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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 cer-emony, 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. *Continued on page 2* tion in the field of natural dis nessed the signing ceremony. blessed with natural beauty.

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 wit-

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

Islamabad court declares Toshakhana case against **PTI chief admissible**

ISLAMABAD (INP): De- Khwaja Harris, the main were opposed by the Elecclaring Toshakhana case against Pakistan Tehreek-ecourt showed exemplary Insaf (PTI) chairman admissible, a district and sesleniency in this case. sions' court on Saturday been summoned to submit upheld its previous deci-

arguments after the Islamabad High Court The verdict reserved earlier in the days was an-nounced by Additional Ses-(IHC) referred the case to the trial court and gave sions Judge Humayun Dilawar as he rejected a plea seven days to decide on maintainability of the Toshakhana case. filed by the PTI lawyer Gohar Khan seeking adjournment of the case till Monday. The case has been

During the hearing, the

judge expressed resentment

over non-appearance of

Missing

mountaineer

reaches home

Independent Report

QUETTA: The mountain-

eer, who has been missing

since Monday last, finally

reached hims home on late

Friday night. The teenager Mehmoodul Hasan, resi-

dent of Pashtoonabad, went

for mountaineering in the

mountain towards Kolpur

side without informing his

family. There were no

whereabouts of the teenager

since then. Thus the family

approached the administra-

tion and Provincial Disaster

Management Authority

On this, PDMA

launched massive operation

for his search in the Chiltan

and Murder mountains. The

drone cameras were also

used in the search operation

besides the ground search.

However, the efforts proved

to be futile until he himself

reached his home on Friday

night. He told that he had

done mountaineering right

from the mountainous area of

Mehmoodabad to Kolpur.

(PDMA) for his search.

adjourned till July 12.

counsel for the former prime minister, saying the stan (ECP) lawyer Saad Hassan, saying the PTI chief had filed exemption

He said Mr Harris had 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 an-

nounced later today. On July 4, the IHC on Earlier, Gohar Khan submitted two separate July 4 nullified the decision petitions, seeking exemp- of the trial court that had

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

Pays early morning surprise visit to various parts: 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

Independent Report 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 direc-

tives were issued by the ment projects. Chief Secretary during sur-

prise visit of the Quetta city sion, the Chief Secretary on early Saturday morning. also directed to resolve the Also present on the issues being faced in occasion were Deputy completion of these projects besides reviewing Commissioner Quetta, Shaihak Baloch, Administhe progress of work on the trator Quetta, Abdul Jabbar projects on daily basis. Baloch, Project Director of He particularly di-Quetta Development rected to complete Sabzal Packagge and other con-

ing projects.

road and Radio Pakistan at cerned high ups. The Chief Secretary inthe earliest. He said that the existing projects are very spected the Spiny road, important to facilitate the Sabzal road. Anscomb road. citizens

Sariab road Radio Pakistan He said that Quetta road. link Badini road. would turn into a modern Green bus service and parkbeautiful city with timely completion of development He also reviewed the projects. There would be progress of the construcdevelopment in the city and people would be prospered tion work on the developwith timely completion of Speaking on the occathe 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

Chaman District Police Officer Naeem Achakzai

Gastro claims lives of three, Rehmatullah alias Malangi, who was among the prisoners who had escaped from the sub-jail in the las The reports suggested week of June. On June 29, authorities said, policemen were open-

up for prayers in barrack number four of the police afternoon. sub-jail on Taj Road when the prisoners attacked the policeman. The inmates snatched weapons and

the world cup or otherwise will be made after the recom mendations 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 taken to civil hospital gas cylinder blast in a van has left 8 people dead and 13 injured in Tehsil Bhalwal of Sargodha dis-

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

On information the rescue teams rushed to the scene and started rescue operation. The injured were tims.

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 in-

vestigation. Čare taker Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of lives in tragic inci-

dent besides condoling with the family members of vic-

Protest rally against "deteriorated" law and order situation in Wadh **Independent Report** Jahanzaib Baloch.

QUETTA: A protest rally leader 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 test rally and demo.

Staged at outside the Quetta Press Club, the protest rally and demonstration was led by the General Secof BNP, Waja situation in Wadh area retary

They demanded of the The parliamentary government to take effecof BNP in tive measures to improve Balochistan Assembly, the law and order situation Malik Naseer Ahmed in Wadh.

Shahwani, Member of Pro-They also demanded to vincial Assembly, Ms. Shakeela Naveed Dehwar take action against those involved in the extortion, and other leaders and workkidnapping for ransom and ers participated in the proother criminal acts in the

The female workers of The BNP leaders the BNP and their children vowed that their protest were also part of the prowould remain continued till test. They strongly conthe improvement in law and demned the law and order order situation in Wadh and other parts

tion from appearance for turned down the Pakistar the PTI chief and adjourn-ment of case till July 10. Continued on page 2 However, the petitions

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): North Waziristan, President President Dr Arif Alvi on Secretariat Press Wing said Saturday talked to the bein a press release. On the occasion, the

reaved families of Shuhada of Pakistan Army on phone president appreciated the and paid tribute to their patriotism and sacrifices of services and sacrifices. The president talked to

the bereaved families and acknowledged the committhe families of Major Sagib ment of shuhada with their Bajwa and Naek Ali Baqar duties and motherland Healso who were martyred on July prayed for the high ranks of 2 in Balochistan and sepov the departed souls and for the Gul Rauf who embraced bereaved families to bear the shahadat on June 20 in 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**

due course of time.

Makran coastal highway.

with completion of Bisol

acres of land

agency on Saturday.

Independent Report by constructing dams in the QUETTA: The Project Diprovince.

He said that water is a rector Bisol dam, Örmara, Mir Qadir Rind has invery important element for the survival of human life. formed that around 93 percent work of the dam has It is also inevitable for the development of agriculture been completed and the remaining would be done in sector besides the human survival. In this regard, the He said that Bisol dam work is continued on conwould not be less than a struction of dams by the blessing for the people of Ormara but also the dwellprovincial government in collaboration with the federal government. He parers settled along the ticularly referred to the

project of Bisol dam, which There would also be a is a very important for the green revolution in the area people of Ormara and adjoining areas including the dam irrigating some 67,000 coastal highway.

He said that the dam This and other details were shared by the Project would have the storage capacity of 35,000 acres feet Director of Bisol dam while of water. He informed that speaking to a private news the water would also be supplied to the Naval force

Mir Qadir Rind said in Ormara in addition to the that the shortage of drinking water can be overcome local population.

Six of family buried alive in house roof collapse in Lahore

QUETTA: XEN Pak PWD Mir Saleem Lehri meet-

ing with Federal Minister for Housing & Works

Maulana Abdul Wasay and Parliamentary Secre-

in Wadh area of Khuzdar

tary Maulana Agha Mehmood Shah

Independent Report

QUETTA: Three persons

including a female and two

children were died of gastro

disease while several oth-

ers got affected due to the

disease in Wadh area of

ports reaching here, gastro

has turned into an epidemic

in Wadh area of Khuzdar

claiming lives of three in-

cluding two kids and a fe-

According to the re-

Khuzdar district.

male.

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 nel reported.

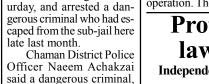
1122, six members of a family, a couple and their four children, were sleeping on the ground floor of the building when the incident took place and injured two persons, a private news chan-



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

that several others have been affected due to the gastro disease in Wadh area. However, the health teams could not reach in the affected areas, the reports said. It is feared that the death toll may rise if the prompt measures were not taken to control the situa-

tion and provided needed healthcare to the affected people, the reports further suggested.



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People like Abdul Sattar Edhi take birth in centuries: Experts

LAHORE (APP): The mobilize whole community people like Abdul Sattar to alleviate miseries and Êdhî, a great humanitarian, philanthropist and the voice of the poor, took birth in centuries, opined experts on Saturday. This was expressed by the experts while talking to APP in connection with the 7th death anniversary of a great humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi which was ob-

served on Saturday. Abdul Sattar Edhi was born on February 28, 1928, in Gujarat. He started welfare services in 1951.

He established world largest volunteer ambulance network along with shelters for homeless people and animals and orphanages across the country.

Many international and national awards, including Asian Nobel, the Lenin Peace Prize and Nishane-Imtiaz were bestowed upon him in recognition of his services for humanity.

Senior PTV producer Agha Qaiser told APP that for more than half a century, Abdul Sattar Edhi, had been a living proof that a determined individual could

soup kitchens and a 25bed cancer hospital, Noori said while paying tribute. knitting together the social fabric of a nation.

Noted doctor Usman Paying tribute to Edhi Khan said Edhi and field Sahib, Agha said that he aldrivers of his ambulances ways firmly refused finanhave saved lives in civil concial support from both govflicts and traffic accidents, ernment and formal relifloods, train wrecks gious organizations. He Whether he is counseling a was self-effacing man with house wife, rescuing an aca primary-school education cident victim, feeding a poor almost singlechild, sheltering a homeless handedly created one of the family or washing an unilargest and most successful dentified and unclaimed health and welfare networks corpse before burial, Edhi in Asia, he informed. helped thousands of Paki-Noted educationist stanis each day. He

professor Dr. Fakhar ul breathed his last on this day Haq Noori said that Edhi in 2016 at the age of 88 in Sahib started his early wel-fare work in 1951 with a Karachi. tiny dispensary in Karachi's poor Mithadar here that Prime Minister neighborhood. After that, Edhi had

vices of great philanthrosteadily built up a nationpist Abdul Sattar Edhi for wide organization of amhumanity. bulances, clinics, mental In a statement on the asylum homes, maternity occasion of the 7th death

homes, blood banks, anniversary of Abdul Sattar homes for the physically Edhi, the Prime Minister handicapped, orphansaid that there are people ages, adoption centers, in this world who work for mortuaries, shelters for runtheir cause with such devoaway children, started nurstion and honesty that they ing courses, constructed become the perfect meta phor for it. battered women, schools,

for personal benefits: Khurram ISLAMABAD (INP): Minister for Energy Engi-

PTI used NAB

neer Khurram Dastagir Khan on Friday said that last regime of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI), had used the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), for personal benefits.

Amendment in NAB laws was imperative but PTI could not pay attention to bring improvement for this institution, he said while talking to a private television channel. To a question about the amendment in NAB laws, he said, we will see the bill regarding NAB in the assembly. It is worth mentioning About the next elections, he said the Election Commis-

sion of Pakistan (ECP), will Shehbaz Sharif has paid hold the elections in a transglowing tributes to the serparent manner

Nation to observe 56th death anniversary of Madar-e-Millat Fatima Jinnah today

entire Pakistani nation will observe the 56th death anniversary of Madar-e-Millat Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah tomorrow Sunday with great respect and reverence.

Madar-e-Millat Fatima Jinnah played a vital role in the creation of Pakistan. Mohammad Ali Jinnah was deeply affected after his wife's death in 1929. Fatima Jinnah worked side by side with her brother and gathered the women of subcontinent on one platform which made the struggle for achieving a separate state of

Muslims easier. Committee, which later kistan Movement.

Kazakhstan Airlines' launches flights to Pakistan

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan nomic and trade relations and Kazakhstan have and the possibilities of colaunched direct flights from operation in the field of today (Saturday), aiming to tourism would be brighter. strengthen tourism and Lahore, the second-largest city in Pakistan, is re-

To connect Lahore with nowned for its rich cultural heritage, remarkable archi-Almaty, Kazakhstan's SCAT Air Company will tectural landmarks, thriving operate two weekly flights cultural scene, and culinary every Wednesday and Sattraditions. Almaty, the largest city urday using a comfortable

in AJK M U Z A F F A R A B A D (INP): Anti-India rallies and demonstrations were held in different areas of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, including Muzaffarabad, to lenged the Indian usurpers

NASEERABAD: Worst condition of the embankment of Sohbatpur Pat Feeder Canal needs the attention

Muzaffar Wani.

of their dear ones.

ticipated in the rally. The protest rally was led by Pasban-e-Hurriyat youth raised anti-India and Chairman Uzair Ahmed pro-freedom slogans and Ghazali and Vice Chairman gave a message to the Indian Usman Ali Hashim. Dr Raja government that the Sajjad Latif Khan was the Kashmiris' would continue the mission of Burhan Wani chief guest of the ceremony while the leaders of All Partill it reached its logical conties Hurriyat Conference clusion. The Institute of Zahid Safi and Mushtaq-ul-Dialogue, Development, Islam chaired the event. In and Diplomatic Studies the ceremony, the mothers, daughters, children and widcommemorated the 7th martyrdom anniversary of ows of Kashmiri martyrs Burhan Muzaffar Wani by sprinkled flowers on their organizing a youth seminar pictures, which brought and conference titled tears to the eyes of every-"Burhan Wani: The New one present on the occasion. face of Resistance" against The speakers on the oc-



Burhan Wani martyrdom

The events took place at the Zam Zam Hotel in Garhi Dupatta, Jhelum Val-ley, and the Peace Model Vocational Centre in Ambor. by highlighting the plight of

Esteemed figures such as Dr Waleed Rasool, the Director of IDDDS, Chair-Kashmiri people on social The Jammu Kashmir Young Men's League orgaman of the Peace Network Saeedur Rehman Sidiqi and Chairperson of the Muqaddas Foundation Shazia Kanwal Awan, along nized a similar rally on the occasion of martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Wani at Garhi Dupatta in Jhelum with Iqbal Khan, Tanveer Valley in which tributes were paid to all the martyrs, including Burhan Wani. A Durani Fareed Aiwaan, Parvez Khan Durani, and a large number of enthusiastic youth from AJK, aclarge number of youth partively participated in the On the occasion, the conference.

Throughout the seminar, the speakers passionately paid homage to the sacrifices made by the people of IIOJK, with a special emphasis on the beloved son of the land, Burhan Muzaffar Wani

The platform was also utilized to address the international community and organizations, urging them to take a firm stance and raise concerns regarding the human rights violations committed by India in IIOJK, where innocent Kashmiris Indian occupation" at mulendure oppression.

MUZAFFERABAD: Deserving People are waiting to take free food packages

from an International NGO at the Capital of AJK

Chinese businesses invited to tap potential of Pakistan's billion-dollar food market

SHANGHAI (INP): Chinese businesses have been invited to tap potential of Pakistan's billion-dollar food market, said Athar Hussain Khokar, Director- are exported globally for General, Agro Division, their high quality and favor-TDAP.

able prices. At a webinar hosted by We welcome Chinese

Pakistan after textiles.

