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Senate passes bill amending Pakistan Army Act, 1952, to strengthen national security

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate on Thursday passed The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which proposes stringent penalties for unauthorized disclosure of classified data pertaining to the country's security or the Pakistan Army in a significant move to safeguard sensitive in-formation related to national security.

The bill, moved by Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, is aimed at strength-ening the existing legislation for protect vital information critical to the safety and interests of Pakistan and its armed forces.

According to the key highlights of The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the bill proposes the addition of Section 26-A to the Pakistan Army Act,

which criminalizes the un- framework to prosecute offenders effectively. authorized disclosure of in-The bill introduces formation acquired in an of-Section 26-B, which proficial capacity that could be hibits any person subject prejudicial to Pakistan's seto the Army Act from encurity or the armed forces. gaging in political activities Anyone found guilty under for a period of two years this section faces rigorous after their retirement, reimprisonment for up to five

lease, resignation, disyears. charge, removal, or dis-The bill makes it clear missal from service. Furthat if someone discloses thermore, individuals who sensitive information after have been involved in senobtaining prior approval from the Chief of Army sitive duties are barred from from the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) or any officer duly empowered by him, such disclosure shall not be participating in any form of political activity for five years after their exit from service. considered unauthorized.

Violation of the afore-The proposed amend-ments specify that cases of mentioned political activity restrictions, upon conunauthorized disclosure viction by the court conshall be dealt with under stituted under the Army Section 59 (civil offences) Act, could lead to rigorous of the Army Act read with imprisonment for up to the Official Secrets Act two vears 1923, reinforcing the legal

The bill proposes the

introduction of Sections 55-A, 55-B, and 55-C to tackle issues related to conflict of interest, electronic crimes aimed at undermining the armed forces, and defamation. Individuals subject to the Army Act in the past five years are prohibited from entering into employment, consultation, or other engagements with entities having a conflict of interest with the activities of the Pakistan Army or its affiliates

Committing offenses under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA), 2016, with malicious intent against the armed forces may result in punishment as prescribed in



GAWADER: A Chinese official presenting a model of an aircraft to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on the completion ceremony of the airside infrastructure (runway, taxiway) at New Gawadar **International Airport**

Gwadar sea port to be developed PM's visit to Gwadar manifests personal interest of PM in dev. of Balochistan: Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's visit to Gwadar is the manifestation of his personal interest in development and prosperity of the province.

The Governor was addressing a ceremony of cheque distribution and inauguration of different projects at Gwadar on Thursday.

The Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif was chief of Gwadar would also have guest on the occasion, who arrived in the port city especially to make inauguration of different development projects besides

tained that the Prime Min- Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz

ister is taking personal in- Uqaili and Inspector Gen-

terest in development of the eral of Police, Abdul Khaliq

province and so of Gwadar. Sheikh at the Gwadar air-The Prime Minister port the same noon.

Pakistan to continue

diplomatic, moral

support to Kashmiris

support to

Addressing the weekly

"Pakistan strongly con-

demns the provocative

statement made by In-

dian Defence Minister on

July 26, 2023 in Ladakh,

boasting India's readiness

to cross the Line of Con-

trol. These unwarranted

and totally unacceptable re-

in Akbar Bugti murder case

being not persuaded.

marks reflect India's hostil- discourse must end.

Akbar Bugti murder case

SC wraps up Musharraf

petition seeking return

of surety bonds

several visits to the province since assuming the office of PM last year, the Governor maintained. He said that the Prime Minister's visit would yield far reaching impacts and

Shahbaz Sharif has paid

results in future. He also mentioned that work is continued on different projects in the port city and these ongoing projects would put the province and country on path of development. He

said that the development great impact on development of the country along with the province

Earlier, the Governor welcomed the Prime Minground breaking of few others. The Governor main-

ity against its neighbours,

pable of defending itself

against any aggression as

demonstrated in its force-

ful response to India's mis-

adventure in February

time that India's political

leaders and senior military

officers have made such

highly irresponsible and

Azad Jammu and Kash-

mir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

They routinely engage in

jingoistic rhetoric for

political ends by stoking

hyper-nationalism and anti-

Pakistan sentiment. This

practice of dragging Paki-

stan into Indian political

"This is not the first

2019," she stressed.

"Pakistan is fully ca-

Pakistan in particular."

as one of the best in world: PM GWADAR (APP): Prime here, he was shocked to Minister Muhammad note that, the previous Shehbaz Sharif on Thursgovernment had abanday reiterated the doned work on all ongogovernment's firm resolve ing projects in the city. He said despite 15

to extensively develop the months of challenging Gwadar Sea Port as one of the best in the world. time, the coalition government managed to lay foun-

He said the fate of the people of Balochistan, especially of Gwadar, would be changed through the ongoing development operation across the prov-

was rich in huge minerals ince. Addressing laptop and and other natural recheques' distribution cersources which needed to emony, he said when be explored and the fruits Nawaz Sharif was elected of the development of the area would be passed on prime minister for the to the local people. The local people third time in 2013, he planned and launched

multiple projects in must enjoy all the basic fapower, infrastructure and cilities in all sectors inother sectors in Gwadar. However, he deplored

that when he visited as

prime minster last year

deepest among the world's top ports, however dredg-ing of the port which was a continuous process to prevent accumulating silt, was not ensured by the

previous government. Now he informed that the current government initiated the dredging process which would be com-pleted by February next

He said in five years from 2017 to 2022, only 100,000 tons of goods could arrive here while goods of over 600,000 tons arrived here at the Gwadar Port during the 15 months of the incumbent government

The prime minister announced that the laptop quota for Balochistan had



ISLAMABAD: Balochistan Minister for Irrigation Mir Muhammad Kha nLehri, Additional Chief Secretary Development Hafiz Abdul Basit and Secretary Irrigation Abdul Fateh Bhangar talking during meeting of ECNEC

CM directs all concerned departments

district administration to expedite relief operation in rain hit areas

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Ouddus Bizenio has directed all concerned departments and district administration to expedite the relief activities in the rains and flood affected areas of the province further.

He also directed the authorities to provide necessary relief and support to the affected people remaining alert in view of the emergent situation emerged following the heavy rains and flashflood in various parts

of the province. These directives were issued by the Chief Minister Bizenjo to the concerned departments and district administration in view of the situation following heavy rains across the province, on Wednesday night.

Moreover, the Chief Minister expressed deep grief and sorrow over the losses caused due to the heavy rains and flashflood in districts of Kharan and Washuk

He directed the Direc-

way Authority to take steps on war footing grounds for rehabilitation of Quetta-Sibi and Quetta-Karachi highways respec-

UAE President's brother

ISLAMABAD (Online): Sheikh Saeed bin Zayed Ál Nahyan, the brother of the United Arab Emirates President, passed away today.

Muhammad **QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shehak** Shehbaz Baloch and Additional Deputy Commissioner Rev-Sharif has expressed deep sorrow and grief over the enue Sana Mahjabeen inspecting flood wate rin demise of Sheikh Saeed Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, brother **Comprehensive security plan** of UAE President Sheikh

Muhammad Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan. In a condolence message, he said that the entire Pakistani nation shares this grief of the Royal family and people of the United

The matter came up for The Prime Minister hearing before a 2-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan of the departed soul and grant of courage to the bereaved family to bear this

ISLAMABAD (Online): Balochistan government Supreme Court (SC) has during the hearing but no wrapped up Pervez one appeared on behalf of Musharraf petition seeking the petitioner. the petitioner. return of his surety bonds

Upon it the SC wrapped up the petition declaring it rejected being

not persuaded. Former president Pervez Musharraf had filed petition during his life seeking return of surety bonds in Akbar Bugti

port.

pated in the ceremonies also deferred due to abof the inauguration and sence of the Minister foundation laying stones of different de-Health. The call attention notice was tabled by the MPA Nasrullah Zairay. velopment projects in the port city. At the outset, the Premier spent a lution on the agriculture very hectic day being loans of the Zamindars, engaged in different ac-Nasrullah Zairay charted tivities including distrithat the federal government bution of cheques.

the same evening

cluding health and education He said the draft of the Gwadar port was one the

dation of development

and prosperity in the

country especially in

Balochistan, he said

Balochistan

now been increased to 14% against the 6% population share of the province.



