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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 Shamsah 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. It is worth mentioned here that Anwaarul Haq Kakar, who hails from Qilla Saifullah, was one of the original architects of the Balochistan Awami Party. He is the second person from Balochistan to spearhead the interim set-up after Mir Hazar Khoso, who became the caretaker premier in 2013.



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



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori and Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah talking to media persons at the Quaid-e-Azam mausoleum on the occasion of 77th Independence Day celebration.

Prison, correctional facilities of Sindh not available in any other provinces: Nasir

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KARACHI: Deputy General Secretary of PPP Sindh and former Minister of Local Government, Housing & Town Planning and Public Health Engineering Syed

together for the good and development of Pakistan. He added that the vision of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, President Asif Ali Zardari, Ms. Faryal Talpur and the leadership of the

rights of the prisoners and even in prison, they can do all the things like getting an education, including computer skills, which will give them a chance to earn a good income and live a good life.

Nasir Shah also directed the IG Jails to take immediate steps to release the prisoner after fulfilling the legal requirements by paying the fine of a prisoner who was not released due to non-payment of the fine.



Nasir Hussain Shah has said that the correctional houses that have been built in the jails of Sindh and the facilities that are being provided to the prisoners are not in the prisons of other provinces of the country. He addressed as chief guest on the occasion of Pakistan's 76th Independence Day celebrations at Karachi Central Jail.

Former Minister of Prisons Ijaz Jakhriani, IG Prisons and Superintendent Prisons were also present. Nasir Hussain Shah said that everyone has to work

PPP is the vision of development, the vision of well-being, the vision of peace, and we all have to carry it forward together. He said that in 2018, when I got this department, then President Asif Ali Zardari gave me special directives to Blocker that you have to improve the jail arrangements. He said that we made laws and provided facilities. He added that more legislations are being made for the welfare of the prisoners, laws are being made which will improve

CJCS, Armed Forces felicitate nation on I Day

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS), Services Chiefs, and Armed Forces of Pakistan extended their heartfelt congratulations to the Nation on the 76th Independence Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, the military leadership and the Armed Forces felicitated the entire nation on Independence Day.

The message said, "This day reminds us of the vision, fortitude, and countless sacrifices which our ancestors offered, to realize our elder's and great Quaid's dream of a free and independent country. Thousands of sons of the soil have laid down their lives for the defense of the motherland and to preserve the cherished dream of freedom of our forefathers."



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.

Governor, CM pay tributes to Quaid on 76th Independence Day

Caretaker CM to be finalized in a day or two: CM Murad

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah visited the mausoleum of father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah and paid rich tributes to him on the occasion of 76th Independence Day here on Monday.

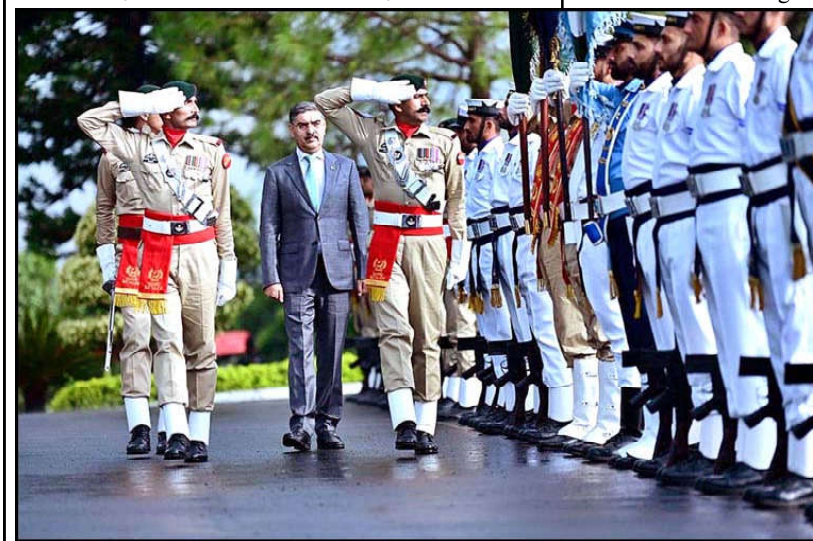
They laid wreaths and offered feteiha. They also prayed for the development and prosperity of the country.

The Governor and CM redetermined to follow the principles of father of the nation.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on the occasion said, 'We are celebrating today the 76th Independence Day'.

He said that the Caretaker Chief Minister would be finalized in a day or two.

He said that the Caretaker Prime Minister would take the oath of office today.



