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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Balochistan has been a victim of our collective neglect. on Friday said that the people of Balochistan had the first right to the resources of the province as the betterment of their lives would make them own the develop-

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

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

"Despite sporadic attempts here and there,

Pakistan, Australia agree to further

expand military to military cooperation

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), Gen-

eral Sahir Shamshad Mirza, is on an official visit to Australia from July 24 for

including General Angus J. Campbell, Chief of Defence Forces Australia. In the

meetings, both militaries agreed to further expand military-to-military cooperation,

thority of 36 districts of the

province, on directives of

the Chief Minister, Mir

tification, the funds would

be utilized by the deputy

commissioners only for the

relief and rehabilitation of

the flood and rain affected

people in their respective

districts. Meanwhile, a con-

trol room has been set up

at the Chief Minister's Sec-

been set up to monitor the

situation created due to the

unexpected rains in the

province besides effec-

tively monitoring the relief

and rehabilitation activities

in the rain and flood hit ar-

eas of the province.

The control room has

retariat here on Friday.

As per the official no-

Abdul Quddus Bizenjo.

During the visit, the CJCSC met high-ranking civilian and military leadership

The CJCSC also visited Royal Military College and addressed the participants of

Defence and Security Talks and 1.5 Track Security Dialogue.

an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

Control rooms set up to monitor situation:

Emergency funds of Rs. 150 m

released for immediate relief

of rain & flood affectees

the Australian Defence College.

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Finance

Department, Government

of Balochistan has release

emergency funds of Rs. 150

million for the immediate

relief of rain and flood af-

fected people in all the dis-

hand out issued here on Fri-

day, the funds would help

the district administration

in effectively tackling the

emergent situation emerged

following the ongoing

heavy rains in the province

besides providing prompt

released to the Deputy

Commissioners and District

Disaster Management Au-

The funds have been

relief to the affected ones.

According to an official

The province has not progressed at par with other federating units, which is a shame," he remarked.

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

PM Shehbaz said that his idea of development was rooted in the uplift of the standards of living of the people as it was their socio-economic well-being and welfare that formed the core of real development. He reiterated that Pakistan's progress was linked to

that of Balochistan.

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



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

Governor Balochistan's message on Ashura:

## Ashura-e-Muharram reminds us of great sacrifices of Hazrat İmam Hussain (RA) & companions in Karbala

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the day of 10th Muharram (Áshura) reminds us the great sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions in the Karbala.

In a message issued here marking the Ashura e Muharram being observed today (Saturday), the Governor Balochistan said that this day also reminds us the day when Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions rendered their lives for upholding of Islam and on the path of Al-

He said that we should remember that the grandson of Holy Prophet (SAW) had demonstrated the great spirit and deter-

mination against the evil forces and preferred to sacrifice his life instead of surrendering before the evil

He emphasized that all law enforcement agencies should take concrete steps for security of the Ashura e Muharram and majalis being organized on the day.

He said that our security personnels can foil the nefarious designs of the anti-social and anti-state elements by remaining vigilant and alert.

He also stressed the need to follow the spirit of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and set aside our petty issues and differences b making his sacrifices aim of our lives. By doing so, we would be able to emerge as the one Muslim ummah, he

# CM directs to provide foolproof security to Ashura-e-Muharram processions and majalis

Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo appeals to ulemas of all schools of thoughts to play key role in promotion of peace, brotherhood and harmony

#### **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has directed all the law enforcement agencies to provide foolproof security to the Ashura-e-Muharram processions and majalis in Quetta and other parts of

the province. He also directed to build effective coordination among the police, levies, administration and other concerned agencies making the system of exchange of information more effective. The Chief Minister

also directed to make the control rooms operations in the central police office and the offices of all DIGs of police.

In addition to this, the police and levies force should use their professional skills and training standard while remaining during Muharramul Haram, he stressed.

The Chief Minister have always been splendid

for foiling the nefarious designs of the anti-state ele-

Moreover, the Chief Minister has also directed the Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and other municipal institutions to ensure cleanliness and provision of other civic facilities on occasion of the processions of Ashura.

He also appealed to the ulemas of all schools of thoughts to play their key role in promotion of said that the security in- the peace, brotherhood and stitutions' performance harmony during the Muharram



days polio campaign by administering polio drop to a child

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

added.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Interior minister Rana Sana Ullah has said PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif will

rifice rendered by Hazrat soon come to Pakistan. Imam Hussain (RÅ) and his Nawaz Sharif will devoted companions in soon return to Pakistan. He was isolated from practical Mourning processions politics under a conspiracy. will be taken out in all cit-No one has presented name of Ishaq Dar for care taker

Prime Minister (PM)', he said this in a statement issued here Friday. He went on to say Nawaz Sharif conviction is court's decision. There is a process for quashment of

court's decision. This process was adopted and Maryam Nawaz was ac-

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

marked this was not correct to say name of Ishaq Dar was given for caretaker PM and it was rejected. Ishaq Dar name was not even presented by any one. It cannot be said that

law and order situation in the country is deterio

Terrorism is raising its ugly head in KP, he said adding however law enforcement agencies are facing the terrorists valiantly

Khawaja Asif says:

#### Balochistan's road link to Punjab, Sindh closed due to floods again

QUETTA (Agencies): Commuters face difficulty in reaching their destination; demand govt to find permanent solution to this prob-

The national highway, which connects Balochistan with Sindh and Punjab, was closed once again on Friday due to heavy rains and floods.

According to the Bolan district administration, the temporary road at Pinjarra Bridge has been flooded once again. The road was opened for a few hours just a day earlier after being closed for five consecutive days and has been closed again due to flooding.

As a result, commuters are facing difficulty in reaching their destination and have demanded the government find a permanent solution to this problem.

On the other hand, the local administration stated that due to heavy rains in the area public and transporters should avoid traveling on the bridge. A day earlier, the third

spell of monsoon rains took the lives of at least five people, including three children, in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), besides triggering flash floods that washed away roads and bridges.

#### Presence of virus in Afghanistan big challenge: Chief Secretary pledges to achieve goal of polio-free province for Balochistan this year

Special focus would remain on five high risk districts including Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Chaman and Mastung in upcoming campaign to be started from 1st August

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili has directed all district administrations and concerned departments to play their effective role for elimination of the polio virus from the province so as to achieve the target of polio-free province this year.

In this regard, the provincial government is mobilizing all available resources and the day is not far away when we would succeed in complete eradication of the virus with other stake holder organizations He said that the pres-

ence of polio virus in Afghanistan is a big challenge for Balochistan, therefore, the district administrations of Chaman, KIlla Abdullah and Pishin have to demonstrate special interest in this regard. This and similar other views were expressed by the Chief Secretary while chairing a high level meeting regarding the anti-polio campaign in Quetta and other districts of the province here on Friday. The Secretary Health,

DIG Police Operation, representatives of different organizations including UNICEF, WHO and others. The Coordinator EOC briefed the meeting about the anti-polio campaign being launched from August 1 in the province. In the briefing, it was informed that over 2.5 million children below

five years of age would be

administered anti-polio

Asfandyar Kakar, Addi-

tional Secretary Home,

Inamul Haq Mandokhail,

Commissioner Quetta,

Sohailur Rehman Baloch,

Provincial Coordinator

EOC, Syed Zahid Shah,

campaign during the sevenday campaign. It was also informed that 11,539 teams would be deployed for vaccination of the children all over province. Special focus would remain on five high risk districts including Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Chaman and Mastung as well as the eight high risk districts including Jaffarabad, Duki, Khuzdar, Loralai, Killa Saifullah, Zhob, Naseerabad and Shirani.

# of martyrs of Karbala. Kashmore SUKKUR

KHARAN: XEN Communication & Works Kharan Adil Naseer Ghilzai briefed DG PDMA Jahanzeb Khan about damages due to flood.

#### Hamdullah says: Nawaz Sharif is better PM than Shahbaz

PDM spokesperson and JUI-F leader Hafiz Hamdullah has said Nawaz Sharif is better Prime Minister (PM) than his younger brother Shahbaz Sharif.

'Shahbaz Sharif is better administrator but Nawaz Sharif is better PM than Shahbaz Sharif, he said this in an interview with a private TV channel here

Nawaz Sharif became PM of the country for three times because he is better,

We are democratic people and we don't want

ISLAMABAD (Online): postponement of the election. We want elections take place on time. if it is not done so then we will give reply at the same time.

Informal talks have started with PML-N on caretaker setup. Some people along with Saad Rafiq and Ishaq Dar had come to Maulana Fazlur Rehman ., he said adding when formal meeting takes place then it will take a different shape.

He reiterated JUI-F will not forge electoral alliance with any one. However seat to seat adjustment can be

# 8 dacoits killed in

Youm-e-Ashur

to be observed

today across

country with

due solemnity

Independent Report

QUETTA: Youm-e-Ashur,

the tenth of Moharram-ul-

Haram, will be observed

today across the country

with due solemnity to pay

homage to the supreme sac

ies and towns of the coun-

will highlight the bright and

candid teachings of Hazrat

Imam Hussain (R.A.) and

various aspects of Karbla

tion with the 9th

Muharram, Taazia and

Zuljanah processions were

taken out in different parts

of the country in memory

Meanwhile, in connec-

tragedy

Ulema and Zakireen

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

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amjad Ali Shaikh said that the dacoits were killed in an encounter with the police in the katcha area of Kashmore. These dacoits were entering Sindh's katcha area from Punjab when they met an encounter with the police, he added. Janu Indhar, leader of the Indhar gang was also amongst the dacoits killed in the encounter, SSP said and a prize money of Rs10 million was set for him. The dacoits were wanted to police in heinous crimes like dacoities, kidnapping for ransom and murders, SSI

#### Caretaker name will be finalized within a week ISLAMABAD (Online): should take place prior to

PML-N senior leader and defence minister Khawaja Asif has said PML-N and PPP have shortlisted five names for the slot of care taker Prime Minister (PM) and all these are politicians.

'No offer has been made to me in connection with caretaker PM slot. PPP and PML-N together have finalized 4 to 5 names which will be discussed with other parties as well", he said this in a statement here Friday

He held name for care taker PM will be finalized within a week. The leadership of allied parties will make final decision in this regard. To my view election

90 days. I think assemblies will be dissolved two days before their tenure. Had the field been left vacant in assembly this would have created too much diffi-Citing to finance min-ister Ishaq Dar he said he has neither given his name

taker PM nor has expressed such desire at any that PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari was not trust worthy person, he said it was his opinion, add-

ing: "I am still cautious

about him'

ever for the slot of care

The statement that Asif Zardari was not trustworthy person was his





QUETTA: Secretary Health briefed Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali and MPAs

lamic history by attaining

martyrdom in Karbala.

Imam Hussain (RA) pos-

sessed the highest virtues,

such as the fear of Allah

Almighty, generosity, ab-

stinence and courage and

through his martyrdom, he

set a shining example for all

those on the path of righ-

teousness throughout his-

tory." The chairman and

deputy chairman further

expressed that the martyr-

dom of Hazrat Imam

Hussain (RA) is a timeless

beacon of guidance for all

those who strive to walk

the path of righteousness.

It leaves no doubt that his

great sacrifice serves as an

eternal source of guidance

in all spheres of life, they

# **UNGA adopts Pak-backed Moroccan** resolution condemn attacks against religious symbols, holy books

adopted, by consensus, a Moroccan resolution, cosponsored by Pakistan, calling for countering hate speech, and strongly deploring attacks against places of worship, religious symbols, and holy books.

The resolution, entitled: 'Promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech', won the approval of the 193member Assembly amid growing acts of desecration of the holy Quran.

Diplomats said that Pakistan led the efforts, along with Malaysia and Egypt, to work toward the resolution of the language aimed at upholding the sanctity of religious sites, symbols, and holy books.

The paragraph reads: "Strongly deploring all acts of violence against persons on the basis of their religion or belief, as well as any such acts directed against their religious symbols, holy books, homes, businesses, properties, schools, cultural centers or places of worship, as well as all attacks on and in religious places, sites and shrines in violation of international law,'

Spain submitted an amendment asking for the last words of that paragraph "in violation of international law" to be deleted.

Speaking on behalf of the European Union, the Spanish delegate emphasized that although such ac- over the adoption of the cluded

not constitute a violation of international law, and thus proposed the elimination of the reference to "in violation of international law"

But the amendment to change the phrasing was defeated. It secured only 44 votes in favour, with 62 voting against. There were 24 abstentions.

Under the terms of the

resolution, the General Assembly urged member states to engage with all relevant stakeholders to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue and respect and acceptance of differences. among other things, to reject the spread of hate speech that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility, and violence.

It further called on Member States and social media companies to counter hate speech and address its increasing spread, enable research into measures to reduce it, and promote users access to effective reporting channels.

The Assembly also voiced deep concern over the rise in instances of discrimination, intolerance, and violence, regardless of the actors, including cases motivated by Islamophobia, on a proposal put forward by Pakistan, and backed by Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, according to the diplomats. Pakistan's delegate, Bilal Chaudhry, expressing his "profound satisfaction"

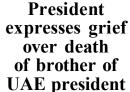
ISLAMABAD (APP): tions are deeply offensive resolution, said the tex The UN General Assembly and disrespectful, they do resonated with the resolution on religious hatred, presented by Pakistan on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, re cently adopted at the Human Rights Council ir

> That landmark resolution condemned "all advocacy and manifestations of religious hatred, including recent public and premeditated acts that have desecrated the Quran" and called for countries to adopt laws enabling them to bring to justice those responsible for such acts, he pointed

> "Islamophobia is or the rise, with the repeated incidents of desecration of the Holy Quran. These acts are not just a provocation to the feelings of more than two billion Muslims in the world, but a step to sabotage interfaith harmony and peace," the Pakistani del egate added.

'Such incidents are also a manifestation of racial hatred and xenophobia, and absence of preventive legal deterrence, inaction, and shying away from speak ing out encourages further incitement to hatred and violence," Chaudhry said.

