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Pays rich tribute to Shuhada, Ghazi for their sacrifices

# Strenuous efforts steer Pakistan out of most difficult times: PM

It's our earnest duty to realise martyrs' sacrifices, says on farewell visit of GHO

RAWALPINDI (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that owing to the relentless efforts of the incumbent government, Pakistan had been out of the most difficult times.

Addressing a ceremony at the Army Auditorium, General Headquarters (GHQ), to honour the supreme sacrifices of Shuhada and Ghazis, the prime minister stressed that they all had to strive to rebuild Pakistan

He said 75 years had passed since the creation of Pakistan which came into being due to hard work by the Great Quaid, the Founder of the Nation, whose vision still remained unfulfilled.

The ceremony was attended by Chief of Army Staff

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar addressing

participants of a condolence reference held in memory of lawyers martyred on

. 8th August, 2016 organized by Shaheed Baz Muhammad Kakar Foundation

on the same pattern for en-

Minister also approved to

make salaries of the field

operation officers equiva-

lent to the civil secretariat.

ture as well as increase in

the salaries of revenue staff.

given to appear in the de-

partmental exam once in-

stead of twice for the

Tehsildar cadre, it was also

mentioned in the official

hand out. The Chief Min-

ister said that all employ-

ees and officers are the ma-

chinery of state, as such

those having the spirit of

public service must get

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Mr.

Muhammad Islam Bhootani.

Mr. Tariq Bashir Cheema

from Pakistan Muslim

League (Q), Mr. Ghous

Bakhsh Khan Mahar from

Green Democratic Alliance

sembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf

presented memorable

shields to all political lead-

ers, acknowledging their

commendable and positive

roles in the activities of the

15th National Assembly.

Speaker National As-

and Mr. Ali Nawaz Shah.

The approval was also

Moreover, the Chief

Similarly, he approved

suring good governance.

CM approves reforms in

**Balochistan Civil Service** 

hand out issued here, the the reforms in the revenue

Chief Minister endorsed and administrative struc-

retariat Service (BSS) cadre chance to come ahead.

NA Speaker bids farewell

to parliamentary leaders

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister, Mir Abdul Quddus

Bizenjo has given approval

to the Balochistan Civil Ser-

vice Reforms here on Tues-

the decision of provincial

cabinet and recommenda-

tions of the parliamentary

it is vision of the Chief

Minister to enforce im-

provement in the service

quality and good gover-

According to the Chief

Minister, the officers of

Balochistan Civil Service

(BCS) and Balochistan Sec-

Speaker National Assembly

Raja Pervaiz Ashrafbid fare-

well to the parliamentary

leaders of various parties

present in the House, estab-

lishing a new parliamentary

tradition. He held individual

meetings with parliamen-

tary leaders, including Mr.

Shahz Zain Bugti from

Jamhoori Watan Party, Mr.

Mohsin Dawar from Na-

tional Democratic Move-

ment, Mr. Muhammad

Afzal Dhandla from Paki-

T Medical Complex

Excellency Bilawal Bhu

nance in the province.

It was mentioned that

committee in this regard.

According to an official

General Syed Asim Munir, officers, ministers and families of Shuhada and Ghazis.

The prime minister said that the incumbent government would complete its term on Wednesday (tomorrow) and after which they would hand over the reign of the government to an interim set-up in accordance with

A comprehensive plan was put in place for the progress and prosperity of the country by the incumbent government, he said, adding the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) had given that vision for the progress of Pakistan with the development of agriculture, minerals and IT sectors.



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif attends a ceremony to honor the Martyrs and

Continued on page 2 | Ghazis of Pakistan Army at General Headquarters.

#### ECP disqualifies PTI chief for five years after Toshakhana verdict

Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday disqualified former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief for five years

A notification of disqualification has been issued by the electoral watchdog. The ECP also de-notified the PTI chief

An Islamabad court handed a three-year prison sentence and a fine of Rs100,000 to the PTI chief in Toshakhana case. This decision came during the hearing of the criminal complaint filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) against the PTI

NA to be

dissolved today

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

National Assembly will be

dissolved on August 09

Wednesday after Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif's

address to the farewell ses-

ter addressing the lower

house of the parliament will

forward a summary to the

President Dr Arif Alvi for

dissolution of the 15th Na-

tional Assembly of Paki-

Shehbaz Sharif while ad-

dressing public rally in

Kasur on Sunday had an-

nounced that the NA would

be dissolved on August 09,

just three days before the

lower house of the parlia-

ment completes its five-

Incumbent National

Assembly's full tenure will

end on August 12 and if it

completes its stipulated

time then elections will be

held within 60 days. How-

ever, the Constitution

states that the polls must

be held within 90 days if

the assembly is dissolved

before the completion of its

Azfar Mahesar

transferred;

Aetezaz Goraya

posted new

**DIG Quetta** 

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Deputy

Inspector General of Police

Quetta, Captain (Retd)

Ghulam Azfar Mahesar has

been transferred and closed

to Central Police Office

the CPO on Tuesday, DIĞ CTD, Aetezaz Ahmed

Goraya has been transferred and posted as the DIG Po-

lice Quetta. However, Mr.

Goraya would also hold the

additional charge of DIG

Sohbat pur, Sajjad Haider

Tareen has also been trans-

ferred and posted as AIG

Police Legal at CPO while

Abdul Rauf Baraich, await-

ing posting order, has been

posted as the acting SP

CTD until further orders.

Meanwhile,

According to an official notification issued here by

Quetta.

year constitutional term.

Minister

Prime

The prime minister af-

cused the former prime with Section 232 of the

gifts received Toshakhana. Later, the PTI chair-

man was arrested by Punjab police from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore on Aug 5. In a notification is

sued today, the ECP said, "A person shall be disqualified from being elected or chosen as, and from being, a member of the Parliament if he has been, on conviction for any offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years, unless a period of five years has elapsed since his release." The electoral watchdog declared the PTI chairman disquali-fied under Article 63(1)(h) of the Constitution read

#### Addresses condolence reference High time for all of us to sit together and prepare joint course of action to protect our future, says Governor

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the lawyers martyred on August 8, 2016 in civil hospital Quetta were our asset and their invaluable services and sacrifices would always be remembered.

The Governor was addressing a condolence reference organized by Shaheed Baz Muhammad Kakar Foundation at a local hotel here on Tuesday.

The senior lawyers and guests coming from all over the country including Haroon Rasheed, Ahmed Farooq Khatak, Naeem Qureshi, Bushra Qamar, Yasin Azad, former Senator, Mrs. Roshan Khursheed Bharucha besides the religious leaders, academicians, representatives of civil so-

named ECP

spokesperson

ISLAMABAD (APP): Haroon Khan Shinwari, the

Additional Director General

of Media Coordination and

Outreach, of Election Com-

mission of Pakistan (ECP)

has been appointed as the

spokesperson of the ECP

with immediate effect until

further orders as per an of-

ficer, within the ECP, took

over as the spokesperson

after Ms. Qurat ul Ain

Fatima from the informa-

tion group was transferred

back to the Ministry of In-

formation and Broadcasting

made by the lawyers' fra-

ternity and their leaders

through resolutions adopted at the condolence

reference held in the court-

yard of the Balochistan

The condolence refer-

High Court on Tuesday.

ence marking the death an-

Shinwari, a BS20 of-

ficial notification.

on July 24th.

The Governor said that experts in the incident of condolence reference is itterrorism occurred on Auself a type of protest. He said that the basic objective behind observance of the irreparable loss. 8th August tragedy is to

He applauded the uniring efforts of Chairman Baz Muhammad Kakar Foundation, Dr. Lal Khan Kakar and his team for organizing the event.

pay homage to the lawyers

who were martyred seven

Referring different incidents of terrorism and tragedies, the Governor said that we have to evolve a joint course of action so that no such incidents are occurred again in future.

He said that we had

gust 8, 2016 in the civil hospital, which was surely an He said that it is high

time for all of us to sit together and prepare joint course of action for protection of our future. He said that what he said about the condolence reference was according to his conscious. Other speakers also

addressed the condolence reference and paid homage to the martyr lawyers. They said that the vacuum caused due to martyrdom of lawyers cannot be filled.

In the end, special prayer was offered for the departed lawyers and their been deprived of several law bereaved families.

Seventh census

#### **BA** adopts condemnation resolution against reducing population of Balochistan

Independent Report

Balochistan Assembly adopted a resolution condemning reduction in population of the province in seventh population and housing census conducted in the country.

The condemnation resolution was tabled by the Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Mir Asadullah Baloch while the session held with Speaker, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali in the chair here on Tuesday.

While tabling the resolution, the Provincial Minister Agriculture demanded that the federation should accept population of the province in census as 23.5 million. On the resolution, the member of Opposition belonging to PkMAP, Nasrullah Baloch objected that why his name was included in the resolution.

His plea was that we have already rejected the new population census Afterwards, Nasrullah

Zairay staged token walk out of the house. Similarly, a condemnation resolution was also ap-

proved against the Bajor blast. Tabled by the leader of Opposition, Malik Sikandar Advocate, the resolution demanded exemplary punishment for those involved in the terrorism incident.

The resolution also demanded financial compensation for the heirs of martyrs and injured persons.

Meanwhile, while giving a ruling the speaker directed to take steps for promotion of development officers in the Public Health Engineering (PHE) depart-Later, the session of

assembly was adjourned for an indefinite period

Meanwhile

Balochistan Minister for

Home and Tribal Affair Mir

Ziaullah Langu on Tuesday

took notice of a firing inci-

dent that left three dead in

sorrow for the death of a

man along with his wife

concerned officials to take

measures to arrest attack-

ers involved in the killing

of the three members of a

family to bring them to jus-

and his small girl.

He also expressed his

The Minister ordered



Pervez Ashraf presenting souvenir to Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Nawabzada Shazain Bugti at Parliament House.

#### Zia Langu takes notice

#### Three of a family killed in firing incident

QUETTA (APP): Three persons of a family including a man his wife and a child were killed by unknown armed men in Quetta on Tuesday, police

They said that man was going home on his motorbike when unknown armed men opened fire at them within the precincts of Manzoor Shaheed PS, killing all on the spot.

The dead bodies were shifted to the civil hospital, Quetta, for medico-legal formalities. The cause of killing is yet to be ascertained

He also sought the re-Further probe is underport of the incident.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The information regarding

following his conviction in Toshakhana case.

from the NA-45 Kurram.

The complaint ac-

minister of concealing Elections Act, 2017. ciety and others. ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior, Rana Sana Ullah Khan chair-

ing a meeting at FIA Headquarters. Haroon Khan

# PM announces to set up

ISLAMABAD (Online): special fund for journalists performing their profes-

to family members of journalists who die in such an incident.

Pakistan.

launching ceremony of Health Insurance Card, Pa-

has also issued a health card for journalists in history of

He was addressing the

nalists and artists. Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Maryam Aurangzeb

tory of Federal Essentials

app and website for jour

also spoke on this occasion. Law Minister Senator Azam Nazir Tarar, Federal Secretary for Information

and Broadcasting Sohail Ali Khan, journalists and leadership of media workers were also present. PM said that diseases are part of life. I congratu-

#### special fund for journalists who lose lives in line of duty kistan code, Digital reposi-

Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has announced establishment of who lose their lives while sional duties. RS 4 million will be paid

Prime Minister (PM)

Continued on page 2

admittance of review petition on report

of JC formed on 8th August tragedy

# Lawyers' condolence reference demands

#### **Independent Report** QUETTA: The lawyers' fraternity and leaders have

demanded that the review petition filed for implementation on the report of judicial commission on the 8th August 2016 tragedy should be admitted for hearing at the Supreme Court at the earliest.

They also demanded that all the courts including military ones should work remaining under the constitutional jurisdictions.

In addition to this, they pleaded to ensure recruitment of judges in the high courts in transparent and impartial manner.

These demands were



OUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali in a group photo with MPAs before start of farewell session of Assembly

# BBISE dispatches 72408 certificates pending for 33 years

SUKKUR: Chairman Pakistan People's Party and For-

eign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing at

the inaugural ceremony of Sindh Institute of Urology

and Transplantation (SIUT) Medical Complex Sukkur

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) Quetta has delivered 72408 certificates to the successors, pending for 33 years due to incomplete address. The dispatched certificates include matriculation

to 2019 to the branches of the board, BBISE chairman Mir Ejaz Azeem Baloch told APP on Tuesday. The students of the said period were informed to collect their certificates from the board branch located

pending from 1990 to 2014 and intermediate from 1990

in their respective areas, he added. Chairman BBISE has taken strict notice of the nondelivery of such a large number of credentials to the

Chairman said negligence in duties would not be tolerated and action should be taken against the in-

He said that students should register their addresses correctly to avoid delays in getting credentials.

#### PM unveils 'revolutionary' Rs 377b program of 100,000 tube-wells solarisation

ISLAMABAD (APP): to Islamabad-based-farm- made utmost efforts to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday launched a Rs 377 billion "revolutionary" project to solarise 100,000 agricultural tubewells across the country. which, he said, was inevitable and the only way forward to make the country

This is a revolutionary step as without it, no one can think of Pakistan making progress... I want to give a message that no other project can match the significance of solar energy," the prime minister said addressing the launching ceremony here which marked the distribution of solar tube- well certificates

WASHINGTON (INP):

Ambassador Masood Khan

has congratulated President

American Pakistani Advo-

cacy Group (APAG) Ali

Rashid for his leadership in

having one of the avenues

co-named as 'Allama Iqbal

Avenue' in New York.

Allama Mohammad Iqbal is

an international icon and a

symbol of Pakistani nation-

who dreamed of a separate

homeland for the Muslims

of Sub-continent. The

New York is the most fa-

mous metropolis and nam-

pride for Pakistani diaspora

not only in NYC but across

Masood Khan also

the United States.

It was Allama Iqbal

Calling agriculture the only sector to turn around the national economy, he said the provision of lowcost power supply was in-evitable to not only for the farmers but also the households, shopkeepers and industry to make the exports competitive.

Lamenting the previous government's negligence for not exploiting the immense resources of hydel and solar energy, he said the provision of low cost electricity was the foremost obligation of every govern-

months, his government

SUKKUR: Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and Peoples Party (PPP)

Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along others cut ribbon during inaugura

**Ambassador Masood lauds** 

APAG for renaming NY's

street as "Allama Iqbal Avenue"

paid tribute to Ali Rashid

for his resolute efforts to

build better relations be-

tween Pakistan and the

United States and creating

greater awareness about the

history and culture of Pa-

kistan in the United States.

It may be recalled that Ali

Rashid and APAG was in-

strumental in introducing a

resolution in the US House

of Representatives to des-

ignate March 23, 2023, as

and 101 Avenue in Rich-

ing an avenue after our na- allowing Pakistani Ameri- devoted its efforts to sup

tional poet would cement can to honor one of the porting and uplifting our

Pak-US ties and a source of most significant leaders of neighbors, to formally

their country. Speaking on

York City Council said, to our city.

