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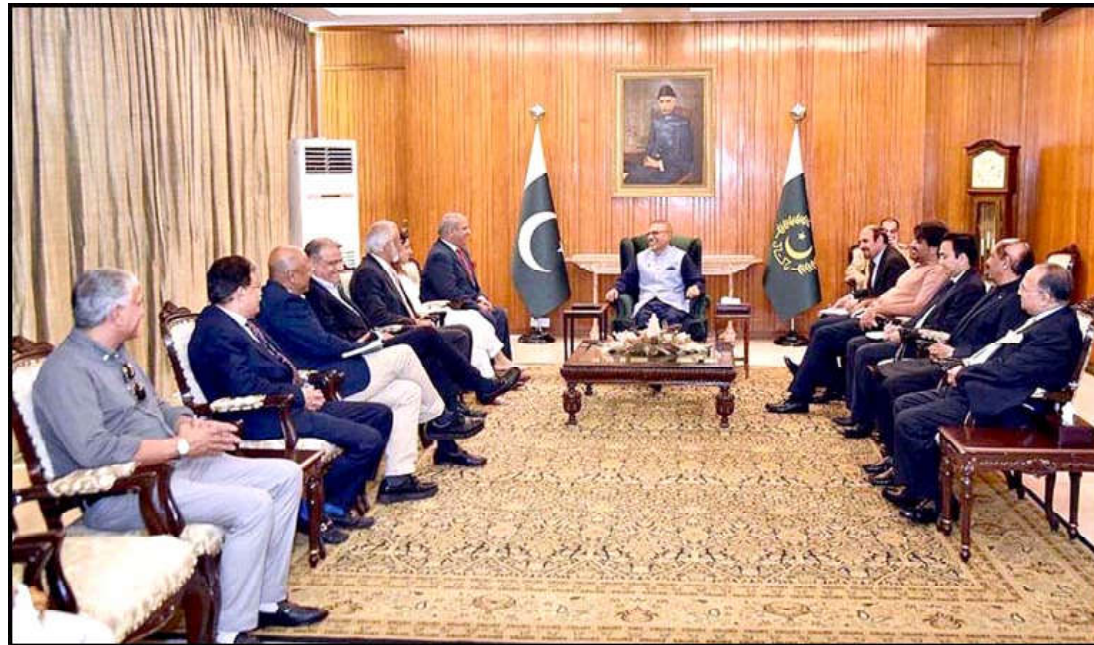
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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with the representatives of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS), Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA), Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), and Association of Electronic Media Editors and News Directors (AEMEND), who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President assures support on PEMRA (Amend) Bill 2023

President Alvi appreciates collective efforts of media community; Says amendment bill brought improvements to existing media law; Urges need for promoting diversity of thought and opinions.

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr. Arif Alvi on Tuesday assured media workers and the journalist community of his support for the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) Amendment Bill 2023. The president was talking to a delegation of the representatives of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS), Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA), Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), and Association of Electronic Media Editors and News Directors (AEMEND), who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, in a press release.

The delegation included Afzal Butt, Arshad Ansari, Naz Afreen Saigol, Samad Ali, Shahab Zuberi, Shakeel Masud, Ijazul Haq, Kazim Khan, Ayaz Khan, and Azhar Abbas. Talking to the delegation, the president appreciated the collective efforts of the media community for introducing amendments to the PEMRA law, especially to protect the rights of media workers. He said that the linking of government advertisements with the payment of dues to electronic media

employees would help address their issues. The president discussed in detail various aspects of the bill with the

visiting delegation. The amended bill had brought improvements to the existing media law, he said. He also asked the members of the delegation to volunteer to educate the youth about fake news and disinformation, and highlighted that teenagers were among the most vulnerable populations to the scourge of fake news, and needed to be educated and sensitized about its implications. He further said the media, especially senior journalists, should enhance linkages with academia and universities to guide and educate students about fake news and the new developments taking place in the field of journalism.

PM for road infrastructure in areas serving magnet for foreign investment

Emphasizes upon completion of road infrastructure in Balochistan and directed the reconstruction of Karachi to Chaman highway; Briefed in detail about ongoing work on Pinjarra bridge on Quetta-Sukkur Highway and Sawar bridge on Quetta-Zhob Road

