمیش کا فیصلہ تنی ہوگا۔18۔ سلیکش کی صورت میں امید دارکوادل تخواہ کی ادا نیکی ہے قبل تعلیمی اساد دو مگر کاغذات کی تصدیق (90 بیم کے اندر) متعلقہ اداروں سے کردائی جائے گی، جس کے اخراجات کی ادائیگی امید دار کہ ذمہ ہوگی۔اس دوران امید دارے کملیکش کمیٹی کو حلفیہ بیان جنح کر دانا اوگا کہ اسکے تعلیمی اسادود میکر کاخذات ہوگس، ٹیم پر یا HEC سے غیر منظور شدہ اداروں کہ ہونے کی صورت میں پاالی تصور ہوگا درائکی ملازمت بلاکسی نوٹس کے کسی بھی دقت رخاست کی جاہے گی ادر کوئی عذر قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔19۔ میرٹ لسٹ ایک مرتبہ ریکر دشمنٹ کے لے موٹر ہوگی ادر ویڈنگ لسٹ کمی صورت قابل قبول/زیرغور نہ وگی۔20 ٹیٹ/ انٹرویو کے لیے آنے والوں کو کی تتم کا کوئی معاوضہ نیں دیا جایزگا۔21 نہ ید معلومات دراہنمائی متعلقہ ڈسٹر کمٹ ایج پیشن آیٹسرزادران کے دفاتر





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Program launched to help Somalian students in science & technology, higher education

and Technology needs of

laboration

as well as in the higher education sector, COMSTECH-the OIC

Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation has launched a specialized "Somalia Science and Technology Cooperation Program" in a ceremony here on Friday.

The initiative was launched with the efforts of his country. the Embassy of the Republic of Somalia here in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Addressing the cer-emony, COMSTECH Coordinator General Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary emphasized the need for joint collaborative country-specific programs to address the specific needs of each OIC member state with tailor-made solutions

He appreciated the efforts of Somalian Ambas-

ISLAMABAD (APP):In order to support Somalian students in their endeavors in science and technology science for the Ministry of For-eign Affairs and Ministry of COMSTECH for expandeign Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology, Pakistan, for launching this program The Charge de Affairs,

Embassy of the Republic of Somalia, Shirwa Abdullahi Lahore is an active partner in all its programs. He informed that over Ibrahim appreciated the visionary initiative taken by the COMSTECH leader-

ship to address the Science dents were enrolled at the University of Lahore and it has also established a Medical College in Uganda. He thanked Prof. Chairman, Associa

Choudhary for starting tion of Private Sector Unicountry-specific programs for OIC member versities of Pakistan, Prof Dr. Ch. Abdul Rehman exstates specifically in the African continent, adding tended his heartfelt support the program will contribon behalf of his university ute to further mutual coland the Association of Private Sector Universities to the COMSTECH-Somalia

The High Commis-sioner of Pakistan in Science and Technology Nairobi, Kenya, Saqlain Cooperation. He said, "We will fos-Syedah addressed the

ter scientific and technologilaunching ceremony online caladvancements, promote collaboration, and contribute to the development and progress of Somalia and the of entire OIC region.

and appreciated the COMSTECH initiative for Somalia, and other African

OIC member states. The University

ing collaborative programs with African countries, stating being a member of CCoE the University of 500 foreign students in-cluding 360 African stu-ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Somalia to Pakistan Shirwa Abdullahi Ibrahim

ration of the Islamabad Po-

lice Dolphin Emergency

Response Unit took place

here Friday, signaling a sig-

nificant stride in curbing

street crime and bolstering

citizen protection in the

The inaugural cer-emony was graced by Min-

ister for Interior, Rana

Sanaullah Khan, who

marked the occasion by of-

ficially initiating the opera-

tional activities of the Dol-

provide the case documents

ecution had submitted its July 31.

Court grants time

to share documents

capital city.

addressing during lunching ceremony of Somalia Science and Technology Cooperation Program jointly with the Embassy of the Republic of Somalia and in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Science and Technology at COMSTECH Auditorium, in Federal Capital.

I'abad Police introduce Dolphin Unit for enhanced citizens' protection ISLAMABAD, Jul 21 (APP): The official inaugu-

sure public safety.

phasized the noble duty

The minister appreci-ated the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer

erty of the citizens. The minister lauded the establishment of the (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Dolphin Force and commended the entire team especially, ICCPO Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan for their com-Khan for establishing this unit in a short time to en-

Addressing the permitment to ensuring public sonnel of the Dolphin safety and security. He Force, Interior Minister highlighted the importance sonnel of the Dolphin Rana Sanaullah Khan emof the Force in controlling street crime and bringing perpetrators to justice.

entrusted to them, stating, Rana Sanaullah Khan 'Your duty is the protection of the citizens, which expressed the confidence in the capabilities of the is a form of worship." He expressed the hope that Force and their ability to phin Unit of Islamabad Po- they would diligently safesignificantly reduce street guard the lives and propcrime in the capital city

Horrified collision in Ghotki killed two brothers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Two brothers were killed on the spot when a speeding Mazda vehicle collided with a trailer near Motorway Ubauro a town in Ghotki District of Sindh

on early Friday morning. According to details Police officials said the accident happened on a motorway when a speed-ing Mazda collided with another vehicle and claimed two precious lives of brothers in Ghotki, a Pri-vate news channel reported.

Police added that the Khan deceased were residents of Sukkur.

Murtaza Javed says: **PM's Grievances Wing** addresses 98 percent complaints this year

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ISLAMABAD (APP):In- the introduction of the WhatsApp number and other social media plat-Charge Minister for Prime Minister's Public Affairs and Grievances Wing, forms was aimed at provid-Murtaza Javed Abbassi ing an avenue for lodging complaints related to both said on Friday that over 98 percent of the complaints federal and provincial instireceived by the Wing this year have been successfully tutions. These initiatives, he said are in line with Prime resolved.

complaints related to pro-

vincial matters and the

provinces have been di-

rected to appoint focal per-

sons to ensure efficient reso-

Minister Mian Muhammad Talking to the media during the launch of a spe-cial WhatsApp number for the wing and the option to Shehbaz Sharif's directives to further strengthen the Prime Minister's Public Affairs and Complaints send text messages, the Wing. minister revealed that a to-To enhance the transtal of 11,471 written comparency of the verification process for complaints. plaints were received this necessary steps are being taken while open Kutcheries at the district year, out of which 11,280 (98.3 percent) have been resolved, with the remaining under process. The wing is also addressing

and divisional levels will be organized to address complaints effectively, he said and added disciplinary actions will be taken against officials of institutions providing false statements

about complaint resolulution, he said. The minister said that tion.



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Energy and Economy, Bilal Azhar Kayani addresses to media persons during press conference, in Islamabad.

Bilal accuses PTI chief for creating 'cypher drama' for political gains

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to Prime Minstantly damaged diplomatic relations and pushed the ister on Economy and Energy Bilal Azhar Kayani on country to the verge of de-fault", he added. Friday accused the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan for creating the 'cypher drama' for politi-

had

position

10 years.

trampled and violated.

Kayani explained that a vote of no confidence motion was filed on March 08, cal gains as was now con- and on April 10, the PTI firmed by his former prin- chief was legally removed cipal secretary, Azam from his position following the vote of no confidence

"Imran Khan con-

Addressing a news motion. The Pakistan Democonference here, he said Azam Khan recorded his cratic Movement (PDM) statement that proved the had chosen Shehbaz Sharif reality of cypher in front as the Prime Minister of of Pakistani people. He said, Imran Khan himself He expressed He expressed firm re-solve that the Pakistan asserted that Muslim League-Nawaz 'Cypher can now be manipulated for creating a (PML-N) would continue narrative against the esto take the country's jourtablishment and the opney towards economic stability and growth. Highlighting some instances, Bilal said that Highlighting the accomplishments during the it was a tradition of the PML-N's tenure, he men-PTI chief and his party tioned the successful launch to violate the Constituof the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) tion for political gains adding that this trend has between 2013 and 2018, the addition of 12,000 been going on for the past megawatts of electricity to He referred to the the national grid and the 2013 sit-in protests, led by eradication of load shed-

ISLAMABAD: FormerAmbassador to Germany Shahid Kamal cuts the ribbon along with others to inaugurates the paintings exhibition of German Artist Dagmar Rauwald entitled "Invention VS Convention" at Comsats Art Gallery in Federal Capital.

Islamabad airport set for 15-year outsourcing to enhance operational activities

ISLAMABAD (APP): petitive bidding would be Minister for Aviation ensured, allowing the best Khawaja Saad Rafique on Friday said that Islamabad bidder to be given the op-portunity to operate the 540,800 cusecs.

District and Session Judge Tahir Abbas Sapra heard the case against Chaudhry Fawad Hussain who ap-**IRSA releases** peared before the court along with his lawyers. 448,500 Defence lawyer Faisal Chaudhry Advocate adopted the stance that the cusecs water ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Au-thority (IRSA) on Friday prosecution was yet to

with defence ISLAMABAD (APP): A report to the judge and local court on Friday granted stated that the phone set of time to the prosecution for the accused had been sent submission of documents in for forensic analysis. The voice matching of the ac-cused had also been cona sedition case against former minister Chaudhry Fawad Hussain. Additional ducted.

The court was told that forensic analysis of one mobile phone of the accused couldn't be conducted due to none availability of the code. The prosecution prayed the court to grant some time

for provision of the documents to the defence side. The court adjourned furto them. However, the pros- ther hearing of the case till

International Airport would be outsourced for a period of 15 years to improve its operational activities.

In response to a calling attention notice in National Assembly sponsored MMA lawmaker Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali regarding the outsourcing of the airport, the minister clarified that parent and adhere to all rules the move does not equate to privatization. Instead, it aims to bring in proficient operators to enhance airport operations, he said.

Khawaja Saad Rafique would not be included in the emphasized that open com- outsourcing process

Illegal occupation of state land case against qulfi vendor: 3 months punishment is far less: IHC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked in the case of illegal occupation of state land by a Kulfi vendor that 3 months punishment is far less.

The case of illegal occupation of state land by a Kulfi vendor in the premises of Faisal Mosque came up for hearing before a single bench of IHC led by Justice Tariq Jahangiri Friday.

The counsel for the accused said CDA special magistrate had awarded rigorous imprisonment for three month to Farman Ullah. The attested copy of the decision is not being provided to us since two days. While it is our request that the order on awarding sentence be suspended.

airport. The process, he said will be profit-oriented, ultimately benefiting the national exchequer. The International Finance Corporation will serve as the consultant, and already 12-13 companies have shown interest in participating in the bidding process, he added. The minister assured that the process would be trans-

River Jhelum at Mangla and regulations. Dam was 1211.85 feet. However, the minister which was 161.85 feet clarified that the runway higher than its dead level of and navigation operations 1,050 feet.

tively.

AIOU announces admissions in semester autumn 2023 ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on Friday commenced the admissions for matriculation to Ph.D.

released 448,500 cusecs

water from various rim sta-

According to the data released by IRSA, water

level in River Indus at

Tarbela Dam was 1521.7.

feet and was 123.73 feet

higher than its dead level of

1,398 feet. Water inflow and

outflow in the dam was re-

corded as 285,300 cusecs

and 251,000 cusecs respec-

The water level in

programs in the autumn se-Justice Tariq Jahangiri mester of 2023 across the remarked the charge is this country. that he not only set up his

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood Vice Chancellor cart therein but he also got set up carts of others too. of AIOU, has desired that While charge of extortion of not a single student should money has also been levbe deprived of higher and eled against him and you are quality education owing to only making mention of ack of financial resources. kulfi. Therefore, punish-

against judges to cover up In this regard, AIOU theft is providing scholarships fee concessions, and financonference in Islamabad on cial assistance schemes for underprivileged and marginalized strata living in

case

not appearing?

