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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, CJCS, 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 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

forces presented the guard of honour. National anthem 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

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday said Pakistan could be put on the path of development and prosperity by promoting the rule of law, democracy, provision of basic human rights, eradication of social injustices and poverty.

Addressing a flag-hoisting ceremony held here in connection with the 76th independence day of Pakistan, the president expressed the hope that Pakistan would soon become

a prosperous and developed country by following all the basic rules and guidance given by the founder of Pakistan Quid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

He said Quid-i-Azam always discouraged nepotism and voiced for the promotion of merit, unity, socio-economic justice, and poverty alleviation.

He said Pakistan got independence in 1947 because of the long struggle of Quid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other founding

leaders, and the sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of 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 rendered 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 sub-continent to live their lives according to Islamic principles.

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

Says Pakistan is rich with resources, no danger to country

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ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff Gen Syed Asim Munir has cautioned against spreading despair among the people, and asked to give hope instead. The army chief was speaking to the media in an informal discussion after the swearing-in ceremony of caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar at the President House on Monday.

"We are very optimistic about the future of Pakistan," 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.

"Pakistan is rich with resources, and I assure you there is no danger to the country," the army chief said.

Any attempt to sabotage CPEC won't succeed: China

BEIJING (APP): Condemning the terrorist attack targeting Chinese engineers in Gwadar, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Monday said that any attempt to sabotage the friendship between China and Pakistan and the development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will not succeed.

"China will continue to work with the Pakistani side to jointly guard against and counter the threats of terrorism and earnestly protect the safety of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan," Wang Wenbin said during his regular briefing which resumed here at the International Press Center (IPC) 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."

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 meeting with a delegation from Balochistan.

Senator Sarfraz Bugti and Mir Khalid Lango were part of the delegation.

The delegation felicitated the prime minister on assuming office and expressed their best wishes for him.

Relations with Russia, priority of Pak foreign policy: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ambassador to Russia Shafiqat Ali Khan on Monday said relations with Russia was the priority of Pakistan foreign policy.

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 countries.

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

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

A Russian string quartet of Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory - Home performed classical adaptations of Pakistani songs 'Jeevay Jeevay', 'Sohni Dharti' and 'Dil Dil Pakistan'.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali hoisting flag of Pakistan on the occasion of 76th Independence Day celebration at Balochistan Assembly.

Our development to guarantee better future of our coming generations, says Speaker

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QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali has stated that the country's development and future is connected with Balochistan, and, on the day of Independence, we have to make pledge to develop the country and province. The Speaker said that our development would guarantee better future of our coming generations.

He also said that there's no dearth of anything in our country as it is the land of rich resources and coast. The Speaker was addressing the flag hoisting ceremony held to mark the 76th Independence Day at the lush green lawn of Balochistan provincial assembly here on Monday.

The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, senior civil and police officers besides dignitaries from different walks of life participated in the flag hoisting ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker said that it gives him utmost pleasure to join the Independence Day celebrations. He said that he has come to remind you all (participants) the days of independence.

He said that as you know all that our beloved country Islamic republic of Pakistan came into being on August 14, 1947.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-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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ISLAMABAD (INP): On the occasion of 76th Independence Anniversary of Pakistan, President Dr Arif Alvi has conferred 'Pakistan Civil Awards' on 696 Pakistani as well as foreign nationals for showing excellence and courage in their respective fields.

These awards include, seven Nishan-i-Imtiaz, two Hilal-i-Pakistan, 26 Hilal-i-Imtiaz, 1 Sitar-i-Pakistan, 20 Sitar-i-Shuja'at, 61 Sitar-i-Imtiaz, 69 President's Award for Pride of Performance, 1 Hilal-i-Shuja'at, 1 Sitar-e-Pakistan, 25 Tamgha-i-Shuja'at, 155 Tamgha-i-Imtiaz, 18 Hilal-i-Quaid-i-Azam, 3 Sitar-i-Quaid-i-Azam, 4 Sitar-e-Khidmat and 4 Tamgha-i-Khidmat.