GWADAR: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributes Laptop among the high-achievers of Gwadar University under the Prime Minister delusional remarks about Youth Laptop Scheme 2023.

Prime Minister pays whirlwind visit to Gwadar **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif paid a whirlwind visit to the port city of Gwadar on

Thursday. The Federal Ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Molana Asad Mehmood, Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Agha Hasan Baloch and other federal high ups also reached Gwadar along with the Prime Minis-

The Prime Minister and others was warmly received by the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, Chief Secretary, hours late from the given Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other high ups at the Gwadar air-

notice about the illegal re-cruitments in the PPHI was Later, he partici-

did nothing for rehabilita-Later, he left Gwadar for Islamabad left tion of the flood affected people of the province.

BA adopts resolutions on waiving of agri. loans and Durag-Tonsa road construction project

Independent Report QUETTA: Th

in the chair.

schedule.

ministers.

The Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has come to Balochistan Assembly adopted the resolutions Balochistan for several about waiving of agriculture times, but he didn't give anything to the province. The MPA Zahoor loans of Zamindars and construction of Durag-Ahmed Buledi pointed out Tonsa road project in its session on Thursday.

Speaking on his reso-

that the people are facing Both the resolutions hardships due to non-construction of the Pinjra bridge and Hub river were tabled by the member of provincial assembly, Nasrullah Zairay while the bridge. He said that if the Pinjr deputy speaker, Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail was

bridge was not constructed by NHA, then the provin-Earlier, the session recial government should sumed after around two have constructed it.

He mentioned that the

He said that who says that the provincial govern-

The question hour was ment can't build the bridge. postponed due to absence MPA Zahid Reki also of the concerned provincial accused the federal government of ignoring Balochistan. He said that Later, the call attention the federal government is constantly ignoring the province.

The Provincial Minister for Finance, Zamark Achakzai said that he made attempt to meet the Chairman Zarai Tarqiyati Bank for eight days, but he didn't meet him.

He said that when he (Chairman of Bank) was not ready to meet us, then how the loans would be waived of.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has stated that the the meeting comprehensive security plan has been prepared to maintain law and order situation during the Muharramul Haram in Quetta and other parts of

prepared to maintain law &

the province. He announced that the mobile phone service would remain suspended on 9th and 10th Muharram in Ouetta.

Hanna Urak

The Minister Home was presiding over a meeting held to review the security arrangements during the Muharramul Haram here on Thursday.

The Special Secretary Home, SSP Quetta, Additional Secretary Home, Deputy Commissioner

order during Muharram: Zia Quetta, Administrator Metropolitan Corporation and other concerned high ups were in attendance at

> While the Commissioners of Naseerabad, Sibi and Loralai as well as DIG Police Sibi Range and SSP loss Khuzdar participated in the meeting through video link. The SSP Quetta

Zohaib Mohsin briefed in detail about the law and order situation and the arrangements being made for the 9th Muharram and Ashura processions.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister Home said that it is our priority to maintain law and order owing to the country's situation. He said that additional security personnels have been deployed to ensure peace Economic Council (ECNEC).

tor General Provincial Disaster Management Author-ity to reach Kharan and Washuk immediately along with the relief goods.

The Chief Minister also directed the Commu-ISLAMABAD (APP): Panication and Works department to ensure rehabilita-

kistan will continue to extend tion of the provincial roads political, diplomatic and affected due to the rains. moral Moreover, taking no-Kashmiri brothers and sistice of the closure of highters for the just and peaceways at Pinjra bridge in ful settlement of the Bolan and Hub river in Jammu and Kashmir dispute Hub, Mr. Bizenjo also diin accordance with the rected the National High-United Nations Security Council resolutions.

press briefing here on Thursday, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said,

PM expresses grief over demise of

Prime Minister

Arab Emirates. prayed for the higher ranks

> Thursday. Advocate Robina Butt appeared on behalf of murder case.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chairs the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National





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GWADAR: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the ceremony of distribution of cheques among the fishermen of Gwadar and distribution of laptops among high-achievers of Gwadar University under Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme 2023

Miscellaneous

ered and approved revised project of Ministry of

Communication titled

'Dualization of Rawalpindi

–Kahuta road (28.4 kms) including 4-lane bridge over

Sihala Railway pass, Sihala bypass and Kahuta bypass"

at a revised rationalized cost of Rs. 23,545.021 million

The ÉCNEC consid-

ered a revised project of

Ministry of Defence Pro-

duction titled "Infrastruc-

ture Up-gradation of

Karachi Shipyard and En-

gineering Works (KSEW).'

for ships/ submarines.

The ECNEC ap-

ECNEC approves mega projects relating to social sector uplift

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) on Thursday approved several developmental projects of social sector uplift including communications, water and energy for economic uplift and social prosperity of the country. The ECNEC met under

on financing share of 50:50 the chairmanship of Minbasis by the federal and proister for Finance and Revvincial governments and the enue Senator Mohammad project will be executed by shaq Dar, said a news re-National Highway Authorease issued here. ity (NHA).

Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar, SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, SAPM on Revenue Tariq Mehmood Pasha, Federal Secretaries and other senior officers from federal ministries and provincial departments

The project envisages renewed underwater repair participated in the meeting. capability and concrete rehabilitation/up-gradation Ayaz hails WB, works for the restoration of existing two dry Docks

The ECNEC consid-d and approved revised bject of Ministry of Rs.10,689.807 million in-

FEC

of

cluding FEC Rs.4,934.564 million.

The ECNEC approved the revised project at a cost of Rs. 27,753.763 million without FEC.

The ECNEC also con-The ECNEC also considered and approved a sidered and approved anproject titled "Construc-tion of Abdul Khel – Dhakhi- Kallurkot (45 kms) road" at a cost of Rs. other project of Ministry of Water Resources titled "Remodeling of Pat Feeder Canal System in Canal 14.257.294 million without Baluchistan, district Naseerabad "at a cost of Rs. district FEC. The project will be executed by NHA in Dera 61,793.367 million without FEC. The project will be Ismail Khan district of KPK at 50:50 cost sharing financed through Federal between the Federal govand Provincial governments ernment and KPK governon 80:20 cost-sharing basis. The ECNEC consid-

ered and approved a project of Pakistan Atomic Energy The ECNEC further considered a revised project of Ministry of Water Resources titled Commission (PAEC) titled 'Chasma Nuclear Power "Garuk Storage Dam, dis-trict Kharan" to be ex-Project Unit-5 (C-5)" at a rationalized cost of Rs.1,047,988.84 million ecuted by Irrigation De-partment, Balochistan govwith FEC of Rs.187,098.96 ernment in Kharan district. million and Chinese credit of Rs.820,742.99 million to The project aimed at mitiinstall a nuclear power plant of 1200 MW capacgating and storing flood waters of Garuk River and providing water for irrigaity in Mianwali.

Afia is being tortured, brought in chains in meeting, **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal Minister for Law Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar said that all resources will be used for release of Dr Afia Sadiqui.