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday said that an efficient road infrastructure played a pivotal role in the development and progress of any country and stressed for laying of road infrastructure in those areas which could attract foreign investment. The caretaker prime minister chaired a meeting to review the ongoing road infrastructure projects. The meeting was attended by relevant authorities, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The meeting was

briefed in detail about the ongoing work on Pinjarra bridge on Quetta-Sukkur Highway and Sawar bridge on Quetta-Zhob Road. The work on Pinjarra bridge, which was damaged during the last year's flood, would commence next month. A causeway was constructed after floods which restored the vehicular movement. The construction period of the new bridge with 15-meter height and 12-meter width, would take about nine months, it was further added. The prime minister di-

rected for reducing the stipulated time period for the completion of new bridge. The meeting was apprised that the reconstruction and rehabilitation work on 118-km long Quetta-Dhadar Road and 188-km Dhadar-Jacobabad Road would be undertaken anew which would not only help in fuel saving, but also reduce the vehicular pressure. It was also informed about the repair work on Sawar bridge. The repair work on the 282-meter long bridge was in the final stages while during the

work, the traffic could not be diverted due to lack of alternate route. The reconstruction work on the bridge would commence soon and its completion would take about six months. The caretaker PM observed that the National Highway Authority (NHA) was playing an efficient role in the maintenance and construction of roads. He emphasized upon completion of road infrastructure in the Balochistan province and directed the reconstruction

of Karachi to Chaman highway. He also asked for adoption of the out of the box approach to expedite construction work because it was the responsibility of the government to provide facilities to the masses. The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to expedite work on the ongoing projects on priority basis and sought briefing over the proposed projects. He also asked for improving the road network linking Balochistan with other provinces.



ISLAMABAD: Opposition leader Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo

Sikander, Bizenjo engages in discussions to select interim Chief Minister

QUETTA (APP): Opposition Leader Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate met with Outgoing Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo on Tuesday to evolve a consensus on the name of the caretaker chief minister. They discussed the names of the proposed candidate to reach a consensus over a candidate for the post of interim chief minister as the decision has to be made within three days of assembly dissolution, under the law.

'Matter of public interest' ECP should conduct delimitations transparently, says CJP Bandial

Says Election Commission should resolve all issues before polls; SC refers matter of Sindh delimitations back to electoral body.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has returned the matter of delimitation of constituencies to Election Commission (EC). The petitions filed against provincial delimitation of constituencies by EC in Sindh came up for hearing before 3-member bench of SC presided over by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial Tuesday. The CJP remarked delimitation of constituencies is matter of public interest. The matter of delimitation of constituencies has come in SC several times. EC should conduct delimitation of constituencies in transparent manner. There is too much sensitivity on

News about resignation of Governor baseless and fabricated Independent Report

QUETTA: The Spokesman to Governor Balochistan Secretariat has contradicted a news item running on social media regarding resignation of Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar. According to a statement issued here by the spokesman to Governor's Secretariat, the news running on social media about resignation of the Governor Balochistan is baseless and fabricated. There's no truth in the news in this regard, he added. The spokesman urged the people associated with the media to avoid spreading unverified news and sensation.

Caretaker PM vows to eliminate terrorism, promote peace

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits Maulana Fazal's residence to condole over death of party workers. ISLAMABAD (APP): The prime minister offered Fateha for the departed souls and prayed for the early recovery of the injured. He reiterated that terrorist elements could not deter the morale of Pakistani nation and assured taking of steps against terrorism and maintenance of law and order in the country on priority basis. Maulana Fazlur Rehman, on the occasion, felicitated PM Kakar on assuming the office of the caretaker prime minister and extended his best wishes. Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori also accompanied the prime minister, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Care taker PM decides to induct small cabinet

ISLAMABAD (Online): Care taker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar has decided to keep small cabinet and consultation process has been accelerated in this regard. Care taker PM has decided to review profile of all the persons by him in connection with cabinet. The name of those who are likely to be inducted in care taker cabinet have come to fore. Consultations have been started for giving portfolios of main ministries including ministry of foreign affairs, finance, interior and others. As per sources the name of Faisal Vawda, Maj (Retd) Khurram Hamid Rokhri, Shahid Afridi, Qari Sadaqat Ali, Ahmad Cheema, Mushtaq Sukhera, Muhammad Ali Durrani, Jalil Abbas Jillani, Absar Alam, Salim Safi, Hamid Mir, Hafiz Sheikh, Gohar Ejaz, Dr Shoaib Siddal, Ahsan Bhoon, Sarfraz Bugti, Zulfiqar Cheema, Shamshad Akhtar, Raza Baqir, Ashtar Ausaf, Mohsin Jugnoo and Ayesha Raza Farooq are under consideration for induction in care taker cabinet. Sources disclosed name of Brig (Retd) Muzaffar Ranjha and Sittara Imtiaz are also under consideration. In the first phase 10 to 12 ministers will take oath. Care taker PM is in contact with experts in different fields and prominent persons. According to sources former ambassador Jalil Abbas Jillani is likely to be given portfolio of ministry of foreign affairs, Dr Shoaib Siddal, ministry of interior, Ahsan Bhoon, law ministry, Dr Hafeez Sheikh ministry of finance and Gohar Ejaz ministry of industries. While talking the care taker PM said I don't want to put more burden on the country already facing economic difficulties. My protocol should be kept minimum. People should not suffer and unnecessary expenses be avoided.

