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Pakistan wants peace and prosperity in the region, not tension Shehbaz Sharif

Hopes MoU between Pak, Switzerland to help promote cooperation in field of natural disasters management; Says Pakistan attaches high importance to its bilateral ties with Switzerland

NATHIAGALI (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that we want peace and prosperity in the Pakistan region, not tension.

While addressing to Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony for cooperation in dealing with natural disasters PM said that discussion was held with Foreign Minister of Switzerland Ignazio Cassis on bolstering cooperation in diverse field.

Pakistan will continue to play its role in education, IT and women empowerment.

Productive and constructive discussion was held with Foreign Minister of Switzerland.

I welcome Foreign Minister of friendly country Switzerland on his arrival in Pakistan, he observed.

Both countries will promote tourism.

PM held "We don't want to waste resources like past. We want cooperation in different fields including technology."

Prime Minister (PM) also held separate meetings with Swiss delegation.

On this occasion Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis has said that we want to build strong relations with Paki-

stan, Switzerland will help Pakistan in dealing with natural disasters, he added.

Switzerland had also helped Pakistan in devastating flood of 2010 and will continue to do so.

APP adds: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday termed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan and Switzerland over disaster management as a vital step that would promote cooperation between the two countries to harness technology and expertise in future to tackle the natural catastrophe jointly. Addressing the MoU signing ceremony, the prime minister said that they looked forward for the Swiss cooperation in terms of getting an advanced warning system and other gadgets to secure Pakistan as much as possible from natural disasters.

He reiterated that Pakistan was facing the impacts of global climate change, despite the fact that the country had very little carbon emissions.

The prime minister also expressed that they wanted to further expand bilateral ties with Switzerland in diverse fields including the tourism sector as Pakistan was blessed with natural beauty.

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NATHIAGALI: Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis and Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik signed a Memorandum of Understanding between Pakistan & Switzerland to promote cooperation in the field of natural disasters management. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnessed the signing ceremony.



HUB: Members of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) are holding protest demonstration against desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden, held in Hub

CS directs to expedite speed of work on dev. projects under Quetta Dev. Package

Says Quetta would turn into beautiful modern city with timely completion of development projects

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QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili has directed the concerned authorities to expedite pace of work on the development projects under the Quetta Development Package.

He stressed the need to remove all the hurdles coming in way of the development projects. In addition to this, the Chief Secretary directed to ensure shifting of the utility service lines so as to make possible the completion of development projects within stipulated time.

These and other directives were issued by the Chief Secretary during surprise visit of the Quetta city on early Saturday morning.



QUETTA: XEN Pak PWD Mir Saleem Lehri meeting with Federal Minister for Housing & Works Maulana Abdul Wasay and Parliamentary Secretary Maulana Agha Mahmood Shah

Gastro claims lives of three, in Wadh area of Khuzdar

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QUETTA: Three persons including a female and two children were died of gastro disease while several others got affected due to the disease in Wadh area of Khuzdar district.

According to the reports reaching here, gastro has turned into an epidemic in Wadh area of Khuzdar claiming lives of three including two kids and a female.

Six of family buried alive in house roof collapse in Lahore

LAHORE (INP): At least six members of a family are trapped under the debris of a two-storey house building that collapsed in Shahdara Town area of Lahore early Saturday morning.

According to Rescue

1122, six members of a family, a couple and their four children, were sleeping on the ground floor of the building when the incident took place and injured two persons, a private news channel reported.

prise visit of the Quetta city on early Saturday morning. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Shaihak Baloch, Administrator Quetta, Abdul Jabbar Baloch, Project Director of Quetta Development Package and other concerned high ups.

The Chief Secretary inspected the Spiny road, Sabzal road, Ansoomb road, Sariab road, Radio Pakistan road, link Badini road, Green bus service and parking projects.

He said that Quetta would turn into a modern beautiful city with timely completion of development projects. There would be development in the city and people would be prospered with timely completion of the development projects, adding he believed.

'Dangerous criminal' who escaped in Chaman jailbreak, re-arrested

CHAMAN (INP): The police conducted a search operation in different areas of Chaman all night on Saturday, and arrested a dangerous criminal who had escaped from the sub-jail here late last month.

