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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar as the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan at an oath-taking ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar takes oath as caretaker PM

President Arif Alvi administers oath to Kakar, CJCSC, COAS, ex-PM Shehbaz Sharif, Provincial governors attend oath-taking ceremony; Caretaker PM assumes office, seeks briefing from ministries; Senate chairman accepts Kakar's resignation from upper house of Parliament.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar here on Monday took oath as the caretaker prime minister of was also played on the occasion. Pakistan

President Dr Arif Alvi administered the oath to the caretaker prime minister in a ceremony at the President's House.

Outgoing prime minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, Governor Punjab Balighur Rehman, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi and leading politicians of various political parties also attended the ceremony

Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, and other high-ranking officials were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was presented guard of honour in a ceremony at the Prime Minister House here on Monday. A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan's armed

was also played on the occasion.

Outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif received the new prime minister on his arrival.

The caretaker prime minister met the officers and staff of the Prime Minister House.

Outgoing prime minister felicitated Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on becoming caretaker PM and expressed his best wishes for him.

Earlier, outgoing prime minister was also given guard of honour. He reviewed the guard of honour as the contingents of the armed forces presented a salute to him. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar bid farewell to the departing prime minister.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Monday here assumed his responsibilities after taking the oath of office.

The PM sought briefing from all ministries on important matters

Alvi for promoting rule of law, democracy to ensure country's prosperity

could be put on the path of development and prosper-ity by promoting the rule of law, democracy, provision of basic human rights, eradication of social injustices and poverty.

Addressing a flag-hoist-ing ceremony held here in connection with the 76th independence day of Pakistan, the president expressed the hope that Pa-

ISLAMABAD (APP): a prosperous and devel- leaders, and the sacrifices of

always discouraged nepotism and voiced for the promotion of merit, unity, socio-economic justice, and poverty alleviation. He said Pakistan got in-

dependence in 1947 because of the long struggle of Quidi-Azam Muhammad Ali kistan would soon become Jinnah and other founding ciples.

The army chief was speaking to the media in an informal discussion after the swearing-in ceremony of caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar at the President

House on Monday. "We are very optimistic about the future of Paki-stan," the chief told the media. He further said that he was looking at Pakistan as a successful and developed country. "There is a lot of potential in Pakistan. God has given our country everything," the army chief stressed further. The COAS said there is hope for the best, adding that everything will be good, as Pakistan was moving forward in a very positive way.

there is no danger to the country," the army chief said.



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QUETTA: The Chief Jus-

tice, Balochistan High

In the same way, the

Don't spread despair, give hope instead: army chief

Says Pakistan is rich with resources, no danger to country

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff Gen Syed Asim Munir has cautioned against spreading despair among the people, and asked to give hope instead.

eign ministry spokesperson Monday said that any at-tempt to sabotage the friendship between China and Pakistan and the development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

'Pakistan is rich with resources, and I assure you



Our development to guarantee

CM Bizenjo greets Anwar Kakar on assuming office of caretaker

President Dr Arif Alvi on oped country by following hundreds of thousands of Monday said Pakistan all the basic rules and guid- people. He said the country's armed forces, police and the public were still sacrificing their lives for the country's security as over 100,000 people had ren-dered their lives in the war against terrorism. He said

the aim of Pakistan's independence was the establishment of an independent state for the Muslims of the subcontinent to live their lives

according to Islamic prin-

PM; expresses best wishes

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has congratulated Anwarul Haq Kakar on assuming office of the caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan and termed it as a good omen on an important national occasion.

According to an official hand out issued here on Monday, the Chief Minister said that the whole nation is eying at caretaker Prime Minister. He said that it is topmost priority of the caretaker Prime Minister to conduct free and fair general elections in the country within the stipulated period.

He said that it is also a matter of pride for all of us that caretaker Prime Minister belongs to Balochistan. He mentioned that

Anwarul Haq Kakar was an important leader of Balochistan Awami Party and our trusted companion The Chief Minister

said that he would always pray for the success of caretaker Prime Minister

Expressing best wishes for the caretaker Prime Minister, Chief Minister hoped that he (Anwaru Haq Kakar) would use his energies and capabilities for performing his constitutional responsibilities

ISLAMABAD: A delegation from Balochistan comprising Senator Sarfraz Bugti and Mir Khalid Lango called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar. Parvez Elahi re-arrested moments after his release from

Adiala Jail RAWALPINDI (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) president and former Punjab chief minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was arrested again shortly after his release from Adiala Jail on Monday.

Court (BHC), Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan has According to the emphasized that today the sources, Elahi was released national pensiveness, solifrom Adiala Jail after the darity and spirit of patrioperiod of his detention extism is needed more than pired. However, he was ar before for the stability and rested again by the NAB prosperity of the mother-Lahore in assets beyond land. He stressed that our known sources of income political elders have to think case soon after he was re and act in the best interest leased of the country remaining

It should be noted that Deputy Commissioner above our cast. Lahore Rafia Haider had government's functionaries issued orders for arrestand officers have to work for ing the former chief min development and prosperister, fearing his release could create law and order ity of the country with more hard work and dedication. situation.

The Chief Justice stated The NAB had sought so and expressed similar details of the assets of other views while address-Parvez Elahi and Moonis ing the flag hoisting cer-Elahi in the assets case. emony at the High Court's

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili and other civil and military officials standing in respect of National Anthem during a ceremony held in Balochistan Assembly in connection with 76th Independence Day

after the summer holidays. He made it clear that any attempt to sabotage the friendship between China and Pakistan and the development of CPEC will not succeed.3

Any attempt to sabotage

CPEC won't

succeed: China

BEIJING (APP): Condemning the terrorist attack

targeting Chinese engineers

in Gwadar, a Chinese for-

(CPEC) will not succeed.

work with the Pakistani

side to jointly guard against and counter the threats of

terrorism and earnestly

protect the safety of Chi-

nese personnel, institutions

and projects in Pakistan,"

Wang Wenbin said during

his regular briefing which

resumed here at the Inter-

national Press Center (IPC)

'China will continue to

Sharing the details of the incident, he said that on August 13, a convoy of Chinese engineers was attacked by roadside bombs and gunshots. No Chinese citizens were killed or injured.

PM meets delegation from Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Monday here held a meetof our coming generations. ing with a delegation from Balochistan.

and coast. The Speaker and Mir Khalid Lango were was addressing the flag

tated the prime minister on assuming office and expressed their best wishes

Relations with Russia, priority of Pak foreign policy: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ambassador to Russia Shafqat Ali Khan

in April 2023, which was also approved by the Council of Common Interest

countries.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Moscow hosted an event to celebrate the 76th anniversary of independence of Pakistan.

of tet Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory - Home performed classical adaptations of Pakistani songs 'Jeevay Jeevay', 'Sohni Dharti' and 'Dil Dil Pakistan'. Shuja't,1 Sitar-e-Pakistan. 25 Tamgha-i-Shuja'at, 155 Tamgha-i-Imtiaz, 18 Hilali-Quaid-i-Azam, 3 Sitara-i-Quaid-i-Azam, 4 Sitar-e-Khidmat and 4 Tamgha-i-Khidmat.

This year 299 Tamghai-Imtiaz have been conferred upon martyrs of COVID-19.