Pakistan's high-quality

specialty foods, including meat, sea food, value-added

fruits and dairy products,

Sana felicitates **PM** for

relaunching of halted free

In a tweet, the minister

laptop scheme ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Intetrade ties.

rior Rana Sanaullah Khan on Saturday extended his heartiest felicitations to Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and PM Youth Pro-

ISLAMABAD (INP): The formed the nucleus for the All Pakistan Women s Association (APWA). She also played a significant role in the settlement of Muhajirs in the new state of Pakistan.

of the Irrigation department

Referred as the Madar--Millat or Mother of the Nation for her role in the Freedom Movement, she returned to the political forefront to contest the 1964 elections at the age of

71 against the military administrator, Ayub Khan. Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah was born on July 31, 1893 in Karachi and passed away on July 9, 1967. Fatima Jinnah, is still remembered for her passion-

In 1947, Fatima Jinnah ate support for civil rights, formed the Women s Relief and devoted struggle in Pa-

over the command of the resistance movement in difficult conditions and chal-

media

commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of popu-lar youth leader, Burhan Pasban-e-Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir a function and rally in

Muzaffarabad where Pakistan and state flags were hoisted and national anthems were sung. Mothers and daughters of martyrs laid flowers on the pictures

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foreign minister's remarks

about the peace in the re-

gion, the prime minister

said that it was important

to maintain peace in this

part of the world and that

Switzerland could play the

role of catalyst to promote

He said that Pakistan

peace in the region.

Appreciating the Swiss



anniversary observed

Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and Consulate General of Pakistan in Shanghai, he pointed out that FoodAg, Pakistan's 1st international food and agriculture exhibition showcasing potential of Pakistan's dynamic agro and food industry would provide a unique opportunity to visitors and exhibitors through its networking and matchmaking platform that is scheduled from 10-12 August, Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday.

"The food and beverage processing industry is imported products), acthe 2nd largest industry of cording to TDAP.

West Indies call up uncapped Athanaze, McKenzie for first test v India

MIAMI (INP): West lenge as we start the new cycle of the ICC Test Match Championship. We Indies have included un-capped left-handed batsmen Kirk McKenzie and Alick Athanaze in their squad for the first match of their two-test series against India later this month pressed with the batting approach of McKenzie

Rahkeem Cornwall. who played his last test in November 2021, and leftarm spinner Jomel Warrican, who missed the tour of South Africa in February, are also on the list.

West Indies have turned their attention to the test series as the twice champions missed out on this year's Cricket World Cup for the first time after elimination in the qualifiers.

"Going into the series, ing department. we know it will be a chal-

the Trade Development enterprises to learn more gram team on the relaunch about Pakistani advantaof halted free laptor geous food industry and scheme. commonly build a sustainable future for food secusaid the initiative would said Mr Athar rity," open new avenues for tech-

Hussain Khokar nological advancement in In total, there are apthe country proximately 2,500+ food processing units in Paki-**Pakistan strongly** stan. Food processing accondemns terrorist counted for an annual average of \$223.5m in FDI from attack in Zahidan 2012-2018. Retail sales of ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa processed food are expanding 10% per annum with current estimated size of about \$1.4 billion (including \$325 million worth of

kistan strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Zahidan on Saturday, resulting in the loss of lives of two Iranian security personnel. In a statement, the For-

eign Office said, "We ex-Dr. Altaf Hussain Jokhyo, press our deepest condo-Dr. Makhmoor Bukhari, lences to the bereaved fami-Dr. Fayaz Latif, Dr. lies and pray for the swift Abdul recovery of those injured. "Pakistan stands in Kingraani, Aziz Gopang, complete solidarity with Zakia Mukhtiar, Zohra

the government and people Channa Sajid Chandio and of Iran in this common fight other eminent Sindhi writagainst the scourge of terers and experts. rorism.' ChaIrman SLA Dr. Ishaque Samjejo wel-

humanitarian par excellence: FO ISLAMABAD (APP) Abdul Sattar Edhi was a

ian par excellence, and will always be remembered for his selfless devotion and service to humanity, said Foreign Office in a tweet on the verdict reserved on

they deserve a chance." Havnes added that as left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie could not play because he is recovering from injury, that created an opportunity for Cornwall and Warrican in the bowlhumanity," it added.



chairman's plea challenging the admissibility of Toshakhana case. IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq announced

Saturday. June 23 after hearing argu-"Today we honour the life and legacy of Abdul Sattar Edhi on his 7th death ments on the petition of the anniversary. A humanist and a humanitarian par excellence. Edhi will always

against the trial court's rulıng The chief justice sent the matter back to the trial be remembered for his self court, ordering it to again less devotion and service to hear the arguments of the

Toshakhana case.

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Toshakhana case.

Additional Sessions Judge

Humayun Dilawar had an-

nounced that charges will be

framed against the PTI

chairman on May 10 in the

former PM's lawyer had

argued on two pleas stating

that the ECP's petition was

"non-maintainable" and

that the sessions court did

not have the jurisdiction to

During the hearing, the



want to build and improve

and strive to move up the

ladder," said Lead Selector

Desmond Havnes in a

and Athanaze on the recent

Bangladesh. These are two

young players who scored

well and played with great

maturity and we believe

"We were verv im-

team tour of

statement.

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CHITRAL: Players are competing each other's during Polo match at the world highest Polo Ground during Shandur Polo Festival.

Boeing /3 / aircraft. in Kazakhstan with a popu lation of nearly 2 million, is Ambassador of

Kazakhstan to Pakistan known as the "city of a Yerzhan Kistafin said that thousand colors." It is loduration of the direct flight cated in the foothills of the between the two countries majestic Alatau mountains, would be 2 hours, which in the heart of the Great Silk would promote mutual eco-Road.

Study workshop on language of Sindhi text books held

Sindhi Language Author-

in Dr. Baloch hall.

tended by Idrees Jatoi,

The ceremony was at-

Waheed Kalwar, Aziz

ity here on Saturdav

HYDERABAD (APP):A ity was taking efforts to improve the quality of study workshop on the language of Sindhi Texttextbooks. books was organized by

He said that the material included in textbooks was more important than other printed material. He said that textbooks

were being published after rectification from experts, however, so many mistakes were being pointed out in any part of books, particularly in lan-

guage matters. Secretary Sindhi Language Authority Dr. Ehsan Danish expressed gratitude to the guests and communicated ongoing work by presenting the background of the last

Sindhi Language Author- study session. liked to promote progress, and prosperity, eradicate Islamabad court declares.... hear the matter. However, the judge rejected both the requests and summoned the PTI chief in person for the indictment.

Humayun Dilawar indicted him during court proceedlike to waste its resources, they must commit their resources to the development

of the country, he stressed.

Last year, a reference Switzerland Ignazio Cassis tion Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had concluded in October last year that the PTI chief filed false statements regarding the gifts. The electoral watchdog

subsequently disqualified him for being dishonest and corrupt and approached the district and sessions court seeking criminal proceedings against the PTI chief for allegedly misleading of phes Extending ficials about the gifts.

HUB: Members of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) are holding protest demonstration against desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden, held in Hub

Pakistan wants peace....

government's cooperation reiterated the high imporin this regard, he reaffirmed tance Pakistan attached to to further strengthen the its relations with Switzerland which were based on bilateral ties and to pool their resources in this field. shared belief in fundamen-He further highlighted tal principles of democracy

the joint efforts between and the rule of law. the two countries during the The prime minister reyears 2010 and 2022 when ceived Minister of Foreign the devastating floods Affairs of the Swiss Construck Pakistan, adding the federation, Federal Council-Swiss government swiftly lor Ignazio Cassis. The provided emergency aid and Swiss foreign minister, acsupported the affected companied by three mempeople. bers of the Parliament, is on

The foreign minister a bilateral visit to Pakistan further said that they were from 7-9 July at the invitation of the prime minister, ready to embark on the new PM Office Media Wing challenges in the field of disaster management which said in a press release. went beyond the borders Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to furand stressed that these required global unity and col-

lateral efforts.

ministers, NDMA chairman

were present on the occa-

sion. The document be-

tween the two countries

measures.

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ther enhance bilateral ties, especially in the areas of Earlier, the prime minclimate change, trade and ister witnessed the signing investment, development of the MoU between the cooperation, higher educatwo countries by the visittion and vocational training. ing Swiss foreign minister The prime minister thanked the Swiss governand Chairman National Disaster Management Authorment for providing support

ity Lt. Gen. Inam Haider to Pakistan in the aftermath Malik to cooperate in the of last year's devastating field of natural disasters. floods He also appreciated the Minister for Climate

Swiss businesses' approach Change Sherry Rehman, to the resolution of issues and relevant authorities and their work ethic, and invited more Swiss companies to invest in Pakistan, particularly in the renewwill also prove as a mileable energy and IT sectors.

stone in bringing the Na-The two sides also agreed to collaborate in tourtional Disaster Management at par with the interism promotion including national standards under the eco-tourism and developvision of the prime minisment of related infrastructer. It will also help promote ture using both the G2G and cooperation between Paki-B2B channels. In this restan and Switzerland in gard, it was agreed that a forecasting natural disasmeeting would be convened ters, their impacts, swift shortly to further spell out response and rehabilitation modes of cooperation.

Both sides also agreed Meanwhile Prime on disaster management. Minister Muhammad early warning and carbon market collaboration Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday

said that signing the MoU between the two countries was vital for collaboration against climate change. He said Pakistan was rich in cultural heritage and breathtaking landscapes, but it had become prone to natural disasters, resulting in last year's floods, displacement of people with

wide destruction. The Swiss minister said these disasters required an urgent need for international cooperation to mitigate the risks associated with the natural catastro-

unemployment, and poverty, and enhance education, IT, industry, women empowerment, and agriculture for the well-being of the people. On May 10, Judge The other side, he said, should also realize it. Pakistan could not afford tension in the region nor would

ings that were held at the guest house of the Police Lines headquarters at H-11 For security reasons, the commissioner's office had given the status of

former prime minister court to the Police Lines. When the court indicted

him in the Toshakhana case PTI. He gave the trial court he refused to sign the docuseven days to decide on the

The prime minister reiterated that there could be no lasting peace in this part of the world till their issues including Kashmir were rements while denying the solved Speaking on the occacommitting of crime. sion, Foreign Minister of

PTI chairman's plea in the The petition had been was filed against him by filed after the PTI chief was lawmakers from the ruling indicted in the case on May coalition accusing him of 10. Two days after the high not sharing the details of court had stopped criminal gifts he retained from proceedings in the Toshakhana in his assets declarations and the Elec-On May 5, Islamabad's



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

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): A (NCSW) also attended the ties' rights particularly on 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, dicts. as well as training, sensitization and capacity build-Agha informed that the ing of prisons authorities, with a view to improve human rights situation in prisons. He also urged the stakeholders to undertake special measures concern-

some women prisoners in religious festivals in line the wake of the events of with national and interna-9th May. She informed that the Commission, led tional commitments and careful application of by herself and accompa-4thSchedule under the Anti nied by the representatives Terrorism Act, 1997, beof the Human Rights Comsides setting up rehabilitamission of Pakistan and the tion centers for drug ad-Justice Project visited a number of prisons, inter-The Chairperson, NCHR Ms. Rabiya Javeri viewed many prisoners and reviewed other evi-

dence. Commission, which is an independent statutory the report of the Commisbody, had taken cognision has been finalized zance of some allegations and no evidence of mison the media regarding violation of human rights of sexual abuse of women time of arrests.

protesters was found by these independent observ-Administration.

ers. 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 She informed that

She informed that some prisoners complained about the use of excessive number of police force or verbal abuse treatment, torture or of family members at the

ceedings. "This baseless

case against me will meet

they just talked big, adding

that when it was the time

for doing something practi-

cal, they hid themselves.

running in the court," he

You saw Fawad Chaudhry

He went on to say that

its fate soon," he added.

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.



ing protection of minori-

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

Independent Report 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 footpath areas. Following the direc-tions of Islamabad Capital

City Police Officer (ICCPO) 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 Aabpara and Bhara Kahu has directed all Zonal DSPs markets. 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

cate citizens.

Vehicles were re-

three stolen motorbikes recovered ISLAMABAD (INP) Islamabad capital police Shalimar police team appre-

Bike lifter

gang held;

hended two members of parked at lots specified at 'Shooter bike lifter Gang' shopping centers while involved in a series of bike awareness campaigns lifting incidents in various should be launched to eduareas of the city and recovered three stolen motorbikes During the campaign, from their possession, a

action was taken against police public relations of showroom and shopping ficer said. malls' administrators in G-He said that, follow-11 Markaz, F-10 & F-11 ng the special directions of Markaz, G-8 & G-9 Islamabad Capital City Po-Markaz, I-8 Markaz, Blue lice officer (ICCPO) Dr. area, Bahria Town, Jinnah Akbar Nasir Khan, the Super, F-6 Super Market, Islamabad capital police had started a crackdown against criminal elements involved

Nawaz Sharif to lead election campaign soon: Atta Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): too," he added. Special Assistant to PM He went on to say that Atta Tarar on Saturday said they were not shielding themselves behind stay or-PML-N suopremo Nawaz Sharif would return to the ders and excuses, adding that country soon and lead the they attended court pro-

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

added. Tarar said those who court, he said August 12 threw innocent party memwas the last day of the fedbers behind bars were faceral government, adding that election would be held ing the karma. "Securing Russian oil deal is a blessafterward. "Sharif will over- ing and it will be available see party ticket matters 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

BISP will be made open in are getting and work started

Female teachers' service structure

IHC expresses displeasure

over non-implementation

of court orders

ISLAMABAD (APP): Se- tent efforts, the teachers of

sion.

structure.