Professor Dr. Abdul Saboor selected for Tamgha-e-Imtiaz

QUETTA: The Dean Faculty of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities, University of Turbat, Professor Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch has been nominated for the civil award Tamgha-e-Imtiaz in recognition of his meritorious services and performance in the literature. The selection of Professor Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch has been made on the eve of Independence Day, stated in an official hand out issued here on Tuesday. The award would be conferred on Professor Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch on Pakistan Day, 23rd March, 2024. Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of University of Turbat, Dr. Jan Muhammad as well as faculty members and students have congratulated Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch on his achievement. The Vice Chancellor described the award not only for Dr. Abdul Saboor but also for the province and University of Turbat.



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and Additional IG Police Jawad Ahmed Dogar pinning ranks to officers promoted as DIGs

ECP urges caretakers to ensure 'level playing field' for all political parties in next polls

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday instructed caretaker governments in the Centre and all the provinces to provide a level playing field to all contesting candidates and political parties during the upcoming general elections in the country. In a statement, the election watchdog said that the National Assembly and provincial assemblies in Sindh and Balochistan stand dissolved on August 9, 11 and 12 respectively. Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar — a lawmaker belonging to Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) — has been selected as caretaker prime minister. The decision came after the second round of consultations between then prime minister Shehbaz Sharif and Leader of the Opposition in the dissolved NA Raja Riaz, and a summary to this effect had been approved by President Arif Alvi under Article 224 1A. In Sindh, Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah and Leader of the Opposition in the dissolved provincial assembly Rana Ansar on Monday night reached a consensus on the appointment of Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqar as the interim CM. The selection for the name of caretaker chief minister in Balochistan remains in limbo, as incumbent CM Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo and Leader of the Opposition Malik Sikandar Khan could not reach a consensus on any name so far. The ECP said that it was mandated with the constitutional duty to organise and conduct elections in terms of Article 218(3) of the Constitution and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the elections are conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with the law. "It has become imperative that the ECP shall take all necessary steps under the Constitution and prevalent law for the smooth conduct of general elections," it added. The electoral watchdog directed the caretaker governments at the federal and provincial levels to assist the ECP in holding elections in accordance with the law and ensure the compliance of all the notifications, directives and provisions as laid down in Section 230 of the Act Ibid.



Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar offering Fateha for departed soul of Abascen Roshan son of PKMAP leader Essa Roshan

CM for boosting efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the 'Roshan Ghar' rehabilitation center for drug addicts in Raiwand on Tuesday, where he assessed the facilities provided for the recovery of individuals struggling with drug addiction. He thoroughly inspected the various sections and wards dedicated to the drug addicts, engaging with them and encouraging them to overcome their addiction. During the visit, Mohsin Naqvi emphasised the need to enhance the rehabilitation and treatment services for drug addicts. He also issued directives for the establishment of new centers to cater to their rehabilitation. He assigned the task of building additional centers to the Secretary of Social Welfare

and the Secretary of Health, with a mandate to complete centers with a combined capacity of 400 beds across different areas of Lahore within a span of two weeks. The CM also highlighted the importance of providing quality nutrition and regular supply of fruits to the addicts at 'Roshan Ghar'. He pledged to allocate all necessary resources for effective treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts and he stressed the significance of digitising the records of these individuals. While touring the facility, Mohsin Naqvi visited the computer lab and domestic tailoring lab that serve the drug addicts. He acknowledged the devastating impact of addiction on families and expressed his commitment to helping those affected find a path to recovery. As

part of the effort to combat drug trafficking, a comprehensive crackdown had been initiated across Punjab. The chief minister received detailed briefings from the Secretary of Social Welfare regarding the rehabilitation process for drug addicts and from the Secretary of Health concerning the available treatment facilities. The briefing revealed that 'Roshan Ghar' currently houses up to 100 beds. Present on this occasion were Provincial Minister of Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Dr. Javed Akram, along with the secretaries of Health, Industry and Excise, Commissioner of Lahore, Director General of Social Welfare, Deputy Commissioner, Principal of Allama Iqbal Medical College and other relevant officers.



LAHORE: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information and Culture Amir Meer inaugurates 4 new buses for Culture Department.