Chaman District Police Officer Naeem Achakzai said a dangerous criminal, Rehmatullah alias Malangi, who was among the prisoners who had escaped from the sub-jail in the last week of June.

On June 29, authorities said, policemen were opening the doors to the lock-up for prayers in barrack number four of the police sub-jail on Taj Road when the prisoners attacked the policeman. The inmates snatched weapons and keys from the officials.

PM forms committee for decision on Pakistan's India tour for World Cup

LAHORE (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has constituted a high profile committee to decide about participation of Pakistan cricket team in the 2023 ODI World Cup in India.

The committee will be headed by Foreign Minister (FM) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

The other members of committee are federal ministers Rana Sana Ullah, Azam Nazir Tarar, Marriyum Aurangzeb, Ehsan Mazari, Asad Mehmood and Amin ul Haq. Qamar Zaman Kaira and Tariq Fatmi will also be part of the committee. Heads of national security departments and foreign secretary too have been included in this high profile committee.

"Whether Pakistan will participate in ICC World Cup or otherwise. Committee will evolve recommendations with regard to all the matters in connection with world cup in India and send them to PM who is pattern in chief of PCB.

Final decision whether Pakistan will participate in the world cup or otherwise will be made after the recommendations are concluded.



ZHOB: Advisor for Information Haji Mitha Khan Kakar inaugurating Khurasan Dam

Gas cylinder blast in a van claims 8 lives in Bhalwal

SARGODHA (Online): A gas cylinder blast in a van has left 8 people dead and 13 injured in Tehsil Bhalwal of Sargodha district.

According to media reports van carrying 21 commuters was on its way from Bhalwal to Kot Momin when explosion took place near commerce college Saturday.

On information the rescue teams rushed to the scene and started rescue operation. The injured were taken to civil hospital where two among them succumbed to injuries.

The identities of the deceased victims have been ascertained, and their families have been informed.

Police have started investigation.

Care taker Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of lives in tragic incident besides condoling with the family members of victims.

Protest rally against "deteriorated" law and order situation in Wadh

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Jahanzaib Baloch.

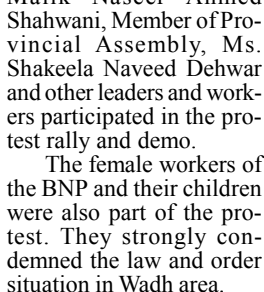
QUETTA: A protest rally was taken out and demonstration was held under the auspices of Balochistan National Party (BNP) against what it termed the deteriorated law and order situation in Wadh area of Khuzdar here on Saturday afternoon.

Staged at outside the Quetta Press Club, the protest rally and demonstration was led by the General Secretary of BNP, Waja

They demanded of the government to take effective measures to improve the law and order situation in Wadh.

They also demanded to take action against those involved in the extortion, kidnapping for ransom and other criminal acts in the area.

The BNP leaders vowed that their protest would remain continued till the improvement in law and order situation in Wadh and other parts.



QUETTA: Activists of Balochistan National Party (BNP) holding a protesting demonstration

Islamabad court declares Toshakhana case against PTI chief admissible

ISLAMABAD (INP): Declaring Toshakhana case against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman admissible, a district and sessions' court on Saturday upheld its previous decision.

The verdict reserved earlier in the days was announced by Additional Sessions Judge Humayun Dilawar as he rejected a plea filed by the PTI lawyer Gohar Khan seeking adjournment of the case till Monday. The case has been adjourned till July 12.

During the hearing, the judge expressed resentment over non-appearance of

Khawaja Harris, the main counsel for the former prime minister, saying the court showed exemplary leniency in this case.

He said Mr Harris had been summoned to submit arguments after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) referred the case to the trial court and gave seven days to decide on maintainability of the Toshakhana case.

Earlier, Gohar Khan submitted two separate petitions, seeking exemption from appearance for the PTI chief and adjournment of case till July 10.

However, the petitions

were opposed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) lawyer Saad Hassan, saying the PTI chief had filed exemption pleas for multiple times.

At one point, the judge remarked that Khawaja Harris did not appear before the court not for a single time in last three days. He later reserved the decision, which is expected to be announced later today.

On July 4, the IHC on July 4 nullified the decision of the trial court that had turned down the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

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President talks to bereaved families of shuhada, pays tribute to sacrifices

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday talked to the bereaved families of Shuhada of Pakistan Army on phone and paid tribute to their services and sacrifices.

