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## 'God is my witness': President denies signing Official Secrets, Army Act amendment bills

Says he did not sign the bills; alleges his staff "undermined his will and command"; Ministry of Law & Justice notes with grave concern President's tweet; PPP, PML-N call for President Alvi's resignation; PTI to take matter to Supreme Court

ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr. Arif Alvi denied signing the Official Secrets Amendment Bill and the Army Act Amendment Bill. In a statement on social networking website X (Twitter), Arif Alvi said that God is witness, I have not signed the Official Secrets Amendment Bill 2023 and the Pakistan Army Amendment Bill 2023 because I do not agree with these laws. He wrote that I had asked my staff to return the

bills without signature within the stipulated time to render them ineffective. Dr. Arif Alvi wrote, "I have confirmed with the staff several times whether they have been sent back (without signature) and I have been assured that they have been sent back. However I found out today that my staff did not agree to my wishes and He went against the order. He further wrote that Allah knows all, He will

forgive in sha Allah but I ask forgiveness from those who will be affected by it. The Ministry of Law and Justice has noted with grave concern President Dr. Arif Alvi's recent tweet. The Ministry in a press release stated that as per Article 75 of the Constitution, when a Bill is sent for assent, the President has two options: either give assent, or refer the matter to the parliament with specific observations.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki answering questions of participants during a reception

## Minister visits NHA headquarters after assuming charge

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister of Communications, Postal Services, and Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar on Sunday paid a visit to the National Highway Authority (NHA) headquarters following his assumption of the portfolio. Head of the Public Relations Department Sabtain Raza Lodhi, conveyed that a warm welcome was extended to Shahid Ashraf Tarar by various officials, including Federal Secretary of Communications and Postal Services, Captain Muhammad Khurram Agha, Zahir Shah, Member Admin, Sajjad Ahmed Khan, Member of the Board, Shakeel Anwar, General Manager of Establishment, Abdul Ghaffar Farooqui, Director of Establishment, Umair

Saduzai, PRO to Chairman NHA, and others. They congratulated him on his new role, said a news release. Subsequently, an informative briefing session was organized by the NHA to apprise Federal Minister Shahid Ashraf Tarar of the ongoing challenges in under-construction projects and various sectors. The briefing was presented by key officials, including Member Planning Asim Amin, Member Engineering/EC Naseem Khattak, Member Finance Muhammad Tayyab and Member Admin Zahir Shah. The discussions revolved around the obstacles encountered by the NHA and its endeavors in different domains.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Communication Shahid Ashraf Tarar on a visit to Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway M-I and Hazara Expressway in order to inspect construction and maintenance works

## 11 labourers killed, two injured in terrorist attack in North Waziristan

SHAWAL (Online): 11 labourers were killed in an explosion in a vehicle carrying labourers in Shawal Tehsil of North Waziristan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to the police, an explosion occurred in a vehicle near Gul Mirkot area of North Waziristan tehsil, as a result of which 11 laborers were killed while three people were missing and two were seriously injured. DSP Thana Shawal Sherullah said total of 16 laborers were in the vehicle, the injured and dead bodies were shifted to a nearby hospital. According to the hospital administration, the de-

ceased were identified as Mubittullah, Sahab Noor, Jannatullah, Asadullah Khan, Mir Wali Khan, Maqbool Khan, Sher Zahid, Syed Manwar, Mohd Ayaz, Muhammad Wali, Gul Hussain while the injured were I include Umar Zahid, Umar Ayaz. Sources said that deceased belong to South Waziristan, whose bodies have been shifted to their native areas. On the other hand, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar Haq and Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi strongly condemned the bomb blast for the loss of precious lives and expressed regrets.

## Lal Jan posted as Principal Secretary to CM

QUETTA: The Grade 20 officer of Balochistan Civil Service (BCS) Lal Jan Jaffar has been posted as the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Balochistan with immediate effect and until further orders. This was announced in an official notification issued here by the Services and General Administration Department (S&GAD). According to the notification, Imran Gichki, the BSS officer of Grade 20, serving as the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister has been transferred and directed to report in the S&GAD.

