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QUETTA: Shaban Khatme Nabuwat holding protest against desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden

PM, COAS vow to address food insecurity, boost agri exports

Govt launches Land Information and Management System – Centre of Excellence – to transform unproductive land

ISLAMABAD (APP): was also present on the food crisis. Pakistan's civil and military leaders joined hands on Friday to tackle the pressing issues of food insecurity, malnutrition, and soaring import costs in the agricul-Information, Chief Secre-

Inauguration Ceremony of Land Information and Management System -Center of Excellence (LIMS – COE) was graced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as a chief guest here

According to the World Food Programme, 36.9 % of Pakistanis are Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir food insecure and 18.3% of these are facing severe

The ceremony was

also attended by Ministers

of Finance, Defence, Plan-

ning Development & Spe-

cial Initiative, National

Food Security & Research,

taries of Provincial Gov-

ernments, agricultural ex-

perts and Senior Army

occasion.

Officials.

Cognizant of the prevailing food insecurity, mass malnutrition and wid-

ening import bill of agri related products vis-à-vis projected population growth and future domestic food needs, the National political, economic and military leadership has decided to undertake the decisive and meaningful steps to address this critical issue.

tional initiative, aimed at

enhancing food security and improving agri exports thus reducing import burden on national exchequer by transforming millions of acres of uncultivated and low yield land within the country. This state-of-theart system will help optimize the agricultural production through innovative technologies and sustainable precision agricultural practices based on agroecological potential of land, Establishment of while ensuring well being of LIMS is the first excep- rural communities and pres-

Youm-e-Taqaddus-e-Quran observed, Azmat-e-Qura'an conference held in Quetta

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QUETTA: Youm-e-Taqaddus-e-Quran was observed with due respect and enthusiasm in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan on Friday.

The rally was led by the provincial and Quetta district leaders of PML-N

The peaceful rallies were taken out and demonstrations staged marking the Youm-e-Taqdees-e-Qura'an in the provincial metropolis and different other districts. Call for peaceful observance of the day was given by the Prime Minister

A big rally was taken out by the Pakistan Mus-

Local body elections

in Balochistan,

PTI wiped out

QUETTA (Online): The party got 10 seats of Chair-

last phase of local body elec- man and 9 seats of vice

tions in Baluchistan has chairman.

been completed success-

PTI has been wiped

PTI could not win in a

No district Chairman

Baluchistan Awaami

single district in entire

People of Balochistan have rejected PTI in the

and vice chairman of PTI

was elected anywhere in 35

Baluchistan.

province

Youm-e-Taqdees-e-Quran'an from near Darbar marriage Hall to the Quetta Metropolitan Corpora-

including Chaudhary Naeem Karim and others.

They were carrying the banners and placards inscribed with the slogans condemning the desecration of Holy Qura'an in

Moreover, the conferences were also held and Muhammad Shahbaz rallies were taken out to strongly condemn the desecration of Holy Qura'an.

A similar Azmat-elim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Baloc histan to mark the Qura'an conference was held under the auspices of Qura'an conference was

Chairman and 4 seats of

chairman and 4 seats of vice

chairman. Polling continued

(EC) had established a con-

trol room in the office of

the regional Election Com-

in the province remained

from 8am to 5pm.

JUI (F) got 4 seats of

Election Commission

The security situation

vice chairman.

missioner.

satisfactory.

Aalmi Majlis Tahfuz Khatme Nabuwat (AMTKN) Balochistan at Jamia Masjid

Qandhari.

leaders of AMTKNincluding Maulana Ahmed Khan and others participated. The rallies were taken out by the Sunni Ulema Council, Awami League and other organizations in the Quetta

The participants of all the events condemned the incident of desecration of the Holy book in strongest words. They demanded expulsion of the Swedish ambassador from Pakistan. They also urged the people to boycott the Swedish

Governor Balochistan Political leaders encourage

people to fight against oppression, exploitation

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has exported all the authoritative people, ruling elite and the political leaders to wage joint struggle for attaining national interests by diverting their direction towards

interests He strongly believed that we can overcome our issues and hardships by

the real public service and setting aside their personal

utilizing our resources. The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of former Federal Secretary, Sardar Ejaz the Governor House on ciety.

Friday morning.

The Governor said that real public politics is a sacred duty based one the real public service. The political leaders give courage to their people to fight against the cruelty and exploitation instead of frightening them. He said that we can

make it possible to achieve the national goals by upholding the high human val-ues, political ideologies and our behaviors.

The Governor stressed that if we focus on se-curing rights of the people and make them center of our policies and development projects, then marked improvement can Ahmed Khan Jaffar here at be brought about in the so-



QUETTA: A delegation led by central leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Sardar Yaqoob Nassar meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali

Justice Musarrat Hilali takes oath as judge of SC

ISLAMABAD (Online) Justice Musarrat Hilali took oath as second woman judge of Supreme Court (SC) on Friday.

Oath taking ceremony was held in SC and Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial adminis tered oath to Ms Hilali.

The ceremony was at tended by senior judges. Attorney General (AG)

and lawyers.

Justice Musarrat Hilali will serve as SC judge for three years

First Hajj flight to land Quetta on 9th July

QUETTA (APP): The first return flight from Jeddah carrying pilgrims will land in Quetta Airport at 8:55 am on July 9, 2023, Pakistan International Airline Balochistan sources said on Friday.

General Manager PIA Balochistan Abdul Ghafar Miankhail will receive the pilgrims upon their return at Quetta Airport, they added.
PIA officials have re-

guested media to cover the post hajj operation that will begin on July 9

and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Friday that the govern-ment fully believed in freedom of the press and addressing the problems of

This she said during a meeting with a delegation of journalists led by Abbottabad Press Club President Raja Haroon and Secretary General Raja

iournalists was the topmost

meeting.

The Ministry of Information, she said would continue to play its key role to equip the press clubs across the country with modern requirements.

Abbottabad Press Club, she added, was one of the most important and responsible press clubs in the country.

The minister issued directives to immediately set inir. up a computer lab and stu-federal Minister for dio at the Abbottabad Press

of missing

QUETTA: All out efforts are being made to find the mountaineer gone missing three days ago in the mountains of Quetta.

It may be mentioned here that the young mountaineer namely Mehmoodul Hasan had gone missing during mountaineering on Monday last. He was disappeared in the mountainous range of Mehrdad, Killa Ibrahim Mehmoodabad where he went for moun-

The DG PDMA Jahanzaib Khan personally supervised the search operation for the young mountaineer, but still the efforts were proved futile till ours going to the press



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and others in a group photo during inauguration ceremony of Land Information and Management System - Center of Excellence (LIMS – COE)

People should register their vote for general election by 13 July: PEC

QUETTA (APP): Provincial Election Commissioner Balochistan Sharifullah on Friday said that only seven days were left for correction of voting in general elec-

He said that registration and validation of vote would be done by July 13, 2023. Your vote is not just ur voice but vour power register your power and use it in elections, he said.

He said that the people's ID card number would be sent to the Election Commission in a message to 8300 and the people would be given immediate information. If the details of the vote were not correct or the vote was not registered, the people should immediately approach to the concerned District Election Commissioner's office and get their vote registered or get corrected details of their vote, he mentioned.

No whereabouts mountaineer yet

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However, whereabouts of the missing young mountaineer could not be known yet, stated the sources of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Balochistan.

taineering.

