





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

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

The Minister expressed her views while launching the coffee table book launched under the GLOF-II project with the title "Fading Vistas—Beauty of Northern Pakistan" which was followed by a photograph exhibition

showcasing the natural 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 emerged like a poster child at the content of every tour-

ism company, social media 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 despite knowing the fact that it might not accommodate such huge number of masses," the Minister said.

She added that these mountains were facing real risk as these glaciers were melting faster than average.

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

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



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



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

## 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 Kashmir.

According to Kashmir 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 occupied Jammu and Kashmir, said that it was the day when Hindutva forces in

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 rights.

He further said that 5th August was the day when the Hindutva regime with its all military might, resources and institutions attacked Kashmir and usurped the basic rights of the Kashmiri people. The Indian government, parliament, its one million troops, dozens of probe

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

While terming the 5th August as day of mourning for Kashmiris he said that the tragedy of scrapping of 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 future of Kashmir.

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): To regulate digital media, the Ministry of IT has recommended the federal government to establish an e-safety agency.

According to sources in the IT Ministry, the PICA Act 2016 has been declared inadequate by the federal government to regulate social media, the ministry recommended that a broad-based legal framework is needed to regulate social and digital media.

As per sources, the Ministry of IT has recommended to the federal government 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 preparation of the bill.

Sources said that the agency established under e-safety will be able to monitor social media activities as

well as content published on websites. Social media rules will also be made a part of the e-safety law, under which the websites of TV channels and newspapers will also be monitored.

As per reliable sources, the ministry will ensure a balanced approach to freedom of expression under article 19, while rules will be strict to curbing online harassment, cyber provocation and threats.

The new measures will also encompass the regulation of activities such as Photoshop manipulation, sexual harassment, and the dissemination of propaganda aimed at damaging an individual's reputation.

Additionally, an e-safety bill will be implemented to safeguard data and prevent the unauthorized and illegal use of information systems.

## AJK leadership express grave concern over HR situation in IIOJK

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

In a meeting held in Mirpur (AJK) on Thursday, both the leaders discussed mutual interests, regional developments and the continued oppression faced by religious minorities in India.

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

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

## 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 7-9.

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 Program for Astronomy Education.

The workshop, to be held in IST, will focus on

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 be informed to pay the registration fee by Aug 18, 2023.

## Yes, snacking can make you healthier

ISLAMABAD (Online): 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 calories are consumed during snack time, per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The good news? Between-meal noshing may actually benefit your health, at least if you're choosing the right kinds of foods, according to a new study presented at Nutrition 2023, the annual flagship meeting of the American Society for Nutrition.

"Our study showed that the quality of snacking

is more important than the quantity or frequency of snacking, thus choosing high quality snacks over highly processed snacks is likely beneficial," said Kate Bermingham, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow at King's College London, in a press release. "Timing is also important, with late-night snacking being unfavorable for health. High Triglycerides Can Increase the Risk of Heart Disease and Metabolic Syndrome.

To explore the health effects of snacking, researchers used data from 1,001 people in the United Kingdom enrolled in the ZOE PRE-DICT project, a group of large in-depth nutritional research studies designed to help experts understand.

## 3 members of criminal gangs held; valuables recovered

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police Koral and Phulgran police teams have arrested three wanted members of criminal gangs involved in numerous snatching and theft activities and recovered snatched mobile phone, motorbike and weapons with ammunition used in crime from their possession, a police public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police had categorically started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to save the 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 snatcher gang involved in snatching activities. The accused were identified as Fasi ud din and Hamza Azram. Police team also recovered a mobilephone, motorbike and weapons with ammunition used in crime from their possession.

## Special Traffic education, enforcement campaign in full swing

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 said.



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

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

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.

## 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) governance system in the country.

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.

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-

nance.

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

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

According to the resolution, stability entails the continuity of inclusive, consultative, and evidence-based 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 harmony and teamwork among state institutions within the constitutional framework, the resolution said.

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

It said this inclusivity must be institutionalized within all tiers of government through affirmative action and adopting an all-of-government approach, as emphasized by the resolution in highlighting the key feature of stable governance.

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

upholding the rule of law to create a conducive environment for good governance.

It called for resolving conflicts along political, ethnic, religious, and other lines through peaceful means, unequivocally rejecting violence.

Regarding transparency in governance, the resolution underscored the importance of enhancing transparency to eradicate corruption and strengthen public accountability at all tiers of government.

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

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

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

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 forward-looking reforms in public sector management, particularly civil service reforms.

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



ISLAMABAD: Traffic Police clear the route of Shiite Muslim procession of 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

ISLAMABAD: The 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.







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

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

and Eritrea has voted against more U.N. General 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.

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 be attacked.

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

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Vladimir Putin lauded North Korea's "unwavering support" for the "special military operation" in Ukraine as Russia joined China in Pyongyang to celebrate the hermit kingdom's 70th anniversary of the Korean War.

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.



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

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 said.

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.

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

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

and a revival of what some analysts see as their Cold War-era coalition. Shoigu is making the first visit by a Russian defence minister to North Korea since the fall of the Soviet Union.

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 climate change as wildfires on the mainland burned farms and factories overnight and left farmers rushing to evacuate their animals.

Trump wants to see Biden impeached, and other Republicans are quick to pile on

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Donald Trump wants to see President Joe Biden impeached, and the former president's allies in Congress and his 2024 GOP presidential rivals are eager to join that fight as his own legal challenges mount.

who is sometimes mentioned as a potential vice presidential pick. This week, the prospect of impeaching Biden over the business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden, emerged from the far corners of the GOP's right flank to the mainstream in the Republican Party.

Nigeria's Tinubu submits cabinet nominees to Senate

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.

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 door's very much open for New Zealand and other partners to engage as they see appropriate 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 engagement."

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contrast to the \$4.1 billion loss it suffered in the 2021 fiscal year amid the coronavirus pandemic and the grounding of its fleet. Qatar Airways' profit of \$1.2 billion is down slightly from \$1.5 billion 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.



Russian President Vladimir Putin and President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste Ndayishimiye meet on the sidelines of the Russia Africa Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

UN chief warns 'handful of donations' can't replace Black Sea deal

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that a "handful of donations" won't 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.

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

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China is willing to deepen its strategic cooperation with Indonesia, state media cited President Xi Jinping as saying.

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.

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.

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.

China and Indonesia should ensure the high-standard completion of the Jakarta-Bandung high-speed railway as it nears commercial operation, Xi told Widodo.

Electric car 'suspected' in ship fire off Netherlands

Monitoring Desk AMELAND: An electric 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.

Neckties are a 'sign of the cross', says Taliban official

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.

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

IPCC incoming chair: World set to overshoot 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' policies had not been ambitious enough.

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IPCC scientists have long warned world 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.



Niger Army spokesman Colonel Major Amadou Adramane speaks during an appearance on national television, after President Mohamed Bazoum was held in the presidential palace, in Niamey, Niger.

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