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The court remarked why it is not offence. If some one sets up cart before your home then is it contact their respective re-gional offices of AIOU es-

remarked terrorism clause is also applicable on extortion of money Baltistan.

is no offence. I will assist far-flung areas of the coun-Moreover, to utilize these schemes, deserving candidates are required to

Justice Tariq Jahangiri tablished in all four provinces of Pakistan, including Azad Kashmir, and Gilgit



ment of 3 months is far

less. Punishment should be

accused said setting up cart

The counsel for the

more than this.

court

not offence.

ISLAMABAD: Heavy machinery being used to build new lanes on Islamabad Expressway.



ISLAMABAD: Avolunteer distributing free food among deserving people as mercy at a roadside F-7 Markaz

Delaying tactics are being used in Tosha Khana case, Atta Tarar

ISLAMABAD (Online): has sold gifts of Tosha Special Assistant to Prime Khana Minister (PM) Atta Tarar He said that who said him to sell gifts and not to keep record? said that delaying tactics are being used in Tosha Khana

He said that Why is the record of money re-Why Chairman PTI is ceived from selling gifts not Allegations are leveled being submitted?

from court is sign of cow-While holding a press ardice Where they feel their

Dr. Qibla praises China's model of religious freedom, inclusivity

(APP): assess the state of religious pluralism in the nation. The Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) Chairman Dr. Qibla chairman expressed that he Ayaz on Friday lauded was impressed to witness China's commitment to rea country where people ligious freedom and from all segments of sociinclusivity, dispelling any ety enjoy equal rights and negative impressions of inhave the freedom to practerfaith disharmony in the tice their religious rituals country. He, in an exclusive ithout hindrance. interview with APP, high-During this trip, Dr lighted that China ensures Qibla observed that minor-

the protection of legal rights ity communities in China for minority communities, joyously celebrated their including Muslims, without religious festivals and other any discrimination or bias. social and cultural events, Sharing his recent peralongside the majority

sonal experience, Dr. Qibla population. Ayaz revealed that he had visited various regions of ment played an active role China alongside a delegation in supporting and promotof prominent religious ing these religious and cul scholars and leaders. They tural activities, extending all were invited by the Chinese possible assistance, he foreign affairs ministry to maintained.

slain girl Noor Mukadam on Thursday appealed to the Supreme Court of Pakistan to take up and expedite the case of his daughter's murder for being a matter of great public interest. At a commemorative

Mukadam's

father appeals

to SC to

expedite case

meeting marking two years since the tragic passing of Noor Mukadam, Ambassador Shauqat Mukadam addressed a gathering here.

MNAs raise various issues in NA, seek prompt action by concerned quarters

ISLAMABAD (APP): On weeks instead of hour, he the 2nd day of its farewell added

He said houses of their session on Friday, members of the National Assembly associates were being at-(MNAs) raised various istacked and the police was sues and problems of their reluctant to register cases against the culprits. He urged the ministers for power and interior to take

notices in this regard. Salahuddin while drawing attention of the Speaker towards non-interest of CDA officials into constructing "Yadgar-e-Dastoor and Bagh-e-Dastoor" sought his ruling. Despite lapse of three months, the CDA did not started work on it and the officials were making season. Electricity in many hurdles in its way, he reareas of Hyderabad remarked

the PTI chief, as an example ding. Under the leadership of Nawaz Sharif, the counof how the party had violated the constitution in the try completed the first Inpast adding, the May 9 international Monetary Fund cidents also indicate how (IMF) program in the histhe constitution was tory, he asserted.



ISLAMABAD: Large number of motorcyclist stand under the Rawal bridge during rain.

Ashraf directed the CDA to take the issue seriously besides referring the issue to the privilege committee and fix responsibility in this regard.

Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali said that he raised the issue of high rate of wheat prices in Chitral. The price of wheat's sack has increased from Rs 6,000 to Rs 12,000. The government should fulfill its promise made with the people of Chitral, he added.

Agha Hassan Baloch said he and his party was against violence but the house of his party leader Akhtar Managl was attacked with heavy weapons resulting injuries to few

Speaker Raja Pervaiz children.

respective constituencies and sought prompt action by the concerned quarters for its quick addressal. Speaking on point of order, Salahuddin of Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM) said Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) power distribution system has

The Chinese govern obsoleted and excessive power load-shedding has made the lives of people miserable in the summer

mained suspended for

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador Shauqat Mukadam, the father of

He said that absence

Friday he said that Imran rigging is caught they accuse Khan has admitted that he the judge.

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Cipher saga

There is little that can be described as revelatory in the 'confessional statement' being attributed to Azam Khan, principal secretary to former prime minister Imran Khan. It had been widely rooms. We wanted to see known, following the 'audio and understand how Enleaks' saga of last year, that he was privy to how the socalled 'Ciphergate' controversy came into being, as well as the PTI leadership's

actual motives for giving it air. Leaked recordings of his that came up most was conversations with Imran

Khan on the matter had already established that the former PM had discussed the prospect of 'playing up' the contents of a diplomatic cable

from Washington for political purposes, and it was evident that the move was aimed at building political momentum on PTI's side at a time when the party was facing defeat in the vote of no-confidence brought against its government by the combined opposition.

With elections around the corner, it seems a last-ditch attempt is being made to knock Imran Khan out of the and every plan one may race. The means being adopted to do so are troubling. One of the senior-most selection of methods officers of the state, Azam Khan remained missing for over a month after he disappeared soon after leaving his house in Islamabad for an appointment on June 15.

Hours after reports sura vibrant and progressive faced that he had 'exposed' society, as originally envis-



My colleagues and I have been working in some schools across Punjab and Sindh to understand what goes on during English lessons in middle-school classglish is being taught in these schools to get a better understanding of why students struggle with it. Leaving aside the de-

tails about learning English, there were some general points that came through. In our class observations and interviews with teachers and students, the phrase

ʻyaad karna³ (memorisation). Teachers talked about the best way esson for students to memorise lessons. For students doing well meant memorising the lesson while doing poorly had to do with not having

had the time or not having kiva). This would be reput in the effort to peated in the run-up to memorise a lesson. Tests tests and exams.

hence memorisation was key. Test preparation was all about memorisation as A typical lesson was

as follows: the teacher would come to class and read out the paragraph or story that was the lesson of the day. She would then

go over the paragraph word by word and sentence by sentence, explaining usually in Urdu or the local language — the meaning of difficult words. The students would be asked to reproduce the meanings they had been explained. Then they would be made to repeat the lesson again and again. The teacher would even practise the questions at the end of the lesson, on which the examinations were also to be based, and then keep repeating them until most students could answer all the questions that could possibly be asked about the

In the next lesson, or a couple of lessons later, the teacher would take a 'test' to check if the students had learnt the lesson well (vaad

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education. Understanding is. And for understanding, the focus has to be on rea-

To be moved by reasons

One cannot learn a language this way. Language sons — why things are the learning requires immersion way they are; why things in listening to and speaking are done the way they are that language. Usually lisdone. It does not matter tening, speaking and read-ing come before writing. By what subject is being taught, language, math or science: reasons for why things are memorising some paragraphs and meanings of the way they are is what some words and writing of constitutes education. To some sentences, we cannot reduce it to memorisation learn a language.

More importantly, memorisation is poor pedagogy for teaching and learning. If the aim is to learn a language, and not just to memorise and reproduce specific lessons, we need a different pedagogy. We need a lot more emphasis on reading, listening and speaking before writing. Writing is given too much importance in our education system, even in the early grades. Writing comes later in the learning of languages - think of how you learned a language when you were growing up. We would do better if we could focus on oral interactions more in the

early years. More importantly, reproduction, though it education is about reasons. It is about understanding. might be a part of educational pedagogy, would True, it uses memorisation

A tragic flaw

and excesses. Thus, they rule with expansive fanfare, but no fear.

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Because of internal divisions and disaffection. further compounded by the near-default economic situation. Pakistan has also been rendered susceptible to foreign intervention which has been visible in the near past. The manner in which the IMF has handled this situation is a veritable indication of how the claws of bilateral, multilateral and international interest groups have been digging in deeper with the passage of time and how they have now assumed the position of impacting state policies. This is as danger-

ous as it can get for the survival of a country which remains unable to stand on its own feet in the foreseeable future.

The fast-changing geo-political situation in the retivities Pakhtunkhwa gion and the prospect of Balochistan, resulting in the country has become in- another grievous venture is martyrdom of scores of also going to leave its im-prints on the deteriorating The spate of such activities

but that is not the limit of be very negative if it is education. Understanding the whole of educational is given in the book or will you write the correct pedagogy. It would create answer? A friend narrated people without the abilthis incident. He said he ity to think on their own, wrote the answer given in the book, even though he who would not be able to reason and use reasons knew that answer was well; it would create menwrong but he got full marks for it. Another tal slaves who would not be able to develop as aufriend solved the problem tonomous individuals. correctly and wrote the Kant had challenged

right answer and was humans to "have the courgiven a zero in that quesage to use your own reation. This is what pedagogy of memorisation son". This was one of the key lessons of the Endoes to us. lightenment for him. But

We see the consethe courage to use one's quences of the pedagogy reason cannot come if the of memorisation when education process does these students come to us everything to dissuade a at university stage and person from using it, does later in their practical lives not educate people in usas well. They struggle to ing reason and undermines find themselves and be the confidence and ability themselves. They look of children to develop and for validation far too rely on their reasoning much and far too often. And they tend to follow Imagine yourself in rather than lead.

Grade 8 and you find This is not the youth your math textbook has a we want as they will be the leaders of tomorrow. mistake or misprint and the answer to one of the More than any other change within education, exercise questions they SNC or no SNC, the That question comes change in pedagogy, in the examination and though harder to achieve, you know how to solve can have large returns for the question correctly. us in terms of helping build What will you do? Will the next generation of the you write the answer that country. -- Courtesy Dawn

with threatening parlance. Much that one may try, the situation in the refrom causing any further gion is inexorably moving damage to our woefully towards heightening of tenunstable situation. sions where Pakistan may

yet again be asked to take That will not be possible when the country is sides. The principal target divided along multiple fault of this wicked exercise will lines which are the direct be China which, at this defining juncture, is the most consequence of the imposition of a bunch of crimidependable and trustworthy friend and partner that nals as the rulers whose sole interest ever since being we have which has stood placed in power has been by us through extremely to amend, alter and enact testing times, as it does even laws which would put them now. Under mounting presbeyond the fear of being sure from the US, even a single wrong step could send us hurtling into the pit held accountable for countand misdemeanours which they of unfathomable crises.

have been guilty of commit-Wisdom must define our decisions, not our tra-Relations with the ditional proclivities Taliban government across which have caused us much harm in the past. the Western border have deteriorated over the past This is a contentious svnfew months. This has syndrome which, somehow, chronized with considerwe remain captive of even able increase in terrorist acnow. But then, we must move on. The challenge is Khyber and how?

