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## PM calls for SCO's joint action to counter economic recession, terrorism & climate change

Reaffirms Pakistan's firm support for shared dreams of peace in SCO region

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called for a joint action by the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to address the common challenges of economic recession, terrorism, and climate change.

"The SCO represents a promising future only if we seize the opportunity to achieve the shared goals for the region's peace and prosperity," he said in his virtual address to the 23rd Meeting of Heads of State (CHS).

The invitation to Prime Minister Sharif to attend the SCO-CHS, which was held in a video conference format, was extended by the prime minister of India in his capacity as the current Chair of the SCO. Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian prime minister Narendra Modi, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon, Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi joined the virtual moot among other leaders of the observer states.

PM Sharif said the SCO leaders were meeting at a critical juncture as the world faced socio-economic challenges. He stressed that the regional organization could play the role of "beacon of peace, stability, and progress".

Terming regional connectivity a defining feature of the modern economy, he emphasized focusing on investment in this area as a "vehicle of peace and prosperity".

He mentioned that China Pakistan Economic Corridor, a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, could become a game-changer of progress in view of Pakistan's location connecting the region.

He announced that Pakistan was planning to host a regional connectivity conference in the last quarter of the current year.

On terrorism and extremism, the prime minister said the "monster" must be fought with vigour and determination by all SCO states.

He pointed out that diplomatic point-scoring must be avoided by all countries and said that all forms of terrorism, including State terrorism, must be condemned.

Pakistan believed in peaceful resolution of all issues and appreciates the efforts of Tajikistan in promoting peace and stability in the region, he added.

The minister highlighted that CPEC would further provide new and unique opportunities for enhancing connectivity and integration from Gwadar to Kashgar and Murghab in Tajikistan.

Khawaja Asif said that Pakistan would continue to provide assistance in intelligence capacity building and sharing of technical expertise with Tajik Armed forces.

Tajik Defence Minister assured his government's commitment and pledged to work with Pakistan to strengthen bilateral ties.

He told the meeting that the sanctity of the Holy Quran was a part of the Muslims' belief for which all of them were united.

He said that the astray minds were toying a nefarious agenda of fanning the negative trend of Islamophobia.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that nations and leadership believing in peace and co-existence should contain the violent forces infested by the Islamophobia and religious biases.

He believed that the violent mindset targeting the religion, sacred personalities, beliefs and ideologies were in fact the enemies of the world peace.

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The minister highlighted that being neighbours of Afghanistan, both Pakistan and Tajikistan were facing similar security challenges and threats.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has termed July 5, 1977, as a black day in national history.

He said that this day will continue to remind us how a power-hungry dictator pushed the entire nation into the mire of extremism, terrorism, Kalashnikov and drug culture under the guise of religion, from which even after 46 years, we still could not get rid of them completely.

On July 5, 1977, the tin-pot dictator General Zia-ul-Haq seized power by unconstitutionally overthrowing the government of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the first elected prime minister of Pakistan and the most popular leader, and deprived the citizens of their basic rights.

Since then, Pakistanis around the world observe the 5th of July as Black Day.

According to the statement issued by Media Cell Bilawal House, the Chairman of PPP further said in

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According to media reports, the power regulatory authority, NEPRA approved Rs1.25 per unit hike in electricity in the wake of the monthly fuel adjustment. The consumers have to pay the additional amount in August.

Furthermore, the increase in electricity cost will apply to all the consumer categories except lifeline consumers and KE users.

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Talking to a Private news channel, he said that the party was fully prepared to go to the election and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif is the only capable leader who would steer the country out of present challenges.