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

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. She said that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was actively working to make his homeland a prosperous and strong country, about which every Pakistani could proudly tell the world that this was the Pakistan of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

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 guid-

ance given by the founder of Pakistan Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

He said Quaid-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 Quaid-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 subcontinent to live their lives according to Islamic principles. The president paid the heartiest tributes to the founders of Pakistan who struggled for independence of Pakistan and the hundreds of thousands of people who embraced martyrdom for Pakistan.

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

COAS says Pakistan is rich with resources, no danger to country

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

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

"We are very optimis-

tic 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.



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

Changing of guards ceremony held at Quaid's mausoleum

KARACHI (APP): A changing of the guards ceremony was held at the mausoleum of father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to mark the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan here on Monday.

A smartly turned-out contingent of the Pakistan Naval Academy took the ceremonial duties of guards at the mausoleum.

Pakistan Navy celebrates I Day with traditional ardour

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

A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Naval Academy cadets and sailors clad in ceremonial dresses, assumed guard duties at Mazar-e-Quaid with enthusiasm, traditional spirit, and military customs, said a Pakistan Navy news release issued here.

Commandant Pakistan Naval Academy, Commodore M Khalid graced the occasion as Chief Guest and reviewed the guard.

The Chief Guest and

cadets of the Pakistan Navy presented Quami Salam to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

The ceremonial mounting of Guard was followed by the laying of a floral wreath at the Mazar-e-Quaid by the Chief Guest on behalf of the Chief of the Naval Staff, officers, and men of the Pakistan Navy.

Later on, the Chief Guest offered Fateha and recorded his remarks in the visitor book and paid rich tribute to our beloved Quaid. Earlier, the day dawned with Gun Salutes, and special prayers were offered in all Naval mosques for solidarity and progress of the country and particularly for the success of the

Kashmiri struggle. Pakistan Navy Ships and Establishments were illuminated in the Navy's traditional manner. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held at designated Units of Pakistan Navy at Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, and Coastal Areas.

Various independence day activities were held at Pakistan Navy units/establishments including the singing of the national anthem in the morning, PN Band Display and Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Pakistan Maritime Museum, Boat Races at Karachi Harbour, Marathon Races, Cycle Races were also part of the celebrations. PN ships celebrated independence day during overseas deployment at foreign ports.

US CG congratulates nation on 76th Independence Day

KARACHI (APP): The United States' Consulate General in Karachi congratulated people of Pakistan on their 76th Independence Day being celebrated on August 14 across the country. In a message issued here on Independence Day, the US Consulate General said Pakistan and the United States were celebrating not only Independence Day but also 76 years of their bilateral relations of both nations. Today the American Pakistani staff celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day and on behalf of the

American people, the US CG congratulates the people of Pakistan on their 76th year of independence, the statement said, adding that there is a strong partnership built on shared interests in economic development, mutual prosperity, and regional security.

As we celebrate this milestone together and look to the future, the United States remains committed to our friendship with the Pakistani people and our relationship with the Government of Pakistan, the statement added.

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Jinnah to now

On the day when Pakistan completes 76 years of sovereignty, and celebrates half a century of the implementation of its Constitution, there's a palpable need to assess the present through the lens of Mohammad Ali Jinnah's vision for this nation. His was an uncanny lucidity about matters of the state — the right to change dispensations and their policies rests with the electorate.

In a 1948 address to army officers in Quetta, he underlined that "executive authority flows from the head of the government ... and therefore, any command or orders that may come to you cannot come without the sanction of the executive head".

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

The founding fathers imagined an egalitarian, prosperous welfare state; one that thrived in harmony and justice with absolute civil supremacy. But decades after them, what emerged is entirely divergent from their beliefs. So this day begs the question: is 'Jinnah's Pakistan' an ideal fading into a myth?

Our wounds and dilemmas are largely of our own making. For one, we reconstructed Jinnah — from a modernist to an orthodox — to suit prevalent narratives and enhance the power of clerics and the military in forming state policies.

Second, the continual infringement of the Constitution has left a faint watermark of what should have been a robust democratic culture. Recurrent military regimes arrested the political process. In fact, these have polluted political outfits that now, more often than not, collude with unelected elements to wrest power. The military ruled Pakistan for three decades and has managed 'chosen' administrations. A recent glimpse of that was the hybrid model of the PTI-led government, which failed resoundingly, as have similar experiments. This was replaced by a complete surrender of collective political space and a PML-N-led coalition was installed. Lastly, the rising tide of extremism turned Pakistan into a militancy hub. Admittedly, there isn't a magical way out, but stemming cronyism, corruption, and intervention is a good place to start. Salvation lies in retrieving Jinnah's dream with the rule of law, education, health, welfare, and people power in a meritocracy. For non-political forces to usurp or derail the Constitution and cave into religious hardliners violates every ideal close to the Quaid's heart.