## Ali Wazir, Imaan Mazari remanded for participating in PTM protest

ISLAMABAD (INP): A local court in Islamabad on Sunday remanded former Member National Assembly (MNA) Ali Wazir and human rights lawyer Imaan Mazari on Sunday for unlawful gathering, resistance and "interference in state affairs". The two were arrested in the wee hours of Sunday morning by Islamabad police two days after they participated in a protest organised by the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM). The authorities wanted both of them as part of an ongoing investigation. According to the first information report (FIR) the two were arrested for staging a sit-in, resistance and interference in state affairs.

## Asad Umar 'arrested' in cipher case

ISLAMABAD (INP): PTI leader and former federal minister Asad Umar has been arrested in Islamabad, his party has claimed on Sunday. As per claims of the PTI legal team, the former finance minister has been arrested in the FIR registered over the misplacement of a US cipher. On Saturday, his fellow party leader and former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was also arrested in the same case.



ISLAMABAD: Information Minister Murtaza Solangi and Federal Law Minister Ahmed Irfan Aslam addressing an important press conference at PID Media Center.

## Bills become law after no objection from president within ten-day: Law Minister

There is no third option under Article 75 of the Constitution: Ahmad Irfan Aslam; Law Ministry's clarification removes ambiguity created by President's 'tweet': Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Law and Justice Ahmed Irfan Aslam on Sunday said that under Article 75 of the Constitution, a bill automatically becomes law if the President didn't approve or reject it within stipulated time period of ten days. He was addressing a press conference along with Caretaker Minister for Information Murtaza Solangi here.

President gave observations in many laws and also sent back bills to the Parliament, he said. Before today, he said, no such situation has come before us that anything has returned from the presidency without the signatures of the President. The law minister said that these two bills have not been received back from the President Office despite Article 75 of the Constitution clearly provides a period of ten days in order to avoid any political ambiguity. If the President does not exercise the authority within this time period, the bill is considered to be approved and automatically becomes law as per the constitution, he said.

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The law minister said that the caretaker government has no political agenda and its mandate was also limited. He said that being the head of the federation, the president is revered in all of our hearts. He said that 'The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill 2023 was received by the presidency on August 2, while Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill reached there on August 8, after being passed by the two houses of the Parliament. The caretaker law minister said that when a bill is sent to the President, he has two options: either to approve the bill or send it back to the Parliament with his observations in writing. There is no third option under Article 75 of the Constitution, he said, adding that ten days of time period is fixed in the Constitution to exercise one of these options. Ahmed Irfan Aslam said that the President has exercised these powers many times in the recent and distant past. The



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmad receiving Saudi Minister for Hajj and Umra Dr. Taufeeq Bin Fawzan Al-Rabiya who arrived in Islamabad on Sunday evening on a four-day visit.

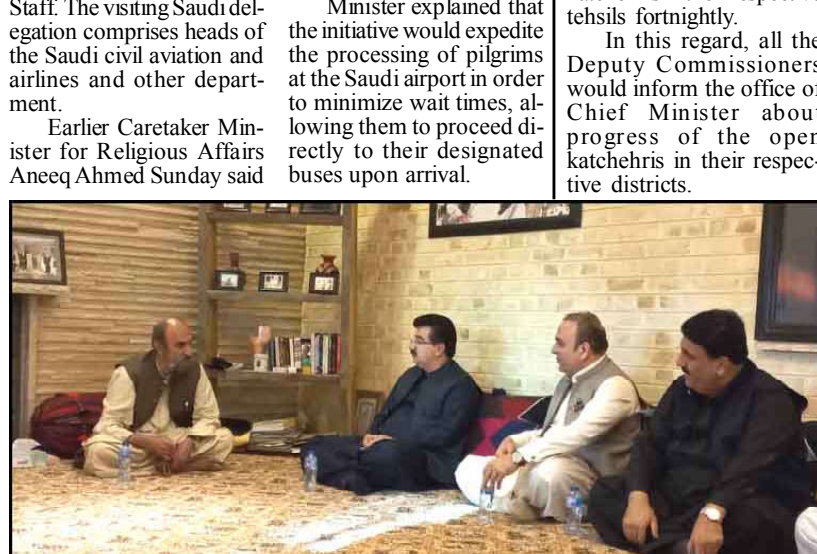
## Saudi Hajj Minister arrives in Pakistan on four-day visit