SG on desecration of Quran, Islamophobia ISLAMABAD (Online): bols could not be condoned

Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Muhammad Sharif held a telephone conversation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Hissein discussed desecration of Holy Quran.

rime M veved Pakistan's strong condemnation of willful and provocative incidents of public burning of the Holy Ouran which hurts Muslims sentiments worldwide.

He stressed that vilification of religion, revered religious personalities. Holy Scriptures and sym-

on the self-serving pretext of freedom of expression and protest. The Prime Minister

appreciated the OIC Secretary-General's role in articulating Muslim Ummah's Ibrahim Tahaon Friday and concerns and demands about these Islamophobic trends and incidents. He emphasized that

the collective voice of the Islamic world, the OIC must chalk out a coordinated and comprehensive strategy, aimed at raising global awareness about its perspective and building legal and political deterrence against rising incidents of anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributing smart cards and cheque books relating to Benazir Social Protection Account among the beneficiaries

34th edition of National Games celebrated: Successful holding of National

Games built positive image of Pakistan & Balochistan: CS

Independent Report QUETTA: The successful holding of 34th edition of National Games was celebrated at a simple, but an impressive ceremony here in Ouetta on Friday.

The ceremony was held with Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Ugaili in the chair at the Sikandar Jamali Auditorium located in the Civil Secretariat.

The services of all those contributed in successful holding of the mega national event Balochistan were acknowledged and appreciated

much at the ceremony. Prominent among those attended the ceremony were the Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, DIG Police Quetta, Ghulam Azfar Mahesar, Secretary Sports, Muhammad Ishaq Jamali,

Director General Sports, Durra Baloch, administrative secretaries of different provincial government departments, sports officials, representatives of the sports associations besides other concerned.

Addressing the ceremony, the Chief Secretary paid tributes to all the stakeholders especially police and sports officials for successfully conducting the mega sports event. He said that there was

an excellent coordination between the law enforcement agencies for making the event successful. In addition to this, the manner Sports and Communication and Works departments performed was also really commendable. With their cooperation and hard, the long mega event was held successfully, he com-

Chief Justice Peshawar High Court as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan Naveed Qamar, PPP finance team hold meeting with **IMF** country representative

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Mr. Justice Umar Ata

Bandial administering the oath to Justice Supreme

Court judge of the Ms. Justice Musarrat Hilali,

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar on Friday held crucial meeting with Ester Perez Luis, the country representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In a significant development for Pakistan's economic landscape, Ester Perez Luis, the International Monetary Fund's resident representative, met with the finance team of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), including Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Commerce, and Saleem Mandviwala.

The meeting, held at minister's enclave, was aimed at discussing the possibility of a standby agreement with Pakistan, which would have a profound impact on the nation's financial stability, country.

said a press release issued by Ministry of Commerce.

The PPP team expressed its willingness to support the programme, citing larger national interests as the driving force behind their Syed Naveed Qamar, representing the PPP fi-

the significance of the standby agreement in addressing Pakistan's economic concems. He reiterated the PPP's commitment to working in harmony with the IMF to ensure the successful imple-

nance team, acknowledged

The discussion between the IMF representative and the PPP finance team is seen as a positive step towards economic reform and stability in the

mentation

Resolution of journalists' problems topmost priority of present government: Marriyum ISLAMABAD (APP): Murtaza Javed Abbasi was Minister for Information also present during the

priority of the government.

Parliamentary Affairs Club

Independent Report

Senior journalists meet Principal Secretary: Chief Minister fully believed in freedom of media: Gichki

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has issued clear directives to resolve the issues being faced by the journalists which include the early implementation on the project of es-tablishment of residential colony for them, making the media academy operational and provision of fur-

niture, annual grant and

other necessary facilities for

In addition to this, the Chief Minister has also directed to provide maximum facilities to the media person. These are included the increase in the seed money for the journalists welfare fund and annual grant of the Quetta Press Club and release of grantin-aid for the press clubs of other districts of the prov-



QUETTA: A delegation of the senior journalists meeting with Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Imran Gichki

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Jenin incursion

Another day, another massacre. This is the violent reality that perpetually confronts the It is not too difficult to see. Palestinian people. While the Israeli war machine usually reserves its barbaric wrath for the impoverished coastal enclave of Gaza, this time it was the West students are inside the class-Bank city of Jenin that was subjected to state-sponsored their teachers ensuring they violence. Trouble had been brewing since last month, when Tel Aviv had dispatched helicopter gunships to the West Bank in a brazen escalation of tensions. But on Monday, the Israelis launched a brutal two-day assault targeting the Jenin refugee camp, ostensibly to hunt down Palestinian fighters. What ensued is typical of the one-sided violence that has marked this decades-old conflict, with Arab civilians facing the unrestrained cruelty of Israel's military. Perhaps it should be a relief that 'only' 12 Palestinians were killed — including several children — as over 1,000 Israeli troops descended upon Jenin. Hundreds of homes have been damaged or destroyed, while Jenin's infrastructure, including water, electricity and sewerage networks, lies in ruins. According to the UN, intentional attacks directed at civilians not taking have narrowly averted the part in hostilities come under threat of a sovereign dethe ambit of war crimes. Unfortunately, the UN's human rights chief issued a tepid statement, meekly urging Israel to "minimise" the use of lethal force. Washington's reaction to the blitz was expected, with a spokesperson defending Tel Aviv's "right to defend its people". Clearly, for those who trumpet the sanctity of the international 'rules-based order', there are different rules for different situations. When geopolitical enemies indulge in atrocities, there are howls of protest and sanctimonious calls to sanction and punish the perpetrators. But when friends, such as Israel, butcher civilians and flatten residential areas, the 'right' of these comrades to defend themselves is underscored.

Israel is mistaken if it thinks such brutal actions will dim the Palestinian spirit of resistance. In fact, each time Tel Aviv strikes, Arab fighters vow to strike back, and often deliver on their promises, thus perpetuating the circle of violence. The two-state solution, or life, but very few people whatever remains of it, has little major reasons for the abchance of success when the sence of peace are internal Israeli establishment considers Palestinians as subhuman, worthy of extermination and collective punishment. Shockingly, Israel's extremist national security minister was quoted as saying recently that 'terrorists' (his ugly euphemism for compromise. It is by Palestinians) must be 'eliminated' "if necessary even [in the] thousands". This ominous fluid. threat sounds like a plan for a mass anti-Arab pogrom. The international community appar- compromise — an agreeently lost interest in a viable sions from both sides. Palestinian state a long time ago. Yet, can those with a conscience globally at least speak up for the Palestinians' right to stored, material losses have been curtailed and life and dignity? To be recognised as human beings and not be subjected to wan- promising attitude from ton Israeli violence? Or will Palestinian civilians continue to be world philosophies have endlessly killed and maimed in Israel's elusive quest for 'security', as they remain silent?

Leadership matters



Faisal Bari

upon entering a school, whether or not it works well. If the premises look as if someone worries about them, if the infrastructure works, if the teachers and rooms with the students absorbed in their lessons and are taught well, and if the staff and administration are pulling in the same direction, it is very likely the school is working well.

The research that my colleagues and I did some vears back showed that for every school that was working well, there was a leader who, for lack of a better term, took 'residual responsibility' for the school and worried about it beyond the call of duty.

Usually, it was the

the school: but, in some instances, it was the owner or a person on the governing board. In a couple of cases. it was even a member of the teaching staff.