This is not a simple matter. The path is strewn brave officers and soldiers. with deep potholes. As an The spate of such activities essential prerequisite for



The wise have always advocated moderation in every task one may undertake envisage. The problem, if any, is not as much as in what one may dream or desire to do. It relates to the whereby one tries to accomplish it. That is where the dream goes sour and the citadel of hope that one may

one segment of society, or any one set of leaders. Its germs were widespread right across the domains of the civil and military rulers who were hoisted to power, or who placed themselves at the helm, each one proving to be more lehave raised could come thal than their predecessor. crashing down. The circum-In the end, the state has virstances prevailing in our tually shrivelled to a skelcountry present a classic eton, but the personal cofexample of how dreams can fers of the power-wielders be demolished. The ideal of have ballooned in unimag-

inable proportions. As the country con-

niently garbed as the sav-iours of a shackled nation. the prospect of being held accountable for their crimes All this happened when the bulk of the people desper-ately struggled with securing two basic meals a day with their self-respect and

allowing the state to grow beyond the realm of remaindignity constantly on the ing susceptible to total conline. With time, it has betrol. With time, it has been come a generational issue, unbound by the excesses or pushed deeper into the quagmire of despair and despondency. Whenever a

exigencies of time. The malady has spread fast and in an extremely lethal manner and has now grown to become a popular cultural phenomenon with every perpetrator trying to surpass the others in its clinical implementation exclusively for their personal profit and advancement. Any barriers which may accidentally appear to block their way are bludgeoned away with the com-

bined might of power and pelf, thus paving the way for unchecked indulgence in depriving the state of its resources.

In the process, the creasingly vulnerable to a mulate and implement an independent foreign policy and keep ourselves away

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his former boss, he was qui-etly returned home. His diden address from the floor of the first constitulawyer said he was "in no ent assembly back on Au-gust 11, 1947 has – though bruised and battered bethe firestorm his alleged your recognition-managed confession has kicked off. No one has satisfactorily answered where Azam Khan had been while the state searched for him as a 'missing person'.

Instead, the FIA and interior ministry seem more concerned with nabbing the former PM. A statement made before a magistrate, if duly recorded, does have evidential value, but there are far the belief that the Quran is too many missing pieces in how to live one's life. this puzzle. Could this be There are two ways this why the interior minister has belief can be implemented. One is to take the Quran sought Imran Khan's trial in as an instruction manual, a special court under the Of-thing to be put together ficial Secrets Act?

In a late-night address a dav after Azam Khan's sup- into the context, rationale posed statement, the PTI and purpose of Quranic chief said the cipher he re- ciples, rather than rules by ceived from Washington had alerted him to a conspiracy haps the reason for the to take down his government.

To this day, only a hand- substance of religion. ful of people actually know what it said. The public only 'whys' and then changing knows it was problematic enough for it to be termed tance of the fact that we 'blatant interference' in the have a choice and are ac-countable for how we country's affairs by the NSC on two separate occasions.

Imran Khan believes that understood as a guide to a full inquiry into the matter will uncover a conspiracy in values within us, many illwhich key political leaders nesses that beset the Mus-lim world could be overand the former army chief will come. be found involved.

Since it has once again has been revealed for and dragged the matter into the that it can play if we let it. It is to be used as an overlimelight, perhaps it is time all guide and for assessfor the state to lay the facts Is a man who remarries before the public and put the while his wife lives bematter to rest. It has already become an international em- the right moral compass? barrassment for the country. Is a woman right when she accepts domestic abuse in

tinued to be skinned, the host of exploitative tools to survive the brutalities of

servile trumpeters carried wielded by the rich and on with their ingratiating powerful, the most lethal and crass praise of the inbeing a systematic dismanvincibility and incorrupt- tling of the state instituibility of those who as- tions. This has ensured the cended the throne. conve- perpetrators' reprieve from

Quran in our lives

the belief that the husband

is superior? Are people

who perform daily prayers

and give much in charity

on the right path even if

they tell lies? People park

their vehicles outside

mosques blocking roads

and consider this a righ-

teous act. Are they en-

titled?

the Quran?



Many Muslims propagate a practical handbook on how to live one's life. according to specific steps,

guidance, as a balance and scale to steer humans tooften using selective shortcuts. The other is to delve wards establishing justice within and among His creations (57:25). Verse 3:3 mentions the Quran as a criterion (between what is which to live. The former good and bad). How many Muslims judge themselves is the easier route and peraccording to this criterion widespread tendency to and recalibrate their moral follow the form and not the scale regularly?

The Quran is a re-Following a principle minder (73:19) to the means thinking of the straight path to the Lord: a reminder, it says elsewhere, to the virtues inour attitudes and intengrained in our fitrah (hutions. This requires accepman nature) that we tend to ignore because of temptations and desires. It is the spend our lives and why light that shows us that path (5:15) and that disand which decisions we take. If the Quran could be pels the darkness of evil. The Quran is an ad-

enhance the purity of our soul and inculcate moral viser and mentor (3:138) for those who are pious. It is both a mercy for humanity and asks its followers to be merciful. Many Muslims don the cloak of

The Quran itself sugpiety and religiosity, often gests several roles that it without the necessary mercy and kindness. Millions of women and men obey religious instructions, pray, recite Quranic verses, fast, and all the while they oppress those they perceive to be weak: whether animals, women, cause he believes the Quran children, even members of allows him four wives on other sects or faiths.

Take a simple example. We take children to tesv Dawn

the mosque to perform five daily prayers. We frown if they want to play in the mosque. We make our reli-

gion seem harsh, stern and

rigid, whereas the Quran is

a softener of hardened

hearts. Wearing religion on

our sleeves, we cast disap-

proving eyes upon others

state in Pakistan Not only do we have to guard against becoming a partner in any such damning undertaking; we also must assert our au-

has shown no signs of abating. As a matter of fact, a further increase is highly possible as statements emanating from the Taliban thority and our right to for- leadership are pregnant TheNews

being able to piece together a credible and sustainable policy to tackle external pressure, internal cohesion is a must. -- Courtesv

Planet of slums

crimes

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jobs. Casual labour is the norm. If you are better educated and have some economic and cultural capital, you might hope for good returns on a business venture, including startups. For the working masses, the options are limited to driving a taxi, street vending, and daily wage work in the construction sector and domestic service.

Even such casual labour is barely tolerated by the ruling class. The Capital Development Authority in Islamabad, for instance, is now in the business of putting the poor out of business entirelv

Barely a day goes by without rehri-wallahs and roadside hotels being targeted by violent eviction campaigns. All of it happens, according to the CDA — and in the case of Empress Market in Karachi, the Supreme Court — to ensure sanctity of the rule of law. The same law mandates brutal demolitions of working people's homes. As the In 1998, Islamabad's city expands into the rupopulation was barely ral hinterland, villages and goths are literally swallowed up whole. The most prominent example is that of Malir in Karachi, where an historic ecosystem and indigenous human populations are rapidly being consigned to the dustbin of history by the monstrosity that is Bahria Town Karachi. This process is also

proceeding apace in Islamabad, where the CDA is now on a mission to take possession of lands on the city's outskirts, which it claims were legally acquired when into being in the late 1950s. However accurate these claims may be, what is ignored is that these lands are currently occupied by real people, the vast majority of them workingclass migrants who have made Islamabad their

home. Some have rented their shanties, others even 'purchasing' land on the proverbial stamp paper. The CDA couldn't care less. It brands these

working-class homes as 'illegal', issues hollow slogans against the 'land mafia', and bulldozes them to the ground at will.

If newly emergent katchi abadis on the outskirts are major targets in eviction drives, decadesold squatter settlements in the city centre are also vulnerable to the violent modalities of administrators. Sometimes the slogan of 'beautification' is raised, but in most cases there is no attempt to hide the fact that katchi abadis are bulldozed to facilitate

profitable ventures of the usual suspects. And what of legal injunctions against summary evictions? The Supreme Court stayed such evictions in 2015 following the brutal demolition of a 25,000-strong katchi abadi in Sector I-11 of the federal capital. Punjab and Sindh have laws in operation that mandate regularisation for katchi abadis and resettlement in cases that they must be removed. But behind slogans about the rule of law, there is a de facto law that is designed to keep the rich and powerful in place. If one lived under a

rock and paid attention only to the billboards advertising gated housing communities, it might feel like all homes in our cities resemble a pristine corner plot in Bahria Town.

But thankfully many of us do not live under a rock. Whatever I have written here has been said the federal capital came and repeated over many years.

It is not rocket science that the urban planning paradigm is completely elitist. Until it changes, those who are able must continue to resist evictions with all their might. -- Courtesy Dawn

Like so many matters of genuine concern, the incessant rural-urban migration that is shaping the cityscape is completely ignored by the political and intellectual mainstream. The urban explosion is inlonging can be satisfied by the Quran. If we look for this satisfaction, we are likely to find it. -- Cour-

But there are no

whom we believe to have In each of these exgone astray. The Quran, on the other hand, wants us amples, has the individual Aasim Sajjad Akhtar been fair and just, truthful, to focus upon our own In the shadows of relentkind and considerate to shortcomings. less real estate advertising others, including to them-Among the most sigand other glitzy moneyselves? Above all, has the nificant roles that the making shenanigans, a notperson avoided hypocrisy, Quran plays are those of so-silent class war is being which is much derided in "a healing, for the (diswaged against the working eases) in your hearts' masses of Pakistan's cities. All previous scrip-(10:57), "a mercy to any With each passing day, untures mentioned in the such who believe" (12:111) accountable administrators Quran were sent for moral and "glad tidings for those plan and construct more who believe" (2:97). The and more roads, plazas and human soul is possessed of other supposedly urgently

a wide range of ailments needed infrastructure, greed, lust, jealousy, anger whilst also facilitating the etc. In every sickness of the land grabs and unrestrained soul, the Quran comes to profiteering of militarised its rescue. It soothes, prohousing developers. vides balm and bids the affectee to be patient and teeming millions who build, keep faith in the Lord. The feed, clothe and clean the harbinger of good news, city. They are dispossessed

the Quran brings calm and peace to a disturbed heart, provided the latter is ready wait Many Muslims take it upon themselves to demand blind obedience to rituals

Karachi and Lahore are now and belief without quesmegacities that compare tioning. God only asks huwith the world's biggest, mans to give thought: " boasting populations of that you may explain 25m and 15m people reclearly to men what is sent spectively. Pakistan on the down to them, and that they whole is the most urbanised may give thought" (16:44) country in South Asia; of a According to Quran scholar total population of 240m, Dr Farhad Shafti, among all about half live in towns scriptures he has read, there and cities. is none except the Quran that emphasises rationality

and deliberation as much Thinking is the quality that distinguishes humans from other species, and this is required for every action we take, every word that we utter, every decision we are called upon to exercise. Do we think? The human soul yearns for beauty. This

tensifying each day, millions of young people flocking out of their rural abodes in the hope that their futures will be as bright as the neon lights of the metropolis.

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800,000; 25 years later it is

approximately 2.5 million.

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KP CM inaugurates Phase-I of Rashakai Special Economic Zone

tion date.

Muhammad Azam Khan inaugurated Phase-I of the Rashakai Special Economic Zone, marking a significant milestone in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) here on Friday

The Rashakai Special Economic Zone, strategically located at the nexus of economic growth, stands as a testament to the strong partnership between Pakistan and China. CPEC has become a symbol of friendship between the countries and a model for cooperation between developing countries

Addressing the gather-ing, the Chief Minister appreciated the exceptional efforts and unwavering commitment of China Road

PESHAWAR (APP): Care-taker Chief Minister (CRBC) and Khyber Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakhtunkhwa Economic umbrella of CPEC. Pres-Zones Development & ently, Phase- I houses 18 Management Company zone enterprises, with 07 (KPEZDMC) for sucunder construction; mobicessfully completing lizing an estimated in Phase -I of the project six ment of Rs. 85 billion. lizing an estimated invest-As the Rashakai SEZ months before the comple-

takes its place on the path The chief minister to becoming a catalyst for thanked the government of regional prosperity, creat-China, the companies ining employment opportuvolved and public sector nities for the local population, and attracting foreign entities for their unflinching support to the project direct investment, plans are and all those who contribalready underway for the uted to the completion Phase -I Rashakai SEZ. subsequent phase.