The president talked to the families of Major Saqib Bajwa and Naek Ali Baqar who were martyred on July 2 in Balochistan and sepoy Gul Rauf who embraced shahadat on June 20 in

North Waziristan. President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

On the occasion, the president appreciated the patriotism and sacrifices of the bereaved families and acknowledged the commitment of shuhada with their duties and motherland. He also prayed for the high ranks of the departed souls and for the bereaved families to bear the losses with fortitude.



GILGIT: Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah in a meeting with Chairman Trade Zone China-Pakistan Border Chan Sigal at Governor Secretariat.

Some 67,000 acres of land to be irrigated: 93 percent work of Bisol dam completed, says PD Mir Qadir Rind

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QUETTA: The Project Director Bisol dam, Ormara, Mir Qadir Rind has informed that around 93 percent work of the dam has been completed and the remaining would be done in due course of time.

He said that Bisol dam would not be less than a blessing for the people of Ormara but also the dwellers settled along the Makran coastal highway.

There would also be a green revolution in the area with completion of Bisol dam irrigating some 67,000 acres of land.

This and other details were shared by the Project Director of Bisol dam while speaking to a private news agency on Saturday.

Mir Qadir Rind said that the shortage of drinking water can be overcome

by constructing dams in the province.

He said that water is a very important element for the survival of human life. It is also inevitable for the development of agriculture sector besides the human survival. In this regard, the work is continued on construction of dams by the provincial government in collaboration with the federal government. He particularly referred to the project of Bisol dam, which is a very important for the people of Ormara and adjoining areas including the coastal highway.

He said that the dam would have the storage capacity of 35,000 acres feet of water. He informed that the water would also be supplied to the Naval force in Ormara in addition to the local population.

No evidence of torture or sexual abuse of women prisoners found: Riaz Pirzada

ISLAMABAD (Online): A meeting was held under the Chair of Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Federal Minister for Human Rights in the Ministry of Human Rights. The meeting was attended by senior officers from Federal and Provincial Governments including representatives of Prisons and Home Departments, Islamabad Police, and Ministry of Human Rights. The Chairpersons of National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) and National Commission on the Status of Women

(NCSW) also attended the meeting. The Chair welcomed the participants and highlighted initiatives of Ministry of Human Rights for protection and promotion of rights of prisoners across the country, including effective coordination, as well as training, sensitization and capacity building of prisons authorities, with a view to improve human rights situation in prisons. He also urged the stakeholders to undertake special measures concerning protection of minori-

ties' rights particularly on religious festivals in line with national and international commitments and careful application of 4th Schedule under the Anti Terrorism Act, 1997, besides setting up rehabilitation centers for drug addicts. The Chairperson, NCHR Ms. Rabiya Javeri Agha informed that the Commission, which is an independent statutory body, had taken cognizance of some allegations on the media regarding violation of human rights of

some women prisoners in the wake of the events of 9th May. She informed that the Commission, led by herself and accompanied by the representatives of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and the Justice Project visited a number of prisons, interviewed many prisoners and reviewed other evidence. She informed that the report of the Commission has been finalized and no evidence of mistreatment, torture or sexual abuse of women

protesters was found by these independent observers. The team however, found some gaps in procedure and some systemic issues in these arrests and prisons. While sharing findings of the report, she highlighted recommendations for improvement in the system of Prisons Administration. She informed that some prisoners complained about the use of excessive number of police force or verbal abuse of family members at the time of arrests.



ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPPO), Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan chairing a meeting at the Central Police Office to review the work of ongoing cases and the performance of investigation officers.



ISLAMABAD: People are stand in queue for registration at low price floor counter at Utility Store in Sitara Market as due to extremely high inflation, common people are suffering a lot across the Country.

