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President dissolves National Assembly on PM advice

Dr. Alvi dissolved the lower house of parliament under the Article 58(1) of the Constitution

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Arif Alvi approved the summary for dissolving the National Assembly (NA) at midnight on Wednesday at outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's advice, marking an end to the current government's tenure.

The notification for the dissolution of the assembly



was issued by the Aiwani-Sadr, which said the NA was dissolved under Article 58 of the Constitution.

According to Article 58 of the Constitution, if the

President fails to dissolve the assembly within 48 hours after the PM has recommended so, the assembly automatically stands dissolved. Earlier in a state-

ment, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi confirmed the development, saying that the elected government has completed its 5-year constitutional term.

The parliamentary affairs ministry will issue a notification on the approval of the summary and the formation of the caretaker government, he added.

Meanwhile, PM Shehbaz and Leader of the Opposition in NA now have three days as per the Constitution to finalise a name for the caretaker prime minister.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with members of the Federal Cabinet.



JHELUM: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir visited Tilla Field Firing Ranges, witnessed Live Fire and maneuvers of the advanced VT-4 tanks, shoot and scout capabilities of long range SH-15 artillery guns and innovative equipment display, near Jhelum.

Visits Tilla Field Firing Ranges near Jhelum Pakistan Army alive to existing, emerging challenges: COAS

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Wednesday appreciated high degree of professionalism, battle worthiness and offensive spirit displayed by the troops of the Strike Corps.

The Army Chief visited Tilla Field Firing Ranges near Jhelum and witnessed Live Fire and maneuvers of the advanced VT-4 tanks, shoot and scout capabilities of long range SH-15 artillery guns and innovative equipment display, an Inter Services Public

Minister Home takes notice of Joint road attack: Terrorists have no other option but to surrender before writ of state, asserts Langove

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has taken notice of the hand grenade attack on Joint Road in Quetta on Wednesday.

According to an official hand out issued here

lic Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The COAS appreciated combat proficiency of the crews and their mastery over state-of-the-art weaponry. He remarked, "Pakistan Army was alive to the existing and emerging challenges and possessed the wherewithal to thwart nefarious designs of its adversaries through the entire gamut of threat". Earlier on arrival, the COAS was received by Commander Mangla Corps and was briefed on operational readiness of the Strike Corps.

This issue needs an immediate attention, maintained the Governor while speaking to a delegation comprising the office bearers of Federation of Attached Departments Officers Welfare Association, who called on him here at the Governor House on Wednesday.

The Governor stressed that it is very necessary to ensure merit in promotions and recruitments of the government officers and other employees.

Governor calls for creating balance in salaries and incentives of govt. employees of equal grade

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has underlined the need to create balanced in salaries and incentives of the government employees serving in equal grade.

He said that disparity found in salaries and allowances of the officers and employees working in similar grade in different departments is causing sense of deprivation among the employees of attached departments.

He said that India had not only violated the international laws and the

PEMRA amendment bill sails through Senate, NA

Thorough consultations held with all stakeholders during preparation of PEMRA Amendment Bill: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate and the National Assembly on Wednesday approved the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which was retracted by the federal government earlier this week, with a majority vote.

Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Marriyum Aurangzeb proposed the bill and highlighted her role in initiating the process to amend the

PEMRA Ordinance, which involved a year-long consultation and the incorporation of three important clauses.

According to Marriyum Aurangzeb, the 2023 PEMRA Bill safeguards the rights of media workers and journalists. This is because the bill mandates all media house owners to settle their outstanding dues, including salaries, within a two-month timeframe.

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No meaningful engagement with India unless revocation of illegal, unilateral steps on IIOJK: FM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Wednesday reiterated that Pakistan's stance over its relations with India was very clear and consistent, unless it revoked its illegal and unilateral acts of 2019 over the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), there was no space to meaningful engagement.

He said that India had not only violated the international laws and the

United Nations Security Council resolutions, but also the bilateral agreements between the two countries.

"There is no space left for Pakistan to meaningfully engage with India," the foreign minister maintained while addressing a presser to highlight the achievements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during his tenure.

The foreign minister, replying to a query, said

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ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, talking with Deputy Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Eng. Waleed bin Abdulkarim Al-Khurajji after the meeting at Ministry of foreign Affairs in Federal Capital.