Dr Noman Ahmed

The initial findings of the investigation into the recent train accident in Sindh suggest the possibility of a fault in the locomotive, broken tracks, and/or damaged fish-plates. As per procedure, a detailed probe by the federal government inspector of railways (FGIR) should expose the real reasons for the tragedy that resulted in over 30 deaths.

However, it is painful that despite several such rail accidents and scores of deaths, all governments and railway administrations have been consistent in their apathy. Over the past two decades, the operational and safety standards of this vital service have fallen apart.

For instance, 74 perished in the Tezgam blaze some years ago, and in April, a fire on the Karachi Express took seven lives. Successive railway ministers have resorted to customary lip service, lamenting the loss of life and promising an inquiry and accountability but doing little else.

The new escape route for the authorities is the ML-1. When our politicians run out of convincing ways to present false narratives, they concoct a defence with references to CPEC projects as the ultimate saviour. But what is actually needed are numerous far-reaching steps to put the railways back on track, starting at the top. The train service can only be safe, enjoyable, dependable and affordable if and when the institution that manages it is technically sound, financially viable and socially responsive.

A glance at data from

Killing tracks

Pakistan Railways year-books and other official records indicates many ailments. For instance, the 2021-22 report shows extensive inspections carried out by the FGIR in the previous fiscal year, but how many of them helped make train journeys safe and comfortable? Fool-proof safety records require targeted capacity building of the FGIR. The annual report also shows expenditure figures — PR spends more on pensions than salaries. Therefore, the financial burden of pensioners is likely to overwhelm development costs.

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

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

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

Connectivity with dry ports, container terminals, major agricultural procurement destinations, manufacturing hubs, market towns, etc, can certainly shore up revenues as medium and long-distance freight transportation by train has lower fuel consump-

tion, and can be 10 times cheaper than other modes of transportation.

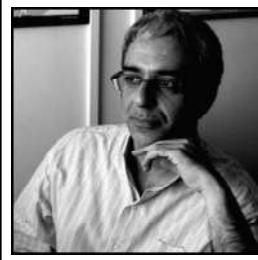
Transportation insurance, safety records and handling are also some of the aspects where the railways can perform better. However, the department has to elevate its performance drastically to compete successfully with other transport services.

Our first interface with the railways is at the train stations. Many of them are in a dilapidated state, with no clean drinking water or other amenities for passengers' comfort and safety. The facilitation hardware for routine operations and maintenance too is in a shambles. Present infrastructure thresholds include internet and Wi-Fi connectivity, both in stations as well as in trains.

Even though station masters and other staff concur with these observations, they expressed their helplessness as such large-scale interventions can only be initiated by the senior management. Hence, a leadership committed to radical reforms with progressive ideas and implementation capacity is needed to resuscitate the performance, credibility and image of our railways. Cosmetic modifications are futile. The foremost issue pertains to political will for extensive restructuring.

At present, this appears difficult to achieve as the administration is inclined to auction railway lands. These had been reserved for the operational needs of the system at various locations. The railways are a matter of public debate; civil society should assert that governments must prioritise the transformation of a vital department and encourage private sector participation to innovate and establish a proper regulatory structure to modernise rail travel and transport. -- Courtesy Dawn

DNA diaries



Zarrar Khuhro

Where and what would we be without deoxyribonucleic acid? What would happen to you if, by some dark miracle, all the DNA in your body simply vanished? You wouldn't feel much to start with, apart from losing the 200 or so grams that your DNA weighs. Then things will start to go bad: your cells will stop replicating and start dying off, much like if you were exposed to a high dose of radiation, and you'd be dead in extreme pain within days — or hours if you're lucky — due to massive organ failure.

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

In even simpler terms: you could theoretically fit all of the world's data in a single coffee mug filled with DNA.

Currently, most of the world's data is stored in an incredibly old-school manner in gigantic facilities known as exabyte data centres, and one of the largest of these — The

Citadel — sprawls over 1.3 million square feet (120,774 square metres), which means it can contain 41 cricket stadiums the size of Lord's.

They're also very expensive, with some costing as much as a billion dollars to build and maintain. Given that the data needs to be stored at a cool temperature — much like a conventional cold storage for perishable products — the energy costs are immense. Moreover, the data stored tends to degrade over time and needs to be copied onto newer databases, which is a cumbersome and expensive process. And, at the current rate at which we are producing that data, we'll need many more such costly and energy-sucking centres to store it.