ISLAMABAD (APP): Saudi Minister for Hajj and Umra Dr. Taufeeq Bin Fawzan Al-Rabiya along with a delegation arrived in Islamabad on Sunday evening on a four-day visit. He was cordially welcomed by caretaker Federal Minister for religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmad and Saudi Ambassador Nawaf Saeed Almalki at the airport. During the visit, the Saudi delegation will discuss with Pakistani officials various issues related to the facilities being provided to the Pakistani Hajj and Umra pilgrims, Road to Mecca project. Saudi Minister for Hajj will also meet with the President caretaker Prime Minister and the Chief of Army Staff. The visiting Saudi delegation comprises heads of the Saudi civil aviation and airlines and other department. Earlier Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmed Sunday said

that his visit is part of a series of international tours initiated in early 2022 and reflect the Kingdom's commitment to improving the quality of services provided to Umrah performers. Replied a question, he hailed that Saudi Arabia had restored Pakistan's pre-coronavirus Hajj quota of 179,210 pilgrims and abolished the upper age limit of 65 years to perform the annual pilgrimage this year. The Pakistani government has planned to discuss the initiative would expedite the processing of pilgrims at the Saudi airport in order to minimize wait times, allowing them to proceed directly to their designated buses upon arrival.

## Doors of CM House opened for people: Domki

QUETTA: The Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the doors of Chief Minister House has been opened for people of the province. He announced this while speaking to a select group of gathering at the Circuit House Sibi where he reached on Sunday afternoon. Also accompanied with him was his brother and former Minister of State, Mir Dostain Khan Domki. The caretaker Chief Minister also announced to hold open katchehris in the CM secretariat and districts. He also directed to Assistant Commissioners of all the Tehsils to hold open katchehris in their respective tehsils fortnightly. In this regard, all the Deputy Commissioners would inform the office of Chief Minister about progress of the open katchehris in their respective districts.



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Senator Abdul Qadir and Senator Naseebullah Bazai meeting with Chief of Sarawan Nawab Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani

## Warmly welcomed upon arrival in Sibi: Domki pledges to do best to resolve numerous problems being faced by Balochistan

Says topmost priority is to establish peace, conduct free, fair and impartial elections

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki has stated that the province is facing numerous problems and it would be his utmost endeavour to resolve them. Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that as a caretaker Chief Minister, his authorities are limited. However, he would perform according to the guideline given by Election Commission of Pakistan. The caretaker Chief Minister maintained that neither he would only exceed from his powers, nor he would let anyone do it. This and similar other views were expressed by the caretaker Chief Minister while speaking to the elders and other people

gathered at the Circuit House Sibi to greet him on becoming the caretaker Chief Minister, on Sunday. His brother and former Minister of State, Mir Dostain Khan Domki was also accompanied with him. It may be mentioned here that it was the first official visit of caretaker Chief Minister to any area after assuming his office on Friday last. Mir Ali Mardan Domki was warmly welcomed by the people upon his arrival at the Circuit House Sibi. The petals of rose were showed on him by those present on the occasion. Guard of Honour was also presented to him by the smartly turned out contingent of police.



ISLAMABAD: Former Member of Balochistan Assembly Mir Saleem Khoso called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

## Govt to ensure security, create jobs: Caretaker PM

KAN MEHTARZAI (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar said on Sunday that efforts would be made to provide employment opportunities and maintain peace and security while expediting the development process in Kan Mehtarzai, Killa Saifullah and other areas of Balochistan. PM Kakar while addressing a reception through a video link, organized by the All Parties Conference in his native village Kan Mehtarzai, said that he would visit Kan Mehtarzai soon and review the issues faced by local people. Anwarul Haq Kakar said that he was grateful to all the organizers of today's reception for felicitating him on behalf of all political parties, tribal elders, scholars, civil society and lawyers from his native town after his nomination as caretaker prime minister. A large number of

people including leaders of various political parties, tribal elders, scholars, journalists, farmers, lawyers and students participated in the reception ceremony. The government and opposition parties unanimously nominated Anwar Haq Kakar as caretaker Prime Minister. The local notables expressed confidence that Anwaar ul Haq Kakar as caretaker Prime Minister would play his key role in the elimination of terrorism in the country, conduct of transparent elections and restoration of law and order. Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar here on Sunday held a meeting with Senator Arbab Umar Kasi and discussed issues related to Balochistan. Senator Kasi felicitated him on assuming the office of prime minister and expressed his best wishes.