The Investiture ceremony of these awards will take place on 23rd March 69 next year

ISLAMABAD (INP): On President's Award for Pride the occasion of 76th Inde- of Performance, 1 Hilal-ipendence Anniversary of Pakistan, President Dr Arif Alvi has conferred Pakistan Civil Awards' on 696 Pakistani as well



Addressing an event in Moscow, Russia to mark 76th anniversary of Pakistan's independence, the Ambassador said that relations between Pakistan and Russia are on very

positive trajectory. He expressed confidence in further strengthening relations between the two

The Ambassador praised the invaluable role of the Pakistani community in Russia in enhancing cooperation and bringing the two countries closer to each other.

as foreign nationals for showing excellence and

courage in their respective A Russian string quarfields. These awards include, seven Nishan-i-Imtiaz, two Hilal-i-Pakistan, 26 Hilal-i-Imtiaz, 1 Sitar-i-Pakistan, 20 Sitara-i-Shuja'at, 61 Sitara-i-Imtiaz,

with national spirit, enthusiasm chief guest at the flag hoisting ceremony. He hoisted the flag at the lawn of provincial assembly.

pendence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with national spirit and great enthusiasm in Quetta and all over Balochistan province on Monday. The national flag hoist-ing ceremonies and differ-

QUETTA: Chief Justice Balochistan High Court

(BHC) Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan addressing

a ceremony in connection with Independence Day

76th Independence Day celebrated

in Quetta & all over Balochistan

ent events were held and rallies taken out marking the celebrations of Independence in the metropolis and almost all the divisional and district headquarters of the province.

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QUETTA: The 76th Inde-

celebrations

The main ceremony of Independence Day and flag hoisting was held at the spacious lawn ot Balochistan's provincial assembly on Monday. The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali was the

The ceremony was attended by the Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Gen-

eral Officer Commanding of 41 Div, other senior officials, dignitaries from different walks of the life besides children of different schools

Another ceremony was arranged at the Balochistan High Court's courtyard where the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtan Afghan hoisted the national flag

The ceremony was attended by the judges of High Court, senior lawyers and other staff of the High Court.

Chief Justice BHC emphasizes National solidarity, pensiveness & spirit of patriotism needed more than before for stability & prosperity of motherland

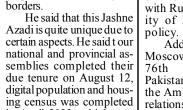
(CCI).

premises on Monday morn ing. The ceremony marked the Independence Day cel ebrations, which was attended by the judges of High and subordinate courts

senior lawyers and staff of the court. The Chief Justice on the occasion paid tributes to all the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the protection and survival of the country besides safeguarding its geo



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Senator Sarfraz Bugti part of the delegation. The delegation felici-

for him.

better future of our coming generations, says Speaker Independent Report OUETTA: The Speaker

and future is connected

develop the country and

green lawn of Balochistan provincial assembly here Balochistan Assembly,

on Monday. The Chief Sectary Mir Jan Muhammad Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Jamali has stated that the Uqaili, Inspector General country's development of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, senior civil and powith Balochistan, and, on lice officers besides dignithe day of Independence, taries from different walks we have to make pledge to of life participated in the flag ho isting ceremony.

province. The Speaker said that our development Speaking on the occasion, Speaker said that it would guaranteebetter future gives him utmost pleasure to join the Independence He also said that Day celebrations. He said there's no dearth of anythat he has come to remind thing in our country as it is you all (participants) the the land of rich resources days of independence.

He said that as you know all that our beloved hoisting ceremony held to country Islamic republic of mark the 76th Indepen-Pakistan came into being on dence Day at the lush August 14, 1947.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar bidding farewell to the outgoing Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Services for Pakistan: **President confers civil** awards on 696 Pakistani, foreign nationals

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Jinnah to now

On the day when Pakistan completes 76 years of sovereignty, and celebrates half a century of the implementation of its Constitution, there's a palpable need to confronts multiple, interconassess the present through have, over the decades, been the lens of Mohammad Ali feeding off and reinforcing Jinnah's vision for this nation. His was an uncanny lucidity about matters of the erosion in the state's institustate — the right to change dispensations and their policies rests with the electorate.

In a 1948 address to army hostile India on the country's officers in Quetta, he underlined that "executive authority flows from the head of the thinking about the future. government ... and therefore, any command or orders that may come to you cannot come without the sanction of the executive head".

Earlier, on Aug 11, 1947, the principles of inclusiveness, impartial governance, rule of law, religious liberty, and social equality were made plain by the founder to the constituent assembly.

The founding fathers imagined an egalitarian, prosperous welfare state; one that thrived in harmony and justice with absolute civil supremacy. But decades after them, what shape our future through emerged is entirely divergent our everyday acts - how from their beliefs. So this day and contribute to our sobegs the question: is 'Jinnah's Pakistan' an ideal ciety. The key lesson is that all of this work is ours to do. Let us acknowledge fading into a myth?

Our wounds and dilemmas are largely of our own our collective failure. We cannot have a thriving Pa-



Pakistan celebrates the 76th anniversary of its independence today in an environment of political uncertainty and economic fragility. It nected challenges which each other in an unbroken

They include the structural crisis of the economy, tional capacity, persisting education deficit, uncontrolled population growth, and climate change. Security challenges also persist with an unstable Afghanistan on the western frontier and a

eastern flank. This is a moment for introspection as well as Pakistan's history shows that successive governments have

spenta good deal of time firechoice is between a dysfuncfighting in crisis management tional governance system and mode. The country has been one that works and responds so mired in one crisis after to the needs and aspirations another that long-term planof all citizens, not just a narning has been elusive. So has row power elite. thinking about durable ways A key impediment in

to address the country's chalbreaking from the past is that lenges and ensure a brighter representational and electoral politics have remained True that Pakistan has frozen in an old mode and weathered many storms and increasingly lagged behind the

crises in the past. Its resilsocial and economic changes ience has never been in that have been altering the country's political landdoubt. This enabled it to overcome its troubles of the scape time. But present-day sys-The economic centre of temic challenges are fundagravity has been shifting to mentally different. They are urban centres from the coun-

tryside, but politics — and most political parties — have yet to catch up with all its implications. Several developments in recent decades offer opportunities to realign politics and governance to public purpose and not remain hostage to the interests of an elite whose preoccupation is with 'rulership' rather than public service.

This does not mean entrenched structures of politics can be transformed overnight or that long-persisting fault lines will easily fade away. But prospects for a departure from politics-asusual are better today. This

The first is the emergence of a larger middle class in the context of increasing urbanisation. The 2023 censhows sus greater urbanisation, with almost 40

Breaking from the past

per cent of the population now living in urban areas a significant increase from the last census in 2017.

The increase in the urcounts for much of GDP. ban population has been evidenced in all provinces across the country. Although there is little agreement among Pakistani scholars about the size (and definition) of the middle class, there is no dispute that it has been growing in recent decades.

It is now an influential economic and social group that wants a bigger voice in national affairs. While not a homogenous group, it includes educated, professional groups as well as middle-income employees in state and business enterprises.

Members of the urban middle class in general are becoming more politically channel and are more engaged assertive in voicing their expectations and demands for with political affairs. better governance and a political system that is responsive to their needs and aspirations. Of course, to be an agent for change, they would have to act in an organised

younger citizens. Although The shift in the ecothe print and broadcast menomic centre of power is also dia has been subject to officreating new political dycial control and restrictions, it has still managed to hold namics. An important indicator of this is the declining governments to account, share of agriculture in nasubject executive action to tional output. This has fallen oversight and suggest policy to around 22pc at present. courses for national prob-Urban Pakistan now aclems.