While talking on Call to attention notice Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in Senate meeting on Thursday said that I went to America to meet with imprisoned Dr Afia Sadiqui. He said that Dr. Aafia

has been in the American jail for 7452 days and she is being severely tortured. We meet Dr. Aafia after

20 years; she is brought in chains and has broken four teeth. Her hearing is affected

and the scarf is torn, we can't even show her pictures of her children. He said that when she

was abducted in 2003, she was accompanied by her six-month-old son Sulaiman, who is still missıng.

He said that he met him for three hours.

I request the government to look into this case, he is neither an American citizen nor involved in any kind of terrorism, He said.

It is alleged that she was stan for America Efforts should also be found in Ghazni and 4 made to transfer her from American soldiers had inthe textile gel to a suitable terrogated her.

During this time, they place. All political parties snatched a gun from an know that Dr Afia Sadiqui. American and fired at him, If we can release but no American soldier Ravmond Davis, why we was injured or killed in this firing. He said that the prison cannot take steps to release Dr Afia Sadiqui?

she is in has 235 prisoners He said that no such who are incarcerated for sex documents are being provided to us regarding case. Dr Afia Sadiqui is in-

She is imprisoned in hell and she demands that ocent and oppressed. He requested to all she should be taken out of members of political parties including Chairman Senate He said that govern-

ment should become plainto make sincere efforts for release of Dr Afia Sadiqui. tiff in Dr Afia Sadiqui case. Federal Law Minister She has been impris-Senator Azam Nazir Tarar oned in mental patient imprisonment for 15 years and said that it has been informed in written by For-

she should given relief. He said that president eign Ministry that Federal in America has authority to Minister and State Minisforgive any foreigner prister are not present in counoner on the event of presi-Detailed report will be dential elections in America.

ter.

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committee thereof

Terms&Conditions:

He said similarly, the

government level should

also demand the release of

Dr Afia Sadiqui in response

to the steps taken by Paki-

get for the financial year

ter Shehbaz Sharif would

formally launch the

schemes after Muharram

(10th) by issuing health in-

surance cards for journalists

government had made his-

tory by launching a health

insurance scheme for jour-

ment took the initiative to

protect the artists who had

been promoting the culture

and heritage of the country.

"Culture and heritage of the

country are our assets and

nalists and artists.

The minister said the

She said the govern-

She said Prime Minis-

presented in House when People imprisoned for spying for Russia and Iran they present. He said that safety of have also been released.

citizens is responsibility of state He said that Dr Afia Sadiqui is daughter of this

emergency situations. nation Every government has made efforts on this mat-

AUCTION NOTICE

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Extension Department, Agriculture Research Department, Registrar

Cooperative Societies, are on "SAME AS EXIST BASIS" on 16^s

August, 2023 at 03:00 p.m. which will be opened 17th August, 2023

on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the office of the Director General,

Agricultural Engineering Department, Balochistan, Quetta

Secretary Auction Committee, Link Sariab Road Quetta, In presence

of the interested bidders / their representative's members and

1. Bids should be in the name of Director General, Agricultural

Engineering Department, Balochistan, Quetta / Secretary Provincial

Auction committee for disposal of Un-Serviceable Government

Directorate General, Agricultural Engineering Department Link

Sariab Road Quetta after payment of Tender Fee as a cost of

Rs.1000/- per Dozer, machinery / vehicle / Scrap items (Non-

3. 10% of total offer as SECURITY MONEY in shape of the call

deposit in the name of Director General, Agricultural Engineering

Department, Balochistan, Quetta through Account Head (C-03120)

4. The security money of the Un-Successful bidder shall only be

returned after finalization of the auction proceedings. The Security

money of the 2nd highest bidder whose offers are above the presen

The successful bidder has to deposit the full amount of the offer

within fortnight of the "Acceptance of his offer" failing which his bid

shall stand cancelled without assigning any further notice in this

6. The successful bidder has to lift all the items sold to him at his own

expenses within 15-days of the date of issuance of authority / auction

letter issued by the Director General, Agricultural Engineering

Department Balochistan, Quetta, failing which Rs. 1500/- per day

per item will be charged as Storage Charges and after expiry of

further 15-days the offer in respect of un-lifted items will be cancelled

7. The successful bidder is required to transfer the machinery

and cost thereof with total security money will be forfeited.

value will be refunded after depositing cost by the highest bidder.

Vehicles / Machinery / Equipment & Scrap materials etc. 2. Bids forms can be obtained from the Technical Section (A) of

Refundable) and attached a copy of CNIC.

regard and his security money shall be forfeited.

should be enclosed with the bid form.

Sealed bids are invited for disposal of the following "Old & Un

support for Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): holders to proactively ad-Federal Minister for Eco-

Sadiq on Thursday appre-

ciated the World Bank

(WB) and Asian Develop-

ment Bank (ADB) support

for Pakistan during the dev-

lighted that WB and ADB

cumulatively greatly helped

Pakistan in dealing with the

adverse impacts of the dev-

astating floods of 2022, the

balance of payment issues,

and improving the imple-

mentation progress of the

development portfolio, said

a press release issued here.

"Due to joint and well-

The minister high-

astating floods of 2022.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs hosted an Appreciation Ceremony to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of relevant EAD officers and the esteemed partners, the WB and ADB in achieving an exceptional level of disbursements during FY 2022-23. Najy Benhassine, the Country Director of the World Bank in Pakistan, and Yong Ye, the Country Director of ADB in Pakistan, delivered heartfelt appreciation remarks, acknowledging the relentless commitment of the

coordinated efforts of WB, nomic Affairs. ADB, and EAD, we were able to achieve disbursement of US\$ 4.4 billion during FY2023. Together, we have set a remarkable precedent, setting the stage for even greater achievements in the nomic Affairs. future." said the Minister

The Secretary expressed gratitude to the WB, ADB, and his highly motivated team for responding to Pakistan's development needs and ramping up sup-port, especially during

This level of disburse-Affairs. ment is attributed to the tireless efforts and rigorous fol-I low-up by EAD and both

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ADB economic the banks with all stake-

dress the bottlenecks. nomic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz

ing regarding polio campaign

team of the Ministry of Eco-They praised the unwavering dedication of the team of EAD and emphasized the harmonious partnership between the organizations and the Ministry of Eco-

The highlight of the event was the distribution of appreciation certificates by the Minister to the outstanding team members of the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Ministry of Economic

remain the same.

12-07-2023. The tender date was mentioned in the advertisement as 3rd schedule 08-08-2023 instead of 16-08-2023, which may be read as 16-08-2023. All other terms and conditions, published in the newspapers and PPRA website, wil Executive Engineer,

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CORRIGENDUM

A tender was published in various daily newspapers and PPRA website for the work

titled "Development Scheme in Kalat, Surab, Mastung District Package I, II, and

Package,III " vide this office letter No.EE.CCD-1/AB/Tender Notice/752 & 753 dated

PAK PWD Quetta

registration process for artists' health insurance

2023-24

and artists.

Marriyum launches online

crimes

this hell.

ISLAMABAD (APP): located in the federal bud-Minister for Information Broadcasting and Marriyum Aurangzeb on Thursday launched an online registration process for the artists' health insurance scheme by uploading its form on the dedicated website.

"Registration for artists has been started from today under Prime Minister's Health Insurance Programme which will enable them to get comprehensive and quality health facilities from private hos-pitals without any cost," the minister said while addressing a news conference here. She said artists could easily fill out the form on WWW.DEMP.GOV.PK by providing all the relevant details for a 360 health facility.

Marriyum said a health insurance scheme had already been launched for the working journalists and media workers under a for both schemes were al- scheme.

so they are," she added. Marriyum extended her gratitude to all those who guided the government to work out a comprehensive health initiative for artists and journalists. She urged the artists,

journalists and media workers to get registered online, transparent system. Funds to avail the health insurance

China roles over \$2.4b loan for two years: Dar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Finance Minister (FM) Ishaq Dar has confirmed rolling over of loan by China.