There're about 10 trillion gigabytes of data floating around the world today and on a daily basis: our photos, Facebook posts, tweets, emails, etc, add another 2.5m gigabytes, which amounts to something like 1.7 megabytes of data being generated per person per second.

DNA data storage, already being worked on by scientists around the world, could solve this issue for all time to come. Not only will such immense centres no longer be needed, the half-life of DNA is 500 years while stored properly and so our data will be secure for far longer without significant degradation. The biggest problem right now is how to find a cost-effective way to synthesise the amount of DNA that will be needed, as right now it would cost \$1tr to write one petabyte of data. Of course, given the need and the exponential rate of scientific progress that we are seeing, the day when we can store data on DNA may not be far off.

There's another debate that's been raging among scientists ever since the 'discovery' of DNA in 1953, and this is

whether DNA can conduct electricity and, if so, how effectively? While the debate remained academic for decades, recent research indicates that DNA molecules "can also conduct electricity and self-assemble into well-defined shapes, making them potential candidates for building low-cost nanoelectronic devices".

This will be critical going forward, given that the size of circuits and transistors is shrinking rapidly (the smallest transistor is tinier than the HIV virus) and there will come a time when traditional methods for conducting electricity through these nano-circuits will become impossible. If DNA can be used for this purpose, it would mean that the circuits of the future may be the size of a single molecule or atom.

Speaking of electricity, another significant discovery made just last month is that electrical currents can be used to 'control' human genes. Researchers managed to trigger insulin production in human cells by sending currents to targeted genes through what they call an "electrogenetic" interface, prompting the cells to produce insulin on their own. What does that mean for us? Simply put, it means that in the near future, diabetics could dispense with insulin injections by simple wearing a device, perhaps no larger than a wrist-watch, which would not only monitor insulin levels, but prompt the wearer's own genes to produce insulin when required. This is, of course, just the beginning and, if further tests prove fruitful, the technique could be applied to a variety of human medical conditions, leading to what may be one of the greatest medical breakthroughs of history. It is indeed a miracle that the building blocks of the future may well be the same building blocks that make us who we are. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Chinese company to help Pak boost edible oil production

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan's annual consumption of edible oil is around 5 million tons, but due to the low economic potential of oilseeds in the local market, they are not preferred by the farmers. The country has to import about 89 percent of oil to meet the demand, spending US\$3.6 billion annually.

Pakistan's iron brother, China, also has great demand for edible oil. Last year, China's cooking oil consumption is about 13.44 million tons. China also suffered a short domestic supply of edible

oil until the mid-1950s, when China began to promote brassica napus, also known as victory rapeseed. Brassica napus plants are tall, disease resistant, and more importantly, the yield is very high. The improvement of rapeseed varieties laid the foundation for China to greatly increase rapeseed production.

In recent years, the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) has made a great breakthrough in breeding new varieties of rapeseed, which have been extended

to some parts of northern China. Rapeseed now realized seasonal rotation with rice, wheat and other staple crops, which maximizes the utilization of arable land. Such Chinese experience and technologies can be a good reference for Pakistan, according to CEN.

Chinese company Wuhan Qingfa-Hesheng and a Pakistani company Eyoil Group jointly provide high-quality hybrid rapeseeds to Pakistani farmers. "It took us 10 years to produce a variety that is compatible with the local climate,

produces a good yield and is good for human health," said Ghazanfar Ali, head of marketing in the Eyoil group. "The crop provides an increased profit for the farmers. They can get 1.5 tons of yield out of 2 acres of land, which is over 10 percent more than the yield from other varieties currently available in Pakistan." "This year we sold 11 tons of seeds across Pakistan, which will be cultivated on 20,000 acres, and our target for next year is 100 tons," said Zhou Xusheng, director of the international business department.



Governor State Bank of Pakistan Jameel Ahmad in a group photo during flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 76th Independence Day at SBP headquarter.



PTCL group celebrated the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan with great zeal and fervor, followed by a flag hoisting ceremony. Management, staff and their families were present during the occasion.

FTO emphasizes significance of Independence Day, pays tribute to freedom fighters

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis on Monday said that Independence Day represents the culmination of colossal sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters who dreamt of and worked tirelessly for a free and sovereign Pakistan. Speaking at a function held under the aegis of Gold Ring Economic Forum, a strategic

think tank to celebrate "Independence Day", he said it is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the struggles and achievements of our nation and to renew our commitment to its progress and prosperity, said a news release issued here.

He said as we gather together on this auspicious occasion, we are reminded of the sacrifices.

SCCI holds flag-hoisting ceremony

SIALKOT (APP): Leading exporters hosted a national flag-hoisting ceremony at the lawns of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) here on Monday in connection with Pakistan's 76th Independence Day celebrations.

