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Rangers called Mob vandalises several churches, homes in Jaranwala over blasphemy allegations

Caretaker PM vows strict action against culprits; Dozens arrested; There was a plan to disturb peace by inciting public sentiments, says Mir; PML-N's Shehbaz Sharif, PPP's Bilawal Bhutto condemn incident.

Monitoring Desk

LAHORE: Multiple churches were attacked on Wednesday in Jaranwala tehsil of Faisalabad over blasphemy allegations. Media reports stated that a mob of over 100 people tators as hundreds of stormed a local Christian neighbourhood in Jaranwala and set ablaze at least one church, the Salvation Army Church, one of the oldest in the area. The

United Presbyterian Church, Allied Foundation called. The situation re-Church and Shehroonwala Church situated in Isa Nagri mained tense despite policemen led by the were also reportedly ran-Jaranwala SP being present sacked.

on site. The mob also blocked the area surrounding Cinema Chowk. people, armed with sticks The police attempted and batons, vandalised the to give assurances of action churches besides ransacking and even burning homes in the residential area.

of cipher.

view.

hang the accused them-As panic spread in the

area, traders shut down shops and a strike was

The mob was reportedly incited using loudspeakers of mosques in the area over reports of alleged desecration of religious scriptures by three Christians, suggested videos and messages posted on social media by people of the area. An FIR was lodged

against the blasphemy accused but the mob remained adamant that they would

Case registered

against Imran

on misplacement

of cipher

ISLAMĂABÂD (Online): Case has been registered

mention of misplacement

This matter took the

of cipher during an inter-

against the persons accused of blasphemy under Sec-

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and a number of houses belonging to Christians in Jaranwala tehsil of Faisalabad.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of SaudiArabia, Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

CM, Opposition leader send name of members of parliamentary committees to Speaker BA

Kakar.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo and

leader of Opposition in Balochistan Assembly, Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate have sent the name position leader, the parliaof members of the parlia-mentary committees of the Balochistan National Party government and Opposi- and Pashtoonkhaw MAP tion respectively to the

steam when the US magazine intercept in its August 9 publication claimed that a copy of cipher which included: Maulana Abdul Imrân Khan had men Wahid Siddiqui, Younas Zehri and Nawaz Khan tioned is held by it.

JI announces countrywide protest against

spike in petroleum prices LAHORE (INP): Jamat-e-

Islami (JUI) Emir Sirjul Had

Haq said the caretaker

NA Speaker lauds role of journalists in strengthening democracy

Says free, responsible Media along with Public friendly politics and legislation key to development of country

ISLAMABAD (Online): PRA) in Parliament House Islamabad today.

oly Raja Pervez Ashraf has said that the role of media

He also said that both ournalism and politics are intertwined and it is incumbent upon both stakeholders to cooperate with one another for country's progress. He also said that the real power of Media is Journalists and reporter as these are foot soldiers.

He expressed these views while addressing members of Parliamentary Reporters Association (

SIFC to continue working uninterrupted for fast-track foreign investment: PM

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar thanks Saudi Govt for consistent support to Pakistan's economic stability; Saudi Envoy felicitates

Kakar on assuming office, conveys best wishes

economic stability and development.

He particularly mentioned the large number of Pakistanis working in Saudi Arabia and requested the Saudi side to continue to extend all possible facilitation to them.

Ambassador Nawafreiterated that Saudi Arabia and Pakistan were bound together in a fraternal relationship, which was characterized by mutual trust and understanding, and close cooperation on

against PTI chairman on the matter of misplacement Anti terrorism wing of 1 has registered the case. Speaker National Assem-DIG level officers appointed in Anti terrorism wing are holding inquiry. Imran Khan had made

community to further the cause of democracy is pivotal for socio-economic development of country.

liament.

ISLAMABAD (APP): operation. National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf also said , "PRA role is to Caretaker Prime Minister The Saudi ambassador Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on congratulated the prime bring Parliament and people closer." He also said Wednesday said that the minister on assuming office recently-instituted Special and conveyed the best that maintaining sanctity of Investment Facilitation wishes and greetings on beparliament is a collective Council (SIFC) would conhalf of the Custodian of responsibility and PRA members have utmost imtinue to work as before to Two Holy Mosques, as well as Crown Prince

Arabia. a meeting with Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, who While mentioning called on him, highlighted

about record legislation in Continued on page 2 as potential sectors of co-



portance in this regard. He said that media representatives and journalist community have central role to highlight positive image of Parliamentarians and Par-

energy, infrastructure, agriculture, IT and manpower

The prime minister said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoyed historic and deep-rooted He thanked the Saudi all bilateral and regional government for its consis- issues of common intertent support for Pakistan's est.

Speaker provincial assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali.

Three names each of the two committees have been sent by the Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition for selection of the caretaker Chief Minister.

The members of government's parliamentary committee are included: Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, names Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran and Zamarak Khan Achakzai.

Similarly, the names of the Opposition's commit- over the letters to him in tee sent to the Speaker are this regard.



QUETTA: Chairman Red Crescent Society **Balochistan meeting with Governor Balochistan** Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Those appointing Kakar as caretaker PM are unhappy themselves: Akhtar Mengal was made justification of delay in the general elec-

tions.

Wednesday.

opinions and decisions

openly while leaders of big

political parties keep mum

under the need of necessity.

pens to be the responsibil-

He also said that it hap-

Independent Report QUETTA: The President of Balochistan National Party (BNP) and former Member National Assembly, Sardar Akhtar Mengal has stated that those appointed Anwarul Haq Kakar as caretaker Prime Minister are unpleased over the decision, and the time would come when they would moan over it.

Sardar Akhtar Mengal said that the former Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif had not consulted the coalition leaders on the name of Anwarul Haq Kakar for the slot of caretaker Prime Minister.

He said that the population of Balochistan had been shown as 2 crore 14 lakh, the meeting of Coun-cil of Common Interests (CCI) waited for Chief Minister for six hours. The number of seats of Balochistan were to be increased on the basis of new population census. However, the CCU's meeting

the Speaker urging him to on Wednesday gave a call include their names in the for holding countrywide opposition's committee. protest against the whoop-The BNP leader Malik ing increase in petroleum Naseer Shahwani and prices on Friday. PkMAP's Nasrullah Zairay mentioned that the names government had endorsed of JUI members have been included in the

Meanwhile, objecting

to the names of Opposition

committee sent by the Op-

have also written letters to

the unjust policies of the outgoing coalition govern-Opposition's committee by ment by increasing the Malik Sikandar, which is prices of petrol and diesel. technically not fair. Calling it an injustice to They urged the Speaker the poor people of the

Jamali to include their country, he said the rulers in the were putting pressure on Opposition's committee. them to please the Interna-Meanwhile, both the partional Monetary Fund liamentary leaders also (IMF). He urged the caremet the Speaker and handed taker government to provide relief to the masses. The JI chief also asked

people to join his party's peaceful protest against the petroleum prices. The caretaker govern-

ment on Tuesday increased the price of petrol by Rs17.50 per litre, taking the price to a record high of Rs290.45 per litre. The price of high speed

diesel was also increased by Rs20 per litre. After the increase, high speed diesel will be available at Rs293.40 per litre.

SC wraps up chairman PTI plea for recounting ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has

wrapped up chairman PTI petition seeking court's orders for recounting in the constituency NA-131 Lahore being in-fructuous.

The BNP chief stated so while speaking to a pri-The petition came up vate TV channel on for hearing before a two members bench of SC pre-Sardar Akhtar Mengal sided over by the Chief Jussaid that we express our

tice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial Wednesday. inquiries against several The CJP while adbanks for opening LCs at a dressing Babar Awan coun-US dollar rate higher than sel for PTI chairman remarked during the hearing of the case the appeal plea

ity of caretaker Prime Minseeking recounting has beister to monitor the governcome in-fructuous. ment, and undertakers turn The counsel for chairdemocracy into graveyard. man PTI said yes sir it has

He said that while there become in-fructuous. was no discussion on the He said if I am permitname of Anwarul Haq Kakar ted I may obtain new direcfor caretaker, however, the tives from chairman PTI on name of Abdul Malik Baloch this matter. The CJP replied had come from the National national assembly has been Party. He said that Dr. dissolved. What can be done Abdul Malik Baloch is head on this matter when national of a political party, so he assembly has been diswould contest election. It solved. Therefore, we should was difficult for him (Dr. wait for new election. The Abdul Malik Baloch) to counsel for PTI chairman said become caretaker Prime we are waiting for new elec-Minister, he maintained. tion impatiently.

ISLAMABAD: PRA President, Sadique Sajid presents appreciation shield to Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf for his support to PRA and for welfare of journalist community at Parliament House.

Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar says **Balochistan located in such region** that faces dangers of earthquake, floods and drought every time

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul oped era. Wali Khan Kakar has stated that Balochistan is geowere expressed by the Govgraphically situated in such a region which faces threats of earthquake, flood and drought every time. He noted with concern that the here at the Governor House natural disasters cause heavy human and financial on Wednesday.

losses to the poor segments of the society. It is a collective dilemma that we have not succeeded in overcom- Balochistan create new op-

four cases of mega corrup-

The Agency has started

tion

FIA opens inquiries in cases of mega corruption

ISLAMABAD (INP): The motorway by the con-Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Wednescerned district administration day initiated inquiries in

Likewise, the Agency has also started probe into alleged corruption in the distribution of relief goods dispatched to the flood-affected areas for their distribution among victims of the

what it is in the interbank. calamity. It has emerged that The department has eight banks minted over 65 sought from the concerned billion only in this fashion. departments an audit report Similarly, the FIA has of the relief items handed also started an inquiry into to flood-affected people in alleged embezzlement of different districts of Sindh, Rs32 billion in the purchase including Sanghar and

ing the natural calamities portunities coming out of its even in the present develsaid that there has been key This and similar views role of PRCS Balochistan to combat the natural disas-

ernor while speaking to the Chairman of Pakistan Red The Governor said that unfortunately Pakistan is Crescent Society (PRCS) Balochistan, Takri Shafqat included in 10 countries, Langove, who called on him which can be affected the

natural calamities anytime. He stressed that we The Governor stressed would have to take better that this is requirement of and effective precautionary the time that PRCS measures for tackling any emergent situation in future

Rupee weakens by Rs 3.43 against

US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee on Wednes-day witnessed a Rs 3.43 devaluation against the US dollar in the interbank trading; closing at Rs 294.93 against the previous day's closing of Rs 291.50.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dol-

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lar in the open market stood at Rs 301.5 and Rs 303.5 respectively. The price of the Euro increased by Rs 3.98 to close at Rs 322.36 against the last day's closing of Rs 318.38, according to SBP.

to working with PM Kakar, his team

US looks forward

WASHINGTON (APP): ing with the interim prime The United States, noting minister and his team.

"We, of course, will the appointment of Senacontinue to partner with Pator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar as Pakistan's interim prime kistan on areas of mutual minister, has reaffirmed its interest, including our intersupport in areas of mutual est in Pakistan's economic interest, including the constability, prosperity, and security, and the conduct of duct of free and fair elecfree and fair elections and tions, State Department Deputy Spokesperson the respect for democracy Vedant Patel said on Tuesand the rule of law."

day. Responding to a ques-Kakar was sworn in on Monday as the prime mintion from the corresponister to head a caretaker dent of a private Pakistani government that will overtelevision channel at his see parliamentary elections daily press briefing, the during the courspokesperson said that the challenging pe U.S. looks forward to workduring the country's most challenging period in the



ISLAMABAD: Students are being briefed by the representative of Pak Air force about Aircrafts during "3rd International Property and Construction Industry Expo" in connection with the Independence Day at Pak China Friendship center in Federal Capital.

Reform committee set up for reforms in jails of **Balochistan: IG Prisons** Independent Report

The committee would QUETTA: The Inspector give recommendations to General of Prisons put jails of the province on Balochistan, Shujauddin modern lines. Moreover, a Kasi has informed that replan is also under considerform committee has been ation to make the conset up for bringing reforms demned prisoners educated in the prisons of the provand skilled, the Inspector General of Prisons main-

Speaking to a private tained TV channel on Wednesday, Moreover, plan of testthe Inspector General of ing lab is also under consid-Prisons said that the reform eration for medical examicommittee comprises senation of the prisons in all nior officers of the Prisons prisons of the province, he added.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili presiding over a meeting to review progress of development projects of Gwadar





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Wahab Riaz announces retirement from int'l cricket

LAHORE (INP): Legend Pakistani pacer Wahab Riaz on Wednesday announced his retirement from international cricket saying he wants to continue his journey at the highest level of cricket but in the present scenario it is impossible to get back a place in the national team. He said here that for him the retirement brings an end to his "incredible journey" as he enjoyed playing cricket and earn respect.

Addressing a news con-ference here, Wahab Riaz said. "It's not an emotional decision (retirement) and it is reality that I can't deliver to a high level in the presence of present day pace battery of Pakistan team. I have no regrets on calling it a day as I have always tried to give my best."

He further said in the presence of Shaheen Shah Afridi and other top notch fast bowlers he does not see a place for himself in the team and he has decided to part his way with the game

cricket.

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except the T20 format. The joyed playing cricket from Pakistan and achieved a lot left armed 38-year-old said from the game and in his he will continue his association with the game by career he met success as well as failure. "When I playing T20 leagues around the world. "Stepping off the inter-

national pitch. After an incredible journey, I've decided to retire from international cricket. Big thank you to PCB, my family, coaches, mentors, teammates, fans, and everyone who supported me," he said. Wahab Riaz who made his ODI and T20I debut in 2008 and his first Test appearance came in 2010 said 'Exciting times ahead in the Dhoni world of franchise cricket"

Wahab Riaz played 27 Tests, 91 ODIs, and 36 T20Is for Pakistan and claimed more than 200 wickets in international

During his Test debut against England at The Oval Adelaide. in 2010, Riaz bagged figures of 5 for 63, becoming the ninth Pakistan bowler to claim five wickets on debut. was a T20I match against Wahab Riaz said he has en-New Zealand in Hamilton

started playing cricket long ago it was my dream to represent the country at the highest level of the game and finally achieved it" said Wahab Riaz. His best performance in ODI cricket was against arch-rivals India, when he took 5 for 46 during the World Cup semifinal in Mohali. His scalps included the likes of Virender Sehwag, Virat Kohli, Yuvraj Singh and MS

Riaz also bowled one of the most memorable women cricketers announced by PCB spells in Pakistan cricket history, when he bamboozled Australia's Shane Watson with his pace and

kistan Cricket Board bounce during the 2015 (PCB) for promotion of World Cup clash in women's cricket in Pakistan has awarded 11-The pacer played his month domestic contracts last international game in December 2020, which

to 74 talented women cricketers. Among the 74 players, 59 players belong

> egories, while 14 players have already represented Pakistan women's team at the senior level.

> > This important advancement is set to provide a substantial boost to the confidence of women cricketers, as an actionpacked women's cricket season is all set to resume from September 01. These domestic contracts have been conferred upon individuals who have displayed remarkable performances across various cricketing platforms, including domestic cricket tournaments, emerging tournaments, U19 domestic tournament, and the ICC U19 Women's World Cup

The players have been selected by the national women's selection committee led by former Jaffar, with recommendations from national and academy coaches. The initiative aims not only to acknowledge their hard work and dedication but

the country. The decision eters. derscores the commitment not only recognises their of the Pakistan Cricket extraordinary skills but

LAHORE (INP): The Pa- sport. This step will have a ripple effect on women's cricket, encouraging more players to aspire to play at the highest level.