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

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

CM Bizenjo greets Anwar Kakar on assuming office of caretaker PM; expresses best wishes

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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 eyeing 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 (Anwarul Haq Kakar) would use his energies and capabilities for performing his constitutional responsibilities.



QUETTA: Chief Justice Balochistan High Court (BHC) Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan addressing a ceremony in connection with Independence Day celebrations

76th Independence Day celebrated in Quetta & all over Balochistan with national spirit, enthusiasm

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QUETTA: The 76th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with national spirit and great enthusiasm in Quetta and all over Balochistan province on Monday.

The national flag hoisting ceremonies and different 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.

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

chief guest at the flag hoisting ceremony. He hoisted the flag at the lawn of provincial assembly.

The ceremony was attended by the Chief Secretary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, General 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 Naem Akhtar Afghan hoisted the national flag.

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



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.

According to the sources, Elahi was released from Adiala Jail after the period of his detention expired. However, he was arrested again by the NAB Lahore in assets beyond known sources of income case soon after he was released.

It should be noted that Deputy Commissioner Lahore Rafia Haider had issued orders for arresting the former chief minister, fearing his release could create law and order situation.

The NAB had sought details of the assets of Parvez Elahi and Moonis Elahi in the assets case.

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

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QUETTA: The Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court (BHC), Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan has emphasized that today the national pensiveness, solidarity and spirit of patriotism is needed more than before for the stability and prosperity of the motherland. He stressed that our political elders have to think and act in the best interest of the country remaining above our cast.

In the same way, the government's functionaries and officers have to work for development and prosperity of the country with more hard work and dedication.

The Chief Justice stated so and expressed similar other views while addressing the flag hoisting ceremony at the High Court's

premises on Monday morning. The ceremony marked the Independence Day celebrations, 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 geographical and ideological borders.

He said that this Jashne Azadi is quite unique due to certain aspects. He said our national and provincial assemblies completed their due tenure on August 12, digital population and housing census was completed in April 2023, which was also approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI).



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

CM highlights unity, determination on Independence Day

CM Naqvi launches urban-style cleaning initiative for villages

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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.

government officials, teachers, and doctors to fulfill their duties with integrity and punctuality. Mohsin Naqvi particularly stressed the importance of doctors adhering to their designated work hours in hospitals. He believed that if all employees diligently fulfill their responsibilities, the nation's progress is inevitable. He revealed his consistent advocacy for doctors to maintain their duty hours and work conscientiously during hospital visits.

significant improvements if honesty becomes the cornerstone of all efforts. He emphasized that teachers' dedication in imparting knowledge with integrity would lead to a promising future for the children. Reflecting on the grand Independence Day ceremony held at Shahi Qila the previous night, Mohsin Naqvi highlighted the participation of officers from diverse institutions, including the judiciary, military authorities, civil administration, police, and gave a message of unity and solidarity. Drawing inspiration from Quaid-i-Azam's emphasis on unity, Mohsin Naqvi emphasized that the nation's progress hinges on collective strength and consensus.



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

Every Pakistani should play his role in development of the country: Governor

LAHORE (Online): Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman hoisted the Pakistani flag in a simple ceremony on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan at Governor 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.

He said that this day reminds us of the immense sacrifices rendered by our forefathers for a separate homeland. He said that today is the day to renew our pledge to forget mutual differences and get united. He reiterated that the challenges facing the country can be overcome only by promoting unity, mutual tolerance and brotherhood. Today, we have to reaffirm the commitment that we will live up to the guiding principles of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Unity, faith and discipline. He also paid tributes to the martyrs of armed forces and security forces who laid down their lives for the sake of the dear homeland.