SARGODHA: A view of burned bus after incident in which twenty people were killed and fifteen others injured when a passenger bus caught fire after being smashed into a pick-up carrying diesel drums at Motorway near Pindi Bhattian.

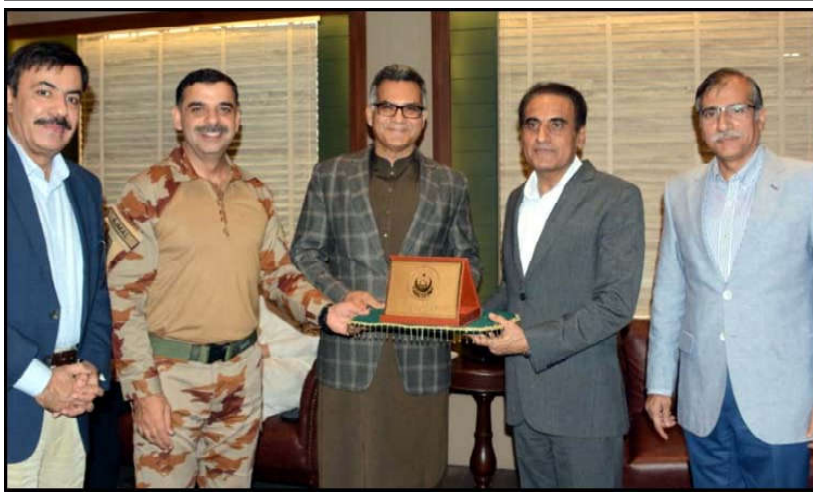
## 20 burnt to death, several injured in horrific bus-pick up collision

ISLAMABAD (APP): At least 20 people including women and children, were burnt to death while several others sustained injuries in a collision between a passenger bus and a pickup carrying diesel barrels on Faisalabad Motorway near Pindi Bhattian early Sunday morning. According to details, Rescue 1122 informed that the drivers of both vehicles were also killed in the crash. The bus, carrying about 40 passengers, was going to Islamabad from Karachi when the horrific accident occurred. The injured have been admitted to Pindi Bhattian

Hospital. The District Police Officer Dr Fahad talking to a private news channel said that the fire engulfed the bus shortly after the collision. He said most of the injured persons are in critical condition. The eyewitnesses said people from nearby areas tried to pull the passengers out of the burning bus by smashing windows. Meanwhile Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Sunday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the accident of a passenger coach coming from Karachi to Islamabad.



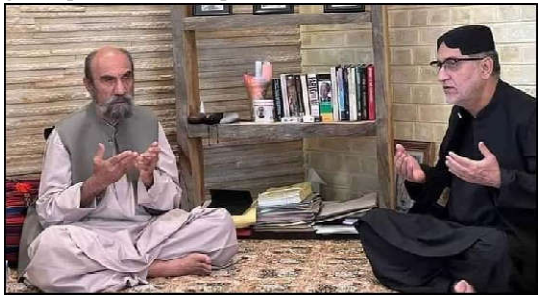




QUETTA: Inspector General Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh presenting a memorial shield to outgoing Chief Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqaili at a farewell luncheon hosted in his honour

## Ahsan meets CPC leader Ma Xingrui

URUMQI (China) (APP): Former federal minister Professor Ahsan Iqbal here on Sunday called on Ma Xingrui, Member of the Polit Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC [Communist Party of China] Xinjiang Uyghurs Autonomous Regional Committee. He was accompanied by Senator Mahmood-ul-Hassan and other officials of the Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing, a news release said. The Chinese side also included Erkin Tuniyas, Governor of Xinjiang, Chen Weijun, Executive Vice-Chairman of the People's Government of Xinjiang, Kaysar Abdurkerim, Vice Chairman of the People's Government of Xinjiang and other high-ranking officials from Xinjiang. Warmly welcoming the Pakistani side, Party Secretary Ma Xingrui remarked that both countries have withstood the vicissitudes of times, despite the global political landscape.