Corruption case: Parvez Elahi remand in NAB custody till Aug 21

LAHORE (APP): An accountability court on Tuesday handed over former Punjab chief minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on physical remand till August 21 in a case of receiving kickbacks in development projects. Earlier, the NAB team produced the PTI president before Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani amid strict security. Advocate Amjad Pervaiz requested the court to grant him 15 minutes to talk to his client before submitting arguments,

which was granted by the court. Special prosecutor Waris Ali Janjua, who represented the NAB, requested for physical remand of Chaudhry Parvez Elahi. He argued that four persons had already been arrested in connection with the case. He submitted that as chief minister Punjab, Parvez Elahi gave a development package of Rs 72 billion for Gujrat division alone. He submitted that a list of 200 projects was finalised and approval was given for the projects on a fast-track basis, in violation of the rules and regulations. He further alleged that after settling the matter of

the kickbacks, the amounts for the projects were released even before the commencement of the work. He submitted that the step was also a violation of the law and the bureau had strong evidence in this regard. At this stage, Parvez Elahi's counsel Advocate Amjad Parvaiz submitted that the cases were pending at the Supreme Court and the Lahore High Court against the arrest of his client. Therefore, the court should give the physical remand of Parvez Elahi till Monday, so that the decision of the Supreme Court and the Lahore High Court would also come by then, he added.



SUKKUR: Members of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) are holding protest demonstration against killing of Jan Muhammad Mehar Senior Journalist, at Sukkur press club.

LWMC, Motorway Police sign MoU for licensing of drivers

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Waste Management Company and National Highway and Motorway Police on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for technical training and licensing of drivers of operational vehicles. More than 3,000 LWMC drivers will be assisted in technical training and licensing. Under the MoU, LWMC's drivers and other staff will be eligible for international licence, on completion of technical training. Further, the Education Wing of Motorway Police will provide awareness about road safety and rules. According to LWMC spokesman Umar Chaudhary, Motorway Police Sector Commander Shahbaz Alam and Deputy CEO LWMC Fahad Mehmood signed the

MoU. LWMC CEO Babar Sahib Din, DIG Motorway Police Ahmed Nasir Aziz Wirk, and a large number of LWMC officers including a licensing and education team from Motorway Police participated in the event. Addressing the event, LWMC CEO Babar Sahib Din said that the department is taking all possible steps to train and guide workers. "Trained staff is the strong pillar of the organization. Our workers are our valuable asset who perform the duties of cleaning Lahore with full honesty and hard work on every occasion and festival," he added. He thanked IG Motorway Police Ahmed Nasir Aziz for supporting this great initiative and requested the cooperation of citizens to support the LWMC staff.

Restoration of Lahore's historical gates approved

LAHORE (Online): Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has approved the plan to restore four historical gates to their original condition out of 11 historical gates and one Mori. It has been reported that the summary sent by the Walled City Authority has also been approved, according to which the project will cost seven and a half crore rupees. Among the historic gates to be restored are Shiranwala Gate, Lohari Gate, Kashmiri Gate and Roshnai Gate, instructions have been issued to remove all encroachments from outside.

Five injured as lightning strike hits Attock Kurd police station

ATTOCK (APP): The Attock Kurd Police station turned into rubble as a Police spokesman attributed it to lightning which hits the building in the early hours of Tuesday. Five Policemen were also injured in the incident, among them one critical. According to a police spokesman, the lightning hit a portion of the police station where the mall khana was established which results in a blast subsequently the whole building was damaged. The spokesman has said that five police officials including assistant sub-inspector Imtiaz, Wireless operator Bilawal Siddiqui, constable Sajjad, Faizan, and Louqeer. One of the injured was shifted to Rawalpindi due to his critical injuries. Soon after the incident, rescue 1122 teams reached the spot and carried out rescue services. The fire tenders have extinguished the fire.

Minister inaugurates new buses for sightseeing tour of Lahore

LAHORE (APP): In a bid to boost tourism, the Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information and Tourism Amir Mir on Tuesday inaugurated four new buses for sightseeing tour of Lahore. Through a collaboration of Punjab Tourism Department and Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP), these newly introduced single-deck buses would now run on the roads of the city. Addressing the inaugural ceremony, the minister said the new buses would also be utilized for tours to Wagah Border and Gurdwara Kartarpur. Currently, these buses would operate within Lahore. TDCP's Sales and Tour Promotion Wing would also utilize these

buses for various tour packages, he informed. Amir Mir said that in the future, additional buses would be introduced under the World Bank project, offering tourists the opportunity to explore destinations like Murree, Patriata and other northern areas. He added that three buses were already operating in Lahore and the total count would reach at seven, providing tourists with an excellent opportunity to explore Lahore's captivating landscapes and historical sites. AC and non-AC buses would also operate in different cities during seasonal events, he said. Secretary Tourism Asif Bilal Lodhi expressed hope that these initiatives would open a new chapter for tourism in the province.

Police arrest six for possessing illegal weapons

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi district police on the directives of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Operations conducted raids in different areas and netted six accused of possessing illegal weapons. According to a police spokesman, Bani, Race Course, Taxila, Saddar Wah, and Rawat police conducted raids in their respective jurisdiction and arrested six namely Anwar, Muzamil, Waseem, Asif, Umair, and Jawad, and recovered five 30-bore pistols, a 32 bore pistol and ammunition. Separate cases have been registered against the accused while further investigations are under process. Divisional Superintendents of Police said that strict action by the law was being taken against the lawbreakers and operations against aerial firing and illegal weapon.