These forthcoming Encompassing 247 endeavors will focus on exacres of modern facilities panding infrastructure, designed to attract domesstreamlining business processes, and attracting key tic and foreign investors. Phase I of the Rashakai SEZ industries, unlocking the SEZ's full potential, as part promises to spur economic growth and job creation, further strengthening Pakiof the ongoing decade of CPEC

Federal Minister for overseas Pakistani & HRD Mr. Sajid Husain Turi is inaugurating the residential flats for project of worker welfare Board at Peshawar.

Dr. Ansari says: Sindh Bureau of **Statistics to expand** its internship program

KARACHI (APP): Direc- various public universities Statistics Dr. Ishaque Ahmed Ansari, on Friday, said that SBoS will further

tor General Sindh Bureau of and open up new avenues of career development in the field. Vowing to make the

cussed in detail ways and expand the facility of in-ternship for fresh graduates internship program com-patible with global stanwhile steps would be taken dards he sought coopera- the District. They apprised the Governor about the

KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Tessori and others are offering funeral prayer of Nawab of Junagadh Muhammad Jahangir Khanji, at Fatima Jinnah road in Karachi.

IGP appreciates role of scholars in promoting peace, inter-faith harmony, unity among Muslims LAHORE (APP): Inspec- all the schools of thought nel are on duty for the se-

Punjab (IGP) Dr. Usman Office and met IG Punjab Anwar, while appreciating the role of Ulema in pro-moting peace, inter-faith

harmony, and unity among Muslims said that the tred and anarchy on social Ulema who propagate peace are champions of character as well as speech.

He said this while meeting the delegation of Ulema, and Scholars led by Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad, the Chairman of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee at the Central Police Office here on Friday. In a delegation led by Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir

tor General of Police visited the Central Police curity of Majalis and processions across the province. He urged for coopera-Dr. Usman Anwar During the meeting, IG tion with police regarding loudspeaker act and time Puniab said that the miscre-

ants who are spreading harestriction Muharram programs. He Punjab further said that the media will be dealt with iron police grows stronger with hands He said that police fothe support of Ulema-e-

cal persons have been ap-Karam and they are always pointed for coordination there to cooperate with among stakeholders during them On this occasion, Ad-ditional IG Operations Ashura Muharram. Control rooms have been estab-Shahzada Sultan, DIG Oplished for the monitoring of security of Muharram proerations Waqas Nazir and AIG Operations Dr. Asad grams in all regions and districts including CPO office. Ijaz Malhi informed the scholars about the security The IG Punjab said said that more than 125,000 arrangements of Punjab

Azad eminent scholars from police officers and person-

May-9 cases: LHC withdraws stay order issued to Imran

LAHORE (APP): The counsel Sardar Latif Khosa was busy before the Apex court and requested to adjourn the proceedings. He also requested the court not to withdraw the stay order issued on the last hearing. However, the court

adjourned further proceedings for an indefinite time but did not extend the stay order. On July 14, the LHC had stopped police from taking coercive measures against Imran Khan in May-9 cases, wherein he formed the court that senior

number PK-187 and WYwas not nominated. 348

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Police during Muharram.

ANF recovers

101 kg drugs in

four operations

operations were conducted

at Islamabad International

Airport and ANF recovered

146 Ice-filled capsules

from the possession of

three passengers, going to

Oman and Bahrain by flight

Anti-Narcotics

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Dr. Javed says: Efforts being made to ensure best medical facilities to masses

MULTAN (APP): Punjab Caretaker Health Minister Dr Javed Akram said on Friday that the provincial government ensuring all possible efforts to provide the best medical facilities to masses across the province.

pital, adding a screening of school kids would be made at educational institutes. He said that a health screening certificate would

be made compulsory for participating in the examination of the 9th class. He said that special focus was After participating in the 13th syndicate meeting being paid on research work of Nishtar Medical Univerin medical institutes of the sity, the caretaker minister province. Earlier, the comsaid that as per directives mittee gave approval to difof the Caretaker Chief ferent initiatives including Minister Punjab Mohsin the construction of the Naqvi, all possible meastatue of Nishtar Medical

sures were being taken for University, the nomination bringing improvement in of new members of the synthe performance of the dicate and members of the health department and serboard of advanced studies and research, new members of the selection board, the

vice delivery. He said that the officers concerned have been distart of Farm-D program at rected to set up a model the university, syllabus of pharmacy in Nishtar Hos- a nursing degree program.



LARKANA: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari offering Fateha for the departed soul of Prof. Dr. Bilqis Malik during condolence meeting with family members, in Larkana.

Mayor Karachi calls for ample arrangements for monsoon rains

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Muzmmil Shah, Chairman RAWALPINDI (APP): Karachi Barrister Murtaza Lyari Town and other Force Wahab on Friday directed (ANF) while conducting elected representatives of four operations across the the local government that country managed to recover during the monsoon rains, 101 kg of drugs and ararrangements should be rested four accused, said an made for sanitation, drainage and disinfectant ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. spray in all districts of He informed that two

Karachi. He said this while presiding over a meeting with the chairman and elected representatives of Malir, Gadap and Lyari towns in his office here. He said that mud and

elected representatives were also present. During the meeting, the sanitation situation in the areas located within the boundaries of different

towns was reviewed in detail and various suggestions were made to improve it. Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that steps will be taken to supply machinery required for sanitation and disinfectant spray according to the needs of the town adminis-

garbage should be cleaned tration. from the National Highway He said that the solid waste management board is and availability of sanitary sponsible f

called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Aliat Governor House here Friday. The delegation dis-

Lahore High Court (LHC) **Delegation of** on Friday withdrew a stay order issued to Pakistan **Bajaur** calls on Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan **Governor KP** against coercive measures PESHAWAR (APP): A 60in May-9 cases, wherein he member delegation of the was not nominated. merged district of Bajaur The single bench com-

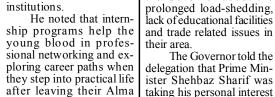
prising Justice Aalia Neelum heard the petition filed by the PTI chairman for consolidation of all cases of May-9 riots against him. A junior counsel in-

to the interns.

He was addressing the certificate distribution ceremony held here on the completion of SBoS's firstever Summer Internship Program for graduate students of Statistics departments from all the Universities of Sindh.

The program that started on July 03, 2023, was aimed at providing students of statistics departments an opportunity of learning new and practical skills and gain work-related experience in their field.

Dr. Ishaque Ansari said that the internship program would prove very beneficial for the students of statistics departments of



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in the problems of the Senior Statistician merged districts. He urged Nisar Akhtar, graced the the local leaders to play event as chief guest and distheir role for peace and law tributed the certificates and order in the district, among successful candi-

Six dead, He lauded the efforts 1053 injured in of SBoS regarding the Internship program and in-1027 crashes formed the audience that Dr. Ansari always rein Punjab mained innovative as he LAHORE (APP): At least witnessed him during his

six persons were dead and service at the State Bank 1,053 injured in 1,027 road traffic crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours.

lack of educational facilities

The Governor told the

Out of these, 557 people with serious injuries AKORA, were shifted to different (APP): Chairman of Jamiat hospitals, while 496 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of hospitals, said a spokesperson for Rescue-Muharram-ul-Harram. 1122. Around 536 drivers 38 underage drivers, 141

at Jamia Darul Uloom pedestrians, and 382 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes he said and added that 272 RTCs were reported.

GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Ulema-e-Islam (S) Maulana dom of Imam Hussain Hamidul Haq Haqqani, on (RA), highlighting its pro-Friday urged the scholars found message of standing and leaders nationwide to against injustice. The events of Karbala, maintain a peaceful atmothroughout Maulana Haqqani stressed,

KARACHI: A view of accumulated rain water after rain at nagal chorangi

JUI-S chief advocates for peaceful

observance of Muharram

He drew inspiration

offer invaluable lessons of patience and resilience. With these principles

in mind, he passionately appealed to all religious scholars and leaders to ensure that congregations and processions

Muharram remain free from from the historical martyrdiscussions on controversial issues and disrespectful dialogues about Islamic sacred figures. He firmly advised against engaging in any activities that could

disrupt the peace and harmony of the holy month. "Let us, as Muslims, come together and whole-

heartedly cooperate with the government and authorities to maintain peace and security during during Muharram," he urged.

's and tter wor ing relationship with the town administration should be ensured. Machinery required for municipal services should be transferred without delay and staff posted in different areas to monitor roads, streets and other places and respond immediately in case of any complaint, he added.

On this occasion, Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, General Secretary of PPP South District Karamullah Waqasi, Managing Director Sindh Solid Waste Management Board Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah. Chairman Malir Town Jan Muhammad Baloch, Chairman Gadap Town Tariq Baloch, Vice Chairman Malir Town Sved tations

the waste and transporting it to the land fill sites, so the town administration should make a strategy in collaboration with the solid waste management board to keep all the areas within the town's boundaries clean. In places where there is a complaint of unavailability of dust bin, the relevant organization should be informed

immediately, he added. Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that the local bodies provide basic services to the citizens at the grassroots level and the citizens of Karachi have trusted the local representatives belonging to the Pakistan People's Party and we will fulfill their expec-



HYDERABAD: Impounded vehicles are ruining outside Hatri Bypass Police Station, showing the negligence of concerned authorities, in Hyderabad.

Dr Jamal directs to devise backup plan for Muharram's security

HYDERABAD: Security officials are standing high

alert to avoid untoward incident during the shiite

muslims mourning procession in connection of 2nd

Muharram-ul-Haram, at Qadam Gha Mola Ali (A.S)

Provincial Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare and Population Welfare Dr Jamal Nasir on Friday directed the district administration and police to re-examine the security of all Masajids, Imambargahs, and sensitive places and devise a backup plan to deal with any emergency. Presiding over a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's office, he directed the officials to identify flaws in the security plan so that anti-Pakistan forces could not get an opportunity to disturb the law and order situation in the country on the pretext of sectarian hatred during this holy month.

in Hyderabad.

The minister said that all institutions must be on red alert while fool-proof the security, cleanliness.

RAWALPINDI (APP): security should be provided to all Imambargahs and the provision of necessary police force must be ensured. He asked the adminis-

code of conduct.

tration to keep close liaison with the scholars of all schools of thought and ıng implement the code of conduct in letter and spirit.

Dr Jamal further directed the officials to remove the hanging electric wires, and building materials and ensure the cleanliness of mourning procesdelicacies businesses. sions routes. He directed

the officials to activate the taking landscapes and adpeace committees set up at venturous opportunities the Police station level for leave indelible imprints on the implementation of the the minds of tourists, yet there are challenges like en-On the occasion, the

administration and police briefed the minister about lives

(APP): Gilgit Baltistan, known for its stunning landscapes, snow-covered peaks and rich cultural heritage has always been an enchanting attraction for tourists with the region receiving staggering 10,000 tourists daily. This influx of visitors brings economic prosperity to local people by flourish-

hotels. their guesthouses, and resorts business and generating employment opportunities for local people especially youth running trekking,

rental equipment, handicrafts, driving, and local Although the breath-

vironmental degradation and careless driving, resulting in the loss of precious

Popular tourist spots like Naltar, Fairy Meadows, Rama Astore, and Hunza once to be pristine, are now grappling with litter and pollution. Plastic waste, in particular, has become a major environmental hazard, threatening the health of wildlife and ecosystems

KHATTAK

Addressing a gathering

Unregulated camping and trekking activities have also led to habitat disturbance that may have farreaching consequences on biodiversity.

"Growing tourism is a blessing for our hotel business. We receive marvelous responses every year. It grows our business and generates employment op-portunities for local people," said Qaiser Abbas erations a hotel owner from Naltar Bala, Gilgit.