He tweeted that China has rolled over the principal amount of 2.4 billion dollars loan for two years.

The period of all loan

sanctioned in his favor within a month time, after depositing the cost of the vehicle / machinery failing which he will be personally responsible for any compensation.

8. Security Money in respect of the successful bidders shall only be refunded on production of a certificate issued by the respective department, that the machinery / vehicle / lot has been lifted by the bidder. Khawaja Asif says,

9. The committee reserve the rights to reject "ONE OR ALL" Bids forms without assigning any reason. 10. Conditional / incomplete or cutting offers shall not be

> considered 11. A copy of C-NIC of the bidder must be enclosed with the Bid

> 12. The successful bidder has to pay all Taxes according to Government policy of the total offer & other taxes if applicable. 13. No tender form will be sold after 16th August/2023 after (3:00 P.M) on Wednesday repeated 16th August/2023 after (3:00 P.M). The tender forms will be opened on 17th August/2023 (1:00 P.M) on Thursday, in the office of the Director General, Agricultural Engineering Department, Balochistan, Quetta, chairman Auction Committee, Link Sariab Road, Quetta in presence of the interested bidders / their representatives and members of the auction

14. List of vehicle/ machineries will be provided with the tender form. 15. The dozers, machinery / vehicles and all auction able items can be inspected during in the office timings.

Director Genera Agricultural Engineering Departmen Balochistan Quetta PRQ No.235/27-7-2023 Balochistan Quetta www.dpr.gob.pk. V@dpr_gob @ dpr.gob f @dgpr.balochist

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TEACHING POSITIONS			NON-TEACHING POSITIONS		
Name of Post	BPS	No of Posts	Name of Post	BPS	No of Posts
Professor			Assistant	16	01
Management Sciences	21	01	Security Officer	16	01
Associate Professor			Engineering Lab Assistant, Civil Engineering Technology	14	01
Computer Science	20	01	Engineering Lab Assistant, Information Engineering Technology	14	01
Assistant Professor			Engineering Lab Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology	14	01
Civil Engineering Technology	19	01	Junior Computer Operator	12	04
Lecturer			Lineman	05	01
Medical Laboratory Technology	18	01	Driver LTV	04	02
Mechanical Engineering Technology	18	01	Driver Bus	04	01

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The Eligibility Criteria for the above positions can be seen at https://nsu.edu.pk/jobs

NOTE:

- Foreign-qualified candidates must attach equivalence certificates from the Higher Education Commission (HEC).
- The quota for minorities and persons with disabilities will be strictly followed where applicable. ii.
- iii. All educational degrees/certificates/diplomas shall be from accredited institutes and other relevant bodies.
- All engineering/technology degrees shall be from institutions accredited with the National Technology Council iv. Pakistan/PEC in the relevant disciplines and other relevant bodies.
- The NSU is an equal-opportunity employer. V.

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out of context grew, Khawaja Asif ISLAMABAD (APP): firmly stated that he saw no reason to apologize for his comments.

his remarks taken

Khawaja Asif, clarified that his remarks about Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members during the joint session of the Parliament were misconstrued and not meant to single out any particular gender.

Speaking on the floor of the National marks. minded that during the Assembly on Thurssaid session, he asked day, he emphasized that parliamentarians not to linking his views with women was unjustified. obstruct the passage of As calls for an apology legislations.

Minister for Defence, However, he offered to tender an apology if the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership also apologize to Maryam Nawaz Sharif and Faryal Talpur for their own re-

terest payments of the said loan only in next two yea Exim Bank of China has rolled over loan for two

tended from July 21, 2023 Pakistan will make in-to June 30, 2025

Khawaja Asif re-

years to Pakistan agreements has been ex-



Biparjoy caused se-

vere heatwave conditions

over Karachi and other dis-

tricts of lower Sindh for

several days, culminating in

dust storms and widespread

heavy rains in southern

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Terrorist threat

Over the past few weeks, KP has suffered from frequent terrorist attacks. The latest incident occurred in the Jamrud area on Tuesday, when a senior police officer was martyred as he confronted a suicide disaster to another, with no bomber who had taken refuge time to step back and reflect in a mosque. Last week, terrorists had attacked a police post in Peshawar's Sarband area, while suicide bombers had also targeted Bara bazaar; numerous police personnel were martyred in the latter incident. It is suspected that floods from both India and members of the Jamaatul Afghanistan affecting Punjab and KP, torrential Ahrar terrorist outfit may be behind the Jamrud attack, as well as some of the other recent incidents in KP. JuA has an on-again, off-again relationship with the banned TTP; in fact, many of the terrorist groups active in the region have a diffused structure, while splinter factions are also common.

The fresh wave of terrorism confronting KP needs to be addressed to prevent further bloodletting. Far too many security personnel have fallen in the line of duty, while local residents demonstrate for peace, and demand that their kistan Will Pakistan be able areas be cleansed of violent to comply? There is no diextremists. Hundreds of but plenty of indirect clues tribesmen took out a peace do exist. Here is an attempt rally in Tirah valley on Tuesday calling for an end to tar- of the IMF conditions geted killings and extortion in their area; they lamented the fact that militants were moving around "freely" in Khyber the organizing principle of district. This is not the first of economy is but a function such gatherings; numerous of this. You cannot change others have been held in vari-it without changing the op-erating system to which it governance without any fear of accountability or loss of power. By our indifference ous parts of KP over the past few months, as incidents of ^{is subservient.} The reality is Pakistan's problems are not just economic, however terrorist violence have grown grave they may be, but po-litical. after a tenuous ceasefire with the banned TTP fell through. Whether it is the TTP, JuA or similar outfits, they cannot be given any space to operate, particularly in the former tribal areas. Security operations must be stepped up so that terrorist groups cannot expand their malign activities. Where militant havens in Afghanistan are concerned — both the TTP and JuA are believed to be ac- Which country has not lative in the Afghan provinces mented, as the poet Kahlil bordering Pakistan — Asif Gibran put it, that its lead-ers are either in the cradle Durrani, the government's or in the grave? Look around the world. Bank-ruptcy is not a financial ghanistan, has only recently condition limited to poorer returned from Kabul after holding talks with the Taliban rul-ers. From what is publicly and the area of the known regarding these meetings, Taliban officials have repeated the rhetoric that their fiscal fix from the deepsoil is not being used for ter-rorism, though evidence and the UAE. Never before strongly suggests otherwise. In its turbulent history has it needed the strong hands While it is the state's respon- of an experienced leadership sibility to secure Pakistani territory, the counterterrorism effort will suffer if militants continue to have sanctuaries across the border. Therefore, the government must keep up Musharraf put tin helmets the pressure on the Afghan on their mocracy. Taliban to do more to contain the TTP and other terrorist Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto and their groups. Kabul's rulers de- PPP successors, and alterpend on Pakistan to facilitate trade and for diplomatic support. The message from Islamabad should be that if pets. Our country, yet terrorists continue to use in a trough of despondency. Afghan soil, these ties will be affected. Additionally, there Imran Khan offered more than an image of a sporting should be a continued demand icon who saw the nation as from all of Afghanistan's neighbours to shut down ter- asked the public to believe rorist sanctuaries.