Miyawaki Forest to be developed in 258 govt schools in south Punjab

MULTAN (APP): In a bold move to counter the looming threats of climate change and offer a verdant sanctuary for students, the Department of School Education South Punjab has unveiled plans to cultivate Miyawaki forests in 258 government schools. The pioneering endeavor, designed to tackle tree scarcity and forge a resilient ecosystem, enters its second phase with 258 selected schools slated to embrace the transformation. The inaugural planting of the Miyawaki forests is set to unfurl on August 16 (Wednesday) in a gala event at the Government High School Jamia Uloom New Multan. Notable dignitaries including the Secretary of School Education South Punjab, Rana Salim Ahmad Khan, and Secretary of Forests South Punjab, Sarfraz Ahmed, are poised to inaugurate the ambitious campaign. The concerted effort will usher in the growth of Miyawaki forests alongside the monsoon planting season, said official source. The innovative Miyawaki technique promises to usher in forests with a swiftness and density as it is 10 times faster and 30 times thicker, compared to natural forests. Secretary Rana Salim Ahmad Khan underscored the urgency of the initiative, revealing Pakistan's fifth-ranking status among nations bearing the brunt of climate change ramifications. Tackling this dilemma becomes the cornerstone of preserving both the present and the posterity. Secretary Khan further emphasized that metropolises and densely populated zones, often marred by pollution and a dearth of greenery, would get immense benefits from the Miyawaki Forests. Planting Miyawaki forest is a good idea. It will make cities better and give us cleaner air to breathe. The new forests give us hope for better future, he maintained.



PESHAWAR: Pharmacy Students are holding protest demonstration for their rights, at Peshawar press club.

S.Punjab secretariat puts region on new path of development: ACS

MULTAN (APP): Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab, Capt. Saqib Zafar, said that the South Punjab Secretariat has put the region on a new path of development. He expressed these views while talking to a delegation of 36 officers of under training Pakistan Administrative Service at the Civil Service Academy who called at his office here on Tuesday. Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Services South Punjab Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen and Deputy Director Civil Service Academy Rehmat Wali Khan were also present in the meeting. He further said that now not even a single penny could be transferred from development funds allocated in the budget out of South Punjab. Likewise, an integrated mechanism has been developed for the timely resolution of public grievances. He said secretariat office system has been digitized and e-filing system been introduced for official correspondence. The under construction Secretariat will also be a reflection of corporate culture. ACS said that South Punjab plays a key role in the agricultural production of the country.

IGP orders to launch crackdown to eradicate drug menace in GB

GILGIT (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Gilgit-Baltistan Afzal Mahmood Butt on Tuesday issued orders to start crackdown against traffickers and drug addicts to stop the use and sale of drugs in Gilgit-Baltistan. According to a press release issued from the spokesman of Gilgit-Baltistan police office, IGP Gilgit-Baltistan has given strict instructions to the DIGs of all ranges and the SSPs of all districts including the DIG Special Branch to prevent drug dealers and traffickers. He issued order to take strict legal action against them. IGP GB said that to save the youth from this scourge, the region has to be free from drugs. He added use all your resources for this. The IGP urged immediate and strict implementation of these instructions. Afzal Mahmood Butt concluded by saying that anti-social elements target.



KARACHI: View of site after a fire broken out incident as the fire brigade officials are busy in extinguishing fire and rescue operation, located on LI Chundrigar road in Karachi.

TMA Hangu unveils app for easy access to municipal services

PESHAWAR (APP): National Governance Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) Hangu launched an E-TMA app to make access to municipal services easy. The launching ceremony of the app was held at the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Hangu, Fazal Akbar highlighted the role of the app in establishing a transparent and efficient governance system tailored to meet the needs of the people. This pioneering digital solution, developed in partnership with the Local Government, Elections, and Rural Development (LGERD) KP. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Hangu, Fazal Akbar highlighted the role of the app in establishing a transparent and efficient governance system tailored to meet the needs of the people. This pioneering digital solution, developed in partnership with the Local Government, Elections, and Rural Development (LGERD) KP.

PHC seeks details of cases, inquiries against ex MNA, MPA

PESHAWAR (APP): A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Monday directed the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Anti-Corruption Department and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to provide details of the cases registered against former MNA Mehboob Shah and MPA Humayun. The bench comprising Justice Syed Arshad Ali and Justice Qazi Subhan asked the anti-corruption watchdogs to provide details of all the cases and inquiries against the petitioners. Earlier, the legal

Dr. Yasmeen post arrest bail plea, lawyers' arguments

LAHORE (Online): Anti Terrorist Court (ATC) heard post arrest bail plea of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Dr. Yasmeen Rashid in four different cases of May 09 incident. Judge Ijaz Ahmed of ATC heard case. Court summoned lawyers for arguments. Case number 23/1271 and 23/1280 in Gulberg Police Station are filed against accused. Case number 23/36 in Model Town Police Station and case number 23/108 in Server Road police station are also registered against accused Yasmin Rashid.