However, it exerts extra pressure on local habitats and the environment which direly needs to align business operations with

sustainable practices for ronmental activist. environmental protection.' "Tourism industry makes us earn bread for our children. But it should not

be at the cost of environmental degradation," he said. "We can encourage responsible tourism by educating our guests and local people to use eco-friendly amenities, reduce plastic waste and protect habitat nature. to ensure the region's eco-

logical balance. Therefore, conservation efforts need to be instances of unruly and ruthtensified to protect the beauty of GB by striking a balance between tourism and environmental protecadventurists very often miscalculate the driving tention to ensure long-term sustainability and leave bedencies in hilly terrains. hind an asset for future gen-

of booming tourism in GB. The region's challenging and 'Improper waste genwinding mountain roads eration especially plastic demand cautious driving, waste due to rising tourists' influx poses serious threats especially for those unfato the region's ecosystem and wildlife," said Abul miliar with hilly terrains," Rehman Bukhari an envibased tourist.

"Moreover, unreguregion's roads are usually lated trekking and camping treacherous, and some drivactivities also cause habitat ers - both locals and exotic degradation in some areas.' - least care for safety mea-He suggested awaresures. "I witnessed numerness campaigns, workshops, and seminars to educate tourists about the harmful impact on the environment by their irre-

This is a tragic aspect

Enjoy nature but not on others cost

ous instances of reckless driving that risks drivers themselves and others' lives." Therefore, he said, the first and foremost prisponsible behavior towards ority of authorities should be stricter enforcement of Besides environmentraffic regulations. "Both the tourists and tal degradation, people also come across numerous in-

tour operators must be issued strictures for immediate action if they do not less driving that result in behave sensibly and go for accidents inflicting losses of irresponsible driving. vehicles and human lives as

Asif said,

Despite government's efforts for road safety, accidents continue to claim precious lives, Chief Secretary (CS) GB Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani drew the attention of all tourists to observe safety measures and guidelines.

or sliding so they need to be vigilant and prepared to react accordingly

50 kilometers per hour or even lesser, if you want to maintain control of your vehicle, especially around sharp corners or steep inclines. Never rush and keep a safe distance from the ve-

tion.

hicle ahead," Wani advised. "When descending steep slopes, engage lower the gears to control your speed. use engine braking to avoid brake overheating, and allow your vehicle's transmission to assist you in maintaining control," he added. "Mountainous re-

"The our beautiful destinations,

we want to ensure your safety while driving

through these mountains,"

he said warning the visitors

of mountain roads that of-

ten twist and turn with

varying degrees of eleva-

"Drive at a speed of

gions can surprise drivers with unexpected rock falls

said Asif Raza, a Peshawar-"Attention all adventurous tourists exploring



locality

sphere

Daily Aoice of Masse, Independent

Saturday July 22, 2023



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting on the establishment of Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund (PSWF), at Finance Division in Islamabad.

Forex reserves reach highest position since October 2022: Dar

here on Friday said that the foreign exchange reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) were at national Monetary Fund their highest position now since October 2022.

In a tweet, the federal statement issued the previminister said the total liquid foreign reserves stood at \$14.6 billion.

"Total liquid foreign reserves at \$14.06 billion, SBP's reserve position highest since October 22." he tweeted.

It is pertinent to men-tion that the total liquid for-reserves increased by US\$

ISLAMABAD (APP): eign reserves rose to US\$ 4,203 million to US\$ Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar tor Mohammad Ishaq Dar Meanwhile, net forlion owing to inflows from eign reserves held by commercial banks stood at US\$ 5,338.1 million, it (IMF). added.

In the previous week ending on July 07, total liq-The central bank in a ous day informed that SBP uid foreign reserves held by received US\$ 2.0 billion the country was USS from the Kingdom of Saudi 9.838.5 million. Arabia, US\$1.2 billion from Among them, foreign International Monetary Fund, and US\$ 1.0 billion

reserves held by the central bank were US\$ 4,524 milfrom the United Arab Emirlion while net foreign reserves held by commercial banks were US\$ 5,314.5

million. **Rupee sheds**

Rs1.67 against **US Dollar** ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Friday

tion against the US Dollar in the interbank trading as closed at Rs286.81 against the previous day' losing of Rs285.14.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of dollars in the open market stood at Rs289.5 and Rs292.5 re-Institute of Actuaries, UK. spectively. He is a risk and insurance

The price of the Euro decreased by 53 paisa to close at Rs 319.13 against the last day's closing of Rs 319.66, according to the across KSA, the UAE,

Shipping

activity at

Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP):Three

ships namely, CMA CGM

(SBP)

Khawaja Saad says: PIA has a debt of Rs. 742 billion

ISLAMABAD (Online): Outsourcing of airorts will be done to the Federal Minister for Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique best bidder. He said that Airports has said that has debt of RS 742 billion.

of 70 billion rupees.

tions.

very soon

are operated through pri-PIA will stand closed vate operators in the world in one and a half years if Outsourcing does not restructuring is not done. mean that airports are be-

Due to the careless ing closed. statement of Ghulam If someone puts pressure then it will not be toler-Sarwar, there has been a loss ated. Islamabad Airport will PIA has expensive stabe outsourced for 15 years IFC is our consultant. The flights of British

PEPRA law should be Airlines will be restored followed. After Islamabad, the He expressed these turn of Lahore and Karachi

views in meeting of Na-Airports will come. Some people want to tional Assembly on Friday. go their own way. Every-He said that European

Airlines will also restore one knows that I am not in flights in 3 to 4 months. favor of privatization.

SECP takes Actuarial Advisor on board for **Insurance Division**

The newly appointed advisor will be based in Karachi and will assist the Commission on its key reforms agenda related to the insurance sector.

Mr. Soomro will bring his valuable expertise in Reserving, Motor Medical & Group Life Pricing and Underwriting, Solvency Capital Modelling and Financial Reporting, Reinsurance Optimization, Investments Strategies and Risk Management. His experience includes advising insurance/ takaful and reinsurers on

regulatory and non-regula

tory assignments.

Korea to establish IT Centre in Karachi: CG Yi Sungho

KARACHI (APP): Consul General of the Republic of that trade between Korea and Pakistan will rebound Korea Yi Sungho, on Friagain in the future. day, informed that the Ko-Pakistan's economy in its rean Government was setting up an IT Centre in quest for fetching maximum Karachi to provide young workers' remittances, the IT startups an opportunity Korean Government encourages Pakistani workers to start working with Korea. The Korean envoy, durto work in Korea, hence, we ing a visit to the Karachi extended the maximum Chamber of Commerce and quota for Pakistani Workers to 4,000 workers, of which 3,000 workers have Industry (KCCI), said that the Korean government was keen to support Pakistan in already been called to Kodeveloping its IT sector and rea." Commenting on the an IT center has already investment potential of been completed in Korean textile companies, Islamabad. the envoy pointed out that

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He urged Pakistan to most of the Korean compacome up with strong polinies moved their manufaccies to train and educate turing units to Bangladesh young people in the IT secwith the passage of time tor and must also invest where they were doing quite more money in education well. "If Pakistan provides and training to find some a good business environgeniuses who could bring ment, these Korean comparevolution not only in IT nies will certainly move but also in other sectors of their units here in Pakistan the economy. mainly due to low labor cost

Korean Envoy pinwhich is the most imporpointing the low volume of tant element of cost of dobilateral trade between Paing business," he said. kistan and Korea observed 'Trade between the two countries kept growing until 2019, but it suffered setbacks after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic of labor in Pakistan was even lower than what it was which was followed by some economic difficulties encourage many Korean in Pakistan"

Efforts were being nesses to Pakistan but the made to enhance existing other conditions for doing trade volume, he added while expressing optimism

Bangladesh.

The Korean CG informed that Pakistan's Em-He said, "To support bassy in Korea will also be holding an Investment and Trade Promotion Conference next week wherein the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and Board of Investment (BoI) will be explaining the overall investment environment and regulations in Pakistan to Korean compa-

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nies. "A University in Islamabad has also started offering Korean Language Courses but no such course is, unfortunately, being offered here in Karachi", he mentioned while expressing his willingness to open such Korean Language Learning Centre in Karachi.

Earlier, President KCCI Tariq Yousuf, while warmly welcoming the Korean Ambassador, stressed that Pakistan and South Korea need to accelerate bilateral trade volume and devise a clear roadmap for Free He mentioned that Trade Agreement which would pave the way for im-Korean companies moved to Bangladesh due to low proved trade relations and labor costs but now, the cost open up new dimensions. He urged Korean companies to explore JVs and investment in Bangladesh which could in SEZs under CPEC and added that the One-Beltcompanies to move busi-One-Road initiative could prove to be beneficial for enhancing trade between the business must also be the two countries whereas the same as being offered in Visa regime also needs.



ISLAMABAD: A view of rush on petrol pump after Pakistan fuel pump operator association calls national strike for July 22.

PSX witnesses bullish trend as index gains

PCJCCI for Pak-China Women's Development



KARACHI: President Real Estate Association Joher Iqbal addressing press conference at Press Club in Provincial Capital.

Pak, US should invest more in bringing two

peoples closer: Khan we need to have similar cen-State

ISLAMABAD (INP): The witnessed Rs1.67 devalua-Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

(SECP), in line with its focus on strengthening its insurance sector regulatory

responsibilities, is pleased to announce appointment of Mr. Falak Sher Soomro as Advisor to the Commission on Insurance. Mr. Soomro is an Associate of

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan says Pakistan and United States should invest more in bringing the two peoples closer.

Addressing the concluding session of a day-long 'Conference on Diplomacy for Development' at Houston, Texas, he urged the Pakistani diaspora to play its role for promotion of positive image of Paki-stan in United States.

The Ambassador said American Centers in the past, and now the Lincoln Centres in Pakistan are effectively contributing towards creating a better understanding about the United States.

tres in the United States to promote awareness about Pak-US relations and to pass on this legacy to our coming generations. He said Pakistan Chairs in leading Universities of the United States would play a critical role in creating better understanding of the country, its people and the region. The Ambassador

urged the Pakistani diaspora to have complete confidence in Pakistan and its ability to rise as the leading economy of the world.

The Ambassador briefed the audience about the newly launched initiative, the Special Investment Facilitation Council, which has been created to facili-

Masood Khan added tate the investors.

ICCI & LCCI vow to abide by law on term of office bearers of trade bodies

QUETTA: A vendor selling carpets at Nawan Kali

area.

President Lahore Chamber tary General UBG and othof Commerce and Industry ers were present on the oc-(LCCI) Kashif Anwar casion. called on President Di Islamabad Chamber of Kashif Commerce & Industry (ICCI) with Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari during his visit to ICCI on Friday and discussed with him the matter of two-year term for the office bearers of trade bodies determined by a new trade law. Rizwana Asif President Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Riffat Shaheen President Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sajjad Sarwar President Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industries, Tarig Khan Jadoon President Rawalpindi Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industries, Khalid Iqbal ness community of the en-Malik Group Leader ICCI, tire country and help re-Zafar Bakhtawari former solve their key issues.

Ivanhoe, JBU Opal and IVS ISLAMABAD (INP): President ICCI and Secre-Okudogo, carrying Container, Palm oil and Coal berthed at Qasim Interna-

tional Container Terminal During the meeting, Liquid Cargo Terminal and Kashif Anwar and Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari dis-Bulk Terminal respectively on Thursday. cussed the key features of Meanwhile three the new trade law and anamore ships, Nord Agano, lyzed its various aspects. Sea Elegant and Sea-Ranger Kashif Anwar said that the also arrived at outer anchornew trade law has deterage of the Port Qasim dur mined a 2 years term for the ing last 24 hours. office bearers of trade bod-A total of 06 ships ies and trade bodies should were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours. abide by the law.