Pakistan to be made modern, prosperous country: Faryal Talpur

KARACHI (APP): The 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 and democratic country. In her message on the occasion of Independence Day, she congratulated the countrymen on Independence Day and said that freedom was a great blessing, and Pakistan was our identity. She said that our elders under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah fought a long and historic struggle and made unprecedented sacrifices to

achieve this blessing and recognition. Today we salute our benefactors. Faryal Talpur said that Quaid-e-Azam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto strengthened Pakistan created by the Quaid-e-Azam by giving gifts of a unified constitution, nuclear program and economic revolution. Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto took revolutionary steps to restore democracy and ran the country in the light of Quaid-e-Azam's thoughts and ideas. She said that former President Asif Ali Zardari foiled a conspiracy against the country by raising the slogan of 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.



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 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 Hayat Khan Gandapur, and other officials.

The Chief Minister's visit emphasized the significance of remembering and honoring the sacrifices made by the brave martyrs who laid down their lives for the nation's freedom. The CM conveyed heartfelt felicitations to the entire nation and especially the people of KP. He emphasized the importance of renewing the commitment to the ideals that led to the creation of Pakistan and highlighted the sacrifices of the Muslims of the subcontinent. Chief Minister Azam Khan recognized that Pakistan's establishment was the culmination of the immense struggle and sacrifices made by millions

of Muslims, which has resulted in the current era of peace and prosperity. He acknowledged the monumental debt of gratitude owed to the forefathers and called for sustained efforts to transform Pakistan into a prosperous and developed nation. Chief Minister Azam Khan expressed that the birth of Pakistan was the result of the sacrifices made by countless Muslims, and it is due to those sacrifices that Pakistan now breathes in an atmosphere of peace. He underscored the duty of every citizen to play a role in building a progressive and flourishing nation.

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

FAISALABAD (APP): Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) has distributed more than 40,000 plantlets free of cost under "Green flag, lush green Faisalabad" drive. Divisional Commissioner Silwat Saeed visited the PHA stall established at Zila Council Chowk here on Monday and appreciated its role for promotion of tree plantation on the 76th Independence Day. She said that trees were imperative for arrest of environmental pollution

in addition to adding natural beauty on the earth. She directed the PHA officers to arrange maximum saplings for the free distribution among the general public so that Faisalabad could be converted into a lush green metropolis of the country as early as possible. Director General (DG) PHA Zameer Hussain, Chief Officer Municipal Corporation Faisalabad Muhammad Zubair Watto and others were also present on the occasion.

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

Toba Tek Singh (APP): One person was killed and another injured on Monday when a parked truck was hit by a maza near Toba Tek Singh. According to the official source, the truck 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.

CM Murad performs soft launch of Karachi safe city

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that the Karachi Safe City Project is not just a collection of surveillance cameras and technological advancements; but it also embodies our collective aspiration for a safer and more secure urban environment. "With the challenges that a rapidly growing city like Karachi faces, it is our duty to ensure that every citizen must feel safe and secure and this project brings us one step closer to achieving that goal," he said. The CM said that he was aware of the urgency attached to this project. "The safety and well-being of our citizens cannot wait, and we must remain steadfast in our pursuit of its successful implementation," he said. "I am honored to launch the much-awaited launch of the safe city project before leaving the charge of this office," he said and added that it was a testament to the foresight and dedication of the Sindh government.

The program was attended by former IT Minister Taimur Talpur, Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, IG Police Ghulam Nabi Memon, MD NRIC Brig Asim Ishaq Chairman P&D, Secretary LG Najam Shah, Home Secretary Aijaz Shah, DG Safe City Authority Asif Aijaz Shaikh, and others. Mr. Shah said that the Karachi Safe City Project



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

Minister celebrates Independence Day with medical professionals

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Javed Akram participated as a special guest in the Independence Day celebrations being organized at University of Child Health Sciences, Services Institute of Medical Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Medical University, Mayo Hospital and King Edward Medical University, here on Monday. Dr Javed Akram hoisted the flag and cut celebration cake while male and female students presented 'milli naghmas' and speeches in the best

manner. On the occasion, the minister said that freedom is a great blessing of Allah Almighty and Pakistan was achieved after millions of sacrifices. The living nations use the glorious traditions, sacrifices and golden days of their past as a torch to move forward, he added. August 14 is a historic day for all Pakistanis and the message of happiness and joy should be disseminated, he mentioned. Vice Chancellors, principals and medical supervisors were also present.