Together, these factors These economic realican be a counterpoise to traties are intersecting with techditional ways of conducting nology-driven changes and politics. In fact, the the information revolution to confluence of greater disperse political power. urbanisation, a more 'con-This, in turn, has the potennected' society empowered tial to transform the old poby modern communications, litical power structure of and emergence of a larger clansand traditionally influmiddle class all offer a transential families, whose stranglehold on politics has formational opportunity, opening space for the emergence of challenges to tradi-The third trend is a tional, hereditary and

personalised politics. more 'connected' society empowered by modern in-The question is formation and communicawhether the increasing mistion technology. Access to match or disconnect between technology is making people socioeconomic changes and better informed and more family or clan politics can aware of their rights. Most unleash dynamics to break people now have access to the old political and govermore than one information nance mould anchored in patronage and clientelist poli-

tics rather than public policy. But a different kind of lead-The exponential expansion of the broadcast media ership is needed to underhas offered a potent platform stand and leverage these to the public to raise issues changes to transform the way Pakistan governs itself. and influence opinion. So has social media, especially for Courtesy Dawn

Our story is the whole of Pakistan is have to move to a consennot our job. Our job is to sus thinking for all the pilrepair the part of Pakistan

that is within our ambit. Our ascent to proswill be a long and tedious marathon. We are not likely to get to stability in a short period of time. Folks, our story is ours to write. A story of a Paki-

stan with less noise and distortions. A Pakistan in which we principally agree on the basic norms society. A Pakistan in which we agree that citiity of our society. zens are critical when it comes to the working of our system of government and politics Regrettably a majority of the citizenry remains unsatisfied with the functioning of our lethargic government and

feeble democracy. Our political process is ours to strengthen It is etization are all actions our responsibility to ask

lars of the state to pull in one direction.

Our economy is ours perity, if we choose to to reorganize. It is inestake that path, will be steep. The road to success are expressed in terms of are expressed in terms of money, figures, and timeframes. Our finances. especially at the federal level are in distress with the country running on borrowed monies. The economy is in a perennial liquidity crunch in the fiscal, external, and energy sectors. This liquidity of a tolerant and vibrant crunch leaves us little space to improve the qual-

> Our task, if we decide to take it up, is to reconfigure the economy on a sustainable footing. Pakistan's tax system is ours to make equitable and fair. Pakistan's expendirationalization ture through reforms of pensions, subsidy, and monpending on our end.

and playing havoc with the lives of people. Sometimes the energy sector feels like

ours to

a train wreck full of 240 million Pakistanis. In the face of Pakistan's gravest energy crisis, it is the countless people unable to pay their exorbitant bills we should be most worried about. It is precisely these citizens that the country is failing. The urgency of the energy transition has grown astronomically. Our challenge is to break away from the state-controlled arrangement. Our new mindset if we believe to adapt it is to move away from tinkering with poli-cies. Our problems require deep surgery from us. Our judgment should be better.

The level of debt we are carrying is untenable. Debt reprofiling is ours to do. Delaying this may put us on an uncomfortable path of forced restructuring. Our inability to push innovation, productivity, and investments is keep-Pakistan's loss-making ing us globally less com-

tors. Our low investment rate at 13.6 per cent is ours

write

obstructed reform.

to improve. Pakistan's agriculture is ours to make more productive. Our duty is to reach those farmers who are producing wheat at 33 per cent less than the few progressive farmers in Pakistan. Better seeds. controlling adulteration, finances, and mechanization hold the key in this area. Our private sector, now aided by initiatives like Land Information Management Systems, has to come forward and contribute to research. Rustv state organizations have almost become redundant in this regard. Our task is to reduce the government footprint to create space for private sector efficiency. The government is ours to reconfigure. Our federal, provincial, and district governments all need to work in tandem but in their own sphere.

23rd programme with the doctor of the Intensive Care Unit - the International Monetary Fund. Our vision should be to get the 23 million children waiting outside the gates to pass through to the school and provide the nearly 30 per cent of the population in a vulnerable state with substantive help through jobs. Our demographic decline due to lower female literacy, and shying from family planning programs are inexcusable policy omissions. Our utmost respon-

sibility is to believe that we hold 796,095 sq km of this land for the next generation. Our obligation is to believe in merit. The appointments in the public arena continue to favor personal biases over the suitability of candidates. Our competence in both the public and private sectors has thus meaningfully eroded. This process is Many of the thoughts ours to reverse. It has had in this piece are a reflection a debilitating effect on our of my attachment with the thought process which has government. What one has over the decades gotten and more to regain control of research and policy-making.

1953, and this is whether

DNA can conduct electric-

cades, recent research indi-



Dr Khaqan Hassan Najeeb

Pakistan is not a finished product, by any stretch of imagination. We Pakistanis must make hard and fundamental decisions about who we are and what Pakistan should look like we look after each other

what 76 years of our existence have taught us: our problems are a result of

nance, politics-as-usual, economic stagnation, and eroding public faith in state institutions, or it can take advantage of the social and economic changes underway to is due to a number of trends chart a new course. The or factors.

future for people.

the cumulative consequence

of decades of misgovernance

ties. These problems can no

longer be kicked down the

road. All need to be tackled

simultaneously if Pakistan is

to move forward and embark

on a path of economic and

political stability and pros-

stark. Either the country con-

tinues to be trapped in a

quagmire of weak gover-

The choice today is

perity for its people.

and squandered opportuni-

making. For one, we recon- kistan without taking restructed Jinnah — from a sponsibility for our fol-lies. Our way out of modernist to an orthodox to suit prevalent narratives and enhance the power of enges. Individually, fixing invertigation in the face of lurking chal-lenges. Individually, fixing invertigation in the face of lurking chal-lenges. Individually, fixing invertigation in the face of lurking chal-our state institutions invertigation in the face of lurking chal-our state institutions invertigation in the face of lurking chal-bolding back the economy clerics and the military in forming state policies.

Second, the continual infringement of the Constitution has left a faint watermark of what should have been a robust democratic culture. Recurrent militarv regimes arrested the political process. In fact, these have polluted political outfits that now, more often than not, collude with train accident in Sindh sugunelected elements to wrest gest the possibility of a fault in the locomotive, bropower.

The military ruled Pakistan for three decades and the federal government inhas managed 'chosen' administrations. A recent sons for the tragedy that resulted in over 30 deaths. glimpse of that was the hybrid model of the PTI-led that despite several such rail government, which failed resoundingly, as have similar railway administrations have been consistent in experiments.

This was replaced by a two decades, the opera-tional and safety standards complete surrender of col- of this vital service have fallen apart. lective political space and a PML-N-led coalition was installed. Lastly, the rising tide some years ago, and in April, a fire on the Karachi of extremism turned Pakistan into a militancy hub.

Admittedly, there isn't a magical way out, but stemming cronyism, corruption, and intervention is a good place to start. Salvation lies for the authorities is the ML-1. When our politicians in retrieving Jinnah's dream run out of convincing ways with the rule of law, educa- they concoct a defence with tion, health, welfare, and references to CPEC projects as the ultimeter of people power in a meritocracy. For non-politi-cal forces to usurp or derail the Constitution and cave starting at the top. The train service can only be safe, into religious hardliners vio- enjoyable, dependable and lates every ideal close to the institution that manages it Quaid's heart.

have planned for us. It is our duty to cast our vote are ours to make efficient. trouble depends on how liver. Our political parties fine.

meaningfully. Our politi- Pakistan's energy sector is cal parties have a lot to de- ours to disrupt and rede-

train has lower fuel con-

Killing tracks

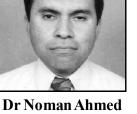
responsive.