For a school to work, a leader' has to be there. She motivates and provides the vision for the school, she inspires by example, she ensures the school's smooth functioning, and she is there to manage any crisis that crops up

But over the years I have seen the opposite too — in schools as well as universities. A 'bad' leader can destroy even a good school or university. A leader driven by a personal agenda and more concerned about her pursuits and ego, with little or no respect for herself or others, can bring down a school or university in a matter of years. Again, recent literature on leadership points this out clearly: bad leaders can have a big impact on organisations.

So, leadership matters. On the public sector side, at the K-12 level, we are still taken in by the seniority model for posting head teachers and principals in most provinces

Where a change has head teacher or principal of been made, it has been to ship too. Our schools in the

appoint the most educated teacher as the head teacher, instead of trying to look for the best 'leader'. Being senior or being more educated is no guarantee that a person is a good leader too, or even has the potential to be

The situation is not very different for most of the private sector. But the more dynamic education providers in the private sector moved away from the seniority model for appointing school leadershin quite some time back.

Most of their school have created systems for leader identification and/or selection. They have leadership training and support programmes and they ensure leaders are provided with proper opportunities for career development. They also have strong

weeding programmes where 'bad' leaders are identified and, if training and support cannot change outcomes. these people are moved out of the leadership positions as quickly as possible. The autonomy of the

head teacher has been shown to have an impact on school performance, and there is the impact of good leader-

public sector have not been performing well. Where other reforms are being implemented, it would be important to add leadership identification, selection and support programmes too.

The same argument applies to universities. Even today, if you look at advertisements for hiring vice chancellors for public sector universities, there is still an almost exclusive emphasis on seniority, academic output and administrative experience. In many cases. even experience in the armed forces has been considered 'good' administrative experience for appointment as VC. VCs need to be good leaders. A lot of power, good or bad, rests with them.

systems for finding leaders who can be appointed to VC positions. This imperative is becoming more binding as the university sector is becoming more crowded and competitive. We have over 200 universities in the country. Islamabad alone has more than 24; over half of them have emerged in the last 23 years or so.

We need to have better

Universities will, increasingly, have to compete for funds and students as space gets more crowded.

Leaders who can create a reputation for quality education at their institution will become increasingly more important.

The imperative applies to the private sector as well. I have been associated with a private sector university in Pakistan for over three decades now, and have worked with more than six VCs. Each has brought their own unique perspective to the institution Good leaders have been able to enhance the institution's reputation significantly and to create the virtuous cycles that lead to better educational programming and outcomes for students. They have attracted good faculty and have been able to create a mission- or vision-driven institution with buy-in from faculty and staff, leading to improvement in mo-

rale and outcomes. There have been poor leaders as well. They have undermined rules and routines for their personal agenda, ego satisfaction and self-aggrandisement. This costs the institution not only in terms of morale but in actual outcomes too: staff and faculty get apathetic, some leave, others choose to work to please the leader

rather than doing their work for the university.

Institutions with a history, precedent and set expectations about quality and ways of doing things can survive bad leaders for some time, but even these periods are not without cost. If Trump can almost undermine institutions in an established democracy, one can imagine what a poor leader can do in institutions that might not have as long or deep a history. And recovery from a bad period is not guaranteed either.

Leadership matters. Good leadership can make a school or university and bad leadership, if it continues, can destroy even a well-performing school or university.

Barring a few of the more dynamic private sector school systems, across the private and public sector we have yet to start taking leadership issues serious ly

This needs to change. If schools and universities are to perform better, we need to identify/select and nurture/support good leaders and if they cannot be trained, then weed out the bad ones -- Courtesy Dawn

Where no questions are asked



Dr Sania Nishtar

In Pakistan, polarization and rhetoric are at their peak and many conflicts abound whilst a terrifying brain drain and flight of capital are underway. With the recent IMF SLA, we fault. However, it is critical now that we focus on a long-term plan for meaningful economic reform that will help prevent such a situation in the future. But first, we must introspect. Why have we landed in this situation? And beyond what's apparent, for example the numbers, we need to get a sense of their true determi-

We tend to predominantly debate the dismal statistics — deficits, inflation, growth numbers, interest rate, etc. These, however, are symptoms of the realized the extent of this problem, just as fever can

herald infection and persistent cough can signal cancer. When you deal with a patient, one must diagnose and treat the underlying disease, not just the symptoms; similarly, beyond the economic numbers, it is imperative we ascertain their determinants. To this effect, econo-

mists have been drawing attention to structural problems, our import-dependent economy, our investments in non-productive sectors, the focus on consumption versus investment; our dollar denominated sovereign debt, the tendency to artificially control the exchange rate, the persistently low tax-to-GDP ratio, the lacking ease of business ecosystem, lack of global competitiveness, the overall lack of an enabling environment, poor governance, and so on and so forth. However, it must be

appreciated that these 'structural problems' are manifestations of deeper issues. I believe the most salient of these structural problems is the lack of accountability, which pervades every level of government in Pakistan today. I rot when I first served in

government as a caretaker federal Minister in 2013. After my term, I wrote a paper in The Lancet titled 'Reflections From my Tenure as Minister' (https:// www. thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/ PIIS0140-6736(14)61284-8/fulltext) about my understanding government's limitations and fault lines.

It was eye-opening to find that in Pakistan, the government is simply not set up to perform. In installing the government, we focus on processes — elections, cabinet selection, and key appointments — but not the attributes which truly matter for the government's performance: namely, accountability, incentives, and performance measurement Although these three

are intertwined and accountability has several dimensions bordering on the financial, administrative, legal, and political realms, the rest of this piece will focus on one aspect of accountability, which is the lack of answerability for actions, which I consider one of the root causes of government malfunction.

Let's take the present state of the economy as an

example. On the revenue side, we lament the persistently low tax-to-GDP ratio, but we cannot hold tax functionaries accountable for not taxing many holy cow sectors and not deploying data analytics to catch habitual evaders. My experience with catching 820,000 BISP fake beneficiaries leads me to believe that this can be done easily with data triangulation using CNIC as the peg.

Decision-makers have consistently encouraged consumption over investment and savings and have prioritized investment of aid in non-productive assets. No one is ever held accountable for busting the ceiling of the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act repeatedly, especially for loans which were spent on non-productive politically motivated assets.

No one has ever been made answerable for the massive politically motivated human resource hirings, and procurement rent seeking which has made public-sector enterprises non-viable incurring hundreds of billions in losses annually which need to be underwritten by tax-payers

There has also been a regard. Shockingly, tax eva-

failure to deploy ease of business, e-tendering, and privatization reforms. Transparency reforms, to enable electronic filing and public expenditure tracking were not institutionalized to track pilferages from the system. Yes no one is ever questioned for the damage done and losses incurred in

The list can go on and on. Explore every problem and it will be rooted in the lack of accountability — the energy sector, which has been deliberately designed to run in loss; foreign policy decisions that fostered terrorism; decisions which entrenched circular debt in many sectors; in attention to water availability and land use; the trillions which are channeled in untargeted subsidies from which the affluent benefit. Every sector has an institutionalized pattern of collusion by design.

the process

I wrote about the systematic collusion in the wheat value chain in these columns on May 6 (https:/ www.thenews.com.pk/ print/1067410-wheatpolicy-imperatives). No one has been held answerable for the loopholes and the lack of oversight in this

sion and money laundering has also been structurally ingrained, through loopholes in tax laws. No one is answerable for that.