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Co-naming 109 Street

York, recognizes Pakistan's the American Pakistani Ad-

rich cultural heritage whilst vocacy Group, which has

the occasion Adrienne and the Pakistani

Adams, Speaker of the New community's contributions

Pakistan Day.

dream came true in 1947. mond Hill, Oueens, New

tion ceremony of the Children Hospital, held in Sukkur.

launch the project but the political situation and uncertainty about the IMF agreement caused the delay. Explaining the scenario

of a default country, the prime minister exemplified Sri Lanka and said such states had to curtail imports to save foreign exchange which ultimately led to severe shortage of life-saving drugs, petrol and other commodities, crisis of imported materials and closure of industry, thus leading to chaos.

He said as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had disallowed the He said during last 16 subsidy to the agriculture and industrial sectors, the

"As we approach Pakistan

Independence Day, I am

honored to celebrate the co-

naming of 109th Street and

101st Avenue as Allama

defining poets, scholars,

and leaders of his time,

Allama Iqbal's work and

vision led to the creation of

Pakistan as an independent

country. His legacy lives on

today in the vibrant Paki-

stani community that has

contributed to cultural fab-

ric of New York City. I am

proud to work alongside

recognize Allama Iqbal

"Hailed as one of the

Iqbal Avenue.'

solar energy was the only way forward for cost-reduction and lessen dependence on the costly imported oil.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said on completion the incumbent government's term, he would send a summary to the President of Pakistan for dissolution of the National Assembly by Wednesday.

Therefore, he gave a message to the next government that the solarisation project was of the utmost importance as the foundation of Rs 377 billion initiative of tube-wells solariation had been laid, he



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributing health insurance cards among the working journalists, media workers, artists and technical resource workers

# NHA contradicts baseless

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Highway Authority (NHA) on Wednesday contradicted a baseless and unjustified allegation on various social media handles, stating, that the authority had incurred expenditure amounting to Rs. 650 million on the temporary diversion of Pinira Bridge on National Highway N-65, Balochistan.

NHA said that this absolutely baseless allegation was tarnishing the image of the department.

Balochistan received unprecedented 450 per cent rainfall higher than the national 30-year average, resulting into hill torrents, flash floods and inundations in several districts in North-East Balochistan, especially in Hub-Uthal-Bela Section of National Highway N-25, Khuzdar-Shahdadkot Section of M-8 and Quetta-Sibi-Dera Allah Yar Section of National Highway N-65. These damages include the collapse of Pinjra Bridge N-65. Hub Bridge, Lunda Bridge N-25 and Mando Bridge M-

Bridge, Bagar Nala Bridge, Sardi Wala Bridge, Baleli Bridge and a number of Culverts on N-25 were also

The National Highway Authority immediately mobilized resources and required machinery for the temporary restoration of the road network and traffic was restored on all highways by providing detours and backfilling on damaged portions through RMA (Road Maintenance Account) Funds.

It is pertinent to mention that National Highway Authority has incurred only an amount of Rs. 27.33 million from August 2022 till date on emergency works i.e. temporary diversion of Pinjra Bridge on N-

In addition, the procurement process of the reconstruction of Pinjra Bridge has been initiated, pre-qualification documents have been received in May and construction work will commence in October, 2023.

National Highway Authority has strongly refuted this fabricated allegation and requested that such unjustified allegations may not be

# **2022-23 Season** ISLAMABAD (APP)

nounced a record total of \$8,947,290 worth of player compensation was on offer throughout the 2022-23 PSA Tour season, representing a 9.4% increase on the season before. The announcement of

Nouran Gohar was the top-earning female player on the tour, winning \$275,600 in total compensation, with her male counterpart, Ali Farag, winning \$247,650 marking the second season in a row where Gohar has been the most successful player on the tour in terms of earnings.

Average earnings for the men's and women's top 10 totalled \$151,663 an increase of 6.6% compared to the previous season.

There were 497 men's events and 326 women's events during the season. with 66 countries staging a PSA Tour event. Isle of

'We're delighted to announce record prize money off the back of a highly successful season for the professional game," PSA Chief

that the court hastened to punish Imran Niazi is not He said that now

gave him 13 chances but he only wanted to delay it. People will not be with Chairman PTI, people will be with those who want peace in country.

He added we were also

Chairman PTI said that same class should be for ev-He held we are not takervone in iail

ment of jails remain same. He observed when chairman. Imran Khan was Prime Minister (PM), he used to say that everyone should with him, then there is no

Now Imran Khan should have courage.

#### **PSA** announces record prize money following

The Professional Squash Association (PSA) has an-

record player compensation comes two months after a major investment in the sport by Squash SM&E Holdings - the Sports, Media and Entertainment Group led by businessman Mark Walter who acquired a stake in Squash Media & Marketing (SMM), a commercial entity created and managed by the PSA, said a press

The 2022-23 campaign saw 823 events take place across the PSA World Tour, PSA Challenger Tour and the WSF & PSA Satellite Tour - also a record figure and that number is forecast to increase once again next season, with the investment enabling SMM to deliver more events and increase player compensation correspondingly.

Prize money on the women's tour during 2022-23 totalled \$4,075,779, while a total of \$4,871,511 was awarded on the men's

Man hosted a PSA event for the first time.

Executive Alex Gough said.

# Now Chairman PTI will do politics or we, Interior Minister

FAISALABAD (Online): Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has once correct because the court again said that the kind of politics Imran Niazi has done, he has brought politics of country to point of no return. He said this in exclusive

talks to a private TV chan-

ing any revenge. Environ-

have same rights in jails. No one should get home cooked food and no com-

He said the impression

We do not want this to happen, but when Imran Khan was the Prime Minister (PM), he was not ready to join hands with

problem

Imran Khan should not think that he will scare us by sending messages from

I assure you that I have not issued any such directive to do this to Imran

Imran Khan request that he should not be kept with common prisoners.

kept in the same jail as PTI If Chairman PTI wants B class then it can be pro-If someone has done vided in Attock and also in something wrong and Adiala. something bad happens

Imran should also get experience of living with common prisoners I think that order will

be issued from the court and he will get facilities. Chairman PTI can get bail in a week in this case.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf presenting souvenirto Member National Assembly, Aslam Bhootani at Parliament House.

#### Maulana Haqqani, Khattak discuss country's political situation

KHATTAK (APP): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Sami (JUI-S) Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqqani and Former Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Head of PTI Parliamentarians, Pervez Khattak, on Tuesday, held a meeting and discussed the country's political landscape. Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq expressed his gratitude to Pervez Khattak for his visit and welcomed him. He emphasized their ongoing commitment to contributing to the nation's stabil-

role. Pervez Khattak, in turn, affirmed his intention to maintain an ongoing series of meetings in the future.

Following the discussion, Pervez Khattak paid his respects at the graves of Maulana Abdul Haq and Maulana Sami ul Haq, the founders of Darul Uloom Haggania, and recited Fateha. Present at the meeting were also Maulana Syed Yousuf Shah, JUI-S Secretary-General, along with Maulana Irfan ul Haq, Maulana Luqman ul Haq, Maulana Osama Sami, Maulana Khazeema Sami, and Amjad tinue playing a constructive Azam, among others.

these brave sons of the soil.

I salute their families for

sacrificing their loved ones

said that it was now their

earnest duty that they

realised the supreme sacri-

fices of Shuhada and

The prime minister

for Pakistan," he added.

#### **Strenuous efforts steer....**

Continued from page 1

ity and Pakistan's enduring

prosperity, promising to con-

He further said that under that plan, foreign investment worth billions of dollars would be made in the country.

The prime minister termed the ceremony to honour Shuhada and Ghazis as a dignified occasion to pay tribute to their great sacrifices.

They had made Pakistan more secure with their sacrifices and saved it from the evil designs of the enemies, he added.

He said that they had laid down their lives for the defence of the country by setting unmatched precedents of bravery, valour and sacrifice, adding that the nation had been rendering sacrifices since the creation of Pakistan.

On 14th August, he said, Pakistan would celebrate its 76th anniversary. The nation had to traverse the path carved out by their Shuhada to make Pakistan a prosperous and developed country. The prime minister un-

derlined that for the elimination of poverty and unemployment, they should rid Pakistan of foreign debts with sincerity, devotion and hard work.

On the Independence Day, they should pledge to work day and night for the country as much water had already flown under the bridges, he added.

'Shuhada and Ghazis are our pride and their respect and honour is binding on each Pakistani. We must never forget that the peace and freedom we enjoy today is due to the ultimate sacrifices rendered by

Ghazis into the prosperity and well-being of each Pakistani He further said that those who resorted to desecration of monuments of Shuhada, their faces would

remain blackened in the his-

tory of the country and the

proud people of Pakistan would never forget them. On the occasion, the prime minister appreciated the efforts of Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and his team and the present federal and provincial governments for the bright and prosperous future of Pakistan. The ISPR, in a press release, said that the prime minister paid a farewell visit to the GHQ. Upon arrival, he was received by the COAS.

The prime minister met the Principal Staff Officers (PSOs) and was presented with the Guard of Honour and laid a wreath at the Yadgar-e-Shuhada.

He appreciated the role of armed forces in protecting the territorial integrity of the country and robustly fighting the menace of terrorism across Pakistan. He also distributed

cheques of Special Financial Assistance amongst 70 families of the martyrs and 30 War Wounded Persons. Laptops were also distributed among the wards of Shuhada who are undergoing their academic pursuits.

He observed if criticism PM said that it has been is against facts it creates decided in consultation distortion. with Information Minister ISLAMABAD: Activates of civil society & Sustainable Social Development

Organization (SSDO) hold protest in favor of Rizwana outside NPC.

#### the cake during the 10th Anniversary of BRI/CPEC (2013-2023) at KPK House. Lawyers' condolence reference demands.... situation when he had come

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Local Government Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Advocate Sawal Nazir, DHM Chinese Embassy Pang Chunxue and others cutting

**Continued from page 1** of the bar on report of judiniversary of those lawyers martyred on August 8, 2016 was arranged by the Balochistan Bar Council (BBC), Balochistan High Court Bar Association (BHCBA) and Quetta Bar Association (QBA).

The representatives of different bar councils and bar associations of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhaw, Punjab, Islamabad High Court Bar and other senior lawyers from all over the country participated in the condolence reference.

The resolution adopted on the occasion rejected the Secret Act and Army Act besides declining the trial of political workers in the country under Army Act.

Similarly, it was also demanded to take effective steps for prevention of the terrorism incidents all over the country besides protecting the general public and security forces in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhaw.

The resolution also demanded formation of impartial caretaker governments in the country.

Earlier, while addressing the condolence reference, the Chairman Executive Committee, Supreme Court Bar Association, Hasan Pasha said that the heirs of martyr lawyers of 8th August 2016 are still awaiting justice.

He regretfully pointed out that the review petition

cial commission of the 8th August is pending. He announced that we would be filing a petition for early hearing of the review petition soon after end of the vacations in the supreme

He said that we have always raise voice against violation of the constitution and would continue to do so in future. Referring the lawyers

movement for democracy and supremacy of constitution in the past, Hasan Pasha said that although the lawyers came out on the roads for democracy, however, we couldn't achieve the targets of judiciary and democracy's restoration in

the country. The Vice Chairman Balochistan Bar Council, Aamanullah Kakar said that we could not provide justice to the martyrs of 18th August civil hospital trag-

He on the occasion regretfully pointed out that the report of Inquiry commission formed on the 8th August tragedy has not

been implemented even. He said that our lawyers would not be getting justice merely delivering Speaking on the occa-

sion, the former President

SCBA, Yasin Azad Advo-

cate recalled the 8th August

tragedy in 2016 saying that

there was a very curious

incident. He said that our 56 fellow lawyers had departed

to Quetta after the tragic

from us on that tragic day Yasin Azad stressed that the lawyers would have to raise voice against the "powerful", whom they are not ready to stand agamst

Addressing the condolence reference, senior lawyer and former President SCBA, Ali Ahmed Kurd said that there no such day passed when we would not be remembering our martyred lawyers.

He said that we only want supremacy of law and constitution in the country and nothing else.

Ali Ahmed Kurd urged the lawyers to create courage and bravery among them to stand against the unlawful acts. The President Quetta

dressed the condolence ref-Meanwhile, a condolence reference was also

The condolence reference was attended by the senior lawvers, representatives of different bar associations and civil society besides the heirs of marty

#### allegations on social media regarding expenditure on Pinjra bridge diversion

In a statement, the

During monsoon 2022.

Moreover, approaches and embankments of Kanta tified allegations ma considered correct.

#### **Pak-Afghan cooperation** against terrorism, extremism demand of time: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Tuesday said current circumstances warranted deep Pakistan-Afghan cooperation against the menaces of terror-Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and

Head of the Afghan Interim Government Mullah Hibatullah had given clear policy guidelines in that regard at the right time, he said while talking to the media. Ashrafi, who is also President of International Interfaith Harmony Council and Prime Minister's Special Representative on Interfaith Harmony and Middle East, said peace in both the countries was interlinked as being in the state of war for the last 42 years their people had only witnessed destruction and bloodshed. "Now is the

#### time that not only Pakistan and Afghanistan should cooperate with each other for peace but also other regional countries should play their role in this regard," he added.

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of health card. We express our special thanks to Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information Secretary and her team in

this regard. She has fulfilled a great responsibility. This is a revolutionary

step in field of journalism. He said that working ournalists face many challenges and dangers in carrying out their duties.

He said that we also congratulate to Law Minister and his team for launching Pakistan Digital Repository of Federal Laws, mobile app and website. It will now provide access to laws to na-

tion and world. All laws and constitutional provisions can provide immediate assistance. This has happened for the first time in history of

Pakistan.

Bar Association, Abid Kakar and others also ad-

held under auspices of Shaheed Baz Muhammad Kakar Foundation at a local hotel at the same evening.

#### PM announces to set up... Marriyum Aurangzeb that a special fund is being es-

tablished for those journalists who lose their lives while performing their du-

He said that when I was Chief Minister of Punjab. those policemen or officers who scarified their lives while performing their duties were given RS 30 lakh first and then it was later

increased to RS 5 crore. PM said that if Pakistan is prosperous then this fund will also be increased for journalists.

He said that journalists work hard in discharging their duties. I have been Prime Min-

ister (PM) for 16 months. Various columnists may have criticized me during this time but I have not felt ill of it till date. It is your responsibil-

based on facts. It guides and helps, he said.

ity. Criticism should be

## PM breaks ground for Rawalpindi Ring Road, widening of Islamabad Expressway

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Tuesday launched multiple development projects for Rawalpindi and Islamabad including Rawalpindi Ring Road and the widening and rehabilitation of Islamabad Expressway from PWD to T-Chowk.

The event was attended by Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah, Federal Minister for Information Marriyum Aurangzeband high-ranking officers and other dignitaries.
The prime minister performed the groundbreaking of widening and rehabilitation of Islamabad Expressway from PWD to T-Chowk, which will expand the road from four to eight lanes and benefit approximately 1.2 million

He also performed the groundbreaking of Rawalpindi Ring Road, a signal-free controlled access six lanes

connection between GT Road and motorway.

Prime Minister Shehbaz inaugurated an interchange at Islamabad Expressway, which will provide a smooth and safe link for the people on both sides of the road.

During the briefing, the officials highlighted the importance of Dadhocha Dam and Kharian-Rawalpindi Motorway

for the region.