The initial findings of the investigation into the recent ken tracks, and/or damaged

However, it is painful accidents and scores of deaths, all governments and their apathy. Over the past

For instance, 74 perished in the Tezgam blaze Express took seven lives. Successive railway ministers have resorted to customary lip service, lament-ing the loss of life and promising an inquiry and ac-

countability but doing little else. The new escape route to present false narratives. projects as the ultimate saviour. But what is actually is technically sound. finan-



safety records require targeted capacity building of the FGIR. The annual report also shows expenditure figures — PR spends more on pensions than salafishplates. As per proce-dure, a detailed probe by ries. Therefore, the financial burden of pensioners is likely to overwhelm devel-

opment costs. In addition, no one knows whether any attempt was made to evolve a pension endowment fund or if actuarial studies were carried out to arrive at a financial solution. Although development and repair works are logged with substantial financial outlays, it is unclear how these have improved services.

Moreover, several departmental performance indicators merit a response from the railway authorities. The two essential services delivered by the railways are passenger and freight movement. Ordinarily, passenger service is subsidised by surplus revenue from freight transportation. But data reveals an increase in passenger revenue and a decline in freight returns in 2022.

Studies by IFIs say over 90 per cent of freight in Pakistan moves via road and highways. With a rise in regional trading opportunities, PR must significantly enhance its market share in this vital component of transport service.

Connectivity with dry ports, container terminals, major agricultural procurement destinations, manufacturing hubs, market towns, etc, can certainly shore up revenues as medium and long-distance cially viable and socially freight transportation by

A glance at data from sumption, and can be 10 Pakistan Railways yeartimes cheaper than other modes of transportation. books and other official records indicates many ail-Transportation insurments. For instance, the ance, safety records and 2021-22 report shows exhandling are also some of tensive inspections carried the aspects where the railout by the FGIR in the preways can perform better. vious fiscal year, but how However, the department many of them helped make has to elevate its perfor-

train journeys safe and mance drastically to comcomfortable? Foolproof pete successfully with other transport services. Our first interface with the railways is at the

nucleic acid? What would happen to you if, by some train stations. Many of them are in a dilapidated dark miracle, all the DNA state, with no clean drinkin your body simply vaning water or other ameniished? You wouldn't feel ties for pass-e-ngers' comfort and safety. The facilitation hardware for routine operations and maintenance too is in a shambles. Present infrastructure thresholds include internet and Wi-Fi connectivity, both in stations as well as in trains

Even though station masters and other staff concur with these observations, they expressed their helplessness as such largescale interventions can only

management. Hence, a leadership committed to radical reforms with progressive ideas and implementation capacity is needed to resuscitate the performance, credibility and image of our railways. Cosmetic modifications are futile. The foremost issue pertains to political will for extensive restructuring. At present, this appears difficult to achieve as the administration is inclined to auction railway lands. These had been reserved for the operational needs of the system at various locations. The railways are a matter of public debate; civil society should assert that govern-

ments must prioritise the you could theoretically fit transformation of a vital all of the world's data in a single coffee mug filled with department and encourage DNA private sector participa-Currently, most of the tion to innovate and estabworld's data is stored in an lish a proper regulatory structure to modernise rail

incredibly old-school mantravel and transport. -ner in gigantic facilities Courtesy Dawn known as exabyte data cen-

petitive. Initiatives like Special Investment Facilitation can hopefully bypass the slow-moving state apparatus and help in spurring both domestic and

Zarrar Khuhro

Where and what would we

be without deoxyribo-

seen is our weak homework more when we negotiate pro- outsourced. It is our need grams with multilaterals. This weakness is for us to much-needed foreign direct overcome as we remain in Pakistan is ours to run. -investment in tradable sec- an effort to complete the Courtesy TheNews

DNA diaries

tres, and one of the largest of these - The Citadel sprawls over 1.3 million ity and, if so, how effecsquare feet (120,774 square tively? While the debate metres), which means it can remained academic for decontain 41 cricket stadiums the size of Lord's.

centres to store it.

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cates that DNA molecules They're also very ex-'can also conduct electricpensive, with some costing ity and self-assemble into as much as a billion dollars well-defined shapes, makto build and maintain. ing them potential candidates for building low-cost Given that the data needs to be stored at a cool temnanoelectronic devices" This will be critical perature --- much like a con-ventional cold storage for

going forward, given that perishable products — the the size of circuits and tranenergy costs are immense. sistors is shrinking rapidly Moreover, the data stored (the smallest transistor is tends to degrade over time tinier than the HIV virus) and needs to be copied onto and there will come a time newer databases, which is when traditional methods a cumbersome and expenfor conducting electricity sive process. And, at the through these nano-circuits current rate at which we are will become impossible. If producing that data, we'll DNA can be used for this need many more such purpose, it would mean that costly and energy-sucking the circuits of the future may be the size of a single There're about 10 trilmolecule or atom.

lion gigabytes of data float-Speaking of electricity, ing around the world today another significant discovand on a daily basis: our ery made just last month is photos, Facebook posts, that electrical currents can tweets, emails, etc, add anbe used to 'control' human other 2.5m gigabytes, which genes. Researchers managed amounts to something like to trigger insulin production 1.7 megabytes of data bein human cells by sending ing generated perperson per currents to targeted genes through what they call an DNA data storage, al-'electrogenetic' interface, prompting the cells to proready being worked on by scientists around the world, duce insulin on their own. could solve this issue for all What does that mean for time to come. Not only will us? Simply put, it means such immense centres no that in the near future, dialonger be needed, the halfbetics could dispense with life of DNA is 500 years insulin injections by simple while stored properly and wearing a device, perhaps so our data will be secure no larger than a wristwatch, for far longer without sigwhich would not only nificant degradation. The monitor insulin levels, but biggest problem right now prompt the wearer's own is how to find a cost-effecgenes to produce insulin tive way to synthesise the when required. This is, of amount of DNA that will course, just the beginning be needed, as right now it and, if further tests prove would cost \$1tr to write one fruitful, the technique petabyte of data. Of course, could be applied to a varigiven the need and the exety of human medical conponential rate of scientific ditions, leading to what progress that we are seeing, may be one of the greatest medical breakthroughs of the day when we can store data on DNA may not be history. It is indeed a miracle that the building blocks of the future may

There's another dewell be the same building bate that's been raging among scientists ever since blocks that make us who the 'discovery' of DNA in we are. -- Courtesy Dawn

much to start with, apart from losing the 200 or so grams that your DNA weighs. Then things will start to go bad: your cells will stop replicating and start dying off, much like if you were exposed to a high dose of radiation, and you'd be dead in extreme pain within days — or hours if you're lucky — due to massive organ failure. That's because DNA contains the entire blue-

print for who we are and be initiated by the senior how our bodies work. Without venturing too deeply into the nature vs nurture debate, DNA is what makes you ... you. And as such, it contains a staggering amount of data in a very small package. How much data? Consider that a single gram of DNA can store as much as 215 petabytes of data, and that one petabyte contains a little over 1,000 terabytes. This means that a tiny little gram of DNA can safely store up to 215,000 terabytes, or 215 million gigabytes if you prefer. On the other hand, the average weight of a single terabyte hard drive is about 400g. In even simpler terms: Daily _____oice of Masseg Independent

CM highlights unity, determination on **Independence Day**

CM Naqvi launches urban-style cleaning initiative for villages

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on Monday that youth are the radiant future of Pakistan and hold the responsibility to propel the nation forward. He conveyed a powerful message against despair, highlighting that it is deemed a sin. The Holy Quran also labels disappointment as a sin, and Quaid-i-Azam's speeches encourage hope and resilience.