Independence Day celebration at NESPAK

LAHORE (APP): National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK) celebrated 76th 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. NESPAK's Acting Managing Director Zargham Ishaq Khan started the ceremony by hoisting the national flag while the national anthem echoed in the air. On the occasion, Acting MD announced NESPAK's record breaking business acquisition in

2023, citing that the company achieved a business of Rs 17 billion, 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 added. He assured that the benefit of this development would also be given to the staff in the form of additional salary and bonus. On this occasion, appreciation shields were presented to employees who performed exceptionally well throughout the year.



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

RAWALPINDI (APP): Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Liaquat Ali Chhatta has urged the tourists to strictly abide by traffic rules to avoid traffic congestion and untoward incidents in Murree. According to a Commissioner Office spokesman, the Commissioner during a visit on Sunday night reviewed the traffic situation in Murree and visited various roads to observe the traffic load. He also issued necessary instructions to the authorities concerned to regulate traffic. Traffic was normal on Jhika Gali, Lower Topa and Guldana Road but, there was heavy traffic load at GPO Chowk and Kashmir Point due to Independence Day celebrations. The Commissioner was informed that traffic was being diverted to other routes by installing diversions at Toll Plaza and Satra Meel. Entry of more vehicles in Murree had been stopped on Sunday

night as over 14,000 vehicles were present in Murree. Traffic police and administration were working hard to control heavy traffic load, he added. The spokesman said 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 establishment of several checkpoints to control one-wheeling in Murree. The district and traffic police were implementing special security and traffic plan for Murree to facilitate the tourists coming to the hill station to celebrate Independence Day. He said, depending upon the crowd and parking situation, the entry of vehicles would be restricted in Murree. Special police squads had been formed to prevent one-wheeling and maintain traffic in Murree, he said.

Seven killed, one injured in three different incidents

ATTOCK (APP): Seven persons were killed while one another shot and injured in three different incidents in various parts of Attock, police and rescue sources said. In the first incident, in a gloomy incident, five 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 Katha range subsequently all on board burnt to death. On getting information, rescue 1122 launched operation and shifted the bodies after extinguishing fire. In the second two teenage friends drowned in a stream near Jand on Monday. Police and hospital sources while quoting eye witnesses has said that 18 years old Javaid along with his 19 years old friend Ramzan



KARACHI: Youngsters climb the fence of Mazar-e-Quaid while celebrating 76 Independence Day of Pakistan on 14 August.

I-Day celebrate with full enthusiasm in South Punjab

MULTAN (APP): Like other parts of the country, 76th independence day was celebrated with full enthusiasm across South Punjab including Multan. The day was started with special 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 and heroes. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held and

national anthem and 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 in installing bunting in houses and national flag badges on their dresses.

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 aspirations of millions of Muslims of the subcontinent.

He said that the 14th August 1947 was a historic day when Allama Iqbal's dream of a separate homeland for Muslims of the subcontinent came true.

In his special message issued on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day on Monday, the PM said that the historic day reminds us of the relentless struggle and sacrifices of our ancestors.

Paying eulogizing tributes to the father of the nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and

other founding leaders of the Pakistan movement, the PM said that Quaid-e-Azam organized the Muslim League on the basis of a two-nation theory and united all the Muslims of the subcontinent under one flag.

The PM said that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's dynamic leadership, unwavering faith, perseverance and his vision for Pakistan helped the Muslims of the subcontinent to win freedom in a short period of time despite the fiercest opposition of the Hindus

and the British empire.

Referring to 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 vain.



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



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 (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Munir Akram, in a message to the UN community on the country's Independence Day, highlighted the struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination and freedom from India.

"We will continue to raise Kashmir's call for liberation at the United Nations and in all forums," he said.

"Freedom is never free," Ambassador Akram said, pointing out that "our founding fathers faced vig-

orous opposition and secured Pakistan through determination, resolve, wisdom and democratic struggle.

"Hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters sacrificed their lives just to reach their promised homeland; to fulfill their dream of nationhood and liberty. We must never forget their heroism; their ideals; and their sacrifice.