The prime minister appreciated the efforts of Frontier Works Organization(FWO) and expressed his gratitude to the Capital Development Authority and Rawalpindi Development Authority for initiating and executing the said projects. "These projects will enhance infrastructure, reduce traffic congestion, stimulate economic growth and improve the overall quality of life for the residents of the twin cities," the prime minister remarked. 'National Growth Center'



ceremony of various development projects for Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

# path of economic develop-

ISLAMABAD: Recognizing the contribution of unsung heroes in the development of Pakistan, the Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives awarded Development Leadership Award to the 75 people and 60,000 internships to young graduates through the Prime Minister's Balkhtiyar Naujawan Internship Program (BNIP) during ceremony at Pakistan

#### **National Taskforce on** SDGs appoints first ever sub-group on GDI

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on Monday appointed the first ever special sub-group on Global Development Initiatives (GDI) of the Taskforce.

According to the notification, Convener, National Taskforce on SDGs and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Romina Khurshid Alam appointed the subgroup under the patron-ship of the Speaker National Assembly.

The GDI comprised of Convener, MNAs Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Romina Khurshid Alam, Dr. Nisar Cheema, Syeda Nausheen lftikhar, Šyed Mustafa Mehmood, Raza Rabbani Khar, Dr. Shazia Sobia Kamran Micheal, Senator Keshoo Bai, and Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti. Moreover, the advis-

ers of the Special Group on Global Development Initiatives were Major General ® Raza Muhammad and ShakeelAhmad Ramay. Political Economist

and expert, Shakeel Ahmad Ramay told APP that it was a privilege to share that he was appointed as an Adviser to the Parliament of Secretariate group on "Global Development Initia-

"Thank you to parliament, especially to Ms. Romina Khursheed for trusting me to assist the GDI group. It is the first ever parliament group on

#### Senate body Greenlights numerous bills of new higher edu. institutions

ISLAMABAD (Online): majority of the Bills.
Chaired by Senator Irfan
Siddiqui, the Senate Standapproved Bills were ing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training convened at the Parliament House today.

The focal point of the meeting was the review of Bills referred by the House, aimed at establishing new Higher Education Institutions across the country.

Through extensive discussions and thoughtful deliberations, the committee reached a consensus, result-

Notable among the approved Bills were "The Askari Institute of Higher Education Bill, 2023," introduced by Senators Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani and Hidayatullah Khan. "The Metropolitan International Institute of Science and Technology Bill, 2023," introduced by Senators Kauda Babar and Naseebullah Bazai. "The Rahim Jan University Bill, 2023," introduced by Senators Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah and Naseebullah Bazai



ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Professional Training Ms. Zeb Jaffar distributing certificate to appreciate the team's endeavor focused on producing printed Materials for children with dyslexia at National Book

#### YFK highlights Kashmir conflict through art

ISLAMABAD (APP): Youth Forum for Kashmir (YFK) International Kashmir Lobby Group has organized an art exhibition Kashmir Conflict through Art "as part of Youm-e-Istehsal activities.

The participants of the competition highlighted different aspects of the Kashmir conflict through their paintings.

YFK collaborated with department of Islamic Art and Architecture IIUI for the award distribution ceremony, held at Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal Mosque campus, IIU,

More than 250 participants from academia, politics, civil society and University students attended this event, while major national TV channels A prize money of sixty thousand (30k, 20k, 10k) awarded to first three

also covered this exhibition.

position holders. The speakers included Syed Zeesĥan Haider, HOD Islamic Arts and Architec-

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, IIUI, Mr. Sheikh Mateen, Sec. Gen. APHC, Amb. Dr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria, Executive Director, COMSATS, Amb Nadeem Riyaz, President IRS,Islamabad, Senator Sehar Kamran, PPP Zaman Bajwa ED YFK.

The winners of the Painting Competition including Laiba Sherdil Peshawar secured first po-Mehfooz Islamabad

#### Tributes paid to Major Tufail on his Martyrdom

**Anniversary** (Online): The Military leadership has paid glowing tributes to Major Tufail Muhammad Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider on his 65th Shahadat Anni

versary. Major Muhammad, the second recipient of Nishan-e-Haider embraced Shahadat while fighting gallantly at Lakshmipur sector in East Pakistan in 1958.

Major Muhammad's martyrdom anniversary serves as a powerful reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices made by the Armed Forces of Pakistan to defend the motherland

Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has paid tributes to Major Tufail Muhammad Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider, on his martyrdom anniver-

In a statement on Tuesday, he said Major Tufail Shaheed did not even care about his life for the safety

of the country. He said the entire Pakistani nation pays homage to Major Tufail Shaheed for his sacrifice.

He said the nation will never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs.

#### Rivers Indus, **Sutlej continue** to flow in low flood: FFC

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Federal Flood Com mission (FFC) has said that River Indus is flowing in low flood in Tarbela-Chashma reach and at Guddu & Kotri while River Sutlej is continuously experiencing low flood at Islam since 1st August 2023.

According to daily FFC report on Tuesday others major Rivers (Kabul Jhelum, Chenab & Ravi) are flowing with normal flow

Tarbela and Mangla Reservoirs have attained live storage upto 97% & 94% respectively of their maximum live storage capacity. As per Flood Forecasting Division (FFD) Lahore trough of Westerly Wave is persisting over Northern parts of Afghani stan with seasonal low continues to prevail over Northern Balochistan Light moist currents from Arabian Sea are penetrating into upper parts of Paki stan upto 4000 feet. Thunderstorm rain of light to moderate intensity has also predicted for Lahore over Íslamabad, (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala Sargodha, Lahore & DG

exhibition titled "Kashmir conflict through Art" organized by Department of Islamic Art and Architecture, International Islamic University Islamabad and Youth Forum for Kashmir in connection with Kashmir Siege Day to

to augment economic

prosperity: Ashan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (APP): would be based at the Plan-

ning Ministry while such facilities would be operat-

ing in various universities

not merely a physical space

but a symbol of commit-

ment to the future, a testament to an unwavering be-

lief in the potential of

people and national re-

for holistic growth where

industry, academia, and

seamlessly, groundbreaking

research meets practical application, and local com-

munities flourish alongside

the national economic ex-

Block, Pak Secretariat

nearly 8 million lives are

tragically lost due to tobacco-

related illnesses, with more

than 1,200,000 of those

deaths affecting non-smok-

ers who breathe in second-

hand smoke. Astonishingly,

over 80% of these prevent-

able deaths occur in low and

middle-income countries.

On this eve, he inaugurated

the Kohsar Block (high-rise

building) as a Tobacco

Smoke Free Zone through

proper tobacco control and

of Kohsar Block, Pak Sec-

retariat, Islamabad

warning signage on all floors

He said that each year.

We envision these

He said the NGC was

of the country.

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Ini-

tiatives Professor Ahsan

Igbal on Tuesday launched

the National Growth Cen-

ter (NGC) aimed at putting

the country on a steady

ment, innovation and pros-

perity. Addressing the

launching ceremony here, he highlighted the impor-

tance of fostering an envi-ronment of sustainable de-

velopment, creating jobs,

empowering communities,

and stimulating economic diversification. "Our goal

is nothing short of position-

ing Pakistan as a hub of in-

novation and progress on

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Ministry of National

Health Services, Regula-

tions and Coordination has

declared the Pak Secretariat,

Kohsar Block as smoke-free

under the law of Prohibition

of Smoking and Protection

of Non-smokers Health

Ordinance 2022 during an

orientation meeting with all

Achakzai, Director General

ment while addressing the

participants of the orienta-

tion meeting for implemen-

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the stakeholders.

The main NGC center pansion.

Pak Secretariat's Kohsar

block declared as smoke-free

the global stage."

#### commemorate and show solidarity with our Kashmiri brother and sisters. First Lady urges inclusive education for differently-abled Children

First Lady Begum Samina Alvi on Tuesday urged the need to provide inclusive education to the Children with Disabilities (CWDs) in the mainstream educational institutions.

She said that it was the collective responsibility of society to create an inclusive learning environment for all students, irre-

spective of their abilities. She was addressing an online teacher training session on inclusive education for Children with Disabilities (CWDs), the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. The virtual Teacher Training Session was organized by Soliton Technologies in collaboration with Simmons University, USA. More than 200 teachers from across Pakistan attended the online training ses-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Evans, Programme Director at Simmons University, conducted the online training session.

The First Lady said

ISLAMABAD: Senator Sehar Kamran cutting ribbon to inaugurate painting

that the education system should cater to the diverse needs of each child, adding that every child, regardless of their disability, should be provided equal opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive. She said that such training programmes helped teachers understand different disabilities and appropriate teaching methodologies for the CWDs. "Properly trained teachers can create a nurturing environment that fosters inclusivity, empathy, and understanding among all students," she observed. Begum Samina Alvi emphasized the need for sensitizing educators to recognize and polish the unique abili-

#### **ECP** imparts training of 27 officers to ensure free polls

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is currently providing training to its 27 newly appointed of-ficers through skill-enhancing sessions at Lahore's Civil Services Academy to equip them to perform election duty effectively.

According to the spokesman ECP, the training that commenced on August 1st is scheduled to conclude on August 11th.

Throughout the training period, officers were receiving comprehensive instructions on diverse areas of election management, election laws, procedures for voter registration, and election technology.

This training will contribute to achieving the core objectives of the Election Commission: ensuring elections that are free, fair, and transparent.

#### **President directs to restore** property to a woman awaiting possession for 20 years the son of the complainant

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi has directed for restoration of property to a female citizen who was being deprived of ownership of her two plots for the last 20 vears by a housing society, despite the fact that she had registered sale deeds and had paid all the development charges.

The president gave these directions while regrowth centers as catalysts jecting a representation filed by M/s University Town (Pvt) Ltd against the orders of the Federal Ombudsman government collaborate for Protection against Ha-rassment of Women at Workplace (FOSPAH) under the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020, President Secretariat Press Wing said in

a press release on Tuesday. Asma Kokab (the

#### NPO to organize webinar on **'Productivity** Enhancement'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Productivity Organization (NPO) would conduct a training course on "Professional Environment and Work Ethics to Enhance Productivity" on August 16 (Wednesday).

The objectives of the webinar include understanding the indicators of the professional environment, exploring the impact of a conducive workplace.

complainant) had filed a complaint before FOSPAH alleging that the society sold her two plots measuring 10 and 5 marlas through registered sale deeds in 1997, but despite the payment of all dues, including the cost of land and development charges, she had not been given possession of the plots. FOSPAH passed the orders in her favour directing the concerned revenue officer to restore possession of her property and if needed, seek assistance from the concerned police officer for the purpose of implementing the orders. University Town, then, filed a representation before the president against the orders of FOSPAH.

The president held a at Aiwan-e-Sadr in which dence.

Town, Abdul Aziz, along with his counsel appeared. The counsel of the town contended that the complainant had not paid development charges despite repeated notices, af-

and CEO of University

ter which the cancellation of the allotment letter was issued. He said that she was asked to surrender the registered sale deeds for the restoration of her plots but she failed to do so and had also not paid the electricity and water supply charges. The counsel further argued that FOSPAH's orders were not based on law and facts, and should be set aside. When the complainant's son presented payment receipts of development

personal hearing of the case charges of the plots as evi-



ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali calls on Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, at Finance Division and discussed fiscal matters of KP province and status of the ongoing development projects.

#### **Polio immunization** campaign continues to protect children

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion," said the Minister. The polio immunization campaign continued on Tuesday across the country to protect children from

the crippling disease.

According to official sources, trained and dedicated "Sehat Muhafiz" have been engaged in the vaccination drive to inoculate the targeted children at their doorstep. "I urge all parents and caregivers to ensure the vaccination of eligible children during the campaign to save them from the debilitating disease. Polio is incurable, and vaccines can protect our children," Federal Health Minister Abdul Oadir Patel said

"The frontline health workers have been playing a vital role in keeping our children safe from the debilitating effects of polio. Despite facing many challenges, they have been working tirelessly.'

We recognize the imhealth workers to achieve the goal of polio eradica-the goal of polio eradica-venting lifelong paralysis.

Coordinator of the National Emergency Operations Centre, Dr Shahzad Baig said, "Let's work together and play our part to protect our children from vaccine-preventable disease.

He said, "I particularly urge all parents and caregivers to get their children vaccinated instead of hiding them or refusing to take the necessary drops during all vaccination drives. It is important to realize that the polio virus still exists in our surroundings, and no child is safe until all children are truly vaccinated.

He said that the Sehat Tahhafuz Helpline 1166 and 24/7 WhatsApp Helpline 0346-777-65-46 will be available to assist parents and caregivers in reporting missed children.

He added that repeated polio vaccination "We recognize the important contributions of the campaigns are imperative for building immunity

#### Comprehensive measures ordered to prevent crime in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Police nave been directed to uphold vigilant standards within the city, ensuring a robust crackdown on criminal elements. In a meeting chaired by CPO/DIG Operations Íslamabad, Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari, it was decided to enhance public safety and combat criminal activities besides elaborate security arrangements in the city.

The meeting convened o address crime prevention strategies was attended among others by SSP Operations Malik Jameel Zafar, Zonal DPOs, SDPOs, and Officers In-Charge/Muhtamim from all police stations.

The CPO/DIG (Operations) conducted a comprehensive review of the performance of all police stations, resulting in the suspension of Officers In-Charge/Muhtamim from the Secretariat, Bhara Kahu, Shahzad Town, and Banigala police stations. In

contrast, the Officer-In-Charge/Muhtamim of Lohibher was recognized and commended for exceptional performance. A seven-day grace pe-

riod has been granted to of-

ficers to enhance their per-

formance standards. The emphasis lies on efficient policing, with special security arrangements slated for the upcoming August 14 Increased deployment of personnel at recreational areas, strict actions against wheeling and wheeling mo-

were also mandated to policemen in the meeting. The DIG (Operations) issued a comprehensive directive to counter organized and active crimi-

torcycle mechanics, as well

as thorough record checks,

nal groups. An integrated and effective strategy is to be employed against these gangs, with a focus on apprehending both the principal culprits and those aiding and abetting them, he added.

Khan Divisions) sion. Professor Christine ISLAMABAD: Senator Afnan Ullah Khan, Chairman Senate Standing Committee On National Heritage

& Culture presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

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#### Rail tragedy

The terrible train accident near Nawabshah that killed over 30 passengers of the Hazara Express and left dozens injured on Sunday was a tragedy waiting to happen. There is always an air of resignation when a train accident occurs in Paki-

Each incident is followed by routine announcements of an inquiry and, in the case of major accidents, cash compensation for families who have lost their loved ones or passengers who sustained injuries. The been predicting this arrest are death toll is reduced to mere numbers and the inquiry consigned to the railway junkyard.

Train derailments happen frequently on Pakistan's poorly maintained railway lines, especially on the stretch between Khanpur and Karachi. More than 250 people have died and several hundred wounded in major train derailments, collisions and fires in the last 10 years. It is not only the train tracks that are covered in blood; those who have wilfully neglected the railways also have blood on their hands.

One can hardly recall the government making any inquiry public or punishing those responsible for these tragedies. The latest tragedy is yet another grim reminder of the and strengthened bilateral multiple challenges the government faces in even maintaining and repairing the country's dilapidated railway infrastructure let alone modernising it and expanding rail services.