Ahsan Bakhtawari said that a new trade law has increased the term for the office bearers of trade bodies from one year to 2 years and added that all chambers of commerce & industry of the country should take a united stand on this issue. It would promote unity among the business community of the entics (PBS) reported on Fri-

The SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was re-corded at 258.45 points as compared to 258.63 points during the past week, ac-cording to the PBS data.

corresponding week of last vear, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of

29.16 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16=100

professional with over 15

years of experience in Gen-

eral & Medical insurance

and Malta (EU).



KARACHI: Alarge number of the rickshaw drivers holds protest in the favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

China to explore more **5G use scenarios**

S L A M A B A D next-generation 6G technol-(APP):China will explore ogy

more use scenarios for 5G By the end of June, a technology in a wide range total of 2.93 million 5G base of sectors including indusstations have been put into try, mineral mining and services in China, with the ports operation, with number of 5G smartphone more than 3,000 enterusers reaching 676 million prises expected to build and the connected Internet 5G-wired factories in of things (IoT) devices hit-2023, said a senior governting 2.12 billion, according to the MIIT.

ment official. Zhao Zhiguo, chief 5G has been applied engineer of China's Minisin 60 major economic cattry of Industry and Inforegories in China and is exmation Technology (MIIT), panding to sectors includsaid that the country will ing manu facturing, medical accelerate research and detreatment, education and velopment (R&D) of the transport.

Weekly inflation falls by 0.07 pc

ISLAMABAD (APP): is covering 17 urban centres corded a decrease in their The weekly inflation, meaand 51 essential items for sured by the Sensitive Price all expenditure groups.

Indicator (SPI), witnessed The SPI for the lownominal decrease of 0.07 est consumption group up per cent for the combined to Rs 17,732, increased by consumption group during 0.51 per cent and went up the week ended on July 20, Pakistan Bureau of Statisto 267.24 points from last week's 265.88 points. The SPI for consump-

As compared to the

items remained stable.

The items, which re-

average prices on a week-on-week (WoW), included onions (10.29%), chicken (8.57%), bananas (8.34%),

wheat flour (0.98%), veg-etable ghee 1 kg (0.49%). vegetable ghee 2.5 kg (0.39%), cooking oil 5 litre (0.30%), petrol (3.40%) and diesel (2.64%).

The items that recorded an increase in their average prices on a weekon-week (wow) basis, included tomatoes (36.06%) chillies powder (20.17%) sugar (4.77%), eggs (4.70%), gur (3.66%), shirting (2.64%) and garlic (2.31%).

The commodities that witnessed a decrease in price on a Year-on-Year (YOY) basis, included on-ions (35.27%), electricity for q1 (14.58%)

522 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bullish trend on (PCJCCI) Friday, gaining 522.42 points, a positive change of 1.15 percent, closing at 45,920.73 points against 45,398.31 points the pre-

vious trading day. A total of 504,550,463 shares were traded during broader level. the day as compared to 464,226,100 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 12.012 billion against Rs 10.104 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 339 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; empowerment." 197 of them recorded gains and 121 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 21 companies remained unchanged

The three top-trading companies were WorkdCall Telecom with 106,503,443 shares at Rs 1.46 per share; Fauji Foods Ltd with 44,280,040 shares at Rs.6.88 per share and Cnergyico PK with 35,911,615 shares at Rs.3.32 per share.

Colgate Palm witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 89.45 per share price, closing at Rs 1,475.00, whereas the runner-up was Mehmood Tex with an Rs 29.00 rise in its per share price to Rs 729.00. ernment does not interfere

Bhanero Tex witindustry might lose its compatibility against the nessed a maximum decrease of Rs 30.00 per share closregional competitors at international markets, he aping at Rs 920.00, followed prehended by Philip Morris Pak with Rs 14.99 decline to close at Rs 419.01

Employment Initiative LAHORE (APP): Pakistan

The experience of Chi-China Joint Chamber of nese women will help in the Commerce and Industry social growth of Pakistani women The PCICCI Presi-President Moazzam Ghurki has said dent added that through this that there is a dire need to establish Pak-China initiative various short courses related to technical Women's Development and vocational training will Employment Initiative to be launched like: garments. empower the women of food, handicrafts, languages, and I.T sector. Pakistan and China at

These courses will be In a meeting with Fang a part of China's efforts for Yulong, Senior Vice Presi-dent PCJCCI, Ghurki said, women empowerment, offering them an excellent We should start such chance to become an inteprojects under BRI for the gral component of the growth of young Pakistani 'high-tech man force' businesswomen to instill a direly needed for Gwadar significant impact on the free zones as well as nagender equality and women tional and internationally competitive markets.

PTEA demands govt's intervention to save textile industry from collapse

FAISALABAD (APP): tor behind this decline, he Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) has said that due to unfriendly socio-economic environdemanded the government's ment, the cost of doing business in Pakistan has escaintervention to save textile industry from total collated enormously due to lapse. PTEA spokesman in intermittent raise in the prices of raw materials and a statement here on Friday production inputs rendersaid, "Our textile exports are witnessing drastic ing the exports uncompetitive in internadownfall on account of disadvantage in respect of tional market. production cost." If the gov-

He termed the Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector as a major on urgent basis, the textile economic driver, accounting for almost a quarter of the total GDP and said that in May 2023, LSM sector experienced a concerning

Terming high produc-14.37% year-on-year detion cost as the major fac- crease.



MULTAN: People selecting and purchasing old clothes displayed by the roadside vendor to attract the customers.

tion groups from Rs 17,732-22,888, Rs 22,889-29,517 and Rs 29,518-44,175; however increased by 0.35 percent, 0.20 percent and 0.03 percent respectively while it declined by 0.28 percent for consumption group above Rs 44.175 During the week, out

of 51 items, prices of 30 (58.82%) items increased, 09 (17.65%) items de-creased and 12 (23.53%)

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Putin tells Poland any aggression against Belarus is attack on Russia

Belarusian army.

Prigozhin

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin on Friday accused NATO member Poland of having territorial ambitions in the former Soviet Union, and said any aggression against Russia's neighbour and close ally Belarus would be considered an attack on Russia.

Moscow would react to any aggression against Belarus, which forms a loose "Union State" with Russia, "with all the means at our disposal", Putin told a meeting of his Security Council in televised remarks.

Warsaw's Security Committee decided on Wednesday to move military units to eastern Poland after members of the Russian Wagner mercenary force arrived in Belarus, the

state-run news agency PAP that Wagner fighters - many recruited from prison quoted its secretary as saying on Friday. Wednesday, On

Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin was shown in a video welcoming his fighters to Belarus, telling them they would take no further a military range just a few part for now in the war in miles from the Polish bor-Ukraine but ordering them to gather strength for Wagner's operations in Africa while they trained the says Wagner, which led the con-

quest of the Ukrainian city of Bakhmut, is Russia's most effective fighting on Sunday. force. But his frequent clashes with the Moscow Minister Boris Pistorius

tiny four weeks ago. The insurrection

could move to Belarus if they wished. On Thursday, Minsk said Wagner mercenaries had started to train Belarusian special forces at

der. Russia has in recent weeks begun stationing tactical nuclear weapons in UXBRIDGE: Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visits Uxbridge to congratulate Belarus for the first time Conservative Party candidate, Steve Tuckwell, after he won the Uxbridge and The Kremlin said Putir South Ruislip by-election in Uxbridge, Britain. would meet Belarusiar President Alexander Russia hits grain terminals in Lukashenko, with whom he speaks regularly, in Russia southern Ukraine - governor German Defence

defence establishment led said on Friday that Gerhim to stage an armed mu-

ended with an agreement ern flank.



nights, when missiles and drones struck southern cities and ports after Moscow quit a U.N.-brokered deal allowing safe shipments of Ukrainian grain through the missiles that were fired from the Black Sea at low Black Sea.

Odesa's regional gov- fence systems

Iran denies oil on tanker seized by Indonesia belongs to Tehran guard said on July 11 it had

DUBAI: Iran's oil ministrv said the oil cargo of an Iranian-flagged supertanker seized by Indonesia last week does not belong to Tehran, Iranian state media reported on Friday

Ån oil ministry statement, reported by the country's state media, did not identify the owner of the cargo of MT Arman 114, an Iranian-flagged su-pertanker suspected of involvement in the illegal transshipment of crude oil, which Indonesia's coast

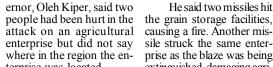


terprise was located.

saging app. Kiper said Russia had

try," the oil ministry statement said, without elaborating. Tensions between Tehran and Washington

have been rising after Iran tried to seize the Richmond Voyager tanker, which was managed by U.S. oil major Chevron, earlier in July in international Gulf waters.



extinguished, damaging agri-"Unfortunately, the cultural and rescue equipgrain terminals of an agriment. Photographs from the scene showed a fire burning cultural enterprise in Odesa among crumpled metal buildregion were hit. The enemy destroyed 100 tons of peas ings that appeared to be storehouses, and a badly damaged fire-fighting vehicle. and 20 tons of barley," he said on the Telegram mes-Moscow says it has been carrying out "retaliatory attacked with Kalibr cruise strikes" this week after quitting the Black Sea grain export deal and accusing Ukraine of being behind altitude to bypass air deblasts on Monday.

Largest ever **Australia-US** joint military exercise gets underway

Monitoring Desk SYDNEY: Australia and the US began two weeks of war games involving more than 30,000 troops and participants from 11 other countries on Friday, in a show of force and unity at a time when China has emerged as an increasingly assertive power in

the Indo-Pacific. Held every two years, the first Talisman Sabre joint military exercises were conducted in 2005, and this year's drills will be the largest yet

Erdogan says Putin talks could lead to restoring Black Sea grain deal -media

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said his planned talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin could lead to restoration of the Black Sea grain initiative, and called on Western countries to consider Russia's demands, Turkish broadcasters re-

prices to scarcity in certain

leading to new waves of

ported on Friday.

tries and northern Cyprus. "Ibelieve that by thoroughly discussing the matter with President Putin, we can ensure the continuation of this humanitarian effort," Erdogan added.

Russia this week quit a deal - brokered by the United Nations and Turkey - that allowed the safe Black Sea export of "The termination of Ukraine grain for the past the Black Sea grain deal will year, and revoked guaranhave a series of conse-

tees of safe navigation. Since quences, ranging from the then, no ships have sailed increase in global food from Ukrainian ports. Moscow says it will regions and, potentially,

return to the deal only if its demands are met for easier migration," Erdogan told access for its own food and reporters on a flight returnfertiliser exports to world ing from a trip to Gulf coun- markets.

"This is a big step for-

British Prime Minister Sunak narrowly avoids wipeout in local polls

Monitoring Desk gland, where Labour over-ONDON: British Prime turned the biggest Conservative majority at a by-elec-Minister Rishi Sunak's tion since World War Two. governing Conservatives lost two strategically imward towards the general portant parliamentary seats election. Never before in on Friday but unexpectedly our history have we done retained former leader Boris this," Labour leader Keir Johnson's old constituency Starmer told reporters in in a setback for the opposi-

Selby. tion Labour Party. The Conservatives' The Conservatives also suffered a crushing loss narrow victory in Uxbridge and South Ruislip gave in a third vote to the centrist Liberal Democrats in Sunak some breathing space Somerton and Frome. to try to narrow Labour's But the retention of large lead in the polls by former prime minister tackling inflation and a cost-Johnson's seat just outside of-living crisis before a nacentral London by fewer than tional vote expected next

500 votes ensured Sunak Sunak said the win avoided becoming the first British leader to lose three byshowed that upcoming elecelections on a single day in tion was not a "done deal". In a cafe in the constitu-ency, he told reporters: more than half a century. Sunak, a former finance minister and investment banker, 'The message I take away has tried to use his technois that we have to double cratic leadership to restore the down, stick to our plan and Conservatives' credibility afdeliver for people.3 ter a series of scandals last But the scale of the challenge was highlighted

year forced Johnson to resign as prime minister, and ecoby the loss of the once safe nomic turmoil prompted his Conservative parliamensuccessor, Liz Truss, to quit tary seat of Selby and Ainsty in northern En- after just six weeks.