Unfortunately, even the deepest governance reform to-date — the 18th Amendment to the constitution — failed to address certain key issues needed for transparency reform, such as political party finance, conflict of interest and accountability within government, despite the broad-based changes it introduced in the entire state

There are more recent glaring examples of the way the lack of answerability has been damaging for the country. For over a year, there were many warnings of an impending sovereign default, yet the IMF deal was delayed for months. Or for that matter, how will you hold the coalition of thirteen parties accountable for speedily legislating on matters that are widely perceived to further their own interests but failed to come together in the interest of water security and other critical needed governance reforms over the last seven decades. -- Courtesy TheNews

The way to peace



Amin Valliani

All human beings are different from each other in many ways. They are different in their lifestyles, cultures, thoughts, habits and likes, dislikes, etc. However, most people have an innate desire for peace and tranquillity. Evand external conflicts, rigidity, quarrelsome behaviour and some other negative tendencies. In order to attain peace, one needs to be pragmatic, adaptive, flexible and compromising in his/her

It is said that a sure key for peace in life is adopting such an attitude, rather than being unyielding in dealing with others, that a person becomes Many disputes within families, societies and nations are resolved by adopting the way of ment that involves conces-

In the history of mankind, wars have been stopped, lives have been saved, peace has been restored, material losses people have kept their dignity by resorting to compromise. An uncomany side is an obstacle to peace, therefore, all major supported the idea of

It is not good for people to remain in perpetual animosity. Holding

out an olive branch to opponents does not mean of turmoil. This principle of compromise advocates that 'half a loaf is better The early history of

Islam indicates that Muslims under the benign lead-Prophet (PBUH) followed the principle of compromise. They concluded the treaty of Hudaibiyah, which allowed the Muslims to live in peace. The agreement also allowed the Holy Prophet and his followers to enter Makkah the following year for what came to be known as the first pilgrimage.

Similarly, the Holy Quran enjoins that if they (enemies) are inclined towards peace on just terms, the overture should be accepted: "If they incline to peace, incline you as well to it, and trust in Allah. Surely, He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing" (8:61).

Through compromise, each party gets less than it feels it is entitled to, but agrees to it because the situation it anticipates under a deal is better than the one it expects in the absence of one. It can provide a bridge across a difficult period. This is an essential aspect of life whereby one can end disputes and spend life in peace and tranquillity.

At present, Pakistan is experiencing turmoil because of differences among various political parties. The best way to address the turmoil is compromise. Violence and confrontation are never an answer to this political challenge, especially when the country is going through a serious economic crisis. The art of compromise is an essential component of politics, without which life goes into gridlock.

Since the beginning of time, compromise has been the main way for

people, groups and counferences. It is a tool of diplomacy, but needed in all areas of life, such as politics, business, professions, etc. In Pakistan, where there is a huge backlog of unresolved court cases, the principle of compromise would be worth trying out. It would reduce the burden of the courts and also satisfy the disputing parties to some extent. There should, therefore, be a mechanism to make disputing parties

There are certain situations which one cannot change. It is better, then, to accept the situation as it is and wait for better times. One should never make his/her desire or liking the final word. Some things in life are not obtainable nor achievable, yet one's ego wants to achieve these. This does not mean that we should not struggle. Our struggle should be continuous but we should be ready to make any adjustments or compromises where the

agree to a compromise.

situation demands so. We must never forget that human life is a series of compromises and it is not always easy to achieve in practice what one has found to be true in theory. Learning the wisdom of compromise can be highly beneficial, for it is better to bend a little than to

Life is like a bumpy road with many ups and downs. Many people undergo mental, emotional or physical challenges and sometimes feellost or without hope. Most of the time, untangling oneself from these depressing thoughts can cause confusion and pain. However, compromising with life's challenges provides solace and understanding and enables one to cope with these demanding situations. Therefore, the idea of compromise needs to be promoted in life.

Courtesy Dawn

Colonial present

The French state prosecutes

nialism is dead? It is fashionable these days to take a stingy view of the past, to say that talk of colonialism and imperialism is passé. The argument is that we should take responsibility for our own failures and stop blaming the white man.

It is correct that aimlessly blaming the white man or anyone is neither here nor there. But acknowledging our colonial present is not about blaming anyone; it is about accurately identifying the roots of today's structural crises so as to find a

For Pakistanis — and other Muslim-majority societies — the words 'colonialism' and 'imperialism' drip easily off our tongues when we talk of Palestine. Israel, and its principal backer, the US, have engaged in naked aggression to dispossess Palestinians of their lands and dignity for decades. The Israeli settlercolonial project extends deeper into Palestinian territory with each passing

But there is less clarity about the global implications of US-Israeli expan-

sionism. It has been advertised that the Gulf kingdoms seek some accommodation with the Zionist state.

are the quintessential ex-

brethren are driven by the

pursuit of profit; for them,

it is literally kosher to do

business with anyone, in-

ficient to simply voice out-

rage vis-à-vis Israeli crimes

against the Palestinians —

there must be a political-eco-

nomic project to isolate Is-

rael, just like that which

squeezed apartheid South

subjugation is also the root

cause of the current fires in

France. Long-term immi-

grant populations — the

vast majority from France's

former colonial possessions

Political-economic

Seen thus, it is not suf-

cluding Zionists.

Indeed, the Gulf states

ample of how our 'Muslim'

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

a mini civil war against African and Arab populations. The Israeli Defence Forces bomb and kill Palestinians in the West Bank with complete impunity, again. And Pakistani youngsters smuggle themselves on fishing vessels at the risk of death to the coveted West, even as our rulers grovel for handouts from 'donors', and then celebrate when we get them. Who says colo-

in West Africa and the Maghreb — are rebelling against their unending trysts with systemic racism, class exploitation and other forms of discrimination. Whatever the immediate trigger, the scale and depth of the redemands sentment acknowledgement of the deep-seated colonial legacies that afflict France today.

Africa.

The French state has no problem assimilating Africans and Arabs when it comes to nation-state projects — most of France's footballing success, for example, has been powered by brown and black players. But it also presides over ghettoisation, incarceration and property regimes that relegate brown and black French 'citizens' to secondclass status.

France also has no problem continuing to exfract resources from its former colonial possessions in Africa. The slogans of the French republic — liberté, egalité, fraternité — ring hollow in the face of such colonial modalities.

Meanwhile in Pakistan, the jubilation at the IMF agreeing to give us a measly \$3 billion shows how we refuse to grapple

with our very own colonial present. Many insist the IMF and other donors have no role in our crisis. This is akin to turning one's back on the truth that Pakistan is like many former colonies in Latin America, Africa and Asia whose economies, polities and societies continue to be shaped by neocolonial debt regimes.

Why, for instance, could our donors not have responded to last summer's floods — and the approximately \$40bn in damages incurred — by not giving us more loans, and instead, cancelling at least some of our existing debt obligations?

One reason is that our ruling class — led by the military est-ablishment is simply not committed to undoing the political, economic and cultural structures that keep them at a table in proximity to the global ruling class.