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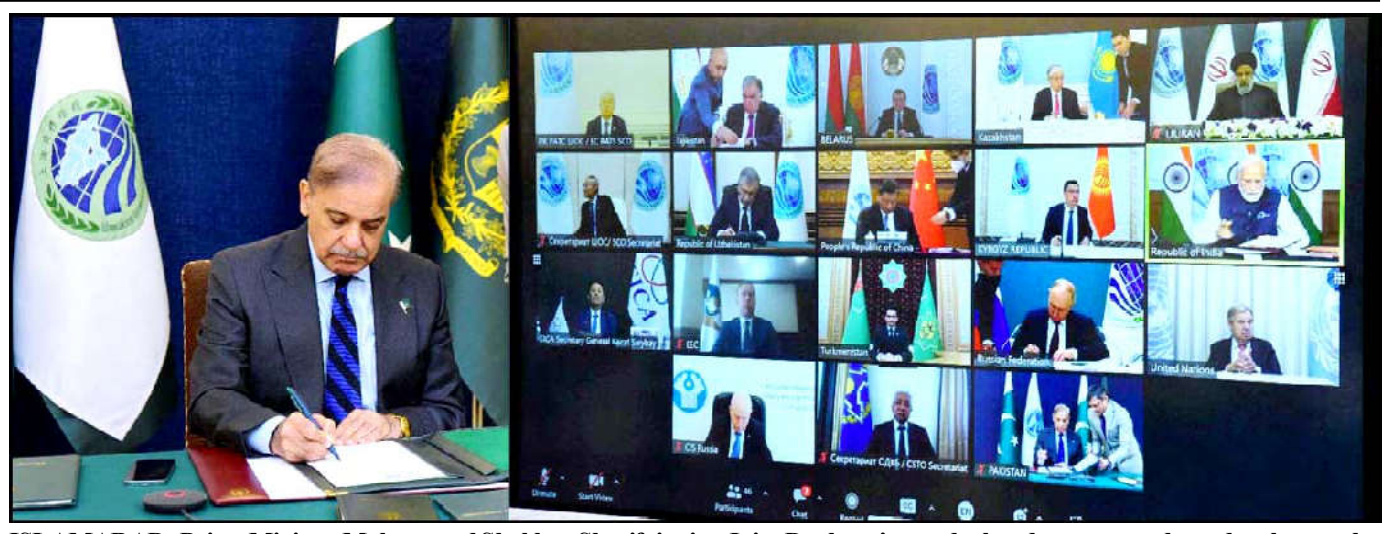
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## GB-CM Khalid Khursheed disqualified in fake degree case

GILGIT (Online): Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Khalid Khursheed has been disqualified by GB chief court in case of obtaining fake degree.

Three members bench led by Justice Inayatullah Rehman issued reserved verdict in petition of seeking CM disqualification from his office under article 62 and 63 of constitution.

Notably, last April, Khursheed's Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree turned out to be fake, a year after he was appointed to the post.

Khursheed had acquired his degree from a network of diploma mills operating under the brand name Belford, but it doesn't actually exist.

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## Rs 44124m allocated for construction of 51 new NHA road building schemes

ISLAMABAD (APP): For implementation of the present coalition government's vision of building road infrastructure in the country, Rs 44124.386 million have been earmarked in the Public Sector Development Programme for 51 new schemes of the National Highway Authority (NHA). According to official data, Rs 6000 million have been proposed in the PSDP 2023-24 for dualization and rehabilitation of Karachi-Kararo and Wadh-Khuzdar road. Similarly, Rs 6000 million have been allocated for the Kararo-Wadh and Kuchlak-Chaman section. Rs 4000 million have been set aside

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## SC rejects plea against BHC's decision to quash FIR against PTI Chairman

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected the plea against the Balochistan High Court's decision to quash the First Information Report (FIR) and arrest warrant filed against the PTI chairman in connection with the killing of senior lawyer Abdul Razaq Shar in Quetta.

## Ban on Nawaz for contesting election ends, he can contest election: Dar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Finance Minister (FM) Ishaq Dar has said that the ban on Nawaz Sharif for contesting the election has ended now and he can contest election now under new law.

## Pakistan, Japan vow to further intensify bilateral cooperation

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan and Japan have vowed to remain engaged at all levels to further intensify bilateral cooperation.

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## Dollar is in reverse gear after IMF deal

KARACHI (Online): After success of deal with International Monetary Fund (IMF), dollar also lost its power against Pakistani Rupee. Dollar lost Rs. 11 against rupee on Tuesday.

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Direct air flight between Kazakhstan-Pakistan to start from July 8: Envoy

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He said that just last week, there was a phone conversation between the President of Kazakhstan, Kassim Tokayev, and Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shabbaz Sharif during which issues of mutual interest between the two countries were discussed.

Kazakhstan was currently a great destination for foreign investment which attracted \$28 billion FDI this year. He said that there was a lot of potential in the ports of Gwadar and Karachi of Pakistan...



ISLAMABAD: Naib Ameer Jamat-e-Islami Mian Aslam, Tanveer Nowshahi leading a protest rally against Sweden at PIMS Hospital.