PCB Management Committee Head Zaka

heartfelt congratulations to the 74 women cricketers who have earned these contracts through their sheer talent and dedication. Today marks a significant and joyous occasion for the Pakistan Cricket Board as we take a historic step towards uplifting women's cricket in our nation. "This initiative isn't just about signing contracts; it's about investing in the dreams and aspirations of

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Foreign Affairs, Dr. Asad Majeed Khan paid a fare-

First-ever domestic contracts for

well call on President Dr. ArifAlvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

these extraordinary athletes Our women cricketers have consistently showcased exceptional skills and dedication on the field and it is high time we provide them with the platform they deserve. "It is our firm belief that em-

powering these athletes will not only elevate the standard of our women's Test cricketer Saleem cricket but also inspire a new generation of girls to take up the sport." Head of Women's

Cricket Tania Mallick said: "We are thrilled to announce the awarding of domestic contracts to 74 of our finest women crick-

The police have yet to This historic moment take action against the mob that caused panic and ter-

ensure their success." In addition to the domestic contracts, the PCB has also resumed facilities for women cricketers to train in eight cricket academies

across the country, seven of which are operational. The operational academies include National Cricket Academy in Lahore, Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre in Karachi, Inzamam-ul-Haq High Performance Centre in Multan, Qayyum Stadium in Peshawar, Abbottabad Cricket Stadium in Abbottabad, Bugti Stadium in Quetta and Women's Sports Stadium

in Bahawalpur. Players who been offered domestic contracts will not be a part of the women's central contracts 2023-24, which will be announced in due course.

The players in the domestic contracts, in addition to receiving monthly retainers, will also receive match fee, daily allowance, and a share in prize money.

> Mob vandalises several churches, homes.... Continued from page 1 independence and free- on Wednesday directed law tions 295B [pertaining to dom," he wrote on X (forthe desecration of the Holy merly Twitter). Quran] and 295C [use of

Following the violence in Faisalabad's Jaranwala derogatory remarks ... in respect of the Holy Prophet] over blasphemy allegations, of the Pakistan Penal Code interim Punjab Information

apprehend culprits behind the vandalisation of churches in Jaranwala, Faisalabad over blasphemy allegations. "I am gutted by the vi-Minister Amir Mir said on

enforcement agencies to

Wednesday that "dozens of people who disturbed Jaranwala, Faisalabad. Stern peace" in the area have been action would be taken against those w ho violate

The security opera-

activities, especially in

Majeed pays farewell call on President Alvi ISLAMABAD (APP): Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dr Asad Majeed Khan on Wednesday paid a farewell call on President Dr Arif Alvi here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The president congratulated Dr Asad Majeed Khan on the successful completion of his term as the 31st foreign secretary. He appreciated the services of the outgoing foreign secretary for promoting Pakistan's stance on different matters

President Alvialso lauded the foreign secretary's professional competence and initiatives on the diplomatic fronts.

Foreign Secretary Asad

He also expressed good wishes for Dr Asad Majeed Khan for his post-retirement life.

2 terrorists killed in **IBO in Razmak: ISPR**

RAWALPINDI (INP): Two they "remained actively interrorists were killed by sevolved in terrorist activicurity forces in an intellities against security forces gence-based operation in as well as extortion and tarthe Ramzak area of North get killing of innocent citi-Waziristan district, the zens' military's media wing said Sanitisation of the area

on Wednesday. was being carried out to According to a stateeliminate any other terrorment issued by the Interists found in the area, it Services Public Relations said. "Locals of the area ap-(ISPR), the operation was preciated the operation conducted on the reported and expressed their full support to eliminate the presence of terrorists on menace of terrorism," said

the night of August 14/15. While carrying out the the army's media affairs operation, security forces surrounded the terrorists' location and after an intion comes as Pakistan tense exchange of fire, faces an uptick in terror "two terrorists were sent to hell", the ISPR said.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Weapons and ammuni-Balochistan, after the out-lawed TTP ended its tion were recovered from the slain terrorists, the ceasefire with the governstatement said, adding that ment in November last year.



QUETTA: Former Speaker Balochistan Assembly Syed Matiullah Agha meeting with Governor Balochistan MalikAbdul Wali Khan Kakar

Urdu University is fruit case against of life-long struggle of Maulvi Abdul Haq

KARACHI (APP): Acting Urdu Maulvi Abdul Haq Vice Chancellor of Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), Professor Dr. Muhammad Ziauddin on Wednesday paid a glowing the result of tireless work tribute to Baba-e-Urdu and efforts of Maulvi Maulvi Abdul Haq on his Abdul Haq. We have to 62nd death anniversary and successfully complete the said that FUUAST is the mission of Baba-e-Urdu, fruit of life-long efforts of he said.

dedicated his whole life for the promotion of Urdu language

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a group photo with a

delegation from his native village Kaan Mehtarzai, in Islamabad

He said that the establishment of FUUAST was and comprising Justice san ar

NAB law amendments on Aug 18 ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on

SC to hear

Wednesday fixed the cases pertaining to amendments in the NAB Ordinance for hearing on August 18. The SC bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial

also elevate the standard of women's cricket within to offer these contracts un-

Ashraf said on Wednesday: "I want to extend my to emerging and U19 cat-

Maulvi Abdul Haq

ing visit to the shrine of had paid special attention Maulvi Abdul Haq on the to education and research occasion of the 62nd death work. anniversary of the Baba-e-Urdu, said a spokesperson of FUUAST

said that the language is the by him a tree and take imidentity of any individual portant steps for the proand nation and Baba-e- motion of Urdu.

He was speaking dur- e-Urdu Maulvi Abdul Haq

We will not let go in vain struggle of Maulvi Abdul Haq and we will On the occasion,, he make the sapling planted

Saghar expresses concern over Kashmiri political prisoners' plight

All Parties Hurrivat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) Convener, chapter Mahmood Ahmed Saghar, has expressed serious concern over the plight of ille-gally detained Kashmiris lodged in different jails of Indian illegally occupied

ISLAMABAD (INP): The detainees inhumanly but also intentionally pro-longing their illegal detention by not presenting them in courts on the days of hearing of the false cases registered against them. The APHC-AJK Con-

them by the Indian authori-

ties. He demanded their im-

mediate and unconditional

vener said that there was no legal or moral justification Jammu and Kashmir and India

Mahmood Ahmed Saghar in a statement issued in Islamabad said thousands of Kashmiris including APHC leaders, activists, vouth. Ulema, human rights defenders and journalists have been put in different jails of IIOJK and India for their political beliefs. He said that the jail authorities

Mahmood Ahmed Saghar reiterated the Kashmiris' resolve to continue the struggle for securing their right to self-determination till it reached its were not only treating these logical conclusion

release



Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 4.900.000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 2,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 31 August, 2023 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 31 August, 2023 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM Address: Quetta Phone no: 0819202771 Email: BBISE@bppra.gob.pk

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He recalled that Baba-Mansoor Ali Shah, will take up the case filed by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman for hearing.

The apex court has so far conducted a total of 47 hearings of the case.

Instic Board led by the Manage- also aims to instill confiment Committee Chair- dence and determination person Zaka Ashraf to among our women athfoster the growth of letes. As we approach a

women's cricket, provide busy women's cricket seaa viable career path, and son, we are committed to motivate more women to providing the necessary participate and excel in the support and resources to



QUETTA: Members of Civil Secretariat Officers Association are holding to keep political leaders in protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, held at Chief Secreprisons for a long period on fake charges leveled against tary office in Quetta.

SAFAFitness Club hosts electrifying

"Clash of Champions **GrapplingSeries**" ISLAMABAD (INP) SAFA Fitness Club organized the exhilarating 'Clash of Champions

ners

Grappling Series" showcasing an extraordinary display of skill, determination, and sportsmanship among

fighters from diverse clubs. Assistant Commissioner Islamabad, Rana Musa Tahir who graced the

occasion as Chief Guest, underscored the significance of sports in fostering

community engagement and excellence. With unwavering passion, he presented hard-earned medals and belts to deserving win-

This type of health promoting activity is of utmost importance, and the event saw an impressive turnout of over 250 male and female players. The 'Clash of Champions Grappling Series" exempliers has always highlighted fied SAFA Fitness Club' positive image of Parliacommitment to promotment. ing discipline, unity, and

Sadique Sajid President fair competition. It left PRA expressed gratitude to an indelible mark on par-Speaker National Assemticipants and spectators bly for extended cooperaalike, reinforcing the tion with Media especially power of sports to inspire with PRA. and uplift. He expressed gratitude

NA Speaker lauds role.... Continued from page 1 on behalf of members PRA for affectively cooperating the best public interest, he especially on the successsaid, " as per FAFEN reful passage of Pemra port I have the honour for Amendment Act for welfare supervising record sittings journalists of

of National Assembly and community.He also said for record legislation during that welfare of PRA memlast fifteen months." He bers has been always pristressed on the need to emority of Speaker National phasize highlighting posi-Assembly. He said , " the tive images by media. cooperation extended by He congratulated Me-Director General Media dia community and said Mr.Zafar Sultan to resolve

that successful passage of issues of PRA on priority PEMRA amendment bill is basis is commendable. indicative of proactive role of present parliament for welfare of journalists and media representatives.

Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf also said "Parliament is the place which represents each one us, maintaining its sanctity is a collective responsibility." He also said that Parliament since one and half years focused on legislating for common people." While talking

about the significance of journalists services, he said that Parliamentary Report-

tives, Journalist community members and senior officers of National Assembly Secretariat attended the

Later on, Speaker National Assembly distributed commemoration shields regarding golden jubilee celebration of constitution of appreciation to President PRA Siddique Sajid, Ex-President PRA, Ex Presi-

dent Behzad Saleemi Mr Quran Baloch And Naib President PRA Ahmed Nawaz for enhancing Parliamentary reporting. The Senior media Representa-

conference. Furthermore,

Sajid also presented com-

memoration shield to

speaker National Assem-

oly on behalf of its mem-

bers for his cooperation and

coordination with PRA

members

PRA President Mr. Sadique

and Rana Aurangzeb, the Assistant Commissioner Tandliwala, has been given the additional charge.

(PPC).

A notification has been issued by Services and General Administration Department Punjab in this connection.

Rangers paramilitary force has been called in to normalise the situation.

In a statement made on incident of the desecration social media, the president of the holy book is under-Bishop of the Church of way at a fast pace, adding Pakistan Azad called for that anyone who tries to take the law into his hands justice

"A church building is being burnt as I type this message. Bibles have been desecrated and Christians have been tortured and harassed having been falsely life. accused of violating the Holy Quran. We cry out for justice and action from law enforcement and those who dispense justice and the safety of all citizens to intervene immediately and assure us that our lives are valuable in our own homeland that has just celebrated

law and target minorities, In a statement, the minsaid Kakar in a post on X. ister said that the violence the microblogging website in Jaranwala was done unformerly known as Twitter. der a "well-thought-out conspiracy"

fully under control now.

The interim premier also said that all law en-There was a plan to forcement agencies have disturb the peace by incitasked to "apprehend culing public sentiments. Afprits and bring them to juster the desecration of the Holy Quran, the angry protice

"Rest assured that the testers reacted strongly,' government of Pakistan Mir said, adding that the stands with our citizenry situation in Faisalabad is on equal basis," he added. Shehbaz, Bilawal con-

The provincial info demn incident minister also said that the investigation into the tragic

Former prime minister Shehbaz Sharif also slammed the incident, saying: "What is happening in Jaranwala is sad and disturbing

There is no place for would be arrested immediviolence in any religion. All ately. The minister also religious places, Books and shared that in today's incipersonages are sacred and dents, no one was injured deserve our highest level of nor was there any loss of respect. I urge the government to take action against Mir went on to say the culprits," the Pakistan that the Punjab chief secre-Muslim League-Nawaz tary and Inspector General (PML-N) president added. of Punjab Police have The former premier reached Jaranwala on the also appealed to the "reliinstructions of caretaker

gious scholars from all Chief Minister Mohsin schools of thought to come forward and condemn the

Caretaker Prime Minreprehensible actions" ister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

(@) TENDER NOTICE Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER KHUZDAR invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2023 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates

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1	Provision of 7500 Tractor hours for flood Damages Restoration work at Tehsil Zehri (Dogan, Gazzan, Norgan, Bulbul, Srapp) District Khuzdar TSE- 232408346853	04 September, 2023 10:00 AM	11:00 AM	30,052,600
2	Provision of 7500 Tractor hours for flood Damages Restoration work at Tehsil Karakh Mula (Karkh, Mula, Fareri, Bhlonk, sunchakoo, bhit, hasoi, kharzan, ch utak, Hatachi) District Khuzdar TSE- 232408346833	04 September, 2023 01:00 PM	02:00 PM	30,052,600
3	r Provision of 7500 Tractor hours for Flood damages Restoration work at Tehsil Khuzdar (Ferozabad, Kherawah, suni, surgaz, kathan, hanjir Mal, zeedi, parpuk Dari, ladh, khazmi, chakootro, baghbana, Tutak, Iondo, bajoi, saasol) Distict Khuzdar TSE-232408346823	05 September, 2023 10:00 AM	11:00 AM	30,052,600
4	Provision of 7500 Tractor Hours for flood damages Restoration work at Tehsil Wadh (Wahir, Danser, Loap, Tuck, Darakha love, Arenji, Ornach, shah Norani, saroona Badari) District Khuzadar TSE-232408346813	05 September, 2023 01:00 PM	02:00 PM	30,052,600
5	Provision of 7500 hours for Flood Damages Restoration work Tehsil Nal (Ghruk, Hazar Gunji, Parko, Teghab, Nal city, Gresha, Koda, Koraks district Khuzdar TSE- 232408346803	06 September, 2023 10:00 AM	11:00 AM	30,052,600

Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-232408346853, TSE- 232408346833, TSE-232408346823, TSE-232408346813, TSE-232408346803) Tender Documents: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee. Address: AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER KHUZDAR Phone no: 3365377771 Email: beeburgbaloch5@gmail.com



in the area besides da aging private property. Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner Jardanwala

Shaukat Masih has been

immediately transferred

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Mirza Afridi says: Amid impacting climate crisis, collective responsibility important to avert impending disasters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Chairman, Senate Mirza Muhammad Afridi Wednesday said climate change had cast its shadow on Pakistan, and it was collective responsibility to transform our attitudes and behaviours to avert the im-

pending disasters. He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the first ever Pakistan Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR 2023) held here at Pak-China Friendship Center.

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and natural disasters.

This is Pakistan's first ever Expo on disaster risk reduction which provides an opportunity to all stakeholders to Collaborate and Innovate for a resilient Pakistan.

The Expo was inaugurated by the deputy chairman as chief guest on the occasion.

The event will continue till 18th August and provide an opportunity for collaboration amongst National, International, Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations to pave way for a disaster resilient Pakistan.

The Expo convened a gathering of experts, officials, and stakeholders converged at the heart of

Pakistan's capital city for ment to aiding calamity vic-the "Disaster Risk Reduc- tims. tion" Expo, organised by the National Disaster Manthese NGOs provide a beacon of hope and support to Authority agement (NDMA) in collaboration those affected by various with the National Disaster catastrophes," he stated. Risk Management Fund (NDRMF). recognized the indomitable

In his keynote address spirit of the NDMA team, praising their unwavering at the opening ceremony of the expo, Mirza Afridi dedication even in the face lauded the collective efforts of adversity. to engage universities in di-saster risk reduction mea-He reiterated the im-

portance of collective support, asserting, "Every sec-tor of society must rally He underscored the pressing need for concrete behind the NDMA to forand advanced technological tify our nation against the measures to combat the impact of disasters.'