Commissioner visits DHQ to inspect facilities

RAWALPINDI (APP): Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chatha on Tuesday visited the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) and reviewed the medical facilities provided to the patients there. He interacted with the patients and their attendants and inquired about the treatment facilities provided to them at the hospital. Chatha also visited the hospital's Neurosurgery, Emergency, OPD and operation theatre and directed the concerned to keep functional all the medical equipment and air conditioners of the hospital so that public grievances could be redressed.

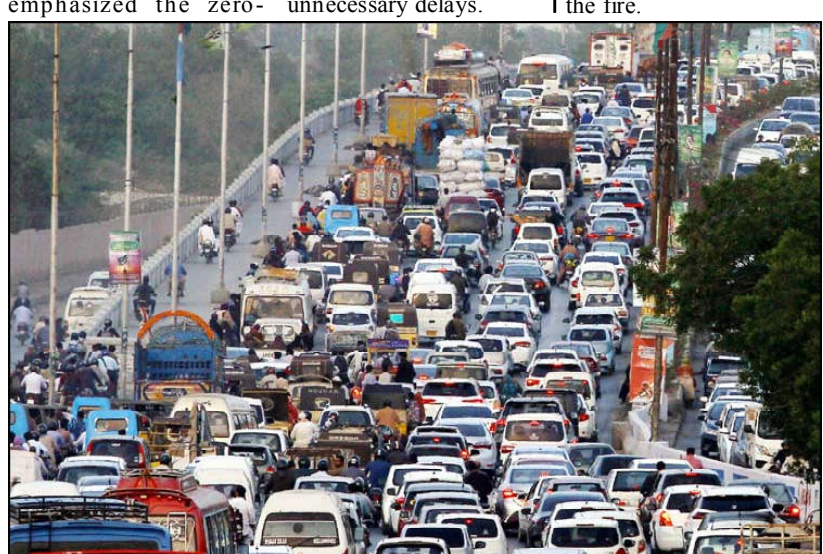
Anti-polio drive begins in Khyber

PESHAWAR (Online): A seven-day anti-polio drive has kicked off in district Khyber of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. During the campaign, more than two hundred thousand children up to age of five will be administered anti-polio vaccine. A total of nine hundred and sixty-five teams have been formed for this purpose.

SMBR reviews state land management system

LAHORE (APP): Senior Member Board of Revenue (SMBR) Nabil Javed reviewed the state land management system under the Directorate of Land Records (DLR) here Tuesday. Officers from Punjab Land Records Authority (PLRA), Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), Directorate of Land Records (DLR) and other relevant departments attended the meeting. During the meeting, the SMBR issued directives to streamline processes and ensure transparency. The foremost among these directives was to address the issue of groups unlawfully occupying government land. Nabil Javed emphasized the zero-

tolerance policy towards corruption and nepotism in the land acquisition system. He stated that any instance of bribery and nepotism would be met with immediate disciplinary action. In a bid to enhance efficiency, he mandated the swift dissemination of all rules and regulations related to land acquisition management to all deputy commissioners (DCs). He also stressed the need for timely registration of areas which were yet to complete their online registration. He directed the PLRA to expedite the creation of a comprehensive dashboard as this was in line with the commitment to ensure that government projects did not suffer unnecessary delays.



KARACHI: A large numbers of vehicles stuck in traffic jam due to construction and repairing work of Natha Khan Bridge located on Shahrah-e-Faisal in Karachi.

Rules out political alliance IPP decides to expose PDM, PTI failed policies

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Isteqam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) on Tuesday decided to expose previous rainbow coalition Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in their failed policies.

The IPP had started its election campaign with verve. In this regard, the IPP top brass had formulated the strategy.

Sources divulged that

IPP patron-in-chief Jahangir Khan Tareen and party chairman Abdul Aleem Khan hosted the luncheon to discuss matters related to the general elections.

IPP supremo also instructed the party workers to start campaigning in their respective constituencies.

During the meeting, it was decided to focus on the prices of the petroleum (POL) products and power.

The IPP patron-in-

chief felicitated the nominated divisional presidents of the party.

Meanwhile, former PTI stalwart Hashim Dogar officially made his announcement of joining the "grandiose" party.

IPP rules out political alliance

President of the Isteqam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP), Abdul Aleem Khan, ruled out coalition alliance with any political party.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting to review ongoing road infrastructure projects.