Justice

writ petition on June 10,

Ministry of Federal Educa-

tion and Professional Train-

ing and the Ministry of Fi-

nance to rectify the exist-

ing ratio of the four-tier

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 program. but from now it will be transferred through banks. of BISP started in which 5 Now direct accounts of vans will be used which we

project to open women ac- this program.

banks, project has been in-

nior judge at the Islamabad

Law Officers appointment to ensure adherence to standards of investigation

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: In an unprecedented move aimed at ensuring transparency and upholding the rule of law, Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPPO), Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, chaired a significant meeting at the Central Police Office. He reviewed the

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work of ongoing cases and the performance of investigation officers, a police public relations officer

He said that, on the occasion SSP Operations Malik Jamil Zafar, AIG

Operations Saud Khan, Akbar Nasir Khan empha-all DPOs, SDPOs, law sized the paramount imofficers and in-charges of present

added.

various units were During the meeting, ICCPO highlighted the

with the law. To this end, law officers have been significance of the collabotasked with meticulously ration between law officreviewing case files to ensure adherence to standards ers and investigation officers, stressing their joint reof investigation and the sponsibility in legal matpursuit of justice on merit. ters. This initiative marks

Furthermore, the the first-ever appoint- ICCPPO issued a direc-ment of law officers in tive to all DPOs and inconjunction with police vestigating officers to reofficers in Pakistan, he visit incomplete cases and

sized the paramount im-

portance of conducting in-

vestigations and judicial

proceedings in accordance

ed. resolve them promptly The ICCPPO Dr. and impartially.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): take place. He also criticized Federal Minister for Parlia-PTI Chief's tactics and exmentary Affairs Murtaza cuses, asserting that they Javed Abbasi Saturday emhave failed to sway public phasized 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 state-

ment. The minister further said that regardless of the circumstances, a thorough investigation into the Toshakhana scandal must

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

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

of BISP started in which 5

to reopen 0.9 million cards

which has been stopped in

PMD predicts more rain in country

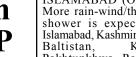
More rain-wind/thundershower is expected in Islamabad, Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pothohar

region, Punjab, east/northeast Balochistan and Sindh during the next twelve

However, isolated heavyfall is also expected in Northeast Punjab, Potohar region, Islamabad, Kashmir, Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Northeast Balochistan and Central and Lower Sindh during the period. Temperature of some major cities recorded this morning:

Door-to-Door survey

ISLAMABAD (Online):





tion against those involved and they were warned to in creating problems for traffollow rules otherwise strict action would be initific discipline in the city. The CTO Islamabad ated against them.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): dedicated his entire exist-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 ence to serving humanity selflessly, PTV news channel reported. Abdul Sattar Edhi was

born on February 28, 1928, in Bantva, Gujarat, British Islamabad. 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 comthe car of a doctor. menced with a humble dispensary in Karachi, which gradually evolved into the Edhi Foundation an unprecdoctor. The doctor got off edented organization prohis car and tried to stop the viding a wide range of solady. But she didn't listen cial services, including medical care, rehabilitation cento him. She even injured ters, orphanages, morgues, him by running her car tyre and burial services. over his foot.

Quite often it happens in a poor country like ours that wealthy people regard themselves as demi gods who see themselves above the law. One such example of utter disregard for the country's law was seen in the vicinity of Lohi Bhair police station when a

wealthy woman coming from wrong side smashed

(LoC) including Azad Jammu Kashmir besides various parts of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ÎlOJK) 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 mir valley, says reports

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 cal end. 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 Kash-

reaching here on Saturday from across the line of control. Addressing the gather-

ings speakers paid rich tributes to young Shaheed Burhan Wani for bringing the Kashmir freedom struggle in the occupied state to the decisive stage through giving the supreme sacrifice of his precious life.

Speakers said that best way to pay rich tributes to Shaheed Wani is to follow his foot-steps till the struggle for freedom of the motherland from Indian clutches, reaches to its logi-

They said that ongoing indigenous struggle for freedom has reached at the point of no return in the Indian Illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir following the daily supreme sacrifices of lives being given

forcement ANF Briga-dier Rashid said while talking to PTV News He further appealed to the parents, teachers

An Anti-narcotics Unit has also been estab- and scholars to keep a lished to help crack strict check on the actividown on drug peddlers, ties of youngster to enhe said, adding, there was sure a bright, secure and need for creating awarenarcotics-free future for ness among youth against them the use of drugs that were now easily acces-

Narcotics Control Commitsible to prepubescent tee, Akmal Owais Pirzada believed that Pakistan's goal Around 66 percent to become a drug-free sociof young population was ety can be achieved through the wealth of any nation creating awareness at the grassroots level against the and can play a significant

Member Provincial

weather in Federal Capital. ANF calls for increased awareness,

collective effort to save youngsters

partment and finance divi-ISLAMABAD (APP): The Anti Narcotics Task Consequently, they Force (ANTF) Saturday approached the IHC in Sepcalled upon the entire sotember 2020 and filed a writ ciety to play its role in petition, seeking rectificamaking the collective eftion of the four-tier service forts successful through intensive mass awareness Mohsin Akhter Kayani allowed the

and prevention measures to save the new generation from becoming drug ad-2022 and instructed the dicts.

The youth should focus on their studies in universities and colleges, children. keep an eye on their surroundings and inform ANF force in case of observing any suspicious activity, Director En- part in the reduction of deadly addiction.



termined to get the mother-Kashmir freedom struggle land freedom from the In-Burhan Wani, will not be dian despotic unlawful rule allowed to go in vain.

They said that the without taking care of their precious lives, the speakmission of Shaheed Wani would be continued with They said, India should read the writing on full vigor till its accomplishment through the complete success of the freedom the wall and accept the reality about Kashmir's movement.

struggle for freedom. They The speakers belongsaid that Shaheed Burhan ing to various political, so-Wani infused a new spirit cial and public representain the Kashmir freedom tion organizations, called movement by persuading upon the international comthe young generation of Jammu and Kashmir State munity including the United Nations (UN) to to take to the street agitaexercise their due role for tion in nook and corner of getting the Indian brutalities the occupied valley to get stopped in occupied Jammu and Kashmir where the the homeland freed from forced and illegal Indian rule. population was fighting for The speakers continthe liberation of the homeued that the supreme sacriland from the forced Indian fices of lives given by the occupation for the last 76 Kashmiri martyrs including years.



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

areas of the city. Police team also recovered three stolen motorbikes from their possession. **Rich woman** goes berserk in

in car and bike lifting inci-

Following these direc-

Islamabad road rage incident ISLAMABAD (NNI)

High Court (IHC), Justice Without demonstrating any Mohsin Akhter Kiyani the other day has expressed his remorse or qualms, a wealthy and influential displeasure and anger towards the Education Dewoman damaged the car of partment for consistently a doctor by hitting it with failing to implement the her vehicle multiple times

court's orders. in Swan Gardens in This issue revolves around the correction of the service structure for female

teachers of Islamabad Model Colleges, as ruled by Justice Mohsin Akhter Kayani on June 10, 2022. The service structure of female teachers, commonly known as the four-

tier promotion formula, was disrupted in 2011 to BPS-17.

But it was strange that the crazy woman did not stop here, rather she continued hitting the car of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Mass public rallies at both sides of the Line of Control

when the posts of teachers formula within six months, in BPS-16 were upgraded setting a deadline for implementation on December 10, Despite their persis-2022. Glowing tribute paid to Wani from both side of LoC

augurated. He said by that time previous government. account can be opened in Alflah Bank, National He said Benazir thought about poor women before 2008 election and Bank, and JS bank. These accounts will be opened in still our journey is underway, all international finanbanks registered in State Bank of Pakistan. Pilot cial institutions appreciate

junior sections in model

colleges were unable to ob-

tain justice through various

offices of the education de-



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OPINION Addressing child malnutrition

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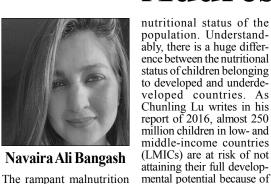


Ten years of CPEC

Islamabad and Beijing are celebrating a decade of CPEC this month. Indeed, this decade has seen China become the biggest source of investment, loans and grants for, and the largest trad-ing partner of, Pakistan. tial studies have been carried out on the topic, including the National Nutritional Sur-Islamabad has so far received vey 2018 (NNS 2018), \$25.4bn in direct Chinese investment in various transport, energy, and infrastructure there are many socioecoschemes under the flagship connectivity and investment corridor project, part of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative. The source ing habits in childhood pro-CPEC-related investments are mote optimal growth and nutritional development. in addition to the huge loans and currency swap arrange-ment of CN¥30bn that Beijing has provided to Islamabad over

the last 10 years to support its flagging economy, ease pressure on its weakening debt repayment capacity and reduce its dependence on dollars for trade to protect its forex reserves. The role played by China to help Islamabad avert a sovereign default was publicly acknowledged by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif the day after the IMF gave its initial nod to the new short-term \$3bn funding programme.

However, the CPEC initiative cific Economic Framework has not been without challenges and controversies. While the opacity around the award of contracts to Chinese firms pillar – an intense debate without any competition, tax its incentives given to them and implications. For obvious high returns guaranteed for power generation projects under CPEC raised many an eyebrow in the media and busipracticality of implementness circles in the country, ing the agreement, while doubts raised by certain foreign others have examined the elements led some to see the project as a debt trap. Most controversies around the trans-port and infractment in the trans-chain control of the infractment is reported to the percented to the port and infrastructure initia- unveiled to the media, initive have receded with time, but tial indications have par-tially revealed its main feaconcerns at the lack of transparency in the way the investment schemes are approved still linger. It was because of such concerns that we have not seen much development greater bilateral cooperation in the industrial and agricultural sectors — in CPEC's second phase in the last five years. The 10-year celebrations afford both countries an opportunity to take stock of what has this cycle before know it has been achieved so far and chalk when the former horsemen out the way forward for greater economic connectivity. Pakistan quoting Martin Neimoller and how 'they' eventually must tweak its outdated industrial and agricultural policies to rationale which informs attract Chinese investment and safe public commentary technology. This is of enormous goes out of the window in these times, because nothimportance for Pakistan, as it ing makes sense anymore. urgently needs to boost its productivity to increase its exports and bridge the widening trade up a social rights activist, gap, which is the main cause of other than for the show? A its balance-of-payments crisis. senior lawyer of a promi-nent law firm who met a We also need to close the trade client you didn't like? As if deficit of around \$20bn with this is how desperately an-Beijing. That is not possible gry we are; and how little without quickly completing the special economic zones to convince Chinese firms to relocate act out by hitting their partheir manufacturing facilities ents. I had first tried to poshere for export back home and elsewhere in the world. Likewise, we need Chinese experi- der landing a particularly ence and technology for boost- hard punch in a sensitive ing our agricultural output in order to curtail rural poverty and create exportable surplus. At the same time, we should enhance our efforts to link Af- studie hierarchical one. The faghanistan and the Central ther would be abusing that Asian states and, if and when would at least be an unpossible, India and other South derlying relationship for Asian economies with this trade route to fully exploit CPEC's true potential.



afflicting children in Pakistan has been a subject of concern for decades. Many substantial studies have been carried which shows that 40.2 per cent of children under five vears are stunted, while 17.7pc are wasted. While nomic, seasonal and cultural causes for this, one of the leading reasons is inadequate dietary practices among young children. Healthy eat-

Economic development is imperative for improvement in any country's food supply and the consequent eradication of dietary deficiencies. This leads to an overall improvement in the food in schools

ence between the nutritional status of children belonging to developed and underdeveloped countries. As Chunling Lu writes in his report of 2016, almost 250 million children in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are at risk of not attaining their full develop-

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mental potential because of malnutrition and poverty. quality of an adolescent's life, as well as their physical and scholastic capability, is hugely impacted by dietary habits adopted in childhood. Pakistan too, unfortunately, is severely affected by child malnutrition, ranking 99 out of 121 in the Global Hunger Index. In most of the developing countries, including Pakistan, the subject of children's and adolescents' health is under-researched. The silent nature of nutritional problems, skewed political interests and financial constraints are the main reasons for this. There is also a lack of published data on the subject which makes it even more difficult to draw the

nutritional status of the implement the appropriate guidelines for availability of

Considerable effort is being put in nationwide to highlight the importance of food fortification, healthy dietary habits and, most importantly, correct nutritional portions for children. However, young children spend a substantial time of their day at school. Thus, school feeding becomes crucial. Practically, all countries in the world provide their students with some form of school meals. The World Food Programme is a leading humanitarian organisation that has played a pivotal role in

devising strategies regarding food at school. The WFP School Feeding Programme (SFP) Strategy, 2020-2030, lays out the vision of a partnership between governments and stakeholders to ensure that all primary school children have access to good-quality meals in school. This also includes a broader integrated package of health and nutrition services. Previously limited to

more developed countries, the SFP is rapidly drawing attention the policymakers in LMICs to attention of the government, programme managers and expand access to education policymakers to develop and and improve nutrition, and

hence, scholastic perfor-mance among children. An interesting study was conducted on the outskirts of Peshawar by prominent American nutritionist Nicola Lowe et al. The study compared cognitive function between schools providing a standard meal a standard meal with micronutrient greater to provide school meals in all government powder, and a local school where no lunch was proschools. Beset with serious vided. The study concluded economic and political probthat there is an improvement lems, in addition to bad and inefficient governance, in cognitive performance in children who received a Pakistan's government is alschool meal with and withready struggling on many fronts. Expecting the state to out micronutrient powder over a 12-month period. Paprovide quality meals in pubkistan currently has no oplic schools that are already providing free or cheap eduerational school food programmes at the national cation would be unreasonor provincial level. able. The role of NGOs and other

The Tawana Pakistan Project, a joint venture organisations can be considfunded by the government from September 2002 to June vate school sector provides 2005, was the last substantions to children, yet the lack tial step towards school meals. The project itself experienced multiple bureaucratic issues, especially at the district level, as well as other bottlenecks.

Like many other resend their children to school sources, food availability at school is also a privilege that tiffin. Understandably, the only children in a certain socioeconomic setting enjoy in available in school canteens Pakistan. Another report and cafeterias is one of the

published in 2018 by Ayesha many reasons. But these can-Aziz et al, analysing the diteens and cafeterias may beetary practices of schoolchilcome a necessary choice for dren in Pakistan, concluded some parents. With more middle-class women opting that skipping breakfast and snacks was related to low soto work, it is the need of the cioeconomic status and rural hour that they should be less worried about their children's residence. In such an unequal society, the responsibility of food provision at school. the government is even

Developed nations like the US have school meals free of charge or at governmentsubsidised prices for students from low-income families. Though this is an unrealistic expectation from the government with its current economic and political struggles, small and effective steps can be taken in this direction. The government should look into formulating dietary guidelines for food items available for consumption by students. The quality of food volunteering should be up to the mark to ered in this regard. The priensure decent health standards, with a focus on forticleaner and better food opfication. The availability of soft drinks, sports energy of a central policy for standrinks and excessive sugar dard food provision in even should be discouraged. Canthese institutions is worriteens should, instead, serve nutrient-rich, fortified foods some. The preferred way of most Pakistani parents is to such as milk, vegetable and meat items, seasonal fruit and with packed lunchboxes and other items catering to the macro- and micro-nutrient lack of trust in food items needs of children, including iron, calcium, B-vitamins, -- Courtesy Dawn etc.