SCCI President Abdul Ghafoor Malik hoisted the national flag besides cutting a special cake to rejoice the celebrations at a special ceremony, held at the SCCI auditorium.

SBP Governor pays respects to Quaid-e-Azam on 76th Independence Day

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KARACHI: Addressing the flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 76th Independence Day at State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) headquarter at Karachi, Governor SBP, Mr. Jameel Ahmad paid rich tributes to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and his companions who despite adversities, led the freedom struggle and won an independent state for Muslims of subcontinent. He recalled the hostile circumstances the nascent state of Pakistan endured during its initial days and how it made to rely on

others in order to perform financial and banking activities.

These unfavorable circumstances eventually culminated in the establishment of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) for economic independence of the country. The ceremony, attended by the senior management of the Bank and a large number of SBP officials along with their families, commenced with the hoisting of National Flag by the Governor SBP amid playing of the national anthem by a band of Pakistan Navy.

Bajaur turns olive green with locals adopting this profitable business

BAJAUR (APP): Together with abundance of minerals, gemstones reservoirs and scenic natural beauty, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's seven merged tribal districts especially Bajaur and Waziristan are most suited for olive farming due to their compatible soil, climate condition and ecological diversity.

Once became aware of the potential of their fertile land, the hardworking tribal people's response to this profitable olive

farming business have turned Bajaur green.

Thousands of olive trees planted in plains and mountains of seven tehsils of Bajaur district on Mohmand-Bajaur road as well as lush green olive valleys of Talash at Dir Lower catch attention of visitors once they pass through these areas.

From Barang to Khar and Nawagai to Chamarkand tehsils of Bajaur, the locals with active support of KP

UAE's Blue Carbon signs MoU with Zimbabwe to develop carbon projects on 7.5 million hectares

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a landmark development for climate action and community empowerment, Blue Carbon and the Government of Zimbabwe have joined forces through a momentous Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing carbon projects and sustainable initiatives in the Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector on 7.5 million hectares of land under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

Under this historic partnership, Blue Carbon and the Government of Zimbabwe are embarking on a transformative endeavor dedicated to the advancement of environmental conservation, the well-being of local communities, and the stimulation of economic growth. This visionary partnership is poised to create a lasting impact on a massive scale, as the combined efforts of both entities converge to facilitate pioneering conservation initiatives.

Spanning across an impressive expanse of 7.5 million hectares within Zimbabwe, this initiative holds the potential to effect profound positive changes.

Blue Carbon is a Dubai based company under the patronage of the Member of Dubai Ruling Family Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum, which was formed to create environmental assets, nature-based solutions and register carbon projects under eligible methodologies.

during current monsoon through Ashar plantation," he said.

Hoping for monsoon rains in the mountainous region for his new plants, Bacha said, "provision of ample water for these plants is must, without which farmers can suffer great financial losses."

Ziaul Islam Dawar, Director Agriculture Extension Bajaur said under KP government's olive promotion project, grafting in over 250,000

wild olive trees was achieved while olive orchards on 150 acres were successfully raised in Bajaur. Ahmad Said, former Project

In-charge, Promotion of Olive Trees Cultivation on Commercial Scale (POTCCS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa told APP that the entire Malakand division including Bajaur and Dir districts, merged areas' South Waziristan, Orakzai and Khyber tribal districts were most suited for olive cultivation.

CM highlights unity, determination on Independence Day

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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.

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

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.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to its duties and emphasized that this responsibility will continue with the incoming government. He envisioned

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 of Pakistan at Governor House.

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

LAHORE (Online): Pakistani should play his role in the development 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.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman while congratulating the entire nation on the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan said that every



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.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): 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.



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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

addition to adding natural beauty on the earth. She directed the PHP 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.

International News

North Korea's Kim orders sharp increase in missile production, days before US-South Korea drills

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un again toured major munitions factories and ordered a drastic increase in production of missiles and other weapons, state media said Monday, as the South Korean and U.S. militaries announced they will begin major drills next week to hone their joint capability against the North's evolving nuclear threats.

Kim's push to produce more weapons also comes as U.S. officials believe Russia's defense minister recently talked with North Korea about selling more weapons to Russia for its war with Ukraine.

The Korean Central News Agency said Kim visited factories producing tactical missiles, mobile launch platforms, armored vehicles and artillery shells on Friday and Saturday. He visited a spate of other munitions factories in early August.

During a stop at the missile factory, Kim set a goal to "drastically boost" production capacity so the facility can mass produce missiles to meet the needs of front-line military units, KCNA said.