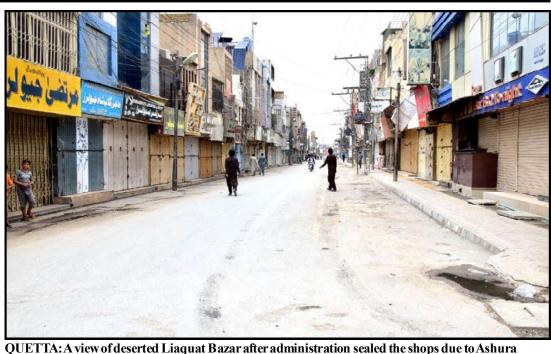
'The text does not seek to curtail the right to free speech, but tries to underline the special duties and responsibilities of the international community to safeguard interfaith peace and harmony," he con-



ISLAMABAD (Online): President Arif Alvi has expressed grief and sorrow over the death of Sheikh Saeed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. brother of President of the UAE Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Commiserating with the bereaved family, the President prayed for the departed soul.

The President said his sympathies and those of the Pakistani nation are with the people and royal family of the UAE in this hour



ISLAMABAD (APP):

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani

and Deputy Chairman

Mirza Muhammad Afridi

said Youm-e-Ashura re-

minds the great sacrifice made by Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad

(Peace Be Upon Him), in the battle of Karbala to up-

hold the values of faith and

Senate

sanctity.

Chairman

Chairman Senate says

'Youm-e-Ashura emphasizes timeless

beacon of guidance in sacrifice of

Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA)

society can effectively ad-

dress the prevailing issues.

deputy chairman empha-

sized that the event of

Karbala teaches the essence

of selflessness, patience,

and perseverance, for which

no sacrifice is too great. It

is the same path chosen by

(Peace Be Upon Him) to

stand firm for the cause of

truth, they added.
They said, "Today is a

day of reflection on the pro-

found thoughts and actions

of Prophet Muhammad

(Peace Be Upon Him) and

the unwavering commit-

ment of Imam Hussain

(RA), his family and com-

Prophet

Muhammad

The chairman and

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

WASHINGTON (INP): for Pakistan. America is Several lawmakers of the United States, including Congressman Sherman, have called for free, fair, and internationally-monitored general polls in Pakistan.

The demand by members of the Congress came during an event, 'Status of Human Rights and Democracy in Pakistan', where critical issues in Pakistan, including human rights violations, missing persons, upcoming general elections, politically-motivated arrests, as well as the significance of free media, and democracy came under dis-

"This is a difficult time

dedicated to the rule of law and democracy, more than we are dedicated to whether this prime minister or that prime minister agrees with us on this or that foreign policy issue," Congressman Sherman said. He said that US lawmakers look forward to free, transparent and monitored elections as required by Pakistani law, which he believes is "either in October or early November depending upon how things work out'

In a message on the eve of 10th Muharram-ul-The event — organised by known Pakistani-Harram, they said the pro-American Dr Asif Mahmood with Congressfound sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) promen Sherman and Jim vides guidance in every as-Costa as hosts — was also attended by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) suppect of life and by embracing the principles laid down by Prophet Muhammad panions, who immortalized in all spher this day in the annals of Ismaintained. porters with portraits of journalist Imran Riaz Khan and incarcerated fashion designer Khadija Shah, a dual citizen who was detained by Pakistani police post-May 9 violent incidents, on dis

# QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other high officers visiting

# Kristin Harila, Tenjen sherpa become fastest climbers to summit all 8000ers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Norwegian woman climber Kristin Harila and her Nepali sherpa guide Tenjen (Lama) scaled Mount K2 (8611m), the world's second highest peak in Pakistan, becoming the fastest persons to complete the 14 8000ers in three months.

"They have summited K2 at 10:45 am today (Monday), creating a new True Summit World Record," Karrar Haidri, secretary Alpine Club of Pakistan said in a

"They have completed the feat of ascending 14 above 8000-metre peaks in a remarkable 3 months, 17 hours, and 45 minute period of time," he added Following is the detail of the 14 peaks they conquered in 2023:



SUKKUR: Devotees of Imam Hussain (R.A) are using boats to participate in the religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (R.A), grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), in connection of 9th Muharram-ul-Haram, at Rohri in Sukkur.

Abdullah upbeat ahead of Cambodia

clash in FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier

# Partnership with drone industry to be beneficial for CPEC construction: Yang Jincai

the landscape of the global

BEIJING (APP): Chairman of, the World UAV Federation, Yang Jincai on Thursday offered cooperation in under the China-Pakistan and said that a partnership with the drone industry would be beneficial to the construction of the flagship project.

Agricultural development is one of the key cooperation areas, where Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) can work in several aspects like breeding, disease prevention and control. That is to say, the partnership in the drone area will be beneficial to CPEC construction, he told participants of the Pak-China Conference on Building a Viable Drone Industry in Pakistan, here at Pakistan Embassy,

He opined that drones were playing a role in reforming the world and these versatile flyers could increase productivity, improve operational efficiencies and harvest real-time data that ultimately alter buyers are the US, added.

economy. Yang Jincai said that UAVs/Drones, as a rising star, had gained great has reached \$37 billion in 2023. The US, China, and Europe are the main regions of UAVs whereas, in the

zon, Google, and UPS had started using drones for express delivery. In China, drones are widely used in surveying and mapping, logistics, ag-

US, companies like Ama-

In 2023, the civil drone market has exceeded \$21 billion, and will maintain rapid growth in the next few years, he added.

riculture, and entertain-

Sharing data, he said that from 2020 till now, the number of buyers of drones on Alibaba had increased by 56.9 per cent vear on year and had in-

Singapore, Mexico, Somalia, and Thailand.

China, as one of the world's most important agriculture development popularity around the bases for this trendy unworld. It was reported that manned industry, has been Economic Corridor (CPEC) the global drone market rising fast in 2023. Up to now, there are about 15.00 drone companies with a total output value amount ing to \$6.4 billion and 950,000 registered drones UAVs flew about 386 million sorties, with a flight duration of about 16.689 million hours, he added.

He said that Shenzhen, which enjoyed the reputation of the World Drone Capital had more than 1,300, with an output value of nearly \$11.3 billion and consumer drones account for 74% of the global market share.

At the same time China has formed a strong advantage in the field of UAV research development and manufacturing China's drone sales ac creased by 89.9 per cent count for more than 70% month-on-month, where of the world, becoming demand exceeded sup- a major manufacturer ply. The top five coun- and exporter of the glotries by number of drone bal drone market, he

**Asian Champions Trophy:** 

# Pakistan hockey team to leave for India on August 1

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: The Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) confirmed on Friday that the national team would travel to India for Asian Hockey Champions Trophy on August 1.

Pakistan team will travel to the neighbouring country via Wagah Border and will reach Chennai from Amritsar by road. Chennai will host the

Asian event from August 3 Three officials of the Pakistan team are still wait-

ing for the visa. The newly-

appointed head coach Shahnaz Sheikh is also facing issues in getting a visa Pakistan are scheduled

to play their first match against Malaysia on August 3. The Green Shirts will lock horns with arch-rivals India on August 9. Sauad

Muhammad Umar Bhatta ©, Akmal Hussain, Abdullah Ishtiaq Khan, Muhammad Abdullah, Muhammad Sufyan Khan, Ehtsham Aslam, Osama Bashir, Aqeel Ahmed, Arshad Liaguat Muhammad Imad, Abdul

Hanan Shahid, Zakaria Hayat, Rana Abdul Waheed Ashraf (Vice Captain), Roman, Muhammad Murtaza Yaqoob, Muhammad Shahzaib Khan, Afraz, Abdul Rahman, while the standby includes Ali Raza Muhammad Bagir Muhammad Nadeem Khan Abdul Wahab, Waqar Ali Muhammad Arsalan and

Abdul Qayyum. Pakistan's schedule August 3 - vs Malav-

> August 4 - vs Korea August 6 - vs Japan August 7 - vs China August 9 - vs India



PESHWAR: Police personal stand alert during 9th Muharram ul Haram procession.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): at the OIC General Secre-The Organization of Is-tariat in Jeddah on July 02, lamic Cooperation (OIC) this year. will hold an extraordinary virtual session for the dressed the burning of a of Foreign ters of Member States (CFM) on July 31 to discuss the repeated incidents of desecration and burning of copies of the Holy Quran in Sweden and Denmark. This session has been convened at the request of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair of the 14th Islamic Summit, and the

Republic of Iraq. This urgent meeting of ministers has been called in response to the final statement issued by the OIC Executive Committee after an

The statement adcopy of the Holy Sweden and called for highlevel emergency meetings as needed.

The meeting is being held considering the OIC Secretary-General Hissein Brahim Taha's consultations with the member states regarding the implementation of the final statement issued by the Executive Committee.

Further measures are also being considered in response to the repeated provocative actions that represent deliberate religious extraordinary meeting held hatred and intolerance.

# Eight of family die as van plunges into ditch near Babusar Top

**Monitoring Desk** ISLAMABAD: In a heartwrenching incident, eight members of a family lost their lives, while 10 others

sustained injuries as their van veered off the road and fell into a ditch near Babusar The tragic accident occurred at the scenic Geti

Das tourist destination in District Diamir at approximately 3:30 pm. The ill-fated van was

travelling towards Rawalpindi when it collided with an oncoming vehicle. The impact of the col-

driver to lose control, leading to the vehicle swerving off the road and plunging into a deep ditch.

The deceased victims were all members of the same family who hailed from Sialkot.

The remaining 10 injured passengers were swiftly transported to Chalas for urgent medical attention.

The bodies of the deceased were transferred to Naran Hospital to complete necessary formalities and procedures. Authorities have already notified the lision caused the van's relatives of the victims.

## Pakistan to host first-ever Int'l Women's Volleyball C'ship

ISLAMABAD (APP): With an aim to promote and encourage young girls towards volleyball, the Pakistan Volleyball Federation (PVF) in collaboration with Empower Sports Academy would likely be hosting the first-ever International Women's Volleyball Invitational Championship in Islamabad early next year.

According to PVF women's wing Chairperson Malika Junaid, said Pakistan Sports Board (PSB), PVF were focusing on to encourage female towards volleyball.

The purpose to host the international event was to provide opportunities to women players as to improve their skills and tech-

It would be the first time in the history of Pakistan that teams from USA and Europe would be taking part in the women's volleyball competitions, she said.

She said we were also planning to send Pakistan women's team for a training tour to Turkey this year. We also aim to promote and inspire young girls to showcase their talent and to excel in the game of volleyball. PVF Women's wing chairperson said Islamabad would host the international championship which was planned to be held in the first week of January next year as we were expecting five interna-

tional teams to visit Paki-

stan for the historic event.

lost in both legs in June 2019 with an aggregate score of 4-1. However, Shah was confident that Pakistan, who have never won a World Cup Qualifier before, will be adequately prepared for the match

KARACHI: Pakistan's tal-

ented young centre-back Syed Abdullah Shah is up-

beat ahead of round one of

the Asian Qualifiers for the

FIFA World Cup 2026,

hosting the first leg and Pa-

Pakistan also faced

Cambodia in the 2022

World Cup Qualifiers but

face Cambodia.

kistan second.

fixture Pakistan will travel to Bahrain to face Japan on September 6, the hosts on September 9, and Palestine on 12 of the same month in Group D of the U23 event.

against Cambodia since it

will face tough opponents in the AFC U23 Asian

Cup Qatar 2024 Quali-

fiers before the crucial

"It's going to be a re-peat clash since we faced Cambodia during the 2022 World Cup qualifiers as well in 2019," Shah told Geosuper.tv on Thursday.

'We are really confident about our chances since majority of our squad is U23. Before the World Cup qualifier, we will get matches against Japan, Bahrain and Palestine, in

Qualifiers, which are stronger opponents as compared to Cambodia. These matches will give us confidence before the World Cup qualifier."

where the Shaheens will According to current FIFA Rankings, Cambodia The matches will be are ranked 176, meanwhile held on October 12 and 17 Pakistan are 201. this year, with Cambodia

The winner of the Pakistan-Cambodia clash will join Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Tajikistan in Group G for round two of the quali-

Shah also hoped Pakistan's squad would be complete before the World Cup Qualifier against Cambodia. He hinted at the inclusion of Adil Nabi, a midfielder who plays for Cypriot top-flight side Doxa Katokopias FC, and former Pakistan captain Kaleemullah Khan — who last played for Pakistan in 2020 during the tour of Malaysia.

There will be two to three good additions to the squad. Adil Nabi might join us and Kaleemullah could make a comeback as well. The new additions will complete our squad," he

"Winning and losing is in the hands of Allah Almighty but we will give our best on the field. It must be noted that

the Jinnah Stadium in Islamabad is likely to host the home leg against Cambodia after proper renovations, which include the pitch and floodlights.

Pakistan last hosted a

Qualifier in 2011, when Bangladesh played at the Punjab Stadium in Lahore.

Meanwhile, Jinnah Stadium last hosted an international match during the 2014 SAFF Women's Championship.

Shah, who became the youngest Pakistani player to feature in a foreign League in 2022 after joining Dhivehi Sifainge Club in the Maldives second Division at the age of 21, also shed light on playing on home soil.

"I have played quite a few matches with the senior team as well as at junior level but none of them have been at home," he

"Playing at home will definitely be advantageous for us since we know how the pitch behaves at the Jinnah Stadium in Islamabad or any other venue in the country. We will also have the support of the local crowd, which will motivate us to do well on the field

He also spoke about playing alongside fellow defender Easah Suliman, who changed his national eligibility from England in order to represent Pakistan earlier this

Suliman, who has also served England U19 as their captain, was part of the Pakistan squad for the four-nation cup in Mauritius and the SAFF Championship in India re-

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

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

The Minister expressed her views while launching the coffee table book launched under the GLOF-II project with the title "Fading Vistas— Beauty of Northern Pakistan" which was followed emerged like a poster child risk as these glaciers were by a photograph exhibition at the content of every tour-melting faster than average.

beauty and unprecedented scenic ecosystems existing in the mountainous region of the country. The GLOF-II is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, United Nations Development Programme-Pakistan (UNDP) supported by the Green Climate Fund.

In her keynote address, Senator Rehman appreciated the book and also lauded UNDP partnership in Pakistan. She said the mountains of the country were stunning and had

magnets showcasing natural beauty and nature.