Building back global trade

ation of comprehensive regulations and institutional mechanisms

The success of this agreement hinges on its implementation, with a particular focus on delineating tangible measures and possibly establishing specialized projects to propel further advancements. Launched by US President

Joe Biden in May 2022 during a Quad summit in Tokyo, the IPEF is a coalition of 14 member-countries — including India, Australia, Brunei, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

The declared IPEF objective is to establish a shared framework based on four key pillars: connectivity and digital trade, resilient supply chains, clean energy and corruption-free fair trade. But the IPEF is suggested the establishgenerally viewed as America's strategic re- ply chain council, a supply sponse to its perceived re- chain crisis response net-

tures, suggesting the cre- Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Apparently, the IPEF is an assertive move by the

Biden administration to counter China's increasing sway in the Indo-Pacific region. With the IPEF, the US aims to expand its economic leadership in the region while advancing its foreign policy and economic interests. Through strategic partnerships with membercountries, the US seeks to enhance the development of supply chains and promote regional connectivity in both physical and digital realms

By doing so, the US aims to solidify its position as a dominant economic force in the Indo-Pacific region, asserting its influence and securing its long-term

economic and strategic objectives of encircling China. As per media reports, the proposed agreement ment of three bodies: a sup-

change programme. But the response from the global business community, trade experts, and civil society

has been a mixed bag. While some hailed this agreement as a comprehensive accord aimed at tackling supply chain vulnerabilities, critics were quick to highlight its lack of substantial action and enforceable commitments. Instead of concrete measures, the agreement appears to prioritize a process-driven framework, raising doubts about its effectiveness in delivering tangible results. This disparity in reactions underscores the scepticism surrounding the IPEF's ap-

proach market access, a matter of Sceptics argue that a critical importance to the focus on building frame-ASEAN countries. works and institutions Biden administration seeks without substantive actions may fall short in addressto appease domestic labour unions and environmental ing the pressing challenges faced by global supply chains. The absence of bindorganizations. This perplexes ASEAN countries, ing commitments raises as regulations pertaining to concerns about the labour rights and the envi- leverage the IPEF as a means agreement's ability to bring ronment appear largely dis- to entice regional economies about meaningful change connected from the realm of to detach themselves from and protect labour rights in an increasingly interconfierce opposition from US nected and vulnerable economic landscape. The current structure of the framework falls short in providing substantive

specifics. This has lent dermine domestic employweight to the prevailing bement and manufacturing. The congenital problief among Washington insiders and regional power

lem with the strategic intent of the IPEF is that it is driven primarily by geopoministration faces challenges in fleshing out the litical motives rather than substantive components of economic considerations, the IPEF. The IPEF agreewhile purposefully excludes Ĉhina. However, rement on supply chain faces gional nations are hesitant its most pressing challenge to be entangled in the predicament of choosing sides between the US and China, Southeast Asian and South particularly since China Asian developing countries stands as their largest tradeagerly anticipate exporting ing partner.

Ever since the Ohama administration, the US has sought to undermine the economic ties between China and countries in the Indo-Pacific region, which is perceived as a vital pillar of China's international influence'. American strategists contend that China's close economic and trade relations with Indo-Pacific nations pose a challenge to America's regional hege-mony. The US is trying to



Dr Imran Khalid

Ever since May 2023, when the 14-member Indo-Pa-(IPEF) reached an agreement on strengthening the resilience of global supply chains — a crucial aspect of the framework's second has been ignited regarding reasons, scholars and commentators have delved into the potential ramifications

and explored various per-

spectives on the matter.

Some have scrutinized the

ship (TPP), now known as programmes, such as digi-

supply chains. However, China's economic orbit and the measure encounters exclude the country from regional supply chains. labour unions as well as However, these efforts are both Democrats and Re- not likely to yield the depublicans, who believe that sired results for Washington. tariff reductions would un- -- Courtesy TheNews

'Inter arma silent leges'



Abdul Moiz Jaferii Those of us who have seen already become ridiculous of the hybrid parade start came for everyone.

All the reasoning and Why would a Twitter user with 200 followers disappear for the day?

Why would you pick senior lawyer of a promiwe care about what the world or anyone thinks of

Toddlers sometimes tulate that the way the powerful have behaved since the events of May was akin to an angry todspot, and the father reacting by hitting her back. But that isn't the right example. A father's relation-

ship with his child is a legitimate, immediate and them to abuse. Instead, it is more

like a child punching a

guard reacting by kidnap- bank with his gun and gets ping them, and holding the clerk to take the them until he decides on money out of our account. the punishment. (In this We have been in overdraft example, the toddler may for decades. also have burnt to the ground the best portion of

the family apartment only has repeatedly won: the ones started against our to later discover that this belonged to the guard too.) own Constitution and Horrified by this kidcountrymen.

napping, but afraid of the gun which he himself bought and gave to the guard, the father turns to the other guards who are employed by the building residents' association; in part through his own contributions to the building maintenance fund. They convene and, in human

the end, pass a declaration supporting the first guard's actions. They tell the father to watch out Court and its chief before they come to take his wife next. They tell him it is all according to the laws of the building, which they have decided to interpret for him; that render. The senior most all the guards are beloved by the residents; and that everyone supports the rather than complaining' current actions against his when faced with disaptoddler's miscreant nature. They say the guards have all the evidence they need to play judge and looking towards his court jury. 'I teach your child with the hope that it these lessons to honour the guards that sacrificed their lives defending people like you in the past'; the original guard

Then you turn up at the residents' association. Except, all they want to do is to remind you of an election. your past coddling of the set of guards who came before this team and how you probably deserve it. We are told we all

insists.

love the guard for what he does to us, and to beware and not get in his way. We are told to watch out for his investigation into the planners behind the toddler's punch. At the end of the month, we are also told to pay his wages. Sometimes he brings us guard outside their resi- the cheque to sign; other- clothing left to give. dence building and the wise he just goes to the Courtesy Dawn

Once again, Pakistan has waged the only war it During war, the law falls silent. This isn't sup-

posed to be a dictum to follow: it is a tragic acceptance that when we are at our worst as a society, we ignore the rules that bring us to our best as a society. It is a tragic lament of how, when we are at our worst, we forget what makes us

the state of the Supreme where the lack of action beyond soundbites and cowering reactions to other soundbites are in themselves an act of surjudge in the country asks us to 'learn to deal with it pearing lawyers. Hard to believe that a mere seven weeks ago, people were

would bring down the wall. Adding to the farce is that this legal silence proceeds from a declaration of war against your own citizenry. We're all very scared. You win. We all love you very much. Do you want proof? Hold

A quick note for all the civilian abettors who lose themselves in the excitement caused by the coercive arm of the state as it flexes against its own citizens. Each thread of dignity and due process torn today will be replaced with material from your own clothing tomorrow. And on and on this macabre show will continue, until it cannot anymore because no one has any

stealing resources and spreading chaos. This is helped by the boundlessness of the internet, which makes it easy to mask a perpetrator's involvement. Unlike with terrestrial, aerial, or nautical battlefields, it is unclear where borders are in cyberspace. This leads to a cat-andmouse chase with no idea where the mouse is, given it is nearly impossible to know who is behind the

would be used as not only a ruse for a physical attack, but as the attack itself. In the Stuxnet attack in 2009, the US and Israel used a digiade ball tal weapon against an Iranian uranium enrichment facility. In what could be the plot for a Hollywood thriller, the code was planted into the system by a Dutch mole, pretending to be a mechanic, through a USB. Soon after, Iranian scientists realised that while computers in the operating room were reporting that all centrifuges were functioning normally, some were spinning out of control and others were spinning too slowly, unbalancing them to the point that they exploded. Over 1.000 centrifuges were destroyed in the attack, a fifth of those at the site, setting Iran's nuclear programme back two years.

Cyber operations of an era of cyber combat per year in technology from in which war would be fought with bytes instead of bombs. Except it didn't—not really. Every year, war lawyers warn of the start of digital Armageddon, but their predictions have vastly overestimated the impact of cyber operations in warfare. Even the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which was billed as the world's first cyber war, remains largely conventional. While cyberattacks have their uses, they are not great at killing enemy soldiers, destroying their weapons, or retaining con-

trol of territory.

centres that the Biden ad-

in its inability to offer tan-

gible market access advan-

tages to regional nations.

their agricultural and manu-

factured goods to the US.

Under America's pressure,

the IPEF has deliberately

omitted any discussion on

Simultaneously, the

the US this way. In fact, for many states, especially Iran and North Korea, technology could be a great leveller, allowing them to exploit the resources of richer countries while evading responsibility. After Stuxnet, Iran heavily invested in building an army of techies that could be on par with the West. Same with North Korea. Sometimes these hackers act out of revenge. After the film The Interview was released, in which Seth Rogan and James Franco try to kill Kim Jongun, North Korean groups hacked Sony and published What they are good its data online, including for though is low-level hapersonal employee emails rassment tactics — spying, (in which a producer referred to Angelina Jolie as

'a minimally talented spoilt

brat"). While these examples (barring Stuxnet) don't count as cyberwarfare, the laws of war are woefully inadequate in dealing with cyber ops which don't cause physical damage. Under these laws, currently, essential healthcare documents are protected so long as you can hold them in your hand, but not if the machine or even where the same data exists in cyberspace. This hardly machine is located. The internet is one big masquermakes sense in a world where so many essential And it is one we are services are computerised. increasingly immersed in. So the thing that war law-As the Internet of Things yers have been warning grows, it controls much of against, which hasn't yet public life, making it easy happened, is also the thing to exploit. Our distribution we are least prepared for. networks for food, water, Last year, an American in his energy, healthcare, transpajamas managed to turn off portation, and businesses North Korea's internet from are increasingly digitised, his living room. It was done and this always comes with punitively, as he claimed to the risk of breach. Pakistan have been hacked by North is acutely vulnerable to this: Korea a year earlier and was while Nadra boasts of befrustrated by the lack of US ing the world's largest sinresponse. While cyber Argular citizen database, it has mageddon may not have been prone to data hacks. happened, cyber pande-Same with our banking secmonium is more likely cyber ops can inflict sigtor: many Pakistani banks have been hacked and funds nificant damage without and data have been stolen. boots, bullets, and bombs. A lone hacker in his paja-In the information age, mas could upend the state, tagon has admitted that and all without fighting. --Courtesy Dawn

data is the new oil. The Pen-This marked the start other states steal billions

Avesha Malik Just before midnight on Sept 5, 2007. Israeli aircraft entered Syrian airspace, bombed an under-construction nuclear reactor, and left four hours later without a shot fired at them. All the while, Syrian systems showed that there was noth-It should also not be

ing afoot, controllers saw a clear sky on their radars and no reason to scramble their air defence. The Israelis had cloaked their kinetic attack with a cyber one, having hacked Syrian radars with images of an empty sky. The Syrians woke up the next day and found out what happened. This may have been the first time cyber operations were used to enable an attack. Soon after, code



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Punjab Govt decides to get revoke bail in high profile cases related May 9 incidents

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin of law at the earliest Naqvi presided over a highlevel meeting at CM Office to review progress being made in legal actions against the miscreants involved in 9th May incidents.

It was decided during the meeting to file appeals for the cancellation of bails of those getting released on bail in high profile cases. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi while taking a strict notice about non-identification of 171 miscreants involved in arson and vandalism incidents has ordered expeditious completion of the identification process. planning

Caretaker Mohsin Naqvi directed that cases against all the miscreants should be moved forward in a professional manner and chase against the absconder miscreants should be continued.

СМ Caretaker Mohsin Naqvi while Chief Secretary, Advocate ordering to bring the General Punjab, Inspector

of Police. absconder principal General Additional Chief Secretary, miscreants in the stern grip Additional Chief Secretary underscored (Home), CCPO Lahore, that absconders should be traced Secretary Prosecution, Additional IG Special through human intelligence as well as technical. Branch, Additional IG Mohsin Naqvi further Commissioner CTD. directed that prosecution Lahore division, Deputy process should be made Commissioner Lahore and more effective. Mohsin concerned officials attended the meeting Naqvi emphasized that no matter how long absconder Commissioners and RPOs miscreants can hide, we of Sargodha, Gujranwala will reach and nab them. and participated in the meeting The national foundation has been assaulted by via video link.Meanwhile attacking on the military Caretaker Chief Minister installations on 9th May. Punjab Mohsin Naqv Attacks, arson activities, visited different areas of loot and plunder along with vandalism were being carried out under a regular

The obnoxious game which the miscreants played is an unpardonable offence. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi denounced that terrorism has been done under the guise of politics vowing that we will take these terrorism cases to their logical end. construction

the provincial metropolis in rain on Saturday and inspected water drainage process at Kalma Chowk Underpass, Garden Town, Gulberg, Liberty, Jail Road, Mozang, Qartaba Chowk Shahra-i-Fatima Jinnah, Lawrence Road.Mohsin Naqvi expressed his satisfaction over water MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): drainage work in the city AJK Prime Minister He inspected the under Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq water Saturday said that his

Rawalpindi

drainage at the Kalma government was committed Chowk Underpass to spending every penny of public money on the



KARACHI: Security guards are searching the people before entering to the shrine as large number of the people are arriving to attend the 1293th Urs ceremony of Hazrat Abdullah Shah Ghazi (RA) in Provincial Capital.

Wasan predicts general elections to be held in November

KARACHI (APP): Senior leader of Pakistan People's

Along with the general elections in the country, Party and Adviser to CM there will be a purge in on Agriculture Manzoor which no one will be left Hussain Wasan on Saturday predicted that the caught up in cases, some after arrest plea of PTI

previous census

own platform.

of PTI leader Yasmin in 3 cases adjourned LAHORE (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore has adjourned till

Hearing of bail

after arrest plea



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LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi a ceremony to launch a Chinese language course for the officers and personnel of the Special Protection Unit (SPU) at Punjab University. Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren, Vice Chancelor Punjab University Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Inspector Generla Police Dr. Usman Anwar, Additional Chief Secretary Home Shakeel Ahmed and DIG SPU Tavyab Hafeez Cheema are also present.