Shortly after the accident, shifts in political leader-transformative CPEC railway and aviation minister ship, CPEC's potential re-Khawaja Saad Rafique said the ing a united effort from all pivotal role in establishing testament to CPEC's possibility of sabotage or a mechanical fault could not be ruled out. The "root cause" of the accident would have to be investigated, he added. Some railway officials blamed the derailment of the Rawalpindibound Hazara Express on the breakage of the railway line and hot axle issue, which jammed movement.

Yesterday, the minister termed the lack of resources as the "real cause" of the tragedy. In fact, that is the single-most important reason for the current state of the railway infrastructure between Peshawar and Karachi. For example, the Cento in the 1960s, OIC railway department had requested Rs30bn in 2021 for the Investment Facilitation rehabilitation of the 470kmlong track between Khanpur resulted in short-term, inand Kotri where the most fatal equitable and distorted progress. accidents have occurred in recent years.

However, both the PTI and PDM governments delayed approval, citing it as "unnecessary" due to the planned \$9bn ML-1 project under the CPEC local and foreign investors, initiative. That shows government does not really care about the life of the rail passengers because the overwhelming majority comes from the lower income groups of the population.

No wonder whenever a railway minister talks about turn- tity control over our desing railways around, they are tiny and allow us policy freedom. concerned about the profitability of its operations rather than the safety of the passengers. The railway department cannot be turned into a profitable entity without investment in its it is telling that China sent only a vice premier for the infrastructure to ensure safe partying of supposedly travel for its users. The ML-1 project is crucial to modernising tiative. In 10 years, China the railway system. But the pumped in \$25 billion but we are much worse off ecosafety of the passengers is paramount, with or without it. sponsible for one and the

# Fault in ourselves



Arifa Noor

It had been long in the planning and existed even longer in the predictions of analysts. The news finally came on Saturday. The judgement about Imran Khan's disqualification and conviction had barely been announced that the police reached Zaman Park in Lahore and arrested him in the Toshakhana case. The "PTI chairman's arrest" and journey to Islamabad kept television channels busy all day. Now he is finally behind bars and there wasn't much of a reaction; not that it was expected. Those who had now confident his imprisonment won't be short because the cases are many and apparently the adjudicators are also convinced of his guilt

in more than one case. At the same time, the PDM has willingly ham-

mered many nails in the coffin of the ramshackle democratic system. The last of those was the quick acceptance of the new census in a hurriedly called meeting of the Council of Common Interests. Now we are told that the elections will have to wait till new delimitations take place; but other than a delay, nothing is clear. With earlier precedents set by the poll delay in KP and Punjab, there is no guarantee the elections will be held even after new delimitations are carried

Chances are elections will take place when some of the critical variables change. Be it the economy, the establishment's mood, the voters' choice, weakening of the PDM alliance or external pressure. The Constitution and its mandatory period for elections are about as relevant as they were when Gen Musharraf was ruling. But Khan's immediate fate and the election date aside, what does all this show? Here are three random points Înstability galore: Ear-

lier, the politics of Pakistan swung between two extremes for a decade at least. Martial law was followed by democratic interregnums.

While many feel a formal declaration by someone is still not impossible, it is worth remembering what is happening now is akin to what happened in 2017-18. A popular leader disqualified and his party held back from a free and fair win. However, much of that was overturned in 2022 and the same party was brought back to power in place of the PTI. This is why even those in PTI and beyond discuss a possibility of the party returning to favour within years.

Is this a return to the 1990s? When governments were sacked and parties dropped and picked up again within a year or two? If so, couple this with the state of the economy and it reveals a destabilising of the system. For if the chances of any civil-military alliance or setup staying in power for five years at a stretch are not high, then the stability needed for the economy is going to be in short supply.

Parties adrift: Along with this, shorter periods of political stability — of sorts - there is a new trend or new version of the minusone formula. Nawaz Sharif was disqualified in 2017 but the 2018 election saw his

party take part in the elec-tion and in 2022 return to power without the main man, who continues to sit outside parliament and the country with his disqualification intact. If some accounts are to be believed, the PTI will also suffer the same fate. The party, under Shah Mahmood Qureshi and the core committee, might be allowed to take part in the election while Khan remains behind bars and disqualified. But while most see

against-the-establishment', this forced estrangement simply adds to the instability quotient. Consider the PML-N's case. The party was able to form the government in 2022 and some attribute this to the exile of the main man and to Shehbaz Sharifthe appeaser taking centre stage. But this absence became a major factor in the party's inability to manage the economic crisis. Many party leaders felt the distance didn't help Sharif senior fully grasp the scale of the crisis. The change of finance ministers was also driven by this distance. Few would disagree how this change had simply added to the delay in the IMF

the rupee, and more. Now with the expectation of a fresh election, there is another tussle brewing within the party on the need for Nawaz Sharif to lead the election campaign versus the vounger one, who is acceptable to the establishment as prime minister. This friction will upset the equation (between 'khadimi-aala' and Pindi) for the future setup, becoming another reason for delaying the electoral exercise. This will conthis as a 'you-can't-wintinue to cause hiccups and

> The point here is that the PTI will face a similar rollercoaster ride with Khan's disqualification. The party may become more malleable and even acceptable (especially as its support base is not weakening) but the disqualification of the leader will simply mean he will be more inclined to push for reckless decisionmaking, as we have seen in the case of the PML-N.

more, even if such a govern-

ment is formed.

Paralysed and unresponsive: The parliamentary system now appears incapacitated. Without delving into the reasons, parliament no longer functions as a check on the government or functions as a

responsible lawmaking enterprise. Legislation is now bulldozed through at the behest of the party leadership and there is little pushback. And the party leadership is making these decisions because of reasons 'other' than what would be of benefit to the people or the voters. This was true of the PTI era as much as it is now. From the extension law to the recent sprint of lawmaking, it seems as if little has changed. While public interest laws are also passed, remain they implementable in a weak system. Combine this with

successive executives' habit of ignoring the legislature, and the result is growing disillusionment of the electorate with this forum. That the PTI was and continues to be a popular choice, despite having walked out of the National Assembly and dissolved two provincial legislatures, is proof of this. This does not bode well for the parliamentary edifice, nor does it provide any indication of change where the legislature can assert itself against the executive in the near future. -- Courtesy Dawn

# From vision to reality



Sharmila Faruqi

Pakistan has marked the 10-year milestone of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). This game-changing initiative has paved the way for extensive infrastructural development, economic growth, ties between the two na-

Under the PPP's vileadership, sionary Pakistan's relationship with China reached new heights, setting the stage for the success of CPEC. Despite challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and mains significant, demandfull impact.

China's investments in Pa- This included a historic de-

cess can be attributed to the groundwork and foundation laid by the PPP government. Under former president Zardari's leadership, inspired by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's visionary goals of aligning with the Chinese Communist Party, and championed by PM Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's relationship with China has transcended to new dimen-

For the PPP, CPEC was more than just a project to build roads and railways; it symbolized a shared vision of cooperation and economic growth between Pakistan and China President Asif Ali Zardari's eleven visits to China showcased the government's commitment to fostering strong ties with China. His grand idea of pivoting East at a time when the world was still focused on other capitals laid the foundation for the

The PPP played a a strong political consensus regarding the importance of Pakistan's ties with China. kistan materialize through CPEC, it is evident that a cision to grant Beijing entry to the Gwadar Port, fostits potential as a signifi-

significant part of its suc- tering a broader vision of cant driver of economic economic interdependence between the two nations.

> Through its leadership, the PPP ensured the alignment of political forces in recognizing the signifi-cance of the China-Pakistan relationship, paving the way for transformative initiatives like CPEC.

> The PPP understood the grand Chinese vision well, recognizing the significance of granting state support and strategic access to our warm waters. We understood that placing the Gwadar Port under Chinese development stewardship was a pivotal step in realizing the CPEC project. This collaboration bolstered economic cooperation and strengthened bilateral ties, laying the foundation for long-term strategic and economic partnerships between Pakistan and China.

> Today, the completion of Phase one of the Gwadar Free Trade Zone and the development of achievements. With \$25 billion in investments and the creation of 200,000 job opportunities, CPEC

development in Pakistan.

programme, the pressure on

The PPP government in Sindh played a crucial role in facilitating CPEC projects by collaborating closely with Chinese officials and investors. Cultural exchanges, peopleto-people relationships, and ensuring the security of those involved in CPEC were also high on their agenda. Thar Coal, as CPEC's first major energy project, played a pivotal role in providing power to

the national grid.

The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic brought unprecedented disruptions to various projects, including those under CPEC. However, it was during Imran Khan's PTI government that CPEC projects faced sig-nificant challenges, with talks of reviewing the project's merits and potential halts. In contrast. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari consistently advocated for the smooth functioning of the Gwadar Port stand as CPEC, emphasizing its significance in Pakistan's national interest and its ties with China.

The key to success for CPEC lies in national unity. The country must be on the same page, reccial to prioritize technoTheNews

ognizing the greater good that CPEC can bring to Pakistan. Despite political differences, all provinces must work together to harness the full potential of this transformative initiative

As CPEC enters its second phase, it promises to create an engine of innovation and ingenuity. not just for Pakistan and China, but for the entire region. This cooperation and exchange of ideas will drive the pursuit of peace in a world plagued by inequalities, conflicts, and social disorder.

Undoubtedly. CPEC's infrastructure and investment pipeline hold immense potential to bring prosperity and peace to Pakistan, propelling the country into a new era of growth

Chinese investment a remarkable 15 per cent increase in Pakistan's cus must not be solely on infrastructure and economic growth. As we embrace the Fourth Indus-

logical knowledge sharing and collaborations. Exploring regional value chains presents an exciting opportunity for Pakistan, as it can benefit from advanced manufacturing and production practices through CPEC.

The past ten years have seen CPEC evolve from a visionary concept into a transformative reality. Under the leadership provided by former president Zardari, Pakistan's relationship with China flourished, opening doors for economic growth and development. However, the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and political shifts require a united effort from all stakeholders to ensure the smooth execution and continued success of CPEC. By embracing nais projected to stimulate tional unity and collaboration. Pakistan can fully harness CPEC's potential GDP by 2030 and create and pave the way for a over a million job oppor- brighter and more prostunities across diverse sectors. However, our folied by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, remains committed to seeing CPEC thrive and shine as a beacon of opportunity and progress for the nation. -- Courtesy

#### **CPEC** to **SIFC**



Dr Niaz Murtaza

A weary nation is being sold a new acronym-based dream about huge progress. It was Seato and Council (SIFC) now. Similar dreams in the past only

The common thread across all was the attempt of our rulers to attract politicised lumpy invest-ment via political ties with autocratic patron states like the US, China and those in the Gulf, rather than from a wide range of menting reforms. Autocratic states make us dependent on the political agenda of autocratic states, whose shifting moods can stall progress. Local foreign investors would give no single en-

While CPEC is not dead, it has stalled and is not living up to its dizzying marketing. It is unclear what impetus the new agreement signed on its 10th anniversary gives. But the crown jewel of its huge global Belt and Road Ini-

PTI for two economic cri- mind about them (the PTI ses. The power plants are expensive and technically dubious; the freeways have made travel easier but not added economic value to pay off the foreign loans. The economic zones and the Gwadar port are inactive. Why have things stalled? Has China concluded that Pakistan is not the right place to do business in, given our political instability, bureaucracy elite-dominated economy?

With apparently less Chinese interest, we are now beseeching the Gulf sheikhs for patronage. Can the SIFC result in sustainable and equitable progress? The immediate prognosis looks dim. Firstly, it is a huge demotion to go from China to them. There is the difference in economic size. China's GDP is \$20 trillion; that of the six Gulf

states around \$2tr.

More critically, China is a highly productive and dynamic state that has grown through creativity and hard work and possesses amazing managerial and technological prowess to share, though its autocratic ways are a concern. The Gulf states are living off natural resources, with no economic dynamism to share beyond investing huge oil money abroad. They will come to us only if they can make much more money than in the competitive West, as we give them all sorts of advantages not available to other actors in our economy. So, instead of being a haven for the fittest, we will be a pillage

ground for the fattest. To predict the fate of view the intellectual prowess and economic dynamism of the three driving forces — Gulf sheikhs, the establishment Raiwind. Economic dynamism, productivity, creativity and vision are the last things that come to

and PPP are no better). With the three joining forces, we do not get much. With major economic

reform

unproductivity on hold (let alone restructuring to create a fair economy), this is just another attempt by rulers to postpone reforms and restructuring, maintain an exclusionary, elitist economy that benefits them but still relaxes our binding current account deficit constraint. That constraint periodically forces them into attempting to undertake patchy, dubious reforms under IMF diktat as the economic unproductivity and large money supply increases and fiscal deficits produced by our elitist, rapacious economy frequently de-

plete our foreign reserves. The type of projects being championed the most—corporate farming and mining — raise concerns further as globally these sectors are known for economic inequity and environmental destruction. The lack of transparency and involvement of civi society in a democratic way and the powers and role being given to the establishment raise hackles further. This economic strategy is going hand in hand with political autocracy as all players look to increase their political control, silence all opposition and media and crush free-

Thus, Pakistan is entering a new and dangerous phase of economic inequity and political repression, apparently led by the establishment with the help of a new set of political lackeys to replace the PTI. the SIFC, one only has to As always in our history, the promised rosy dream may soon turn into a traumatic nightmare and a lived tragic reality soon for a hapless nation. Sadly, one sees little chance of major change in the foreseeable future. --

Courtesy Dawn

# **Drowning thirsty**



Masood Lohar

Among the many paradoxes that this land of the pure has been grappling with, one stands out as particularly strange: Pakistan, despite being blessed with the mighty Indus river and some of the world's largest glaciers, is ranked as the second-most water-stressed country globally. In the year 2022, one-third of the nation was submerged under floodwaters, yet the majority of urban centres, including Karachi, continued to suffer from chronic water shortages. This bewildering situation has created a cycle in which citizens alternately protest against the government for water scarcity or cry out for help with dewatering after urban floods caused by rainfall. The 18th-century Sufi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai poem (in Sindhi) stands true for today's Pakistan; "Only fools remain thirsty while sitting next to water.'

Last year, a staggering 33 million people, constituting 15 per cent of the country's total population, were directly affected by the devastating floods. Ironically, an alarming 10m Pakistanis remain without access to clean drinking water while still submerged in the floodwater. Even more alarming is the estimate that by 2025, a mind-boggling 207m people will be facing an "absolute scar-

city of water".
With 38pc Pakistan's population residing in the cities, a figure expected to surpass

poses a daunting challenge. It begs the question of why we don't capitalise on the water that naturally comes to our cities and towns. The solution lies in something simple yet effective — wetlands.