Pakistan had the largest glaciers outside the polar region and the experience of watching Indus River passing by the mountains in the north was a humbling feeling. "Many cities are holding direct flights to northern areas bringing plethora of tourists depsite knowing the fact that it might not accommodate

masses," the Minister said. She added that these mountains were facing real

such huge number of

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

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

ment to establish an e-

PICA Act 2016 has been

federal government to regu-

late social media, the min-

istry recommended that a

broad-based legal frame-

work is needed to regulate

As per sources, the Ministry of IT has recom-

mended to the federal gov-

ernment to establish an e-

safety agency, authorized

to act on the lines of FIA.

The ministry will prepare

a draft law in this regard,

and all stakeholders will be

consulted in the prepara-

agency established under e-

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Sources said that the

tion of the bill

social and digital media.

the IT Ministry, the tored.

safety agency.

IT ministry proposes

e-safety agency to

'regulate' digital media

ISLAMABAD (INP): To well as content published

regulate digital media, the on websites. Social media

Ministry of IT has recom- rules will also be made a

mended the federal govern- part of the e-safety law,

declared inadequate by the sources, the ministry will

safety will be able to moni- rized and illegal use of in-

AJK leadership express

grave concern over HR

situation in IIOJK

tor social media activities as formation systems.

According to sources papers will also be moni-

under which the websites

of TV channels and news-

ensure a balanced ap-

proach to freedom of ex-

pression under article 19,

while rules will be strict

to curbing online harass-

and threats.

ment, cyber provocation

will also encompass the

regulation of activities such

as Photoshop manipula-

the dissemination of propa-

ganda aimed at damaging an

safety bill will be imple-

mented to safeguard data

and prevent the unautho-

Additionally, an e-

individual's reputation.

tion, sexual harassment, and

The new measures

As per reliable



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

ISLAMABAD: Mourners touching tazia during 9th Muharram- ul-Haram

# 5th August is one of most tragic and catastrophic days in Kashmir's history: GA Gulzar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Vice Chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar, has said that the 5th of August was one of the most tragic, painful and catastrophic days in the modern history of

media service (KMS) report on Friday, Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar, in a statement issued in Srinagar on the completion of four years of Indian siege in oc-cupied Jammu and Kashmir, said that it was the day when Hindutva forces in troops, dozens of probe catastrophic effect future of Kashmir.

Like to snack? If you do,

you're not alone. A 2022

survey by Food Insight

found that 73 percent of us

report snacking at least once

a day. (Are there really

people out there who eat

no snacks?) On average, 24

percent of adults' daily calo-

ries are consumed during

snack time, per the United

States Department of Agri-

culture (ÚSDA). The good

news? Between-meal nosh-

ing may actually benefit

your health, at least if you're

choosing the right kinds of

foods, according to a new

study presented at Nutri-

tion 2023, the annual flag-

ship meeting of the Ameri-

can Society for Nutrition.

'Our study showed

flagrant violation of the international law and United Nations resolutions scrapped special status of IIOJK and deprived its people of all political, social, cultural, economic, religious and other basic

According to Kashmir 5th August was the day when the Hindutya regime with its all military might, resources and institutions attacked Kashmir and usurped the basic rights of the Kashmiri people. The Indian government, parlia-

quantity or frequency of

Yes, snacking can

make you healthier

ISLAMABAD (Online): is more important than the

institutions, intelligence agencies and even its anti-Muslim and pro-Hindu judiciary have joined hands to conquer Kashmiris and make it lamented.

special status was the worst dacoity,, biggest robbery and attack on the identity, culture, and basic rights of Kashmiris and this backstabbing act will have catastrophic effects on the

## 3 members of criminal gangs held; valuables

recovered **Independent Report** 

snacking, thus choosing ISLAMABAD: Islamabad high quality snacks over Capital Police Koral and highly processed snacks is likely beneficial," said Kate Bermingham, PhD, a Phulgran police teams have arrested three wanted members of criminal gangs inpostdoctoral fellow at volved in numerous snatch-King's College London, in ing and theft activities and a press release. "Timing is recovered snatched mobile also important, with latephone, motorbike and night snacking being unfaweapons with ammunition vorable for health." High used in crime from their Triglycerides Can Increase possession, a police public the Risk of Heart Disease relations officer said and Metabolic Syndrome

He said that, follow-To explore the health ing the special directions of effects of snacking, research-Islamabad Capital City Poers used data from 1,001 lice officer (ICCPO) Dr. people in the United Kingdom Akhar Nasir Khan the enrolled in the ZOE PRE-Islamabad Capital Police DICT project, a group of large had categorically started a crackdown against criminal in-depth nutritional research studies designed to help exelements in order to save the that the quality of snacking perts understand. precious lives and property of citizens. Following these directions, a Koral police team used technical and human resources and succeeded in apprehending two wanted members of a

# Special Traffic education, enforcement campaign in full swing

**Independent Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police took prompt action against underage motorcyclists and drivers

enforcement campaign in order to solve the traffic related problems faced by the citizens on roads, a police public relations officer



and imposed fines on them under the campaign of Special Traffic education and

Following the directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police launched a special traffic education and

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

#### part of Hindu Raster, he While terming the 5th He further said that Augustas day of mourning for Kashmiris he said that the tragedy of scrapping of

# tan Mahmood Chaudhry

have expressed deep concern over the deteriorating human rights situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu Kashmir (IIOJK).

In a meeting held in Mirpur (AJK) on Thursday, both the leaders discussed mutual interests, regional developments and the continued oppression faced by religious minori- nity to take notice of these

Prime Minister of Azad lighted the brutal treatment Jammu and Kashmir of the Christian community Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq in Manipur, stating that, in and President Barrister Sul- addition to the suppression of Muslims in occupied Kashmir and Sikhs and Muslims in Gujarat and Punjab, Hindutva forces were now targeting the Christian community in Manipur.

They particularly high-

They termed this oppression of religious minorities as a severe form of state terrorism and called on the international commuatrocities in India.

# **Three-day Teachers Training Workshop to be** held at IST in September

ISLAMABAD (APP): Space Education Research Lab, National Center of GIS and Space Applications, Institute of Space Technology (IST) is organizing the three-day Teachers Training Workshop on Space Education for Primary and Secondary science School Teachers from September

According to the IST, the workshop has been planned in collaboration with Office of Astronomy for Education (OAE), the International Astronomical Union (IAU) as part of their Teachers Training

enhancing the teaching skills and resources linked with the primary and secondary school science curriculum of Pakistan.

About the eligibility criteria, the official informed that the applicant should be a School teacher with at least two years of experience. The day-long workshop will be held on Thursday and Saturday and Friday will be from 1430 -2100 hours.

The willing science school teachers can register themselves through the web link: http://bit.ly/ttw-se by Aug 11, 2023. The shortlisted candidates will The workshop, to be held in IST, will focus on held in IST, will be a second on held in IST, will be a second on held in IST, wil

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

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

The day promotes the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in many cultures. It is observed on July 30 each year. The UN has a special

day to promote the concept of friendships across diverse backgrounds and cultures. To mark the Interna-

tional Day of Friendship the UN encourages governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities, and initiatives that promote solidarity, mutual understanding, and reconciliation. In 2011, the UN pro-

claimed the International Day of Friendship with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries. and cultures can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communi-

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

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

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

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

Under the influence of these systems, rain/windthundershowers (with scattered heavy falls) were expected in Kashmir, (Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur), Gilgit Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer,

Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Lakki Marwat, Kohat, Dera Ismail Nia..., Waziristan, Munce, Islamabad, Attock, Ismail Khan, Bannu, Karak,

Chakwal, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Narowal, Sheikhupura, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Kasur, Mianwali, Sargodha, Khushab, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Bhakkar, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar and Okara with occasional gaps.

It further added that rain/wind-thundershowers (with few heavy falls) were expected in Kalat, Khuzdar, Lasbella, Awaran, Kech, Gwadar, Panjgur, Mastung, Sibbi, Naseerabad, Zhob, Sherani, Barkhan, Musakhel, Kohlu, Jhal Magsi, Loralai, Dera Ghazi khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Khanewal, Layyah, Kot Addu, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan from the night of

July 27 to July 28. The PMD, in its press release, said that heavy rains might generate flash floods in Balochistan and hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan on July 27 (night) and July

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



9th Muharram at Sector G-6/2 in Federal Capital.

## Masroor urges **Indian govt to** release all

religious leaders

ISLAMABAD (APP): All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari has urged the Indian government to release all the religious leaders, detained in different jails of India and the territory

According to Kashmir media service (KMS) Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari talking to media men in Srinagar said that the ban on large Eid prayer gatherings in the occupied territory should also be lifted.

# 1,572 newly passed out officials transferred to different divisions

Independent Report ISLAMABAD:

Islamabad Capital Police announces the deployment of 1,572 well-trained personnel from the 38th Basic Recruits Course to various divisions, reinforcing its commitment to enhancing security and ensuring public safety in the capital city, a police public relations officer said. He said that, under the directives of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the passing out officials from the 38th Basic Recruit

Course have been assigned to different crucial divisions within the Islamabad Capital Police. The operation divisions will be bolstered by 482 personnel, including 335 male police personnel and 75 female officers, all equipped to handle various challenges and emergencies. To fortify security measures, 400 personnel have been assigned to the security divisions, which include 44 women police personnel, while enhancing logistical support, 190 personnel have been allocated to the logistics divisions.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): The two-day Pakistan Governance Forum 2023 (PGF), organized by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, has adopted a resolution calling for the immediate implementation of the Stable, Transparent, Agile, and Responsible (STAR)

snatcher gang involved in

snatching activities. The

accused were identified as

Fasi ud din and Hamza

Azram. Police team also re-

covered a mobile phone, mo-

torbike and weapons with

ammunition used in crime

from their possession.

The resolution was adopted at the conclusion of the PGF-2023 held in Islamabad, aiming to develop a roadmap for a stable, transparent, agile, and responsible governance system in the country, a need release said.

governance system in the

The forum saw participation from hundreds of prominent figures from across diverse sectors, political leaders, experts, and representatives from civil society, who highlighted crucial aspects of gover-

The forum committed to upholding a governance framework that embodies the principles of STAR.

This commitment underscores the resolve to promote peace, enhance cessitates incorporating the transparency, and ensure public accountability while focusing on improved service delivery, embracing innovation and technology, and adapting to emerging challenges.

continuity of inclusive, consultative, and evidencebased policies fostered through collaborative working relations between all organs of the state including the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary; the Federal, Provincial, and Local tiers of government; as well as the political leadership,

bureaucracy, and military.

Effective measures

should be taken to promote upholding the rule of law harmony and teamwork among state institutions within the constitutional framework, the resolution

Ensuring stability neviews and aspirations of all segments of society, especially under-represented groups such as youth, women, and diverse religious and ethnic communi-

According to the resolution, stability entails the must be institutionalized within all tiers of government through affirmative action and adopting an allof-government approach, as emphasized by the resolution in highlighting the key feature of stable gover-

> Furthermore, the resolution stressed the need for establishing peace within the country and the region, ensuring law and order, and

to create a conducive environment for good gover-It called for resolving

ethnic, religious, and other lines through peaceful means, unequivocally rejecting violence. Regarding transparency in governance, the

conflicts along political,

resolution underscored the importance of enhancing transparency to eradicate corruption and strengthen public accountability at all tiers of government. Utilizing advance-

ments in technology, particularly in prudent and responsible spending of public money, offers unprecedented opportunities to increase transparency in all government functions.

resolution stressed the importance of making data accessible to the public through digital

formats and ensuring the enactment and enforcement of "right to information"

The principle of agility, as per the resolution, necessitates placing effective and efficient service delivery at the core of the government's function.

This involves making incremental but consistent improvements to public service delivery through refining administrative structures and processes and transitioning from an output to an outcomes-oriented approach.

The resolution further emphasized the need for structural and forwardlooking reforms in public sector management, particularly civil service re-

It said that overhauling public servants' recruitment, induction, training, administrative structures,

performance management, compensation, and retirement benefits is vital in this regard. Additionally, it said

politically, administratively and financially empowered local governments must be established in all federating units to ensure efficient service delivery and grassroots inclusion. Furthermore, the reso-

lution highlighted that the needs, interests, and aspirations of Pakistani citizens must be the primary focus, prioritized over the narrow or short-term political in-terests of individual stakeholders.

It called for efforts to forge consensus on a

minimalist set of core national interests in the domains of the economy, foreign policy, and security through meaningful and inclusive deliberations among all stakeholders.

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# Control.pk

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

Two bills, aimed at bringing under state control online media and digital platforms — the aries of health systems and last remaining spaces where tic definition. The best shot most Pakistanis can still freely and the most quoted defiexpress themselves — received the federal cabinet's nod of approval on Monday.

The innocuously titled 'Personal Data Protection Bill' and 'E-Safety Bill' are, critics say, much more sinister in intent than their titles suggest. Internet rights activists have slammed the government, with a statement circulating on the internet, co-signed by industry pioneers as well as prominent digital rights activists, lawyers and journalists, stressing that "legislation prepared in secrecy and passed in haste disregarding input and clear reservations, serves no protective purpose but reeks of nefarious designs to further curb the rights and liberties of citizens". The signatories to the statement believe that "these bills

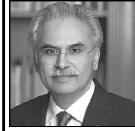
must not be passed".

Separately, the Asia Internet Coalition has especially criticised the Personal Data of catacitysmic crises. Will time, the extent of this mess Protection Bill, saying it "falls is causing unmanageable rupshort of international standards for data protection and creates unnecessary complexities that will increase the cost of doing business and dampen foreign ture and is there still a way to extricate ourselves from investment". The managing di- this quagmire? If this were award of a standby financial rector of the organisation also abroad-based dialogue to sift ample of their total lack of aged to keep the process of pointed out that "the bill cre- the doable from the undoable. ates additional barriers to digital trade at a critical time, when Pakistan's economic growth demands paramount attention". The question naturally arises: how does the PDM government, which has pinned much of its economic turnaround hope on growth in the country's nascent IT industry, square its vision with such measures that, if they do not kill the nascent IT industry, will surely cripple it?

It defies understanding, and it is unsurprising that the re- when 'tea trolley' (boraction to its secretive new laws has been swift and condemnatory. The government clearly has no clue about how to empower the industry and unlock about to tie the nuptial knot to be strangers to one its potential.