'The tireless efforts of

The deputy chairman

ever-growing challenges Offering the expertise and guidance of the parliaposed by climate change mentary body, Mirza Afridi affirmed, "The Senate is

"Our response to the calamities that have shaken ready to provide the necesthe world in recent years sary guidance and collabodemands innovative soluration that the NDMA retions," he emphasized. quires

The youth possess He applauded the acinvaluable ideas that can complishments of Chairman NDMA and his team, guide our path towards dihighlighting their commit-ment to safeguarding lives saster resilience, and it is imperative that we adapt and integrate their insights.' and communities. The deputy chairman

Acknowledging the essential role played by non-governmental organidrew attention to the cascading effects of disasters zations (NGOs) in Pakion infrastructure, citing the stan, the deputy chairman breakdown of roads. expressed his gratitude for their unyielding commitbridges, and communication channels.

the research report 'Be-

yond the Red Line: Con-

temporary Trends in

Conflict Discourse in Pa-

kistan' by Communica-

many red lines: Sherry I S L A M A B A D Discourse Mapping', a (APP):Former Federal project by CRS, with supthis meticulous investigaport from the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). Planning Commission of Pakistan, Amber Shamsi, Director - Center for Excel-

report, Senator Rehman lence in Journalism IBA and Fasi Zaka, a senior develsaid that hateful narratives had gone beyond extremist opment expert. In his welcome note and violent groups, and are

> political forces as well through currency of anger and hate as can be seen in

Commenting on the



ISLAMABAD: Former Provincial Minister Mir Sarfraz Chakar Domki and Agha Shakeel Durrani called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Violent extremism struggle

for power transgressing

Zong 4G & HANDS collaborate to empower youth thru digital edu.

ISLAMABAD (APP): digital divide, empowering Zong 4G, a pioneering force in Pakistan's telecommunications landscape, has forged a strategic partnership with the Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) to empower the youth through digital education.

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young minds with indis-pensable knowledge imperative for excelling in the digital world. HANDS, an eminent

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non-profit organization dedicated to fostering positive transformation across various domains, including An advanced digital livelihood, health, educalab at the FAS Noor tion, infrastructure, and di-Muhammad School in saster management, will synergize with Zong 4G to Karachi, outfitted with cut-

advance its mission. ting-edge computer systems and technology, will be Both entities are resoestablished under the collutely committed to conlaboration which is aimed at tributing to the Sustainable enhancing students' techni-Development Goals (SDGs) through the integra-tion of technology-driven cal prowess and access to the digital world, said a solutions into their initia-The partnership's core tives. "Zong 4G is resolute objective is to empower the in leveraging technology for youth by harnessing digital constructive societal im-

technology to create new avenues for learning, thus pact. Our collaboration with HANDS seamlessly aligns with our vision as we equipping the next generation with invaluable skills endeavor to empower Pakistan's youth through that can be used in their caeducation and digital lit-

Designed to cater to 91 eracy. We firmly believe that this digital lab will play a students, with more than 50 pivotal role in shaping the per cent of the strength being girls, the facility is desdestinies of these young tined to emerge as the epi-center of digital learning for learners," said the ZOng 4G spokesperson in a news statement. Dr. Sheikh Tanveer Ahmed, CEO of By granting unrestricted access to myriad HANDS said, "Our collabocomputational resources ration with Zong 4G marks and cutting-edge educaa significant stride in our ongoing endeavors to uplift tional tools, Zong 4G and HANDS are bridging the marginalized communities.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate, Mirza Muhammad Afridi addressing the first ever National Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction-Pedrr 2023 organized by National Disaster Management Au-thority (NDMA) in Islamabad.

PMDC's council to discuss foreign graduates' concerns

ISLAMABAD (APP): The result was re-President, Pakistan Medi- ceived from NUMS and cal and Dentil Council was uploaded on the PMDC website

The NRE exam was

He added that the

conducted in four cities of

the country including Lahore, Rawalpindi,

Karachi and Peshawar to

PMDC academic board has

been formed to look after

all the examination matters

NRE, NEB and

He said that the pur-

This examination is to

facilitate the graduates.

day, he added.

ISLAMABAD: German Ambassador to Pakistan Alfred Grannas calls on Federal Secretary Health Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Pak-German health collaboration discussed.

Pak-German health collaboration discussed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health Iftikhar Ali

Federal Secretary German Ambassador to Pa- Health expressed his gratikistan Alfred Grannas tude to the German Ambascalled on Federal Secretary sador. He said PIMS was the largest hospital in the

Hilal-e-Imtiaz ISLAMABAD (APP) The government has conferred Hilal-e-Imtiaz upon Chairman Higher Education mmission (HEC),

Dr. Mukhtar

honoured with

tions Research Strategies Aniq Zafar, CEO – CRS, instead being shaped by (CRS) here, a news release while thanking the chief guest commented, "We har-The report was prebor the sincere hope that pared under the 'Conflict the insights gleaned from online trolling.

Ashrafi condemns Quran's desecration, attacks on Christian worship places ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Chairman Hafiz Muhammad

Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Wednesday unequivocally denounced the desecration of the Holy Quran, and the attacks on Christian worship places and residences in Jaranwala. Condemning the recent acts of violence and disregard of religious sentiments, he

announced the formation of a joint delegation of prominent figures from the PUC and International Interfaith Harmony Council (IIHC) to redress and pacify the situation in Jaranwala

Ashrafi, who is also IIHC President, said the incident of the Holy Book's desecra-tion, which was highly regrettable and condemnable, had evoked a strong reaction, eventually causing heightened tensions in the area.

He underlined the principles of Islam that laid full emphasis on social peace, cohesion and security. The Muslim majority and the State owed absolute responsibility to safeguard the rights and safety of non-Muslims.

In a passionate call for unity and mutual cooperation, Ashrafi urged local religious leaders and authorities to have an effective collaboration and liaison to usher in

positive changes in the society. Ashrafi called for establishing a high-level committee to investigate the incident and ensure a comprehensive and impartial inquiry in that regard.

Heurged the government to ascertain the losses of the Christian community and take a decisive action against the culprits. Similarly, those involved in the Holy Book's desecration must be brought to the book, he added.

tion will serve as the bed-Minister and Senior PPP rock for evidence-informed leader Senator Sherry policymaking, effective in-Rehman on Wednesday Experts from various secterventions, and strategies said that violent extremism tors attended the event. designed to counteract viowas a struggle for power, Senator Sherry Rehman lence and extremism. In this and that many red lines had was the chief guest, while endeavor, we stand united, been crossed by the prolifthe panelists included Dr knowing that the path foreration of hateful narratives. Adnan Rafiq, Member ward requires collective determination and shared vi-Senator Rehman stated this at the launch of

Shallwani on Wednesday. The two side dis-

cussed in detail mutual collaboration between Pakistan and Germany in the health sector. The meeting reviewed the installation process of MRI machine at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital Islamabad.

It was assured by PIMS and German supplier Siemens that MRI machine in PIMS will start functioning from 6th September

On this occasion representative of German Siemens company Zahid Ali was also present.

federal capital which caters Mukhtar Ahmed for his to 12 to 15 thousands paoutstanding services in the tients every day. field of higher education. He said that patients Every year, the gov

vere facing problems as the ernment confers civil MRI machine was out of awards to people from diforder for some time. ferent walks of life for their The secretary said exemplary contributions to that he took notice of the

their respective fields. situation and asked for in-Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, stallation of machine within who has been associated August to mitigate sufferwith the higher education ing of the patients. sector for the last three de-The Ministry of Nacades, has played a key role

tional Health Services, to formulate and implement Regulations and Coordinareforms in the higher edution remains committed to cation, be it increase in the taking practical steps for access to university educafacilitation of patients and tion, strengthening quality provision of healthcare to assurance systems, develthe masses, he said. opment of infrastructure, and promoting national and

tions.

Islamabad Police chalk out elaborate security for Bari Imam Urs

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police have embarked on a comprehensive security initiative for the Bari Imam Urs and decided to deploy security personnel for safety of devotees.

Under the specialized guidance of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the police force has laid down meticulous security arrangements to facilitate an atmosphere of serenity and devotion during the revered event.

Islamabad Capital Police have implemented a robust security plan across the area where the Bari Imam Urs will be observed. As part of these efforts, SP High Security Zone. Muhammad Iqbal, undertook an on-site assessment of various security blockades. During his inspection.

he engaged in dialogue with security officials stationed at diverse points to ensure a seamless execution of the

security protocols. SP Iqbal underscored the pivotal roles played by security personnel in upholding a secure atmosphere for all participants of the Urs. He further directed officials to maintain an eagle-eyed vigilance over Cıtv any suspicious activities, emphasizing the importance of identifying potential criminal elements. Amidst his interac-

hicle documentation. tions, SP Iqbal emphasized The citizens have been the necessity for security officers and officials to carry out their responsibilities with utmost diligence. Additionally, he highlighted the significance of a warm and hospitable approach towards Urs attendees, fostering an environment of unity and inclusiveness.

against nonregistered vehicles ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Capital Police have intensified efforts to

international collabora-

Police to take

firm action

clamp down on non-registered and smuggled vehicles operating within the city. In line with the directives of Islamabad Capital Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, this campaign has been intensified to ensure road safety and proper ve-

strongly urged to adhere to travel regulations by possessing valid car papers and prominently displaying number plates sanctioned by the Excise and Taxation Department. Chief Traffic Of ficer of Islamabad reiterated that strict compliance with this mandate is paramount



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters jumping and bathing in water channel of Rawal Dam in Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: A large number of students are struggling to board in Blue Line Bus Service as due to the extremely high prices of fairs, it is now impossible for the students and Common people to use any other medium of transport across the country.

It was said in the case

ICC celebrates

Independence

anniversary

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Citizens

Committee (ICC) here on

Wednesday celebrated the

76th anniversary of the

country's independence,

recalling the objectives of

the Pakistan Movement

which led to the creation of

a separate homeland for

Muslims of the Indian sub-

nent, a news release said.

The event, presided over by ICC President Syed

M. Siddiq Hasan, was at-

The national anthem

The gathering of the

The resolution said

Mistress violence on another maid in Islamabad, case filled

ISLAMABAD (Online): employee's mother. Another girl employee became a victim of the that maid had injuries on her pharaohism of her mistress n federal capital of Islamabad, A case has been registered against mistress. According to details, a

case of violence against a housemaid came to light in Sector G-15 of Islamabad and after which a case was registered against the mistress. The case was registered in Tarnol Police Station on complaint of few days and after.

face and head and the mistress had burnt her with hot spoon. When she went to meet her daughter she was locked in room and a video was recorded. Woman alleged that mistress recorded

continent. It highlighted the ob-jectives of the indepenher statement of will. It should be noted that a case of violence against the wife dence movement and paid of Civil Judge wife Somia tributes to those who sacrificed their lives in getting Bibi was registered in the past a separate identity for Muslims of the sub-conti-

CDA pursues upgradation of urban amenities, infrastructure

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Capital Development Authority (CDA) is taking concrete steps for ensuring the provision of urban facilities to the city dwellers and maintenance of infrastructure including the installation of street lights, road carpeting and resolvadded ing water-related issues,

neglected in the past. Special aftention is being given to the completion of the remaining development works in the sectors I, G, H and D series, tor D-12. provision of civic facilities, and facilitating the home builders in these sectors in pursuance of the directives of Chairman CDA Noor ul Amin Mengal," an official court.

tended by the members of the Executive Committee and distinguished guests from various walks of life. told APP. "The work of instal was played followed by a lation of streetlights in the main roads and within the cake-cut ceremony to mark the event in a befitting mansectors to ensure proper lighting management in Secner tor I-11, I-10, I-14 and Sector I-16, D-12 and other

notables passed a unanimous resolution on the ocsectors is in full swing," he casion, pledging to work for To a question, the ofthe betterment of the mothficial said, "After a few erland

months of delay due to legal complications, the au-'We were fortunate enough to get an identity of our thority has started work to install street lights in Secown 76 years ago as the Is-

lamic Republic of Pakistan. He said that the work This independence was on this project was initially achieved after countless sacrifices of our ancestors halted when a contractor. and as a result of which we who failed to secure the can live freely in our own contract, filed a case in homeland.

PMDC), Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj on Wednesday said that concerns of protesting foreign medical graduates will be placed before the coun-

cil for making a decision. Talking to the delegation of foreign medical graduates to listen to their concerns, he apprised them that it was the decision of the academic board to set passing marks at 70pc.

He said that the NRE MDCAT. exam was conducted by National University of Medipose of conducting NRE cal Sciences (NUMS) exam is to ensure the selectransparently under the sution of qualified doctors for pervision of PMDC. patients in Pakistan.

earliest.

He added that the demand of the students would keep patient safety in mind as precious lives of people be considered but it could not be implemented on an cannot be put in the hands exam which had already of unqualified doctors or been held. graduates. He assured them that

He said that the the matter will be placed be-PMDC is a responsible orfore the PMDC Council for ganization that believes in further deliberation at the adherence to rules and regulations.



ISLAMABAD: A view of the newly made cabins by CDA at Fruit and Vegetables Market as the vendors are unhappy due to its quality and the size of cabins as the Anti encroachments cell demolished their cottages to install such new one, on monthly rental basis in Federal Capital.

PNCA to identify new talents for promoting culture: DG PNCA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dithat aims to promote artisrector General Pakistan Natic activity and focuses on tional Council of the Arts (PNCA) Muhammad Avub Jamali has said that new talents would be identified and developed by organizing more cultural events and festivals.

Talking to APP, the newly-appointed Director General, PNCA said that it was the art that had the capacity to do away with barriers and bring people together while celebrating their diverse cultural background

"PNCA is a national were accessible to everylevel cultural department one.

all forms of art, like visual and performing arts", he added. He said that PNCA would focus on the promotion of art and culture of all four provinces with the aim to promote the true image of the country.

He said that PNCA management was determined to highlight the country national culture and heritage, adding that the council aimed to build an environment conducive to the flourishing of arts which



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to be delayed under any

pretext. True, there is al-

ready some debate that

elections cannot be held

before February next year

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On a tightrope

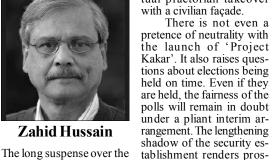
With the country now in election mode, all eyes will be on the Election Commission of Pakistan, which must ensure that the upcoming polls are held fairly and on time.

The watchdog will be walking a tightrope due to the lastminute notification of fresh census results by the former PDM government, which has necessitated the fresh delimitation of constituencies.

The prevalent belief is that believe. The way the name the ECP will not be able to com- Balochistan popped up plete the delimitation while from nowhere leaves nothmeeting the election time frame Given Kakar's political afstipulated in the Constitution. At the same time, recent developments have restricted the of a protégé to the helm sigspace for any legal manoeuvring.

It may be recalled that a three-member bench of the apex court had, earlier this month, issued a detailed judge ment castigating the ECP's decision to postpone elections for the Punjab and KP assemblies as 'unconstitutional'. The judgement in question had severely rebuked the ECP for "failing to appreciate its constitutional authority" over its failure to hold elections on time.

A week later, the court also struck down a law that would have allowed the ECP to seek largely on the ability of our a review of that judgement. Inew innovations that lead Yesterday, the court weighed to the manufacture and exin on the delimitation of constituencies as a two-member bench heard a 2018 petition on the same matter. Observing that the ECP must conduct have dug ourselves into gets the exercise in a transparent deeper and deeper. manner, the chief justice, who The whole of the eduwas part of the bench, described the issue as "a matter completely revamped if we are to become internationof public interest", which has ally competitive. This can be done relatively easily been brought to the Supreme now by integration of Mas-Court multiple times. (MOOCs) at school, college With the legal noose tightening around the ECP's neck, it must also contend with the complications of the task before it. According to an analysis published in these pages, the delimitation exercise will likely end up affecting dozens of districts at the provincial level. As there is no National Assembly to simply increase the number of seats in the provin- for the past few months cial assemblies to reflect changes in the population, the trators. One may argue ECP may have to redistribute existing seats between different districts within provinces. It may also have to create new the city is dizzying. Just constituencies such that parts Development Authority of one district may share a con- (CDA) announced an stituency with parts of another. Either of these could trigger a political uproar and lead to multiple new legal challenges, which would imperil the timely completion of the entire exercise. Amidst all this, the ECP must also undertake the deli- Islamabad based on which cate task of drawing up new constituencies. Gerrymandering, which is the manipulation of constituency boundaries to alter their political makeup and thereby through the Margalla Hills 'control' election results, will to connect Islamabad with haripur at a cost of Rs600 remain a particularly important million. The inauguration concern, especially considering that other forms of pre-election ter Shehbaz Sharif at the engineering are also very much equally conto Margalla Avenue. in play. The ECP must, therefore, take all stakeholders along and is not a new idea. There ensure complete transparency in its work. With the law breath- was the catastrophic tun-nel project 10 years ago which envisioned digging ing down its neck, it cannot let a passageway straight through the hills onto the external factors delay the election exercise.



appointment of the interim prime minister finally ended with the nomination of a dark horse. The choice took even members of the ruling coalition by surprise.