The smug contentment at doing a deal with the IMF mirrors the contentment at issuing contracts to MNCs, one's own companies and those of friends while sacrificing the resources and rights of the sons and daughters of the It mirrors the building

of countless roads, expressways, mega water infrastructure and real estate schemes despite clear evidence that the colonial logic of conquering nature are disastrous. It mirrors the fiefdoms of sardars, the epidemic of enforced disappearances, and the war economies generated by the weaponisation of religion. Deploying politically correct, liberal language to sanitise what is happening in Palestine, France, Pakistan's own peripheries, or many other parts of the world is at best self-deception, and at worst, colonial apologism. To acknowledge our colonial present is to at least reimagine political-economic projects of decolonisation that represent the only potential salvation for our youth. --Courtesy Dawn

Assures to extend facilitation to Chinese investors

ISLAMABAD (APP): friend, China always investment were also being and other relevant officers Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed brother in every hour of international market.

Online add: Prime the authorities concerned for the early formulation of a comprehensive policy to delegation that the do away with the smuggling of tyres and

spare parts.
The prime minister, in a meeting with a delegation of Service Long March Tyres and Chaoyang Long March Tyres led by their Chairman Li Qingwen, also instructed the relevant authorities to take effective measures to curb the smuggling of tyres.

that being a time-tested

He also assured the government would extend all possible support to the Chinese investors to facilitate their investment in Pakistan.

appreciated the delegation for their company's investment through a joint venture with Pakistan's reno wned manufacturing company.

The prime minister was told that tyres being He told the delegation manufactured by the plant established by Chinese

It was told that within a short span of a year, the company's tyres have created their space in the world markets.

The prime minister

was told that the company would enhance tyres The prime minister manufacturing to boost its exports to \$200 million The prime minister instructed the authorities

to extend all-out support to the Chinese investors to uplift the tyre industry in Pakistan.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister Tariq Pasha

Minister Shehbaz Sharif has assured to extend facilitation to the Chinese investors for investment in Pakistan.

He made the remarks while talking to a delegation of Service Long March Tyres and Chaoyang Long March Tyres led by Chairman Li Qingwen in Islamabad.

Shehbaz Sharif said China has also supported Pakistan in difficult times. He said China is a lonstanding friend of

Special Initiatives Prof Ahsan Iqbal on Friday inaugurated the installation

The ceremony was held at the Ministry's

auditorium which was

attended by the Secretary,

Ministry of Planning Syed

Zafar Ali Shah, Additional

Secretary (AS) and officials of the ministry,

electricity.

Ahsan Iqbal inaugurates

200kv solar PV system

ISLAMABAD (APP): towards achieving energy, Federal Minister for water, and food security,"

of a 200kv solar PV system strategy to achieve

said a press release issued established soon."
here. He said, "This generation will also reduce

here.

Speaking at the occasion, Planning the annual energy bill for Minister Ahsan Iqbal said, "The provision of affordable, reliable and clean energy has an oclean energy has a large remained at 12 66m. At the existing the said, "Inis generation will also reduce the annual energy bill for Rs 14.09m resulting in an oclean energy has a large remained at 12.66m. At the existing the said, "Inis generation will also reduce the annual energy bill for Rs 14.09m resulting in an occasion."

always remained a 12.66m. At the existing priority of the government."

"Pillar IV of Vision capital cost within four."

"The recent 5E framework provides a

short to medium-term

economic growth, social

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sustainability in the coming

launched 5Es framework

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highlighted. "Plan House will be

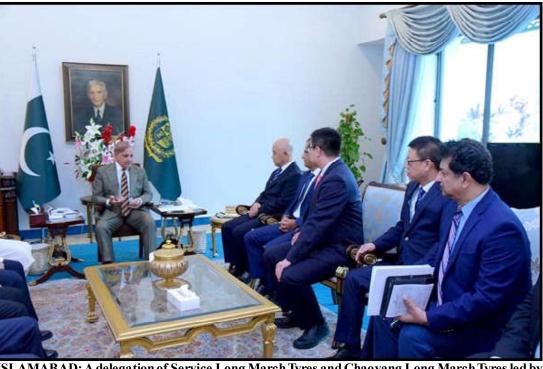
recently

years," he remarked.
"The rec

important

Planning Development and the minister said.

at the ministry to promote economic grow development,



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Service Long March Tyres and Chaoyang Long March Tyres led by their Chairman Mr Li Qingwen calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

MULTAN: Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh UrRehman cutting the ribbon to inaugurate three days of 'Mango Festival 2023' at DHA Arena Hall

Wafaqi Mohtasib mediates to ensure payment of Rs 5m as wages to MEPCO labourers

Independent Report MULTAN: More than 100 daily wage labourers working in the Multan Electric Supply Company (MEPCO) were provided five months salary by their contractor due to the timely intervention and mediation of Mr. Muhammad Zahid Investigation

Officer (IRD) of Wafaqi Mohtasib Office, Multan. Muhammad Zeeshan a daily wage labourer along with 33 others lodged complaint of MEPCO, wherein they claimed that the said contractor had failed in paying their daily wages

Resolution of Disputes (IRD) through mediation extent that their wages have been paid before Eid-theft and line losses. the representative of gratitude to the MEPCO and the Ombudsman office for contractor, Mr Riaz redressal of their Ahmad, under Wafaqi grievances.

Mohtasib

Mechanism. The said contractor admitted the fact about non-payment of wages and undertook that payment of wages to all the laborers of D.G Khan, Kot Chutta and Rajanpur MEPCO

Rajanpur MEPCO Division would be made till June, 26th, 2023. On 27th June, the representative of "Ali Azam Enterprises" appraised the Wafaqi Mohtasib Office that pending wages of more pending wages of more than 100 labourers against "Ali Azam than 100 labourers Enterprises", a contractor amounting to Rs Five million has been paid and their rightful grievance have been redressed through

mediation and conciliation. for the last five months and they were living miserably.

Mr. Zeeshan, the representative of the and conciliation between ul-Azha and extended

Companies fail to distribute electricity, waste 1237k units daily

ISLAMABAD (Online) Reason unannounced electricity load shedding disclosed as distribution companies failure in distribution and

waste of 1237000 units of electricity on daily basis. It has been revealed that electricity distribution companies are failed and due to technical error electricity of 30 million is wasting on daily basis.

Source told that daily consumers are burdened 900 million without even consuming electricity.

FESCO cannot use 176 Mega Watt (MW) daily due to maintenance work daily. GEPCO fails to use 232 MW due to technical error. PESCO also fails to use 134MW The Complaint was complainants also endorsed due to overloading and processed under Informal version of the agency to the faults. SEPCO cannot use MEPCO don not use 225MW. HESCO fails in using 114 MW due to theft, faults and overloading. KESCO fails using 193 MW electricity.

PSX gains 28 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 28.46 points on Friday, a slight positive change of 0.06 percent, closing at 44,207.31 points against 44,178.85 points the previous trading day.

A total of 247,993,312 shares were traded during the day as compared to 297,822,139 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs.8.512 billion against Rs.12.428 billion

on the last trading day.
As many as 327 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 158 of them recorded gains and 149 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 20 companies remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were WorldCall Telecom with 35,838,308 shares at Rs.1.25 per share; Telecard Limited with 19,877,612.

Govt taking concrete steps to stabilize country's economy: Governor

ceremony recently held at during the signing Sindh Bank Head Office in ceremony regarding the

Zarrar Hasham Khan, and platform solutions that

Governor Engineer Baligh ur Rehman Friday said that the incumbent government was taking concrete and immediate steps to stabilize Pakistan's economy as country had come out of the economic cris is to a great extent.