It is obvious that the need for these legislative interven- In fact, this cultural practions has not arisen from any pressing public concern. This much is evident from the manner in which the two bills were quietly drafted, tabled before the cabinet, and hurriedly medical profession after passed. Even the government's graduation and opt for the stereotypical role of a allies, it seems, were unaware homemaker assigned to of their existence. Observers fear it is the state that has been unable to shut down the unbridled ridicule and criticism it has lately been receiving online, which is pushing these laws. To them, it wants the same who do not work are not interested in doing a job, control over online publishing and that they join medical platforms that it has over traditional media. The PTI learnt after its ouster that, had it not been for the Islamabad High that they should pay soci-Court striking down very simiety back the benefit they had received from the lar rules and laws it had introduced towards the tail-end of its tenure, it would have quickly been crushed by the state. The PDM should not repeat the of the Centre for Biomedisame mistake.

# Making health systems work



Zafar Mirza

Health systems are amorphous. They are also diverse and complex. They reflect societies and evolve with them. There is hardly any discussion about healthcare in which the word 'system' is not mentioned and yet conceptually, it is hard to set boundto come up with an authennition came from the World Health Report 2000: health systems include all the institutions, actors and activities whose primary purpose is to promote, restore or maintain health.

As worldwide demand for better healthcare has risen, so has the policy quest and ambition for health system reforms for making systems work optimally to meet people's

vious challenges in this regard are the lack of political will and fiscal prioritisation but there are also underlying major difficulties in conceptualising, assessing and improving systems so that they can produce better healthcare and improved health outcomes. These challenges are most stark in low- and middle-income countries (L&MICs). Over the last quarter

intensified. In parallel, con-

has evolved and is gradually crystallising into an academic discipline, ie, health system studies. There are a number of reports and manuals by agencies including the WHO, World Bank and USAID. Authors have written on various aspects of health systems. Roemer, Kleczkowiski, Elling, Soucat, Paina, Scott, Kielman, Smith and many others have contributed to developing understanding about the health system. In 2016, the WHO produced Strategising National Health in the 21st Century: a Handbook. Until recently

though, there was no one

States rest on strong

pillars reflecting the tri-

They have their roles clearly

which must be strictly ad-

tioning of the government and

all its allied institutions. If,

however, any of these pil-

lars starts working beyond

the domain of its constitu-

tional powers, or it falters

under one kind of pressure

or the other, it rattles the

ship, making it weak and wobbly, thus vulnerable to

both internal and external in-

tervention. Because of mul-

tiple factors, this is where the

government rests at this junc-

ture, unable to win legitimacy

to perform its functions with

any amount of acceptability

among domestic and interna-

tional stakeholders. In the

absence of this basic require-

ment, it is stripped of its ra-

tionale to govern. The way

the IMF dealt with it in the

arrangement is a classic ex-

faith in both its credibility

and ability. Before finalizing

the package, it first sought

its approval from Imran

Khan who heads the largest

expectations. The more ob- stop-shop textbook on the

Making Health Systems Work in Low and Middle Income Countries: Textbook for Public Health Practitioners is not only the first such work but is also led by a health system scholar from Pakistan. The venture is a great example of global collaboration. Sameen Siddiqi, former WHO director of Health System Development and of a century, the policy fountil recently chair of the cus on health systems has Department of Community Health Sciences, Aga Khan University, led a team of ceptual and academic work editors/authors: Awad Mataria, a Palestinian, health economist and currently director of Universal Health Coverage/Health Systems at the WHO, Katherine Rouleau, a Canadian family physician and director WHO Collaborating Centre on Family Medicine and Primary Care, University of Toronto, and Meesha Iqbal a PhD student at UTHealth School of Public Health, US.

The book is a treatise of rich and diverse contributions on almost all important aspects of healthcare systems. The ethos of the book lies in narrowing the gap between what needs to

be done and how to do it to strengthen health systems.

It has 37 chapters organised in two sections. Section one is titled 'Analysing Health Systems: Concepts, Components, Performance'; it has 14 chapters. It has dedicated chapters on conceptual frameworks of health systems, primary health care universal healthcare (UHC) and all building blocks of the health system: governance, financing, health workforce, pharmaceutical system and its regulation, health information system, health services, community engagement, attributes of the health system and assessment approaches, decision-making tools and health system research.

The second section has 23 chapters under the title 'Transforming Health Systems: Confronting Challenges, Seizing Opportunities'. This section includes chapters on UHC and intersectoral policies, pro-poor health financing, health insurance, strategic purchasing, good gover-nance and leadership, de-veloping a balanced health workforce, equitable ac-

health technologies, from data to decision-making, research for evidence-informed decisions, intehealthcare, grated strengthening hospitals, quality and safety of healthcare, private healthcare, public-private partnerships, the Thai experience on community engagement, achieving health-related SDGs, addressing the determinants of health, essential public health functions, healthcare recovery process, the health system response to Covid-19, understanding the global health architecture, the political economy of health reforms, and how to make health systems work for better health out-

cess to medicines and

Around 100 authors from 36 countries across the world have contributed to this magnum opus on health systems. It is the most gigantic effort to date to bring together varied concepts, global perspectives, experiences and practices aimed at making health systems work in L&MICs. It contains around 70 text boxes on

There are superlative endorsements of the book from Julio Frank, president of the University of Miami, Anutin Charnvirakul, deputy prime minister of Thailand, Mamta Murti, vice president for Human Development, World Bank and Dr Ahmad Al Mandhari, WHO regional director for the Eastern Mediterranean. As a first textbook on

health systems, it has been welcomed by the global health community. A multicity launch of the book took place in January 2023 simultaneously from Karachi, Cairo, Cambridge, Toronto and Houston. Cambridge University Press has published the book in paperback to keep the price low but still it is high for most in L&MICs. Maybe special prices can be negotiated for bulk purchases for L&MICs. According to the CUP website, there have been 10,982 book summary page views to date. Amazon has also made it available as downloadable on Kindle. Dr Sameen Siddigi has already received requests for the translation of the book into Persian and Arabic. --

# Old recipes will not work



**Raoof Hasan** 

In the existent times when sanity has been forfeited at the stake of personal vendettas, it is extremely difficult to keep destruction from visiting and causing unmitigated mayhem. That is why we are witnessing the country sinking deeper into the pothole of cataclysmic crises. With tures in the working of the state apparatus.

Under the circumstances, the fundamental question that arises is: why have we arrived at this juncpossible, one could think of But, if we have already crossed the Rubicon, what other methods and measures may still be available to mitigate the intensity of hatreds and the sole national politime. A former prime minis-

cal party of the country, and whom the entire state machinery is exclusively devoted to decimating by involving him in fake, frivolous

and fraudulent cases. On the one hand, it reflected the vulnerability of the incumbent government before institutions like the IMF and, on the other, it established the political credentials of the PTI which has been the target of the wrath and brutality of the state in the recent past. Such prospects are unheard of in any democratic society which functions in conformity with its constitutional edicts. If there is fear that a government is losing its credentials to govern it would resign to seek a fresh mandate. But using fascist tactics to crush political opposition, which is what we have been witnessing in Pakistan, is unheard of in any genuine democratic polity.

A host of stories of wicked indulgences of the ruling elite are rampant. In fact, most of them are undertrial criminals who have manaccountability at bay by exploiting their positions in power and the use of the vast reservoirs of pelf they have wantonly accumulated over

ter who is a convict and an absconder, declared so by the apex court of the country, continues to unofficially manage the affairs of the state sitting far away, guarding his illicit properties and possessions secured by laundering nhenomenal sums of money

from Pakistan. Because of such and other unsavoury factors, and an addiction to hierarchical and dictatorial penchant, the state has been rendered dvsfunctional. In the process, we have landed up with a truncated assembly and a handpicked opposition leader who is on record to have proclaimed to fight the next election as a member of the party the leader of the house heads a massively corrupted executive which serves the vile whims of those wielding power, and a justice system afraid of issuing judgments. So we are left with a hollow structure of a state with no matter or substance inside.

It is no longer a case of serving and promoting the internal and external interests of the state. The entire attention is focussed on how best to secure the dividends of the miniscule corrupt ruling elite and initiate steps to ensure their uninterrupted sustenance in the corridors corrupting the system if there would still be some room for that or using the brutal and fascist power of the state to ensure the elimination of the opposition. This is what curries the

singular focus of state institutions staffed by personnel who operate as handmaidens of the ruling clique and do their servile and unquestioned bidding. One has been witnessing such shenanigans through multiple years of our existence. But when one is convinced that they are hurting the fundamentals of the state, making it vulnerable to internal and external manipulators, then resistance becomes a necessity to secure it from such influences. That is where Pakistan is parked at this juncture. The direction it takes from here onward will determine its future, most importantly the state and tenor of its inde-

short- and long-term benefit. This is where the crisis resides. Through exercising a profusion of malevolent intent, we have effectively compromised the state's interests before our foreign masters who will not relinof power, be that by further quish their stranglehold eas-

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sert it to take decisions that

would be to its exclusive

ily. This is primarily because of excessively corrupt leadership that has been repeatedly hoisted in the annals of power by employing fraudulent means. They neither had the calibre and character to be the leaders of a diverse nation, nor the wherewithal to guide with a programme of progress and deliverance. The only objective of their choice has been their own benefit as also the benefit of their co-conspirators. These machinations have cost the state immensely in terms of losing its substance and meaning, reduced to an inconspicuous speck, lost in the turbulence of stormy environs.

This is how grave the ailment is. It is no longer a question of making a miniscule change here or a change there. The time for cosmetic overtures has been long gone. There is a pressing need for a comprehensive and multifaceted overhaul that would cleanse the system and make the state responsive to the needs of its people, and not its corrupt ruling elite alone. Only holding free, fair and transparent elections to bring in leaders whom the people are willing to repose their faith in can pave the way into the future. No other remedy will do. --Courtesy The News

# Wasted talent



Zubeida Mustafa

There used to be a time rowed from the title of Rehana Alam's book) marriages were arranged by the families of prospective couples. It was not uncommon for those who were another; it followed that they had no say in the matter of their own marriage. tice still persists in many

Today, we are faced with a bizarre situation: girls outnumber boys in medical colleges — 70 per cent are girls — but half the number do not enter the them by a patriarchal society. This also happens to be a time when there is an acute shortage of doctors in the country.

It seems to pose an ethical dilemma since the common belief is that female medical graduates college to enhance their worth in the marriage market. As a result, they encounter public disapproval as the general opinion is subsidised education offered in public medical col-

I decided to visit Dr Farhat Moazam, professor and founding chairperson cal Ethics and Culture, Sindh Institute of Urology

Transplantation. Founded in 2004, it is now a WHO-designated bioethics centre. Under Dr Moazam, who won the Hastings Centre Bioethics Founders' Award in 2022, CBEC has conducted Master's and post-graduate diploma programmes and certificate courses for hundreds of participants. Her qualitative research on Pakistani medical students (co-authored with Sualeha Shekhani) has been published in the journal Medi-

cal Education (UK). Dr Moazam began by saying it is most unfair to blame the female students because it is our patriarchal society which creates this situation. No support is forthcoming to the young female doctors. Our medical training system is inadequate, substandard and the trainees are poorly

Marriage is central to our societal values. The girls who participated in interviews and focused group discussions conducted by Dr Moazam also conceded that marriage was their preference although it left them little control over their lives. Thereafter, they had to accept the role assigned to them of the homemaker and mother.

In the absence of support from family and society — few institutions provide for day-care centres for young children of working mothers—female medical graduates simply don't work. A hospital job is, after all, tough and time-consuming. No girl can handle a medical job, her home and her baby singlehandedly. Moazam also points to and their insufficient

The CPSP only conducts specialisation examinations. As for the stipends, they are not enough to support a fam- life of the working mother's ily. If all the students who child. -- Courtesy Dawn

numbers in teaching hos-

pass their MBBS were to decide to seek training, large numbers would be turned back. As a matter of fact, many male medical graduates are also known to be dropping out for this reason. Another significant finding of the CBEC research is that the number of male applicants to medical colleges is falling. Men do not find the medical profession financially satisfying in the early years.

Then what is the so

lution to this challenge? Dr Moazam suggests changes to the medical training system. There is a need to enhance the capacity of the teaching hospitals so that no young doctor is denied the training which is a prerequisite for the CPSP exams. The standard of training should be upgraded and the emoluments increased so that young doctors get decent wages. Every institution where women work should be required to have a child care centre on its

A proposal worth trying out is to have a number of shared jobs, which means one job should have two women working for the position on a part-time basis. This would reduce the number of hours a woman is required to work every day though it will take them longer to obtain their degree requirement. All this is possible if the authorities are serious about finding a solution to the problem of the shortage of doctors. Dr Moazam insists that more research is needed on these issues to ensure that the changes introduced are meaningful the poor training facilities and feasible. Underpinning these reforms should be a change in the general

mindset. Only then will

the family step in to facili-

tate a young doctor who

wants to work. It would

also ensure stability in the

A multidimensional global much.

portions' that have killed woes of poor countries. Sea level rise due to global warming is affecting coastal comsalinisation of groundwater resources. as one of the top global risks in the coming decade. Ac-

# Water for life

with the water crisis, which

is stalling sustainable devel-

opment in the Global South

their basic right to water and

dressed in a timely and ap-

propriate manner, water

can be an enabler of socio-

economic development and

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water crisis is front and centre of our current environmental problems. Amidst rising temperatures, water scarcity is endangering lives at one end, while heatwaves are often followed by heavy rains and flash floods. Surging levels of extreme heatwaves, as seen in Asia, Europe, and parts of the US, demonstrate as At the other end of the

water crisis are cyclones and floods of 'Biblical prothousands of people, damaged infrastructure and worsened the financial munities and leading to step is to swiftly translate Water stress is tipped these pledges and commit-

cording to the WHO, about two billion people lack access to safe drinking water, while 4.2bn do not have adequate sanitation. Demand for drinking water and sanitation is outpacing supply in most developing countries.