"Today, as we celebrate our independence, we stand firmly with our Kashmiri brothers and sisters in their struggle for right to self-determination and

freedom," the Pakistani envoy added.

As a resilient nation, he said, Pakistanis overcame security and economic challenges with strength and fortitude, as manifested in the nation's response to the massive floods of 2022.

"Our Quaid prescribed the principles of unity, faith and discipline as the cornerstones of nation-building. We must work day and night to realize the vision of the Quaid-e-Azam and make our society humane, inclusive, and tolerant for all," Ambassador Akram said.

Kakar country's 8th caretaker PM since 1990

ISLAMABAD (INP): Anwar ul Haq Kakar has become 8th caretaker prime minister of Pakistan after he took oath of his office on Monday, the Independence Day of country.

According to details, the first caretaker prime minister of Pakistan was Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi who took over the office on August 06, 1990 and left after three months on November 06, 1990. He hailed from National Peoples Party and was appointed by then President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Balakh Sher Mazari appointed by then

President took over office as 2nd caretaker prime minister on April 18, 1993, and held the office only for one month and eight days as Supreme Court overturned Presidential order and restored Nawaz Sharif's government.

After Nawaz Sharif's resignation in July 1993, Moeenuddin Ahmad Qureshi took over the charge as 3rd caretaker chief minister on July 18, 1993 and his continued till October 19, 1993 (3 months, 1 day).

After dismissal of PPP's Benazir Bhutto's government in November 1996, Malik Mehraj Khalid

was appointed 4th caretaker prime minister. He took over the charge of office on November 05, 1996 and left on February 17, 1997 (three months, 12 days). Muhammad Mian Soomro hailing from PML-Q took over as 5th caretaker prime minister of Pakistan on November 15, 2007 and continued till March 25, 2008 (4 months, 8 days). The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) appointed Mir Hazar Khan Khoso as 6th caretaker prime minister who took over the office in March 24, 2013 and held the office till June 05, 2013 (2 months, 11 days).

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 national 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 Chargé d' Affaires in his remarks paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and other leaders of

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 to the brave sons of soil.



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

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

SIALKOT (APP): Former federal defence minister and central leader of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that May-9 incident was a plan of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman, but it failed to achieve its results.

He said military installations were attacked and statues of martyrs were also destroyed by the PTI leaders on that day. Now, in the general election, people would have to take revenge from the enemies of the country. With the power of vote, people should eliminate the country's enemies from the political scene forever.

He expressed these views while addressing a special ceremony held in

connection with the Independence Day at Muslim League House Sialkot late at Saturday night.

He said the coalition government steered the country out of minefields laid down by the PTI government. He said that former premier Imran Khan, during around four-year tenure in government, destroyed the national economy.

He said the Pakistan Muslim League-e-Nawaz (PML-N) steered the country from crises, caused by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government.

Former federal minister said Nawaz Sharif would return to his homeland soon and the journey of country's development and prosperity would be started again.

Iranian envoy felicitates Pakistan on I-Day

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

In a message on the eve of the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan, he said, "I would like to extend my heartfelt felicitations to the government and honourable nation of Pakistan."

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 reaching here, a vehicle on way to tourist place Domiara carrying three persons when it overturned and fell in a ditch along the road. As a result, two of

them died on the spot while another got injured.

The area levies and administration reached the spot and shifted bodies of deceased and injured persons to the District Headquarter Hospital Ziarat.

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 and Muhammad Usama.

Freedom is great blessing, its protection collective task: DC Duki

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner Duki 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 76th Independence Day. The district officer was also present on this occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner said that while celebrating the independence, we should pledge that we would make every possible effort for the development of Pakistan.

The integrity of the beloved country will never be compromised and when the time comes, the Pakistan Army, Police and law enforcement agencies will stand side by side, he mentioned. He said that we could pledge that we would not hesitate to make any sacrifice for our country because the blood of millions of martyrs is included in the foundations of Pakistan and Muslims made countless sacrifices for an independent state. He said that history is a witness even when the train from India reached Lahore full of dead bodies of Muslims.