Pakistan's climate emer-

gency is unfolding like a horror movie where each scene is more frightening than the last. We are constantly lurching from one climate on its implications for our society and economy. In the last 12 to 18 weeks alone, climatic changes have triggered a series of disasters with heatwayes in March and April, tropical storms in June, and urban flooding in June and July. As if this were not enough, a new wave is now at hand: transboundary rains in the mountain ranges of Balochistan and Sindh, and landslides and glacial outbursts hitting Gilgit-Baltistan

to each other and each EWE has cascaded or triggered a chain reaction defining new thresholds for the country's climate vulnerability. Third, the magnitude of climate-induced losses and damage is closely linked to weak climate governance. Pakistan's policymakers continue to respond to climate disasters post-facto,

and they have not really begun to translate new thresholds into policy guidelines and actions. Pakistan is not the only climate victim country. Pakistan's While neighbours, particularly China, India and Afghani-

stan, too, are setting new records of heatwaves and flood levels, other regions of the world are also battered: heatwave spells in southern Europe, forest fires in the

events (EWEs) highlight US (California), Canada and three interconnected under-Siberia, and record-breaking currents. First, IPCC prodroughts in the Horn of Afjections that provided the rica are all setting new scientific basis for the Paris records. Nature is not willing to give us the time the Agreement in 2015 for climate scientists did in the Paris Agreement, and this will be echoed strongly in

> Conference of the Parties in November. Pakistan is standing at the crossroads of critical policy decisions to protect itself from these cascading events. Let's see how increasing temperatures and precipitation trends are intertwined and how Pakistan can take practical steps to strengthen its climate governance

Heatwaves: According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), new temperature and rain records were set in 36 cities in June. The sweltering conditions forced the Benazir

Income Support Programme to suspend cash disbursements, trains were stopped as railway lines were reported to have melted, and electricity systems broke down in many areas because of the excessive heat or other reasons. Heatwaves in Pakistan have disrupted municipal services and school

Ignoring climate thresholds and hospital activity. They have also reduced work productivity and proved detrimental for the agricultural sector.

Parts of Sindh and Balochistan are approaching the limits of 'survivability as several towns from Jacobabad to Turbat are becoming unfit for human endurance. And vet. no institution is charged with keeping a track of heatwave-related data, nor are there any local governments to protect local populations. Provincial governments nevertheless have the mandate to revisit working hours and academic calendars, or to regulate labour rights in summer just as we have different

working hours in Ramazan in many areas during the hot season. Stronger climate governance can reduce exposure to manageable risks.

In response to prolonged heatwaves, a small Spanish city has just developed a ranking system to manage heatwayes by monitoring temperatures and humidity levels. Developed with the help of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Centre, heatwayes have been categorised on a scale of one

to three. Category 3 heatwaves will be the most serious and named in reverse alphabetical order, starting with Zoe, Yago, and Xenia in order to enable learning from each instance. The

Karachi Sindh. It spurred a Heatwave Management heatwave that continued Plan, developed a decade for weeks. The PMD newsago, calls out for implemenletter asserts that it also tation by the newly incaused pre-monsoon rains in other areas of the counstalled city government, but Pakistan needs to adopt, like try. Clearly, the monsoon the Spanish city of Seville system has been disturbed. Fortunately, Biparjoy has, a national heatwave did not hit Pakistan, a manaming and categorisation

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jor tragedy was averted and system to save lives. Tropical storms: The our ability to supply food, incidence of tropical storms drinking water, medicines, latrines and supporting resettlement was not tested. The municipal administration, however, collapsed. and the military had to be called in to help with evacuation and logistical supplies. Sadly, two major political parties in the city were jockeying for Karachi's mayorship, as the storm was nearing the coastline. All this while Pakistan still has to develop its local evacuation plans, undertake a dry run in some areas of Karachi and history, a large-scale evacuneighbouring urban centres, ation operation was sucand strengthen local govcessfully undertaken, by ernments with emergency evacuating 800,000 people. supplies. -- Courtesy

in the Arabian Sea is increasing. Biparjoy set new records in June. It was ranked as a Category 3, or an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm. It sustained high wind speeds of 160-180 kilometres per hour. With a 12-day life, it was the longest-duration cyclone recorded in the Arabian Sea. Pakistan was able to successfully track it on a realtime basis, thanks to important strides in our early warning system. For the first time in the country's

elites led by the political place few constraints on the exercise of this power. Ecoclass who supported each other for strength. The sysnomic institutions are then tem would help the feudals often structured by this elite not pay taxes and ward off to extract resources from the reforms to dismantle the rest of the society social structure that sup-Look at the conseported feudalism. And it

quences. External debt now stands at \$130 billion and would support the business the debt service amount has now become larger than net federal revenues. Trillions tion from competition. And since governance, whether are being wasted on stateowned enterprises because of the opportunities they provide for corruption for cessory to the system and their cronies, and jobs they thus part of it as did judiprovide to their political ciary for its help in legitisupporters. Trillions are being lost to the treasury That was the panoply because of no or low taxes or due to tax evasion, cor-

ruption or exemptions. Circular debt now They competed with each amounts to four per cent of the GDP - not to mention the huge losses in the electricity sector. Last but not the least, the billions being spent every year on maintaining elite' personal privileges especially of the oversized and politicized bureaucracy running a generally wasteful and unproduc-



These extreme weather

The IMF has released the staff report listing stringent conditions for the latest standby agreement with Parect answer to the question to identify some of them. The implementation

would only be possible as part of major structural reforms. But the challenge is that there is a fundamental clash between reforms and the ruling system. Pakistan's

security but ended up creating a security state. It worked well as long as the security brought stability and development. But the bargain ended with the end of the Avub Khan era. And we craved democracy. Pakistan has not been the same

since There have been successes in external security. some foreign policy accomplishments – notably the opening to China – and occasional surge in economic growth, but our search for democracy has been a tale of failure as part of the larger story of the decline of Pakistan especially since the breakup of the country in 1971

In our longing for democracy we did not care about its quality, mistakenly believing that a flawed democracy was better than no democracy. And successive political governments took advantage of the public ingenuity that allowed them to continue to deliver poor

Living dangerously state Pakistan had needed ing the country. The exter- areas of national life. nal assistance that came with it, principally from the US – by coincidence more than anything else as the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the second Afghanistan war happened soon af-

ter the military takeovers allowed the military to temporarily boost the economy, giving a false impression that it performed better. As the people became victims of vet another illusion the military, like the politicians, took full advantage of it by advancing their personal, institutional and class interests. To their credit, they did provide some sense of external security but at a heavy cost to the nation in some other ways. When the military rule got prolonged and the

external assistance dried up we vearned for democracy yet again In this cyclic process,

the military and the civilians took turns to rule the country without reference to people for whom they did not do much as they did not

By empowering the feudals for whom rule of law was antithetical to their raison d'etre we legitimized the mindset that they were above the law. This set up the country for a weak rule of law. And the flawed political process that made the community with exemptions, tax breaks and protecleadership constantly dependent on the support of self-serving politicians exacerbated the culture of corcivilian or military, is run ruption and flouting of law with the help of the bureauwith impunity. Heavy mancracy it too became an acdates were not heavy after all. As a nation lacking a true national purpose, Islam became a surrogate national mizing the system. purpose that brought Islamists to the center stage. They of power comprising the cibecame valuable to both the vilians and the military makestablishment and the civiling up almost an oligarchy ians, providing a perfect enabling environment for sustaining the status quo in rural Pakistan entrenching feu-

other for political power but cooperated to maintain the system. The system and the political power that came dalism, thus reinforcing sowith it allowed them to incial disparities, gender inequality, low education, and fluence the law-making prohigh population growth. In cess as well as policies to economic terms it meant the ensure that there was no erosion in their dominant posiexclusion of a large segment of population, especially tion. In 'Why Nations Fail', women, from any produc-

While the military was

an institution by itself, the

civilian leadership had mul-

tiple constituents. It com-

prised a broad coalition of

tive economic activity.

stabilising global temperature warming at 1.5 to two degrees Celsius grossly underestimated the urgency of Dubai at the forthcoming action for phasing out fossil Second, the climate disasters in Pakistan are linked

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power as electability was not an issue for most politicians

the military took over on the sive social structure, nega-As a genuinely insecure pretext that they were sav- tively impacting different

we ended up sustaining the military and their controversial security doctrines, and When things got bad, the feudals and their regres-

Shedding bitterness

One would not blame

him for smashing his

cricket bat in frustration, as

Novak Djokovic did his

tennis racquet during the

Wimbledon finals this

month. It would be an un-

derstandably human reac-

tion. But leaders are ex-

pected to be supra-human,

f not superhuman, to be-

have in J.F. Kennedy's

words, with "grace under

Djokovic's defeat at the

hands of 20-year-old Carlos

Alcaraz seems to suggest

that he is past his prime.

years old. Is his future too

behind him? His public fol-

tuagenarian leader yet.