Naqvi Mohsin underscored the nation's bright prospects, despite his own transient presence, and expressed confidence in Pakistan's positive to its duties and trajectory. Speaking at the emphasized that this responsibility will main Independence Day ceremony here at Huzuri Bagh, he urged the

government officials, significant improvements if teachers, and doctors to honesty becomes the fulfill their duties with cornerstone of all efforts. integrity and punctuality. He emphasized that Mohsin teachers' dedication in Naqvi particularly stressed the imparting knowledge with importance of doctors integrity would lead to a promising future for the children. Reflecting on the adhering to their designated work hours in hospitals. He believed that if all grand Independence Day employees diligently fulfill ceremony held at Shah their responsibilities, the Qila the previous night nation's progress is inevitable. He revealed his Mohsin Naqvi highlighted the participation of consistent advocacy for officers from diverse institutions, including the doctors to maintain their duty hours and work judiciary, conscientiously during authorities, administration, police, and hospital visits.

The Chief Minister gave a message of unity and solidarity. Drawing the government's commitment inspiration from Quaid-i-Azam's emphasis on unity, Mohsin Naqvi emphasized that the nation's progress will continue with the incoming hinges on collective government. He envisioned strength and consensus.

military

civil



reaffirmed

responsibility

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman talking to children on the eve of flag hoisting ceremony on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan at Governor House.

Caretaker CM **Every Pakistani should** to be finalized play his role in development in a day or of the country: Governor two: CM Sindh KARACHI (APP): Sindh

LAHORE (Online): Governor

ceremony on the occasion of 76th Independence Day

He said that this day Punjab reminds us of the immense Muhammad Balighur sacrifices rendered by our Rehman hoisted the forefathers for a separate Pakistani flag in a simple homeland. He said that today is

brotherhood.

dear homeland

reiterated his commitment the day to renew our to follow the principles of

KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori, Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah are talking with media persons after paying homage to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on the occasion of 76th Independence Day Celebration, held at Jinnah Mausoleum in Karachi on Monday, August 14, 2023. The nation will celebrate 76th Independence Day today with traditional national spirit and zeal to acknowledge the happiness of independence the greatest blessing in this world.

CM KP visits Police lines to pay tribute to martyrs on Independence Day

PESHAWAR (APP). Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa significance Muhammad Azam Khan on the eve of Independence Day visited the Police lines here on Monday to pay tribute to martyrs.

During the visit, the Chief Minister paid tribute to the fallen heroes by laying a wreath at the memorial and observed a moment of silence in their honor

He also offered Fatiha and prayed for the elevation of the martyrs' ranks

Accompanying the Chief Minister were Chief Secretary Nadim Islam Chaudhry, Inspector General of Police Akhtar Havat Khan Gandapur, and other officials.

40,000 plantlets distributed free under "Green flag, lush green Faisalabad"

FAISALABAD (APP): in addition to adding Parks & Horticulture naturalbeauty on the earth. Authority (PHA) has distributed more than 40,000 plantlets free of cost under "Green flag, lush green Faisalabad" drive.

Divisional Commissioner Silwat converted into a lush green Saeed visited the PHA stall metropolis of the country

The Chief Minister's of Muslims, which has visit emphasized the resulted in the current era of peace and prosperity. He acknowledged the monumental debt of gratitude owed to the forefathers and called for remembering and honoring

the sacrifices made by the brave martyrs who laid down their lives for the sustained efforts to transform Pakistan into a nation's freedom. The CM conveyed heartfelt felicitations to the prosperous and developed

the people of KP. He emphasized the importance of renewing the commitment to the ideals nation Azam Khan expressed that the birth of Pakistan

was the result of the that led to the creation of Pakistan and highlighted the sacrifices of the Muslims of the sacrifices that Pakistan subcontinent. now breathes in an atmosphere of peace. Chief Minister Azam

He underscored the Khan recognized that duty of every citizen to play a role in building a Pakistan's establishment was the culmination of the immense struggle and sacrifices made by millions progressive flourishing nation.

1 killed, other injured due to collision of truck in Toba Tek Singh

Chief Minister

and

TOBA TEK SINGH (APP): One person was killed and another injured on Monday when a parked truck was hit by a mazda near Toba Tek Singh.

According to the official source, the truck

CM Murad performs soft launch of Karachi safe city

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said cameras and technological advancements; but it also embodies our collective aspiration for a safer and more secure environment.

House on Monday.

Shaikh, and others.

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was not merely the installation of surveillance cameras and adopting that the Karachi Safe City te c h n o l o g i c a l Project is not just a advancements, but it also collection of surveillance embodied our collective aspiration for a safer and more secure urban environment.

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"With the challenges that a rapidly growing city like Karachi faces, it is our This he said while speaking at the contract duty to ensure that every signing ceremony of Integrated C5ISR Based (Command, Control, C o m m unic at ion, citizen must feel safe and secure and this project brings us one step closer to achieving that goal," he Computer, Cyber Security, Intelligence, Surveillance & said.

The CM said that he Reconnaissance) Safe City Project here at the CM was aware of the urgency attached to this project. The safety and well-being The program was attended by former IT Minister Taimur Talpur, of our citizens cannot wait, and we must remain steadfast in our pursuit of Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, IG Police Ghulam Nabi Memon, MD NRTC Brig Asim Ishaq Chairman P&D, Secretary LG Najam its successful implementation," he said. its "I am honored to launch the much-awaited launch of the safe city project before leaving the Shah, Home Secretary charge of this office," he said and added that it was Aijaz Shah, DG Safe City Authority Asif Aijaz a testament to the foresight

Mr. Shah said that the and dedication of the Sindh Karachi Safe City Project government.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi arriving to the Mazar-i-Iqbal for laying floral wrath during the celebrations of 76th Independence Day in Provincial Capital.

Minister celebrates Independence Day with medical professionals

LAHORE (APP): Punjab

Caretaker Health Minister On the occasion, the Javed Akram minister said that freedom participated as a special is a great blessing of Allah guest in the Independence Almighty and Pakistan was Day celebrations being achieved after millions of sacrifices. The living organized at University of Child Health Sciences, nations use the glorious Services Institute of traditions, sacrifices and Medical Sciences, Fatima golden days of their past Jinnah Medical University, as a torch to move forward, Mayo Hospital and King he added. August 14 is a Edward Medical historic day for all University, here on Pakistanis and the message Monday. of happiness and Dr Javed Akram should be disseminated, he hoisted the flag and cut mentioned. celebration cake while male Vice Chancellors, and female students principals and medical presented 'milli naghmas' supervisors were also and speeches in the best present.

She directed the PHP officers to arrange maximum saplings for the free distribution among the Faisalabad could be

general public so that

manner

which is 20 percent higher

than last year. He disclosed

that one of the newly

projects was acquired in

Saudi Arabia worth Rs.1.3

billion. It is noteworthy

that seven divisions of

NESPAK have earned

more than Rs one billion,

He assured that the

performed

well

of Pakistan at Governor pledge to forget mutual House Lahore today. After the ceremony, Governor Punjab and Begum Governor mingled with the children and had a lively conversation with them. On this occasion, a special prayer was also offered for the security and stability of the country.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman while congratulating the entire nation on the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan said that every Pakistani should play his role in the development of lives for the sake of the the country.