"The qualitative level of war preparations depends on the development of the munitions industry and the factory bears a very important responsibility in speeding up the war preparations of the (North) Korean People's Army," Kim said, according to the report. Visiting other factories, Kim called for building more modern missile launch trucks and said there is an urgent need to boost production of large-caliber multiple rocket launcher shells "at an exponential rate," the report said. Kim also drove a new utility combat armored vehicle, KCNA said.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy awards a Ukrainian service member as he visits a frontline, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, near the city of Soledar in Donetsk region, Ukraine.

At least 3 killed, 7 wounded in blast at hotel in Afghanistan's Khost

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: At least three people were killed and seven wounded on Monday in an explosion at a hotel in southeast Afghanistan's Khost province, the province's media office said.

The cause of the blast was not immediately clear though the region, near the border with Pakistan, has long been plagued by violence between militants and their enemies.

The Khost media office said people originally from Pakistan's Waziristan region, which is just over the border and where for years various militant groups have operated, were among the casualties.

Pakistan's foreign office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Afghanistan's Taliban-run administration has faced an insurgency by militant group Islamic State terrorists, who have claimed a series of deadly attacks targeting civilians, foreigners and Taliban security forces in recent months.

Anger grows as Hawaii fire death toll nears 100

Monitoring Desk
LAHAINA: The death toll in Hawaii from the deadliest US wildfire in more than a century was expected to cross the 100-mark on Sunday, fuelling criticism that an inadequate official response contributed to the heavy loss of life.

Officials updated the toll to 93 late on Saturday, but warned the figure was likely to rise as recovery crews with cadaver dogs continued the grim task of searching burned out homes and vehicles in the epicentre of Lahaina.

The historic coastal town on the island of Maui was almost completely destroyed by the fast-moving inferno early on Wednesday morning, with survivors saying there had been no warnings. When asked on Sunday why none of the island's sirens had been activated, Hawaii Senator Mazie Hirono said she would wait for the results of an investigation announced by the state's attorney general. "I'm not going to make any excuses for this tragedy," Hirono, a Democrat, told CNN's "State of the Union."

Iran arrests 8 'foreigners' after fatal shooting at Shia shrine

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Iranian security forces have arrested eight foreign suspects after detaining a gunman in the killing of one person at a Shia Muslim shrine, state media reported on Monday.

The attack came less than a year after a mass shooting at the same holy site, the Shah Cheragh mausoleum in Shiraz, the capital of Fars province in Iran's south.

Palestinian gunmen say they're fighting for Jenin, not foreign backers

Monitoring Desk
JENIN: Sitting in a bullet-scarred building in the city of Jenin, two fighters from Islamic Jihad - a militant group funded by Iran - celebrated what they said was a victory for Palestinians over the biggest Israeli operation in the West Bank in decades.

Israeli commanders said the two-day incursion in Jenin last month succeeded in seizing weapons and smashing infrastructure used by fighters funded by Iran, who use a crowded refugee camp - where thousands live packed into an area of less than half a square kilometre - as a base to attack and kill Israelis.

Israel's National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi said on Aug. 7 that Iran was trying to "draw a ring around our neck" through militant groups like Islamic Jihad and Hamas in the West Bank and its proxy Hezbollah in neighbouring Lebanon.

While the fighters make no secret of the fact money comes from Iran, for them, the battle is a local one, fuelled by anger over the Israeli occupation, and they show no interest in the broader geopolitical issues, according to dozens of conversations with fighters and sympathisers in Jenin.

"We are sons of Jenin," said one of the Islamic Jihad fighters, who identified himself as Abu Salah. A thin, bearded 36-year-old, dressed in black athletic gear and trainers, he said fighters felt they had no alternative. "We are surrounded and we are under siege. We have no choice but to fight."



Christian Zurita and Andrea Gonzalez attend a press conference at a hotel, wearing police vests, after the political party of slain Ecuadorean presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio picked Gonzalez, the vice-presidential running mate, to replace him as the party standard-bearer, in Quito, Ecuador.

US, Japan to jointly develop hypersonic missile intercept systems

Monitoring Desk
TOKYO: Japan and the United States will jointly develop new missile systems to intercept hypersonic projectiles currently being developed by China, Russia, and North Korea, Japanese newspaper Yomiuri reported on Aug. 13. The agreement is set to be announced at the trilateral summit between the leaders of Japan, the U.S., and South Korea on Aug. 18.

The cooperation is aimed at strengthening the capabilities of both countries to counter potential threats and will represent the second joint missile development between Japan and the United States, following the completion of the Standard Missile-3 Block 2A in 2017, Yomiuri reported. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and U.S. President Joe Biden are expected to hold separate talks before the summit, which could affect the details of the deal's announcement.