When discussing lead-

ership, the late PPP leader

Leader: the Making of Lead-

she referred to the "lashes,

dured for over two years

book of essays on leader-

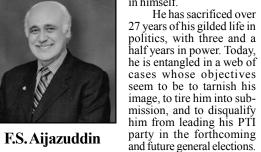
Bader compiled his

Ziaul Haq.

Thirty-six-year-old

Imran Khan is 70

in himself.



ers are either in the cradle

At these critical times, pressure" Pakistan needs something more than the revivifying His fans believe not. in its turbulent history has

The politicians after Quaid-i-Azam passed democracy from hand to hand as if it was a cushion in a child's game. Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan, Ziaul Haq and on their mannequins of de-

Elected leaders like Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Jehangir Bader may seem an unlikely insertion. Yet, his book How to be a nately the dynastic Sharifs, offered promises in empty ers (2004) garnered an introduction by the late envelopes. The present leadership continues to Benazir Bhutto, in which blow from broken trumlong terms of imprisonment, mental torture, threats and torments" Bader had en-To many Pakistanis, Imran Khan offered more during the regime of Gen his extended pitch and the electorate as his team. He ship while in jail, in emulation of his leader Zulfikar in him because he believed completely and implicitly

his cell in Rawalpindi jail. He has sacrificed over Bhutto had in turn been in-27 years of his gilded life in spired by Jawaharlal politics, with three and a Nehru's The Discovery of half years in power. Today, India (1946), penned by he is entangled in a web of him while he was impriscases whose objectives oned by the British at seem to be to tarnish his Ahmadnagar Fort.

Many of Bader's observations are borrowed, some ideas obviously taken from the minds of others. He describes a true leader as being one who "lives

among his people and for his people. He never betrays his subjects". He deplores those who "fortified by privileges and social prerogatives [...] keep themselves away from the process of law and confer on themselves a self-styled protection system". Has anything changed over the years? Imran Khan has de-

scribed himself as another Nelson Mandela, the South African leader. Imran Khan perhaps sees an analogy between the 27 years he has spent in politics and the 27 years Mandela spent incarcerated in Robben Island,

lowing — undiminished Pollsmoor Prison and Vicapparently, despite the eftor Verster Prison. forts of his opponents to If he had found the euthanise him politicallytime to read Mandela's saybelieves not. Unlike the ings, he would have come lemming PTI leadership across this quote by that deserted him in his hour Mandela: "In my country, of need, they are convinced we go to prison first and that there is life in their septhen become President."

The years of his maltreatment by the white apartheid regime could not break Mandela's spirit, nor extinguish his innate humanity. Only a man of his moral stature could say: "As I walked out the door towards the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.' If only our leaders could

understand that, whether they have been imprisoned by the state or not, they have, like Mandela, to leave bitterness and hatred behind. Otherwise, they will continue to

serve sentences in prisons of Ali Bhutto who wrote If I each other's makings. am Assassinated (1979) in Courtesy Dawn

Parvez Rahim

The prime purpose of legislating labour laws was to enable industrial and commercial establishments to manage their manpower in accordance with procedures and guidelines for the disbursement of benefits to workers. Barring the Employees' Old-Age Benefits Act, 1976, the promulgation of other labour statutes was mostly to benefit non-man-

agement and unionised employees. They cover all aspects of employment, from recruitment to retirement. with provisions for terminal benefits and old-age pension. There are some 190

labour enactments and the rules made thereunder. The most prominent among them are: the Factories Act, 1934, which has provisions for the health and safety of workers engaged in the manufacturing process, their leave entitlement and the condition of a hygienic work environment. The Shops and Establishments Act, 1969, lays down similar requirements for office staff. The Industrial and Commercial Employment (Standing Orders) Ordinance, 1968, provides terms of employment of workmen to be implemented by employers, and the ordinance also states that the services of a workman cannot be terminated on the grounds of misconduct without giving him the opportunity to defend himself in a domestic inquiry. The Industrial Rela-

tions (IR) Ordinance, 1969, has procedures for the formation of unions, referenlaws and their relevance to dum for collective bargainan organisation

ing agent union, fora that maintain cordial working relations between the management and CBA, redressal of workers' grievances and judicial forums for them to challenge employer action. The three different acts related to wages provide for timely payment of salaries and claiming unpaid wages. Unauthorised deductions are prohibited and minimum wage for all categories of workers allocated. Besides these, there are laws for the provision of medical benefits, maternity leave, workers' share in company profit, apprenticeship schemes to train in various skills and educational assistance for workers' children. Therefore, given the

vast scope of the decrees, it is imperative that managers overseeing industrial relations are thoroughly conversant with labour regulations as implementation is their key responsibility and any violation will prove embarrassing for the enterprise and its management. Obliviousness in this area hampers the execution of assigned tasks and the supervision of daily work, besides making for ill-informed communication with government officials

and inept responses to notices from stakeholders.Advertisements for the position of IR manager mention a law degree as a prerequisite along with a few years' experience. In the past, the syllabus for law studies excluded labour laws. At present, if students take up labour laws as an elective subject, they are only taught laws on IR, terms of employment and prohibition of child labour, and are made familiar with the scope and objectives of the International Labour Organisation and its key conventions. As this knowledge is critical for their career, they must know all pertinent

Daron Acemoglu and James tive administration. Frankly Robinson may have been there has been no money left thinking about Pakistan for development, economic when they wrote: "Extracor human. The borrowing is tive political institutions basically to keep the sysconcentrate power in the tem running. -- Courtesy hands of a narrow elite and TheNews

Knowing the rules An icon and stalwart in the field of IR and labour laws, Fasihul Karim Siddiqi died in May. Being practitioners in the same field, I knew him for 35 years and throughout this time, he was associated with the Employers' Federation of Pakistan in various capacities. An EFP meeting was incomplete without his address; he enlightened employers with a summary of the IR situation in the country and responded to their queries. Fasih Sahib also served as a visiting lecturer at two leading business schools — IBA for 15 years and IBM for 12 years — where he taught strategic management and business policy. Later, he was associated with eight institutions as a professional trainer in leadership management, labour laws, corporate social responsi-

bility, productivity improvement and systems management. A widely travelled individual, he was also aware of global developments in IR.

In 2000, then UN secretary general, Kofi Annan, launched the Global Compact, an initiative to unite business and the United Nations so that the global market could have a human face. The purpose of this was to empower businesses by upholding universal principlesin human rights, labour and environment. In May 2006, Fasih Sahib addressed the UN in New York on the 'Private Sector's Role in Sustainable Development' as a representative of Pakistan's business sector. Thanks to his devoted dissemination of information about labour laws and IR practices to new entrants, he was instrumental in introducing a diploma in Employment Laws and Industrial Relations' at the IBA. The void left by him will be hard to fill. EFP gatherings will not be the same. -- Courtesy Dawn



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True implementation of SIFC vision to usher in revolution: PM

GWADAR (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said that the concerted efforts and true implementation of the vision of the SIFC would usher in the revolution and guarantee the prosperity of 220 million people of Pakistan.