Central President of

Pakistan Peoples Party

Women's Wing Faryal Talpur has said that today

is the day of renewal of

pledge to make Pakistan a

truly modern, prosperous

occasion of Independence

Day, she congratulated the

Independence Day and

said that freedom was a

great blessing, and Pakistan

elders under the leadership

Muhammad Ali Jinnah

fought a long and historic

struggle and made

She said that our

Quaid-e-Azam

countrymen

was our identity.

In her message on the

on

and democratic country.

father of the nation Quaid e-Azam Mohammed Ali differences and get united. Jinnah. He reiterated that the Talking to media challenges facing the persons at Mazar-e-Quaid country can be overcome on Monday, he said that only by promoting unity, the country was achieved unity, mutual tolerance and

after many sacrifices. Sindh Chief Minister Today, we have to Syed Murad Ali Shah on reaffirm the commitment the occasion said, 'We are that we will live up to the celebrating today the 76th guiding principles of

nation

Independence Day' Q u a i d - e - A z a m Muhammad Ali Jinnah, He said that the Caretaker Chief Minister Unity, faith and discipline. He also paid would be finalized in a day or two tributes to the martyrs of He said that the armed forces and security Caretaker Prime Minister forces who laid down their would take the oath of office today.

Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori

while congratulating the

on

Day,

Independence

Boating facility Pakistan to be made provided at modern, prosperous **Canal Park** FAISALABAD (APP) Parks & Horticulture

country: Faryal Talpur Authority (PHA) has provided boating facility at KARACHI (APP): The achieve this blessing and recognition. Canal Park Sammundr Today we salute our Road here on Monday.

D e p u t y Commissioner (DC) Ali benefactors. 'Faryal Talpur said that Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Anan Qamar inaugurated Bhutto strengthened the boating facility and Pakistan created by the took a round of Canal Park Quaid-e-Azam by giving lake in a boat.Speaking on gifts of a unified the occasion, he said that boating facility at Canal constitution, nuclear program and economic Park would be a great revolution. Shaheed entertainment for the Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto people while other took revolutionary steps to facilities in this park would restore democracy and ran be improved very soon. Director General (DG) PHA Zameer the country in the light of

Quaid-e-Azam's thoughts and ideas. She said that Hussain briefed the deputy former President Asif Ali commissioner about boating facility and said Zardari foiled a conspiracy against the country by that it was a gift for the raising the slogan of people on Independence Day. unprecedented sacrifices to Pakistan Khappay.



GILGIT: Minister Social Welfare Gilgit-Baltistan Kulsoom Farman and Member Assembly Suriya Zaman cutting cake on the occasion of 77th Independence Day celebration at Women Degree College.

established at Zila Council as early as possible. Director General (DG) PHA Zameer Chowk here on Monday

and appreciated its role for Hussain, Chief Officer promotion of tree plantation on the 76th Municipal Corporation Independence Day. Faisalabad Muhammad She said that trees

Zubair Watto and others were imperative for arrest were also present on the of environmental pollution occasion.

KARACHI: An inspiring Change of Guard ceremony was held at mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah as the entire nation celebrated 76th anniversary of Independence of Pakistan.

Tourists urged to abide by traffic rules to avoid traffic congestion in Murree

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tourists to strictly abide by

traffic rules to avoid traffic

congestion and untoward

According to

Commissioner during a

visit on Sunday night

reviewed the traffic

situation in Murree and

visited various roads to

observe the traffic load. He

incidents in Murree.

spokesman,

regulate traffic.

Independence

was informed that traffic

was being diverted to other

routes by installing diversions at Toll Plaza and

celebrations.

RAWALPINDI (APP): night as over 14,000 Commissioner Rawalpindi vehicles were present in Division, Liaquat Ali Murree. Chatta has urged the

administration were working hard to control heavy traffic load, he

persons belongs to same family were burnt to death on Hazara motorway (M-15) near Jehri Kass interchange on early hours of Monday. National highway and

motorway Police sources said that the fatal family belongs to Bannu were going towards Haripur in their Suzuki van when it catches fire apparently due

to short circuit at Kalla The district and Katha range subsequently all on board burnt to death. On getting information, Independence Day. fire.

of vehicles would be restricted in Murree. Special police squads

Satra Meel. of more Entry had been formed to prevent vehicles in Murree had one-wheeling and maintain been stopped on Sunday traffic in Murree, he said.

was parked near Motorway 253 and a Mazda was going from Lahore to Multan.

The parked truck was hit from behind, as a result, truck conductor Jahangir and a man named Abid were seriously injured

Independence Day celebration at NESPAK

LAHORE (APP): National 2023, citing that the Engineering Services company achieved a Pakistan (NESPAK) business of Rs 17 billion, celebrated

Independence Day by organizing a grand function here at NESPAK House on Monday. The event began with recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by prayers for national unity and development of the country.

he added. NESPAK's Acting Managing Director Zargham Ishaq Khan benefit of this development would also be given to the started the ceremony by staff in the form of hoisting the national flag additional salary and while the national anthem bonus. On this occasion, echoed in the air. appreciation shields were

On the occasion, presented to employees Acting MD announced who exceptionally NESPĂK's record breaking business acquisition in throughout the year.



KARACHI: Youngsters' climb the fence of Mizare-Quiad while celebrating 76 Independence Day of Pakistan on 14 August.

I-Day celebrate with full enthusiasm in South Punjab

MULTAN (APP): Like national anthem and other parts of the country, 76th independence day was celebrated with full enthusiasm across South Punjab including Multan. The day was started with especial prayers into mosques for the progress and prosperity of the

country. The rallies and colourful events were organised in which rich tribute was paid to martyrs in installing buntings in and heroes. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held and badges on their dresses.

national songs were played. The speakers

highlighted the importance of trees and urged the participants to plant saplings on their part and nurture it.

The kids also celebrated independence day by wearing colourful dresses related to the day while they also look busy houses and national flag

one injured in three different incidents ATTOCK (APP): Seven persons were killed while one another shot and

Seven killed,

injured in three different incidents in various parts Traffic police and of Attock, police and rescue sources said. In the first incident, in

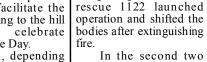
a gloomy incident, five added. The spokesman said Commissioner Office that a comprehensive security and traffic plan had been devised by

Rawalpindi District Police for Independence Day that includes the deployment of more than 800 personnel during the night of August 13 and 14 as well as the

also issued necessary instructions to the establishment of several authorities concerned to checkpoints to control onewheeling in Murree. Traffic was normal on Jhika Gali, Lower Topa traffic police were and Guldana Road but, implementing special security and traffic plan for

there was heavy traffic load at GPO Chowk and Murree to facilitate the Kashmir Point due to tourists coming to the hill Day station to celebrate The Commissioner

He said, depending upon the crowd and teenage friends drowned in parking situation, the entry a stream near Jand on Munday. Police and hospital sources while



quoting eye witnesses has

said that 18 years old

Javaid along with his 19

years old friend Ramzan .

Tuesday August 15, 2023

AJK PM says Observance of Pak I-Day ignites passion of our Kashmiri brothers in IIOJK

MIRPUR AJK (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that Independence Day was being celebrated with patriotic zeal and fervour all across Pakistan and Azad Jammu Kashmir.

"It was on this day (14th August 1947) that the world's largest ideological Islamic state came into being under the wise and visionary leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah", the PM said, adding that the establishment of Pakistan was a manifestation of the aspi-

rations of millions of Muslims of the subcontinent.

