

Independent

dailyindisb@gmail.com

Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah

Hub

Ph: 2841470/2841473 Vol: XVIII No. 204, Zil Hajj 17, 1444 AH Thursday July 06, 2023 Pages 08, Price Rs.15

India should benefit from CPEC, avoid creating hurdles: PM

Says CPEC's 10-year, transformed Pakistan's development landscape; Enemies of CPEC enemies of development, peace, prosperity in Pakistan, region

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, on the completion of 10 years of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Wednesday asked neighbouring India to take benefit of the mega project instead of creating obstacles in its way. Highlighting the significance of project, he said Iran, Afghanistan, the Middle East and the whole region would also benefit from it. "CPEC is a beautiful plan to connect not only regions and areas but also people's hearts," he said in a statement issued by the PM Office.

The prime minister vowed to double the pace of the development as it was not only for improving roads, rail, sea ports and air routes, but it would also help health, education and skill development areas, besides masses' participation in the process. Terming it a game changer for the whole region, the prime minister said CPEC would have a positive impacts on the people's living standards in the region. PM Shehbaz congratulated the leadership and the people of Pakistan and China on 10 years completion of CPEC, which was a

new chapter of the ever-green and trusted strategic cooperative partnership between the two iron brothers. He said the project was a tremendous example of great Chinese leader Xi Jinping and PML-N Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's vision of "development for all". "The Belt and Road initiative is the manifestation of Chinese President Xi's vision of peace, friendship, and economic partnership." He regretted that during the four years of previous government, hurdles were created in the way of the project, besides level-

ling baseless allegations against a great friend like China. "The enemies of CPEC are against peace, development and prosperity in Pakistan and the region, as they do not want to eradicate poverty from the country," he added. CPEC, he said, also initiated a new era of mutual partnership between Pakistan and China, and fortified their bilateral relationships. PM Shehbaz said CPEC encompassed multiple projects ranging from provision of water to education, and technical and skilled-based training.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Chargé d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad Ms. Pang Chunxue and Federal Ministers cutting a cake marking the 10th anniversary of the signing of the agreement for CPEC



Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar meeting with President of Balochistan National Party (BNP) Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal at his residence in Wadh

Calls for amicable solution to Wadh issue: Balochistan can't afford further tribal clashes, hatred and prejudices: Governor

Malik Abdul Wali Kakar says development and prosperity can only become fate of the peaceful nationalities and tribes

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has categorically stated that poor and backward province i.e., Balochistan can't afford further tribal clashes, hatred and prejudices, as such there is a dire need to take the existing sensitivity regarding tribes and sects seriously and find sustainable solution to them. The Governor said that development and prosperity can only become fate of the peaceful nationalities and tribes. He said that Pashtoons and Balochs are among those lucky nations whom political elders give up the internal conflicts and battles and move ahead by making the collective peace and development the aim of life.

However, there's an important responsibility of the government to play wholehearted role in maintaining peace and environment of brotherhood all over the province. This also becomes duty of the government to find out prompt and sustainable solution to the issue, adding he stressed. The Governor expressed the faith that our political elders, religious leaders, scholars and tribal elders would determine the effective course of action for the peaceful Balochistan and its brightened future. He said that being the constitutional head of a province, he has to tackle with big challenges, and he would be needing wholehearted cooperation of all in this regard.

He said that those having authority and rule would have to ponder upon that why Balochistan was left behind as compared to other provinces. This and similar views were expressed by the Chief Minister in an official statement issued here on Wednesday. Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo maintained that basic reason behind poverty and backwardness of the province is non-availability of the funds and lack of attention. He regretfully pointed out that this is the province which is backward too. He said that we get least share in the NFC Award. While on the other hand, 40 percent of our resources are spent on the security, which is a big challenge for us. He said that it is a very

Certain things improved due to firm stance; expects progress in PPL affairs: Bringing Balochistan at par of other provinces not possible with limited funds, regrets CM

Says paucity of funds main reason to poverty, backwardness of Balochistan; We don't receive such funds under the NFC Award that we may resolve the issues of people

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has categorically stated that Balochistan is half of Pakistan, and it is not possible to bring it (Balochistan) at par of other provinces of the country with limited funds. "We don't receive such funds under the NFC Award that we may resolve the issues of people," the Chief Minister mentioned adding that "whenever there comes new government in the federation, it is talked about removing backwardness of the province, but unfortunately, practical steps are not taken for the very purpose."