Pakistan is an Indus Valley country blessed with several rivers of different capacities. Changing courses thousands of times since its inception, the Indus has left depressions, dhoras, and even oxbow lakes in the plains of Punjab and Sindh. At least 200 depressions are spread out in the Indus delta region from district Badin to Dhabeji. These depressions can absorb almost all floodwaters upstream if the necessary measures are taken. The Punjab rivers also have similar old depressions spread out everywhere, which get recharged during the monsoons. Though real estate madness has occupied most of them, there are still places which can be utilised. For example, right in the middle of Lahore, the Ravi's bed, starting from the Shahdara Reserve Forest to the shrine of Hazrat Gardezi, a 14-kilometre patch covering the 16th-century Kamran Baradari of Emperor Babar's son Kamran, can be a great wetland. With lotus and water lilies, the place can be a tourism goldmine. Similarly, the detached 90-acre portion of the old Obhayo lagoon in Karachi along Mai Kolachi road and the 170acre black water pond of

By dedicating areas to wetlands, we can create natural reservoirs that and put it to beneficial use and for drinking and recre- biodiversity. -- Courtesy ational purposes. Such Dawn

Boat Basin can be rehabili-

tated and utilised for

and

mangroves

ecotourism.

petual cycle of water scar- when we shift our wealth city and urban flooding paradigm from real estate and concrete to naturebased alternative riches.

Taking inspiration from Kolkata, where the East Kolkata Wetland treats over a billion litres of wastewater daily, we can harness the potential of the urban wetlands in Pakistan. These valuable ecosystems play a significant role in managing water resources, reducing flood risks and supporting biodiversity.

During COP13, the Ramsar Convention introduced the Wetland City Accreditation, which recognised 18 cities that have taken exceptional steps to safeguard their urban wetlands. Six of these cities are in China. Four each are in France and Korea. Even underdeveloped co--untries like Sri Lanka and Tunisia are part of this accreditation.

The Indus Valley cities and towns like Multan, Sukkur, Larkana and Sehwan, and then the Jhelum and Chenab catchments, and run-off rivers such as the Ravi, Sutlej and Beas can serve as new wetlands for a new ecotourism hub and a biodiversity hotspot right in the middle of cities, including Lahore and Karachi. In a water-scarce city like Karachi, there are multiple places in the Lyari and Malir riverbeds where wetlands can sustain till the next monsoon, yielding biodiversity services. These urban wetlands will create a rich lake ecosystem with native aquatic plants such as water lilies, lotus and Typha elephantina. floodwater absorption, Utilising the monsoon run-off from India to create and sustain these wetlands will not only address water scarcity but also help in regulating temperaharvest rainwater, store it tures, fostering tourism protecting

relief camps. The minister also inspected stalls set up

by departments. Later, the

minister also visited THQ

Hospital Sahiwal. The

minister reviewed the

facilities being provided to

patients and checked the

attendance and availability

of medical staff. He also

inspected various wards

including emergency and

pharmacy and inquired

from the patients about

treatment and other

medical facilities being

provided to them. Taking

strict notice of complaints

of the people regarding the

X-ray unit and pharmacy,

he warned the MS to

resolve all issues of the

hospital immediately. CEO

Health Authority Dr. Asad

Aslam informed the

minister about problems of

D e p u t y Commissioner Capt (retd)

Shoaib Ali, ADCR Mohsin

Sillahuddin, CEO Health

Dr. Asad Aslam, CEO

Education Akhtar Abbas

Commissioner Sahiwal

Muhammad Nawaz,

District Welfare Officer

Malik Aftab Awan,

District Emergency Officer

Mazhar Shah and officers

the hospital.

Baloch,

Minister inspects flood

arrangements, hospitals

SARGODHA (APP):

Minister for Health and

Population Welfare Dr

Jamal Nasir on Tuesday

visited Sargodha district

and inspected a mock

exercise at Langarwala at

the Jhelum River to rescue

Punjab government, under

the leadership of Chief

Minister Mohsin Naqvi,

was taking concrete measures to facilitate the

people of the province. He

said that the next week was

very important regarding rains and floods, so all

departments needed to be

alert. "Heavy rains have

been predicted in Punjab

from Âugust 11 to 14, due

to which there is a fear of

urban flooding, and so all departments should

complete their operational

preparations," he added.
Dr Jamal Nasir said

that the Punjab government

had completed all

arrangements to deal with

calamities like floods. The

minister was briefed that

around 50 villages of

Langarwala could be

affected in case of flooding

in the Jhelum, while the

district administration has

established four flood

He said the caretaker

flood affectees.

# PPP desirous of timely elections in country: Kundi

DERA ISMAIL KHAN democratic process and All Broadcasting Maryum (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister Faisal He vowed to continue He vowed to continue full support. Karim Kundi on Tuesday said that Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is desirous of timely elections in the

Talking to the media here at PID Regional Office, the special assistant said that PPP was willing to conduct elections within 60 to 90

days.

He said all the political parties should participate in the electoral process and respect the people's mandate.

Faisal Karim Kundi, who is also the Central Information Secretary of PPP, said his party was strongly against the ban on any political party.

He was of the view that victory and defeat were part of politics, however, the fear of defeat does not suit political parties to run away from Information

his struggle for the development of Dera said Ismail Khan, saying, "The PPP has countless services to its credit as far as the development of DI Khan is concerned while it was left bereft of several public serving entities during the PTI regime.'

But now, he said, the regional offices of several key organizations such as PID, Pakistan Television (PTV) and Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) had been restored here with his hectic efforts.

He said that by inaugurating the PID regional office, another promise made to the local journalists has been fulfilled, adding, it was a good omen for the local journalist community.

In this process, he said, Federal Minister for

The special assistant said the caretaker government will hold its responsibilities within a few days. He hoped that the new caretaker government would ensure the conduct of free, fair and transparent elections along with the election commission. About the BISP, he said 11 Dynamic Survey Offices other than Tehsil offices have been

Khan. About China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, he said it was a blessing for the country and former President Asif Ali Zardari was the founder of that project.

inaugurated in Dera Ismail

He regretted that due to the incompetence of the previous government, no interchange was built on the CPEC route in Tehsi and Paniala.

**Polish** 

ambassador calls

on Governor

Ambassador of the

Republic of Poland to

Pakistan Maciej Pisarski

called on Governor Punjab

Muhammad Balighur

Rehman and discussed

matters of mutual

cooperation besides ways

to promote bilatera

relations in education and

trade during a meeting at

the Governor's House

Muhammad Balighur

Rehman, speaking on the

occasion, said historic

cordial relations exist

between the two countries

and there is need to

cooperation with Poland in

various sectors including

trade, investment, energy,

mining, dairy, agriculture.

defence, higher education,

communication works and

He said different

visa facilitation.

bilateral

Punjab Governor

here on Tuesday.

increase

LAHORE



KARACHI: Sindh chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a 41st PPP Policy Board Meeting at CM House.

#### CM visits hospitals, torurist police stations in Bukhara

Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi embarked on a visit to the mausoleum of Imam Bukhari in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

During the visit, he paid his respects at the mausoleum and offered a special prayer, said a handout issued here on

The CM also toured various hospitals and the tourist police station in Bukhara to inspect the

Bukhari, the caretaker warmly welcomed Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi and his delegation.

Addressing the

inaugural ceremony of

passport office at High Court building here, the CJ said he would not tolerate

any injustice to be done

with anyone on any basis,

adding that he would

ensure merit, transparency

He assured his round

warned that no corruption justice

and justice at any cost.

CJ PHC vows to play role

in eradication of corruption

delegation further explored Memorial Complex, taking note of its architectural brilliance and intricate

highlighted collaborative legacy of Imam Bukhari and other Sufis and scholars from Uzbekistan. The artistry exhibited in the Imam Memorial Complex was met with admiration by the chief minister who praised the Upon reaching the Uzbek architectural style mausoleum of Imam and the intricate tile work. During his visit to hospitals in Bukhara, the

assessed the healthcare facilities CM Mohsin Naqvi, available for patients and along with his entourage, offered fateha and prayed to providing exemplary

inauguration ceremony.

convenience of lawyers,

judges and their families.

The delegation also inspected the reception desk, referral system, and other departments in child

#### Uzbek hospitals, including emergency, aqvi diagnostics, medical wards, the and ICU. The CM engaged in discussions with doctors and medical professionals, acknowledging their dedication to serving humanity. A briefing was provided about the hospital complex, and CM expressed his appreciation for the high-quality healthcare services offered to patients in Uzbek hospitals. The chief minister

also inspected the modern equipment in different departments, including the Cardiac & ICU.

#### **JICA mission** visits WASA FAISALABAD (APP): A

two-member delegation of Japan International PESHAWAR (APP): The Chief Justice of Peshawar High Court (PHC) Justice Ibrahim Khan on Tuesday vowed to play his imperative role in eradication of the menace of corruption from society.

Addressing the Addressing the inauguration ceremony Cooperation Agency (JIA)
Headquarter Mission
Tokyo has visited Water &
Sanitation Agency (WASA) here on Tuesday and reviewed its development projects for their early

completion.

The passport office has been opened for the During a meeting, Managing Director WASA Aamir Aziz briefed the delegation about water The Chief Justice said supply and sewerage obtaining a passport is a matter of convenience as projects of the agency and said that various development projects were well as national honor, adding that the purpose of being executed with the providing facilities to the financial assistance of the clock availability for justice to everyone and justice to everyone and facilitate the delivery of than 200,000 people of than 200,000 people of eastern part of the city

GILGIT: Deputy Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Sadia Danish in a meeting with Ex-Deputy Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Jafarullah Khan at Assembly Secretariat.

#### **UAF** inks LoI with HAU China

FAISALABAD (APP): occasion, Prof Dr Iqrar Henan Agricultural Ahmad Khan said that it University (HAU) China was the ever-first visit of and University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) have inked Letter of research

institutions Chairman Department of Muhammad Jalal Arif, Director Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani, Director External Jaskall, Diector External Linkages Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saqib, Associate Professor Dr Abid Ali, HAU Director Office of International Exchange and Cooperation Prof Dr Ke Tu, Li Xingdao Party Secretary College of Plant Protection and Li Honglian, Dean College of

Plant Protection were also

present on the occasion.

delegation from UAF to HAU China.

Intent (LoI) to collaborate to agreement the both sides in the area of academic and will exchange students, UAF Vice Chancellor teaching/research Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan resources. They will also and HAU President Prof Dr Jie Xiaolei signed the other and organize LoI on behalf of their international conferences while jointly where as it was also Entomology UAF Prof. Dr. universities would submit

> Dr Jie Xiaolei said that existing cooperation in College of Plant Protection would definitely encourage other colleges to jointly work in academic and

ABBOTTABAD: PTCL and Ufone4G Group Chief **Business Operations Officer, Shehzad Yousuf** along with the Flash Fiber team cutting cake during celebration ceremony of the completion of PTCL's Fiberization Project held at Nathiagali in

# KP transformative conference held to engage youth in

International Pakistan, a leading anti-corruption Youth

Leadership and Anti-Corruption Conference: Role of Young People in Promoting Transparent, Accountable, and Good overview of the Governance," aimed to engage and inspire the promoting transparency youth in the fight against corruption.

The conference The witnessed enthusiastic Director participation from number of university students of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who are the future leaders of Pakistan.

He said that according academic staff and

agreed upon that the both research projects jointly and they will mutually develop joint educational programs in specific academic areas. He said that China was making tremendous progress in the every field of life and the ioint venture would help learn from each other experiences.

HAU President Prof Speaking on the research exchange program.



# fight against corruption

organization, hosted a transformative conference anti-corruption measures. here on Tuesday titled 'Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Integrity,

PESHAWAR (APP): for young minds to learn from experts and engage in insightful discussions on crucial topics related to integrity, leadership, and

The commenced with Kashif Ali, Acting Executive Director of Transparency International Pakistan, delivering the welcoming remarks and presenting an and accountability in the

Information Commission, Sayed Saadat Jehan then enlightened the attendees about the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to It provided a platform Information Act 2013.



PARACHINAR: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & HRD, Sajid Hussain Turi inaugurates Workers Folk Grammar School.

#### **High-level delegation** assesses progress of **EWS in Hunza**

delegation on Tuesday significance of establishing comprehensive inspection system to safeguard lives

of the ongoing construction of Early Warning System region.

DG GBDMA further undates of the ongoing construction and properties in the

comprising Zameer Abbas, Secretary Information and IT Department, GB, Kamal Uddin Qamar, Director General of Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority (GBDMA), and Abdul Provincial Coordinator GLOF-II in

The visit aimed to evaluate the development status of the Early Warning System, which is crucial in strengthening disaster preparedness and risk reduction efforts in the disaster-prone areas of

## (APP): A Qamar, reiterated the a an effective early warning

the vulnerable region of shared positive updates regarding the collaboration with the GLOF-II project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Through this partnership, significant progress has been achieved. The layout for the snout RL (river level) Shisper has been

> completed, and civil work is currently underway. Additionally, layout preparations have been finalized for ARG Ultar, and civil construction has commenced at the site. The

> dedication collaborative efforts of GBDMA, and GLOF-II

project reflect the commitment to enhancing During the inspection, disaster management DG GBDMA, Kamal capabilities in the region.

#### PM's coordinator reviews Lahore's cleanliness situation

LAHORE (APP): Prime introduced in the waste Minister's Coordinator company for effective Khawaja Ahmed Hassan, during a meeting held at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex on Tuesday, reviewed the cleanliness operation of Lahore Waste Management

Company (LWMC). During the meeting, he was briefed on the working and complaints resolving period by the company officials. The coordinator directed the company representatives to maintain a close contact with the public representatives regarding cleanliness of the city so that zero-waste policy could be ensured in each union council of the provincial capital. He added that proper attendance inspection representatives so that the

working of employees. He said that cleaning and sweeping of major roads of the city should be ensured in early hours.

Khawaja Hassan appreciated the LWMC for making the advanced sanitation arrangements. According to the instructions of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the cleanliness standard of the city was to be made according to the international level, he added.LWMC Deputy Chief Executive Officer Aurangzeb Ali said that the company would share staff lists with the public cleanliness of the city.

#### memorandum understanding (MOUs) will be signed between the educational institutions of Pakistan and Poland. LHC allows

LAHORE (Online) Lahore High Court (LHC) has allowed wife of former Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Chaudhry Pervez Elahi to meet her husband in jail.Petition of Qaisra Elahi wife of Pervez Elahi came up for hearing before single bench of LHC led by

Sheikh Tuesday. The counsel for the court approved bail of Pervez Elahi in all cases and ordered to release him. However the government detained him instead of releasing him . The government did not allow the petitioner to meet her husband. The court should order to allow meeting of his wife with Chaudhry Pervez Elahi as per law.

#### Qaisra Elahi to meether husband Pervez Elahi

Justice Raheel Kamran

petitioner took the plea the



LAHORE: Coordinator to Prime Minister Khawaja Ahmad Hassan chaired a meeting regarding ongoing cleanup operation in the provincial capital

#### PESHAWAR: Peshawar High Court Acting Chief Justice, Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Khan inaugurating the Passport Office during a ceremony held at High Court premises in Peshawar. **British HC security**

delegation visits PSCA

LAHORE (APP): A senior the working of the security delegation of organization. British High Commission The led by Regional Security Manager Mr. Michael Kitchens visited Punjab Safe Cities Authority headquarters, here on

Tuesday. Managing Director Safe Cities Authority Muhammad Kamran Khan gave a detailed briefing to the 8-member British delegation about the security arrangements in

monitoring process in the city and live calls on 15 emergency center. The delegation was informed about the advance management system, ticketing and public awareness campaign from

#### the provincial capital and the media center. **Heart treatment on** Sehet Card suspended in PIC for last two days

after nonpayment of funds by the insurance company.