"The SIFC (Special Investment Facilitation Council) is the biggest motivating engine and vision for Pakistan's progress and prosperity. Nothing can impede our progress, if we follow this vision. This will bring in revolution," the prime minister said addressing the inauguration ceremony of multiple development projects here.

The prime minister unveiled the plaques to inaugurate Khuzdar-Panjgur transmission line; construction of a two-lane Khuzdar-Basima road; water supply and distribution scheme; 1.2MGD RO Desalination Pant; and initiation of Gwadar Port dredging.

He broke ground for the rehabilitation and upgradation of Awaran-Naal and Awaran-Jhal Jaho an article written by a

roads; Khuzdar section of former Saudi ambassador in M8; Gwadar Safe City Pakistan in an Arab publiproject; and the establishcation ment of the University of Referring to his first

Gwadar. visit on June 3, 2022 to He also unveiled the Balochistan, after assumplaque marking the compleing office, the prime mintion of airside infrastructure ister shared his dismay (runway, taxiway and over the condition of apron) at New Gwadar In-Balochistan's developternational Airport. ment owing to the negli-

Lauding the vision and gence on part of the preefforts of Chief of the vious government, which Army Staff General Syed he said merely focused on Asim Munir - also present mud-slinging of the oppoat the ceremony - for the establishment of SIFC, said sition leaders. He said the previous a mechanism had been esgovernment failed to execute tablished to attract invest-

crucial projects like clean ment and put the country drinking water despite the on the course of progress. fund's allocation in 2015 by He expressed the hope Nawaz Sharif's governthat the interim government ment. would also carry forward Similarly, the unnecesthe initiative which was sary delay in the completion of the 26-kilometer also appreciated by the business community of

power transmission line Karachi during his visit to from Iran forced the people Sindh on Wednesday. Beto live without electricity. sides, the Gulf countries are project to protect also eyeing to invest in Pa-Gwadar Port from flood also met the same fate.

kistan following the economic revival plan formu-After 2015, no dredglated by the government, in ing of Gwadar Port was coordination with all stakedone impacting the moveholders, he said mentioning ment of big ships, but the incumbent government

FAISALABAD: Special Representative of the Prime Minister for Inter-Religious Harmony and Chairman Ulama Council Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi addressing a press conference regarding Ashura at Circuit House

PM visits Expo Centre in Gwadar, performed groundbreaking for various projects

GWADAR (APP): Prime nomic recovery plan". Minister Muhammad China-Pakistan Expo Cen-Chief of Army Staff Thursday to attend a ceremony

The government's focus Shehbaz Sharif visited on the mining and minerals sector, one of the five sectre here along with the tors being emphasized under the overall ambit of the Special Investment Facilitawhere the groundbreaking tion Council (SIFC), will and inaugural ceremony was greatly improve the per performed for various infra- capita income, alleviate the structure development projects. The ceremony sense of deprivation and bring local employment on-

martyred in Sui terrorist attack ISLAMABAD (APP) President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday condoled with the family members of the Pakistan Army soldiers

als, as promised earlier. who embraced martyrdom in a terrorist attack in Sui, Balochistan on July 13.

took up the project and would complete it by March next year.

Likewise, the previous government could only bring 100,000 tons of cargo to Gwadar Port, comparing 600,000 tons by the present government despite the fact that dredging was not yet over.

The prime minister questioned why the previous government could bring in just 100,000 tons of cargo, failed to complete drinking water supply project and power transmission line from Iran which was completed by the incumbent government within 6-8 months like it had done the Panjgur trans-

mission line.

Talha releases post-Hajj statistics; announces significant relief for pilgrims ISLAMABAD (APP):

Moreover, due to effective Minister for Religious Afcost-saving measures, the fairs and Interfaith Harpilgrims were set to receive mony, Senator Muhammad a partial refund in their Hajj Talha Mahmood on Thursexpenses, a fact lauded by day released the post-Hajj the minister. "As per the financial statistics, highlighting the

reimbursements, all govern-ment-sponsored pilgrims successful efforts to provide enhanced facilities to the pilgrims despite expanwould receive an additional sion projects and logistical refund of Rs. 97,000 per challenges at the holy sites. person. Those who faced He, in a press conferdifficulties in securing acence held here in the miniscommodations in Madina try, praised the accomplishwould be refunded Rs.111,000 and those who lacked the opportunity to use the Mashair Train to be reimbursed Rs.118,000 ru-

pees. Similarly, pilgrims who had to stay far from the central locations in Madina and were unable to access the train service would receive Rs.132,000 as compensation," he disclosed.

He also highlighted the commitment to the welfare of the pilgrims, with a total of approximately Rs.16.5 billion being allocated for further reimbursements to the honored pilgrims under

the government's Hajj pack-age. In a promising development, Senator Talha announced that next week, the transfer of funds to the respective bank accounts of the pilgrims would begin, ensuring a smooth and efficient refund process.



GWADAR: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributes cheques among the fishermen of Gwadar.

President calls for early diagnosis of hepatitis cases to avert liver cancer epidemic

has made commendable

progress in combating hepa-

titis C, regrettably, our

country remains a major

contributor to this burden

in our region," he remarked.

The president said Hepatitis C was a danger-

ous, silent disease, often

carrying no signs or

We must realize that

individuals infected with

this virus continue to carry

stage liver disease and can-

He said in order to en-

sure the well-being of our

nation, we need to priori-

to the liver.

cer, he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): and Pakistan. While Egypt President Dr Arif Alvi has said that as Pakistan has the world's largest population of hepatitis patients, it was a must to prioritize the screening and early diagnosis of the disease and any delayed action could lead to a devastating liver cancer epidemic.

"Presently, Pakistan has the world's largest symptoms until it has done significant damage population of patients living with Hepatitis C, a staggering 10 million cases... Without timely action, the number of HCV-infected it for years, putting them at high risk of advancedcases in Pakistan may rise exponentially, leading to a devastating liver cancer epidemic," the president said in his message to the nation on World Hepatitis Day annually observed on July

He said World Hepatitis Day was commemorated to raise awareness about the critical issue of hepatitis and related diseases in Pakistan.

He said Hepatitis B and C viruses posed significant public health threats, causing immense morbidity and mortality worldwide.

"In the Eastern Mediterranean Region, a staggering 80% of the hepatitis C disease burden lies in Egypt

Bilawal, UN SG

discuss revival

of Black Sea

Grain Initiative

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Foreign Minister Bilawal

Bhutto Zardari held a tele-

curity for the general elections in autumn. It is difficult to solve

reaffirm its commitment to making hepatitis prevention, control, and elimination a national priority. We are scaling up screening, testing, and treatment efforts while emphasizing tize the screening and early preventive interventions nationwide.

cases. It is our duty to ac-

tively screen our entire

population and promptly

treat those found positive,

alarming: numerous deaths,

liver cirrhosis cases, and a

significant burden on our

economy. We cannot let this

happen; we must take ac-

tion today to secure a

healthier and prosperous

future for our nation," he

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He said on World Hepa-

advised.

The consequences are

the president added.