The name of Senator politicians turn to the es-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar for tablishment even for those the top post is said to have challenges they should rebeen proposed by the outsolve politically. going leader of the opposition and agreed to by the tion to Kakar came during

former prime minister. a seminar on Balochistan But the matter is not in Quetta in early 2017. as simple as we are made to He was one of the organisers of the conferof the senator from ence. What drew my attention was the comments he made on my talk at one ing to the imagination. of the sessions. He vehemently disputed my asfiliation and patronage, it is sertion on missing pernot hard to guess whose sons. "Why do you only choice he is. The elevation talk about missing pernals the country's transition from hybrid rule to a vir-

The caretaker project tual praetorian takeover This apparent defence of ruling coalition has not the security agencies may There is not even a not have been without pretence of neutrality with purpose; he was soon apthe launch of 'Project pointed spokesman for the Kakar'. It also raises questhen chief minister. Meantions about elections being while, he had also set up held on time. Even if they an NGO called Voice of are held, the fairness of the Balochistan.

He entered the political limelight following his key role in the formation of the Balochistan Awami Party in 2018. The role of the security establishment in the creation of the king's party is not a secret. The same year, he became a senator. His political ascent in such a short period was guite remarkable. He projected the establishment's point of view on national and international policy issues from public forums and channels. Nonetheless, his

affability and articulation won him many friends among Islamabad's political circles. This may have been an added factor in his nomination. But the entire epi-

sode of selection of interim prime minister manifests the feebleness of our political leadership that absons?" he asked, in front dicated its remit so of the military top brass meekly. The series of legsitting in the front row. islation enacted by the [weknow] because we, the

only empowered the caretaker government whose constitutional responsibility was limited to supervising elections, but also provided sweeping powers to the security agencies strengthening the establishment's stranglehold

In fact, in the last 16 months we have experienced a hybrid-plus rule. The inclusion of the army leadership in a supra body spearheading the country's economic and investment policies has enhanced the military's political role and put the security establishment in the driving seat.

Instead of selecting a non-partisan person to head the interim administration with the consensus of political parties, it seems that the former government has accepted the nominee of a security institution. The former ruling alliance has helped create a situation that will soon come back to haunt it.

Akhtar Mengal in a letter to the PML-N chief cautioned that "Legislation contrary to human rights will probably be used against you in the future,

residents of Balochistan, have not been considered human beings since day one." But his warning went unheeded by the PDM leadership.

because of the delimitation Surprisingly, the PTI of constituencies required also tacitly approved under the new population Kakar's nomination, percensus. That may be a haps assuming that it would isolate the PDM, genuine reason for a delay of a few months. But gowhile not realising that the ing beyond that will have security establishment's huge consequences for the expanding power would country's stability. It is not help ease pressure on the party. Such politics of not only important to hold elections within a expediency and shortstipulated time frame but sightedness are nothing also to ensure a democratic new in our political cultransition through fair ture. Interestingly, with polls. Given the prevailonly a few voices of proing political tension and test from some Baloch popolarisation, the challenges litical leaders, there has not before the Election Commission of Pakistan are been any serious objection enormous. It is also imto the selection of an esperative for the caretakers tablishment nominee for the critical job. The arguto bring down the politiment that Kakar's apcal temperature in the country. The persecution of PTI supporters must be pointment may help ease Baloch alienation hardly holds water given the scepstopped and those arrested without charge reticism expressed by some Baloch leaders. There are leased to create a condumany Baloch leaders with cive atmosphere for the much stronger credentials elections. A country facwho could have been choing existential threats cansen for the job. Now with an interim arrangement in place, the

not afford to go through experiments that lead to the derailment of the main challenge is not to aldemocratic process. low the electoral process Courtesy Dawn

Pakistan's new roadmap

Khan Åcademy, MIT OpenCourseware. Coursera, Udacity and many other sources. About 10 years ago we created an integrated version of MOOCs which are freely available at www.lej4learning.com.pk

and which contain some 73.000 video lectures at school, college, and university levels. These need to

pects of a democratic tran-

sition uncertain. There is

an element of truth to BNP

leader Akhtar Mengal's

criticism, in response to

Kakar's nomination, that

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be integrated into our educational systems so that our act with the world around students can benefit from excellent faculty available from all over the world. Several thousand Khan Academv lectures have been translated into Urdu and are also available at this

The new government must have a visionary scientist or engineer as the minister of planning and development to quickly launch Pakistan on the road to a strong knowledge economy. Unless this new crop resilience against irrigation, fertilization, vision is impregnated into the entire government sys-tem at all levels, and our cally modified organisms

and university levels that that are changing world are freely available from economies, we will remain a poor country deeply sunk in international debt. Here is a glimpse of the new world that we live in and the new economic opportunities that exist.

The rapid pace of technological advancement has led to a plethora of disruptive innovations in various fields. They have revolutionized various industries, reshaping the way we live, work, and interus. For instance, biotechnology has witnessed a groundbreaking innovation in the form of CRISPR-Cas9 gene editgans ing. This revolutionary technique allows scientists to precisely edit DNA, enabling them to

modify, delete, or insert genes with unprecedented accuracy. CRISPR-Cas9 has the potential to treat genetic diseases such as sickle cell anemia, enhance pests and environmental

functional, personalized tissues and organs. By lavering bioinks composed of living cells, scientists can fabricate intricate structures with the potential to replace damaged organs or accelerate wound healing. This innovation offers hope for addressing organ shortages and improving

climate.

Another

Similarly

deep learning is evident in

personalized recommenda-

addressing the challenges Netflix, medical diagnoses nomic development and posed by a growing global through advanced image for national defense. --

\$15 for their employees.

sustainable 'First World'

indictments against the ex-

patient outcomes, paving the way for a new era of healthcare. In 2020, scientists at Tel Aviv University successfully 3D bioprinted a heart using human tissue and vessels, showcasing potential the of bioprinting for creating complex, functional or-

Precision farming, man error and fatigue. empowered by technologies like GPS, sensors, and data analytics, has transformed traditional agriculture into a highly efficient chine learning capabilities. and data-driven practice. Farmers can now monitor and manage their crops with precision, optimizing and pest control based on real-time data. Precision agriculture has resulted in

increased yields, reduced

resource wastage, and pro-

motion of sustainable

farming practices, thereby

population and changing analysis, and predictive analytics for financial rapidly markets.

emerging field is that of The transportation industry has undergone a Collaborative Robots (Cobots). Cobots have paradigm shift with the revolutionized industries rise of electric and autonoby working alongside humous vehicles. Electric vehicles (EVs) are reducing mans, enhancing productivity and safety. Unlike greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil traditional robots that operate in isolation, cobots fuels. while autonomous can be programmed to perform intricate tasks vehicles have the potential to enhance road safety while interacting with their and redefine mobility. human counterparts. In These innovations are remanufacturing, cobots have streamlined assemshaping urban planning, public transportation, and bly lines, while in healthcare, they assist in logistics, with implications for energy consurgery and patient care, thereby minimizing husumption, air quality, and urban design.

The disruptive inno-Deep vations discussed above Learning, a subset of artiunderscore the transformaficial intelligence, has ushtive power of human ingenuity and technological ered in a new era of maadvancement. This can Through neural networks only happen in Pakistan with multiple layers, deep if we have a government learning models have in which all ministers and achieved remarkable feats, secretaries are top experts such as image and speech with PhD degrees from recognition, natural lan- leading universities in relguage processing, and au-tonomous vehicles. The minister of planning is a

understands the impor-

tance of a knowledge

nomic development and

ourtesy TheNew



Pakistan's current economic

collapse is largely due to our leaders not recognizing that socio-economic development no longer depends on natural resources but human resources to create

port of high technology website. value-added products. That is the reason why Pakistan has drowned itself in debt, and we must borrow more money at even higher interest rates to pay off old debts. So, the hole that we

cation sector needs to be sive Open Online Courses

development focus changes tailored to specific needs. from the conventional de-Regenerative medivelopment approach and cine has seen remarkable becomes tailored to the de- advancements through 3D mands posed by the new bioprinting, a technique that enables the creation of

Alexander Road



Danyal Adam Khan Every day in Islamabad along with residential arhas been a battle between the city and its adminisof the range.

that the two have never gotten along, but the breakneck speed at which the new administration is inflicting its efficiency on open auction for 20 onekanal plots to build a food street inside Shakarparian National Park on the "pattern of JBR Dubai".

Now the latest victim of this developmental rampage is none other than the Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) that serene backdrop of we lay a vague claim to being the second most beautiful capital in the world — and the weapon of choice is called Alexander Road. For context, this is a 7.5-kilometre road to be constructed

was done by none other than former prime minisby the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change. In the words of opening ceremony of the the chairperson of Islamabad Wildlife Mancontentious agement Board, the

Building a road through this national park project is aimed at "benother side, and was brought to a stop with a Supreme Court suo motu.

This is also not the first societies have already time 'development' has been advertised at the been thrust upon these Haripur end. protected zones. There's

the Navy Sailing Club on Rawal Dam, as well as the Margalla Greens Golf Club in E-8 — both de-clared illegal by the Islamabad High Court. There are also, of course, the glittering encroachments of Monal and accompanying restaurants,

eas spilling into every part proper road does not require an EIA. To reiterate: Making matters conthe CDA does not believe siderably worse is the fact it requires an environmenthat a formal boundary detal impact assessment to marcation of the MHNP build a metalled road is still pending — despite the Islamabad High Court through a na--tional park. With im--plementing state ordering the CDA to do so ins-titutions going rogue in last year. This boundary, this manner, legislation which somehow simultalike the Islam-abad Nature neously exists on all maps Con-ser-vation and Wildand yet seems obfuscated, life Management Act, and has opened up several the National Adaptation questions about whether Plan will be rendered useland allocated in the less

Margalla foothills for golf This is not the kind courses and cricket of frivolity we can afford grounds belongs to with our climate realities. MHNP or not. Similar We can lull ourselves into confusion abounds in complacency by repeating terms of jurisdiction, for statistics about Pakistan' example, when the CDA low carbon emissions. chairman took to Twitter While these might be acand contemplated the curate for the country as a construction of a road whole, it is also true that from Bari Imam to Pir our cities are among the Sohawa, and the climate most polluted in the change minister had to world. Even if we launch step in and inform him that frantic tree-planting cambuilding roads through napaigns in all our cities, it tional parks was not will not be enough to within the CDA's domain. counter the damage done The construction of by our crippling automo-Alexander Road, in the bile dependence. This is meantime, has been halted

not to say that it should not be done, just that plantation drives must go hand in hand with reduced concretisation and cars to have any real impact. But where are we heading when our administrators decide to do nei-

efiting real estate" and not local communities — and ther? As invasive as its herein lies the heart of the namesake, Alexander matter: the CDA's com-Road represents the worst mitment towards real esof both worlds: the destate development and land ecration of a national park value appreciation. With in exchange for more asthe construction of phalt and concrete, more Alexander Road still up in plots and profits. -- Courthe air, lucrative housing tesy Dawn

That notwithstanding, perhaps the most audacious aspect of this new scheme is that it was launched without so much as an environmental impact assessment. A CDA official has been quoted as saying that since a basic thoroughfare already exists here for local use, merely upgrading it into a The Day the Earth Caught

Fire illuminated the catastrophic consequences of anthropogenic climate change. Fossil fuels were not part of the script; some oil company executives already knew about the possible fallout, but it wasn't public knowledge. The filmmakers focused instead on a crucial contemporary concern. The US and the USSR simultaneously conduct atmospheric nuclear

tests that shift Earth's axis by 11 degrees. As a result, the planet hurtles towards the sun and terrestrial temperatures head beyond 60 degrees Celsius amid cyclones, hurricanes, typhoons and torrential rainfall

I haven't watched the film and am relying here on a feature published by the BBC this week, which says the scriptwriters were aware that the science behind their conceit was dubious — unlike the scientific theories that help to explain the flames consuming terrain from Rhodes in Greece to Maui in Hawaii. The threat of nuclear

warfare has lately resurfaced in the context of the tussle over Ukraine ignited by Vladimir Putin and fuelled by Nato. Its consequences have been devastating for large numbers of Ukrainians — and to a lesser extent for Russians. Aside from the geopolitics of the conflict, the most obvious global repercussions revolve around the energy sector. Europe's newfound president.

Scorched earth distaste for Russian gas has led to China and India becoming the biggest beneficiaries of cut-price fossil fuels from the north. For the most part, though, the West hasn't doubled down on renewables as an energy source, but, instead, afforded its biggest polluters the opportunity to step up their operations.

transformative impact of visionary technocrat who

tions from platforms like economy for socio-eco-

China and India are often cited as leading culprits in intensifying coalpowered energy. Their excuse is that the nations that were able to industrialise based on relatively easy access to coal, oil and gas are ethically in no position to lecture the stragglers.

That's a valid debating point, but its value is In Australia, for indiminished by global existance, it's not uncommon gencies — including the recent floods in Beijing and to come across the idiotic argument that digging for the current rains in Himachal Pradesh. To their more gas is tantamount to aiding the struggle for democredit, both China and Incratic self-determination in dia have also been making Ukraine. Never mind that adva-n-ces in green energy. the International Energy But their continued reli-Agency warned against furance on coal suggests it's ther fossil fuel exploration not enough. The leading reyears ago. The warning just sponsibility for fossil fuel last month from UN Secreproliferation lies with the tary General Antonió primary predators — both nation states and Western Guterres that "the era of global boiling has arrived" energy firms - but everygoes unheeded — much like one needs to chip in.

July was the hottest most things the UN says. month on Earth not only Greenwashing aside, the multinational oil and gas in recorded history but in firms will not change their scientific extrapolations business model until it reaching back thousands of ceases to be profitable. years. And it is almost Right now, profits are spikguaranteed that there will ing, and their biggest conbe worse to follow. Tragicern is the possibility of cally, the reality of apocaextra taxes rather than the lypse now is rejected not state of the world. That's just by the fossil fuel profiteers but also by plenty of how capitalism works. That's why a million dolpeople fooled into dismisslars a week is considered ing the science behind clilow-grade pay for CEOs mate change as part of who fight tooth and nail some kind of a 'woke' against a minimum wage of agenda or Marxist plot, notwithstanding the evi-It could be argued with dence unfolding before our some justification that coneyes.

cerns about energy and the The feature film mentioned at the outset also reimperative to maintain unflects the efforts of politilifestyles are the driving cal leaders to brush off the impending doomsday. In force behind recent decisions by the British, Austhe end, they opt for a setralian and US governries of joint nuclear exploments to speed up or fasions in western Siberia in cilitate further fossil fuel an attempt to swing the misadventures. And rightplanet back into its origiwing think tanks in nal axis. Audiences never America are already drawlearn the outcome. They ing up agendas to thwart just get to see two newsclimate action in the event paper front pages prepared of a second Trump presiby the film's protagonists. dency, which is possible One headline says 'World notwithstanding the four Saved', the other proclaims World Doomed'. -- Courtesy Dawn

Mahir Ali More than 60 years ago, a British sci-fi movie called

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Samina Alvi for creating awareness to ensure special person's rights

move around easily.

she added.