ICP launches campaign against those involved in wrong parking

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police (ICP) has launched a campaign against those involved in parking their vehicles wrongly and creating problems in smooth flow of traffic by occupying footpaths areas. Following the directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police have launched this campaign and Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad Dr. Syed Mustafa Tanweer is monitoring it. The CTO Islamabad has directed all Zonal DSPs to ensure implementation

said that it is the right of pedestrians to use footpaths and no parking would be allowed there. He said that vehicles should be parked at lots specified at shopping centers while awareness campaigns should be launched to educate citizens. During the campaign, action was taken against showroom and shopping malls' administrators in G-11 Markaz, F-10 & F-11 Markaz, G-8 & G-9 Markaz, I-8 Markaz, Blue area, Bahria Town, Jinnah Super, F-6 Super Market, Aabpara and Bhara Kahu markets. Vehicles were re-



of traffic laws and take action against those involved in creating problems for traffic discipline in the city. The CTO Islamabad

moved from footpath areas and they were warned to follow rules otherwise strict action would be initiated against them.

Voice of poor 'Edhi' remembered on his 7th death anniversary

ISLAMABAD (APP): The late philanthropist Sir Abdul Sattar Edhi was remembered on his 7th death anniversary and people from all walks of life through media platforms paid him glowing tributes for his lifetime unforgettable services to mankind. Edhi, who built a network of humanitarian centers across the country to provide life-saving services to the people, died on July 8, 2016, at the age of 89. July 8 marks a significant day in the hearts and minds of millions around the world as they remember the remarkable life and legacy of Abdul Sattar Edhi, one of Pakistan's most revered figures and a beacon of hope for the less fortunate. On this solemn occasion, people from all walks of life come together to pay homage to the man who

dedicated his entire existence to serving humanity selflessly, PTV news channel reported. Abdul Sattar Edhi was born on February 28, 1928, in Bantva, Gujarat, British India. He grew up witnessing poverty and suffering, which planted the seeds of compassion and empathy within him. In 1947, following the partition of India, Edhi migrated to Karachi, Pakistan, where he began his lifelong mission of alleviating human suffering. The philanthropist's charitable journey commenced with a humble dispensary in Karachi, which gradually evolved into the Edhi Foundation an unprecedented organization providing a wide range of social services, including medical care, rehabilitation centers, orphanages, morgues, and burial services.



ISLAMABAD: Workers of local administration are installing gas pipe lines along the Park road in Federal Capital.

Nawaz Sharif to lead election campaign soon: Atta Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Special Assistant to PM Atta Tarar on Saturday said PML-N suopremo Nawaz Sharif would return to the country soon and lead the election campaign. Tarar presented before the court of first class magistrate Muhammad Asif in Ali Pur Chatha. Tarar was ordered to present again on August 15. He was booked for physical brawl with policemen during the election in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

Speaking outside the court, he said August 12 was the last day of the federal government, adding that election would be held afterward. "Sharif will over-see party ticket matters

too," he added. He went on to say that they were not shielding themselves behind stay orders and excuses, adding that they attended court proceedings. "This baseless case against me will meet its fate soon," he added. He went on to say that they just talked big, adding that when it was the time for doing something practical, they hid themselves. "You saw Fawad Chaudhry running in the court," he added. Tarar said those who threw innocent party members behind bars were facing the karma. "Securing Russian oil deal is a blessing and it will be available after processing," he added.

Faisal Kundi says: 9 million women included in BISP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal Minister of state Faisal Kareem Kundi said 9 million women have been included in Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). 7.5% children are included in BISP: Kareem Kundi 0.7% women included in nutrition program. 700 transgender are also included in program, told the minister of state. He said earlier money was given near post offices but from now it will be transferred through banks. Now direct accounts of BISP will be made open in banks, project has been inaugurated. He said by that time account can be opened in Alfiah Bank, National Bank, and JS bank. These accounts will be opened in banks registered in State Bank of Pakistan. Pilot project to open women ac-

counts in seven districts have been inaugurated. Special cards will be given to 9 million beneficiary women. He expressed these views in press conference in Islamabad and said 15 years have been completed to BISP. Program was launched to put women on their feet, he presented 15 years report of program. Minister also told that 92000 students will be awarded with scholarship program. Door-to-Door survey of BISP started in which 5 vans will be used which we are getting and work started to reopen 0.9 million cards which has been stopped in previous government. He said Benazir thought about poor women before 2008 election and still our journey is underway, all international financial institutions appreciate this program.