Hypersonic missiles are capable of reaching speeds five times higher than the speed of sound (Mach 5), and follow irregular trajectories at low altitudes, making it difficult to detect and track with existing radars.



Taiwan's Vice President William Lai waves while attending a luncheon in New York City, New York, U.S.

At least 41 killed in Indian Himalayas as rain triggers landslides

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: Torrential rain in India's Himalayas triggered landslides over the weekend that have killed at least 41 people, with over a dozen trapped or missing, officials said on Monday. Unusually heavy rain and melting glaciers have brought deadly flash floods to the mountains of India and neighbouring Pakistan and Nepal over the past year or two, with government officials increasingly blaming climate change.

Television footage from India's Himachal Pradesh state showed houses flattened by landslides, buses and cars hanging on the edge of precipices after roads gave way, and hundreds of people at rescue sites as emergency workers struggled to clear debris. "Again, tragedy has befallen Himachal Pradesh, with continuous rainfall over the past 48 hours," the state's chief minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, said in a post on the messaging platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

Russia to equip new nuclear submarines with hypersonic missiles

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Russia is in the process of equipping its new nuclear submarines with hypersonic Zircon missiles, the head of Russia's largest shipbuilder told the RIA state news agency in an interview published on Monday.

"Multi-purpose nuclear submarines of the Yasen-M project will... be equipped with the Zircon missile system on a regular basis."

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 aspira-

tions 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 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: A delegation from Balochistan comprising Senator Sarfraz Bugti and Mir Khalid Lango called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

CM launches C-Art Korangi to provide psychological assessment, behavior therapy

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated a newly established unit of the Center of Autism & Rehabilitation Training (C-ART) established by the Sindh Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities at the Government Special Education & Rehabilitation Centre, Orangi.

The foundation stone of this building was laid by Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto back on 27 December 1994 and it was inaugurated on July 16,

1999. The total covered area of the building spans over 1.90 acres of land (22064 sq. A.).

Murad Shah said that keeping in view the need of the day, along with the services being provided currently by the Special Education & Rehabilitation Centre, Orangi, it was proposed to commence Rehabilitation Services for Autistic and Autism Spectrum Disordered disabled children. Services to be rendered through C-ARTS include Rehabilitation Program, Pilot Inclusion Program.

76th Independence Day celebrated in Lyari & Saddar Town

KARACHI (APP): The 76th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated in a befitting way with great pomp and show in Saddar and Lyari Town Karachi.

In this regard, the main event started with the hoisting of the national flag.

On this occasion, Transition Officer South and Town Municipal Commissioner Saddar Akhtar Ali Sheikh along with Director Administration Muhammad Raisi, Senior Accounts Officer Naem Yousufi and other departmental officers and staff hoisted the flag. On this occasion, National Anthem was read and prayers were offered for the integrity and development of the country.

Children presented national songs and tableaux.

While addressing the Independence Day ceremony, Transition Officer South and Town Municipal Commissioner Saddar Akhtar Ali Sheikh said that freedom is a great blessing and it is the fruit of eternal sacrifices of our forefathers, who made great sacrifices for achieving the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

"They gave us the gift of the beloved country by sacrificing their lives. Now it is our national responsibility to put all differences aside and make collective efforts for the development, stability and security of the country so that there is no harm to the unity and integrity of the country", he added.



HYDERABAD: Mayor Hyderabad, Kashif Shoro along with Bilal Ahmed Menon, Commissioner Hyderabad, Fuad Ghaffar Soomro, Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad and others cutting cake during a ceremony on the occasion of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan, at Circuit House in Hyderabad.

Hoisted national flag on Independence Day No evil eye can harm Pakistan: Naveed Kolachi

Independent Report
KARACHI: On the eve of Independence Day, The Transition Officer Of The Defunct DMC East Naveed Khan Kolachi along with Municipal Commissioner Jinnah Town Darya Khan Pitafi, Superintending Engineer Mubeen Sheikh and other officers and employees hoisted the flag at the office of DMC East on the occasion of Independence Day.

for the development and prosperity of Pakistan, everyone has to play their role individually, Pakistan is an invaluable country, Insha Allah will get rid of every difficulty, the importance of the blessing of freedom is well known to those who are deprived of this blessing. On this day, we pledge to do everything possible for the development of Pakistan.

Officers and employees of Defunct DMC East were present in large numbers on the occasion.