PML-N leader Hina Butt harassed by PTI supporters in London

LONDON (INP): Former MPA of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, Hina Parvez Butt, was allegedly attacked while walking on the road with her son in London.

The PML-N leader alleged that it was PTI supporters who not only harassed her and shouted slogans at her, but also threw bottles.

Hina Butt claimed that PTI supporters threw cold drink and water bottles at her while she was walking on the streets of London with her son.

Hina Butt had also met PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif two days ago.

She said she was followed 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".



QUETTA: Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazir 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 Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) provincial leader Hamza Khan Nasir led a rally on Monday from Quetta Airport Road to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan. The participants of the rally reached at Manan Chowk after marching different roads including Airport Road, Samnguli Road, Zarghun Road, Incombe Road and carried Pakistani flags and placards.

PTI's Provincial leader Hamza Khan Nasir, addressed the participants of the rally and said that freedom is a blessing and we should appreciate it, its protection and development is now our responsibility.

In order to assume the position, we have to forget all our sub-group and differences and rise above all

kinds of prejudices and work in the form of a united nation, he said.

He said that at present the country is facing internal and external challenges and the monster of terrorism saying that anti-national forces wanted to weaken and destabilize Pakistan by spreading unrest.

He said that if even now we could not play our role in the development of our country by learning lessons from the past, the future generations would never forgive us.

Hamza Khan said that Independence Day is a day of renewal of pledge, this day reminds us of the sacrifices of our elders who gave us a free and independent country saying that they should be valued and everyone should play their role for the security.

China greets Anwaar Kakar as Caretaker PM

BEIJING (APP): China on Monday congratulated Anwaarul Haque Kakar on 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 international and Pakistan's domestic landscapes evolve, our relationship will be ironclad, he added.

Envoy Masood vows to continue work for Pakistan's prosperity

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan has reaffirmed resolve to continue work towards crafting a bright future and destiny of the people of Pakistan. In his message on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan, he said Pakistan is aware of the external threats being faced by the country and will eliminate them. He said that Pakistan is a dream for hundreds of millions of Muslims of South Asia. He said Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, gave the country concrete form and substance. He paid tribute to Father of the Nation, his comrades and followers for making this dream, this miracle a reality. He said Pakistan has an ideology, a vision and a destiny and gives us identity.

The Ambassador said that today is a day to count our blessings, celebrate our successes, reaffirm our aspirations and resolve to scale new heights in our journey. He said there is plenty to be optimistic

about and the sky is the limit for what we can.

Masood Khan said it is our shared responsibility to reject merchants of despair and devalue the currency of fake fables. If we have to move forward, there is no room for despondency and dejection, doom and gloom. He said our commitment to democracy is strong and unwavering.

The Ambassador further said that Pakistan's forthcoming electoral processes would usher in an era of political resilience and economic viability. Masood Khan expressed also gratitude to the US Government, Congress and the American people for their support for stronger bilateral relations and for standing by Islamabad during last year's devastating floods. He was particularly grateful to Secretary Blinken for his message of solidarity and friendship on our Independence Day. Talking about Pakistani-Americans, he said their numbers have grown and they have become more prosperous and politically savvy.



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

QUETTA (APP): Central Chairman of Pakistan Youth Peace Movement (PYPM) Arbab Nasir Haider Kasi on Monday said that August 14 reminded us to follow the decrees and principles of the Quaid-e-Azam and to live with hard work and honesty.

He expressed these views 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, "During the establishment of Pakistan, the promises

made by our relatives while making sacrifices, we have renewed our commitment to take Pakistan forward with the same spirit."

"Pakistan is the fort of the Islamic world and the hope of the entire Islamic world, we have to make Pakistan stronger and stronger and to eliminate terrorism and corruption from the country," he said.

He said that we would not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the survival and security of Pakistan saying that Pakistan was achieved after endless sacrifices and we have to take practical steps to achieve the goal for which Pakistan was established.



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