PAC order inquiry of \$3 billion interest free loan amid Covid

ISLAMABAD (Online): Public Accounts Committee (PAC) ordered Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Military Intelligence (MI) to take joint investigation three billion interest free loan scheme amid Covid era.

Barjis Tahir of Pmln said 620 people and companies were awarded with interest free loan. During that other member Senator Mohsin Aziz of PTI said TERF scheme gave loan to industrial sector, loan was also given to increase imports and due to which \$4 billion imports raised.

of issue and also summoned list of those who took loans. Audit report 2019-2020 of energy ministry was reviewed in the meeting. Report identified more than 4000 billion irregularities.



ISLAMABAD: Security personnel secure a vehicle carrying Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan arrives to appear in a court.

6th FIR lodged against Ahmadi community over sacrificing animal on Eid

ISLAMABAD (Online): Another case registered against Ahmadi community in Punjab on Tuesday for sacrificing animals on the occasion of Eid ul Azha.

street facing their haveli (mansion). He said that the Ahmadi community were forbidden from performing Islamic rituals and called for taking action against them.

PMD forecasts monsoon rains in various parts

ISLAMABAD (Online): Rain-wind/thundershower (with isolated heavy falls) is expected in Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Potohar region and upper Punjab.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding PSDP projects.

Nawaz to lead election campaign, PML-N not to forge electoral alliance: Mian Javed Latif

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal minister Mian Javed Latif has said PML-N will not forge electoral alliance with any party in coming general election.

Which is being named as Dubai plan it is this Nawaz Sharif who was expelled repeatedly is working for improvement in national economy while sitting in Dubai.

spiry against flourishing Pakistan. One and a half month has passed but no case has been registered against the man who played central role in May 9 incident.

PM for priority to completion of public welfare projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday stressed on according high priority to the public welfare projects, besides maintaining quality and transparency of the ongoing development projects.

Media Wing said in a press release. The meeting was apprised of the progress on the development work during the fiscal year 2023-24 and a detailed briefing was also given about the steps for the progress and prosperity of youth and women, and development of agriculture, industries, infrastructure and other sectors.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Baighur Rehman presenting souvenir to Vice Chancellor of Lahore College for Women University Professor Dr. Bushra Mirza during a farewell call at Governor House Lahore.

AJK President flays desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden

ISLAMABAD (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, while condemning the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden, has said that the incident has hurt the sentiments of Muslims around the globe.

rence of such incidents. He said that similar incidents have also happened in Paris and Denmark, which have hurt the sentiments of Muslims all over the world. Sultan Mahmood said that no international law allows the spread of religious hatred.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif addressing a press conference at PID Media center.

Over Rs 47 bln disbursed among 5.2m beneficiaries under Benazir Kafaalat

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has so far disbursed over Rs 47 billion among over 5.2 million beneficiary women under Benazir Kafaalat.

their retail distribution network. Along with Benazir Kafaalat, Benazir educational scholarships are also being given out to the children of registered families.

Mariyam heaps praise on Fahad

ISLAMABAD (Online): Information Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday praised Pakistani youth leader, Fahad Shahbaz for receiving a prestigious Diana Award from the United Kingdom (UK) for his 'exceptional' humanitarian efforts.

River Kabul still flows in low flood: FFC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that all major rivers of Indus River System are running normal except River Kabul, which continues to flow in low flood at Nowshera.

APHC call for strike on martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Wani in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has called for complete shutdown in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir on July 08 (Saturday) on the 7th martyrdom anniversary of the prominent youth resistance leader, Burhan Muzaffar Wani.

and thousands injured by the troops, paramilitary and police personnel. The APHC call has been supported by all pro-freedom leaders and organizations.

AIOU establishes prospectus sale points at UC level

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is commencing the first phase of Autumn 2023 semester from July 2023, and for convenience of the students, the university had established prospectus sale points at Union Council level throughout the country.



ISLAMABAD: A view of stagnant rainwater at Fruit and Vegetable market.

I'bad Police initiate measures to ensure peace during Muharram

ISLAMABAD: In preparation for the holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram, the Islamabad capital police have taken proactive measures to maintain peace and security in the federal capital.

dealing with criminals. Safeguarding the lives and property of citizens in the capital city is the foremost responsibility of Islamabad capital police. The cases of motorcycle and motor vehicle theft were discussed, and efforts were made to apprehend the culprits.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman PAC Noor Alam Khan chairing the committee meeting at Parliament House.