US plans second summit with Pacific island leaders in September



Spain's far-right Vox party leader Santiago Abascal, left-wing Sumar leader Yolanda Diaz and Prime Minister and Socialist candidate Pedro Sanchez attend a televised debate ahead of snap elections, in Madrid, Spain.

UN chief says the world is in a new era marked by the highest major power competition in decades

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the world's nations Thursday that the post-Cold War period is over and the world is moving toward a new multipolar era already marked by the highest level of geopolitical tensions and major these challenges. And power competition in de-

distrust in public institutions, and human rights under attack globally "including a pernicious pushback against women's rights."

The secretary-general said Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine has made it even more difficult to address was quoted on Friday as without naming Russia he

Monitoring Desk Turkiye urges Sweden to act over terrorism for NATO

membership support Monitoring Desk

ISTANBUL: Turkey will act to ratify Sweden's NATO membership bid in conjunction with cooperation from Stockholm in the fight against terrorism President Tayyip Erdogan

cades.

He warned that these divisions are undermining the cornerstone of the United Nations – having all countries work together to solve global challenges.

The U.N. chief ticked off a host of challenges more complex and deadly conflicts, re-emerging concerns about possible nuclear war, growing inequalities within and between countries, widespread terrorism, the climate emergency, mounting

clearly criticized it, say applied for NATO meming if every country fulbership last year in refilled its obligations under sponse to Russia's invasion the U.N. Charter—which of Ukraine, abandoning include respecting the policies of military nonsovereignty and territorial alignment that had lasted integrity of all nations through the Cold War. Their "the right to peace would applications must be apbe guaranteed.' proved by all members of Guterres presented

the alliance. his grim view of the world Having held up ratifiin a policy paper outlination of Sweden's NATO ing his "New Agenda for bid for more than a year, Peace" to diplomats from Erdogan unexpectedly the U.N.'s 193 member agreed after the alliance's states. It is the U.N.'s atsummit in Lithuania. tempt to address the new

Philippines will not cooperate with ICC in drugs war probe, **Marcos says Monitoring Desk** MANILA: Philippines

Ferdinand

Monitoring Desk PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron's top diplomatic adviser said China was delivering items that could be used as military equipment to Russia, although not on a massive scale. Asked at the Aspen Security Forum if the West had seen any evidence that China has armed Russia in any way in the war in Ukraine, Emmanuel Bonne, the head of Macron's diplomatic team at the Elysee Palace, said: "Yes, there are indications that they are doing things we would prefer them not to do," he told the moderator late on Thursday.

When pressed on whether China was delivering weapons, Bonne said: "Well, kind of military equipment ... as far as we know they are not delivering massively military capacities to Russia but (we

French diplomat says need that to be) no delivery." French officials told President CNN that Bonne was ref-Marcos Jr said on Friday erencing both dual-use techhis government will not conologies and non-lethal asoperate with the Internasistance, such as helmets tional Criminal Court's and body armour. (ICC) investigation into the The White House and

threats, he said.

immediately

China supplying equipment

to Russia it shouldn't,

thousands of killings com-Macron's office did not mitted during his return predecessor's 'war on Reuters' requests for comdrugs ment. China has repeatedly Marcos maintained denied sending military the ICC has no jurisdiction equipment to Russia since over the Southeast Asian Moscow's all-out invasion country, which withdrew of Ukraine in February from the ICC in March 2022. The Chinese em-2019.

bassy in Paris did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment. Bonne rarely speaks to the media on-the-record, but regularly briefs reporters on background. He was part of Macron's diplomatic delegation during the French president's trip to China in April and has been Macron's point of contact president with top Chinese officials.

"We will not coop erate with them in any way, shape or form, Marcos told reporters just days after appeals judges at the ICC rejected the Philippines' attempt to block an investigation by the court's prosecu tors into the anti-narcot-

ics campaign of former Rodrigo Duterte.



Hun Manet, son of Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, attends the final Cambodian People's Party (CPP) election campaign for the upcoming general election in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Doctors Without Borders says armed men beat up its team working at a hospital in Sudan's capital

ence, the armed men aggres-Monitoring Desk sively assaulted our team, CAIRO: Armed men atphysically beating and tacked an 18-member team whipping them," the group of Doctors Without Borsaid on its website. ders working at a key hos-One of the drivers was pital in Sudan's war-torn

briefly detained, MSF added. The group did not capital of Khartoum, the aid group said Friday. The MSF medical say whether the attackers were in uniform or provide team was stopped on the road on Thursday while other details. Sudan has been rocked by violence transporting supplies to the since mid-April, when ten-Turkish Hospital, located in the district of South sions between the country's Khartoum, the aid group military, led by Gen. Abdel said. The armed men first Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Supquestioned the MSF team about why it was in Sudan, port Forces, commanded

by Gen. Mohamed Hamden Dagalo, burst then started beating some of them. "After arguing about the reasons for MSF's pres- into open fighting.

Indian women set fire to house of suspect as Manipur sex assault case triggers outrage

earlier this week.

NEW DELHI: Women in India's northeastern state of Manipur attacked the house of the main suspect in a sexual assault case that has enraged the nation, police said on Friday.

The person allegedly dragged two tribal women onto the streets in May and later incited a mob to rape and parade them naked, police said on Friday, as ethnic clashes engulfed the state

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The sexual assault took place over two months ago but it captured national attention after a short video cused in a village.

went viral on social media The main suspect, a resident of violence-hit Manipur state, was arrested on Thursday hours after Prime Minister

Narendra Modi condemned the alleged sexual assault as "shameful" and promised tough action. Three others also were arrested and a police official said were tracing at least 30 others involved in the

crime. "Local women pelted stones and burnt some parts of the house belonging to the prime ac-

Russian businessman loses appeal against UK over detained superyacht

Monitoring Desk LONDON: A wealthy Russian businessman on Friday lost a legal challenge against Britain over the detention of his \$50 million

Šergei Naumenko's 58.5 metre yacht Phi was detained in London under the government's Russian sanctions in March 2022, the first time the regulations had been used to detain a ship.

Police hunt 'lioness' on the loose around Berlin

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: A wild animal,

believed to be a lioness, ing fears of its ability to was on the loose in cope with climate change. Berlin's southern outskirts on Thursday, with resienters its peak rainy seadents urged to stay inson in late July, but extreme doors as hunters joined weather has made storms police in a major search more intense and unpredictoperation.

Police first issued the alarm in the early hours after two people saw what tentially deadly floods. appeared to be a lioness chasing a wild boar down a have deployed more than street less than five 2,600 people to drain dozkilometres from the German ens of pumping stations in capital.

The two passersby spotted the feline around midnight in the Kleinmachnow suburb southwest of Berlin. were halted.

portance of the U.S. Congress approving new funding for the three Pacific Is-President Joe Biden will land countries he has been negotiating with by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. given China's strategic ambitions in the region.

Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands all have what are known as Compacts of Free Association (COFAs) with the United States, under which the U.S. has responsibility for their defense and provides economic assistance. while gaining exclusive access to huge strategic

said in May Biden would swathes of the Pacific. arrange another summit of In May, Yun said he had finalized terms with Pacific island leaders this year after the disappoint-Micronesia and Palau to rement caused by his cancelnew their COFAs and hoped lation of a visit to Papua do so with the Marshall Is-New Guinea due to the dolands in coming weeks. Howmestic debt ceiling crisis. ever, the foreign minister of Biden hosted a first sumthe Marshall Islands called mit with the leaders last last week for more U.S. year. "He has committed money to deal with the (to) holding a second sumlegacy of massive U.S. mit in September this nuclear testing to enable the renewal of its agreement, the year," Yun told an event hosted by the Heritage economic terms of which ex-

Yun stressed the im- pire on Sept. 30.

Biden's national secu-

rity adviser, Jake Sullivan,

Foundation think tank.

freshwater lake.

Chinese cities brace for floods as heat scorches inland regions Monitoring Desk

Authorities in the neighbouring city of Tianjin BEIJING: Beijing and other cities braced for severe also ramped up flood control efforts in the Hai baflooding on Friday as sumsin, a major northern drainmer storms rolled across age system. By contrast, many parts of China, while scant rainfall in Jiangxi provinland regions baked in intense heat, threatening to ince has resulted in Poyang Lake, the country's largest shrink the country's biggest body of fresh water, ebbing to its lowest level for Wild weather swings this time of the year since have gripped China since

records began in 1951. April, causing deaths, dam-Poyang Lake, known aging infrastructure and as the kidneys of China due wilting crops as well as raisto the role it plays in regu-lating the flow of the Historically, China Yangtze river, normally swells in summer due to rain and retreats in winter. Last year, it also unexpectedly shrank due to drought.

The Central Meteoroable, exposing heavily builtup megacities with poor or logical Observatory on Friday issued warnings for insufficient drainage to poheavy rain in eight provinces In Beijing, authorities and autonomous regions until Saturday evening, according to state media. Some areas could get short-term advance and clear thousands heavy downpours with maximum hourly rain of 30 of water drainage outlets along roads. Several bus to 60 millimetres (1.2 to 2.4 inches), and more than 70 routes plying the suburbs mm (2.76 inches) in other and mountainous areas places, CCTV reported.



Members of the Assam Pradesh Mahila Congress (Assam PMC) shout slogans as they take part in a demonstration against ongoing ethnic violence in India's north-eastern state of Manipur, in Guwahati.

superyacht.

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the concluding ceremony of the Global Rehabilitation Leadership Institute

"In view of increased

Pakistan succeeds in creating a roadmap for energy conservation at national level: Agha Hassan

ISLAMABAD (APP): largely on the supply of Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Agha Hassan Baloch Friday said that Pakistan had succeeded in creating a roadmap for energy conservation at the national level that directly impacted the country's foreign exchange. He was addressing the National Stakeholders Consultation 2023 on Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Pakistan held at a local hotel.

The federal minister stated, "The country can conserve more energy through reducing dependence on imported energy and crude oil."

Agha Hassan Baloch said, "The sustainable economic and industrial development of any country in modern times depends uninterrupted, constant electricity consumption in quality and alternative the month of summer, energy conservation building sources of energy. Addressing the par-

codes are very important to ticipants, which included ensure that the construction representatives of the inof houses and buildings is dustrial sector and senior done in a way that electricity consumption is reduced officials, the federal minister stated, "The present and there is proper arrangecoalition government has ment of light and air." approved the Energy Effi-He said, "It is very

ciency and Conservation important to introduce glo Policy 2023 for which the bal energy standards in the valuable opinion of all the industrial sector and, in this stakeholders will serve as a regard, the government has catalyst for making this not only banned the manupolicy more viable.' facturing of substandard Agha Hassan Baloch bulbs but also increased the

said, "His ministry has sucduty on the import of its ceeded in making energy raw materials." The federal conservation building codes minister said, "In this short in Pakistan in a very short period of time, as per the instructions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.'

been approved. **BAP to contest**

performance,

Sharif on Friday said that Independent Report Pakistan had all the ingre-QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and dients to increase its Information Technology (IT) Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has categorically stated that the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) would

tions on the basis of its performance.

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account. tions on the basis of public service. He said that we have always served the masses and would continue to do so in future, he main-

peoples closer: Masood ISLAMABAD (Online): wards creating a better un-Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan says Pakistan and United States should invest more in bringing the two peoples closer.

Addressing the concluding session of a daylong 'Conference on Diplomacy for Development' at Houston, Texas, he urged the Pakistani diaspora to play its role for promotion of positive image of Pakistan in United States.