Group Chief Business

Solutions Officer, PTCL &

Ufone 4G and Syed Ata

Hussain Jaffri, EVP Head

of IT, Sindh Bank, signed

the agreement at a

He expressed these view while inaugurating the three-day Mango Festival here by organized Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Agricultural University, DHA Multan and Mango Research Institute.

The governor said that the honest and hardworking leadership was working round the clock to get the country out of the problems, adding that everyone had to play his due role for developing the country.

Baligh ur Rehman said that those who spread hatred caused irreparable damage to the country, today even the monuments of the martyrs were not preserved.

He said that the nation had to end hatred and promote love in the society, adding that a lot of said that the agriculture work had been done in sector of South Punjab

MULTAN (APP): Punjab education sector in the province as new universities had been established in South Punjab and the research on crops was being made in the universities.

are equipped with latest

technology & managed

security. Hatem Bamatraf,

President and Group CEO.

PTCL & Ufone 4G, expressed his satisfaction

The governor pointed out that in 2018, the country was going to become the 24th largest economy in the world but it moved to 44th economy in 2022.

The country's leadership was striving hard to get it out of troubles, he said, adding that the stock exchange had been improved after the agreement with the IMF as the dollar was now heading towards a decline

The governor said that Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif took crucial steps for the development of the agricultural sector as wheat crop's production had increased this year.

He said that the incumbent government had fixed the support price of wheat on time which benefited the farmers.

Liquid Cargo Terminal respectively. Meanwhile, two more ships, Kition-M and Perth-I with Mogas and Coal also arrived at the outer Baligh Ur Rehman anchorage of the Port

Qasim on Friday.

Atrotos

resilient performance with

SBP says:

Financial system exhibit

18.3% growth in asset base KARACHI (APP): The Section 39(3) of the SBP Act 1956, said a statement issued here.

The review presents The review presents the performance and risk resilience against internal and external headwinds and

as the financial sector's asset base grew by 18.3 percent in Calendar year The banking sector witnessed 19.1 % growth in its assets mainly driven by investments while the credit risk remained contained as gross NPLs

posted steady performance

ratio lowered to 7.3 percent by end CY22. The observations were made in Financial Stability Review (FSR) for CY22, the annual flagship publication of the central bank published under

assessment of various segments of the financial sector including banks, no n-bank financial institutions, financial infrastructures and nonfinancial corporates.
The FSR for CY22

turbulent year as the policy steps to address existing imbalances imbalances were which included further compounded by the increase in policy rate and un favourable external macro-prudential policies environment.

delay in the completion of IMF program reviews as major challenges at domestic side while the global challenges including fast paced increase in commodity prices and monetary tightening by major central banks in advanced economies, markets, financial market manifested in the deteriorating macroeconomic conditions.

The FSR for CY22
noted that Pakistan's the SBP and the economy experienced a government took various economic widening imbalances, pertaining to consumer

The review termed the twin deficits, high inflation, administrative measures to catastrophic flooding, and contain external imbalance.

FPCCI, business

bodies welcome direct

link with Kazakhstan

Sindh Bank selects PTCL to implement cutting edge SD-WAN Infrastructure

Independent Report KARACHI: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) and Sindh Bank have signed an agreement for deployment of SD-WAN at 200 branches of Sindh

SINDHBANK

2025 outlines the approach years.

Karachi. The ceremony was witnessed by Hatem Bamatraf, President and Group CÉO PTCL, Imran Samad President & CEO Sindh Bank and their teams.

PTCL is providing Sindh Bank with its stateof-the-art infrastructure

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agreement with Sindh Bank, emphasizing PTCL Group's commitment to assisting the bank in meeting its connectivity requirements. As a national carrier, PTCL is at the forefront of driving

the nation. By forging such

alliances, PTCL remains

dedicated to its pivotal role

telecommunications

delivering cutting-edge, reliable solutions to the

Gold prices

up by Rs 600

ISLĀMABAD (APP):

The per tola price of 24

karat gold increased by Rs

600 and was sold at Rs

208,400 on Friday against

its sale at Rs 207,800 the

previous day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold

also increased by Rs 515

to Rs178,670 from Rs

178,155 whereas the price

of 10 grams 22 karat gold

went up to Rs 163,780

from Rs 163, 309, All Sindh

and ten-gram silver

remained constant at Rs 2480 and Rs 2,126.20

Shipping

activity at

Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Four

ships named, Seaspan Beacon, Singapore, and

Containers carrying Canola and Palm oil, berthed at Qasim International

Container Terminal, Grain

& Fertilizer Terminal, and

The price of per tola

Association reported.

Sarafa

respectively.

Jewellers

Herac le

and

advancing

infrastructure

banking industry.

digital digitalization throughout

IS LAMABAD (APP): The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and other business bodies on Friday welcomed commencing of direct air link between Pakistan and Kazakhstan on Saturday as it would help enhance countries. bilateral economic cooperation.

a milestone in forging mutual business and economic integration with Kazakhstan and other Central Asian states, FPPCI President Irfan Iqbal Malik said while talking to APP. He said the direct

flights would increase the possibilities of economic cooperation between the two countries. Two flights in a week from Almaty, the industrial hub of Kazakhstan, to Lahore, would help enhance important country.

economic activities.
Irfan Malik said

Ambassador Kazakhstan to Pakistan, Yerzan Kistafin, deserved appreciation for playing an important role in the launch of a direct air link between the two brotherly Karachi Chamber of

peration. Commerce (KCCI)
It would prove to be President Muhammad Tariq Yousaf said with the start of direct flights, the economic between the two countries would improve further.

He said the business community of Karachi considered that the step would have positive impact on trade relations with Kazakhstan and Central

Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Kashif Anwar said Kazakhstan was an



LAHORE: Awood worker given the final touches and polishes on a clothes hangerstand at Shahdara Furniture Market.

Weekly inflation up by 0.70 pc

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of 0.70 per cent for the combined consumption group during the week ended on July 06, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

reported on Friday.
The SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 257.79 points as compared to 256.00 points during the past week, according to the PBS data.

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an

increase of 28.55 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16

items for all expenditure groups

The SPI for the lowest consumption group up to Rs17,732, increased by 1.08 per cent and went

up to 265.88 points from last week's 263.03 points.

The SPI for consumption groups from Rs 17,732-22,888, Rs 22,889-29,517, Rs 29,518-44,175; and above Rs 44,175 witnessed an increase of 1.02 per cent, 0.91 per cent, 0.83 per cent and 0.51 per cent respectively.

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 24 (47.06%) items increased, 10 (19.61%) items decreased and 17 (33.33%) items remained stable.

The items, which recorded a decrease in their average prices on a week-on-week (WoW), included =100 is covering 17 urban bananas (7.51%), chicken centres and 51 essential (2.80%), eggs (1.17%).

Pak-Korea program on certified seed system to yield 160,000 tons of seed ISLAMABAD (APP): Korean Embassy, Ministry The Project Steering of National Food Security Committee of Korea and Research, universities

Program on International Agriculture (KOPIA)
Pakistan Center was

Pakistan Center was informed on Friday that "Pakistan-Korea Joint Program on Certified Seed Potato Production System" is set to yield an impressive production of anticipated to significantly 160,000 tons of certified seed potatoes.