For the last two days, heart surgeries were not being performed on Sehet Card in PIC where patients and their relatives were faced with worries due to surgery. the situation.

that elective cardiac operations were suspended while only emergency surgeries were being performed. Sources informed that on a daily

PESHAWAR (APP): The basis, 70 angiographies, Peshawar Institute of angioplasties, and 8 open

the insurance company and due to its nonpayment, the hospital was facing difficulties in purchasing the equipment for heart

delegation was also given a

visit to various sections of

Safe City project from

where they reviewed the

Cardiology (PIC) has suspended the heart surgeries were being conducted at the hospital. Surgeries on Sehet Card

It further said that dues amounting to 1.2 billion were pending upon

according to the Peshawar

Director Sehet Card Hospital sources said Program, Dr Riaz said, Institute of Cardiology, the rates of Sehet Card with regard to heart ailment treatment were not

#### 37 Corona cases reported in one week: NIH

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health officials on Tuesday said that 37 new Coronavirus cases were reported during the last one week across the country.

As per the data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.38 percent while five patients were in critical condition. No death was reported from the Coronavirus last week while 9,693 Covid-19 tests were conducted. Meanwhile, Minister

for National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Abdul Qadir Patel said the government has strengthened the role of Border and Health Services in Pakistan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19.

The minister said there was a surveillance system at all entry points of the country including airports. There will be rapid tests and screening of passengers at all airports, he added.

He added 90 percent of the country's population already got the Covid-19 vaccine. "An efficient system with a proper management team is fully functional in the country to remain vigilant and is ready to make an emergency plan to deal with any sub-variant of Covid-19," the minister added

health,

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# PM invites Saudi govt, firms to avail investment opportunities in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday invited the Saudi government and companies to avail the investment opportunities in agriculture, mining, IT, energy and other sectors of

in a meeting with Saudi Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Engineer Waleed Abdulkarim El Khereji who called on him, said the establishment of Special Investment Facilitation

Council (SIFC) would energy, facilitate and fast-track environment potential investments from agriculture, industry and the Gulf Cooperation mineral Council (GCC) member investment etc. states, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Árabia.

istan. appreciated the Kingdom's satisfaction on the positive The prime minister, serious interest in trajectory of bilateral meeting with Saudi Vice exploring investment relations with the

Prime Shehbaz welcomed the In this regard, he appreciated the Kingdom's delegation and expressed satisfaction on the positive

opportunities in Pakistan. Kingdom. He also The Saudi vice conveyed his greetings for minister is leading a high-level delegation with thanked Saudi Arabia for its members from the timely financial support to ministries of foreign affairs, Pakistan, especially during

the floods and appreciated its role in helping Pakistan macroeconomic stability. The visit of the Saudi Minister delegation manifests the

interest willingness on both sides transform longstanding fraternal ties into concrete and mutually rewarding economic partnership. The visit will contribute to further enhancement of multifaceted collaboration between the two countries.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chaired the meeting of Steering Committee to oversee and guide the progress of work related to outsourcing of airports operations at Finance Division.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan holding an important meeting with China Energy International Group Ltd.

#### SCCI, APMIA sign MoU for promotion of marble and mining sector on modern lines

memorandum Understanding (MoU) was signed between Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry and All Pakistan Industries Association, aiming to promote the marble and mining sector on modern lines, carryout joint research and resolve people's issues associated with the sector.

Ijaz Khan Afridi, the acting president of SCCI and Muhammad Asghar apprised the chamber's Khan, Chairman of All Pakistan Marble Industries Afridi that the marble

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chairman, Securities

and Exchange Commission

of Pakistan (SECP), Akif Saeed, and the Additional

Director General, Federal

Investigation Agency (FIA), Ahmed Ishaque

Jehangir, held a meeting at

SECP's head office to

collaboration and identify

areas of shared interest

between the two entities.

both organizations were

present, said a press

release issued here on

Tuesday. The SECP and

the FIA have agreed to

collaboration to protect

Pakistan's digital financial

formalize

Senior officials from

effective

system from cybercrime lending apps.

**PAC** directs to ensure

countrywide PSO

stations installation

ISLAMABAD (APP): relevant authorities to act

The Public Accounts against those elements Committee (PAC) on creating hurdles and

Tuesday directed the inconveniences in this

authorities concerned to regard. The committee was

ensure installation of the informed that the Oil and

Pakistan State Oil Gas Regulatory Authority Company Limited (PSO) (OGRA) has not imposed

gas stations across the country including Khyber restrictions on PSO petrol

Pakhtunkhwa province to stations in any part of the

facilitate the commuters country, but only at certain

travelling to far-flung areas. locations the filling

Chairing the PAC stations could not be

PESHAWAR (Online): A signed the agreement during of a ceremony held here at was chamber's house on

> Other members of the APMIA delegation include Shafiullah, Ahmad Shah and Zafar Ali Khan Kundi, the SCCI's Secretary General Sajjad Aziz, Officials from the Research and Development Cell of the chamber were present during the agreement signing ceremony.

Muhammad Asghar acting President Ijaz Khan Association (APMIA) sector is playing a pivotal

and fraud threats through

the signing of

Understanding (MoU).

witnessed constructive

deliberations on several

key areas of mutual

interest. For illegal deposit-taking and illegal

lending Apps, it was agreed to appoint focal persons

and establish a quick

communication channel as

well as regular sharing of

information on matters

under investigation at

informed the FIA team on

the SECP's regulatory

framework for digital

(OGRA) has not imposed

The Chairman SECP

respective institutions.

meeting

and

Memorandum

The

discussions

**SECP** and FIA to

collaborate for a secure

digital financial system

development and earning heft foreign exchange through exports.

He, however, said people attached to the marble sector were faced with financial hardships in carrying out mining through using modern techniques, machines and methods. On the occasion, the association chairman suggested various proposals for promotion of the marble sector.

Ijaz Afridi assured the APMIA delegation that issues associated with the marble sector.

**SIEM solution** 

project at NTC

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Federal Minister for IT

and Telecommunication

Syed Amin Ul Haque on

Tuesday inaugurated Security Information and

(SIEM) solution project at

Telecommunication

Director NTC Meraj Gul

covered another milestone.

Shipping

activity at

**Port Qasim** 

Shipping activity was recorded at the port where

four ships namely, Lisa,

MSC Silvia, Eastern Laelia

Containers, Steel coil and

LNG, berthed at Qasim

International Container

Terminal, Multi-Purpose

Terminal and Pakistan

respectively on Monday.

carrying Palm oil is also

arrived at outer anchorage

Meanwhile an oil

'Gulf Jellet'

Terminal

Enugu carrying

KARACHI

and

Gasport

tanker

Management

Event

Corporation

#### **Meeting held to review** progress relating to outsourcing of airports

Minister for Finance and Civil Senator Revenue to oversee and guide the progress of work related to outsourcing of airports operations.

Minister for Aviation and Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique, SAPM on Finance Tariq Bajwa, Secretary Aviation, Chief Executive Officer Public Partnership Authority, newspapers.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Director General Pakistan Association Authority, International Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Finance Corporation team Tuesday chaired a meeting and other government of the Steering Committee officials attended the meeting, said a press release. The committee was

> status of outsourcing of Islamabad transaction advertisement has been published in all leading local and international

briefed about the latest



ISLAMABAD: Managing Director, PTDC, Aftab ur Rehman Rana addressing a press conference on 1st Pakistan International Tourism Investment

#### PTCL changes it's copper network to fiber for high speed internet

cutting ceremony was

held in Nathiagali to mark

the dawn of high-speed connectivity in the region. Vice President,

Business Zone North

ceremony, along with the

management, employees,

President, Business Zone

North, PTCL, Nauman Durrani said, "We are

thrilled to inaugurate our

fiberization project in Nathiagali. PTCL Flash

Commenting on the

company's

and customers.

development,

KARACHI (APP): 1Gbps with unlimited Amin launches P a k i s t a n downloads. A lively cake Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has completed fiberization of the famous and

picturesque tourist destination, Nathiagali to high-speed PTCL, Nauman Durrani connectivity and quality participated in the user experience in the The blazing fast internet will support social

empowerment and growth

of the local tourism

industry, said a news Headquarters. Managing release here on Tuesday. network was also present on the overhaul is being occasion. Addressing the carried out under PTCL's Copper Sunset inaugural ceremony, the minister said that the NTC project, which encompasses replacement of copper wires with the cutting-

NTC data and servers now became more secure following implementation cybersecurity monitoring system, the minister said, adding that the system will monitor data and alert the relevant section about any cyber

#### Fiber 400K customer journey for 2023 aims to provide its valued customers with an edge PTCL Flash Fiber exceptional high-speed network, which will be internet experience through its Fiber-based network the fastest internet in town giving customers As blazing speeds of up to commitment.

#### MULTAN: A vendor displaying tomatoes during an auction as shopkeepers participate in bidding

#### at Vegetable Market. **CDNS** set a target of Rs 75 billion in Islamic finance for FY 2023-24

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Saving (CDNS) has set a target of Rs 75 billion in Islamic fiscal year 2023-24 to promote the Islamic financial sector in the country.

The aim was to introduce new dimensions in the Islamic finance sector, a senior official of CDNS told APP here on Tuesday.

The official informed that CDNS had reviewed and set a target of Rs 60 billion in the fiscal year (2022-23) for Islamic investment to introduce the new products in the market.

"Islamic finance has a very important role in the as a complete bank.

global financial sector at this time, and a large part of the economy of many major countries currently includes Islamic finance, The senior official said. Work on Islamic finance is still needed in Pakistan.'

He said that at present, work was being done on institutional reforms in CDNS and new reforms and innovations were being introduced.' He said, "At this time

Automated Teller Machine (ATM) has also been introduced in CDNS which will provide enough facilities to the users." The official said.

"CDNS will now provide facilities to its customers

# AJK Govt moves to gear up industrial progress in State

(AJK) government has principally decided to devise an integrated phased industrial uplift plan with the coordination of the AJK Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AJK-CCI).

and the concerned functionaries of the AJK have a plan to encourage and promote local and foreign investment in the trade, industrial and export sectors in the liberated

territory.

"The plan also involves the attractive investment in the industrial sector by the UK-based Kashmiri expatriates in AJK besides reviving the sick industrial units in the existing industrial estates in Mirpur division", the official sources told APP here on Tuesday. The sources

continued that one of nine proposed Special Economic Zones, was very much believed to be established in Mirpur district of AJK under the gigantic CPEC (China Pakistan Economic The sources said that

the early revival of sick industrial units in Mirpur and Bhimbher. The government has

districts under the spirit to provide more job districts as well as in other opportunities to the parts of the liberated unemployed skilled and territory. unskilled persons.

Besides other matters related to the industrial uplift in the region, a high level meeting here today reviewed and discussed in length, with the owners of the Mirpur and Bhimber districts, based sick industrial units, the ideas

units and assured to resume their functioning soon after intending their revival in line with the determined policy of the government

Speaking on this occasion, AJKCCI Mirpur the area.

MIRPUR AJK (APP): Corridor) as reportedly Chamber of Commerce and Azad Jammu & Kashmir sanctioned by the Industry (MCCI) (AJK) government has authorities so far. President Sabir Hussain Industry (MCCI) President Sabir Hussain Shah said that his chamber the AJK government was has already moved taking all possible steps for recommendations to the AJK government by devising a strategy for early revival of over 80 sick Industrial units located in The Mirpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry industrial activities in districts and to promote districts and to promote Mirpur and Bhimbher the industrialization process in both the

> He said that in the light of various proposals the AJK government has assured to encourage and boost the investment in the trade and industrial sector in AJK and colossal funds have already been placed in the ongoing financial year 2017-18 AJK budget.The AJKCCI The owners of the sick units tabled various proposals in the meeting for the revival to the sick. and compensation to the entrepreneurs including the UK-based Kashmiri expatriates for establishing



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque witnessing signing of MoU between National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) and Sunwalk.

**Zong launches roaming** 

offers for customers

#### 2-day annual Livestock, Agriculture, Fisheries Expo in October

PESHAWAR (APP): Annual Livestock Dairy, Agriculture and Fisheries Expo will be held on October 4-5 in Peshawar. National and

international companies will participate in it..

Expo 2023 is very important for livestock farmers and the Livestock Department as the Milk Fair and animal beauty

exhibition will also be

organized during the event. Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali will inaugurate the expo while Chief Minister Khvber Pakhtunkhwa Azam Khan will be the chief guest at concluding session. Preparations for the expo have been started. The Expo will be presided over by Provincial Minister for Agriculture Abdul Halim

ISLAMABAD (APP): Zong 4G, Pakistan's leading those

to China for business or for personal reasons can subscribe to a total of three hybrid bundles (Hybrid Bundles have both Voice, SMS, and Data options) and additionally, they have the option to choose from three data roaming buckets Kasuria while Secretary three data roaming Livestock Amber Ali Khan. (Data Bundles).

#### traveling to China "Recognizing the during their travels, we have curated these

exceptional International

roaming offers to ensure a

hassle-free and budget-

pioneering innovation is at

the centre of everything we

do, and our latest

international roaming

packages, along with the

At Zong,

friendly experience.

4G network, has launched six new roaming offers for customers travelling to China. With an unwavering commitment to customer centricity, Zong 4G continues to push the boundaries of innovation, delivering a remarkable proposition that promises unparalleled connectivity, utmost convenience, and remarkable cost-efficiency staying connected abroad said a news release issued here on Tuesday. Subscribers travelling

newly introduced bundles for China, bear testimony to our relentless dedication to elevating the customer journey to new heights.

Said the spokesperson. With China being a popular destination for business and tourism, this package is set to be a gamechanger for those seeking a reliable and affordable roaming solution with access to WhatsApp.

#### PBF demands textile focused policy for economic stability

FAISALABAD (APP): The Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has demanded textile-focused policy on n urgent basis for economic stability of Pakistan. Addressing a meeting of the forum in APBUMA (All Pakistan Bed-sheet & Upholstery Manufacturers Association) office here, PBF Punjab General Secretary Arif Ehsan Malik said the production cost had pushed the export

collapse in addition to increasing unemployment rate which might become a potential threat to overall law and order in the country. "Therefore,

government must encourage the export sector to drag the economy out of the crisis through phased policies including cutting down the cost of doing

sector on the verge of priority basis."He said the textile sector was the basis of economic stability. "If the government is really sincere about stabilizing the country economically, it should take urgent steps to increase national exports in addition to reducing the prices of oil, gas and electricity products besides ensuring immediate payment of pending refund claims as economic business and trimming the stability is directly linked interest rate on a top with increase in exports.



on Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Chaudhry Salik Hussain.

## Putin orders arms factories to produce more Lancet kamikaze drones

**Monitoring Desk** 

MOSCOW: Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, has ordered the head of a stateowned defence conthe production of attack drones, as the drone war in Ukraine ramps

In televised footage of the meeting on Monday night, the Russian president was told by the head of Rostec, which produces around 90 per cent of Russia's sion reporting that prokamikaze drones being churned out.