AJK PM resolves to ameliorate life style of commoners of state

present He added.

The government, he said, was determined to impose strict financial and administrative discipline in every sector. He, however, maintained that real development was not possible sans investment in productive and social

He expressed these sectors views while talking to "Administrative and candidate financial powers are being Assembly Major ® Latif transferred to the lower Khaliq, members of District Council Chaudhry level so that the funds allocated for different Fazil, sectors in the budget can be spent fairly in a transparent manner", the Chaudhry Waheed Akram, contractor Muhammad prime minister said. Ilyas Chaudhry and others who called on him at The real change in Jammu and Kashmir Azad Kashmir would be

visible on the ground by the end of the next fiscal year, to the health and education

KP govt increases compensation amount

PESHAWAR (APP): In the provincial cabinet in its the exercise of the powers meeting held on June 20, conferred by clause 2 of 2023, last. Under the

Regulations 4 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Disaster notification, in case of Disaster death due to natural Management Authority calamities, the next of kin Relief Compensation will get Rs 1 million; earlier Regulations-2019, the it was Rs. 0.5 million. provincial government has Before this, the heirs of the increased the amount of deceased were given a relief assistance under the Relief amount of Rs. 0.5 million.

After assuming organization within the power, the present United Nations to convene government recovered more and expose the culprits. than 11 billion rupees from the federal government and emphasized that the nation spent it transparently on would not compromise on various development the dignity of the Prophet projects, He further added.

He said that the total development budget for the production sector has been increased from 11% to 14% whereas the social sector budget has been increased from 25% to 31%. "These are the sectors in which employment opportunities can be created by investing", the PM said, adding that additional funds have been allocated

> CM grieved over loss oflives

LAHORE LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the loss of human lives due to fire eruption in a passenger van in tehsil Bhalwal of Sargodha.

The CM expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the heirs of the deceased. He

PM vows to confront Quran desecration incidents in future: Murtaza Abbassi

ABBOTTABAD (APP): and the sanctity of the Federal Minister for Quran. Parliamentary Affairs and General Secretary PML-N Minister has warned that if similar incidents occur in KPK Murtaza Javed Abbasi Saturday in response to the Quran the future, the two billion Muslims worldwide will plasphemy incident in respond Sweden expressed his firm Murtaza Javed Abbasi stance, in which, said that praised the the Prime Minister has Minister's resolute stance, vowed to confront such emphasizing that such acts of disrespect with determination could only

determination. come from a leader of great He expressed these integrity. views while addressing a public gathering at the village Nagakki government's performance, the minister highlighted the Abbottabad. allocation of development

Murtaza

Abbasi

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The Minister said funds where necessary and that Prime Minister has the fulfillment of promises designated Friday as a made to the public during nationwide day of protest the nine-month period. to demonstrate the nation's Murtaza Abbasi criticized the unwavering commitment to honoring and respecting the Holy Quran and the

previous government, accusing the Pakistan Prophet Muhammad. Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of taza Javed called for slashing funds allocated to approved projects. He international action against emphasized commitment of the PMLthose who have committed N to promoting developmental initiatives. acts of blasphemy. He urged the Islamic countries'

The minister highlighted the mismanagement of funds, resulting in the minister neglect of essential services such as education and access to clean water in Abbottabad City.



HYDERABAD: Rescue 1122 team in search of the bodies of three boys who drowned in the River Indus at bypass area.

Mohsin Naqvi says **Chinese language learning** important to improve communication skills

for the protection of foreign LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Chinese brothers. Naqvi Naqvi has said that Chinese outlined that the governlanguage had become an in- ment would take more steps ternational language and for the welfare of the learning of language by per- people of the province with sonnel of Special Protection Unit (SPU) would enhance

Shiren while addressing the

ceremony acknowledged

that the Punjab government

was taking measures for

further cementing bilateral

relations. The Chinese lan-

guage course for the offic-

ers and personnel of SPU

held a special significance.

Inspector General Police

Usman Anwar, Vice Chan-

cellor Punjab University

Doctor Khalid Mehmood,

Additional Chief Secretary

assemblies would be dissolved between 8 and 10 them will get clean chit, August and the general elections would be held in November instead of October.

In a statement, Wasan said October is hot and the Election Commission will also need some time, so the general elections will be held in November.

Manzoor Wasan said that there was clear stance of Pakistan People's Party that the elections must be held on time and the results came out to the people.

CCPO Lahore reviews six monthly performance

otherwise, strict action will **Independent Report** LAHORE: CCPO Lahore be taken.

Bilal Siddique Kamyana chaired a meeting to review the performance of the Iqbal Town and Saddar Divisions for the past six months at his office. The meeting conducted a detailed review of the overall security situation, as well as other professional matters. Considering the upcoming month of Muharram, the CCPO instructed the concerned officers to take effective measures in collaboration with religious scholars, members of peace committees, and license holders of majalis and processions. Bilal Siddique Kamyana issued instructions to the SHOs and investigation heads to resolve pending cases and clear road certificates by Monday, stating that pending cases and road certificates should be urgently; processed

will go to jail and some of leader Dr Yasmin Rashid ir 3 cases. Wasan warned. He said that it would take 10 months for

He emphasized the

need to apprehend habitual

further instructed that a

tight noose be placed

incharges

and

Buttar of ATC took up for hearing bail after conducting the elections on arrest plea of Dr Yasmin Rashid in three the new census, so we want the elections to be cases including Askari held on the basis of tower vandalism case and PML-N Secretariat

Manzoor Wasan said torching case. that in the new government The court while to be formed, the prime summoning the lawyers for minister would be from arguments adjourned the PPP or PML-N, but each hearing of the case till July party would contest the election separately from its

2 cases are registered in police station Model Town while one is in Police Station Gulberg against Dr Yasmin Rashid.

Husband kills wife in the name of honor in Faisalabad

thieves, dacoits, POs, and FAISALABAD (Online): Husband has killed his wife drug dealers, and to conduct intelligence-based operations against elements in the name of honor in area engaged in illicit activities of Madina Town police through massage centres. station. Bilal Siddique Kamyana

Police have registered the case and started investigation.

Husband suspected around POs involved in serious cases and ordered character of Saima his wife. the timely arrests of Both broke into brawl often murderers, attempted in this regard. Asif gunned down his murderers, dacoits, and

robbers to be ensured. wife Saima yesterday and CCPO stated that effective made good escape from the action should be taken by

On information SHOs against gangs involved in motorcycle local police and rescue teams 1122 reached the theft; there is no room for leniency. He directed the

Police have shifted poor-performing SHOs the dead body to hospital of investigations to improve for post mortem.

Police have registered the case and raids are being conducted to arrest the accused

their performance. He said that police officers and officials should fulfill their responsibilities diligently.

SWAT: DPO Lower Chitral Salahuddin Kundi briefed Regional Police Officer Malakand Nasir Satti regarding security arrangements

Compensation Act for The seriously injured will get Rs. 300,000, the natural calamities. Judge Ijaz Ahmad A notification in this

welfare of people to

ameliorate their standard of

House in the federal

metropolis late Friday.

living.

former

Muhammad

connection was issued by Rs 50,000. Secretary Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Department is to provide adequate Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after compensation to the

directed to provide best notification says while injured. substantial injured will get

The purpose of the revision of relief amounts

the same was approved by victims and their families.

LAHORE: A large number of the people holds protest outside Press Club against the desecration of Quran in Sweden.

Rains, possible flood: Rana Saleem directed for timely measures to save schools infrastructure

(APP): School Khan and Education South Punjab, participated. Rana Saleem Ahmad Khan,

timely precautionary measures and better strategies to save the infrastructure of schools in Rajanpur and Dera Ghazi Khan districts in view of monsoon rains

and possible flood. He directed officials to make the coordination system with concerned district administrations more effective and efficient.

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He was addressing a meeting of the Education Sector Working Group set up to assess the situation emergency preparedness, response plan and disaster risk reduction in view of monsoon rains and possible floods in the districts of Rajanpur and Dera Ghazi Khan at the Education of new disasters. Secretariat.

Additional Secretary Agha Zaheer Abbas Shirazi, Deputy Secretaries Khawaja Mazhar-ul-Haq, Muhammad Faisal possible floods. treatment facilities to the He directed Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Sargodha to immediately reach the accident site and investigate the incident.

A launching ceremony of Chinese language course for the officers and personnel of the SPU held at the Al-Razi Hall Punjab University on Saturday where the CM and Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren were chief guests. The officers and personnel of the SPU would learn Chinese language under the initiative and the course would continue till September 16. The CM thanked the

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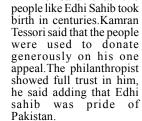
their communication skills.

(Home), DIG SPU Tayyab Hafeez Cheema, CCPO Chinese Consul General for Lahore, Deputy Consul General Chinese Consulate, starting the Chinese Lanteachers imparting training guage learning programme to learn Chinese language, for the officers and person-nel of the force. SPU was officers and personnel of rendering valuable services SPU were present.

Sattar Edhi served humanity without any discrimination: Governor

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Saturday paid rich tributes to famous social worker late Abdul Sattar Edhi on his 7th death anniversary. He said that late

Abdul Sattar Edhi served the humanity without any discrimination.



He said that the



FAISALABAD: A large number of deserving women waiting for their turn to receive cash under Benazir Income Support Program by Govt. at Al-Fatah Sports Complex Saleemi Chowk.

ANP workers, local leaders hold Quran Khawani for **Shaheed Haroon Bilour**

PESHAWAR (APP): A Peshawarites.

great numbers of Awami National Party (ANP) workers, local leaders, and people from different walk of life visited the Tomb of Shaheed Haroon Bilour and offered fateha while a grand Quran Khawani was also held to pay rich tribute to Haroon Bilour Shaheed for

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of Haroon Bilour Shaheed, Alhaji Malik Tariq Awan recited the Quran and prayed at his tomb. Bilour's son Haroon Bilor Shaheed also martyred in a bomb blast in the City. His services for the development and his services he rendered for prosperity of Peshawar.

possession and 05 liters of liquor from Muhammad Saeed. Similarly, Kallar Syedan Police recovered 01 pistol of 30 bore from Umar while City police recovered 01 pistol of 30 bore from Umar Khan. Following operation,

schools to prevent the risk

He said that targets and specific objectives should be determined immediately to reduce the risks of disasters during progress

holders, liquor suppliers held RAWALPINDI (APP) Police have arrested 11 illegal arm holders, liquor supplier and recovered arms, ammunition from

11 illegal arm

30 bore from their

Shahzad, Saif-ur- Rehman others their possession during crackdown here on Saturday. According to Secretary School police spokesman, Kahuta Education South Punjab police held two arm holders Afzal, Bilal and recovered

Rana Saleem Ahmed Khan said that the infrastructure of schools in Dera Ghazi

02 pistol of Khan and Rajanpur was destroyed, while many school buildings were destroyed due to the worst

flood of history and dangerous monsoon rains

last year.

He said that natural calamities were increasing after climate change in the world. This is the reason why advance measures should be taken keeping in

calamities.Disaster Risk Reduction was the imposition of disaster risk reduction policies and strategies in flood-affected

Morgah police recovered knife from Rehmanullah and also recovered a knife

from Waris. Sadiqabad police recovered netted Farhan and recovered 10 liters of liquor from his possession. Taxila police recovered 03 liters of liquor from Chenzeb and Abdullah. Rata Amaral

of charas from Umair. Police have registered separate cases against the accused and further investigation was in

mind the point of prevention from natural

police recovered 500 grams



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LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Trade and Industry S.M. Tanveer presiding over a meeting regarding

Pakistan, Afghanistan posses huge potential of bilateral trade: Adnan

PESHAWAR (APP): KP Caretaker Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Mohammad Adnan Jalil has said that Pakistan and Afghanistan have huge potential for bilateral trade and economic ties.

He expressed these views during a meeting with an Afghan delegation led by the Afghan Consul General Hafiz Mohibullah here at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment and Trade (KPBOIT).

Director Business De- erly sentiments for each

for sustainable peace in Af-Sarwar, Coordinator FPCCI Sartaj Ahmed Khan, ghanistan, which is a cata-Economic Advisor Induslyst for the stability of the tries Department Abdul whole region. The provincial minis-Rehman and other officials assisted the minister during ter discussed matters of

the meeting. The provincial mutual interest with the Afghan diplomats, focusing minister said that apart from sharing religious and on further expansion of cultural relations, Pakistan trade and business activities and Afghanistan also enjoy between the two countries, cordial relationships, based increasing the volume of on closed proximity and Pak-Afghan trade and takneighborhood between the ing benefits from cross bortwo countries der investment opportuni-

He said that people of both countries feel broth-The minister also invited Afghan relevant auvelopment KPBOIT Bilal other while Pakistan wishes thorities, traders and busi-

ness community to visit Pakistan and participate in the upcoming Pak Afghan

Expo scheduled in September this year. He accepted the offer of Afghan officials for participation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa investors and relevant officials, in the Afghan Business Conference, to be held in Afghanistan in near future.

During the meeting matters relating to crossborder trade also came under discussion and the minister termed it a major development between the two countries.

ICCI says: Northern regions have vast opportunities for tourism and business

Islamabad Chamber of ment should improve the air Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has said that the northern regions of Pakistan are full of tourism and business opportunities. ICCI International

Tourism Summit organized by Islamabad Chamber will be a milestone for the development of the region and promotion of tourism.

This 3-day summit is a historic opportunity to highlight the beauty of the Northern Territory to the world and attract local, foreign tourists and investors. Investors benefit from the vast deposits of high-qual-ity marble and granite found summit.

GILGIT (NNI): President in these areas. The governlink to connect the northconstructed and the road network should be widened at the local level.

solution of problems of farmers

He expressed these views while addressing the opening session of the first ICCI International Tourism Summit held on Saturday. A large number of ambassadors and business community from several countries including Malay-

sia, Turkey, Bangladesh, Nepal, Somalia, Sudan.

OGRA seeks provincial, marketing agencies' help to control LPG prices

order to curb the illegitimate and exorbitant prices of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the market, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) directed

the provincial governments and marketing companies to ensure the verified prices of LPG and take strict actions against profiteers. All marketing agencies and distributing franchises should ferent areas in the country.