MUZAFFARABAD with disabilities, who ac- ers in their access to health, (APP): First Lady Begum Samina Alvion Wednesday urged the relevant officials authorities, media, civil society, health institutions and welfare organizations to organize awareness campaigns to ensure basic rights of the persons with disabilities.

She also called upon the government institutions to increase facilities to address the social and health issues being faced by the special persons, besides improving the primary healthcare system.

"I also appeal to people from all walks of life to work collectively for safeguarding the rights of differently-abled persons and their welfare, and ensuring a healthier, comprehensive and equality-based society," the first lady said in a message.

She said the persons

counted for around 10 to education and employment 12% of the country's popuopportunities.

lation, were facing difficulties to live a normal life and them financially empowered by providing skilled-based education and health However, now people

were more aware about facilities," she added. their problems and that was Samina Alvi said an because of the campaign ignored segment of society conducted through semiwere the people suffering nars, conferences, walks from psychological issues, and ceremonies, and meswho hesitated to talk sages sent to millions of about their problems or go mobile phone consumers, to a psychiatrist for treatment because of 'social Similarly, she said, the stigma'

welfare organizations and Around 24% of the hospitals had also extended country's population was facilities to them. suffering from various psy-She appreciated the

chological issues, she added. role of electronic media, The first lady also newspapers, social media, asked the women to spare NGOs and civil society that five minutes every month supported their efforts in for self-examination for creating public awareness early detection of breast about the health issues. cancer. A number of women died in Pakistan every year

She regretted that the persons with disabilities due to breast cancer, she were facing multiple barri- added.



First Lady Begum Samina Alvi addressing an interactive dialogue on breast cancer, disabilities, and mental health issues, in Muzaffarabad.

Naqvi conducts marathon visit to metro bus, orange line metro train & DC office registry branch

Independent Report Janazgah Station. Air con-Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi conducted a 3.5 hours marathon visit to the Metro Bus and Orange Line Metro Train today. Mohsin Naqvi travelled in the Metro Bus and Orange Line Metro Train and inquired from the passengers about travelling facilities. Mohsin Naqvi boarded the Metro Bus from the Kutchery Station. CM bought his and of his staff members male and female students

Metro Bus and Orange Line Train. CM Mohsin Naqv AHORE: Caretaker Chief ditioners of the Metro Bus were out of order and the directed Secretary Transport to put up a summary in this regard. CM Mohsin passengers were in pathetic condition due to severe hot and humid weather. The Naqvi inspected the arrangepassengers complained that ments and facilities at the the air conditioners of Metro Bus and Orange Line Metro Buses are out of or-Metro Train stations. CM der for the last six months. Mohsin Naqvi inquired CM Mohsin Naqvi from the passengers about directed to ensure early functional of air conditioners of the Metro Buses. Mohsin Naqvi stated that

travelling facilities in the bus and assured them resolution of their problems at the earliest. Mohsin Naqvi visited Anarkali Station of Orange token and travelled up to will travel free on the Line Metro Train. **SM Tanveer visits**

LHC moved seeking ban on Tek tok

LAHORE (Online): A constitutional petition has been filed in Lahore High Court (LHC) seeking imposition of ban on social media app Tek Tok.

The petitioner has taken the plea it is incumbent on every citizen to be loyal to the citizen under article 5 of the constitution Immoral material is being uploaded on tek tok

persistently. Tek tok removed from its site 11700000 videos uploaded by Pakistanis in the first quarterly of the current year for violating

community guidelines. Government claims i

has no hand in the removal of these videos and tektol had already donated 88 has worked out community kanal land for the establishguidelines as per Pakistan ment of the university and laws. Videos are removed on the request of the Govon the violation of these ernor guidelines. Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam

KP Govt bars employees from using social media

PESHAWAR (APP): The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has barred all government servants from using social media to discuss or share information on issues relating to government business. A notification issued

forms regarding matters

about political issues, sec-

tarianism and anti-state ac-

tivities.

government servants from expressing their views against the ideology and security of the country and from taking part in any public demonstration directed against a government decision or policy.

Referring to the Rule here by the provincial Es-25 of the said rules, the notablishment department, tification said that a governhowever, said that if rement servant shall not apquired the concerned offipear in any programme of cial would take prior apelectronic media and give proval of the administrative statements to print media secretary, head of the atwhich could embarrass the tached department or comfederal and provincial govmission as the case may be. ernments by any means.

It said that the deci-It further said that unsion has been taken under der rule 21 of the govern-Rule-34(A) of the KP govment servants' rules, no ernment servant (conduct) public servant is authorized to communicate directly or rules, 1987, adding that the competent authority has indirectly any official infortaken cognizance of the mation or the contents of various instances wherein any official document to the government and civil any unauthorized person servants were found paror government servant, or ticipating in discussions on the press. different social media plat-

The notification addressed to Additional Chief Secretary KP, Senior Members of the Board of Revenue, all administrative secretaries, all divisional com-

It said that rules 23, 24, 25, 28 and 29 of the KP missioners, all deputy comgovernment servants (conmissioners and heads of the duct) rules, 1987 bar the attached departments.



Maulana Nasir Mahmood Soomro presides over a meeting ahead of the General Elections held at Jamia Islamia in Larkana.

Landlords donate more land for Timeragara University

PESHAWAR (APP): Nawabzada Sadruddin and Nawabzada Qutbuddin donated 20 kanal more land for Timergara University. Both landlords have

open the doors of progress and development. On this occasion, the Governor gave commemorative gifts and shields to Nawabzada Sadruddin and Khyber Qutbuddin and the partici-

pants of the delegation. Meanwhile, a highel meeting r

He said that the step

will not only increase the

rate of higher education in

the area rather will also

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman presides over the meeting of Deputy Commissioners via Vide link at Civil Secretariat

Elders urged to cooperate in eradicating drugs, social crimes

DERA ISMAIL KHAN ruined by menace. (APP): The South Waziristan police have urged residents to cooperate against the menace of drugs and other social crimes.

Addressing a jirga, Sta-tion House Officer (SHO) Sarrogha Fahimullah Khan said police were determined to rid Waziristan of drugs and other social crimes, but there was a need that people to extend support and vowed that the entire

a crackdown was being launched against drug dealers and no compromise would be made. Speaking on the occasion, the elders expressed gratitude to DPO Niaz

He said, in this regard,

Muhammad Khan, who has ensured the supremacy of merit by appointing competent police officers. They assured support

Iehmood Jirga would stand by the

Corruption case: Court extends physical remand of

Moonis' secretary

LAHORE (APP): Ån accountability court on Wednesday extended physical remand of Sohail Asghar Awan, the secretary of former federal minister Moonis Elahi, and another

accused for seven days in a corruption case. Earlier, the NAB offi-

cials produced Sohail Asghar Awan and Khalid

in Molecular Biology LAHORE (APP): Provin- Minister said that in order cial Minister for Agriculture, Industry and Commerce SM Tanveer here on Wednesday visited the research institute, Center for Excellence in Molecular Bi-

ology (CEMB) to observe the research process in various departments of the made through promotion of institute's lab. CEMB Director Pro-

fessor Dr. Muazur Rehman gave a detailed briefing about ferred to the farmers, he the center's performance added and future plans. The prorecently 40 research projects worth Rs 900 milvincial minister was told that the center equipped lion had been approved by with modern equipment and the Punjab Agriculture Re-search Board. "Together, knowledge but there was a lack of resources. There we will work to enhance were foreign qualified scientists in the institution research work and Punjab who needed support. government will provide

While addressing the support in this regard," he meeting, the Provincial assured

Center for Excellence to achieve good results, the local scientists had to be

given importance and to carry forward the research work with the collaboration

of private sector. An economic improvement plan had been modern agriculture and the results of agricultural research were being trans-

SM Tanveer said that

to achieve the objective. police against drugs and

The jirga which was held in line with directives of District Police Officer (DPO), South Waziristan, Niaz Muhammad Khan was attended by local elders, village chairmen and councilors

The SHO said the police and the public would let the young generation be on drugs.

SHO Later. Fahimullah visited Sarrogha market under community policing and met the traders in which the market management thanked the SHO for providing excellent security and solving work together to eradicate traffic problems in the this scourge and would not market and cracking down

other crimes.

IGP distributes ownership documents of plots to families of police martyrs

has continued provision of plots to the families of po-lice martyrs before 2017.

In this sequence, families of 32 more martyrs of Sargodha police, Lodhran, Layyah, and Gujrat have been provided with plots.

During a ceremony held at the Central Police Office, here on Wednesday, IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar distributed ownership papers of plots to 15 families of Lodhran, 08 of Sargodha, 07 of Layyah, 02 of Gujarat.

Recently, IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar had provided plot ownership documents to 04 martyrs' fami-

The IG Punjab said that with the support of good people, plots have been ensured for the families of more than 100 martyrs before 2017, while financial assistance is also being provided to the heirs of the martyrs for the con-

LAHORE (APP): IG struction of houses on Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar these plots from the Punjab these plots from the Punjab Police Endowment Fund.

Dr. Usman Anwar has announced to give certificates of appreciation to RPOs, DPOs who ensured the provision of plots to the families of police martyrs

The IG Punjab expressed gratitude to private estate developers for their cooperation in providing plots to the families of mar-

Additional IG Welfare Riaz Nazir Gara, DIG Headquarters Humayun Bashir Tarar, RPO DG Khan Capt (Retd) Sajjad Hasan Khan, RPO Multan Capt (Retd) Sohail Chaudhry, RPO Sargodha Shariq Kamal Siddiqui, DIG Welfare Ghazi Muhammad Salahuddin, AIG Welfare Naveed Ajmal attended the function while other officers including DPOs of Sargodha, Gujarat, Lodhran and Layyah were also present in the function.

Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani on expiry of their physical remand term.

The NAB prosecutor argued that investigations were ongoing from the accused and their further physical remand was required for retrieving crucial documents and other material. He requested the court to extend physical remand of the accused for the purpose.

Punjab police arrest 3 more dangerous POs LAHORE (APP): On the instructions of Inspector

General Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, the crackdown has been accelerated to arrest the fugitive proclaimed offenders abroad, in continuation of which, 03 more dangerous offenders

were arrested from United Arab Emirates and reached Pakistan while the total number of arrests has reached 109. According to details, Punjab Police, in connection with the initiation of murder cases, arrested 03 dan-

gerous proclaimed offender who had fled to the United Arab Emirates, successfully bringing them back to the country. IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar thanked DIG Sikandar for his special support in the arrest and return of dangerous criminals and said that the process of arresting fugitive proclaimed offender abroad was speeded up with the

cooperation and efforts of DIG Sikandar posted in Interpol.



KARACHI: Rangers and Police personnel presents arrested robbers and recover money, to the media at Praidy Police Station in Provincial Capital.



PESHAWAR: People officers funeral prayers of CTD Constable Inamullah who was martyred by terrorists in the limits of Khyber Police Station Bara were performed at Malik Saad Shaheed Police Line.

PPP aims to strengthen Two children drowned after democracy: Farooq

ABBOTTABAD (APP): President PPP Hazara division Malik Faroog after assuming responsibilities at the Abbottabad Press Club on Wednesday said Pakistan Peoples Party's primary mission is to strengthen democracy and uphold the constitution. President People's

Labour Wing Abbottabad district, former MMA Sajida Tabassum, Zulfiqar Qureshi, Saeed Gul, former district president Sardar Abrar Ahmed, PPP Khyber Minister. Pakhtunkhwa General Secretary Sarfraz Khan, PPP

Provincial Vice President Malik Farid Muhammad, Saeed Gul, Muhammad Saeed, Naeed Gul Abbasi of democratic values.

ANF seizes over 908 kg drugs in 38 operations; arrests 45

RAWALPINDI (APP): Grams Weed, 294 Grams Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized 908.901 Diazepam Powder. kg drugs worth US\$

18.576 million internationally, arrested 45 accused including a woman, foreigner and impounded 18 vehicles while conducting 38 counter narcotics operations throughout the country during last week.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, the seized drugs comprised 26.400 Kg Opium, 70.862 Kg Heroin, 775.600 Kg Hashish, 15.730 Kg Methamphetamine (Ice), 15 vehicles

MDMA Powder and 20 Kg He informed that ANF Balochistan recovered 495.5 Kg Drugs in 6 operations while arrested 7 persons involved in drugs smuggling and impounded 5 vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 14.500 Kg Heroin, 472 Kg Hashish and 9 Kg Methamphet-

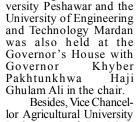
amine (Ice). ANF Punjab recov ered 117.37 Kg Drugs in 11 operations while arrested 15 persons including a foreigner and impounded 5

Ali announced donation of distribution of land bepurpose. tween Agricultural Uni-

Both Nawabzada Sadruddin and Nawabzada Qutbuddin called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali here in on Wednesday.

Besides, Asfandyar Khan, Inayatullah, Dr. Zahoor Jan, Secretary Higher Education Department Anila Durrani and Principal Secretary to Governor Mazhar Arshad, Ishaq Ali Qazi was also present on this occasion

The governor thanked Nawabzada Sadruddin and Outbuddin and others for this unprecedented generosity and termed a huge donation for the youths of remote and backward areas.



Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Jahan Bakht, Dean UET Mardan. Professor Dr. Imran Khan, Secretary of Higher Education Department Anila Durrani, and Principal Secretary to Governor Mazhar Irshad and relevant officials also attended the meeting and discussed all matters related to land distribution in detail



KARACHI: Members of Christian Community are holding protest demonstration against violence on minority community and condemn Faisalabad incident, held at Karachi press club.

Green Initiative by School Education Department South Punjab commences

MULTAN (APP): In a significant stride towards schools, spanning 11 discombating climate change, tricts in South Punjab. Sec-Multan on Wednesday witnessed the inauguration of the Miyawaki Forest Plantation 2023, a pioneering the magnitude of the project, effort orchestrated by the disclosing that 116,000 trees School Education Department South Punjab.

The ceremonial event took place at the distinguished premises of Government High School Jamaul-Aloom in New Multan. Dignitaries present at

the event included Secretary School Education South Punjab Rana Saleem Ahmed, Secretary Forest South Punjab Sarfraz Hussain Magsi, and Additional Secretary School Education South Punjab, Agha Zaheer Shirazi.

The scope of this ini-Ahmad Khan further undertiative is vast, as Miyawaki scored the holistic benefits Forest is designed to be esof this reforestation en-

deavor. Apart from bolstertablished across 258 ing the ecological landscape, the greening of school preretary of Schools Education mises is projected to im-South Punjab, Rana Saleem prove the overall environ-Ahmed Khan, emphasized ment and enhance the beauty of the educational institutions. The event will take root as part of the served as a reminder of the year's Miyawaki Forest successful Phase 1 of Campaign. Encompassing a Miyawaki Forest, wherein sprawling expanse of 14 a remarkable 108,000 sapthousand marlas, this green lings were planted previinitiative is set to transform ously. Secretary School the landscape of 258 schools Education South Punjab in South Punjab. As Secrehighlighted the strategic tary of School Education placement of these South Punjab, he pointed Miyawaki forests on plots out, the conservation of spanning 3 to 5 marla within these newly planted trees will be a collective effort school grounds. As the enthusiasm for tree planting involving teachers, stugains momentum among the dents, and school personstudents, Rana Salim nel, ensuring their flourish-Ahmad Khan assured that ing growth. Rana Salim completion of the Miyawaki Forest Phase 2 is imminent, set to culminate within a span of two days.

falling into also addressed the occasion. Nullah Embracing the legacy KOTLI (APP): Two chilof leaders like Founder Chairman Zulfikar Ali dren died after falling into Nullah in Khoi Rata, Azad Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, the PPP has carved its mis-Jammu and Kashmir, police and TV channels reported. sion to navigate the coun-According to details,

try through myriad challenges and lead it towards a three children were playing near Nullah when suddenly brighter future, adding he said. President Malik they fell into it, as a result, Farooq expressed his belief two of them drowned. Lothat Bilawal Bhutto, a cal divers rushed to the site prominent figure within and rescued one of the child the party, is destined to be after hectic efforts the nation's future Prime

President Malik Farooq emphasized the undeniable history of sacrifices made by the Pakistan Peoples Party in its pursuit





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Senator assures support to ICCI in land acquisition for industrial estate project

on Wednesday assured that help in strengthening the he would support economy. Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) in land acquisition for its industrial estate project. He said that ICCI should target industrial estate on the CPEC route or identify any other suitable place and he would cooperate in land acquisition for this project, said a press release issued here.