Two police cops, a female among six injured in hand grenade attack in Quetta

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QUETTA: At least six persons including two police personnel and a female were injured in hand grenade attack on Joint Road, Quetta on Wednesday.

According to the police sources, some unknown miscreants hurled a hand grenade apparently at a push cart. As the explosive device went off with a big bang, it caused injuries to two police cops as well as a female and three other passersby.

The area police and rescue teams rushed towards the spot and immediately shifted the injured of blast to the civil hospital.

Two security personnel martyred in firing

KALAT (Online): Two security personnel have embraced martyrdom in firing by unidentified armed men and 1 pedestrian was injured in Mangchar.

According to details, security officer Muhammad Sajjad and Bacha Rehman died on the

scene while pedestrian Abdul Hakeem was injured in firing near Mangchar Chouhan Bazaar area of Kalat.

Dead bodies were handed over to their heirs after necessary formalities. Further action is being taken by relevant authorities.

Farewell address at National Assembly

Pakistan to be made economically stable via joint efforts, says PM

Thanks who's who of political parties for support, guidance; Terms tenure 'most difficult test of life';

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, in his farewell address to the National Assembly, expressed heartfelt gratitude to a diverse array of political parties, underscoring their pivotal support and guidance during the challenging term of 16 months. Just hours before sending advice to President Dr Arif Alvi for the dissolution of the National Assembly, the prime

minister told the House that the 16-month tenure was the shortest ever period for a government particularly when compared to the plethora of issues inherited from the previous regime. He said besides other unsuitable conditions, the coalition government also had to face other massive challenges like the worst floods and the signing of the IMF (International Monetary Fund) deal which was breached by

the previous government to hurt national integrity.

He said through its poor conduct and episodes like the "cipher drama" the previous government undermined foreign relations, including with the United States, besides carrying out defamatory propaganda against political opponents.

"This is the painful story of the previous government's four years..."

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Three terrorists killed in Zhob

ZHOB (INP): The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) brought down three 'terrorists' of a banned outfit during the wee hours of Wednesday in Balochistan.

According to the CTD spokesperson, the operation was conducted by Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) team in Zhob district of Balochistan province on the intelligence information regarding the presence of highly wanted 'terrorists'.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar giving away shield to Senior Director Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Syed Munnawar Shah Hashmi on best performance



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali

Rubaba Buledi says BA passes 96 bills, approves 196 resolutions during five year parliamentary period

QUETTA (APP): Parliamentary secretary law and parliamentary affairs Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi said in the last five-year parliamentary period of Balochistan, as many as 96 bills were passed, 196 resolutions were approved, 521 questions were disposed of, 87 attention notices and 36 adjournment motions were presented.

Despite the change of government, the assembly

business continued according to the constitution, playing an active role in the overall situation.

She expressed these views while addressing a ceremony held to award excellent performance certificates to various social workers and organizations in the committee room of Balochistan Assembly on Wednesday.

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THANK YOU PRIME MINISTER SHEHBAZ SHARIF, INFORMATION MINISTER MARRIYUM AURANGZEB AND LAW MINISTER AZAM NAZEER TARAR

FOR LISTENING TO AND ACCEPTING THE DEMANDS OF MEDIA BODIES.

The PEMRA amendment act 2023 was a result of collective discussions between AEMEND, CPNE, PFUJ, PBA, APNS and MOI. The bill is a step in the right direction. The bill has resolved some of the longstanding issues of electronic media workers and the broadcast industry. For instance to alleviate media workers salary delays, government advertisements have now become conditional upon workers getting their dues paid on time. All media organizations agreed to these changes.

At the same time in this bill the Government has voluntarily given up its right to appoint The Chairman of PEMRA and now Chairman PEMRA will be appointed by the Parliament, this is a step to make PEMRA more independent. To address fake news, Broadcasters, Journalists and the Government have agreed to a definition and changes in the law to discourage it.

More consensus building initiatives like these are required to make media laws better in the country where freedom of speech has been curbed by successive governments. But this bill is a step in the right direction.

We thank Honorable Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for encouraging Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb for facilitating industry stakeholders to agree on these changes.