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Chinese enterprises

invited to invest in

Pakistan's NEV industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): In mention the details pricing of the LPG at the time of delivery and ensure the record of the rate list at all outlets, said a press release. Taking a strong stance

against the rampant issue of illegitimate and exorbitant prices plaguing the Lique-fied Petroleum Gas (LPG) market, OGRA was in connection with provincial governments and expecting dif-

IMF deal commendable but raises question on PDM govt's economic plan: PBF

KARACHI (INP): Spokes-person of Pakistan Busi-devaluation of 45% and av-erage devaluation of 11.25% person of Pakistan Busi-ness Forum (PBF) Zainab Jatoi expects that no further depreciation of the rupee will be seen in the IMF standby agreement (SBA) as PKR is already undervalued compare to our re-gional neighbours. She said as signing of a \$3 billion SBA with the International

Monetary Fund a positive is vital for the country's development in the current economy. However, Zainab scenario but at the same Jatoi said there was still fear that rupee could be further time it raised questions over the coalition government's devalued on the artificial economic plan to revive the definition of market based ailing economy. exchange rate and if that

Talking to media on Friday, she said in the last be out of control and busi-IMF program (July 2019 nesses will suffered a lot. Jun 2023) which ended We can't afford further de-June 30 witnessed PKR preciation as our currency

TDAP chief visits SCCI

SIALKOT (APP): Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Director General (DG) Khalid Rasool visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), here on Saturday. SCCI President Abdul Ghafoor Malik and President Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WCCI) Dr Mariam Nouman wel-

comed the guest. During the meeting,

WING OF HOLY QURAN IN

Gold rates

decline by

Rs.200

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The per tola price of 24

karat gold decreased by Rs

200 and was sold at

Rs.208,200 on Saturday

against its sale at Rs.

208,400 the previous day.

The price of 10 grams

they discussed arrange-ments for the "We-Exhibit 2024" as well as formation of women entrepreneurs delegations.

is already become joke, she added.

She said that Pakistan (last four years). This is the highest PKR devaluation will become the fourth largwe have seen comparing all est International Monetary the previous IMF pro-Fund borrower in the world grams. We expect PKR will after receiving additional slightly appreciate in the loans of \$3 billion in the next nine months under the short term after the successful SBA agreement with standby arrangement from IMF and rupee is strengththe global lender. Pakistan ening against dollar which also holds the "title" of being the largest IMF borrower in the Asian region.

Jatoi further told Pakistan's economy has been in a free fall mode for the last many years, bringing untold pressure on the happens the inflation will poor masses in the form of unchecked inflation, making it almost impossible for a vast number of people to make ends meet



KARACHI: Women selecting and purchasing used clothes in weekly Bazar at Lines Àrea.

US economy adds 209,000 new jobs as hiring slows

MULTAN: Girls viewing the displayed various varieties of mangoes during three days of "Mango Festival 2023" at Arena Hall DHA.

Economic uncertainty swiftly melting away after IMF deal: Mian

KARACHI (INP): Chair- is also high, which has man of National Business troubled the people, he Group Pakistan, President

Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the economic uncertainty is melting away swiftly after the staff level agreement with the IMF. overall situation

He said that the public and investors have breathed a sigh of relief and the situation will improve further with Pakistan getting \$1.1 billion after the deal is ratified by the board of the lender.

In a statement on Fri- coal should pass on benefit day, Mian Zahid Hussain of reduced prices to the said that taking advantage masses without any delay, of the respite from this he said, adding that the

added.

The business leader said that the financial condition of the government is Khan Lalzai. improving and IPPs have been paid 140 billion rupees, which has reduced the Durrani concerns of investors in this

sector and improved the ise made to people of Bannu and South districts Meanwhile, coal is

becoming cheaper in the global market, which is re-Deputy ducing the production cost of all coal-using sectors, including power plants and

of development projects have been laid in Bannu This government is solving people's problems on pri-ority basis.

He said record budget has been allocated for the development and prosper-

projects of Bannu and

Durrani said comple-

Deputy Speaker visits Bannu to inaugurate Gas projects

BANNU (Online): Deputy Speaker Zahid Akram Durrani paid visit to Bannu district and inaugurated gas projects in Sayedabad Godra Waziraan and Sohbat

Promise made to people has been fulfilled:

Further he said prom-

will be fulfilled on the door-Speaker Zahid Akram said network The industries using

reforms should be implemented without delay to correct the direction of the economy Reforms have become

necessary as the debt burcreased greatly and inflation

down by 77 percent since South districts. March 2022. Mian Zahid noted that reducing power tion of these projects will tariff will provide relief to improve people's lives and

coal has come

den of the country has in- cement will activate the

the masses and business community, while cheaper construction sector.

cement manufacturers.

US jobs data fails to give equities a boost

LONDON (AFP/APP): Wall Street stocks sputtered Friday as investors still bet on the US Federal Reserve hiking interest rates further despite jobs data showing hiring slowed more than expected last month.

The government fig- rate hike in July, but so far ures had been eagerly awaited by investors as a gauge whether the Fed will need to raise interest rates once or twice again this year in order to bring down inflation.

The world's biggest economy added 209,000 jobs last month, down from a revised figure of 306,000 in May

The employment figure was below the median expectation of 240,000 new jobs in a survey of economists conducted by MarketWatch.

Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare said what the "report won't change is the Fed's view that additional tightening action is likely going to be appropriate"

While the data fits the narrative of a soft landing of the US economy from the impact of interest rate hikes, the Fed will unlikely be reassured by growth in average hourly earnings accelerating

Data Thursday showed US private firms created twice as many jobs as expected in June, while the crucial services sector saw solid growth.

O'Hare said the market is expecting an interest see less than 50 percent chances of hikes in September, November and December meetings of Fed policymakers. With higher interest

on Saturday. rates unfavourable for the He appreciated the bottom line of firms, stocks often get a boost from data that reduces the chances of the Fed hiking them.

But Wall Street's major indices opened lower, with the Dow shedding 0.4 percent before paring

European markets were mixed, with London falling in afternoon deals while Paris and Frankfurt rose 0.6 percent.

QUETTA: People buying cloth from roadside vendor stall.

Traders were also keeping tabs on China, where US Treasury Secreissued orders to change the tary Janet Yellen held talks

with top policy officials in efforts to smoot strained to the transformers workties between the economic superpowers. Yellen told Chinese Premier Li Qiang that the United States was not seeking "winner-takeall" competition. records, he added.

against MEPCO defaulters ordered MULTAN (APP): Superintending Engineer Operation of MEPCO Multan

Circle Farhan Shabbir Malik ordered a grand operation against defaulters. He directed to launch a campaign from the beginning of July and ensure 100

percent recovery from do mestic/commercial/agricultural tube well consumers. He was addressing a meeting held through a video link with XENs/ SDOs of Multan Circle here

performance of SDOs in Multan for keeping transformers trolleys ready and Shanghai, Hussain Haider restoring power in time and has invited Chinese busidirected all SDOs and line nesses and enterprises to staff to remain alert and invest in Pakistan's New

Multan

immediate restoration measures be taken in case of dustry, which was one of power failure due to rains. the most promising areas The Superintending of bilateral cooperation, Engineer expressed his dis pleasure over not changing the transformers running on 100 and 200 KVA twophase transformers yet and ment

transformers in two days. All damaged and burnt transformers should be sent

shop for repair and transformers kept in sub-divisions with proper tagging and maintain detailed Energy Vehicle (NEV) insector ebrations of the Decade

and to take benefits from a large and growing market and the incentives BRI and CPEC, the Misprovided by the govern-

Delegation discusses increase in textile exports with CM

LAHORE (APP): A delega-tion of renowned an inter-national textile brand, for excellent cotton production in the province. Effective steps have been taken Primark, met Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab for the elimination of substandard seeds and pesti-Mohsin Naqvi at CM Ofcides for the procurement fice in which matters perof quality cotton. taining to increase in textile

Provincial Industries delegation about steps being taken to enhance cotton and trade. production in Punjab.

It was informed during the briefing that farmers were being granted inthe enhancement of exports centives and support price in Punjab.

BEIJING (APP): Consul stan New Energy Vehicle General of Pakistan in (Electric Vehicle) Industry Cooperation Seminar in Shanghai, he highlighted the importance of bilateral cooperation in the NEV As part of the cel-

MULTAN: Members of Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association are holding

protest demonstration against desecration of Holy Ouran in Sweden, held in

of the CPEC and the efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation under

sion, in coordination ported. with ICT Belt & Road Welcoming the par-ticipants at China-Paki-nized the seminar.

CM

of 24 karat gold also de-creased by Rs.172 to Rs.178,498 from Rs.178,670 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Rs.163,623 from Rs. 163,780, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reboxes from delivery truck at Pirwadhai Fruit Market.

Traders remain unaware of procedures involved in recent barter trade announcement

KARACHI (NNI): President Pakistan Business Fo-(PBF), Mian

rum Usman Muhammad Zulfigar said businesses remain uncertain about how the system should function.

Experts and traders blame Even though the gova lack of clarity and a perernment announced the ceived lack of interest from procedures for barter trade Afghanistan for the slow last month, traders are still start. According to Engr. unaware of them due to lack Daroo Khan Achakzai, of clarity. As the govern-Chairman of the PBF in ment in early June autho-Balochistan, bartering has existed for centuries, but in rized barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Rustoday's globalized world of interconnected economies sia-encouraging direct exand modern trade mechachanges of goods and services without cash as a way nisms, it has diminished. of reducing pressure on rapidly dwindling foreign The practice of purchasing goods from Afghanistan, reserves. The Commerce making payments in Pakistan, and then purchasing Ministry released a list of goods from Pakistan to be 57 eligible products, includsent back to Afghanistan is ing oil and gas, under what

is called the Business-toalready followed by many business (B2B) Barter traders in the border re-Trade Mechanism 2023. gions. However, if the min-After a month, PBF istry SRO had an additional President says initiative facility last month, they must disclose it, particularly has gained little traction.

to Russia. Daroo Khan added, "I believe the Ministry of Commerce launched the initiative without properly taking into account the stakeholders.

PBF likewise saw that because of stressed ties among Islamabad and Kabul, the Taliban have not answered decidedly.

According to Afghan Chamber officials, traders on the Afghan side claim to have received no instructions or guidance from the Taliban government or its central bank

Caretaker exports were discussed. Mohsin Naqvi speaking on the occasion, stated that Minister SM Tanvir, Chief planning was being made Secretary and Chairman for the provision of electric-P&D gave a briefing to the ity to the industry at a reasonable price in Punjab delegation. Industrialist and leader of APTMA Group adding that all institutions were on the same page for Gohar Ejaz apprised the the promotion of industry

> He assured that all possible facilities would be provided to the industry for

down to 3.6 percent, re-maining close to historic WASHINGTON (AFP/ APP): Hiring in the United States slowed in June, the lows The hiring figure came in below the median Labor Department said Friday, providing a much-needed signal that the expectation of 240,000 American economy is coolnew jobs in a survey of ing ahead of another intereconomists conducted est rate decision later this by MarketWatch, while the unemployment rate month.

The figures came in below analysts' expectawas in line with predictions tions, providing some re-spite for the US Federal down in job creation, ana-Reserve as it mulls a return lysts say the Fed is unlikely to hold off another interest to interest-rate hikes later this month to tackle inflarate hike at its next meettion still well above its ing. long-term target of two

"It's a step in the right direction but we're not near The world's biggest the level that we would economy added 209,000 need to see to be convinced jobs last month, down from that the labor market is siga revised figure of 306,000 nificantly cooling down, Oxford Economics' lead US in May, the Labor Department said. Meanwhile, the economist Oren Klachkin unemployment rate edged told AFP.

But despite the slow-







percent.



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Biden warned China's Xi on West's investment after **Putin meeting**

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: U.S. President Joe Biden told Chinese President Xi Jinping following his meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin to "be careful" because Beijing relies on Western investment according to excerpts from an interview with CNN. "I said: This is not a threat. This is an observation," Biden said. "Since Russia went into Ukraine, 600 American corporations have pulled out of Russia. And you have told me that your economy depends on investment from Europe and the United States. And be careful. Be careful."

Putin and Xi held two days of talks in March with warm words of friendship between China and Russia and joint criticism of the West, but no sign of a diplomatic breakthrough over Ukraine. The pair also par-

ticipated in a virtual sumover national security issues, including Taiwan, Russia's war in Ukraine, mit earlier this week There are heightened

tensions and pessimism in the U.S.-China relationship advanced technologies.

US destroys its last chemical weapons, watchdog hails milestone Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden announced that the United States has fully destroyed its decades-old stockpiles of chemical weapons, a milestone hailed as completing the elimination around the world of all known stores of the agents of mass death.

'Today, I am proud to announce that the United States has safely destroyed the final munition in that stockpile—bringing us one step closer to a world free from the horrors of chemical weapons," Biden said.

The United States was the last of the signatories of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which came into effect in 1997, to complete the task of destroying their "declared" stockpiles, though some states are believed to maintain secret reserves of chemical weapons.



Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen talks with Melvin Redondo, Vice Minister of Economic Development of Honduras after arrival at the Palmerola International Airport in Comayagua.

IAEA chief's visit to South UN report calls on Saudi Arabia to Korea draws protests against release 2 women Fukushima water release

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: The head of the United Nations' nuclear watchdog was met with protests while visiting South Korea on Saturday in a bid to calm fears over Japan's plan to discharge treated radioactive water from its tsunami-hit

Fukushima plant.

Rafael Grossi

jailed over tweets, alleging Korean government's announcement that it rerights abuses spected the IAEA's report Monitoring Desk and that its own analysis had found the release will

DUBAI: U.N. human rights experts on Friday called for the release of two Saudi Arabian women they say were arbitrarily detained

Hundreds of people including members of the and denied basic rights af-Korean Confederation of ter tweeting criticism of the Trade Unions took to the kingdom's policies. Salma al-Shehab was streets on Saturday to pro-

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala visit the Velvet Revolution Memorial in Prague, Czech Republic.