QUETTA: President Balochistan National Party Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal condoling with Nawab Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani over sad demise of Haroon Raisani

## Khaliq Maqbool looks forward to free fair general elections

HYDERABAD (APP): Convener of Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui has said the constitution of Pakistan has laid down the procedure of holding free and fair elections and that law should be followed in letter and spirit. Talking to the media at the Soyam of MQM-P's Deputy Convener Kunwar Navid Jameel in Latifabad here on Sunday, Siddiqui observed that the recently conducted population census had shown an increase of 50 million people in the country's population since the last census. According to him, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was expected to carry out the delimitation of constituencies in light of the increased population. Siddiqui expressed hope that the ECP with the support of the caretaker governments in the centre and the provinces would be able to conduct free and fair elections.



QUETTA: President Pakistan Islamic Medical Association Balochistan Abdul Jabbar administers oath to the newly elected members of Shura.

## Siraj indicates to go to SC against ECP for getting election date

LAHORE (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Chief Sirajul Haq indicated to go to Supreme Court of Pakistan against the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for not announcing the election's date. Addressing a press conference, Sirajul Haq said that even to date the Election Commission has not announced the date of the elections and this act of the Commission is a violation of the constitution. Siraj also demanded the Election Commission to conduct transparent elections alleging that the previous governments used the Election Commission only for their own interests. Sirajul Haq alleged that PDM and PPP conspired to postpone the election adding the Election Commission should reconsider its decision and announce immediate elections, the caretaker government should conduct transparent elections instead of jumping around. Talking about inflation, Sirajul Haq said that according to a research, electricity prices have increased by 72 percent in a few months, now the solution to all these problems lies only with the people.

## CM visits native area Lehri; offers fateha for grave of father

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki reached his native area, Lehri on Sunday morning. Soon after his arrival in Lehri, the caretaker Chief Minister visited his ancestral graveyard and offered fateha for his departed soul Hazaar Bakhsh Domki and other elders. He also showered rose petals at the graves of his father and other elders. Meanwhile, the people of his native area and elders also met the caretaker Chief Minister and greeted him on assuming his office. Speaking to them, Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that he got this status with the prayers of his elders and people of the area. Later, he moved to Sibi from Lehri the same afternoon.

## PCG recovers huge quantity of drugs dumped underground

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG) seized a large quantity of drugs worth millions from Balochistan. According to spokesman for PCG on Sunday, the PCG on a tip off recovered 1488kg fine quality hashish dumped underground. The seized drugs were reportedly to be smuggled abroad via sea route. Approximated value of the recovered drugs in the international market was 24.83 million dollars. The PCG had initiated the legal proceedings.

## Iman arrested for insulting institutions

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad Police arrested Iman Mazari for her speech against the country's institutions in an organization meeting on Friday. Former federal minister Shireen Mazari (mother of Iman Mazari) said in a statement on the social networking website X that female police and people in plain clothes took her daughter away. She said that they asked the officers for the warrant which they did not show, they went round the whole house.

## Solangi grieved over loss of lives in road mishap

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Sunday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the accident of a passenger coach coming from Karachi to Islamabad. In a statement, the minister expressed sympathy and condolences to the families of those who died in the tragic accident. "The reasons should be determined so that such accidents can be avoided in the future," Solangi said. He prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved families to bear this loss with fortitude. Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi also prayed for early recovery of the injured.

## Jaranwala incident investigation PUC, Church of Pakistan announce 24-member committee

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and Church of Pakistan on Sunday jointly established a 24-member committee in a concerted effort to address the tragic incident in Jaranwala, foster interfaith and interdenominational unity, and quell extremist narratives. Co-chaired by PUC Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi and Church of Pakistan President Bishop Azad Marshal, the committee comprises diverse leaders including Bishop Aleem Anwar, Bishop Arshad Joseph, Muswar Abbasi, Pastor Immanuel Khokhar, Zaheer Abbas, Pastor Shahzad Gul, Pastor Immanuel Lorraine, Bishop Leoradic Paul, Bishop Alvin Samorel, Mishaal Samorel, Sahil Advocate, Pir Naqibur Rehman, Sahibzada Hassan Haseebur Rehman, Maulana Ziaullah Shah Bukhari, Allama Arif Wahidi, Allama Tahirul Hasan, Maulana Asadullah Farooq, Maulana Muhammad Aslam Siddiqui, Farzad Islam, Sardar Ajmal Advocate, Sajid Iqbal Advocate and other dignitaries. Ashrafi emphasized during a media interaction that building a peaceful and resilient Pakistan required active participation from all segments of society. He stressed the inclusion of leaders from various religions in the 24-member committee, bridging the gap between Muslim and Christian leaders. "We must strive to cultivate tolerance, respect, and patience in our society and reject any attempts to exploit religion for personal or political gains," he added. He further noted that concerted efforts would be made across all levels to discourage illegal activities under the guise of blasphemy or religious insult. Ashrafi said the PUC had pledged to provide assistance to the young victims of the Jaranwala incident, announcing their commitment to organize arrangements for the affected girls' dowries as part of their ongoing support efforts.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman PKMAP Mahmood Khan Achakzai meeting with leader of JUI, former Chief Minister KPK Akram Khan Durrani