Senator said that the business community is the

ISLAMABAD (APP): backbone of an economy senator Ch. Tanveer Khan and its facilitation would

He said this while addressing the business community during his visit to the ICCI, his son Barrister Danial Chaudhry also accompanied by him.

Ch. Tanveer Khan manpower for industries. said that he would try to sion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, arrange a meeting of the ICCI delegation with Sen-ICCI said that chamber has ate Chairman Muhammad Sadig Sanjrani for ICCI repbeen making efforts for a long for the establishment resentation in business-related standing committees of a state-of-the-art indus-

trial zone in the region to of the Senate. He said that the outgoing PM Mian boost industrialization, cre-Shehbaz Sharif has inauguate jobs, attract investment, rated the Rawalpindi Ring increase exports and said Road, which is very vital that Senator Ch. Tanveer Khan should cooperate in to ease the traffic issues of the twin cities. He said that acquiring land for this im-ICCI should play a role in portant project. He said that Pakistan needs long-term skills development of youth to prepare skilled economic policies to revive the economy and said that Senator Ch. Tanveer Khan Speaking on the occashould patronize the efforts

of ICCÎ for convincing all major political parties to sign a charter of the economy to set the country in the direc-tion of sustainable growth.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. ArifAlvi inaugurating the MED-Health Expo and Summit 2023.

he added.

China-South Asia expo



PESHAWAR: Secretary Agriculture KPMr. Muhammad Javed Marwat addressing during Baseline Validation Workshop for Livelihood and Food Se curity Activity organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Overseas Pakistanis ready to invest in Pakistan: Mubasher

AHORE (APP): Dr. dollars of investment could Mubasher Chaudhry, a be brought through overseas well-known American busi-Pakistanis, but for this it's nessman of Pakistani origin necessary to provide them with facilities, security and and leader of the Democratic Party of America, said on justice. He said that politi-Wednesday that the overseas Pakistanis were ready to invest billions of dollars if properly facilitated in Pakistan.

In a meeting with Pakistan Economic Reporters Association here at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Mubasher Chaudhry said that Pakistan-US relations were improving and there was a need to increase trade be-

cal stability was inevitable for economic stability and all institutions should be on the same page to improve the economic condition of the country. Dr. Mubasher Chaudhry said that Pakistan was never left alone by the US, citing that America also played an imod victims.

He said that billions of

that Pakistan, recognizing the importance of science portant role in helping the and technology, has em-barked on the transforma-Later, he also met the LCCI Vice President Adnan Butt and discussed with him the ways and means to improve Pak-US trade relations

Summit Bank's name changed to Bank

Limited

ISLAMABAD (APP) Summit Bank Limited on Tuesday convened its Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM), where the announced funding opporshareholders granted their tunities to transform reconsent on the name of search the Bank to be changed from 'Summit Bank Limor services under the Natuited' to 'Bank Makramah ral Science Linkage Limited' Programme (NSLP).

This name change follows the recent acquisition ing agency striving for sciof a controlling stake in entific development in the Summit Bank by promicountry through funding nent UAE investor, Nasser Research and Development Abdulla Hussain Lootah, (R&D) projects in different according to a press statement received here.

serves as bridge for uniting China-Pakistan: Haque vibrant youth, constituting close friends and All-60% of our populace, and Weather Strategic Partners. tapping into their innova-In recent years two countive prowess, China Eco-

tries have placed and added nomic Net (CEN) reported. focus on science and tech-We aim to reshape our nology cooperation. We have also created trajectory. The burgeoning two dedicated working number of Pakistani startups attracting interna-tional venture capital atgroups on science and technology and IT cooperation tests to our untapped po-tential. Through the estabunder the CPEC framework. Currently, 30 joint lishment of a Special Tech-nological Zone Authority, research projects are in advanced stages, a testament we are nurturing an ecosysto our shared commitment tem of innovation, entreto innovation. As we usher

preneurship, and research, in the second phase of CPEC, poised for industrial Moin ul Haque said that Pakistan and China are tion.

PSF announces funding to transform research into commercializable products

into

PSF is a premier fund-

ISLAMABAD (APP): In which is aimed at increasorder to increase agricultural ing agricultural production production and ensure and socio-economic uplift socio-economic uplift of the of the farmers. farmers, the Pakistan Sci-According to an offience Foundation (PSF) has

cial source, the PSF has invited concept papers under NSLP in line with the National Science, Technology commercializable product and Innovation Policy 2022 to support the use of emerging technologies in Agriculture, Drought Resistant Seed Production, Food Technology, Livestock, Animal Reproduction, Poultry, Aquaculture, Oilseed, Pulses, Environment, Water/irrigation, Energy, scientific fields. NSLP is an Chemicals, Enzymes, Fla-Endowment Fund of PSF vors and Additives.

FAO organizes workshop to review livelihood, food security project PESHAWAR (APP): The private sector, and all rel- chief guest of the workevant stakeholders, would shop. Director Generals

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), under a USAID-funded project consisting of women farm-"Livelihood and Food Se- ers, over a period of four curity Improvement Activity" (LFSA) on Wednesday conducted a "Baseline Validation Workshop" to review and validate the findings for the project's tar-

geted areas. The workshop was part of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) framework of FAO and provided practical opportunities for project teams to review, discuss and validate findings with key stakeholders of the important through strengthened and marks, adaptation and con-

support 150,000 rural (DGs) and high-level govhouseholds including those ernment officials from the line departments of agriculture research, extension, livestock and dairy develyears. The project aims to

opment, and on-farm waimpact and improve liveliter management attended hoods and food security for the event. Representatives the targeted households and staff from USAID Pakistan, UNWOMEN through agriculture-led growth in KP and flood-af-FAO, and farmers' representatives from Khyber and fected areas of Pakistan.

The project's goal is to Mohmand districts were restore "cropping systems" also part of the event. and encourage the adoption At the workshop, the Resilience Index Measureof technological advancements for enhanced proment and Analysis (RIMA) ductivity and better liveliwas discussed and validated

during different sessions on This will be achieved socio-economic characteristics, food security, agriculstudies and use the evidence modernised agriculture and ture assets, farming system, created for setting bench- livestock sectors, creating marketing enterprises, and assets, and diversifying live- value addition analyses

tween the two countries, in which the obstacles had to be removed.



ISLAMABAD: Girls are taking interest in traditional dresses and other stuff on stall during "3rd International Property and Construction Industry Expo" in connection with the Independence Day at Pak China Friendship center in Federal Capital.

PCJCCI urges world to reconsider energy policies

LAHORE (APP): Pak-China Joint Chamber of its nuclear power plants

tive journey of Digital Pa-kistan by harnessing our Makramah

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan

Ambassador to China,

Moin ul Haque said on

Wednesday that China-

South Asia Expo serves as

a bridge for uniting China-

Pakistan to enhance bilat-

eral cooperation in various

Addressing the 4th Forum on China-South Asia

Technology Transfer and

Collaborative Innovation at

Kunming Expo, he noted

sectors.

tinuous improvement. Under LFSA project

FAO in collaboration with the Government of KP, civil Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad

lihood options. The Secretary Agri-Khyber culture,

society organisations, the Javed Marwat was the **Pakistani companies** invited to benefit from Saudi Vision 2030

hoods.

LAHORE (APP): Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 offers immense opportunities for Pakistani construction, infrastructure development, engineering, food, informa-tion technology and various other sectors that must be availed with vigorous efforts.

These views were expressed by Trade Develop-ment Officer of Pakistani ties Consulate in Jeddah Fahad Chaudhry while talking to the Acting President of Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry here at LCCI on Wednesday. Fahad Chaudhry said that Saudi Arabia had started a vast range of developmental project worth US \$ 3 trillion under the Vision 2030 that would be completed by the year 2030. "It is a unique opportunity for Pakistani entrepreneurs to become a part of Saudi booming Arabia's economy," he remarked.

He invited the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry to arrange a delegation for Saudi Arabia to have a deep knowledge about the opportunities under Vision 2030.

LCCI Acting President Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry said that Lahore Chamber trade

would arrange a sector-specific delegation for Saudi Arabia soon. He said that there existed enormous scope to expand the economic relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan 20, 2023. Saudi businessmen should come and invest in Pakistan

in various industries which have lucrative opportunito its largest cities - Lahore

He said that Saudi Arabia was an important trading partner of Pakistan. It is worth noticing that Saudi Arabia had the largspokesman said est economy in the Arab world. He called for solid measures to expand and promote trade between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry said that petroleum oils consist of almost half of the total imports made from Saudi Árabia. Pakistan mainly imports oil and oil products from Saudi Arabia, which accounts for 90 percent of our total import bill for the Kingdom. In turn, Pakistan supplies rice, meat, meat products, spices and fruit, textile products, chemicals, footwear tions, he maintained. Cus-

He said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia needed to find new avenues for the expansion of bilateral

Additionally, the MEAL framework, baseline study objectives, methodology and sampling techniques were also explained.

Azerbaijan Airlines to launch direct flights to Pak from Sept 20 ISLAMABAD (APP) The national air carrier of

Azerbaijan (AZAL) will launch the regular flights to Pakistan from September Flights will be operated to the capital of Pakistan - Islamabad, as well as

and Karachi. These three cities are important historical and cultural centers of Pakistan which makes them very interesting to visit, of Azerbaijan Embassy while talking to APP on Wednesday. Flights from Baku to Islamabad will be performed on Wednesdays and Saturdays, to Lahore - on Mondays and Fridays, and to Karachi - on Thursdays and Sundays. This flexible schedule provides convenient options for travelers, he added. The opening of new AZAL flights promises to promote the devel opment of ties between Azerbaijan and Pakistan promote tourism, international transportation and strengthen diplomatic rela-

tomers can get acquainted with the flight schedule and purchase tickets on the official website of the airline www.azal.az/en.

Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki said on Wednesday that ever since the Russia-Ukraine war, global warming and the gradual depletion of

non-renewable sources of energy such as oil, gas and coal are compelling nation-state including most of the European states to reconsider their energy policies.

Sharing his views in a think-tank session held here at PCJCCI Secretariat, he added that many of them were opting for energy production through nuclear power plants, which was not only safer, cheaper and effective but also supports

self-reliance. Ghurki said that Pakistan too turned its focus on energy

Chasma-2 (325MW), the Chasma-3 (350MW), and the Chasma-4 (350MW) under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards. "Recently our govern-

Chashma nuclear power plant, which is being built by China National Nuclear forporation (CNNC) These NPPs would not only increase the country's electricity production but also help save billions of US dollars that Pakistan was currently spending for running other sources of

ISLAMABAD: A vendor displaying fresh dates to attract the customers at his roadside setup in Federal Capital.

SECP strikes down illegal personal loan applications

ISLAMABAD (APP): In with the relevant authoriorder to safeguard the pub-lic from falling into debt traps of illegal loan apps, ties to shut down unauthorized and illegal loan apps. Through efficient sur-

The commission regu-

the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), in coordination with Google, Apple and PTA, has ensured removal the regulator had identified 120 unlawfully running of 120 illegal Loan apps that personal loan apps and rewere previously available at ported them to Google, Google and Apple Stores. Apple and the PTA for The phenomenon of

illegal personal Loan Apps has surfaced recently, rais-ing serious concerns about further action in accordance with the Prevention of Elecmis-selling, data privacy tronic Crimes Act of 2016. violations, and coercive recovery practices, said a press release issued here on larly checks the Google Play Store and the Apple App Wednesday. The SECP not Store for the presence of any only tightened its regulatory illegal apps. As a result of framework for licensed SECP's efforts and continu-Non-Banking Finance ous engagement, Google has Companies (NBFCs) but introduced Pakistan's Peralso initiated effective steps sonal Loan App Policy.

(NPPs) - such as Karachi Nuclear Power Plants (having the capacity of 1100MW each), the Chasma-1 (325MW), the

ment has signed MoU for the 1200 MW unit 5 of the

> LSMI output goes slightly up in June

ISLAMABAD (APP) Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) in the country went up slightly by 0.98 per cent during June 2023 as compared to the previous month of (May), the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

The provisional quantum indices of LSMI for June 2023, with the base year 2015-16, have been developed based on the latest data supplied by the source agencies including the Oil Companies Advisory Committee (OCAC), Ministry of Industries and Production, Ministry of Commerce and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics.

On a year-on-year basis, the LSMI output decreased by 14.96% when veillance and complaints recompared with the indusceived through the SECP's trial output of June 2022, according to PBS data. dedicated complaint site,

Overall Large-Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown a decline of 10.26% during July-June 2022-23 when compared prompt blocking and rewith the same period of ferred these to the FIA for last year.

The main sectors that contributed to negative growth included food (-1.14), tobacco (-0.65), textile (-3.65) garments (2.79), petroleum products (-0.89), chemicals (-0.52). pharmaceuticals (-1.85), cement (-0.86), iron & steel products (-0.24), electrical equipment (-0.54) and automobiles (-2.21).



KARACHI: Worker changing prices on board at a Fuel Station in Karachi. The prices of petrol and diesel hit a record high on Tuesday, as the newly installed caretaker government raised fuel prices by up to Rs20 per litre, another second massive hike in a fortnight that is likely to further stoke inflation, which had cooled over the past two months.

LHC verdict leads to exemption from section 7E for taxpayers: LCCI

LAHORE (APP): Lahore transferor data along with Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) said on Wednesday that Lahore High Court (LHC) has revoked the implementation of Section 7E in its jurisdiction. LCCI spokesman

told media here that 7E pertains to tax on deemed income basis, would no longer apply to cases (both filers and non-filers) falling within the jurisdiction of the Lahore High Court. The withdrawal of Section 7E by the FBR is a significant achievement for the Lahore Chamber, he said, asserting that this decision ensured that the transfer of immovable properties in Punjab would not be affected by the requirement of income tax returns, regardless of whether the individuals involved were filers or nonfilers. The LCCI's persistent efforts and advocacy had successfully addressed this issue and provided relief to stakeholders in the region, he claimed.

LCCI spokesman said that explanatory circular issued by FBR for facilitating the sale of property or transfer transactions, would be valid for an interim period till the development of an automated system. However, transferring authority of immovable property would maintain a proper record of the seller/

respect to properties under sale/transfer covered under specified situations. mentioned in the Circular No. 03 OF 2023-24 (Income Tax) dated August 15. 2023 which provides guidelines on the necessary documentation and procedures for transferring au-

relevant documents with

thority of immovable property. The spokesman claimed that unwavering efforts of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry have yielded significant results as the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) heeded to the LHC judgment pertaining to Section 7E of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001. The driving force behind this achievement was attributed to LCCI's President, Kashif Anwar, as the LCCI's initiative was prompted by concerns within the business community following the introduction of Section 7E through the Finance Act of 2022, which had raised

alarm bells among entrepreneurs

In response to multiple inquiries received by the Board, comprehensive clarification has been provided regarding the process for furnishing evidence regarding the application of Section 7E of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001.



and leather goods.

MULTAN: Labourers are busy packing mangoes in wooden boxes at their workplace.

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Momika and Najem

US will welcome Iran's decision to slow down N-plan, says Blinken

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he could not confirm a report that Iran slowed its pace of amassing near-weapons-grade enriched uranium but would welcome any Iranian steps to de-escalate its "growing nuclear threat.