The meeting was held with Chairman Pakistan
Agricultural Research
Council (PARC) Dr
Ghulam Muhammad Ali in
Governmen the chair and discussed collaborative efforts in various research projects, focusing on the development seed, chilli, and fodder crop production. This meeting was also attended by scientists, representatives from the

are being implemented through the joint efforts of PARC and the KOPIA and the successful outcomes of these projects are enhance both the quantity

maintaining

and quality of these crops. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Ali lauded the invaluable cooperation extended by the Government of Korea in this regard and emphasized the potential extension of this cooperation to the Korean counterparts of PARC's commitment to close

livestock sector and the of application of sex semen technologies for potato technology. He assured the collaboration and acknowledged the people.



QUETTA: Vendorsells mosquitoes net to earn his livelihood for support his family during hot day of summer season at a roadside stall located on Zarghoon roadin Quetta

cially. He said that the suit-

ability of PWDs for differ-

per international standards,

and they should be facili-

their financial empower-

ment. The President ex-

the framework for the clas-

disability, at Aiwan-e-Sadr,

Ministry of Human Rights,

Health Services Regulation

NAVTTC, and NADRA,

Coordination,

President for accelerated

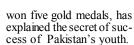
efforts to provide jobs to

Marriyum says: Young people shining stars of successful Youth Program of PML-N

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Friday that several young people had become shining stars of the success of the Youth Programme of PML-N Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif.

In a tweet sharing a video clip of an icon of the programme, she said this was not only the success story of the enviable and proud Muhammad Mohsin Ali, but also an excellent example of success of the inspiring vision and thinking of bringing change in the lives of the youth and society through education.

This capable and hardworking young man Mohsin Ali of Mian Rahima village of Hafizabad, who



The minister said as Chief Minister of Punjab, Shehbaz Sharif mentored hundreds of intelligent but poor young boys and girls like Mohsin Ali. "Shehbaz Sharif encouraged and patronized them by giving educational scholarships and opportunities to pursue higher education abroad", said Marriyum Aurangzeb. The minister said these young people were witnessing the success of the vision of Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif. She said today Mohsin Ali presently had been serving as a lecturer in the same MAO College, Lahore near which he was earning livelihood for his family by working on a "Tandoor".



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging view with Inspector General Islamabad Akbar Nasir Khan a Naval Headquarter.

ICCPO meets CNS at **Naval Headquarters**

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan met Chief of Pakistan Navy Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi, at Naval Headquarters Islamabad, a police public relations of-

He said that, ICCPO and Chief of Naval Staff held discussions on professional matters and the law and order situation in the federal capital and exchanged valuable insights on important matters.

During the productive meeting, ICCPO Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan and Chief of Pakistan Navy Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi engaged in a comprehensive discus- effective.

sion regarding the law and order situation.

Chief of Pakistan Navy Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi expressed his appreciation for the relentless commitment demonstrated by the Islamabad Capital Police in upholding law and order and he commended the police force for their unwavering dedication and proactive approach in ensuring the safety and security of the federal capital.

During the meeting it was also decided to further improve intelligence sharing between the Islamabad Capital Police and the Pakistan Navy to make the



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi chairing a meeting regarding the framework for the classifica-

Launches 'Benazir Social Protection Account' Pakistan will soon stand on its feet, says PM Shahbaz

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday launched the "Benazir Social Protection Account" under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) here along with Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PA&SS) and BISP Chairperson Shazia Marri.

Addressing the ceremony, the prime minister directed the BISP authorities to place a condition for the Programme beneficia-

Minister for Planning and Development Professor

Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said

that the government was promoting China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor Project

(CPEC) to attain sustain-

able economic growth and

social prosperity as envisaged by Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz

on CPEC, organized by the

Islamabad, the minister said

that CPEC was a mega-de-

velopment project, which

included developmental

projects related to basic in-

frastructure, energy genera-

tion. Gwadar Port develop-

ment and industrial coop-

Addressing a seminar

University

Sharif in the country.

Bahria

rolled in schools to promote the education culture in the country.

It must be ensured that after a certain period the beneficiaries would get stipends only in case their children were attending schools, he reaffirmed.

The government, he said, should not go for promoting the 'flocks of beggars' in anyway, rather it must promote the ones who were 'doers' in the real sense, with both mental and physical capacity to

CPEC to promote growth,

social prosperity: Ahsan Iqbal

to millions of people across the country, besides speed-

ing up the pace of develop-

ment in various sectors of

significant progress due to

the vision of the leadership

of the Chinese President Xi

Jinping, he said adding that

Gwadar, energy, infrastruc-

ture and industrial develop-

ment projects were agreed

upon during the visit of the

ing groups were established

in the context of CPEC

projects, adding that there

were key achievements in

the construction and devel-

opment of Gwadar port,

adding that the port was fully functional, Gwadar

airport, hospital, sea water

Muhammad Dummar has

stated that the people of

Ziarat district have rejected

the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam in

the local bodies elections.

day, Noor Muhammad

Dummar said that the

Jamiat faced failure in the

local bodies election in

Ziarat district as it has no

people of the district tested

the religious party time and

again and made it success

He said that the

public support.

In a statement on Fri-

He said that 11 work-

Chinese President.

The CPEC has made

national economy

ISLAMABAD (APP): employment opportunities

The time would come soon when the country would be standing on its own feet and generating resources itself, he added. The launch ceremony

was attended by Federal Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister of State for Poverty Alleviation Faisal Kareem Kundi, members of diplomatic community and BÎSP beneficiaries.

Briefing about the salient features of the Ac-

played a key role in improv-

ing the lives of the people. He said that the One Belt

One Road initiative pro-

moted economic and mari-

time cooperation in the

dum of cooperation of

CPEC was signed on July 5, 2013, which was the

story of Pakistan's devel-

opment, he said adding that

the previous government

threw away this opportu-

Pakistan had made a revo-

lution in industrial develop-

ister claimed that Jamiat has

not been enjoying the pub-

lic support and power, so

it has been rejected by them

at every platform. While on

the other hand, we have

served the people round the

clock and provided jobs to

the unemployed youth, Mr. Dummar claimed further.

elected chairman and vice

chairman of Ziarat district

council would work on pri-

ority basis to resolve the

public issues.

TORKHAM: First Russian Truck under Pak-Rus-

sia Road Trade Agreement reaches Torkham.

He said that the newly

Ahsan Iqbal said that

nity for development.

The first memoran-

world.

under the new system, beneficiary women would have the option to select the bank of their choice, and they would receive the payments directly in their accounts which they could withdraw

National Bank of Pakistan, Bank Alfalah, JS Bank Limited and United Bank Limited had been initially selected through a competitive process for the new payment model, she

World Health Organization, Dr Maryam Malik, atat their convenience. tended the meeting.
Speaking on the occa-Four banks namely sion, the President said that prospective employers for the job placement of skilled Differently-Abled People (DAPs) should be identified and, in the first phase,

added.

differently-abled people ISLAMABAD (Online): proached to accommodate DAPs as per their skill set. urged the need to accelerate He said that the represenefforts for the job place-ment of Persons with Distation of PWDs in the business and industrial sectors abilities (PWDs) in the should be increased to make public and private sectors them productive citizens of to empower them finan-

The President emphasized the need for adopting ent jobs in the market the framework for the classhould be determined as sification of disabilities, developed in line with international standards and best practices, at the national and tated in finding jobs for provincial levels. He added that the framework would pressed these views while help determine the severity chairing a meeting regarding of disability as well as the suitability of PWDs for sification and severity of jobs in the market. He also called for making the distoday. Senior officials of the ability certificates accessible and readable to the Ministry of National general public by translating them into Urdu. He urged the concerned stakeholders to improve their and representative of the coordination with the provinces for the adoption of a uniform classification framework and disability certificate throughout the country that would greatly facilitate PWDs. The President underscored the need for highlighting the success stories of DAPs in the media so as to encourage and large employers in the primotivate PWDs to make



the seminar on "CPEC- The Road to Prosperity and Growth Amidst Challenges" in Islamabad.