Pakistan, US should invest

more in bringing two

The Ambassador said American Centers in the past, and now the Lincoln Centres in Pakistan are effectively contributing to- as the leading economy.

Prime Minister Shehbaz

derstanding about the United States. Masood Khan added we need to have similar centres in the United States to promote awareness about Pak-US relations

and to pass on this legacy to our coming generations. He said Pakistan Chairs in leading Universities of the United States would play a critical role in creating better understanding of the country, its

people and the region. The Ambassador urged the Pakistani diaspora to have complete confidence in Pakistan and its ability to rise

PM says: Pakistan has all ingredients to tap IT exports worth \$25 bln ISLAMABAD (APP):

of our collective resolve to make Pakistan an IT hub. "The seminar, attended by all stakeholders from the public & private sectors, laid the groundwork for an IT revolution that the country so desperately needs," he said.

'Investment in the IT sector can fetch quick re-He said, "The SIFC, wards and dividends and go which represents the whole-of-the-government approach, will ensure the a long way in addressing our unemployment problem,' provision of policy conti-nuity and predictability in he said on his tweet handle

The PM, who a day the IT, agriculture, mines and minerals, and defense production sectors." "Governments may come and go but the economic revival plan will be

implemented with the same cil (SIFC) was a reflection energy and passion" he said.

President urges society, family role to address disability, rehabilitation issues

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday emphasized that society and the family system would have to play their due role to facilitate the lives of disabled persons as well as those needing rehabilitative care.

The president, addressing the concluding cerstate, the family system emony of a course held by the Global Rehabilitation Leadership Institute, said the community welfare had been the basis for all relilaws. gions including Islam, Christianity and Judaism, citing the examples of holy prophets, Prophet the persons with disabili-Muhammad and his companions.

He said at a time when the world lacked morality and humanism in its affairs, it was the society that would have to play its part, particularly for the welfare of persons with disabilities and those who could benefit from rehabilitation.

Citing a research study, the president told the gathering that around 24 percent of Pakistan's population suffered mental stress including 60-70 percent of the students.

He said the situation could not be addressed at a

children with physical distime when the country had abilities should be enrolled just 600 psychiatrists and 1200 psychologists. In such in regular schools as it would a case, the family system sensitise other children tocould prove to be a good wards their challenges. anchor to extend its sup-

Besides, he said more than a state, the society port in the form of group therapy and stress sharing. would have to make efforts President Alvi said to ease the movement of without depending on the visually impaired people.

The president thanked the World Health would have to come up to Organisation (WHO) for play its part as in Islamic societies where the commuextending support to Pakinities always promulgated stan to address the issues of disability and rehabilita-He stressed the need tion

He urged the countryfor the Pakistani society to show compassion towards men to respect their legacy of love towards humanity, ties as generally, their attithe environment and nature tude towards them was not to bring a change just by investing the intellect, not He said all the demoney

Éarlier, WHO Repreincluding women and 27 sentative in Pakistan Palitha Mahipala spoke million out-of-school children required due attention hight of the "incredible" for redressal of their leadership and role played by President Alvi towards He said the enrollment the issues of disabilities and

of 27 million out-of-school rehabilitation. Similarly, he also children could take decades lauded the contribution and if left up to the state while Pakistani society could adefforts by First Lady dress the issue far earlier by Samina Alvi on the issues utilising the already availincluding her traveling and able infrastructure of interactions with the people on multiple health-related

The president said issues



welcoming.

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prived segments of society

ISLAMABAD: Activists of Muslim Talba Mahaz shouting slogans during protest at Aabpara Chowk, against the burning of the Quran in Sweden.

Zamarak Khan Achakzai maintains: No dearth of talent; need to provide opportunities toyouth to prove mettle

Independent Report Minister for Finance and couraging educated young-food and Chairman, sters and providing them Muhammad Naeem Bazai Balochistan Food Author- the necessary opportuni- and officers of the BFA Engineer

dearth of talent in the prov-

ince, what's needed is to

provide resources and op-

portunities to the youth to

ter was speaking on occa-

sion of the distribution of

recruitment orders at the

BFA office here on Friday.

have proved in different eras

that if they get opportunities then they can play im-

portant role in development

of the province and coun-

Samina Zehri

condemns persistent

Islamophobia

incidents in

Sweden

QUETTA (APP): Senator Samina Zehri on Friday

condemned the persistent

The Provincial Minis-

He said that our youth

(BFA),

prove their mettle.

In this regard, the The Secretary Food, QUETTA: The Provincial present government is en- Mujeebur Rehman Panezai esent on t

currently Midcareer Management dispute.

Akhtar Mengal call on Prime Minister Muhammad **Under trainee MCMC** participants visit LOC

ISLAMABAD: Member National Assembly &

Chairman Balochistan National Party Sardar

Chakothi, Ori crossing **Independent Report** QUETTA: The officers gave detailed presentation about the endeavours of tained. attending border guards and Kashmir

period of time, the regulations of electrical appliances used in homes have

election on

vows Langove

exports to the tune of \$25 billion in two to three years. contest next general elec-

In a statement issued here on Friday, the Minister Home said that we would succeed in the elec-

earlier attended the national seminar on untapping the IT potential of Pakistan, said the event held under the banner of the Special Investment Facilitation Coun-

Course (MCMC) at crossing in Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

ShehbazSharif.

The visit of MCMC participants is part of the ongoing inland study tour of the ICT and areas of Azad Jammu Kashmir.

The Brigadier Amir, Commander 1AK's Brigade warmly welcomed the

The participants of Balochistan Civil Services the course also posed cer-tain questions which were of Control Cakothi and Ori duly answered. Later, they visited the physical crossing point and bridge at the LŎ The Director General

Balochistan Civil Services Academy, Dr. Hafeez Jamali thanked the Briga-dier Amir and presented him the Academy's commemorative shield and tra-MCMC participants and ditional Balochi shawl.



NASEERABAD: Participants are solving paper during examination for various vacant posts of Revenue Department Naseerabad Division.

Coordinated efforts related to hygiene of women yield encouraging results: Tahira

told

QUETTA (APP): Chairperson of MHM Secretariat Quetta and Director Health Department Dr Tahira Kamal Baloch said that coordinated efforts related to the hygiene of women in Balochistan were yielding encouraging re-

sults. She expressed these views while addressing a day-long training workshop organized to create awareness about MHM held at a local hotel here Friday.

The program was also attended by the representatives of GIZ, UNICEF, Qatar Charity and members of the civil society.

Media expert and lead facilitator, Shafaqat Aziz, on the occasion, highlighted tions.

various aspects of reporting on women's reproductive health.

Dr. Tahira Kamal Baloch while addressing the participants of the workshop, said that the formation of MHM Technical Working Group was implemented in 2020. Before its implementation, it was dif-

ficult to talk about the reproductive health of women in Balochistan, but it is a and welcome thing that now it is openly expressed and measures are proposed to solve the problems, she She underlined the

need for taking joint efforts and said "Women and girls are facing serious problems. keeping in mind the tradi-

family.

has stated that there is no

QUETA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shehak Baloch presides over the meeting of Balochistan Shia Conference, Anjuman-e-Tajiran regarding Muharram ur Haram

Abdullah Khan says PWD making efforts to improve reproductive health services

Independent Report Welfare Office Quetta in UETTA: Secretary Population Welfare Department Government of Balochistan Mr. Abdullah Khan expressed a renewed commitment of making the contra-ceptives available to all the eligible couples for ensuring small family norms through proper child spac-

Speaking to media here on Monday during a 'One-Day Seminar' that was held by District Population

Marriyum grieved over demise of Sanaullah's

brother ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Friday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of the brother of senior jour-

nalist Sanaullah Khan. In a condolence message, the minister expressed her heartfelt condolences to Sanaullah and his bereaved

passport renewal facility SLAMABAD (INP): In a plagued by long queues and significant development waiting times. The anaimed at easing the burden nouncement was made via on citizens, Federal Interior a tweet on the official so-Minister Rana Sanaullah cial networking account of

has announced that pass-Federal Interior Minister ports can now be renewed Rana Sanaullah. "The hassle-free e-passport facilonline without the need to ity is now available, so passvisit any government office. The new initiative is ports can be renewed online set to revolutionize the from anywhere without

"Hassle-free":

visiting the office," the passport renewal process tweet read. With the introalleviate the longstanding grievances of duction of the e-passport renewal facility. citizens who were once

Mustafa, District Officer Ayub Kakar, Deputy Director Noor Ullah Tareen, Deputy Director Shahmir Mandokhail and others were also present on the occasion Mr. Khan further said

incidents of Islamophibia in that the purpose of such Sweden saying desecration of Holy Quran with the seminars was solely creatsupport of government was ing awareness regarding rean intolerable act. productive health and the choice of the number of children was the sole deci-

Expressing deep anger over the recent incident of Quran burning in Sweden, she in a news statement said persons involved in the incident and their backers should be brought to jus-Govt introduces online tice.

It is very disgusting, reprehensible and intolerable as such incidents have hurt the feelings of Muslims, said Senator and called upon countries including the Islamic world to raise voices to prevent such incidents in future.

She urged Muslim countries to call a conference to devise an effective strategy and action plan in that regard by severing relations from all countries. including Sweden, where incidents like Islamophobia were taking place

ties of livelihood in the were p sion. He insisted that we Zamarak Khan Achakzai province.

He said that the prohave to ensure provision of cess of recruitments on the quality food to reduce the (temporary) vacant posts burden on the hospitals and of the Food Authority has health sector so as to save been kept transparent. The the lives of people. He exhorted the newly deserving youngsters have been recruited on the posts recruited officers and staff to play their effective role of food safety officers, lab

technologists, food safety in better healthcare of the supervisors, he added. people. The Secretary Food Referring the unsafe and Director General BFA food, the Minister Food also addressed the ceremony. Later, the Minister Food disexpressed concern over the deaths of people due to the tributed recruitment orders substandard food while among the newly appointed hundreds of thousands are food safety officers, lab techaffected due to the unsafe nologists, food safety suand unhygienic food. pervisors and interns.



AZAD KASHMIR: Director General Balochistan Civil Services Academy, Dr. Hafeez Jamali presentingAcademy's commemorative shield to Brigadier Amir, Commander 1AK Brigade during visit of officers currently attending Midcareer Management Course (MCMC) at Balochistan Civil Services Academy to Line of Control Cakothi and Ori crossing in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

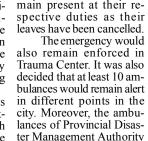
Emergency declared during Muharram in all hospitals of Quetta

Independent Report decided to set up a sepa-QUETTA: An emergency rate emergency ward in all hospitals. During the meethas been declared during the ing, directives were issued month of Muharramul Haram in all hospitals of to all the doctors and other staff of the hospitals to re-

Quetta city. All the doctors, medical staff and other concerned employees have been directed to remain on duty at their respective duty places to deal with any medical emergency during the month.

The decision to this effect was made in a meeting of the District Health Committee held with the Additional Deputy Com-(General) missioner Muhammad Ouetta. Anwar Kakar in DC office the other day.

The meeting took different decisions in view of the emergent situation during the Muharramul Haram. In this regard, it was



ter Management Authority (PDMA) would also remain on high alert. Camps would also be set up on Alamdar road. Bacha Khan and different other places in the

metropolis. The meeting laid emphasis on putting all close circuit TV cameras installed in the city in order

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connection with World Population Day. The purpose of the seminar was to sensitize people regarding the family planning as a fundamental human right, child spacing, personal hygiene and small family norms. The seminar attracted a large number of partici-

pants, mainly women with Secretary Population Welfare Department Abdullah Khan in chair. Director sion of the couples them-General PWD Ghulam selves.