Blinken also told reporters that Iran moving US detainees into house arrest was not related to any other aspect of US policy toward Iran, which he said reflected a strategy of deterrence. pressure and diplomacy.

On Thursday, sources said Iran may free five detained US citizens as part of a deal to unfreeze \$6 billion in Iranian funds in South Korea. Iran allowed four detained US citizens to move into house arrest from prison. A fifth was already under home confinement.

The Wall Street Journal on Friday reported Iran had significantly slowed the pean Union and United

pace at which it was accumulating near-weaponsgrade enriched uranium and diluted some of its stockpile, moves that could help ease tensions with the US and revive broader talks over Iran's nuclear programme. "Of course, we would welcome any steps that Iran takes to actually deescalate the growing nuclear threat

that it has posed since the United States got out of the Iran nuclear deal,' Blinken told a news conference, alluding to former US President Donald Trump's 2018 abandonment of that agree-

Under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) between Iran and six major powers, Iran had agreed to curb its nuclear programme to make

it harder for it to obtain an atomic weapon - an ambition it denies — in return for relief from US, Euro-

Nations sanctions When asked if Iran's reported slowdown and the release of the detainees to house arrest was in any way linked, Blinken said they were different issues. 'The agreement that

we're pursuing to bring home those who are wrongfully detained in Iran is an entirely separate matter that we want to bring to a successful con clusion, and that's what I'm focused on.' The deal announced last week has left out

Shahab Dalili, 60, a US permanent resident who has been detained in Iran since 2016, even though his family have repeatedly pleaded with the Biden administra-

tion to include him in the deal or at least label him 'wrongfully detained" Dalili has started a hunger strike in the Evin prison in Iran where he has been jailed, his son said on Monday.



Asuncion, Paraguay, in this handout picture released.

UN chief urges deployment of police special forces and military support to combat gangs in Haiti

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: The rity situation in Haiti re-United Nations chief urged quires a range of coercive the international commulaw enforcement measures, nity on Tuesday to deploy including active use of a multinational force comforce in targeted police opprising "police special erations against heavily forces and military support armed gangs." The letter was a re-sponse to a Security Coununits" to Haiti to combat

gangs with sophisticated weapons and restore secucil resolution adopted on rity to the impoverished July 14 asking Guterres to Caribbean nation. come up with "a full range of options" within 30 days Secretary-General

António Guterres said in a to help combat Haiti's armed gangs including a non-U.N. multinational 12-page letter to the U.N. Security Council obtained

by The Associated Press force. Guterres welcomed **Russian strikes hit** Ukraine areas far from front lines

Monitoring Desk

VIV: Russian air strikes hit two western regions of Ukraine bordering Nato member Poland and other areas on Tuesday, killing three people in a factory and wounding more than a dozen, Ukrainian offi-

Local media said the attacks were the largest air assault on the Lviv region since the Russian invasion in February 2022. The fatalities were reported in the north-western region of Volyn. Officials said an industrial enterprise in the regional capital Lutsk was struck in the overnight at- the youngest victim was tack. Several people were 10 years-old.

that "Addressing the secu- Kenya's offer to lead an international force as well as renewed pledges of support from the Bahamas and Jamaica, and the announcement by Antigua and Barbuda that it is considering contributing to the

force. He urged more countries, especially from the Americas, to contribute and "build on this new momentum." Gangs have overpowered Haiti's police, with experts estimating they now control some 80% of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Poland displays military might in big parade

Monitoring Desk

WARSAW: Poland's biggest military parade since the Cold War took place in Warsaw on Tuesday, as the Nato-member country flexed its military muscle in what the government hoped would be both a message to Moscow and to voters ahead of elections in October.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has made boosting the armed forces a priority for Poland's ruling nationalists Law and Justice (PiS), and with the election campaign in full swing the immense display of military hardware provided a chance to burnish their security credentials.

Iran re-arrests

reporter who

interviewed

father

Nazila Maroufian

town will be

without police

after chief and

officers resign,

citing low pay

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Goodhue Police Chief

Another incident of **Holy Quran desecration** takes place in Sweden

Monitoring Desk speech laws — took place NORRKOPING: Another at Mynttorget, a central square surrounded by govincident of desecration of the Holy Quran has taken ernment buildings and the palace, Al Jazeera said. place outside the Swedish Royal Palace in the capital engaged in a prolonged, the-Stockholm amid a heavy atrical and now familiar despolice presence, it emerged on Wednesday.

ecration of the Quran while The incident, which took place on Monday, using a megaphone to goad counterprotesters, the report said. It added that "sevmarked the second time in a matter of weeks that Salwan Momika, 37, and Salwan Najem, 48, have desecrated the Holy Quran, eral people in the crowd brought their own megaphones, and the two men were largely drowned out Al Jazeera reported.

by counterprotesters". Momika, an Iraqi refu-Present among the crowd was a group wearing gee based in Sweden, has firefighter-themed outfits been involved in multiple whose members chanted such incidents, the last be-"extinguish the hate" while ing on July 31, when he and handing out plastic firefighter hats and encouranother man desecrated the Holy Quran outside the

Swedish parliament. The act — permitted under Sweden's freedom of Jazeera stated.

Nagorno-Karabakh residents say 'disastrous' blockade choking supplies

Monitoring Desk

into its ninth month.

and inaccurate.

in December.

blockade on Wednesday,

TBILISI: Residents of Karabakh said basic food-Nagorno-Karabakh say it is stuffs, fuel and medicine getting harder to access were almost exhausted. "It's been a very long food, medicines and other essential supplies as an

time since I've eaten any dairy produce, or eggs," Nina Shahverdyan, a 23-Azerbaijani blockade of the breakaway region drags year-old English teacher, The U.N. Security said in a video call with Council will discuss the Reuters from the region's capital, which local Arme-

Three residents of

after a former International nians call Stepanakert. Criminal Court prosecutor "It's been disastrous because we don't have gas. this month said the block-We have electricity blackade may amount to a "genocide" of the local Armenian outs.

Armenia's foreign population - an assertion that Azerbaijan's lawyers minister, Ararat Mirzoyan, discussed the situation in said was unsubstantiated Karabakh on Wednesday with his Russian counter-Karabakh is internationally recognised as part part, Sergei Lavrov, and of Azerbaijan but its popustressed the need to avert a lation of 120,000 is over-"humanitarian disaster" there, Russia's TASS state whelmingly ethnic Armenian and the enclave's one news agency reported.

Karabakh's popularemaining land link to Armenia, the Lachin corridor tion has tightened its belt since the blockade, eating policed by Russian peacekeepers, was first disrupted only what can be produced locally

young people, the topic has

been made a taboo,'

Lauterbach told a news con-

ference in Berlin to present

lematic consumption, we

couldn't simply allow this

to go on," he said. "So this

is an important turning

is fierce, with conservative

policymakers in particular

warning that it will encour-

age marijuana use and that

the new legislation will cre-

ate even more work for au-

linked to a complete loss of

control." Armin Schuster.

conservative interior minis-

ter for the state of Saxony,

Even lawmakers from

"This law will be

point in our drug policy.3

"We have rising, prob-

However, opposition

German cabinet okays landmark bill over legal cannabis use ously protect children and

the law.

thorities.



Ukrainian soldiers stand with Ukrainian flag in Urozhaine, Donetsk Region, Ukraine in this screen grab obtained from a handout video released.

Syrian president doubles public sector wages as national currency spirals downwards

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Syria's president early Wednesday doubled public sector wages and pensions as the war-torn country's national currency spiraled further downwards, reaching a new low for the year.

Assad issued the two de- country, as families struggle matter. crees just before midnight to cope with skyrocketing

fuel subsidies would allow the program to target the poorest families more effectively as well as reducing the Syrian state's deficit Though wheat and

bread subsidies have not been affected, the move has on Wednesday, citing President Bashar sparked rare protests in the people briefed on the The U.S. is pressing

US asks Iran to stop selling drones to Russia-FT cials said

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: U.S. is pushing Iran to stop selling armed drones to Russia as part of discussions on a broader unwritten understanding between Washington and Tehran to de-escalate tensions, the Financial Times said

also hospitalised, Governor Yuriy Pohulyaiko said.

Swedish industrial bearings maker SKF said its factory in Lutsk was hit by a missile overnight, killing three employees. Footage released by Ukraine's state emergency service showed rescuers pulling a man from

the rubble. Fifteen people were also wounded in the Lviv region, Governor Maksym Kozytskyi said. Six missiles damaged dozens of buildings and a kindergarten playground in and around the regional capital. Kozytskyi said

pound's value against the prices Wednesday, soon afnew all-time low, down from 7,000 at the beginning of 2023 to 15 000 pounds to the greenback. At the start of the conflict in 2011, the dollar was trading at 47 pounds.

For over a year, Damascus has been restructuring its program of subsidies for gasoline, diesel for heating, and bread. At the launch of the restructure in February last year, Syrian Prime hike was in December 2021. Minister Hussein Arnous where Assad raised civil said the move to scale back service salaries by 30%.

Tuesday as the Syrian inflation. Syria hiked fuel I Iran to stop selling armed drones to Russia, which U.S. dollar declined to a ter Assad's decree, further Moscow is using in the war rolling back state subsidies. in Ukraine, as well as spare The national parts for the unmanned aireconomy is in a clear state craft, the report said, citing of instability, most notably an Iranian official and an-

rapid rise of the currency other person familiar with exchange rate,"Arnous told the talks. The White House Svria's parliament in a speech late last month, and Iran's foreign miniswarning that financing govtry did not immediately respond to a Reuters reernment spending through debt and borrowing from quest for comment. The news comes as Washingthe central bank is not sustainable. Syria's last wage ton and Iran are trying to ease tensions and revive broader talks over Iran's nuclear program.

Libya deploys security forces Thai lawmakers across Tripoli after clashes to vote on PM next week in bid between rival militias left 27 dead Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: Libyan security forces patrolled the streets and fanned out across Tripoli on Wednesday, a day after clashes between rival militias killed at least 27 people in the country's capital, authorities said.

The fighting was some of the most intense to shake Tripoli this year and in addition to the 27 deaths, over 100 people were wounded, Libya's Emergency Medicine and Support Center said.

The clashes erupted late on Monday between militiamen from the 444 brigade and the Special Deterrence Force, and continued into Tuesday evening. Tensions flared after Mahmoud Hamza, a senior commander of the 444 brigade, was allegedly dedictator tained by the rival group at Gadhafi.

an airport in Tripoli, according to local media reports. Hamza was later released as part of deal aimed at quelling the violence, the reports said. It was unclear how many of the dead were militiamen or civilians. Libya's Interior Min-

istry said security forces were deployed to areas where the fighting was most intense, including the southern Fernaj neighborhood and the al-Shouk Road. A situation room was set up to monitor developments though by Wednesday, a tentative calm had returned to the city.

The violence underscored the fragility of the war-torn Libya following the 2011 uprising turned civil war, which toppled and later killed longtime tablishment Move Forward met fierce resistance from con-Moammar servative lawmakers allied.

to end deadlock **Monitoring Desk** BANGKOK: Thai law-makers will vote for a new premier next week, the house speaker said on Wednesday, after a court rejected a bid by election

to Australia, New Zealand winner Move Forward to and Fiji after her plane sufchallenge parliament's blocking of its candidate. fered recurring technical problems, the latest in a The Constitutional series of incidents to hit the Court dismissed the petition German fleet. by allies of the party on a "We tried everything technicality, arguing its prime but unfortunately it's logisministerial candidate. Pita tically not possible to carry Limjareonrat, who was twice out my Indo-Pacific travel thwarted by parliament, was

not among the complainants. Thailand has been under a caretaker administration since March and parliament has been deadlocked for weeks added over the formation of the next government, after the anti-es-

(plans) without the defective plane," the minister wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter. "That is more than annoying," she

Minister



German FM axes trip

Libyan security forces stand guard in Tripoli, Libya.

stranded for hours while the technical crew battled to fix a problem with the wing flaps Her delegation sought

night to Tuesday but the 23-year-old Airbus A340 had to go back to Abu

prison on Sunday, posting "For security reasons, on social media a picture of the plane had to return herself without a headscarf there," wrote the German in defiance of the Islamic air force on X. The aircraft republic's strict dress code had to dump fuel to land for women.

Sunday for the week- it added.

Indian movies vilifying **Muslims spark fear** ahead of polls

MUMBAI: With free tickets and false claims, "The Kerala Story" is one of a slew of polarising films far concern Bollywood is churning out

cultural propaganda to bolpeddling lies and stoking ster support for India's ruldivisions, including by viliing party ahead of elecfying the Muslim minority, ahead of next year's na-

The trailer for the anti-Muslim box office hit claims to depict "innocent girls trapped, transformed and trafficked for terror", while declaring it was "inspired by many true stories"

A fictitious tale of a Hindu woman who con-

verts to Islam and then is radicalised, the movie is GOODHUE: A small Minthe second-highest-grossnesota town will soon be ing Hindi film of 2023 so without a police department, an exodus spurred by Critics have accused it low pay for the chief and

and other recent releases of his officers. Josh Smith and one other officer are still on the force.

but only until their resignational elections. tions become official on "I would suggest all Aug. 23, the Minneapolis political parties to take advantage of my film... Use it for your political gain,' director Sudipto Sen said, meeting on Aug. 9, while in response to an AFP another full-time officer and five part-time employees

Star Tribune reported. Smith submitted his resignation at a City Council

question about its political leanings. resigned

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany's cabinet passed a contentious bill on Wednesday to legalize recreational marijuana use and cultivation, one of the most liberal cannabis laws in Europe that could potentially provide further momentum for a similar worldwide trend.

The legislation, which still has to pass parliament, would allow adults to possess up to 25 grams of the drug, grow a maximum of three plants, or acquire weed at cannabis clubs.

The centre-left government of Chancellor Olaf Scholz hopes the law will curb the black market, protect consumers against contaminated marijuana and reduce drug-related crime.

A key pillar of the told media group RND. plan, which removes the Scholz's own Social Demotaboo around cannabis use, is also a campaign to raise crats have expressed scepticism. Interior Minister of awareness about the risks, Hamburg, Andy Grote, told which should ultimately curb consumption, said broadcaster NDR that experiences in other countries Health Minister Karl Lauterbach. showed consumption

"With the current prowould simply rise with lecedures we could not serigalization.

Seventeen troops killed in new Niger attack

Monitoring Desk

NIAMEY: Seventeen troops died in a jihadist ambush in Niger, the govern-ment said, in a reminder of the nation's deep security crisis as its military rulers face off against neighbours determined to reverse last month's coup.

An army detachment was "the victim of a terrorist ambush near the town of Koutougou" in the Tillaberi region near Burkina Faso on Tuesday, said a defence ministry statement published later that day. It added that another

20 soldiers had been wounded, six seriously, with all the casualties evacuated to the capital Niamev

More than 100 assailants, who were travelling on motorbikes, were "neutralised" during their retreat, the army said.

A jihadist insurgency has plagued A frica's Sahel region for more than a decade, breaking out in northern Mali in 2012 before spreading to neighbouring Niger and Burkina Faso in 2015.

The so-called "three borders" area between the three countries is regularly the scene of attacks by rebels affiliated with the Islamic State group and Al-Oaeda.

The unrest across the region has killed thousands of troops, police officers and civilians and forced mil-

lions to flee their homes. Anger at the bloodshed has fuelled military coups in all three countries since 2020, with Niger the latest to fall when its elected president, Mohamed Bazoum, was ousted on July 26.

Alarmed by the cascade of takeovers, the West African bloc ECOWAS has warned of possible military intervention to reinstall Bazoum, who is being detained in the presidential compound in Niamey.

Military chiefs of the Economic Čommunity of West African States (ECOWAS) are to meet in Ghana on Thursday and Friday to follow through a decision by their leaders last week to deploy a "standby force to restore constitutional order" in Niger.

sparking tions.