Female teachers' service structure IHC expresses displeasure over non-implementation of court orders

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior judge at the Islamabad High Court (IHC), Justice Mohsin Akhter Kiyani the other day has expressed his displeasure and anger towards the Education Department for consistently failing to implement the court's orders. This issue revolves around the correction of the service structure for female teachers of Islamabad Model Colleges, as ruled by Justice Mohsin Akhter Kiyani on June 10, 2022. The service structure of female teachers, commonly known as the four-tier promotion formula, was disrupted in 2011 when the posts of teachers in BPS-16 were upgraded to BPS-17. Despite their persis-

ent efforts, the teachers of junior sections in model colleges were unable to obtain justice through various offices of the education department and finance division. Consequently, they approached the IHC in September 2020 and filed a writ petition, seeking rectification of the four-tier service structure. Justice Mohsin Akhter Kiyani allowed the writ petition on June 10, 2022 and instructed the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and the Ministry of Finance to rectify the existing ratio of the four-tier formula within six months, setting a deadline for implementation on December 10, 2022.

Glowing tribute paid to Wani from both side of LoC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Mass public rallies at both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) including Azad Jammu Kashmir besides various parts of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on Saturday retired their resolve to continue the noble mission of Wani till the liberation of the occupied Jammu Kashmir State from the long Indian subjugation. The people of Jammu and Kashmir living at both sides of the LoC and rest of the world paid glowing tributes to the young martyred hero of the Kashmir freedom struggle Burhan Muzaffar Wani and his companions on his 7th martyrdom anniversary on Saturday with the renewal of the pledge to continue the mission of the young martyred Kashmiri till its

accomplishment through the liberation of the motherland from the forced and illegal Indian occupation. In Azad Jammu and Kashmir, mass public rallies and demonstrations besides special prayer meetings for rest of the departed soul of shaheed Wani besides other Jammu and Kashmir martyrs in all ten district and tehsil headquarters including the capital city of Muzaffarabad were the hall mark of the first martyrdom anniversary of the youngest Kashmiri freedom fighter. In IIOJK, there was complete shutdown strike across the occupied valley to mark the day followed by anti-India and pro-freedom meetings in various parts of the strife torn Muslim majority of Kashmir valley, says reports

ANF calls for increased awareness, collective effort to save youngsters

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANF) Saturday called upon the entire society to play its role in making the collective efforts successful through intensive mass awareness and prevention measures to save the new generation from becoming drug addicts. The youth should focus on their studies in universities and colleges, keep an eye on their surroundings and inform ANF force in case of observing any suspicious activity, Director En-

forcement ANF Brigadier Rashid said while talking to PTV News channel. An Anti-narcotics Unit has also been established to help crack down on drug peddlers, he said, adding, there was need for creating awareness among youth against the use of drugs that were now easily accessible to prepubescent children. Around 66 percent of young population was the wealth of any nation and can play a significant part in the reduction of

the menace currently faced by the nation, he added. He further appealed to the parents, teachers and scholars to keep a strict check on the activities of youngster to ensure a bright, secure and narcotics-free future for them. Member Provincial Narcotics Control Committee, Akmal Owais Pirzada believed that Pakistan's goal to become a drug-free society can be achieved through creating awareness at the grassroots level against the deadly addiction.

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Tourists are enjoying at Rawal Dam during pleasant weather in Federal Capital.



PMD predicts more rain in country

ISLAMABAD (Online): More rain-wind/thunder-shower is expected in Islamabad, Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pothohar region, Punjab, east/north-east Balochistan and Sindh during the next twelve hours. However, isolated heavyfall is also expected in Northeast Punjab, Pothohar region, Islamabad, Kashmir, Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and North-east Balochistan and Central and Lower Sindh during the period. Temperature of some major cities recorded this morning:

Murtaza Abbasi says: PTI Chief must be accountable in Toshakhana scandal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi Saturday emphasized the need to hold PTI Chairman and his family accountable for the 58 gifts they received from Toshakhana. He expressed these views in a press statement. The minister further said that regardless of the circumstances, a thorough investigation into the Toshakhana scandal must

take place. He also criticized PTI Chief's tactics and excuses, asserting that they have failed to sway public opinion. He raised questions about the receipts associated with these gifts, asking whether they had simply disappeared into thin air or if they had been intentionally concealed. Abbasi called on the judiciary to cease wasting time in court and to address this deception promptly.