## Court grants one day physical remand of Iman in terrorism case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Regional court of Islamabad granted one day physical remand of Iman Mazari in terrorism case and one day judicial remand on interference in government work and holding unauthorised public meeting. According to details former human rights minister Shireen Mazari's daughter and human rights activist Iman Mazari and former Member National Assembly (MNA) Ali Wazir were arrested in case of intervention in government work after participation in (Pashtun Tahafuz Movement) PTM public rally. Just next day after arrest Iman Mazari was presented in additional and session court duty judge Ehtisham Alam. On the start of hearing media persons' entrance was prevented from court room and deployed huge contingents of police outside the court. Police demanded physical remand of Iman Mazari and presented other FIRS (First Information Report) of rebellion and terrorism before judge. During hearing Shireen Mazari came on rostrum and said she is not nominated in the case then why her cell phone was snatched. CCTV cameras of her house were broken. She said I imagine myself insecure afterward. Judge said to Shireen Mazari to approach the relevant platform and said Inquiry officer 'if you don't need please return her cell phone'.



QUETTA: Members of Majlis-e-Wahdat Muslim and Methodist Church attending a seminar in connection with the Jaranwala incident.

## Sutlej witnesses 'worst flooding in three decades'

KASUR (INP): The Sutlej River surged to extremely high levels at Ganda Singh Wala Barrage resulting in the evacuation of hundreds of families from 72 villages in Kasur and Chuniyan, while three people drowned in floodwater in Kasur while trying to find higher ground. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) reported that a high-level flooding situation was underway in the Sutlej River and the situation would depend on water flow at Harike Headworks and Ferozepur Headworks. The water level had risen to 23 feet, with a flow of 269,000 cusecs at the Ganda Singh Wala Barrage. In Sulemanki, there was a moderate level of flooding with a flow of 83,072 cusecs. There is a looming threat of extremely high-level flooding at Head Sulemanki in the next 24 hours. The water flow had reached 30,142 cusecs at Head Islam. The risk of extreme flooding in Head Islam is expected to commence from August 22. However, the water flow in Sindh, Jhelum, Chenab, and Ravi remained normal. The administrative authorities of the districts adjacent to the Sutlej River were put on high alert and measures had been implemented to restrict the movement of people in areas near Sutlej. Relevant deputy commissioners have been directed to reinforce the dykes along the Sutlej River. In Kasur, two of the three villagers who drowned in the floodwater had been fished out while the rescue efforts were underway to find the third person. According to Rescue officials, Jamsheed of village Athat Singh and Aslam and Mola of village Verram Jhugian wanted to shift to a safer place on their own. They were holding hands due to floodwater but the gushing water swallowed them after separating them. Separately, over 100 buffaloes of a farmer at village Usmanwala near Ganda Singh were swept away while being transported away from flooding.

## Caretaker PM pays tribute to Rashid Minhas Shaheed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar on Sunday paid tribute to Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed (Nishan e Haider) on 52nd anniversary of his martyrdom. The prime minister on social media platform-X, posted "Observing the 52nd anniversary of martyrdom of Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed (Nishan e Haider) today, we as a nation salute his undying courage." Rashid Minhas Shaheed's act on 20 Aug 1971 preserved the national dignity and his legacy of valor remained undimmed, he added in his post.

## President's tweet give arises to many constitutional questions

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan People Party senator Raza Rabbani said president Alvi's tweet caused a rise of more real questions as compared to some constitutional questions. Under article-50 of 1973 constitution President is the part of Parliament, he said. Further he said President's statement should be investigated under whole committee of senate in which whole senate sits. Relative staff should appear in front of Bar of Senate. He maintained that President leveled very serious allegations and it will have far reaching consequences on whole system.