Transition Officer Naveed Khan Kolachi said on the occasion that

Impressive Flag-lowering ceremony held at Wagah border

LAHORE (INP): An impressive flag-lowering ceremony was held at the Wagah border on Monday afternoon to commemorate anniversary of 76th Independence Day. Crop Commander Lahore Lieutenant General Aamer Raza also witnessed the ceremony. The soldiers of the Punjab Rangers lowered the flag in a formal manner.

The venue was decorated with national flags, bunting and banners.

On the occasion, a huge number of the spectators, personnel of armed forces and their families were present in the ceremony.

Aerial firing claims one life, injures 12, including women in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): An aerial firing incident, welcoming the Independence Day, resulted in the unfortunate death of one civilian and injuries to 12 individuals, including women in Karachi on Sunday night.

According to rescue sources, on the occasion of Pakistan's 76th Independence Day, a series of aerial firing commenced in various areas of the metropolis, including Liaquatabad, Liyari, Garden, Mahmoodabad, Landhi, Korangi, New Karachi, and Bilal Colony.

As per the rescue sources, one person was injured due to aerial firing in Bilal Colony, Sector 7, meanwhile, two individuals were injured near Liaquatabad, as well as in Korangi and Landhi.

Abducted girl jumps down bike, kidnapper held

KARACHI (INP): An abducted girl jumped out of the motorcycle resultantly kidnapper also fell down and was held here on Monday.

Police said that accused Rajab abducted his daughter of his neighbour from Lyari and was taking her to unknown location when the girl jumped down of bike at Korangi Ibrahim Haidri road.

The bike got out of control due to jumping down of girl and kidnapped also fell down and both were injured.



KARACHI: Local fisherman participated 76th anniversary of Independence of Pakistan boat rally arranged by Pakistan Navy at Karachi harbour.

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

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 vigorous opposition and se-



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

2 killed, over 50 wounded in incidents of celebratory firing in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Two persons, including a woman, were killed in Karachi when people resorted to aerial firing to express their jubilation over the country's 76th Independence Day, police said on Monday.

A 25-year-old woman and a man named Abdul Wahab were killed in Numaish Chowrangi and Lyari, respectively when they were hit by stray bullets.

On the other hand, over 50 people, including women and children, were injured in different parts of the city.

Three persons were injured in Korangi, Landhi and Mehmoodabad No 6

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, Moenuddin 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).

curated 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.

Murad opens Main Hawksbay Road, carriageway from Machhli Chowk to KANUUP

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the newly constructed Main Hawksbay Road, including the rehabilitation of the existing Carriageway from Machhli Chowk to KANUUP. Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab organized the ceremony at Machhli Chowk on Monday.

The project has been completed under World Bank-assisted Competitive and the Livable City of Karachi. Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab briefing the CM said that the project

has been completed for Rs1.15 billion. It was started in January 2022 and completed within a period of 15 months. The length of the road is 6500 km, and its width is 8.3 meters (dual carriageway). It has 21 culverts. Speaking at the ceremony, Shah congratulated the people of the area and city who usually go to Hawksbay for recreation.

He said, "The road has been made motorable and street lights have been installed to facilitate the visitors." Shah said, "The assemblies have been dis-

solved and now his party was going to the people to seek votes."

He said that he was sure the people would elect PPP because its government in Sindh has carried out record development works all over the province.

Murad Ali Shah thanked the people of Karachi for electing Murtaza Wahab as their Mayor. "I am sure the people of this city will again vote for PPP in the general election and PPP is bound to emerge as the largest party from Karachi also."

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."

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.

Relations with Russia, priority of Pakistan's 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 co-operation 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'.



JAMSHORO: VC LUMHS Prof. Dr Iqbal Din Ujjan planting a sapling during the Pakistan Independence Day celebrations in LUMHS Jamshoro.

Independence day celebrated in Shaheed Benazirabad

prayed for the solidarity and strength of the country while prayers were also offered for the demised passengers of the tragic incident of Hazara Express near Sarhari Railway station. The event of Independence Day was observed with simplicity because of the tragic incident of Hazara Express. The occasion was also participated by District Health Officer Dr Asadullah Dahri, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kanwal Nizam, Deputy Mayor Mbbvashir Arain, officials of different departments, citizens and children in large number.

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Journalist shot dead, AMEND demands thorough investigation

SUKKUR (INP): Unidentified armed men gunned down a journalist at Queens road of Sukkur and escaped the scene, police said on Monday. According to media reports, journalist Jan Muhammad Mehr was on his way to home from office when unknown attacked him leaving him critically injured. The injured was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed to his wounds during treatment. The Association of Electronic Media Editors and News Directors (AMEND) strongly condemning the incident has demanded the chief minister and IG Sindh of thorough investigation into the murder.