He said that the 14th PM said that Quaid-i-August 1947 was a historic Azam organized the Musday when Allama Iqbal's lim League on the basis of a dream of a separate home- two-nation theory and land for Muslims of the united all the Muslims of subcontinent came true. the subcontinent under one In his special message flag.

issued on the occasion of The PM said that Pakistan's Independence Quaid-e-Azam Day on Monday, the PM Muhammad Ali Jinnah's said that the historic day dynamic leadership, unwareminds us of the relentless vering faith, perseverance and his vision for Pakistan struggle and sacrifices of helped the Muslims of the Paying eulogizing tribsubcontinent to win free-

utes to the father of the nadom in a short period of time despite the fiercest Quaid-e-Azam tion, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and

our ancestors.

other founding leaders of and the British empire. Referring to the the Pakistan movement, the

Kashmiris' ongoing struggle against Indian imperialism, the AJK premier said that India wants to oppress the people of Occupied Kashmir through the use of its military might.

The observance of Pakistan's independence day on both sides of the line of control (LOC), he said, ignites the passion of our Kashmiri brothers and sisters and rekindles their hope that the sacrifices made by them in the ongoing freedom struggle would never go in opposition of the Hindus vain.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi hoisting Pakistan's national flag at the official flag hoisting ceremony on the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan.

caretaker PM since 1990 ISLAMABAD Day of country.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar being presented Guard of Honor at Prime Minister's House.

Pakistan 'stands firm' with Kashmiris' struggle for freedom from India: Munir

UNITED NATIONS orous opposition and se-(APP): :Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Munir Akram, in a message to the UN commustruggle nity on the country's Independence Day, highlighted the struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to selfdetermination and freedom from India.

"We will continue to raise Kashmir's call for liberation at the United Naals; and their sacrifice. tions and in all forums," he said

'Freedom is never free," Ambassador Akram said, pointing out that "our ters in their struggle for right founding fathers faced vig- to self-determination and

cured Pakistan through devoy added. termination, resolve, wis-

he said, Pakistanis overdom and democratic came security and economic Hundreds of thouchallenges with strength and sands of our brothers and fortitude, as manifested in sisters sacrificed their lives the nation's response to the massive floods of 2022. just to reach their promised homeland; to fulfill their dream of nationhood and the principles of unity, faith and discipline as the cornerliberty. We must never forstones of nation-building. get their heroism; their ide-We must work day and

'Today, as we celebrate our independence, we stand firmly with our Kashmiri brothers and sissaid.

freedom," the Pakistani en-As a resilient nation.

"Our Quaid prescribed

night to realize the vision of the Quaid-e-Azam and make our society humane. inclusive, and tolerant for all," Ambassador Akran

PML-N leader

Hina Butt

in London

(PML-N)

the country. With the

power of vote, people

country's enemies from the

Road and carried Pakistani

PTI's Provincial

flags and placards.

political scene forever.

sults

(INP): President took over office was appointed 4th care-Anwar ul Haq Kakar has taker prime minister. He as 2nd caretaker prime mintook over the charge of of-fice on November 05, 1996 became 8th caretaker prime ister on April 18, 1993, and minister of Pakistan after he held the office only for one and left on February 17, 1997 (three months, 12 took oath of his office on month and eight days as Monday, the Independence Supreme Court overturned Presidential order and redays). Muhammad Mian According to details, the first caretaker prime stored Nawaz Sharif's gov-Soomro hailing from PML-O took over as 5th careernment.

Kakar country's 8th

minister of Pakistan was After Nawaz Sharif's resignation in July 1993, Moeenuddin Ahmad Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi who took over the office on Au-Oureshi took over the gust 06, 1990 and left after three months on November charge as 3rd caretaker chief minister on July 18, 1993 and his continued till Octo-06, 1990. He hailed from National Peoples Party and was appointed by then President Ghulam Ishaq ber 19, 1993 (3 months, 1 day).

Khoso as 6th caretaker Khan. Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Balakh Sher Mazari appointed by then After dismissal of PPP's Benazir Bhutto's government in November 1996, Malik Mehraj Khalid

Iranian envoy felicitates

ISLAMABAD[•] (INP): Iran's ambassador to Pakistan Reza Amiri Moghaddam has congratulated the government and nation of Pakistan on the 76th Independence Day.

Day of Pakistan, he said, "I would like to extend my heartiest felicitations to the government and honourable nation of Pakistan

76th I-Day of Pakistan celebrated In New Delhi

ISLAMABAD (APP): High Commission for Pakistan, New Delhi celebrated 76th anniversary of Independence of Pakistan with national zeal and patriotic spirit on Monday. Aizaz Khan, Chargé d' Affaires, hoisted the na-

tional flag on the occasion. Officers and staff of the High Commission along with their families were present. Messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan were read out to the audience. The Charge d' Affaires in his remarks paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation, Quaide- Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and other leaders of to the brave sons of soil.

the freedom struggle, who carved out a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent, where they could live in accordance with their own values and traditions. He stated that supreme sacrifices rendered by our founding fathers could not be forgotten. "We can achieve new heights of greatness and prosperity for our country if we remain united as a nation and focus our efforts towards economic progress and social justice," he added. Recounting the great sacrifices of the armed forces of Pakistan in the defense of the motherland, the Cd'A paid homage

2 local tourists dead, one injured in road accident at Domiara

Independent Report QUETTA: Two local tourists died and another injured when a vehicle carrying them overturned and fell in a ditch at the tourist site located between Ziarat and Harnai on Monday afternoon According to reports

According to the reports, the deceased and injured persons, all belonged to Gulistan area of Killa Abdullah, came to Domiara on picnic. The dead were identified as Mohibullah road. As a result, two of and Muhammad Usama.

them died on the spot while

administration reached the

spot and shifted bodies of

deceased and injured per-

sons to the District Head-

quarter Hospital Ziarat.

The area levies and

another got injured.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani cutting a cake on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan inn SAMAA News Bureau Office.

May 9 planned by PTI chief, but failed to achieve results: Asif

prime minister who took over the office in March 24, 2013 and held the office till June 05, 2013 (2 months, 11 days).

Pakistan on **I-Day**

taker prime minister of Pa-

kistan on November 15,

2007 and continued till

March 25, 2008 (4 months.

8 days). The Election Com-

mission of Pakistan (ECP)

appointed Mir Hazar Khan

In a message on the eve of the 76th Independence reaching here, a vehicle on way to tourist place Domiara carrying three persons when it overturned and fell in a ditch along the

harassed by collective task: DC Duki | PTI supporters

Freedom is great

blessing, its protection

QUETTA (APP): Deputy **D**uki Commissioner Mehran Baloch on Monday said that freedom is a great blessing and its protection is our collective and national responsibility.

The value and price of freedom should be asked from the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir and Palestine who are victims of oppression by India and Israel, the young generation should remember that if today we are breathing in a free country, it is because of those martyrs who had sacrificed their precious lives for our future, he added.

He expressed these views while addressing at ceremony of hoisting nation flag in Duki to celebrate the 76 Independence Day. The district officer was also reached Lahore full of dead present on this occasion

bodies of Muslims.

QUETTA: Quetta Administrator, Jabbar Baloch along with others cutting cake during a ceremony on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan, in Quetta.

PYPM cut cake on I-Day in Quetta

said

sacrifice for the survival and

QUETTA (APP): Central made by our relatives while Chairman of Pakistan making sacrifices, we have Youth Peace Movement renewed our commitment (PYPM) Arbab Nasir to take Pakistan forward Haider Kasi on Monday with the same spirit." said that August 14 reminded us to follow the decrees and principles of the Quaid-i-Âzam and to live with hard work and honesty.