## 4 Pakistanis held in Saudi Arabia for drug trafficking

RIYADH: Five people, including four Pakistanis, have been arrested in Saudi Arabia on the charges of drug trafficking. According to the Saudi news agency, the anti-narcotics department in Riyadh took action against the drug dealers based on information from intelligence agencies. In a statement issued by the General Directorate of Narcotics Control, 1.9 kilos of methamphetamine was recovered from the possession of the four Pakistani nationals.



QUETTA: New appointed Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

## Caretaker Chief Minister says: LEAs would have to adopt effective strategy to restore law & order, tackle security challenges

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki has emphasized that the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) would have to adopt effective strategy to restore law and order and cope with the security challenges. He also stressed that the police would also have to go for smart policing along with modernity doing away with the conventional policing. Mir Ali Mardan Domki was addressing the law and order situation in Sibi on Sunday. He was briefed about the law and order situation in Sibi. Deputy Inspector General of Police Sibi Range, Ali Sher Jharkani briefed the caretaker Chief Minister in this regard. Speaking on the occasion, the caretaker Chief Minister said that use of modern technical is very necessary in policing. He also underlined the need to create sense of protection among masses adopting the concept of safe city in all big cities of the province. He directed the police force to bring more improvement in its performance and also get confidence of the masses. Mir Ali Mardan Domki on the occasion mentioned that holding free and fair elections in peaceful environment is the mandate and top priority of the interim government.

## Visits Jaranwala PPP delegation expresses sympathy with Christian affectees

FAISALABAD (APP): A delegation of senior politicians of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has visited Jaranwala here on Sunday and expressed sympathy with the people of the Christian community affected in August 16 tragedy. The delegation comprising of former Chairman Senate Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, Deputy Speaker National Assembly Faisal Karim Kundi, former federal ministers Sherry Rehman, Rana Farooq Saeed and Nadeem Afzal Chan went to Christian Colony and condemned the riotous incident in Jaranwala. They appreciated the government's efforts for rehabilitation of the affectees and demanded indiscriminate action against those responsible for this tragedy. Speaking on the occasion, Sherry Rehman said that Pakistan People's Party strongly condemned Jaranwala incident and said that the minorities had equal rights in Pakistan and the whole nation was saddened due to Jaranwala tragedy. She said that some elements had tried to disrupt peace in the country. Therefore, the accused involved in this incident should be severely punished.



LEHRI: FC Wing Commander Col. Shams meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki. Former State Minister Mir Dostan Khan Domki is also present

## Rana believes PPP objecting to fresh delimitations over fear of losing seats

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former interior minister Rana Sanaulah said that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was objecting to the fresh delimitations on the basis of the 2023 census out of fear of losing a few seats as an increase in the number of Karachi seats was expected. Remarks of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) senior leader came during a Geo News programme "Jirga", wherein he maintained that a delay in conducting general elections beyond 90 days would not make any difference. He said that the Council of Common Interests (CCI), in which PPP leaders were also present, had approved the new census by consensus. On August 17, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced the elections couldn't be held in three months due to the requirement of fresh delimitations after the notification of census 2023, as decided by the CCI. "There is a consensus of the entire nation on this census. New delimitation is a constitutional requirement," Sanaulah said. He explained that everyone objected to the 2017 census, but since elections were around the corner, a one-time "amendment" was made to hold polls on that particular headcount. He stressed that holding elections on a "tainted census of 2017" would be unconstitutional. Therefore, delaying polls for another 80 or 90 days would not be an issue, he added. In contrast to the PML-N's position, PPP Vice President Senator Sherry Rehman urged the ECP to duly announce the date of general elections in line with the provisions of Article 224 of the Constitution. "Our Constitution binds the Election Commission of Pakistan to conduct general elections within 90 days of the dissolution of the National Assembly, however, there is no constitutional requirement for conducting delimitation," Rehman said, calling upon the ECP to announce the election date to fulfill the constitutional obligation.



KAN MEHTARZAI: Former opposition leader Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate, Malik Ramzan Mehtarzai and others addressing a ceremony held to greet Anwarul Haq Kakar on becoming Caretaker Prime Minister. Large numbers of tribal elders and citizens are present