Members of FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams Washington Task Force 1 and Nevada Task Force 1 continue searching through destroyed neighborhoods in the Maui city of Lahaina, Hawaii, U.S.

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Mahsa Amini's The minister was

to get underway again overtwo days after her release from jail, activists said on Tuesday.

Dhabi when the defect rewalked out of Tehran's Evin surfaced.

Small Minnesota

Baerbock had left on safely in Abu Dhabi again

Monitoring Desk PARIS: Iranian authorities have re-arrested a journalist who interviewed the father of the woman whose custody death sparked months of protests, just

Daily **Independent**, Quetta



ISLAMABAD: President DrArifAlvi addressing the inaugural session of MED-Health Expo and Summit 2023.

The onset of the mon

France to provide \$3.27m for rehabilitation in flood-hit areas of Sindh

ISLAMABAD The Government of France has allocated 3 million euros (nearly 3.27 million to support UNICEF's humanitarian response in flood-affected areas. This vital funding will strengthen primary healthcare and immunization services in the most affected districts in Sindh province, targeting 1.9 million children and women.

This contribution from France follows the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan, cohosted by the United Nations and the Government of Pakistan in Geneva, earlier this year.

The conference garnered international support for flood recovery and rehabilitation, as well as longterm partnerships to build Pakistan's climate resilience and adaptation

'Children are often mary healthcare services in the first victims of crises flood affected areas, but for and natural disasters, but many communities, adalso those who bear invisequate healthcare remains ible scars for the longest out of reach time. France is pleased to partner with UNICEF to soon exacerbates the health expand access to primary risks for children and health care and improve women in flood-affected immunization services for areas. The spread of disthe most vulnerable comeases, such as malaria, denmunities in Sindh," stated gue and Acute Watery Di-Nicolas Galey, Ambassador arrhoea are a particular con-

of France to Pakistan. cern. This generous and important funding from Sindh province was particularly hard hit by last France enables UNICEF to year's floods. Approxiexpand critical healthcare mately 14.5 million people and strengthen immunization services during a time of great need," said Abdullah Fadil, UNICEF were affected and almost 1,000 health facilities were damaged or destroyed. Communities and health Representative in Pakistan. The devastating floods in 2022 affected workers were displaced, while medical supplies and services were damaged and nearly 33 million people,

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duced disaster. **Two labours** of Shangla

killed in mines of Mach, Dargai MACH (APP): Two mine workers of Shangla were killed in the mines of Mach

of Basi Tehsil Alpuri was port and Nawaz Sharif will electrocuted in a coal mine be welcomed on his return Mach area of home.

Another, mine worker, Ziauddin lost his life in a gas explosion that occurred in Chromite mine

Looking forward to advancing trade, investment ties with **UAE: PM Kakar**

ISLAMABAD (APP): UAE leadership to the Caretaker Prime Minister prime minister on his as Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on sumption of office. Prime Minister Kakar Wednesday said that he

looked forward to working thanked the UAE governwith the United Arab Emirment for the warm congratuates (UAE) on advancing latory messages and said that Pakistan and UAE enbilateral cooperation in various fields, especially trade, joyed historic and deeprooted fraternal ties. investment and energy. The prime minister, in

He also wished the a meeting with the UAE UAE success in hosting the Ambassador Hamad Obaid COP28 Summit later this Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, who called on him here, ex-The prime minister also emphasized the imporpressed gratitude for the

tant role played by the Pakistani diaspora in the UAE and sought the UAE The ambassador con-veyed the greetings of the support to them.

Nawaz will hold a historic rally on his return home

provincial assemblies of the PML-N will demonstrate full public power. Party sources said

that Nawaz Sharif will leave for Lahore via GT Road in the form of a big rally. Nawaz Sharif's rally

will also be the start of the election campaign of Muslim League-N The task of making

the Lahore rally historic has been entrusted to Hamza Shahbaz and Maryam

After welcoming tance, Indonesia's ambassa-Nawaz Sharif at Lahore dor to Pakistan Adam M. Airport, Data will be taken Tugio has said that Pakito Darbar in the form of a stan is going to become an Ticket holders and of- rally.

economic hub in future. man Shah Mahmood Speaking to private Tv news channel, he has said that due to better policies, there are signs of economic improvement in the the delay in holding polls country

Pak on its way

to become an

economic hub:

Indonesian

envoy

ISLAMABAD (ÎNP): Ac-

knowledging that Pakistan

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President stresses adopting preventive measures to avoid diseases

for health professionals.

people especially from all

quality medical facilities.

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President Alvi said the

Thursday August 17, 2023

SLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said adopting preventive measures could help people avoiding or minimizing intensity of diseases, and improving the overall health condition of population of the country.

Health and education were two basic sectors which needed to be put on top priority because nations always build on these two areas, he said while addressing the "Med-Health Expo 2023 and Summit" here.

The president said the man health. He urged the people specially those with medical professionals to limited resources could easmove along with the world ily avoid the chronic disthat was doing advance reeases such as breast cancer, search on human DNA to predict the disease in hepatitis, and communicable diseases by adopting preventive measures.

With regard to deteriorating health sector in the country, he highlighted that lack of decision-making, avoidance of merit and corruption in the past were the main reason behind limited health facilities in the coun-

potential markets such as The health sector ex-Africa to increase their ex- try.

hibition was organized by ports of pharmaceutical and surgical instruments. Rawalpindi Chamber of

Commerce and Industry He informed that (RCCI) aimed at informasome 9 million pregnancies tion exchange, learning, and occurred annually in the cooperation opportunities country out of which 50% were unwanted which could easily be avoided by pro-The two-day event will showcase the latest reviding contraceptive facilisearch and developments in ties to the people.

various medical fields Similarly, he said docthrough a series of sestors and hospitals should sions. President Alvi also use the latest technolstressed universities and ogy to provide online academia to promote rehealthcare facilities to save search in the health sector resources of both patients that would bring tremenand the hospitals.

This would also help dous improvement in hureaching out to the maximum number of people, he added. The president also stressed the need to provide first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) people. He also called upon training to common people the industrialists to profrom school levels to save lives of the people in emerduce affordable medical devices to ensure access of gencies

President RCCI Saqib Rafiq said President Dr Arif walks of society to the Alviand First Lady Samina Alvi played vital role in creating awareness about difporters should explore big ferent diseases especially breast cancer in the coun-

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of UAE, Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaab calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

elections, Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf (PTI) Vice Chair-

PTI urges caretaker PM to ensure timely elections

ISLAMABAD (INP): A As yet, no date for day after the Election the elections has been de-Commission of Pakistan cided. The election commis-(ECP) failed to give the Susion should resolve all ispreme Court a final date sues before the polls," the for the upcoming general CJP remarked.

In a letter to the interim prime minister, Qureshi apprised Kakar Qureshi urged caretaker that his party intended to Prime Minister Anwaar-ul- challenge the decision made



QUETTA: A delegation led by Abdul Hayee Kakar meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

IHC declares arrest of Shehryar Afridi, Gulzar under MPO as illegal

ISLAMABAD (APP): PTI activists for violence The Islamabad High Court on May 9. A planning was

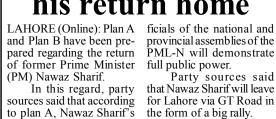
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nancial stability.

and Dargai on Wednesday. According to informa home. His return home will tion, a miner, Shah Rehman take place at Islamabad Air-

Baluchistan According to the sources, Nawaz Sharif will

address public gathering at the Islamabad Parade Ground on his return home. of Dargai.



support for

Pakistan's economic and fi-

security bond will be taken from the Islamabad High Court before he returns

clared the arrest of PTI leaders Shehryar Khan Afridi and Shandana Gulzar under the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) as illegal and decided indict to Islamabad's Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police (Operations) for contempt of court.

Justice Babar Sattar heard the petitions of Shandana Gulzar and Afridi against their arrests under 3 MPO. Islamabad's Chief Commissioner, Inspector General of Police, and DC appeared before the court.

During the course of proceedings, the deputy commissioner adopted the stance that as per intelligence reports Sheharyar



ISLAMABAD: Former Senator Saif Magsi calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hao Kakar.

ITF seeks probe into PIA violations of cabin crew rules

stan International Airlines'

flight services management.3

of PIA's SEP manual and

flight and duty time limita-

tions have been raised by our

affiliate, the Pakistan Air-

lines Cabin Crew Associa-

tion (PACCA). These issues

are fundamental to the op-

'Suspected violations

ISLAMABAD (INP): The an investigation into Paki-Pakistan International Airlines is in hot water on Wednesday as the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) has expressed concern over the violations of the cabin crew rules by the PIA management

In a letter written to the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority's (PCAA) director, the ITF conveyed its serious concerns over the tragic death of cabin crew senior purser Rashida Majeed while Samina Aurangzeb was seriously injured

The letter says: "On behalf of the International PACCA expressed con-Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), a global union federation representing gard to the violation of rules nearly 18.5 million transport workers from 740 affiliates in over 150 countries, crew, which is authorized including Pakistan, we write by the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority to you to urgently initiate

courts and a campaign was also launched to malign the judiciary, he said.

The court inquired that how the accused instigated the political workers for violence while staying in jail. The IGP said precautionary steps used to be taken to avert any such violent incident and also to maintain the law and order in the city

The deputy commissioner said that video clips and statements of the accused were on record. He said that the administration had to rely on the reports of intelligence agencies. However, the court remarked that the administration should have applied its

OUETTA (INP): The name own mind after viewing the of Hassaan Niazi, the nephew of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman, has been included in the A-Plus category of accused. Police sources said the accused, involved in the May 9 incident, has been named in A-Plus and A categories. A police team will depart Laĥore for Quetta next week to take custody of Hassaan Niazi.

> vestigation Imran Kishor will also be part of the team to bring Nîazi. Niazi has been handed over by Abbottabad police to Quetta police. In this regard, the

Home Department has written a letter to transfer Niazi to Lahore. Cases were registered against Hassaan Niazi in other police stations including Lahore's Sarwar Road police station

Health dept doctor's order

QUETTA (APP): Department of Health Balochistan on Wednesday terminated the attachments of doctors and paramedical staff across the province, asking them to report on their actual posting. According to the details, Secretary Health Balochistan, Mr. Asfand Yar Khan issued orders to terminate the attachment of doctors and paramedical staff across the province and instructed the attached doctors and paramedica staff to report.



QUETTA: Members of BCS Officers Action Committee are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, held at Chief Secretary office in Quetta.

Role of minorities can't be Hassaan Niazi categorised as denied in development of **A-Plus accused** country, says Bharucha

Independent Report harder to make their pres-QUETTA: The former ence felt. Federal Minister and Sena-She advised them to tor (Retd) Mrs. Roshan

prove their mettle of professional capability like efficient police jawans instead of limiting them mere typical policing. Mrs. Bharucha further

said that the day is not far away that we would feel proud to be true Pakistani ending all kinds of discrimination. Earlier, the Inspec tor General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh addressed the ceremony. He said that we want such a police in which very individual of the segment is part of that on

basis of merit. He said that we have taken practical steps for welfare of the minorities and it participation of the minorities and women in the police is welcoming. He said that it is not a

sort of kindness to recruit the women in police rather it is their right. He said that the women police stations are being established in Quetta, Gwadar, Turbat,

women than men, and as Naseerabad and other dissuch they would have work tricts

QUETTA: Members of Voice for Baloch Missing

Persons are holding protest demonstration for recovery of their loved one, at Quetta press club.

He has further said sparked when Director that the country's financial Ĝeneral(Law) Muhammad condition is improving with Arshad failed to give the the passage of time. apex court a certain date for

Tugio has said that the polls. Hearing petitions both Indonesia and Pakistan against delimitations of proare brotherly countries, and vincial constituencies PS 7, that the people of Indone-8, and 9 Shikarpur, Chief sia look up to their breth-Justice of Pakistan (CJP) ren in Pakistan with re-Umar Ata Bandial on Tuesspect. "Indonesia is the largday inquired when were the general elections being held. est exporter of crude oil to Pakistan," he has said, add-To this, the director general ing, "Both the countries can shrugged his shoulders. increase trade in the pharmaceutical sector.

Sec. Health and Project **Director BHC Project visit DHQ** Pishin

Independent Report QUETTA: The Secretary Health Department, Asfandyar Khan Kakar and

Project Director Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project. Saqib Kakar visited the District Headquarter Hospital Pishin on Wednesday.

During the visit, the Medical Superintendent of Pishin Hospital, Dr. Wakeel Shirani, Deputy Director Technical, Dr. Ababkar Baloch, Dr. Shah, Haroon Kasi and other concerned staff was also present.

The Secretary Health visited different sections of the Hospital. Speaking on the occasion, he announced that district Headquarter Hospital Pishin would be developed as model hospital of Pishin.

ing year.

elections within a 90-day

However, he acknowl-

ATC declares Hammad Azhar, others proclaimed offenders

inclined towards holding LAHORE (INP): An antiterrorism court declared Hammad Azhar, Zubair window. Niazi and Khalid Gujjar proclaimed offenders in police vans burning case.

for February due to the The court heard the ongoing delimitation of case pertaining to burning of Constituencies, a process police vehicles outside that will conclude by De-Zaman Park. ATC Judge Ijaz cember. It is anticipated Ahmed Buttar initiated prothat Nawaz Sharif will arceedings to declare the acrive in Pakistan in October cused as proclaimed offendto spearhead the electoral ers on a police petition. campaign

Haq Kakar to ensure timely by the Čouncil of Common polls in the country. Interests (CCI) in the court. Speculations about

On August 5, the CCI "unanimously" approved the 7th Population and Housing Census results, making it almost certain that the general elections which were to be held in November after the dissolution of the National Assembly on August 9 would not be held during the current year.

"Time has come to put the country on the path of law and the constitution," he added



OUETTA: Quetta Administrator, Jabbar Baloch and Zahid Jan Mandokhail, Founder Leaders Odyssey Schooling System are signing MoU regarding tree planting campaign on Spinny road.

Rana Sana, Raja Riaz indicate elections in February 2024

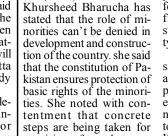
ISLAMABAD (INP): Sanaullah expressed Former interior minister confidence that Nawaz Rana Sanaullah and oppo-Sharif will be vindicated of the alleged charges, similar sition leader Raja Riaz have indicated that electo PML-N Chief Organiser tions are likely to be held Maryam Nawaz and her in February of the upcomspouse Captain (retd) Safdar. Rana Sanaullah, repre-

Raja Riaz echoed the senting the Pakistan Mussentiment that elections are lim League-Nawaz (PMLlikely to occur in proxim-N), also revealed that ity to February 15, either Nawaz Sharif, the party's one week before or after. He leader, is anticipated to renoted the possibility of a turn to Pakistan ahead of slight delay in the election the elections to lead the schedule to address the curelectoral campaign. Sanaullah said that the rent economic challenges and steer the country toestablishment also appears

wards stability. Raja Riaz alluded to the decision made by senior figures to hold the elections in February 2024, without providing further details.

edged that the elections are expected to be scheduled Former Prime Minister and PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif expressed optimism that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, who was sworn in on August 14, will ensure a transparent, free, and impartial election pro-

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provision of equal opportunities of development to the minorities.

This and similar other views were expressed by Mrs. Roshan Khursheed Bharucha while addressing the ceremony of distribution of appointment orders to the male and female personnel of police recruited on the quota of minorities, here at the central police

office on Wednesday.

Addressing the re-

cruited women police cops, Mrs. Bharucha said that

more responsibilities rest

with the shoulders of

terminates attachment

erational safety of Pakistan's flag carrier but even more crucial in light of the recent road traffic accident on 29 June 2023 that resulted in severe injuries to one cabin crew member at PIA and the tragic death of senior purser Rashida Majeed." It adds that cerns in its letter to the PCAA on July 11 with reand laws specified within the SEP handbook of cabin

After fulfilling the le-gal requirements, DIG In-