He expressed these nate terrorism and corrupviews while addressing the ceremony organized on the occasion of Pakistan's 76th Independence Day at the Central Secretariat of PYPM.

Pakistan's independence cake was also cut on this occasion

Arbab Nasir said, steps to achieve the goal for "During the establishment which Pakistan was estabof Pakistan the promises lished.

The Deputy Commissioner said that while cel-LONDON (INP): Former ebrating the independence, MPA of the Pakistan Muswe should pledge that we lim League-Nawaz, Hina would make every possible Parvez Butt, was allegedly effort for the development attacked while walking on of Pakistan.

the road with her son in The integrity of the London. beloved country will never The PML-N leader be compromised and when alleged that it was PTI supthe time comes, the Pakiporters who not only hastan Army, Police and law rassed her and shouted sloenforcement agencies will gans at her, but also threw stand side by side, he menbottles tioned. He said that we Hina Butt claimed that could pledge that we would not hesitate to make any

PTI supporters threw cold drink and water bottles at sacrifice for our country beher while she was walking cause the blood of millions on the streets of London of martyrs is included in the with her son. foundations of Pakistan Hina Butt had also and Muslims made countless sacrifices for an inde-

met PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif two days pendent state. He said that ago history is a witness even She said she was folwhen the train from India lowed and harassed for 30 to 40 minutes. She added

that the harassers did not even care about her minor son. In one of the videos,

Hina could be seen exiting a money exchange, as a group of people holding PTI flags follows her out and shouts slogans calling Nawaz Sharif a "thief".

2 killed, over **50** wounded in incidents of

celebratory firing in Karachi KARACHI (INP): Two

persons, including a woman, were killed in Karachi when people resorted to aerial firing to express their jubilation over the country's 76th Independence Day, police said on Monday. A 25-year-old woman

and a man named Abdul Wahab were killed in "Pakistan is the fort of the Islamic world and Numaish Chowrangi and the hope of the entire Is-Lyari, respectively when lamic world, we have to they were hit by stray bulmake Pakistan stronger lets. On the other hand, over and stronger and to elimi-50 people, including women tion from the country," he and children, were injured

leader Hamza Khan Nasir, in different parts of the city. addressed the participants Three persons were of the rally and said that He said that we would injured in Korangi, Landhi freedom is a blessing and we not hesitate to make any and Mehmoodabad No 6 should appreciate it, its security of Pakistan saying when they were hit by protection and developstray bullets. Sources added ment is now our responsithat Pakistan was achieved that 29 persons who were after endless sacrifices and bility injured in these incidents we have to take practical were shifted to Jinnah Hos-

In order to assume the position, we have to forget pital, while 24 to the Civil all our sub-group and dif-Hospital. ferences and rise above all

SIALKOT (APP): Former connection with the Independence Day at Muslim federal defence minister and League House Sialkot late central leader of Pakistan

Muslim League Nawaz at Saturday night. Khawaja He said the coalition Muhammad Asif has said government steered the that May-9 incident was a country out of minefields laid down by the PTI gov-ernment. He said that plan of Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) chairman, but it failed to achieve its reformer premier Imran Khan, during around four-

He said military inyear tenure in government, destroyed the national stallations were attacked and statues of martyrs were economy. He said the Pakistan also destroyed by the PTI leaders on that day. Now, Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) steered the counin the general election, people would have to take try from crises, caused by revenge from the enemies of the Pakistan Tehreek-e

Insaf government. Former federal minisshould eliminate the ter said Nawaz Sharif would return to his homeland soon and the journey He expressed these of country's development

views while addressing a and prosperity would be special ceremony held in started again.



QUETTA: Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch hoisting flag on occasion of 77th Independence Day of Pakistan

PTI takes out rally to celebrate I-Day in Quetta

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan kinds of prejudices and Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) prowork in the form of a united vincial leader Hamza Khan nation, he said Nasir led a rally on Mon-

day from Quetta Airport the country is facing inter-Road to celebrate the 76th nal and external challenges Independence Day of Paand the monster of terrorkistan. The participants of ism saying that anti-nathe rally reached at Manan tional forces wanted to Chowk after marching difweaken and destabilize Paferent routs including Airkistan by spreading unrest. port Road, Samnguli Road, He said that if even Zarghun Road, Inscombe

role for the security.

now we could not play our flag. The ceremony was atrole in the development of tended by the diaspora our country by learning lescommunity and British sons from the past, the fufriends of Pakistan, showture generations would casing unity and friendship, transcending boundnever forgive us.

Hamza Khan said that aries. Independence Day is a day In his address, the of renewal of pledge, this High Commissioner exday reminds us of the sactended heartfelt felicitarifices of our elders who tions to Pakistanis on this gave us a free and indepenauspicious occasion, paying homage to Quaid-edent country saying that they should be valued and Azam Muhammad Ali everyone should play their Jinnah and Pakistan Move-

ment heroes.



GWADAR: Local fisherman pariicpated76th anniversary of Independence of Pakistan boat rally arrange by Pakistan Navy at Gwadar.

Envoy Masood vows to continue work for Pakistan's prosperity

WASHINGTON (APP): about and the sky is the Pakistan's Ambassador to limit for what we can.

the United States Masood Masood Khan said it Khan has reaffirmed resolve is our shared responsibility to continue work towards to reject merchants of decrafting a bright future and spair and devalue the curdestiny of the people of rency of fake fables. If we Pakistan. In his message on have to move forward, there the occasion of 76th Indeis no room for despondency pendence Day of Pakistan, and dejection, doom and he said Pakistan is aware of gloom. He said our comthe external threats being mitment to democracy is faced by the country and strong and unwavering. will eliminate them. He said The Ambassador fur-

ther said that Pakistan's that Pakistan is a dream for hundreds of millions of forthcoming electoral pro-Muslims of South Asia. He cesses would usher in an era said Founder of Pakistan of political resilience and Quaid-e-Azam economic viability. Masood Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Khan expressed also gratigave the country concrete tude to the US Government, Congress and the American form and substance. He paid tribute to Father of the people for their support for stronger bilateral relations Nation, his comrades and and for standing by Islamabad during last followers for making this dream, this miracle a reality. He said Pakistan has an year's devastating floods. ideology, a vision and a des-He was particularly gratetiny and gives us identity. ful to Secretary Blinken for The Ambassador said his message of solidarity that today is a day to count and friendship on our Indeour blessings, celebrate our pendence Day. Talking successes, reaffirm our asabout Pakistani-Americans, pirations and resolve to he said their numbers have scale new heights in our grown and they have bejourney. He said there is come more prosperous and plenty to be optimistic politically savvy



HUB: View of site after traffic accident due to over speeding and break failed located near Hub River Road in Hub.

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his nomination as the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan, according to a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson here. China congratulates on his (Anwaar ul Haq) nomination as Pakistan's

Caretaker Prime Minister, Wang Wenbin said during his briefing while responding to a question asked by APP. No matter how the in-

ternational and Pakistan's domestic landscapes evolve, our relationship will be ironclad, he added.

China greets

Anwaar Kakar

as Caretaker

PM

BEIJING (APP): China on

Monday congratulated Anwaarul Haque Kakar on

Pak HC London celebrates 76th Independence

76th Independence Day

with a dignified flag hoist-

ing ceremony on Monday.

sioner Dr. Mohammad

Faisal raised the national

The High Commis-

Day LONDON (APP): The Pakistan High Commission in London marked Pakistan's

He said that at present