Khurram Dastgir says: Nawaz Sharif's cases settlement difficult in presence of CJP Bandyal

ISLAMABAD (Online): there is security and we all want the people to be ap-Federal Minister and leader of Muslim League (N) proached, then the elections will be held in the fall." Khurram Dastgir has said that the security agencies He said that considering the have assured to provide sepast experience, electoral reforms have been made and now it is the responsibility

of the Election Commission the cases of Nawaz Sharif to make the elections transuntil the presence of Chief parent. Justice Umar Ata Bandial, ie added. Khurram Dastgir said assumptions but clear pat-in an interview to the terns about the biasness of American Broadcasting the current Chief Justice Corporation that "I am towards the Muslim

Khurram Dastgir Khan said that there are not only very optimistic about the League-N and as long as he elections that now that the is in office, it is difficult for resources are available, Nawaz Sharifto get justice.

ments in catering to the needs of the pilgrims dur-ing the annual Islamic pilgrimage. According to the data presented, 78% of the honored pilgrims were accommodated in close proximity to the holy city of Madina, ensuring ease of access to the religious sites. Furthermore, 63% of the pilgrims

were provided with the convenience of the Mashair Train to travel to Mina, while 47% enjoyed their stay in old Mina. Senator Talha, express-

ing his satisfaction at successfully meeting these objectives, confirmed that all government-sponsored pilgrims received a refund of Rs55,000 towards the cost of the animal sacrifice performed during the Hajj ritu-





was also attended by relevant federal and provincial ministers. Chinese officials. civil administration and representatives from the Fishermen Union

The prime minister was briefed about various projects including Gwadar International Airport, dredging of Gwadar Port and other projects related to the CPEC

While addressing the ceremony, the prime minis-ter said, "Balochistan, being rich in minerals and natural resources, holds a very important place in the eco-

Scheme.

QUETTA: Chairman Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation Naimatullah Zaheer addressing press conference along with Famous actor Ayub Khoso and others at Press club in Provincial Capital

PML-N always prioritized national development on personal interest: Karim

including Balochistan

saying that the Muslim

League (N) has always

served the people or car-

ried out consistent devel-

try was going towards de-

fault when Muslim League

(N) took the reins of the

country in difficult condi-

tions, and there was a se-

vere economic crisis in the

country but the great vi-

sion of the Prime Minis-

ter and dedication of pub-

lic spirit has made the

country stand on its feet

announcement of the gen-

eral elections by the Prime

Minister, the party work-

ers should start prepara-

tions to participate fully

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in the elections.

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opment work.

QUETTA (APP): Senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League- Nawaz (PML-N) Chaudhry Naeem Karim on Thursday said that his party has always prioritized national development over personal interests.

Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif was striving day and night to put the country once again on the path of development and prosperity, he said talking to a delegation of PML-N workers here.

Chaudhry Naeem Karim said PML-N leader Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and party president Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif would lead the country on the path of development by ridding it

of debts ticipate in the general elec-He said that the PMLtions and will be able to N would contest the elecform government in the tion on the basis of public four provinces after winservice across the country ning polls, he stated.

He called via telephone, portunities. the family members of "Prosperity of Pakistan

those martyred and paid depends upon stability and tribute to the martyrs for mainstreaming sacrificing their lives for the Balochistan," the Prime sake of the country's secu-Minster remarked. rity.

In a joint ceremony held President Alvi talked to at China Pakistan Expo Centhe family members of tre, the Prime Minister laid Naek Ismail Khan, Sepoy the foundation stones of Abdul Ghafoor and Sepoy Gwadar University and the Shafqat Ullah, and ex-Hoshab - Awaran - Khuzdar pressed sympathies with (M-8) road. Prime Minister them. also inaugurated seven ma-

Paying tribute to the jor projects including the 286 martyrs' patriotism and km long 132 KV Khuzdarbravery President Alvi Panjgur Transmission Line, thanked their families on Gwadar Water Supply behalf of the nation for their sacrifices.

He also prayed to Almighty Allah for the elevation of ranks of the de parted souls in Paradise.

> Mother, 3 children die after roof of house collapses MANSEHRA (Online):

people were buried under debris and died when roof of a house collapsed in Putha Village near to Mansehra. According to the

details, tragic incident agement plan. took place in the vil-lage near Mansehra, where 3 children and their mother were buried under the debris due to the col-

lapse of the roof and lost their lives. The bodies buried under the house were pulled out by the lo-



Dakhana road in Hub

after overflowing of the maximum level (339 feet) of water

According to the Deputy Commis-sioner Hub, Zahid Khan Khilji, the reservoir of water in Hub dam is 6,87,000 acres of feet in the Hub

The reservoir of

continue his valuable engagement for reviving the Initiative through a constructive dialogue that addresses the concerns of all parties.

Condemning the recurring incidents of desecration of the Holy Quran in Europe, the Foreign Minister appreciated the UN Secretary General's advocacy for inter-religious harmony and peaceful co-existence. He called for collective action at the UN level by formulating a comprehensive strategy and action plan to tackle the growing phenomenon of Islamophobia.

Talking to a private The Foreign Minister news channel, Kaira inand the UN Secretary-Genformed that the process of eral also discussed electoral reforms was al-Pakistan's ongoing cooperaready started and the election with the United Nations tion commission was busy in the wake of last year's devin the preparation of conastating floods. The Foreign ducting elections at its spe-Minister also apprised the cific time and period. Secretary-General of the recent Replying to a question, project launched in Sindh to

he said delaying elections provide land titles to would not be favorable for women beneficiaries afthe country's stability and fected by floods

Several houses, shops damaged in monsoon rains in Kharan

QUETTA (APP): As many as hundred of residential houses, walls and shops were damaged after monsoon rains and flood relays entered Kharan City.

According to reports, which hundreds of houses were damaged and valuable goods were swept away by the floods and the people of the area took refuge in safe places to save their lives.

Flood relays have affected power lines and water supply pipelines, disrupting communication systems in the

While visiting affected areas, Deputy Commissioner Kharan Munir Ahmad Mosiyani said that the district administration has utilized all available resources for the relief and rehabilitation of the Kharan victims and would not leave the victims alone and after assessing the damages, all possible steps would be taken to restore them.

phone conversation with He said that in this regard, there was contact with the provincial government and PDMA, and the relief materithe United Nations Secretary-General Antonio als would be provided to the victims soon.



LAHORE : Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Siraj-ul-Haq addresses to media persons during press conference, at Mansoorah in Lahore

To hold new 'Census' delays elections 8 to 10 months not possible: Kaira

Zaman Kaira Thursday said

it would not be possible to

delay elections on the basis

of holding a new 'Census'

new parties.

ISLAMABAD (APP): PML-N was also not in fa-Advisor to the Prime Minvor to delay the process at ister on Kashmir Affairs any cost. and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar

"The caretaker setup has a huge responsibility to run a country in an appropriate manner," he added.

Kaira said, "If the new by demanding establishing Census notification issue then it will not stop the process of elections.

"In the caretaker setup, politicians need to come and participate in it and performed with a huge responsibility."

"As many of them performed responsibilities beyond the limits country stability lay on the constitution and rule of law of the country," he concluded

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HUB: View of stagnant rain water after downpour of monsoon season due to

poor sewerage system, showing negligence of concerned authorities, at



GAWADER: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif being briefed about infrastructure and development projects in Gawadar

Discharge of water starts from spillway: **Effective surveillance system** enforced under disaster management plan in Hub

Independent Report

QUETTA: The effective system of surveillance has been enforced from the spillway of Hub dam to Band Murad Sakran Hub city under the disaster man-

This is in line with the standing directives already is-sued by the Chief S e c r e t a r y Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili.

With this, the discharge of additional water has also been cal people on self help | spillway of Hub dam

from the dam.

dam

water is enough to meet the requirement next three years.

However, there

can be flood situation in Hub river if there started from the would be more rain in

ment last year, the Foreign of water of Karachi and Hub, Sakran for Minister requested Secretary-General Guterres to

the catchment area

Guterres on Wednesday to share Pakistan's perspective on the stalling of the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI) and its implications for food inflation worldwide Lauding the positive role played by the UN Secretary-General in the finalization of the BSGI agree-