Putin said Russia the side of Ukraine's field as Moscow's ka-

"very effective"

"It is necessary to increase the percentage of the production of the glomerate to increase latest types of weap-

T-90 'Proryv' tanks, and aircraft systems,' the Russian president

Russian state media said, last month, the changed Lancet drone was going into mass-production, with Rossiya-1 televi-

Lancet drones, which among their biggest

advancing forces, say-ing they had proven ficult to defend against.

The drones fly low and slow to avoid traditional air defence systems and can be piloted directly by operators on the ground, unlike the Iranian-shahed drones which are pre-programmed to head to a target that cannot be

Analysts suggested Russia's defence minismilitary equipment, to duction would be try is keen to get hold increase the number of tripled in the coming of more of the Lancet drones, which report-Ukrainian military edly cost around officers have described £28,000 each, as a low needed more Kub and the drones as being cost way of making up for losses of their more have become a thorn in threats on the battle- expensive and sophisticated equipment.



Members of a military council that staged a coup in Niger attend a rally at a stadium in Niamey, Niger.

#### China, Philippines' dispute over grounded warship heats up

**Monitoring Desk** 

BEIJING: China again asked the Philippines to tow away a grounded warship - a World War Twoera vessel now used as a military outpost - from a disputed shoal on Tuesday, after Manila rejected aboard the former warship Beijing's earlier demand. Sierra Madre. Manila delib-Beijing's earlier demand.

the neighbours over the South China Sea under Philippine Ferdinand President Marcos Jr, with Manila pivoting back to the United States, which supports the Southeast Asian nation in its maritime disputes with

China's embassy in Manila criticised Washington for "gathering" its al-lies to continue "hyping up" the South China Sea issue and the boat incident.

The South China Sea is not a 'safari park' for countries outside the region straint" at all times.

**Monitoring Desk** 

BANGKOK: Myanmar's

military and affiliated militias

are committing increasingly

frequent and brazen war

crimes, including aerial bomb-

ings targeting civilians, a

group of investigators estab-

lished by the United Nations

said Tuesday. The Indepen-

dent Investigative Mecha-

IIMM, said it found strong evidence during the 12

months ending in June that

the army and militias indis-

criminately and dispropor-

tionately targeted civilians

with bombs, mass executions

of people detained during

operations and large-scale

Investigators say Myanmar's

military is committing

increasingly brazen war crimes

Thailand's king makes surprise return after 27 years
Monitoring Desk to make mischief and sow

discord," the embassy said BANGKOK: The secondin a statement on Tuesday. eldest son of Thailand's The Second Thomas King Maha Vajiralongkorn Shoal, which lies within the visited a child-care centre Philippine's exclusive ecofor underprivileged families nomic zone, is home to a on Tuesday during a surhandful of troops living prise visit to the kingdom, the first time he has been back in his homeland in 27 Tensions have soared erately grounded the vessel in 1999 to reinforce its sov

trip ereignty claims. Vacharaesorn Manila has repeatedly Vivacharawongse, 42 accused the Chinese comes at a fraught time for coastguard of blocking resupthe Thai royal family, with ply missions to its troops there, as it did on Aug. 5 the monarch's eldest daughter in a coma since Decemwhen it sprayed a Philippine vessel with a water cannon. China maintains the Philippines' occupation of the shoal

Vacharaesorn, who works at a law firm in New York, visited the Foundation for Slum Child Care, which is supported by the royal family, and greeted

**Second son of** 

#### 2 dead, thousands without power after severe storms batter eastern US **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON: Much of the eastern United States was lashed with intense storms on Monday, leaving at least two people dead, Myanmar is tragic, but the hundreds of thousands without power, and thousands of flights canceled or delayed. Millions of people were under severe weather alerts, including tornado watches, as rain, strong winds, and hail swept east along nearly the entire east ern seaboard, from Alabama to New York.

The Weather Service (NWS) had predicted a "moderate risk" of hazardous storms with gusts up to 80 miles per hour (130 kilometers per hour). "Stay weather aware and make sure you have multiple ways to receive warnings," the NWS in Baltimore and Washing ton said on social media earlier in the day.

#### devastation caused to whole communities through aerial bombardments and village burnings is particu-larly shocking," said Nicholas Koumjian, head of the nism for Myanmar, or group. "Our evidence points to a dramatic increase in war crimes and crimes against humanity in the country, with widespread and systematic attacks against civilians, and we are building case files that can be used by courts to hold individual perpetraresponsible."

is illegal. The Philippine mili-

tary described the Chinese

coastguard's actions on Sat-

urday as "excessive and of-

fensive". China said the inci-

dent was a "warning" and that

it has exercised "rational re-

ing evidence that can be

used in future prosecutions

Every loss of life in

of those responsible.

burning of civilian houses. Myanmar has been in tur-The group, which was moil since the military established by the U.N. Human Rights Council in seized power from the 2018 to monitor violations elected government of civilof international law in ian leader Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021. Myanmar, said it is collect-



An abortion rights protester holds a sign to keep abortion safe in Ohio at a

Vacharaesorn Vivacharawongse, 42, the second-eldest son of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn speaks to well-wishers at the Foundation for Slum Child Care supported by the Royal Family, in Bangkok, Thailand.

## Russian strikes on east Ukraine residential building kill at least 7

**Monitoring Desk** 

KYIV: Rescue workers combed through the rubble of damaged buildings in the city of Pokrovsk in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday, the day after Russian strikes killed at least seven people. Pokrovsk sits just 50

kilometres from the eastern frontline, where Moscow says it is gaining ground and repelling Ukrainian attacks. Two missiles — launched 40 minutes apart

 damaged residential buildings, a hotel, catering establishments, shops and administrative buildings on a high-ranking emergency

Monday, Pavlo Kyrylenko, head of the Donetsk region's military administra-AFP correspondents

on the ground saw rescu-

ers evacuating survivors

from the rubble of a fivestorey building, and carrying the wounded into am-Seven people died and 67 were wounded, including two children, according Igor Klymenko,

Ukraine's minister of inter-

Those killed included

official of the Donetsk region, Klymenko said. "We are resuming the

demolition of rubble," he said on early Tuesday after the rescuers "were forced to suspend work for the night due to the high threat of repeated shelling".

President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Monday that Moscow had struck a residential building, and shared a video on social media of civilians helping wounded people and rescuers clearing rubble from a building that had lost its top

#### The monthslong conflict in Sudan has displaced over 4 million **Red Sea** people, a UN official says **Monitoring Desk**

**Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: Sudan's escalating conflict has driven more than 4 million people from their homes, including over

884,000 who have fled to

neighboring countries, a U.N. official said Tuesday. The fighting has also triggered outbreaks of disease and an increase in malnutrition, according to William Spindler, a spokesperson for the U.N. refugee agency. From mid-May to mid-July, the UNHCR recorded over 300 deaths from measles and malnutrition, mainly among children under 5, Spindler said,

speaking to reporters in Geneva. His remarks came as

Sudanese army and its rival paramilitary force intensify in the eastern part of the capital, Khartoum, and the nearby city of Omdurman.

Sudan was plunged into chaos in April when simmering tensions between the military, led by Abdel Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, exploded into open fighting in Khartoum and elsewhere.

'Chronic shortages in health staff, as well as attacks on personnel as reported by the World Health Organization, have significantly compromised the quality of health care across clashes between the the country," Spindler said.

Two more US warships enter

DUBAI: More than 3,000 United States military personnel have arrived in the Red Sea aboard two war-

ships as part of a 'beefed up response' from Washington after tanker seizures by Iran, the US Navy said on Monday.

The deployment adds to a growing US military buil-dup in tense Gulf wa-terways vital to the global oil trade and led Tehran on Monday to accuse the US of 'inflaming regional insta-

The US sailors and Marines entered the Red Sea on Sunday after transiting through the Suez Canal in a pre-announced deployment, the US Navy's Fifth Fleet said.



strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, Ukraine.

#### India bars makers of military drones from using Chinese parts

**Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: India in recent months has barred domestic manufacturers of military drones from using components made in China over concerns about security vulnerabilities, according to four defence and industry officials and docu-

ments reviewed by Reuters. The measure comes amid tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbours and as New Delhi pursues a military modernisation that envisages greater use of unmanned quadcopters, long-endurance systems and other autonomous plat-

But as the nascent Indian industry looks to meet the military's needs, the defence and industry figures said India's security leaders were worried that intelligence-gathering could be compromised by Chinese-made parts in drones communication functions. cameras, radio transmission and operating software.

Three of these people and some of the six other government and industry figures interviewed by Reuters spoke on the condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to talk to the media or because of the topic's sensitivity.

#### Tropical storm hits Japan's Okinawa islands again, unleashing torrential rain

**Monitoring Desk** TOKYO: A meandering

storm was headed again toward southwestern Japan on Sunday, prompting fresh warnings about dangerously heavy rainfall after the same area was hit several days ago.

Tropical Khanun, which means jackfruit in Thai, was returning to the southernmost group of islands of Okinawa moving slowly northward, packing winds of up to 30 meters per second (67 miles per hour) and hovering over Okinawa through Monday, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. Okinawa Gov. Denny

Tamaki warned residents to brace for torrential rains and mudslides. "This could mean that the dangers about to hit the area where you are living are unusual and on a scale you have never Storm experienced," he said of the storm. He asked people to prepare escape routes to safety in advance. "Do not let your guard down," he said. Large parts of Okinawa, including the main city of Naha, was being slammed by extremely heavy rainfall, according to weather reports.

Syria's pharmacies syndicate says drug prices to increase 50% as the country's pound hits a new low **Monitoring Desk** 

DAMASCUS: The Syrian government decided to increase prices of drugs by 50%, the head of the pharmacies syndicate in Damascus said Tuesday, as the Syrian pound hit new a low in recent days. Hassan Derwan did

not give a reason for the price hike in his interview with the pro-government daily Al-Watan. Earlier this year, prices were raised by between 50% and 80%.

#### Texas woman known as the 'Sassy Trucker' leaves Dubai after monthslong legal dispute, advocate says Monitoring Desk

DUBAI: A Houston woman known online as the "Sassy Trucker" who had been stranded in Dubai for months over an altercation at a car rental agency left the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, an advocate for the woman said.

Tierra Young Allen, 29, took off on a flight out of the UAE and will transit through the United Kingdom on her way back to the U.S., said Radha Stirling, who runs a forhire advocacy group long critical of the UAE called Detained in Dubai.

#### **Indian parliament debates** no-confidence motion in Modi government

Monitoring Desk liament debated a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government on Tuesday, a day after opposition leader Rahul Gandhi returned to

The opposition Congress party launched the debate in a bid to force comment from Modi on months of deadly ethnic conflict in northeastern Manipur state, with a vote potentially to be held on Thurs-Government minister

Kiren Rijiju said the motion had "been brought at an extremely bad time and Congress would regret it later". Modi's Hindu Nationalist Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) won 303 seats

house in the 2019 election and is expected to comfortably defeat the no-confidence vote, which it has dismissed as a headlinegrabbing gimmick.

Gandhi, the scion of India's premier political dynasty, was restored to parliament on Monday after the Supreme Court last week suspended his defamation conviction over comments criticising

53-year-old Gandhi was sentenced to two years imprisonment in March in a case that critics flagged as an effort to stifle political opposition in the world's largest democracy.

"This no-confidence motion is our necessity," Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi told a rowdy session in the 543-member lower of parliament.

Iranian drone maker

#### **Britain imposes sanctions** on Iranian drone maker accusing supporting Russia

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Britain on Tuesday imposed sanctions on an Iranian drone maker and a range of other foreign businesses, accusing them of supplying Russian forces with weapons and components for use against

Britain, the U.S. and the European Union have imposed a range of sanctions since last February to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, which Moscow calls a "special military operation". The British government set out 25 new sanctions on individuals and businesses in Iran, Turkey, Belarus, Slovakia, Switzerland and the UAE, as well as Russia. "Today's landmark sanctions will further diminish Russia's arsenal and close the net on supply chains propping up (President) Putin's now struggling defence industry," British foreign min-ister James Cleverly said.

Paravar Pars and seven of its executives, already subject to U.S. sanctions announced in February, and two Turkey-based exporters of microelectronics were among those targeted by Britain. The sanctions prohibit UK entities from providing trust services the creation of a trust or similar arrangement - to those sanctioned and also impose asset freezes, which block their assets held in the UK. The government also imposed sanctions on several individuals, including Swiss national Anselm Oskar Schmucki, who it says is the chief of the Moscow office of a Switzerland-based crypto asset manager, DuLac Capital Ltd. It alleged Schmucki's involvement in "obtaining a benefit from, or supporting the Government of Russia, by carrying on business in a sector of strategic significance.

#### North Korean hackers breached top Russian missile maker

**Monitoring Desk** 

LONDON: An elite group of North Korean hackers secretly breached computer networks at a major Russian missile developer for at least five months last year, according to technical evidence reviewed by Reuters and analysis by security researchers.

Reuters found cyberespionage teams linked to the North Korean government, which security re-searchers call ScarCruft and Lazarus, secretly installed stealthy digital backdoors into systems at NPO Mashinostroyeniya, a rocket design bureau based in Reutov, a small town on the outskirts of Moscow.

Reuters could not determine whether any data was taken during the intrusion or what information may have been viewed. In the months following the digital break-in Pyongyang announced several developments in its banned ballistic missile programme but it is not clear if this was related to the breach.

Experts say the incident shows how the isolated country will even target its allies, such as Russia, in a bid to acquire critical technologies. N

Mashinostroveniva did not respond to requests from Reuters for comment. Russia's embassy in Washington did not respond to an emailed request for comment. North Korea's mission to the United Nations in New York did not re-

spond to a request for com-

ment.

News of the hack comes shortly after a trip to Pyongyang last month by Russian defence minister Sergei Shoigu for the 70th anniversary of the Korean War; the first visit by a Russian defence minister to North Korea since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union. The targeted company, commonly known as NPO Mash, has acted as a pioneer developer of hypersonic missiles, satellite technologies and newer generation ballistic armaments.

#### More than 1,000 evacuated as Portugal wildfire spreads

**Monitoring Desk** ODEMIRA: Hundreds of firefighters scrambled on Tuesday to put out a blaze raging in southern Portugal that has scorched thousands of hectares of land and

forced the evacuation of around 1,400 people. The wildfire, cur-rently being tackled by over 850 firefighters and six water-bombing planes, started on Saturday in the municipality of Odemira, in the Alentejo region, but has since spread south towards the Algarve, one of Portugal's top tourist destinations.

High temperatures and strong winds have complicated efforts to fight the flames, which have destroyed around 6,700 hectares of land. Jose Ribeiro, commander of the emergency and civil protection authority, said weather conditions were expected to remain a challenge.

Shortly before sunset on Monday, the sky in Odemira turned dark as a huge smoke cloud filled the prompting authorities to air. Odemira's mayor.