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

#### The truth of climate change cannot be faced without getting to grips

and depriving people of a clean, healthy environment. However, if ad-

**Jamil Ahmad** 

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

ments into action. The imperative for urgent action was reiterated this month at the High-Level Political Forum which reviewed SDG progress. A synthesis report of SDG6, relating to water targets, notes that for reaching the global target of universal access by 2030, "progress needs to increase six times faster for safely managed drinking water, five times faster for safely managed sanitation and three times faster for basic hygiene". According to the report, water stress has increased globally, with some regions experiencing substantial increases, particularly in the arid areas, representing a serious concern for food security and the resilience of agricultural systems fac-

ing climate change. Poor water resource management is cited as a factor associated with rapid changes in the areas covered by surface waters in onefifth of the world's river basins, leading to flooding and droughts. At a time when more investment is required in the water sector, the report revealed that "official development assistance commitments to the water sector decreased by 12pc from 2015 to 2021, and actual disbursements decreased by 15pc over the same period'

come the crisis, including: new and efficient investments; provision of credible and timely data for decision-ma-king; nationalworkforce assessm-e-nts and capacity buil-ding; utilising techn-o---logy while customi-s--ing innovations to local contexts, and streamlining water governance and management by addressing institutional weakness, poor regulation, accountability, and transparency.

The report identifies

five priority areas to over-

Through its Integrated Water Resource Management programme, UNEP supports countries for protection, restoration, and management of freshwater ecosystems. An integrated approach also requires international cooperation, as transboundary waters account for 60pc of the world's freshwater flows.

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

# 10th of Muharram teaches us the lesson of sacrifice for Islam: Governor Sindh

Also holds meeting with scouts performing duties on Muharram processions

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Muslims today, he added. Governor Kamran Khan Tessori in his message on the day of 10th of Muharram-ul-Haram said that the day teaches us the lesson of sacrifice for Islam.

We have learned a lot from the great sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S), his relatives and companions who established the tradition, which is a glowing example for those who follow the straight path in every

The Governor Sindh further said that the martyrs of Karbala created a great history of martyrdom in the path of truth and righteousness by their words and deeds. This great sacrifice is the greatest honor for

The Governor said that the sacrifice that Imam

Hussain (A.S) and his companions made in Karbala for Islam would remain alive forever. Meanwhile, Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Friday held an online meeting with various scouts organizations which assist law enforcement agencies in security of Muharram processions as well as organizers of Majalis and mourning processions across Sindh.

The Governor praised the services of the scouts on important occasions, said a spokesperson of Governor House.

scouts to perform their du-

pants of processions and also law enforcers for ensuring the security of mourning processions across the province, in an efficient manner.

He said that the scouts have an important role in the maintenance of discipline in the mourning procession and ensure folowing the designated route. Kamran Khan Tessori

called upon the scouts to keep in close contact with the processions' organizers and the administration during Muharram processions. possible measures should be taken to ensure the peaceful start and end He also directed the of the majalis and processions, he added.



PARACHINAR: Federal Minister for Overseas Sajid Hussain Turi participates in the procession process of Ashura along with the leaders of the "Peace

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

Main mourning procession

of Muharram 9 emerges

PESHAWAR (APP): Fed- Therefore, we should maineral Minister for Overseas tain the atmosphere of Pakistanis and Human Resources Development, Sajid Hussain Turi here on Friday visited the Control Room of Crisis Management Cell established at the office of Deputy Commis- Peace Committee partici-

The Deputy Commissioner gave him a detailed briefing regarding the comprehensive security plan prepared Muharram.

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

KARACHI (APP): The

main mourning procession of Muharram 09, 1445 AH

was taken out amid stern

security arrangements from

Nishter Park here on Fri-

The main procession is led by Shabbar Raza

Zaidi while the scouts of

Pak Haidery Scouts also

assisting the police and

rangers in the security ar-

the Imambargah Ali Raza –

proceeded to its traditional

route towards Mansfield

Street while after passing

through, Preddy Street, Ti-

Later, the procession

M.A.Jinnah road here.

Earlier, a Majlis was

rangements.

enforcers.

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

along with the leaders of the met with the officials and leaders of Markazi Imambargah, Parachinar. Deputy Commissioner Kurram Syed Saiful Salam Shah and District Police Officer Muhammad Imran were also present on this

District Police Officer Muhammad Imran also gave a detailed briefing to the Federal Minister regarding the security plan for

#### Police says: PPP leader's house attacked, no casualty reported

NOWSHERA (APP): The house of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader, Pir Aslam was attacked by an alleged militant after he refused to pay extortion money, however no casualty was reported.

Police said on Friday that an alleged militant sioner Parachinar, District pated in the procession and hurled a hand grenade at the male guest room of Pir Aslam's house located in Risalpur and escaped.

As a result, the house and the adjacent hujra were damaged partially. However, Aslam and his family members remained unharmed.

Police registered a case and started an investiga-

Pir Aslam is the provincial leader of Pakistan Peoples Party and had contested elections twice on the party ticket, but he could not make it to Assembly.

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

FAISALABAD (APP):

driver was killed while 15 passengers sustained mul-Iranian tiple injuries in a road acci-Imambargah Kharadar here. dent on motorway, in the Strict security mealimits of Sammundri police sures have been made by station. Rescue-1122 police and rangers for the spokesman Zahid Lateef said here on Friday, the accident took place on

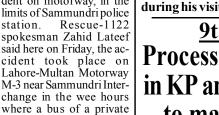
held at the Nishtar Park, under the foolproof security arrangements by the law After emerging from were blocked with con-Nishter Park, the particitainers and other obpants of the procession ofstacles to stop the unfered Namaz-e-Zoharain at

Alternate routes were already issued by the Karachi Traffic police to facilitate the people to continue their journey towards

from Nishter Park bet Centre, again M.A.Jinnah Road, Boulton Market, Bombay Bazar, Kharadar, Nawab Mohabbat Khanji Road it is scheduled to culminate at Hussainia

> participants of the procession. The route of main procession was checked and cleared by the bomb disposal squad. Allthe small lanes and connecting roads linked to the route of procession

wanted entry. their respective destina-



company collided with a trailer in a bid to overtaking. As a result, bus driver Imran Baloch (29) died on the spot while 15 passengers identified as that Marwa Tariq (25) Tasawwar Abbas (24) Nasir (32), Rafaqat Abbas (30), Feroz (40), Munir Ahmad (36), Tariq (26) Abdul Ghafoor (55), Nadia

Shamroz (30).



LAHORE: Shiite Muslim mourners self-flagellate during a 9th Muharram procession in Provincial Capital as Ashura is a period of mourning in remembrance of the martyrdom of Prophet Mohammad's grandson Imam Hussein, who was killed in the battle of Karbala.



his one day visit to offer condolences on the demise of Sheikh Saeed Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

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

ABBOTTABAD (APP): vide election results by 2 Federal Minister for Parliaacceptance of the Electoral Reforms Bill 2023 through consultations with the coalition parties in the federal government was a victory for democratic forces.

In a press statement ssued, the minister further mentioned that they had collectively decided on a political direction for the future. According to the Bill, the Presiding Officer will create Form 45's image and send it to the Election Commission, if the internet is not available, the Presiding Officer will be bound to personally deliver the original

sor to Chief Minister

Punjab Wahab Riaz said

that it was the responsibil-

ity of all of us to work for a

peaceful environment in the

meeting to review security arrangements in Dera Ghazi

efforts were of vital impor-

tance for the betterment of

He stated that joint

Khan here Friday.

the country.

He was chairing a added.

am on the polling day. In mentary Affairs, Murtaza case of any delays, the Pre-Javed Abbasi said that the siding Officer will be given a deadline of 10 a.m. the next day, with criminal proceedings initiated against them in case of non-compliance, he told. The minister said that

under this bill, a decision on violations of the Code of Conduct would be made within 7 days instead of 15 days. The polling station will not be changed within 5 days before the polling day and for election expenses, previously used bank accounts can be utilized, but an affidavit must also be provided, he expressed.

Murtaza Abbassi said Murtaza Abbassi said that security personnel would be deployed outside would be obligated to pro- the polling stations adding,

Wahab Riaz visits

DG Khan to review

security arrangements

DG KHAN (APP): Advi- was visiting DG Khan fol-

they will be allowed inside with the permission of the Presiding Officer. To ensure transparency in the postal ballot, the number of votes issued in each constituency and the polling day will be informed on the website, he added. The minister said that

for the National Assembly seat elections, the difference of 5 percent or 8,000 votes (whichever is less) would be subject to a recount, following the bill, only serving judges will be responsible for the Election Tribunal instead of retired judges. He said that six months would be given to address election petitions. and after that, a penalty would be imposed on every false plea, followed by dismissal from service.

#### Shazia shares pictures with celebrity friends from Deosai **Mountains**

lowing instructions from LAHORE (Online): Paki-Caretaker CM Punjab stan is a country blessed Mohsin Naqvi to review with beautiful sights and security arrangements. many areas in our homeland Teamwork can help face will make you feel like you challenges amicably, Wahab are in paradise. Rather be it the beautiful KPK, Gilgit Commissioner DG Baltistan or Kashmir, we are blessed to have high Bashir briefed the meeting mountains wit snowy caps. beautiful green plains and all security plan. The meetglaciers that are not found ing participants expressed anywhere else in the world. satisfaction with the ar-People from all over the world come to Pakistan.



participants about the over-

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman and Inspector General Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar inspecting the monitoring process during his visit to control room Rawalpindi

# 9th Muharram **Processions** peacefully end in KP amid glowing tributes to martyrs of Karbala

Muharram were peacefully concluded in all districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Peshawar amid tight security arrange-ments by police and law ment. enforcement agencies on

In Peshawar, the main 'Alm and Zuljinah' procession appeared in the morning from Imambargah Hussainia Hall on main Saddar Road and later was joined by many other processions in parts of the provincial capital amid flagellation and chest beating.

The mourners passed through the prescribed routes comprising Saddar Road, Kalabari and Fawwara Chowk where the organizers arranged water, milk and drinks for the Azadars. The religious scholars

delivered special sermons on the importance of 9<sup>th</sup> Muharram, Ashura Moharram and the supreme sacrifice offered by Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and other martyrs of Karbala. They said the match-

PESHAWAR (APP): The 'Alm and Zuljinnah' mourning processions of the 9th spiration for all Muslims.

After 'zuhrain' prayer, the procession culminated back at the Imambargah Hussainia Hall at Peshawar Canton-The 1122 Rescue

Service had set up a medical camp to provide timely treatment to the mourners in case of any emergency.

The participants were allowed after body search by the police, law enforcers and volunteers.

Walkthrough gates were installed for screening of participants, and surveillance of processions was carried out through video-recording and CCTV cameras fixed for this purpose.
Besides deployment

of 600 policemen and sniper shooters, the personnel of bomb disposal unit remained in high alert position and carried out security check of the routes through equipment.

The entire city was virtually sealed and no vehicle was allowed to enter the area designated for less sacrifices of martyres mourning processions.

#### Islam is religion of peace: SCCI SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot

Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) President Abdul Ghafoor Malik has said that Islam is a religion of peace which teaches brotherhood, tolerance and love. In a press statement issued here on Friday, Abdul Ghafoor Malik highlighted the significance of the supreme sacrifice of Hazrat İmam Hussain (RA) and his companions who laid down their lives.

#### greenbelts, public parks FAISALABAD (APP): addition to planting orna-Faisalabad Development mental and flowery trees at greenbelts and public parks for providing entertainment

FDA to help PHA

for improvement of

Authority (FDA) Director General Muhammad Asif Chaudhry said the Authority would extend its optimum support to the Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) for the improvement of greenbelts, public parks and intersections in the city. During a meeting with PHA Director General Zameer Hussain, he appreciated the performance of PHA and said that it had taken a number of steps for making the city a lush green.

He said that various intersection and Chowks of the city would be redesigned to improve their beauty and in this connection, FDA would provide all kinds of support to the PHA so that it could improve the condition and structure of greenbelts, public parks and intersections of the city.

He said that colorful

models, attractive landscaping, beautiful fountains others were also present in would also be installed in the meeting.

facilities to the general pub-

lic. He said the FDA had also planned to plant maximum trees at available sites in FDA City besides activating the owners of private housing colonies to take part in the drive for arresting environmental pollu-

PHA Director General Zameer Hussain said that his department had evolved a comprehensive beauty plan for Faisalabad city and it would be implemented in true spirit with the assistance of Faisalabad Development Authority. He said that fountains on canal road were restored completely, whereas painting of footpaths, dividers and grills on city road was under progress. FDA Additional Director Abid Hussain Bhatti, Chief Engineer Mehar Ayub Gujjar and



LARKANA: Commuters are facing difficulties in transportation due to stagnant rainwater due to poor sewerage system caused by heavy downpour of mon-

# Pakistani celebrities share messages of resilience and resistance on Ashura 2023

Ashura is the day of mourning as well as a symbol of resistance and resilience. Hazrat Imam Hussain RA left this mortal world on the day and showed the world that you ever bow down you head in front of the evil even when the world has left you alone. The day is messages of sacrifice and very important for Mus- resilience to their fans. This lims all over the world as is what the celebs are in-

(Online): Karbala and remembered what they stood for. It brings tears to one's eves and also teaches us resilience and motivates us to always stand with Haq. Pakistani celebrities are also mourning Ashur as they share the messages of Imam Hussain they mourn the Shuhada of spiring their fans with:

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

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Safe Cities Authority and Lahore Police have issued a

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

The monitoring of Majalis and mourning processions across the city are being carried out through 650 safe city cameras round the clock, besides all essential locations covered by additional portable cameras.

The Safe City Operation and Monitoring Center have assigned police ing their duties.

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

processions and gatherings. Additionally, a specialized team for checking purposes, including metal detectors and walk-through gates, has been deployed. Over 10,000 dedicated volunteers are diligently fulfill-



PESHAWAR: View of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Service route gives desert look as provincial government suspended the service during Shiite religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA).

# Human trafficking and bonded labour are serious crimes: Khan

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Deputy Director Labour Hazara Division, Faizullah Khan on Thursday said that human trafficking and bonded labour were serious crimes and legal actions would be taken against those involved in such illicit activities. Talking to the media here, he said that human

trafficking referred to the act of recruiting, transporting, harboring or obtaining a person through the use of force, deception or coercion for the purpose of exploitation, including forced la-bor or commercial sexual exploitation.