ISLAMABAD: An Afghan national with her hands and face painted red takes part with others in a demonstration against the Taliban government on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

Food Festival arranged to mark I. Day celebrations at Railway Station Qta

Independent Report
QUETTA: The special Food Festival was organized at the Railway Station Quetta on Monday night.

The Festival which marked the celebrations of Independence Day was organized in collaboration with the Balochistan Food Authority and district administration.

Different stalls with variety of foods were set up in the Festival by the famous food points and outlets of the city and district administration that attracted a large number of people.

However, the stall of BFA remained the center of

SC dismisses contempt of court plea against Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has dismissed contempt of court plea against former federal minister Ahsan Iqbal.

Ahsan Iqbal had said we have also respect like a military officer or judge.

The case came up for hearing before CJP Umar Ata Bandial here Tuesday.

The CJP remarked Ahsan Iqbal had said we have too respect like any army officer or judge. This sentence is not enough to run a case further.

The CJP remarked this is upto us to decide if the contempt of court has taken place or otherwise. The petitioner Mehmood Akhtar Naqvi Sahb, you informed, thanks.

The CJP further remarked to my views Ahsan Iqbal is very serious and intellectual man. May be he has said some thing under sentiments.

Raza Rabbani says: Delayed elections not to be in favour of country, people

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Senator Raza Rabbani said on Tuesday that despite passage of six days after dissolution of National Assembly, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has not yet announced about elections.

The Senator said, "Time passes rapidly over the 90 days' constitutional deadline for elections but regrettably the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has yet to issue a comprehensive statement on the election."

"The ECP should inform about the time limit it required for fixing boundaries of constituencies after approval of the digital population census results," Raza Rabbani maintained.

He emphasized, "The election commission should not treat the issue as a routine matter." "The delay in holding elections within the period allowed by the constitution, will bring serious consequences for the federation," he cautioned. Senator Raza Rabbani had earlier also warned that delay in elections would prove to be "dangerous" for the federation. The PPP Senator had commented after the CCI unanimously approved the 7th Population and Housing Census, making it almost certain that the general elections would not be held within the constitutional period and during the current year as the election commission will be needed time for fresh delimitation of the constituencies.

NAB Balochistan organises Independence Day celebration

QUETTA (APP): Like proud nations, NAB Balochistan celebrated Independence Day with zeal and enthusiasm in a manner. NAB officers, officials and other staff participated therein ardently.

The children of NAB employees dressed up in colorful ceremonial clothes in accordance with the day put in their presence at the event. Director General NAB Mr. Zafar Iqbal Khan unfurled the flag in the presence of cheers and faces of the participants.

Mr. Zafar Iqbal Khan mingled with the officers, staff and children. He individually shook hands with every officer, official and kid in connection with the Independence Day celebration. Groups photos with kids, officers and officials were taken separately for their sake.

Subsequently, the Director General made a speech in commemoration of day. He put heartfelt felicitations for the day. He paid tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and his companions of Pakistan movement. He

counted the benefits of independence by recalling plight of Muslims before the creation of Pakistan. He recalled the Quaid's quote "Work, Work and only Work" and advised the audience that the development of Pakistan is hidden in hard working. He advised to adapt the lives on the principals of "Self-Accountability is the Best Accountability"

The ceremony ended at comprecation wherein Qari Abdul Hafeez made special prayers for the permanency and prosperity of the country.

Masood decorates Urooj Aftab with President's 'Pride of Performance' Award

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan has decorated GRAMMY award winner Urooj Aftab with prestigious President's Pride of Performance award during a ceremony held in

Washington, D.C.

Urooj Aftab is an internationally recognized Pakistani American vocalist, music composer and producer in the United States. She is the first Pakistani woman to ever win a GRAMMY award.

Lauding her achievement especially in bringing the people of Pakistan and US closer to each other with the power of music.

Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.



connection with Independence Day in Washington DC.

PDM's hopes dashed to ground after appointment of a caretaker PM: Rashid

RAWALPINDI (INP): Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed has said that the hopes and aspirations of the 13-party opposition alliance, Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), were dashed to the ground after the appointment of a caretaker prime minister.

In a message on social media, Rashid said that the PDM parties were ashamed of each other and did not even have the courage to congratulate each other on the appointment of the caretaker PM. He said that the PDM parties were asking each other what had happened and how it had happened.

Rashid also criticized the way the 16-month-old PDM government de-

3 terrorists of banned outfit held

SUKKUR (INP): The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) arrested three terrorists of a banned outfit besides recovering hand grenades and detonators from their possession here on Tuesday.

According to the CTD spokesperson, a team of the department searched a Jaffarabad bound vehicle near Dargah Pir Musafair in Sukkur.

During search, three members of banned outfit including Akram Ali, Rashid Hussain and Muhammad Yousef were arrested. Three hand grenades, a timer, 20 detonators, nut bolt, ball bearings, 400 gram explosive chemical, 15 feet safety fuse wire were recovered and vehicle was taken into custody.