Helder Guerreiro, called the situation "critical, difficult and complex" while Ribeiro said there was a "lot of work" ahead to bring the wildfire under control. "It is a worrying situ-

ation," Ribeiro told reporters during a morning briefing, adding there were two active fronts, with one heading to Monchique, a lush green mountainous area in the Algarve's country-

Monchique, which last burned in 2018, is popular among locals and tourists due to its thermal springs and hotels. A total of 19 tiny vil-

lages, one of them in Monchique, four tourist accommodations and a camping site have been evacuated out of precaution. Several roads have been blocked off, authorities said. Southern European countries such as Portugal have been grappling with record-breaking temperatures during the peak summer tourist season, warn of health risks.

#### PM announces to auction all Toshakhana gifts to support orphan children

Sharif on Tuesday announced to auction all of the gifts worth millions of rupees at Toshakhana and the revenue would be spent for the welfare of orphan children. "I announce to auction all of the gifts worth millions or rupees at Toshakhana. But whole of the receipts will go nowhere else but the institutions of the orphan children whether they are welfare organizations, educational institutions or medical facilities. We will hand them over under a mechanism to support the orphans who are unable to face the challenges of life," the prime

Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS), and Pakistan Broadcasters Association PBA). The prime minister said that he felt honoured to announce the auction of Toshakhana gifts before the representatives of APNS, CPNE and PBA.

He told the media industry representatives that the incumbent government inherited very tough economic conditions but the coalition parties did not imagine the severity of the situation.

The prime minister said the previous govern-

minister said talking to a ment wasted last four years delegation of the Council of in mere victimisation of political opponents and also strained ties with friendly countries.

He said his government had tried its utmost to rectify the relations with friendly countries and had been able to control the damage to a great extent which also led to the signing of the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The prime minister repeatedly called for the nation, particularly the youth, to forge unity and work hard to rid the country of loans and make it a great nation.

He said the incumbent

political opponent and that they were extremely busy to tackle the challenges of flood, inflation, economy, IMF, wheat import and foreign policy issues.

He said the media had a crucial role to play for the national unity and reduce the temperature as during the last four years, the previous government "poisoned" the society and the rectification was not that easy. He said with the IMF agreement, the country was saved from default and otherwise the situation could have been extremely difficult with long queues at filling stations and people



Broadcasters' Association, All Pakistan Newspapers Society & Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors. Governor Balochistan says



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a group photo with the delegation of the students and faculty members of the University Of Makran, Panjgur Balochistan at Parliament House.

## Baloch highlights science ministry's performance, says remarkable growth achieved

Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Agha Hassan Baloch Tuesday said that the coalition gov-ernment has achieved remarkable milestones in the science and technology sector during the last 15 months. Addressing a presser along with the senior officials of departments working under the Ministry of Science and Technology, the federal minister highlighted that the institutions of the country were on the verge of destruction

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positive cases reported this

one of the patients brought

According to the administration of FJHQ, Akhtar Muhammad, 20

was shifted to the hospital

last night in a critical condi-

to the hospital is critical.

As per hospital

year is 25.

ing towards default due to the ineffective policies of the previous government.

However, the way Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has lifted this country out of the economic crisis despite the financial hardships and put it on the path of progress and pros-perity reflects his dynamic

Unlike the previous government, the present coalition government has focused on development in Balochistan province at par with other provinces which and the country was head- is worth appreciating, the

Two more suspected

**Congo virus patients** 

brought to FJCHQ

minister said. "Establishment of National University of Science and Technology Khuzdar Campus COMSATS Quetta and Gwadar campuses, Expansion of Pakistan Halal Authority offices to Quetta and Gwadar, Establishment of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority offices in Taftan, Chaman and Gwadar for boosting trade activities to generate revenues and appointment of Science

Counsellor in Beijing to rep-

# Tough economic conditions need us to prepare comprehensive strategy Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has emphasized that the tough economic conditions of the country and province are requiring us to prepare comprehensive strategy for achieving new priorities and targets in this regard. Therefore, it is neces-

sary to refrain from unnecessary expenditures and opening the departments, which are unmatched with the contemporary market at the level of universities.

The Governor stated so while presiding over 7th Senate meeting of the University of Turbat here on

Also present in the to them.

Khawaja Saad Rafique

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meeting were the senior Judge of Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Hashim Khan Kakar, Provincial Secretary Education, Lal Jan Jaffar, Vice Chancellor, University of Turbat, Professor Dr. Jan Muhammad Baloch, Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai, representative of the Higher Education Commission, Engineer Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Deputy Secretary Finance, Abdul

Addressing the meeting, the Governor said that the universities are established to impart higher education to the students, so we should focus on provision of necessary facilities

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Digital Academy in partnership with the London-

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Dr Arif Alvi has

stressed the youth to ben-

efit from the technology ad-

vancement and offer their

services globally to increase

technology exports of the

advancement based The FinTech Group (TFG), According to a press release issued here on Tuesday. ICMA Digital Academy is incorporated in the UK with a mission to develop job-ready workforce of the future in

President stresses youth to

benefit from technology

country.

"We have a youth bulge in our country and that youth bulge must be linked intellectually with the rest of the world. If it is not done, we will miss a great opportunity available to our country," President Alvi said in his video message to a virtual inauguration of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (ICMA) Digital Acad-

ICMA launched the

terms of the new jobs of the Pakistan with globally indemand digital skills. President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi highlighted the importance of the ICMA

Digital Academy's plans to help the youth bulge in the country offer their services globally. He reminded the audience that young adults are very keen on learning services globally. new technologies and on interacting with global customers in a professional manner. President Alvi described the strategic shift the need for Pakistan to get

future and the way many of these services will be rendered in future. Pointing to the increased acceptability of remote work in many of the jobs of the future, the President indicated that this provides a tremendous opportunity to the talented young adults of Pakistan to interact virtually with the users of their services without any geographical limitations. This takes away the need for any visas or immigration to new countries as a pre-condition for offering

The President reminded the country about the speed of change taking place around the world and on the train faster.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presiding over 7th meeting of Senate of University of Turbat

#### resent Pakistan and engage in scientific cooperation were few of the landmarks.

QUETTA (APP): Two of bleeding from the nose more suspected Congo vi- and mouth. Separately, mitted to Fatima Jinnah e i g h t - y e a r - o l d Chest Hospital Quetta Muhammad Saleem from FJCHQ as the number of Chaman district was also admitted to the hospital

The blood samples of sources, the condition of the patients brought to the hospital suspected of Congo virus have been sent for laboratory tests, the sources said.

They noted that as many as 25 cases of Congo resident of Ziarat district virus have been reported so far this year, in which 9 patients have died.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi and Secretary Law Abdul Saboor Kakar photographed with officers during appreciation certificate distribution ceremony

#### BA passes 96 legislation in five year tenure

Balochistan Assembly has Lehri said that the governpassed 96 legislation on various important provincial issues in its five years tenure since the provincial government came into power in 2018.

The 11th Assembly has passed and amended 11 acts in its first parliamentary year started on August 13, 2018 including The Balochistan Government Employees Benevolent Fund Act, The University of Gwadar Act, The Balochistan Finance Act, The Balochistan Essential Education Service Act and many others. The Assembly has passed important and efficient laws in the health sector including Balochistan Mental Health Act 2019, Balochistan Healthcare Commission Act. The provincial assembly had also approved a Bill for establishing a university in Gwadar on priority and passed The Balochistan Universities Act on April 19, 2022 to create maximum opportunities for students to get

higher education. Highlighting the provincial Assembly progress,

(APP): Minister Muhammad Khan ment had enforced many laws and worked hard to ensure the protection of the public interest. The coalition government led by Balochistan Awami Party had been taken all measures for the wider interest of the

province, he added.

The protection of resources of Balochistan and the rights of its people was top priority of the government for which a large number of new laws were enacted besides amending different existing laws, he added. Legislation was the primary responsibility of the assembly and it has been continued to fulfill its responsibility as need arises, it added. He was of the view that it was our top priority to bring improvements in the health sector because of that Balochistan Health Policy 2018-2030 had passed unanimously.

He said during the legislative process, The Balochistan Infrastructure Development CESS Act, The Balochistan Civil Court (Amendment) Act, The Balochistan Housing and Town Planning Act.

#### **Govt evolves** plan to collect add. Rs 721b from electricity consumers

ISLAMABAD (Online): Under IMF condition gov ernment has worked out planning to charge additional Rs 721 billion to electricity consumers during current fiscal year. Sources said electric-

ity tariff will be inflated by Rs 1.25 per unit till September under the head of quarterly adjustment. This way government will collect additional Rs 39 billion from consumers against quarterly adjustment for the month of September.

#### **IHC directs** police to recover Durrani

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday directed the police to recover Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Iftikhar Durrani within four days. Chief Justice Aamir

Farooq heard the case pertaining to the recovery of PTI's leader Iftikhar Durrani. Petitioner's lawver expressed confidence in Superintendent Police (SP) CIA Investigation Rukhsar Mehdi before the

Advocate Sher Afzal Khan Marwat said that Rukhsar Mehdi is an officer of the Islamabad Police with a good reputa-

#### MoS Khar, Saudi minister discuss regional, **global issues**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar and Saudi Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Eng. Waleed Abdulkarim El Khereji on Tuesday discussed the regional and global issues of mutual inter-

The Saudi vice minister is leading a high-level and representative delegation with members from the Saudi Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Energy, Health, Environment and Agriculture, Industry and Mineral Resources, Investment etc, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

During the meeting. MoS Hina Khar expressed satisfaction with the positive trajectory of bilateral relations

#### tion of press and social media on Monday said two fishplate was being used for railway signal system jammed wheels of locomoworldwide as the signal tive and damage piece of railsystem did not work with out it, he said. He explained way track were main reasons for the railway tragic that it was a special type accident near Nawabshah. of fishplate which was imported from Germany or Speaking at the National Assembly here, the Holland. Investigation into minister said regretted that the accident was underway.

Saad Rafique says

Jammed locomotive wheels,

damage piece of track main

reasons for train accident

ISLAMABAD (APP): fake news was being circu



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif interacting with families of Mar tyrs during his visit of General.

#### **BISP** to start Mobile **Registration Vehicle** Centers in Sindh, **Balochistan**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has planned to launch the facility of Mobile Registration Vehicle Centers in various districts of Sindh and Balochistan to facilitate the registration process for intending beneficiaries in remote areas of the country.

The first ever such facility has been inaugurated in Karachi recently by the Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Shazia Marri.

According to an official source, the mobile registration vehicle centres are being started in 25 districts of Sindh and Balochistan including Gothki, Umarkot, Tharparkar, Sanghar and Jamshoro districts of Sindh province while Chagai, Khuzdar, Kech, Awaran, Lasbela, Sibi, Loralai and Qila Saifullah initially which can be extended to the other

The initiative of the

Mobile Registration Vehicle Center has been started with the support of the German Government, GIZ and the Sindh Government.

These centres will enable the beneficiaries in farflung areas to access the registration facilities through mobile vehicles which have been purchased with the support of the German government and GIZ.

Highlighting the oneyear performance of BISP, the source revealed that the quarterly stipend of Benazir Kafaalat has been increased up to Rs 8750 per family which is given every quarter while the number of beneficiaries of the Benazir Income Support Programme has increased from 7.6 million families to 9 million during the last one year. The BISP staff ensured the distribution of relief money to the deserving ones in the worst conditions during the floods and 70 billion rupees



tional flag printed children dress on ahead of start 76 Independence Day celebration of 14 August.

#### **BPSC** announces to hold PN personnel conferred PCS exam of ACs, SOs & upon military **DSPs in November 2023** awards

ISLAMABAD (APP): Military awards were con-QUETTA: ferred on naval personnel here at the Pakistan Navy Investiture Ceremony 2023

on Tuesday. Chief of Staff (COS) Vice Admiral Naveed Ashraf was the chief guest at the ceremony, a Pakistan Navy

news release said.

Commodore Syed Naved Ahsan and Commodore Amir Hanif received Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Military). while Captain Dr Amiad Commander Nawaz. Rizwan Ahmad, Lieutenant Commander Muhammad Imran, Lieutenant Commander Faisal Avub and Lieutenant Commander Syed Muhammad Hasan Rizvi were the recipients of Tamgha-i-Imtiaz (Mili-

tary).
Two awards of TK(M)-II and nine awards of TK(M)-Ill were also conferred upon CPOs and sailors of Pakistan Navy whereas letters of commendation from the Chief of the Naval Staff were awarded to 17 officers, CPOs/ sailors and Navy civilians.

#### **PTI responsible** to away youth from politics: Kaira ISLAMABAD (APP):

Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan, Qamar Zaman Kaira Tuesday said the youth of the country becoming get away from politics the reason why Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan misguided youth by showing ad indulging them in their dreams.

Talking to a private news channel, he said that the habits of institutions and departments would slow steady become right it was not possible to settle things abruptly adding that Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and all other political parties need to stand united on 'Charter of Democracy

Replying to a question, he said that delaying elections would not be favorable for the country's stability and PML-N was also not in favor to delay the process at any cost. 'The caretaker setup has a huge responsibility to run a country in an appropriate manner," he added.

Independent Report

Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC) has announced to conduct the provincial civil service (PCS) examinations of Assistant Commissioners, Section Officers and Deputy Superintendents of Police in November this

According to an official hand out issued here on Tuesday, the BPSC has made decision to extend the date of PCS examinations on directives of the Chief Minister, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo.

The aspirants of the PCS examinations had requested to extend its schedule, thus the Chief Minister urged the BPSC to extend the schedule of provincial competition examination in the larger interest decision.

of the candidates. With extension in date

of the PCS examination, the candidates appearing in the CSS special examination would also have chance to appear in the PCS examinations.

It was the demand of aspirants of CSS special examination to conduct the PCS examination after the CSS special competitive

examination. On this, the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Imran Gichki had contacted the Chairman BPSC, Abdul Salik Khan. During the detailed conversation, it was decided to conduct the PCS examination after the CSS special examina-

Meanwhile, the candidates appearing in CSS special examination hailed the



**QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan** Abdul Khaliq Sheikh offering Fateha for policemen martyred in Nawan Killi & Spinny road incidents

#### ANP Balochistan organizes peace seminar in memory of 8th August martyrs

Independent Report QUETTA: A peace seminar was organized by the Awami National Party (ANP) Balochistan here at a local hall on Tuesday.

The seminar organized to mark the death anniversary of martyrs of 8th August 2016 was well attended by political leaders and workers besides the provincial leadership of

Prominent among them were the parliamentary leader and provincial president of ANP, Asghar Khan Achakzai, Provincial Minister for Finance, Engineer Zamarak Khan Achakzai, member provincial assembly, Qadir Ali Nayal, leader of National Party, Dr. Ishaq Baloch, Khushhal Khan Kakar and others.

The leaders of political parties paid homage to the martyrs of August 8

was the most tragic day of the history when a lot of senior and talented lawyers had lost lives in the tragic incident seven years back. They said that the tragedy occurred seven

tragedy. They said that it

years ago is still fresh in their hearts and minds, and it can never be forgotten. They stressed the need to take effective steps for establishing peace by all segments of the society and

province and country. They said that all parties and intelligentsia would have to play their role for peace in the province and so other parts of the coun-

political leadership in the

It is need of the hour to join hands to foil the nefarious designs of the enemies, adding they stressed.

Later, fateha was offered for the departed souls