The Prevention of Human Trafficking Act 2018 in Khyber

sentence of up to seven gust 2022 to date. vears or a fine of up to 1 million rupees or both for human trafficking. If the crime of trafficking involves children or women, the penalty can be up to ten years of imprisonment or a fine of up to 1 million rupees or both, he added. Faiz Ullah Khan said

Khyber in Pakhtunkhwa, Sections 369 to 376 of the PPC and the KP Bonded Labour System Act 2015 were utilized to combat human trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor and the trafficking of slaves. He said that the Labour Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had sent 85 cases of trafficking and Pakhtunkhwa allows for a for legal action from Au- expressed.

He said that additionally, 71 awareness sessions have been conducted, benefiting a total of 2248 participants in the efforts to prevent human trafficking. The role of the Provincial Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, Women Development Department, Police, Child Protection Authority and FIA is crucial in curbing human trafficking, he said. Faiz Ullah Khan said

that the government was committed to combating trafficking. At the same time, the media, civil society and the public have a responsibility to support the government's efforts by raising awareness bonded labor to the police and reporting incidents, he

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

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

Pakistan's floriculture exports could also be enhanced by targeting global markets through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI),he added.

Floriculture is a highprofit industry. In recent years, multiple related programmes started in Pakistan to encourage farmers to plant flowers. Hashopee Garden in Gilgit-Baltistan

is one of the examples.
"We want to show people that flowers are not only used for beauty, for weddings and funerals, but also an important economic crop. Farmers can get maximum income from a small area through floricultural crop production," said GM

Saqib, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture, Shigar, Gilgit-Baltistan. Now, the new cash crop, flower, is gaining popularity among local

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BEIJING (APP): Pakistan more than 80 flower variet- ence that Pakistan can refer ies in Hashopee Garden. It is a very profitable business that we should bring people in floriculture. There is a to. For instance, one kanal of land can produce 10,000 sticks of lily flower, and one stick can sell for 400 rupees in the market of Karachi. The lily bulbs left in the ground after cutting is also a separate asset with separate value. This is dual income." Saqib said, emphasizing the high profit of the flower industry.

Two important climatic factors are required for flower bulb production. One is the large difference in temperature between day and night. The other is the dry weather with low rainvery suitable in Gilgit-Baltistan and many other places in Pakistan, he added. To boost the potential of Pakistan's floriculture industry, further efforts in technology improvement and industrialization need to be done

As Pakistan has very good ties with China, which is now the world's largest flower producer as well as an important participant in the foreign trade of flowers. China can be a potential partner that Pakistan can cooperate with and has great floricultural experi-

ISLAMABAD: Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Commerce presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parlia-

SBP imposes monetary penalty

on 6 banks for violating

regulatory instructions

KARACHI (APP): The and processes in the identimoney laundering (AML)

State Bank of Pakistan fied areas and ensure me- and counter financing for

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tional Bank of Pakistan ensure meticulous compli-

Pingyin county of Shandong, China is now home to a rose planting area of about 4,000 hectares and more than 40 rose processing enterprises. every household in our village grows roses because the soil and climate here are suitable for it," said Yao, a 70-year-old local farmer who grows one mu (0.067 hectares) of roses, adding that the flower industry not only makes his village very beautiful in April and May but brings good incomes to

the villagers.
To help farmers grow roses more easily and earn more, the county governfall. These conditions are ment also built a big data platform to provide them with growing data such as weather and marketing. A lot of companies and processing plants were established in the town, so that farmers can sell their flowers easily. Products made with roses in the county range from food and cosmetics to medicine, and have been sold to more than 10 countries and re-

> Aside from experience reference, Pak-China cooperation in the flower industry can also help Pakistan expand its sale channels



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

# **SAUDIA** expands Intl Flights by 15%, achieving growth

KARACHI (INP): Saudi flights, SAUDIA is provid-(SAUDIA) continues to implement its operational plan for Summer 2023 by providing over 7.4 million seats for domestic and international routes during July and August, a 10% in-

crease compared to the

same period in 2022. The airline will operate more than 32,400 flights, reflecting a 4% increase. These measures aim to meet high demand during peak seasons and ensure smooth operations, efficient reservations for scheduled and seasonal destinations, and stream-

Airlines ing more than 4.2 million seats, achieving a 16% increase. Additionally, the airline is introducing over 14,800 flights, reflecting a 15% increase. On domestic routes, over 3.2 million seats will be available through 17,600 flights. The operational plan for the summer of 2023 is continuously monitored by dedicated team from Saudia Aerospace Engineering Industries (SAEI) to evaluate its performance. Captain Ibrahim Koshy, CEO of SAUDIA, emphasized the airline's extensive experience in managing operations lined processes at airports. throughout the year, espe-For international cially during peak seasons

## Dr. Tasawur Malik says: **Best quality cotton key** to resolving Pakistan's economic troubles

MULTAN (APP): Eminent views while addressing a agriculture scientist of the country Dr. Tasawur Hussain Malik said on Thursday that production of best quality cotton was an important demand of the textile industry to produce top quality textile products and fetch sizable foreign exchange in return through

Cotton Standards Institute vate sector on cotton class (PCSI) expressed these ing, grading, selection.

gathering of cotton selectors during their training organized by PCSI here. This way, Dr. Tasawur said country's economic hardships could be mitigated to a great extent. He said, PCSI was the only institution in the country engaged in grading cotton as per its quality and provides technical as-Director of Pakistan sistance to farmers and pri-

#### Qatar Airways posts \$1.2b profit over the last fiscal year when it hosted FIFA World Cup **Monitoring Desk** slightly from \$1.5 billion million spectators were on

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates: Qatar Airways said Thursday it earned a profit of \$1.2 billion over the last fiscal year, boosted in part by the small Arabian Peninsula country's hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Qatar Airways, like other carriers in Gulf Arab nations, relies on the country's location to ferry passengers between the East and West. Its earned revenue of \$20.9 billion over the year is up from \$14.4 billion the year before. Those figures stand in contrast to the \$4.1 billion loss it suffered in the 2021 fiscal year amid the coronavirus pandemic and the grounding of its fleet.

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ExxonMobil

Q2 profits fall

to \$7.9b on

lower prices

of commodity

NEW YORK (AFP/APP):

ExxonMobil reported a big

drop in second-quarter

profits Friday, citing lower refining margins and natu-

ral gas prices compared

with the year-ago period in

the aftermath of Russia's

invasion of Ukraine. The big

US oil company reported profits of \$7.9 billion, down

56 percent.

last fiscal year. Part of that came from a spike in operating expenses, particularly in jet fuels as energy prices rose after the grip of the pandemic loosened and air travel resumed. Qatar Airways received a \$3 billion infusion from the government during the pandemic to keep it afloat. As the global travel

industry continued its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we consolidated our position as the airline of choice for millions of passengers across the globe," Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker said in a statement. The World Cup

played a large role in Qatar Airways' success as well, an accelerated rate with FIFA saying some 3.4 long-range aircraft.

hand inside stadiums for the tournament. Many flying in used Qatar Airways' global network for their flights.

"Our country's longheld dream of organizing the FIFA World Cup finally became a reality and Qatar took center stage for hosting the world's most prestigious sporting event," Al Baker said. "After more than a decade of preparations and hard work, we brought fans from around

Meanwhile, Qatar Airways in February also resolved a long-running acrimonious legal dispute over the Airbus A350, which the airline had alleged had fuselages "degrading at an accelerated rate" in the



BAHAWALPUR: A worker busy in cutting wood into pieces for selling purpose at his workplace.

# FBR launches IRIS 2.0, redefining user experience, efficiency

Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Asim Ahmad launched IRIS 2.0, an upgraded version of the tax filing system developed by Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited

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

IRIS 2.0 marks a significant milestone in tax administration with improved user experience, enhanced efficiency, and cost-saving

IRIS 1.0 and its successor IRIS 1.1, while pioneering, faced several challenges which impacted its performance and user satisfaction in addition to its

ments during peak loads. Addressing these concerns head-on, IRIS 2.0 has undergone a major transfor-

mation, with focus on robust backend enhancements and an intuitive frontend design, ensuring a seamless experience for both users This was made pos-

sible with the leadership and directions of Chairman FBR, Member IR Operations and Member IT by transforming technologies, updating PRAL culture and optimizing PRAL

By upgrading to IRIS 2.0, the FBR will enhance its tax filing operations for achieving greater efficiency, and significantly reducing hardware expenditures.

Ultimately, the improved user experience will elevate overall user satisfaction, making IRIS 2.0 a valuable asset for the



LAHORE: A woman purchasing Ashura related stuff at a shopkeeper's setup in Bibi Pak Daman.

ISLAMABAD: A vendor displaying bunches of dates on a van to attract cus-

## Mian Kashif says: Turkish private sector interested in Pakistan's furniture industry

banks were also advised to violation of regulatory in-

strengthen their controls structions pertaining to anti-

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Mian Kashif Ashfaq on Thursday said that the Turkish private sector had evinced keen interest in collaboration, joint ventures, and investment with the Pak fur-

niture industry. Mian Kashif Ashfaq who is currently on a Turkiye visit said that fostering better collaboration and attracting foreign investment to Pakistan's furniture sector could have a positive impact on the industry's growth, leading to economic benefits for the country as a whole, said a news release issued here.

"Collaborating with international counterparts can open up new avenues for growth, innovation, and kets," he added.

'Moreover, attracting foreign investment could bring in capital, technology, and expertise, which can help enhance the overall competitiveness and productivity of the sector.'

By holding fruitful meetings with Turkish counterparts, he said "PFC is working towards strengthening ties with foreign businesses and inves-

This could involve discussing potential partnerships, joint ventures, or investment opportunities in Pakistan's furniture industry, he added. "Additionally, such interactions may also facilitate knowledge exchange, best practices sharing, and access to new mar-

#### **Immediate** steps be taken to shift tanneries SIALKOT (APP): Deputy

(FX) and General Banking

ance with the regulatory

and Allied Bank Limited

have been penalised

Rs.38.03 million and 20.66

million respectively on

charges of violating regula-

tory instructions pertaining

to CDD, KYC, FX and gen-

eral banking operations. In

addition to penal action, the

banks were advised to im-

prove their internal pro-

cesses as well.

Meezan Bank Limited

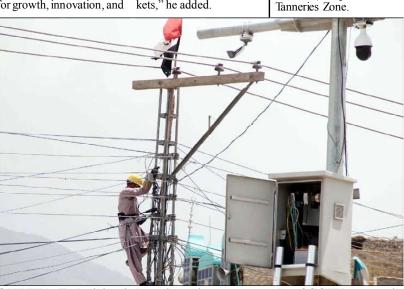
instructions.

Commissioner Adnan Mehmood Awan said on Friday that immediate

steps would be taken to shift tanneries from city area to respective tanneries zone. The aim of shifting tanneries was to control environmental problems. he said, adding that tanneries found unfit in environmental sampling report would be sealed as per rules of Municipal Corporation and Environment Department. He stated this while addressing a meeting regarding Tanneries Zone along with Director Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)Khalid Rasool The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Revenue/Administrator Municipal Corporation (MC) Muhammad Iqbal, District Officer (DO)

Environment

Cheema, Project Director



QUETTA: Technician is busy in maintenance works of CCTV camera in connection of Shiite religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), on the route of Ashura Procession.

# China approves Pakistani cherry orchards for export

BEIJING (APP): General dards and regulations for Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has approved sixty more orchards from Gilgit-Baltistan to export cherry to China, said Commercial Counsellor Ghulam Qadir at the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing on Friday. Ghulam Qadir said that the approval of the Pakistani cherry orchards by Chinese customs holds significant potential for the agricultural sector in Gilgit Baltistan, where cherry cultivation is a prominent in-

The endorsement by Chinese customs signifies that the cherries from Pakistan meet the required stan-

export to China. This not only opens up new avenues for trade but also showcases the quality and taste of Pakistani cherries to a wider international mar-

ket", he added. Arman Shah, CEO of Hashwan Group and Arman Shah Farm, which is the largest farm approved by Chinese Customs told China Economic Net (CEN) that the collaboration between China and Pakistan in promoting agricultural exports, particularly cherries from Gilgit Baltistan, highlights the mutual benefits derived from such

# **Putin woos African leaders** at summit in Russia with promises of expanding trade

**Monitoring Desk** 

ST. PETERSBÜRG, Russia: Russian President Vladimir Putin courted leaders from Africa at a summit on Friday, hailing the continent's growing role in global affairs and offering to expand political and busi-

Addressing the twoday day Russia-Africa summit, Putin emphasized that Moscow will closely analyze a peace proposal for Ukraine that African leaders have sought to pur-

"This is an acute issue, and we aren't evading its consideration," Putin said, emphasizing that Russia is treating the African initiative with respect and "looking at it attentively."

Putin also reaffirmed his pledge that Russia will maintain steady supplies of grain and other agricultural products to the continent after its withdrawal from a deal allowing grain ship-ments from Ukraine that fueled concerns of global food crisis.

'Russia will always be a responsible international supplier of agricultural products and will continue to support the countries and region in need by offering free grain and other supplies," the Russian leader said

#### SBP to announce Monetary Policy on July 31 KARACHI (ÅPP): The State Bank of Pakistan

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

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

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

Speaking at a work-on "Security, shop on economy, political stability Integral parts" he said, 'Each one plays a crucial role in shaping the overall strength and resilience of a country," said a news release issued here.

He said, "Political staing security within a nasystem with effective governance and the rule of law can establish a secure environment for citizens, businesses, and investors."

"A secure environ-ment is fundamental for a flourishing economy," he added. "Conversely, a secure environment fosters economic activity, encourages entrepreneurship, and attracts foreign direct investment, contributing to overall economic prosperhe remarked.

He said, "Stable political system allows for the bility is essential for ensurimplementation of sound economic policies, which

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion." "A stable political can lead to sustainable economic development and economic factors can influence political stability.

Maheen, a recipient of the best CEO award speaking on the occasion said, 'Security, economy, and political stability are interconnected pillars of a nation's well-being.

'They reinforce each other and are essential for achieving sustainable developmentand progress,"she added. She opined, "Governments and policymakers must recognize this interdependence and work on creating a balanced approach to address challenges in all three areas.