The minister said that the projects which were completed under CPEC were contributing in eco-nomic development and employment creation and

aid of Rs 1m each for kids' families killed in Shangla landslide

PM announces

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced financial assistance of Rs 1 million each for the families of eight children who were buried alive in a landslide in the Martung Tehsil of Shangla.

The ones who sustained injuries in the incident would also be provided with financial support from the prime minister, according to a PM Office state-

The prime minister announced the financial assistance at the request of his Advisor and President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter Enhad written a letter to him appealing for support to the families of the deceased

and the injured people. **PML-Nsubmits** request to retain 'tiger' as poll symbol

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-N has filed application in Election Commission (EC) for the allotment of election symbol of tiger to the party in coming general election.

EC had invited applications from all political parties through its July 01,2023 press release for allotment of election symbols for next general elec-

PML-N Assistant Secretary General Dr Mehr Liaqat and office secretary Sjjad Hussain filed application duly signed by party president Mian Shehbaz Sharif in EC office on July

Quarantine certificates issuance delay puts export of mangoes in jeopardy

neighboring countries through land route has been in a great jeopardy as Plant Protection Department is allegedly using delaying tactics in issuance of quarantine certificate to the exporters, Fruit and Vegetable Împort Exporter Associa-In order to get imme-

diate relief and amicable solution to the issue, Balochistan exporters resorted to the Federal Ombudsman against the nonissuance of quarantine cersaid Mohammad Barich, Presi-

port of mangoes to the meeting of his delegation with Associate Advisor Regional Head of the Federal Ombudsman, Mir Ghulam Sarwar Brohi in his office here Friday. Taj Mohammad Baraich told that the importers and exporters of Balochistan export fruits and vegetables to the neighbouring country of Iran. "The mango season is going on, but an official of the Plant Protection Department, Karachi held the entire department hostage. Quarantine certificate is not being issued to the importers and exporters of Balochistan causing dent of Fruit and Vegetable massive loss to the traders Import Exporter Associa- of Iran and Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Ester Perez Luis, the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) resident representative. calls on the finance team of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), including Syed Naveed Qamar, the Federal Minister for Commerce, and Senator Saleem Mandviwala.

Samina Zehri says: Country needs national unity & harmony

rity and peace and stability

of Pakistan, the whole na-

tion has to work together

for the integrity and sur-

vival of Pakistan and for this

we will not hesitate to make

any sacrifice and it will de-

stroy the nefarious inten-

tions of the enemies for-

was in dire need of political

and economic stability at

this time and, for this, all

political elites should re-

spect each other while

avoiding intolerance and

extremism and should not

take any steps that would

strengthen the tactics of the

Mumtaz Zehri said that

political disagreement was

everyone's right, but it was

not acceptable to go so far

Senator

She said that Pakistan

ever, she said.

Independent Report QUETTA: Central Vice President Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on Friday said that the enemy was after the integrity and peace of Pakistan and the recent incidents of terrorism were a link to the same nefarious plans of the

All Pakistanis should unite together for the country and would fully support to Pakistan Army, security agencies to root out terrorism, she said in a statement adding that Pakistan needed national unity at this time, not riots Pakistan needs peace

and security, not chaos and unrest. Pakistan cannot afford any political chaos and Those who want to

push Pakistantowards cor-

To protect the secu-

protest out Quetta Press Club.

ruption are hostile to Pakistan and Islam.

in political opposition and throw mud on the opponent's personal life and family by putting aside moral values



The minister said that the project which was ment in the 60s, but later potable plant and other geographical and social insecurity of Islamabad more started 10 years ago on July projects have also been equality hindered the phase 5, 2013 which provided People rejected JUI in local bodies election in Ziarat: Dummar **Independent Report** in the previous elections, UETTA: The senior Provincial Minister Noor support. The senior Min-

OUETTA: A delegation led by former Federal Secretary Sardar Ijaz Ahmed Jaffar meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Ejaz Sanjrani says Desecration of Holy Quran intolerable, condemn heinous act

OUETTA (APP): Coordi- had hurt the religious and nator to Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ejaz Sanjrani on Friday said that the Sweden incident had hurt and insulted Muslims all over the world.

He expressed strong reaction to the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden and said that such extremist and criminal acts heinous act.

spiritual feelings of the Muslim Ummah. The incident appears to be part of a plan to create conflict and chaos aimed to sabotage the efforts for global peace, he said and added that the Muslim Ummah and the people of Pakistan strongly condemned this

Desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden conspiracy against Muslims: Vicky

Independent Report QUETTA: The member of Muslims living across the the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Vicky Manzoor Friday strongly condemned the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden in a protest here to mark their resentment against the tragic

He said the Christen community demanded from the UN to take immediate action against the cul-

He said that desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden was conspiracy against

Vicky said that unfortunately this was not the first incident, such heartbreaking incidents had already been reported earlier. He said that the Char-

ter of the United Nations advocated the respect and observance of human and fundamental rights without discrimination of race, sex, language or religion. "The right to freedom of expression must be exercised with responsibly," he demanded.

Sweden hurts billions of Muslims: Talha

Desecration

of Quran in

ISLAMABAD (Online) Federal minster of religious affairs Senator Talha Mehmood said Holy Quran Desecration in Sweden is condemnable act.

Quran is our holy book and constitution guideline of life, said religious minister.

He said insolence of Holy Quran in unacceptable in any condition. Senator Talha said in

his statement on Sweden incident that Quran is beacon for other religions. We respect all religions. We belief of freedom of speech but disrespecting sacred of any religion is completely intolerable. Country level protest will be lodged on the call of Prime Minister Shehbaz Shareef, said Talha Mehmood. He said Pakistani nation loves Islam and Quran and they are sacrifices their lives for it.

He also called JUI workers to take full part in this peaceful protest. Îssue will be high

lighted on international level with this peaceful protest he said own and others properties must not be



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QUETTA: The provincial

These views were expressed by the Chief Secretary while presiding over the meeting of secretaries committee here on Friday. The Secretary Law, Abdul Saboor Kakar, Sec-

retary prosecution, Ghulam

Ali Baloch, Secretary Finance, Zahid Saleem and other secretaries participated in the meeting. The Commissioners and deputy Commissioners participated in the meeting through video link. The matters pertain-

Prime Minister's Empowered Youth Program:

3,000 internship allocated in

various depts. for youth of

ing to the development projects, PSDP, federal development projects, payment of the QESCO bills and bids of the official vehicles came for threadbare It was informed to the

meeting, all borders have been sealed for prevention of the wheat, which has resulted in reduction of the prices of wheat and flour as compared to other prov-

The Chief Secretary

Balochistan, maintains CS directed all administrative officers to take steps for conservation of the electricity and gas by implementing the national conservation initiatives by the federal government.

He particularly mentioned that the federal government has launched internship empowered youth programme for the students of Balochistan, and so far some 4,000 youth have submitted applications for the programme. He asked the youth belonging to remote areas to fully benefit from the programme and get them registered

at <u>www.bnip.gov.pk</u> Similarly, he told that 961 students have so far joined the programme for scholarship offered by

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