He said that those having authority and rule would have to ponder upon that why Balochistan was left behind as compared to other provinces. This and similar views were expressed by the Chief Minister in an official statement issued here on Wednesday. Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo maintained that basic reason behind poverty and backwardness of the province is non-availability of the funds and lack of attention. He regretfully pointed out that this is the province which is backward too. He said that we get least share in the NFC Award. While on the other hand, 40 percent of our resources are spent on the security, which is a big challenge for us. He said that it is a very



big challenge to provide security to half of the country, adding he mentioned. If we didn't maintain that security, then it would also affect other provinces, he maintained. "These are the facts which can't be overlooked and as such there is a need to look into and resolve them seriously." He said that we believe in taking all along, and this

is why there seemed no protest or opposition in the entire budget session. He said that every elected representative should get right of development of one's area setting aside the political opposition. Referring the rights and dues of the province, the Chief Minister said that we are demanding our right re-

maining in our own limits and that under the constitution and law, and we may not be viewed with wrong perception. He said that certain things have also been improved because of our firm stance, which we acknowledge as well. We also do expect development in the matters with PPL, which otherwise were suspended for 2015. He said that lodging protest by the provinces is a matter of routine. About the development funds, the Chief Minister said that Rs. 120 billion are available on account of development, and if the funds are increased to Rs. 300 billion then it would be better for the province and its people, he insisted.

Pakistan believes policy of peaceful co-existence: Israr

RAWALPINDI (APP): A high-level defence delegation of Azerbaijan, headed by Khalid Ahadov, Advisor to the President of Azerbaijan called on Minister for Defence Production, Muhammad Israr Tareen in his office at Rawalpindi. The minister welcomed the delegation and appreciated the brotherly feelings of the Azerbaijan government for Pakistan on all international forums, including the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations. He said that Pakistan was a peace-loving country, strictly believing in the

policy of peaceful co-existence with all. He reiterated that Pakistan's commitment to peace was evident through its major contribution to UN peace efforts in war-torn countries in different parts of the world. The minister also expressed Pakistan's strong desire to broaden and strengthen its partnership with Azerbaijan in all fields. Khalid Ahadov thanked the Pakistan government for the warm hospitality extended to the delegation and for providing the opportunity to discuss various avenues of cooperation.



RAWALPINDI: Advisor to President of Azerbaijan, Khalid Ahadov, along with delegation in a meeting with Federal Minister for Defence Production, Muhammad Israr Tareen and officials of MoDP

CJP Bandial terms Greece boat tragedy a 'human rights issue'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial said on Wednesday that the boat tragedy on Greek shores — which resulted in the deaths of nearly 300 Pakistanis — was a matter of human rights. He passed these remarks as a two-member bench, comprising the CJP and Justice Sayeed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi, took up petitions pertaining to the trafficking of minors. At least 600 migrants, out of possibly 750, on the fishing boat that set off from Libya towards European shores, perished when their vessel capsized in the Mediterranean Sea last month. The passengers largely comprised Pakistanis, Afghans, Egyptians, Palestinians and Syrians migrating in the overloaded boat. It was a recurring tragedy — with no end in sight as economic, political and climate crises compelled increasingly large numbers of people to flee their homes. The tragedy of such immense proportions was believed to have taken place in the presence of maritime authorities. It was also believed that Pakistani nationals were forced to stay below the deck by the crew, which maltreated them during the journey.