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

**Monitoring Desk** 

ST. PETERSBURG: Russian President Vladimir Putin told leaders and officials from most African countries that his nation is making full efforts to avert a global food crisis despite concerns that its withdrawal from a deal allowing grain shipments from Ukraine will cause price

Putin spoke at the opening session of a twoday Russia-Africa summit attended by a sharply lower number of African heads of state and government compared with a previous summit in 2019. While discussing the halted Black Sea grain deal, he promised large no-cost shipments of grain to six African coun-

tinue supporting needy

ticular, with its humanitarian deliveries. We seek to against more U.N. Genactively participate in building a fairer system of distribution of resources. We are taking maximum efforts to avert a global food crisis," Putin said.
"I have already said

that our country can replace Ukrainian grain, both on a commercial basis and as grant aid to the neediest African countries, more so since we expect another record harvest this year," he Russia intends to ship

up to 50,000 tons of grain aid to Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Mali, Somalia, Eritrea and the Central African Republic in the next three to four months, Putin

The Russian mercenary group Wagner has been active in Mali and Central African Republic, be attacked.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russia's Defense Minister Sergei

Shoigu visit an exhibition of armed equipment on the occasion of the 70th

anniversary of the Korean War armistice in this image released by North

and a revival of what some

analysts see as their Cold

Shoigu is making the first visit by a Russian de-

fence minister to North

Korea since the fall of the

pledged to boost ties, North
Korean state media reported arrival of the Russian and Chinese delegations marks and left farmers rushing to

COVID-19 pandemic.

rean media reported

Korea and Russia.

For North Korea, the

Shoigu gave Kim a let-

Kim thanked Putin for

ter from Russian President

Vladimir Putin, North Ko-

sending the military delega-

tion led by Shoigu, saying

the visit had deepened the

"strategic and traditional"

relations between North

views on the issues of mu-

tual concern in the struggle

to safeguard the sover-

who is sometimes men-

tioned as a potential vice

pect of impeaching Biden

over the business dealings

of his son, Hunter Biden,

emerged from the far cor-

ners of the GOP's right

flank to the mainstream in

McCarthy announced on

Fox News that the House

may open an impeachment

inquiry into Biden, and ex-

panded on his plans at a

Tuesday press event at the

Capitol. Behind closed

doors Wednesday, however,

the Republican speaker told

GOP colleagues it's early in

the impeachment process,

and McCarthy acknowl-

edged there's still much that

is unknown about Joe Biden

and whether he had any

awareness or involvement in

his son's business deals that

would arise to an impeach-

able offense.

the Republican Party.

Speaker

This week, the pros-

presidential pick.

'(Kim) expressed his

tts first major opening up to the world since the

War-era coalition.

Soviet Union.

Korea's Korean Central News Agency.

**Monitoring Desk** 

SEOUL: Russia's defence

minister accompanied

North Korean leader Kim

Jong Un to a defence exhi-

bition that featured the

North's banned ballistic

missiles as the neighbours

pledged to boost ties, North

Sergei Shoigu, and a Chinese

delegation led by a Commu-

nist Party politburo mem-

ber arrived in North Korea

this week for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the

Korean War celebrated in

North Korea as "Victory

Day". The nuclear-capable

missiles were banned under

U.N. Security Council reso-

lutions adopted with Rus-

sian and Chinese support

but this week they provided a striking backdrop

for a show of solidarity by

**Monitoring Desk** 

WASHINGTON: Donald

Trump wants to see Presi-

dent Joe Biden impeached,

and the former president's

allies in Congress and his

2024 GOP presidential ri-

vals are eager to join that

fight as his own legal chal-

nent, Florida Gov. Ron

DeSantis, this week said the

House Republicans "are

absolutely within their

rights" to consider an im-

peachment inquiry against

Biden. Former U.N. ambas-

sador Nikki Haley, also

running for president, said

Republicans would be "jus-

tified to do it." And House

GOP leaders aligned with

Trump are foreshadowing

will leave no stone

unturned," said Rep. Elise

Stefanik of New York, the

fourth-ranking House GOP

leader and a top Trump ally,

"House Republicans

what's ahead.

Trump's chief oppo-

lenges mount.

three countries united by to safe their rivalry with the U.S. eignty.

**Trump wants to see Biden** 

impeached, and other

Republicans are quick to pile on

North Korea's Kim

shows off banned missiles

to Russian minister

eral Assembly resolutions criticizing Russia's invasion than any other African nation.

Burkina Faso is seen by some observers as a likely next target for Wagner, and Zimbabwe has long been bitter about U.S. sanctions against it. Somalia, while a U.S. ally, is often held up as an African country most affected by any restrictions on grain supplies related to the conflict in Ukraine.

Both Russia and Ukraine are major grain suppliers. They agreed a year ago on a U.N.- and Turkey-brokered deal that reopened three Ukrainian Black Sea ports blocked by fighting and provided assurances that ships entering the ports would not

Greece PM

says climate

change 'not an

excuse' as

wildfires burn

**Monitoring Desk** 

VOLOS: Prime Minister

Kyriakos Mitsotakis on

Thursday said Greece

needed to take more steps

to combat the effects of cli-

mate change as wildfires on

the mainland burned farms

country, which have been su-

percharged by strong winds

and temperatures exceeding

40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit),

killed a further two people in

central Greece on Wednesday,

taking the death toll from the

fires to five. The fire brigade

said more than 500 wildfires

have burned across the coun-

try so far this year. While

summer fires are common in

Greece, scientists say higher

temperatures and dryer

weather are turning it into a

Nigeria's

Tinubu submits

cabinet nominees

to Senate

Mediterranean hotspot.

The blazes across the

# **Putin thanks North Korea** for 'unwavering support' for Ukraine war

**Monitoring Desk** 

Saturday July 29, 2023

MOSCOW: Vladimir Putin auded North Korea's "unvavering support" for the 'special military operation" n Ukraine as Russia joined China in Pyongyang to celebrate the hermit kingdom's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean Wartruce. Mr Putin sent defence minister Sergei Shoigu who was seen alongside North Korean leader Kim ong-un and held one-on-one talks with him, reported the Korean nation's state media.

Mr Putin sent his congratulatory message wherein he lauded "the DPRK's un-

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

Mr Putin accused the West of disregarding "respec for the sovereignty and national interests of states" Vladimir Putin lauded North Korea's "unwavering support" for the "special military operation" in Ukraine as Rus sia joined China in Pyongyang to celebrate the hermi kingdom's 70th anniversary o

# wavering support for kingdom's 70th annive [Russia's] special military the Korean Wartruce. Biden orders US to share Russian war crimes evidence with ICC -official

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: U.S.
President Joe Biden has ordered his administration to begin sharing evidence of alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine with the Hague-based International Criminal Court (ICC), a U.S official

The Pentagon had been resistant to the move and privately argued that any cooperation with the court could open the way for politicized prosecution of American troops deployed overseas.

The ICC, a permanent war crimes tribunal, in March issued an arrest warrant for Putin for suspected deportation children from Ukraine, which would be a war crime.

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

The White house declined to discuss specifics of any cooperation with the ICC.

Since the beginning of Russia's assault on Ukraine, the president has been clear: there needs to be accountability for the perpetrators and enablers of war crimes and atrocities in Ukraine," a National Security Council

spokesperson said.
On the ICC specifically we are not going to discuss the specifics on any cooperation, which is consistent with the court's practice of treating requests for cooperation in a confidential manner," the spokesperson added.

epublican and Democratic lawmakers have accused the Pentagon of effectively undermining war crimes prosecution of Russia by blocking the sharing of U.S. military intelligence with the ICC.

ussia is not a member of the ICC and rejects its jurisdiction. It denies committing atrocities during its conflict with Ukraine.



## warns 'handful of donations' can't replace Black Sea deal

**Monitoring Desk** UNITED United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that a "handful of donations" won't correct the dramatic impact of the end of a deal that had allowed the safe Black Sea export of Ukraine grain for the past year.

Global wheat prices have spiked about 10% in the past 10 days after Russia quit the pact brokered by the United Nations and Turkiye in July 2022 - and began targeting Ukrainian ports and grain infrastructure on the Black Sea and Danube

#### Saudi Arabian F-15SA fighter jet crashes during exercise, killing crew aboard

**Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: A Saudi F-15SA fighter jet crashed during a training exercise, killing the crew on board. the kingdom said.

A statement carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency said the crash happened near the ??King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait, some 815 kilometers (506 miles) southwest of the

capital, Riyadh.

#### partnership with Indonesia, says Xi - state media Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China is willing to deepen its strategic co-

operation with Indonesia, state media cited President Xi Jinping as saying.

Xi made the remarks

in a meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu, CCTV reported.

Widodo is visiting China to attend the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games in Chengdu.
China and Indonesia

should ensure the high-standard completion of the Jakarta-Bandung high-speed railway as it nears

Xi. He also highlighted ar-eas for cooperation such as commercial operation, Xi new energy automobiles as

The high-speed rail, a flagship project of the Indonesian president and part of China's Belt and Road Initiative, was set back by budgetary problems and already four years behind schedule.

"The two sides should make every effort to do a good job in the last kilometre of construction and ensure the high standard and high quality of the project, Xi said.

China is also willing to expand imports of Indonesian bulk commodities and agriculture products, said well as smart cities.

# US proposal for talks with Russia on keeping nuclear arms curbs in limbo

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: The United States and Russia blamed each other for a lack of progress on arms control following a U.S. proposal to open talks on a "framework" that would preserve curbs on strategic nuclear weapons deployments when the current limits expire in 2026.

Russia's apparent re-White House failure to formally convey it to Moscow have fueled concerns about whether there would be enough time to reach a new There is no excuse that the administration has delayed for nearly two months the formal communication of this proposal to the Kremlin," said Daryl

of the Arms Control Association (ACA) advocacy

Such complex negotiations would be "difficult in good times and extraordinarily difficult so long as Russia's war on Ukraine continues," he said.
U.S. President Joe

Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan unveiled the proposal in a June jection of the plan last week 2 speech to the ACA, anand what several arms con- nouncing that the administrol experts say was a tration was ready for talks "without preconditions" with Moscow on managing "nuclear risks" and "a framework" to replace the New START treaty after it

> Sullivan said that any new limits to which Washington could agree would be "impacted by the size and scale" of China's ongoing nuclear arsenal buildup.

# Electric car 'suspected' in ship fire off Netherlands

**Monitoring Desk** AMELAND: An electric

Kimball, executive director

car was suspected in a blaze raging aboard a cargo ship off the Netherlands which authorities fear could burn for days and threaten nearby natural sites. The cargo aboard the vessel includes electric vehicles and the ship's owners told Dutch media it was the suspected cause of the deadly fire, which will now be investigated.

Shoei Kisen Kaisha said in a statement the car carrier Fremantle Highway, which had 3,000 vehicles onboard, was under way to its final destination in Singapore when the fire broke out. can only tak
"We are now trying to fire is out."

extinguish the fire in cooperation with the local authorities of (the) Netherlands and the ship manage-

ment company," it said. The company told the NOS public broadcaster 'there is a good chance that the fire started with electric cars", of which some 25 were on board.

"But we are not entirely sure of the cause, we are waiting for the investi-

Rijkswaterstaat, the government agency tasked with overseeing public works and water management, said the situation was 'stable", but added: "Towing or rescue (of the vessel) can only take place once the

# IPCC incoming chair: World set to overshoot

"They (governments)

mitted to at least some degree of overshoot...," he said. The 35-year old U.N. body is responsible for assessing the latest climate change science through its authoritative reports. Interest in this election has been high as extreme heatwaves across China, Europe and North America have sparked fires and water shortages, bumping climate change up the political

Skea, a sustainable energy professor who has focused on mitigating climate change's impacts, said he had been personally surprised by the heatwaves that IPCC scientists have long warned would arrive.

"The fact that such things are happening is in the sense not surprising. The speed with which it has come across us is and, unless we take further action to reduce emissions, we are going to see this actually getting worse," he said.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo and his wife Iriana disembark from their plane upon arrival at Chengdu Tianfu International Airport in Chengdu, China. Russian fighter jet

"The door's very much open for New

Zealand and other partners

to engage as they see ap-

# **Monitoring Desk**

ABUJA: Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu has submitted 28 nominees to cabinet positions to the Senate for approval, nearly two months after he was sworn into office and under pressure to quickly revive Africa's largest economy.

The list of nominees features political veterans but also includes Olawale Edun, a banker who advises Tinubu on monetary policy and Dele Alake, his communication adviser.

It did not say which oortfolios would be assigned to the nominees Edun, one of Tinubu's most trusted advisers and a member of his economic team that helped prepare his election manifesto has long been tipped to become finance minister.

Tinubu won a disputed February election on promises to reboot the country's economy, deal with a high debt burden.



appearance on national television, after President Mohamed Bazoum was held in the presidential palace, in Niamey, Niger.

# Blinken says door open for New Zealand to engage on AUKUS

**Monitoring Desk** WELLINGTON: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the door was open for New Zealand to engage with the AUKUS weapons development and procurement project between the United States,

Britain and Australia. The multi-stage AUKUS project announced in March is planned to culminate in the late 2030s and early 2040s with British and Australian production and operation of a new submarine class -SSN-AUKUS - and include "cutting edge" U.S. technologies.

propriate going forward," Blinken told a news conference in Wellington. "We've long worked together on the most important national security issues. And so as we further develop AUKUS, as I said, the door is open to engage-ment." Blinken is New Zealand for just over a day as part of a three-country visit to the Pacific. He met with New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

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Islamic lines. He said in a speech

#### the planes at risk. Neckties are a 'sign of the cross', says Taliban official

strikes another

American drone

over Syria

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: A Rus-

sian fighter jet fired flares

and struck another U.S.

drone over Syrian airspace

on Wednesday, the White

House said, in a continued

string of harassing maneu-

vers that have ratcheted up

tensions between the global

powers. It's the sixth re-

ported incident this month,

and the second in the past

24 hours, in which the

United States has said Rus-

sian warplanes have flown

dangerously close to Ameri-

can manned and unmanned

aircraft, putting crews and

**Monitoring Desk** KABUL: Neckties worn by men were a sign of the Christian cross, a senior Afghan Taliban official said

on Wednesday, adding they

should be eliminated. "Sometimes, when I go to hospitals and other areas, an Afghan Muslim engineer or doctor uses a necktie," said Mohammad Hashim Shaheed Wror, head of the Invitation and Guidance Directorate, a department that seeks to guide people along proper

broadcast by Tolo TV that the symbolism of the tie "is obvious in Islam".