NATO summit: Leaders to meet in Vilnius to talk Ukraine, Sweden and Russia

Monitoring Desk Erdogan, German Chancel-BRUSSELS: NATO leadlor Ölaf Scholz, French ers gather in Vilnius next week aiming to overcome divisions on Ukraine's push for a path to membership and end Turkey's block on Sweden joining the transatlantic military alliance. With the war in Ukraine still casting a dark shadow over Europe, the summit in the Lithuanian capital next Tuesday and Wednesday will be guarded by Patriot missile batteries an end from Germany, fighter jets and forces from 17 nations.

a clear signal, some concrete U.S. President Joe Biden, things in the direction of an Turkish President Tayyip invitation," Zelenskiy said

4 militants attack a police station and kill 2 security forces in southeast Iran, state TV says

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Four militants attacked a police station and killed two security forces

in southeastern Iran, state TV reported on Saturday. The armed group attacked a police station in Zahedan, a city in Iran's Sistan and Baluchistan province, about 30 kilometers (18.64 miles) from the border with Pakistan, triggering a shootout. Two security forces were killed, the report said.

Iran's powerful Revo-lutionary Guard said in a ond holiest site in Iran.

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President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will be among the 31 NATO leaders attending the summit in the small Baltic state. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy is also expected to attend and to press for Ukraine to be ing again admitted into NATO soon after the war triggered by Russia's invasion comes to

'We are talking about

statement that the four mili-

tants were killed. The report quoted Alireza Marhamati, the province's deputy governor, as saying the militants were trying to gain access to the police station and were equipped with grenades, but did not elaborate further. State-run IRNA news

agency also reported that authorities on Saturday hanged two men involved in the October 26 deadly attack on Shah Cheragh mosque in the city of Shiraz, the sec-

on a visit to Prague on Thursday. "We need this motivation." NATO members in Eastern Europe have voiced strong support for Ukraine's stance, arguing that bringing Kyiv under the alliance's collective security umbrella is the best way to prevent another war by deterring Russia from attack-

But others, such as the United States and Germany, have been far more cautious, wary of any move that they fear could draw NATO into a direct conflict

Yellen urges China to fight climate change

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: The United States and China, as the world's two largest economies, must work together to combat the "existential threat" of climate change, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Chinese government officials and climate experts on Saturday. During a visit to Beijing, Yellen said previous cooperation on climate change between the U.S. and China had made possible global breakthroughs such as the 2015 Paris Agreement, adding that both governments wanted to support emerging markets and developing countries as they strive to meet their climate goals. "Continued U.S.-

greenhouse gases and the largest investors in renewable energy, we have both a joint responsibility - and ability - to lead the way."

China, classified as a developing country by the United Nations, has long said it was the responsibility of developed nations to help poor countries pay to address climate change. But Beijing says it could con-tribute to "loss and damage" due to climate change on a voluntary basis.

Given their scale, cooperation between the U.S. and China is considered vital to international efforts to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Yellen said financing for such initiatives should be coordinated efficiently and effectively, adding that Beijing's

China cooperation on climate finance is critical," support for existing multi-Yellen said in a prepared lateral climate institutions text at a climate roundtable like the Green Climate Fund in Beijing. "As the world's (GCF) and the Climate Intwo largest emitters of vestment Funds.

Russian fighter jets harass American drones over Syria, US military says

week that the Russian and jets have "harassed" Ameri-Syrian militaries have can drones over Syria for started a six-day joint training that ends Monday.

Gurinov added in comments carried by Syrian state media earlier this week that Moscow is concerned about the flights of drones by the U.S.-led coalition over northern Syria, calling them "systematic violations of pro-tocols" designed to avoid clashes between the two The U.S. military said militaries

The first friction oc-curred on Wednesday encounter lasted for about morning when Russian two hours during which military aircraft "engaged three MQ-9 drones were in unsafe and unprofes-'once again harassed" by sional behavior" as three Russian fighter aircraft U.S. MQ-9 drones were conducting a mission against the Islamic State group, the U.S. military said. On Thursday, the U.S. military said Russian Gabtar Gianna Han, "in



day marked one year since

TOKYO: Japan on Satur-

former prime minister Shinzo Abe was gunned down during an election speech by a man angry at his links to the Unification Church. The death of Japan's longest serving prime minister, which was caught on video, rattled a nation unused to gun violence. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other senior officials and lawmakers joined Abe's widow.

while flying over Syria. "Russian aircraft flew 18 unprofessional close passes that caused the MQ-9s to react to avoid unsafe situations," Lt. Gen. Alex Grynkewich, head of U.S. Air Forces Central Com-mand, said in a statement. Rear Adm. Oleg Gurinov, head of the Rus-Fresh protests against

the third day in a row this week, the U.S. military said. Tension between Russian and U.S. troops is not uncommon in Syria as both countries conduct patrols on the ground as well as overflights. Syria's 12-year conflict has left half a million people dead and over 1 million

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Russian fighter sian Reconciliation Center for Syria, said earlier this

general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), arrived in Seoul on Friday to meet the foreign minister and a top nuclear safety official during his three-day visit after wrapping up a trip to Japan.

Earlier in the week, the IAEA said that a two-year review showed Japan's plans for the water release would have a negligible impact on the environment.

His arrival at Seoul's Gimpo Airport was met with protests, local media reported, despite the South have expressed concerns.

NATO allies to spend 'at least 2pc' of GDP on defence, diplomats say

for.

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: NATO allies have reached agreement to raise the a minimum requirement alliance's target for military spending to at least 2% of national GDP, two diplomats told Reuters late on Friday.

The 31 allies agreed on "an enduring commitment to invest at least 2%" of their GDP into their militaries in the future, two diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity and confirming an earlier report by German news agency DPA.

Agreement on the new spending target was one of the outstanding issues ahead of a two-day NATO summit on Tuesday and Wednesday next week in Vilnius.

NATO Secretary-General Jens defence spending was Stoltenberg intended to under 1.4% of GDP.

test the discharge plan.

not have "any meaningful

impact" on its waters.

sentenced to 34 years in "It makes little sense prison and Nourah bint to argue that the release is Saeed al-Oahtani was senokay because it does not tenced to 45 years last harm humans. Animals also summer after they were arlive in the ocean," said unirested in separate cases in versity student Kim Han-2021. They were found

guilty by a special court No expert behind the originally established to IAEA's Fukushima report try terror suspects but disagreed with the content, which has broadened its Grossi told news agency mandate in recent years Yonhap on Saturday, hintamid a heavy crackdown ing at his comment during on dissent. an interview with Reuters

one day earlier that one or two team members may Seven killed in

Indian village election clashes **Monitoring Desk**

KOLKATA: At least seven people were killed and dozens more injured in India Saturday after clashes over local polls in West Bengal, a state notorious for political violence during election campaigns. India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has in recent years

In 2023, even the old target will be met by only by a communist party for 11 of the 31 members of much of its history — to exthe alliance, according to NATO estimates. The goal was set in

2014, when NATO leaders agreed to increase spending towards 2% of their GDP on defence within a decade.

The 11 allies in question are the United States, Britain, Poland, Greece, Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Romania, Hungary, Latvia and Slovakia.

Bringing up the rear are Canada, Slovenia, Turkey, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg, whose speak to the media.

make NATO's current military spending target of 2% of national GDP rather than a goal to aim worked hard to gain a toehold in West Bengal-ruled

> pand its reach beyond its newly formed units made Hindi-speaking northern up of contracted serviceheartlands. men, his ministry said on Voters are currently Saturday casting their ballots in a

other police official, requesting anonymity as they were not authorised to

The ministry released fierce contest to elect muvideo footage on its Telenicipal leaders, with more gram channel showing than 200,000 candidates Shoigu in khaki military faacross the state of 104 miltigues inspecting soldiers at lion people. "Seven people a shooting range, in his first have been killed and dozpublic appearance with ens wounded in poll-related troops since last month's violence in different villages aborted mutiny by the across the state," Jawed Wagner mercenary group.

Shamim, additional director general of West Bengal's police force, told AFP. An-

Students wearing masks featuring Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi attend a protest against Japan's plan to discharge treated radioactive water from the tsunami-wrecked Fukushima plant.

Russian defence minister Shoigu shown inspecting troops

Shoigu has inspected troops

and overseen training of

filmed or when the inspec-**Monitoring Desk** tion took place. MOSCOW: Russian Defence Minister Sergei

Shoigu said on Mon-WASHINGTON: A seday that the mutiny did not affect Russia's "special mili-tary operation" in Ukraine. Wagner fighters took

over the southern Russian city of Rostov and ad-vanced towards Moscow on June 24 as their leader Yevgeny Prigozhin demanded the dismissal of Shoigu and chief of the general staff Valery Gerasimov.

The crisis was defused when Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko brokered a deal between the

The ministry did not say when the video was Kremlin and Prigozhin.

Dutch government collapses over immigration policy

Monitoring Desk AMSTERDAM: The Dutch government on Friday collapsed after failing to reach a deal on restricting immigration, junior coalition partner Christian Union said, a move expected to trigger new elec-tions in the fall.

The four parties decided that they cannot reach an agreement on migration. Therefore they decided to end this government," party spokesman Tim Kuijsten said, confirming media reports that Prime Minister Mark Rutte would tender the resignaunited

tion of his government. The crisis was triggered by a push by Rutte's conservative VVD party to limit the flow of asylum seekers to the Netherlands,

which split his four-party government coalition when two parties refused to support his proposals. Tensions came to a

head this week, when Rutte demanded support for a proposal to limit entrance for children of war refugees who are already in the Netherlands and to make families wait at least two

years before they can be

police violence planned in France

Monitoring Desk public order has disappeared," the court said in a CERGY-PONTOISE: Dozens of marches against statement on Friday. In a video posted on police violence in France Twitter, Assa Traore, have been announced for Adama's older sister. con-Saturday after authorities firmed that following the banned a memorial rally, court order "there will be fearful of reigniting the re-

no march in Beaumont-surcent unrest that engulfed Oise' the country. Seven years after decided to add fuel to the Adama Traore, a young fire" and "not to respect the black man, died in police death of my little brother,' custody, his sister planned she said in the video. to lead a commemorative march north of Paris in event, she said she would Persan and Beaumont-surattend a rally on Saturday Oise. Authorities banned afternoon in central Paris³ the event however, citing a Place de la Republique to shortage of police to ensure public safety, a decision that was upheld Friday by tell "the whole world that our dead have the right to the local administrative exist, even in death"

to increase the flow of assis-

court

Saturday's "march for Based on the "context justice" is one of around 30 of the riots that followed demonstrations against pothe death of 17-year-old Nahel" on June 27, the lice violence planned across France this weekend, according to an online map. judges found the "extremely recent nature does not allow us to presume

Similar events in Lille. Marseille, Nantes and Strasbourg are also listed. that any risk of disturbing

"The government has

Instead of the planned

UN to vote Monday on aid deliveries from Turkey to northwest Syria—either for 6 months or 1 year

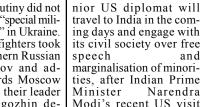
Monitoring Desk will continue through the UNITED NATIONS: The main Bab al-Hawa crossing for at least six months. U.N. Security Council is to

Syria's northwestern vote Monday on extending province of Idlib is home aid deliveries from Turkey to some 4 million people, to Syria's rebel-held northwest, with a resolution many of whom have been sponsored by Brazil and forced from their homes Switzerland calling for a 12during the 12-year civil war, which has killed nearly a month extension and a rival half million people and dis-Russia resolution limiting a renewal to just six months. placed half the country's The delivery of aid to pre-war population of 23 million. Hundreds of thouthe area has increased signifisands of people in Idlib live cantly following the devastation caused by the magniin tent settlements and rely tude 7.8 earthquake that ravon aid that comes through aged southern Turkey and the Bab al-Hawa border northwestern Syria on Feb. crossing. The earthquake caused more than 4,500 8. Syrian President Bashar deaths in northwest Syria Assad opened two additional crossing points from Turkey and about 855,000 had their homes damaged or detance to quake victims, and stroyed, according to the he extended their operation U.N. U.N. humanitarian for three months in May chief Martin Griffiths told until mid-August. But those the Security Council on June 29 that the conflict in crossings are not mentioned Syria has pushed 90% of its people into poverty and The rival resolutions obtained Friday by The that millions face cuts in food aid in July because of

a funding shortfall.



Paramilitary personnel stand guard at the entrance of a polling station during West Bengal's 'Panchayat' or local elections, on the outskirts of Kolkata.



Narendra Modi's recent US visit when he denied that abuse of religious minorities existed in his country. Uzra Zeva, US undersecretary

of state for democracy and human rights.

UN plans to use robots for food aid deliveries **Monitoring Desk**

Senior US

diplomat heads to

India to discuss

free speech,

minority rights

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GENEVA: AI-powered robotic vehicles could deliver food parcels to conflict and disaster zones by as early as next year in a move aimed to spare the lives of humanitarian workers, a World Food Programme (WFP)

official said. Attacks against aid workers have intensified in recent years amid the highest number of violent conflicts since World War II,

according to the United Nations. WFP, the UN's food aid agency, alone lost three workers earlier this year in Sudan's conflict. "Sometimes it's too

in either resolution. dangerous to send in a driver or WFP staff. So using that technology could actually be a step change." Associated Press virtually ensure that aid deliveries



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Daily **Independent**, Quetta

AJK Prime Minster says: Shaheed Wani imbibed new spirit in resistance movement against unlawful Indian rule

of Kashmiri people.

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Choudhry while paying eulogizing tributes to Shaheed Burhan Muzaffar Wani on Saturday said that Wani's martyrdom imbibed new spirit in the ongoing struggle for freedom of occupied Jammu and Kashmir from unlawful Indian occu-

Burhan Wani will al-"Burhan Wani will al-ways be remembered in the annals of Kashmir as a symbol of courage and resistance", the PM said adding that Wani had imbibed new spirit in the resistance movement by sacrificing his life.

He said that the Kashmiri nation will continue the mission of Shaheed Burhan Wani and other martyrs who laid down their lives for the noble cause of freedom from Indian occupation.