Referring to the tragedy during the hearing today, Justice Bandial noted that innocent and poor people were tricked into going abroad on the pretext of better jobs. "Citizens are duped by human traffickers and pay millions of rupees," the top judge said, pointing out that even children and women were becoming victims of human smuggling. "Does the government have statistics on the number of children being smuggled," the CJP asked. To the query, the director general of the human rights ministry said, "Unfortunately, accurate data is not available." Here, Justice Bandial highlighted that there was "ambiguity" in the laws against human smuggling in 2018, adding that the primary concern was the unavailability of a "specialist force" for the implementation of the laws. "The responsibility of stopping human smuggling was also under the police," he said. "The Supreme Court had also asked the provincial governments to play their role against human trafficking." At one point during the hearing, the CJP also recalled the Tayyaba torture case.

Alvi appoints Justice (Retd) Roohul Amin as FST chairman

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday appointed Justice (Retd) Roohul Amin Khan as Chairman of the Federal Service Tribunal (FST). The president appointed Justice (Retd) Roohul Amin as the FST chairman for a non-extendable term of three years. Earlier, he had served as the judge of Peshawar High Court. The president made the appointment under Section 3(IV) of the Service Tribunal Act 1973.

Ahsan express satisfaction with recent IMF package

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday expressed satisfaction with the recent IMF package, which alleviated concerns of an immediate default. However, he emphasized that the deal should be considered as a temporary relief and merely a breather, rather than a lasting solution. During the "Beyond IMF Agreement: Challenges and Opportunities for Pakistan" Twitter space organized by the Planning Ministry, the minister conveyed his views to a global audience, said a press release issued here. In June, Pakistan secured a \$3 billion short-term financial package from the IMF, in recognition of the consistent efforts of the current government, which took office in April 2022. Minister Iqbal described this as a much-needed respite that restored investor confidence.

PTI's own people exposed Panama conspiracy Only Nawaz Shrif can resolve country's problems: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Wednesday said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's own people had exposed the Panama conspiracy. Addressing a press conference here, she said that characters behind that conspiracy pushed the country towards multiple crises by imposing an incompetent and inefficient person at the helm of affairs. The minister said that the solution of Pakistan's problems lied only with Nawaz Sharif who served thrice as Prime Minister. "During the Nawaz



ures and characters who were burning the country today, stood on the container to stop the CPEC project in 2013-14. Marriyum Aurangzeb said on that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Quaid Nawaz Sharif was disqualified under a conspiracy when "Panama verdict was changed to Iqama." During the press conference, she played a video clip of senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and legal wizard Hamid Khan who told a private TV channel that it appeared that the decision to disqualify Nawaz Sharif in Iqama case was done somewhere else.

Referring to the tragedy during the hearing today, Justice Bandial noted that innocent and poor people were tricked into going abroad on the pretext of better jobs. "Citizens are duped by human traffickers and pay millions of rupees," the top judge said, pointing out that even children and women were becoming victims of human smuggling. "Does the government have statistics on the number of children being smuggled," the CJP asked. To the query, the director general of the human rights ministry said, "Unfortunately, accurate data is not available." Here, Justice Bandial highlighted that there was "ambiguity" in the laws against human smuggling in 2018, adding that the primary concern was the unavailability of a "specialist force" for the implementation of the laws. "The responsibility of stopping human smuggling was also under the police," he said. "The Supreme Court had also asked the provincial governments to play their role against human trafficking." At one point during the hearing, the CJP also recalled the Tayyaba torture case.



QUETTA: Enraged people are gathered on the call of Balochistan Home and Tribal Affairs Minister Mir Zia Langgo to protest against the desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden

Last phase of LG elections to be held in 35 districts of Balochistan today

Independent Report QUETTA: The 5th and last phase of Local Government elections is being held in 35 districts with election of chairman and vice chairman of the district councils in 35 districts of Balochistan today (Thursday). In all 1266 members would be using their right of franchise for election of chairman and vice chairman of the district councils in 35 districts of the prov-

ince. The members are included the chairman of rural union councils of the districts and those elected on the reserved seats of women, peasants, workers and non-Muslims in the district councils. While the process of election is due to be started after oath taking of the district council members this morning today, it would conclude with the voting for the election of chairman and

vice chairman of the councils. The process of voting would remain continued till 04:00 PM without any break. The candidates contesting election on the slot of chairman and vice chairman would submit their nomination papers after the oath taking. Earlier, the returning officers would administer oath to the district council members in the respective 35 districts of the province.