# Paris warming target **Monitoring Desk** GENEVA: The incoming head of the U.N. climate

science agency told Reuters the world would exceed the Paris deal warming target of 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, saying states' poli-cies had not been ambitious enough.In an interview a day after being voted the next head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Britain's Jim Skea said the organisation are committed to "at least a little bit of overshoot" of the long-term threshold set in the 2015 Paris deal.

have not put in place policies that are ambitious enough to allow the goals of the Paris agreement to be met. That is absolutely for sure." he said via video link from Nairobi where he won a run-off against Brazil's Thelma Krug.

"We are, I think, com-

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

(APP): Pakistan has urged the UN Security Council to "fully and forcefully" implement its resolutions on the Middle East conflict that give the right of selfdetermination to the Palestinian people.

Speaking in the 15member Council, Ambassastrongly condemned the recent large-scale Israeli military operations in Jenin in occupied Palestinian West Bank, and called for holding Israel accountable for its sponsibility for the main-that Israeli attacks against

nately," the Pakistani envoy said, "the killing of children, women and men continues in occupied Palestine with complete impunity." He added, "The rule of law can be upheld only if it is applied universally dor Munir Akram also and consistently, without exceptions or double standards."Ambassador Akram regretted that the Security Council has not been able to exercise its primary re-

NATIONS "grave human rights violatenance of international the Jenin refugee camp may tions and crimes in occupied Palestine." "Unfortupied Palestine." "Unfortupied Palestine. "Given the erga-omnes character of the right of self-determination,' the Pakistani envoy said it is also incumbent on all States to ensure that any impediment to the exercise of the right to self-determination by the Palestinian people is immediately terminated.

He said that on 5 July, three Special Rapporteurs of the United Nations Human Rights Council stated

constitute a war crime and had no justification under international law. The impunity that Israel has enjoyed for its acts of violence over decades only fuels and intensifies the recurring cycle of violence. The Special Rapporteurs also called for Israel to be held accountable under international law. The Pakistani envoy said the continuing expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and the expulsion and evictions of Pal-



with three key US lawmakers to discuss Islamabad-Washington relations, economic partnership, defense ties, and security collaboration

QUETTA: Frontier Corps personnel searching shops at Prince Road

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

I S L A M A B A D fervour of martyrdom. (APP):National Assembly Speaker, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, and Deputy Speaker Zahid Akram Durrani said the incident of Karbala stands as an unparalleled example of unwavering faith in Allah Almighty, unmatched devotion to the cause, bravery, patience, and the spirit of martyrdom, as mentioned in the Holy Quran, to be remembered until the Day of Judg-

They, in a message to the nation on the occasion of Youm-e-Ashura, the speaker remarked that the tragedy of Karbala reminds the great sacrifice made by Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions for the sake of truth and justice.

He praised the Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions for exemplifying Quranic teachings, endurance, sacrifice, and the cident of Karbala serves as of humanity and their na

Awami Muslim League

(AML) chief Sheikh

Rasheed has stated that the

country's politics will be in

the decisive phase from

the former interior minister

said the judiciary could give

important decisions in line

with the constitution and

diciary are being mocked

publicly. There is no re-

spect for law, constitution

and justice in the country

these days," he lamented.

"The decisions of ju-

"As Muslims, it is our social responsibility to stand firm against tyrannical forces that seek to spread chaos in society to achieve their reprehensible goals," the speaker as-

He emphasized that paying tribute to the martyrs of Karbala is best achieved by dedicating ourselves to the betterment of humanity and the development of the country.

He declared the sacrifices made on the Day of Ashura against falsehood as a guiding light for future generations, stating that they would not hesitate to make any sacrifices for the protection and preservation of Islam, the homeland, and its integrity.

Meanwhile, Deputy Durrani, stated that the in-

Country's politics to be in decisive

phase from Aug 1: Sheikh Rasheed

and therefore, the judiciary

shouldn't remain silent on

The senior politician said the name of Ishaq Dar

prime minister became con-

troversial the moment it was

suggested. Criticizing the

prime minister, the AML

chief said Shehbaz Sharif

was playing on both sides

of the wicket and he was

caretaker government to act

as his interim government

deceiving his brother.

RAWALPINDI (INP): trary to the constitution

Aug 1. Taking to Twitter, as nominee for caretaker

He said amendments to Ar- but his wish will not be ful-

a lesson for Muslims to firmly stand against the forces of falsehood.

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

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

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

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picked up before moving

them to undisclosed loca-

their survival and honour

but they will teach a lesson

to these rulers on the poll-

People can remain

tions, he deplored.

He said the country

Rashid said.

## Gwadar airport best example of Pak-China cooperation: Jamali BEIJING (APP): Gwadar ago

airport's construction in a short span of time is the best example of cooperation between Pakistan and China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), said Senator Sana Jamali.

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

She said that the conwas the best example of success in a short time and wished to start direct flights from Beijing to Gwadar About the

Balochistan's progress, she said that the largest province of Pakistan was experiencing a significant development under the CPEC, a pilot project of the BRI launched by the Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Senator Sana Jamali, who is also a member of Senate Committee on Power Affairs, National Health Services Regulation and Coordination Committee, appreciated the bilateral relations between Pakistan and China.

She expressed the confidence that both Pakistan and China would achieve a lot of benefits from the Belt and Road Initiative launched by China a decade other better," she added.

Senator Sana Jamali also expressed gratitude for China's support on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative and appreciated the commendable progress in the Gwadar project.

Stressing a need for Chinese language learning programs, she said that the Chinese learning centers were being introduced in Pakistani universities to further promote bilateral cooperation and under-

She informed that struction of Gwadar airport more special economic zones would be set up in the province and also highlighted that there was a wide scope for cooperation in the agricultural sector in Balochistan.

Senator Sana Jamali termed China's modernization as an ideal model of peaceful development and said that Pakistan and other developing countries can learn a lot from it. She highly appreciated China's peaceful development and its positive impact on regional peace and stability.

Stressing cooperation in tourism sector, she said that there was lot of potential in the field of tourism and youth exchange between the two countries.

"The cooperation in these fields will help the people of both countries to know and understand each ots case.



The court ordered jail

superintendent to make necessary arrangements for The court directed

that the accused should not be allowed to meet any one till the completion of the identification parade.

On the petition from the accused in connection with their medical check up the court ordered Supdt jail the medical check up of the accused be also got done in jail. The Investigation inspector of the case presented Seemabia Tahir, Shakir Tahseen and Munsif Alam in the court under stringent se-Muhammad Faisal Malik Nabeel Satti and Aqil Khan advocate of the accused were also present in the court.

### Masood Khan meets three American lawmakers in effort to boost Pak-US ties Chairman of the Armed Serwith Congressman Rogers.

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

Ambassador Khan, conferred with Senator Todd Young, who serves on Committees on Finance. Foreign Relations, Commerce, Science & Transportation, and Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Congressman Mike Rogers,

release.

WASHINGTON (APP):

May 9 incidents: **Court orders** to send 3

Civil judge, judicial magistrate Rawalpindi Khalid Hayat has ordered to send 3 accused including Seemabia Tahir former Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA) of PTI to Adiala jail for identification

cluding PTI former MPA Seemabia Tahir are arrested in May 9 vandalism and ri-

that the App would be help-

vices Committee, and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, Deputy Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, also discussed climate adaptation and mitigation as well as regional develop-

leader from Indiana, to explore ways to strengthen Pak-US economic partnership. Discussed issues related to regional security," the Ambassador tweeted after the meeting.

Masood Khan also

discussed the same subjects

Chairman Armed Services Committee. The two sides agreed to continue their talks. After meeting with Congresswoman Omar, Masood Khan tweeted that he had discussed a range of subjects, including Pak-US "Met with pleasure Senator Todd Young @SenToddYoung, a great relations, developments in the region, and climate adaptation and mitigation. He lauded Congresswoman Omar's work on promoting human security. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is the Vice-Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee. She also serves on the House Education and Workforce Committee.



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and Additional IG Police Jawad Ahmed Dogar pinning ranks of promotion to AIJ Operation Abdul Haq Umrani

# Data Darbar expansion project Dar, Naqvi lays

LAHORE (APP): Federal to share their contribution Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in Langar (sacred food) and Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday jointly laid the foundation stone of expansion project of the shrine of sufi the clock.

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

saint

They also bathe the shrine with rosewater and laid Chaddar on the shrine. The leaders also launched the "Nazrana Online" App. Briefing the media, the administration informed

through "Nazrana Online App" while sitting abroad and one could visit the interior of the shrine round Later, talking to the media, Ishaq Dar congratulated Caretaker Chief Min-

and called it the third major expansion. They prayed for the safety and prosperity of the

ister Mohsin Naqvi on the

commencement of the

Darbar expansion project

country

PML-N leader Bilal Yaseen and others were also

#### ticle 224 and 230 were confilled," he added. "It is not ing day," he reiterated. enthuses CPEC romanticism BIWRMDP, IUCN celebrate Int'l day for Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem

'Shehbaz wants the silent on this cruelty for

Independent Report LASBELLA: In a remarkable display of unity and dedication to preserving the natural heritage of Balochistan's coastal regions, Government of Balochistan and the World Bank funded project, Balochistan Integrated WaterResources Management and Development Project,

in technical collaboration with IUCN Pakistan, hosted a momentous celebration of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem. The event, held at Baloch Village Sonmiani on 26th July 2023, witnessed the active participation and support of various government departcommunity ments, groups, and local residents, making it a truly commu-

nity-driven effort. The celebrations commenced with a vibrant ceremony that brought together representatives from the Balochistan Forest Department, Balochistan Coastal Development Au-

thority, and Balochistan of life. Fisheries Department etc. These key stakeholders

Reading out the mes-



highlighted the significance BIWRMDP Engineer of mangroves in maintaining the ecological balance and the sustainable devel-

opment of coastal areas. The event also provided a platform for local communities, including fishermen communities and women community groups, to actively participate in the conservation and sustainability efforts. With the guidance of experts and officials, these community members planted mangrove saplings along the Sonmiani coastline, a symbol of their commitment to protect the environment and their way

Barkat Ullah Kakar ,showed his eagerness and welcoming nodes to the stakeholders and community members. In his statement he stated, "Our aim is to revive and safeguard the mangrove forests, which is one of the sub components of the forest and rangeland. In the statement he said that Mangroves play a crucial role in preserving the coastal ecology, supporting fisheries, and mitigating the impact of climate change, and have greater impact for

the coastal community's

structure of New Gwadar sage of Project Director of of infrastructure development of CPEC that will usher in modern air transport connectivity among

regional and international players, promoting ripple of economic opportuni-ties in terms of trade, business, employability and tourism.

Undraping of New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) will unleash avalanche of promises of high-octane commerce growth and development temporary globalization, countries need more conheadway.

It will also set vibrant tone of leading-edge air transport infrastructure and economic upward traiectory, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Fridav

biggest airport in Pakistan. NGIA is designed to accommodate ATR 72, Boeing B-737, Airbus A-380 and Boeing B-747 for domestic and international routes. NGIA possesses the

ISLAMABAD (INP): In- role as significant drivers of industry, the new airport auguration of airbase infra- Sino-Pak and regional economies. It will facilitate International Airport (NGIA) on July 27 has opened brand new chapter trade and create jobs for many people directly and indirectly in supporting serindirectly in supporting ser-

**Debut of New Gwadar Intl Airport** 

NASEERABAD: Pipes are being installed in the

river Bolan as an alternative route to Panjara

bridge which was washed away in the Bolan flood.

Equipped with advanced facilities including aeronautical and non-aeronautical in coming time, it has the potential to bolster economic growth in Gwadar as well as surrounding areas. For this reason, Gwadar Master plan will frame development plans around the entire 'airport region'.

In the wave of connectivity. The global movement of goods and services requires more advanced infrastructure. Therefore, for Paki-

possibilities for international trade and tourism. Covering an area of 4,300 acres, as the second more money effectively feeding the local economy. NGIA is an incredibly

good news for all flights to and from Gwadar. In order to comprehensively promote the faster development of Pakistan's aviation

will ensure the frequency of flights and maximize the transport efficiency, so as to promote the more efficient flow of people and goods, and save more travel time and costs for passen-

It is also a milestone step for infrastructure development. Rail and road transport are the two most common modes of transportation, but railways. tracks, stations, bridges and related facilities require complex planning and a lot of manpower and material resources to complete. while air travel only requires the construction of airports. NGIA represents a major step forward in Pakistan's aviation infrastructure sector, enabling Therefore, for Pakistan, NGIA offers more money while traveling by

> In recent years airports have become increasingly aware of the value of their location at the nexus of regional transportation networks. In the UK. Heathrow alone is estimated to contribute EUR 6.2 billion to the economy every year

## ful for Overseas Pakistanis present. **PML-Q** candidate for PA murdered in private housing society

PML-Q candidate for provincial assembly from has been allegedly murdered in a private housing society in Islamabad.

As per sources Mian Allah Yar was thrown from the 4th storey of building in the private housing society. Police took into pos- merit. session his dead body from footpath.

Police have taken into custody 3 persons staying with him and the body was handed over to the family the victim.

ISLAMABAD (Online): members after postmortem. On information PML-Q information secretary Sahiwal, Mian Allah Yar Mustafa Malik reached the police station and ascertained the details of the incident.

He informed IG Islamabad about the incident and demanded of him to investigate the matter on

PML-Q chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has expressed sorrow over the incident and condoled with the family members of

# **Hub Dam fills up, bringing** hope for 100m gallons of water supply to Karachi

development that brings hope to the citizens of Karachi. The dam is now expected to provide 100 million gallons of water per day to the residents of Karachi for a duration of three years

Abdur Rahman, the Project Director of Hub Dam, expressed optimism about the potential water supply. He mentioned that the dam has the capacity to deliver 160 million gallons of water to both Karachi and Balochistan.

Highlighting another crucial aspect, Abdur Rahman stressed that en-

HUB (INP): The recent rains have resulted in the filling of the Hub Dam, a security measures would be instrumental in enabling Karachi to receive its full water quota.

The filling of the Hub Dam comes as a significant relief for the water-scarce city of Karachi, and the increased water supply is expected to alleviate the ongoing water shortage in the The Hub Dam, con-

structed in 1981 on the arid plains north of Karachi, serves as a critical water supply source for irrigation in Lasbella District and provides domestic and drinking water to the city of