The CTD spokesperson said that the detainees were involved in assisting the terrorist and target killing of several people. Further investigation from them was underway.

Hurriyat leaders say: India's status in Kashmir is nothing but an aggressor

SRINAGAR (INP): All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders and organizations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir have said that India's status in Kashmir is nothing but an aggressor, so it has no right to celebrate its Independence Day in the territory. According to Kashmir Media Service, APHC leaders Khadim Hussain and Syed Sibte Shabbir Qummi in a joint statement issued in Srinagar said that India had snatched the freedom of Kashmiri Muslims at gunpoint.

The leaders said that India was taking their lands, houses, business centers to make Kashmiri Muslims strangers in their own homeland.

APHC leader from Jammu and Kashmir Social Peace Forum, Advocate Devinder Singh Bahl in a statement said that Kashmiri people celebrate India's Independence Day as a black day every year, and every national day of India as a black day. He said that on August 5, 2019, the fascist Modi government violated the rights of the Kashmiri people to turn the Muslim majority of the occupied territory into a minority.

Hurriyat leaders Muhammad Yasin Attai, Maulana Musab Nadi and Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement, Jammu and Kashmir Pir Panjal Freedom Movement and Jammu and Kashmir People.



HUB: Journalists are holding protest demonstration against killing of Jan Muhammad Mehar Senior Journalist, at Hub Press Club.

NA speaker extends felicitations to Pakistan Civil Award nominees

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, on Tuesday, conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to the individuals nominated for the prestigious Pakistan Civil Awards in a gesture of appreciation and recognition.

These awards, which acknowledge remarkable contributions in diverse fields, including social, public, educational, scientific, heroic, artistic, literary, cultural, journalistic, and medical domains, reflect the nation's gratitude for their exceptional services.

A notable highlight of Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf's message was the profound tribute paid to senior political leader Syed Qaim Ali Shah. Acknowledging Shah's profound political acumen and unmatched insights, he lauded him as a seasoned political and social luminary. "A significant historical figure, Syed Qaim Ali Shah stands as the sole surviving member of the 1973 Constitutional Committee, having the distinct honor of signing the Constitution. Given his extensive political, social, constitutional, and public contributions, the conferment of the esteemed Nishan-e-Imtiaz, Pakistan's highest civilian award, is seen as a commendable acknowledgment," he maintained.

JIT grills Bushra Bibi for 20 minutes in Toshakhana case

ISLAMABAD (INP): Bushra Bibi, who is the former first lady and wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, Tuesday appeared before a joint investigation team (JIT) in connection with the Toshakhana case.

The former first lady reached the DIG Office in Islamabad accompanied by the PIT's legal team where she was interrogated by the investigation team probing the Toshakhana case.

The development comes after Bushra Bibi met Imran Khan in Attock jail earlier today, the sources said, adding that their meeting lasted for about two hours. She had left for the DIG office after her meeting with Khan, the sources added. The session court had directed Bushra Bibi to join the investigation team.

Speaking to media persons after the appearance before the JIT, PTI legal team's Quratul Ain said that Bushra Bibi underwent interrogation for about 20 minutes. The JIT asked 20 questions from the former first lady and she answered all of the questions, Quratul Ain said.

Maryam chairs party meeting to interview candidates for in KP

ISLAMABAD (INP): An organisational meeting of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Youth Wing was held Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Organiser Maryam Nawaz to interview candidates for the posts of Youth Coordinators in seven districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Interviews of candidates from Bannu, Hazara, Dera Ismail Khan, Mardan, Malakand and Kohat divisions were conducted.

The Youth Organising Committees will work under the supervision of the Provincial Youth Organising Committee.

Earlier, the Youth Organising Committee of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) was formed. PML-N Chief Organiser Maryam Nawaz Sharif was appointed as the chairperson while Bilal Peshawar, Mardan, Malakand and Kohat divisions were conducted.

Fawad Ch files new written apology in contempt of EC case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry has filed new written apology in Election Commission (EC) in contempt of EC case.

The contempt of EC case came up for hearing before 5 members bench of EC presided over by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Tuesday.

Fawad Chaudhry and his counsel Faisal Chaudhry appeared in the court.

Fawad Chaudhry took the plea during the hearing of the case that "you said in order my language was not correct. I am filing my written apology again after correcting my language."

He filed new written apology in the EC.

The CEC while adjourning the hearing of the case till August 24 remarked we order on next hearing.



QUETTA: Pakistan Mili Tehreek Chairman, Syed Ghulam Rabbani addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta Press Club.



QUETTA: Secretary Social Welfare Imran Khan presiding over 20th meeting of Balochistan Awami Endowment Fund