'No power can stop the struggle of the Kashmiri people for freedom of the motherland from Indian ism and brutality", he said adding that IIOJK was now India cannot suppress the world's highest milita-

Kashmiris' spirit and pas-sion for freedom through its rized zone where over one million armed Indian troops million armed Indian troops were stationed. military might

Stressing the need for He said that India's early resolution of the hands were stained with the blood of Kashmiris. More Kashmir dispute, the AJK PM said that it was high than 6,000 unmarked graves time that the world should have been discovered in occupied Kashmir. "India is realize the fact that peace the largest terrorist country in the restive region would in the world which is enremain a distant dream unless the lingering dispute gaged in genocide in Occuwas resolved according to pied Jammu Kashmir' the wishes and aspirations

that India has issued fake 'Kashmir is an interdomiciles to more than five nationally recognized dismillion Indian national Hindus to change the demo-graphics of the IIOJK. puted territory that needs to be resolved in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security ideology as a threat to

peace and stability in the Council", he underlined. region, the PM said that Urging the world com-India under Modi regime munity to help stop continued bloodshed and viowas no longer safe for Muslims and other minori-ties. After August 5, 2019, lence in the region, the PM said there was a dire need that the world should take effective notice of the systematic genocide in Kashmir. "Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir have crossed all limits of barbarpying forces".

during meeting with Mr. Pervez Abbasi Project Director National Incubation Center at the Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC. Pak witnessing transformative He further said adding digital revolution: Masood ISLAMABAD (PR): "Pa-Terming Hindutva kistan is witnessing a digi-tal revolution led by its

youth with their innovation and entrepreneurial skills,' said Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States. "With leading US venture capital firms focusing

on supporting Pak starthe said, "India had turned Occupied Jammu and Kashups and the fast paced remir into military cantongional transformation, parment where basic humar ticularly the quest to emrights of citizens were al ways denied and innocent Kashmiris were being martyred by Indian occu-

country, guaranteeing bright future of Pakistan," he continued

Swiss Foreign Minister calls on Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD (APP): Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis called on Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman on

Saturday to discuss cooperation in climate disasters, emergency relief operations and rehabilitation measures.

Ambassador of Switzerland to Pakistan George Steiner was also present in the meeting. Before the meeting, a memorandum of understanding was also signed between Pakistan and Switzerland on cooperation to deal with

the effects of climate change, said a news release. Expressing the joint commitment of the two countries to combat climate

change and promote environmental cooperation, Sherry Rehman shed light Gulf.

on the environmental crisis facing the country and the challenge of climate finance and the government's active initiatives and plans.

She said that July 7 was the hottest day on record according to United Nations Secretary-General (UNGA), adding that Pakistan will face water scar-

city by 2025. The minister said, "Our glaciers are melting speedily. We are currently witnessing heavy monsoon rains in Lahore." She said that around 33 million

people were affected by floods last year, adding that the incumbent government has already launched several projects to mitigate the

effects of climate change. 'We are working on National Adaptation, Mitigation, Gender Action Plan, Sunday July 09, 2023

ML-1 project like a backbone for **Railways: Saad**

would be done on 15 coaches, five railway sta-

tions and three billboards as

an initial pilot project. The

meeting evaluated impor-

The minister directed

Company

The minister ordered

AHORE (APP): Federal informed that the branding Minister for Railways and Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique has said that the Mainline (ML-1) project is like a backbone for the railways

tance and efficiency of pro-Presiding over a meet-ing at the PR headquarters duction units of the railways here on Saturday, the minister reviewed various the PR administration to projects of the department. develop a strategy to make He said that the ML-1 the production units of the project should be taken forrailway as profitable and ward on priority basis.

private investors should The minister was inalso be given opportunities formed that a delegation to join railways production headed by Secretary/Chairunits. man Railway Syed Mazhar A briefing on the busi-Ali Shah would leave for ness plan of the Pakistan Railways Freight Trans-China on Sunday to discuss several issues including ML-1 project with the Chiportation (PRFTC) was given to the

nese authorities. participants. The meeting reviewed progress on connectivity to take all possible steps to from Karachi Port Termiincrease revenue of the nal to Pipri Marshaling PRFTC, saying that the Yard

Railway companies The minister was upwould have to increase dated on branding of trains, revenue by getting busirailway stations and railness from private projects way installations and it was as well.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Faisal Karim Kundi addressing press conference at PPP Office in Federal Capital.

PM terms relaunch of laptop scheme as a game change

recipients," the prime minister posted in a tweet. Minister Shehbaz He further said that Sharif on Saturday said that the laptop scheme had truly been a game-changer, which

nothing made him happier than doing his bit for the empowerment of the youth and students, who held the destiny of this country in their hands.

The prime minister said the nationwide launch of Prime Minister's laptop scheme vesterday resumed past, transparency & merit the journey the PML-N will be the guiding prin-ciples in the selection of the Punjab. government had started in

NATHIAGALI: The Foreign Minister of Switzerland Ignazio Cassis calls on the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Governor House. PM says:

22 polio transit points set up with cooperation of WHO in Quetta: DG Health

Independent Report QUETTA: At least 22 polio transit points have been established at different locations in Quetta city. These transit points have been set up by the Health Department with cooperation of World Health Ôrganization (WHO).

Services, Dr. Noor Qazi while speaking on occasion of the inauguration of polio transit point at the shopping mall here on Saturday. He said that polio is a

Sharif on Saturday said that people like late Abdul Sattar Edhi truly reflected crippling disease which is needed to be eradicated to the moral values of a sociensure healthy life. He ety and reinforced their mentioned that a transit | trust in the humanity. point has been set up at the On his Twitter handle, the prime minister paid tribute to the services of late local shopping center in the Quetta city. The children below five years of age Edhi on his 7th death anniwould be administered antiversary He said that people like late Edhi worked for polio drops at the transit point, he mentioned. The DG Health on the their objective with dedicaoccasion applauded the eftion and desire which later forts of health staff and became a symbol of their volunteers for eradication of contributions. the polio virus from the

brace technology and employ IT solutions in the country's neighborhood, have created huge opportunities for the youth of the region, he continued.

Abbasi, Project Director National Incubation Center growth of startup ecosyshere at the Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC. the Ambassador about link-He said that the existages with US official and ing linkages of the country with Central & West Asia, private entities with especial focus on connecting diaspora in Bay Area and Middle East and North Africa have shaped a new digi-Silicon Valley.

Ambassador Masood

Khan made these remarks

while talking to Mr. Pervez

WASHINGTON: PakAmbassador to United States Ambassador Masood Khan

tal ecosystem to create robust virtual linkages. IT skilled youth of Pakistan could play a pivotal role in digital transformation of the

Mr. Abbasi briefed the Ambassador on the efforts

specific information to the potential investors and creating networks among the to create linkages between youth. Money laundering

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Muhammad

led to sterling success stories.

been nominated in alleged money laundering of Rs. 1.8 billion, according to the FIR. The FIA had summoned former federal minister Ijaz in a money laundering case in last February

Sherpao

condemns

desecration

of Quran

Qaumi Watan Party (QWP)

He welcomed the IMF

(APP)

PESHAWAR

Shaheen.

case registered against Ijaz, others HAROON ABAD (INP) A money laundering case

market and the universities,

fostering innovation and

nurturing entrepreneurial

talent of the youth for the

Mr. Abbasi apprised

He also informed the

Ambassador about efforts

being made to create awareness, provide industry-

has been registered against Ijaz ul Haq, a politician and son of former military ruler

General Ziaul Haq. The case has been reg-istered on the orders of the Direcstor General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)

in the light of a joint investigation team's report.

Total 23 persons have been nominated in the case including Ijaz ul Haq, former MPA Ghulam Murtaza and Ghazala

The accused have

"Under the present scheme, 100,000 laptops will be distributed among the students of Pakistan in a phased manner. Like the

violence.

He said that the government of Balochistan and Health department is extending wholehearted cooperation to make the province polio-free. In this regard, the endeavours and support of the donors including Health Staff are commendable, he maintained.

This was informed by the Director General Health province.

61 aircrafts Govt approves increase in affected by bird strikes in Pak KARACHI (INP): Pakistan International Airline

People like

Edhi reflect

real moral

values of society

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Prime

Muhammad

Minister

Shehbaz

interest rate of employees ISLAMABAD (Online): tion here that the federal Government has approved to increase the interest rate of government employees.

The interest rate of GP fund for financial year 2021- half percent in the budget, 22 was 12.40 percent which has now been increased to has also been issued. Ac-14.22 percent for the next fiscal year. The Ministry of Finance has informed the Controller General of Accounts through a letter in this regard.

the salaries of government employees by 35 percent and pension by 17 and a the notification of which cording to issued notification by the Ministry of Finance, the increase in the

It is pertinent to men-

pension of all the pensioners of the Federal Government including the civil pensioners of defense.

strike.

with the picture of Burhan

Wani raised high-pitched

slogans against India and in

favour of Kashmir's free-

NASEERABAD: Commuters are facing difficulties in transportation due to stagnant rainwater due to poor sewerage system caused by heavy downpour of monsoon.

Anti-India rally held in Islamabad on Wani's martyrdom anniversary

ISLAMABAD (INP): The ards, posters and banners All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Pakistan Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission of AJK government organized a rally in Islamabad, today, on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of popular Kashmiri youth leader, Burhan Muzaffar Wani.

and Kashmir but also gave The rally held outside a new spark to the Kashthe Indian High Commismir freedom movement. sion in Islamabad was led They said that the particiby APHC-AJK General pation of tens of thousands Secretary Sheikh Abdul of people in his funeral Mateen and AJK minister prayers was a manifesta-Javed Ahmed Butt. The tion of the Kashmiris' love and affection for him. participants carrying plac-

government has increased revealed on Saturday that 61 planes of foreign and national airlines had been affected by bird strikes from January 2023 to June 2023 According to statistics shared by PIA spokesper-

son with media, the national flag carrier suffered a loss of millions of rupees due to bird strikes with 39 bird hits reported in the last 6 months at domestic airports across Pakistan.

The data shows that Karachi Airport witnessed the highest number of bird strikes, with 19 incidents being recorded during this period. Lahore airport re-corded 17 strikes, Islamabad airport 5, Quetta airport recorded 4 inci-

dents, Multan Airport 2 Sukkur airport 2 and Sialkot airport recorded 1 Several

vate news channel.

ing Pakistan's relations

running away from accountability: Kaira active since the last one

Fund raising program of Almarah Foundations APNA GHAR

PTI leadership

Chairman Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao on Satur-He said that Pakistan day condemned the desecration of the Holy is working on a policy to maintain balanced rela-Quran in Sweden and called upon the Muslim tions with all other coun-Ummah to raise voices tries

against this blasphemous To another query, he act at all forums. answered that PTI workers Addressing a gathering at Tangi tehsil in Charsadda, and goons had violated human rights on May 9, viohe said that it was a serious lated the constitution and issue as such sacrilegious law and order in the counacts were also committed in try on the direction of their the past, therefore, the leadership. Muslim countries should

The leaders leaving come up with a strategy to the PTI have no pressure counter such blasphemous to leave the party as they acts in the future. have realized the reality behind the dirty politics of agreement which was Imran Khan, he added. reached recently and said it

He also expressed conwould help stabilize the fidence that People's economy. Party will win the upcom-He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif ing general elections, adddeserved the credit for ing, we are not afraid of working hard to secure the elections, People's Party deal, adding that the ones is ready for elections. We who had opposed it were will defeat our political now trying to claim credit

for it.

ing, Pakistan's foreign power of public vote.

GWADAR: Director General GDA Mujeebur Rehman Qambrani addressing a workshop to mark 10th anniversary of CPEC organized by CPEC Study napped the police team as **Center University of Gwadar**

Imran named in third case related to May 9 violence

RAWALPINDI (INP): PTI Faisalabad Chairman Imran Khan has

In Gujranwala, Imran now been named in a third Khan was named in a case case related to the May 9 of murder and terrorism. He was named as a

was registered against the

local leadership of the PTI.

chairman was nominated in

Separately, the PTI

Imran Khan has been suspect in a supplementary booked in a case of vandalstatement in the case under ism at sensitive installa-Section 109. The Rahwali tions at Rawalpindi's checkpost in Gujranwala Shalimar Chowk. was attacked on May 9 and The case of vandalism a case over the incident was at sensitive buildings has registered with the Cantt

been registered at Civil Lines police station. One police volunteer was killed, and 18 police station ın Rawalpindi. people injured in the inci-According to the FIR, dent. On May 10, a case

party workers broke the gates of sensitive buildings, entered inside and resorted to vandalism.

Earlier, on Thursday, another case in Faisalabad. the PTI chairman was His name has been included booked in two cases related to the May 9 vandalism and



OUETTA: Chairman Hazara Democratic Party Abdul Khaliq Hazara alongwith other members of Central Council cutting cake on eve of founding day

<u>Rabbani</u> terms IMF's meetings with political parties 'erosion of political sovereignty'

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: PPP Senator Raza Rabbani has termed the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) meetings with political parties in Pakistan ahead of its executive board's approval for a \$3 billion deal "an erosion of political sover-eignty". Meanwhile, he said, the "financial sovereignty has already been surrendered". The minister's remarks were quoted in a press release issued by the after the IMF held meetings with the PPP and opposi- company's policies.

tion PTI to seek assurances of their support for a \$3bn standby arrangement, the staff-level pact for which was reached between the global lender and Islamabad last week as an older programme expired. The meetings came almost a week before a meeting of the IMF executive board will review the \$3 billion arrangement for Pakistan on July 12. Commenting on the matter, Rabbani said: "Return of the East India Com-Senate on Saturday, a day pany, when notables were asked to support the

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LAHORE: Senate Chairman Mohammad Sadiq Sanjrani participating and

giving message through video during the Ground Breaking ceremony and

ISLAMABAD (APP): policy has become quite Advisor to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs Qamar year Zaman Kaira Saturday while criticizing the opposition party said that PTI

has "died on its own" before making any gains and its leadership was running away from accountability.

"Imran Khan was harming not only the country but also national institutions by spreading hatred for the sake of power", he

said while talking to a pri-He said Imran Khan

used state institutions including NAB to target his opponents in the last four year's government.

Replying to a query, he hailed that since Bilawal Bhutto Zardari took over Foreign Ministry, he has been quite active on the international front, promot-

opponents with the with all the countries, add-

Kashmore KASHMORE (INP): Outlaws abducted a police team aiming to recover a child from Kacha area in Kashmore district of Sindh on Saturday. According to media reports, the police team

dom from the Indian illegal occupation. Addressing on comprising of Inspector the occasion, the speakers Gul Muhammad Mehar, said that Burhan Wani not serving as Station House only shook the edifice of Officer (SHO) Kashmore along with Constable Nabidad Mangi and Conmore than decades-old Indian occupation of Jammu stable Bhagio Khan Nandoi went to Katcha area to recover a child from Katcha Area. While the policemen were tracing out the chil-dren, the bandits surrounded them and kid-

policemen

abducted

by bandits in