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AWABSHAH: A large numbers of people gathered at the accident site following the derailment of a

President, PM express grief over loss of lives

Over 30 killed, scores injured as 10 bogies of Hazara Express derail near Nawabshah

Railways minister hints at possible sabotage, says accident could be result of a mechanical fault or the fault may have been 'created'

NAWABSHAH (INP): Over 30 people were killed and dozens others injured when ten bogies of Havelian bound Hazara Express derailed near the Sarhari Railway Station close to Nawabshah on Sunday.

Local people, rescue personnel, railway officials, Pakistan Army, FC and officials of district management reached the scene and joined the rescue operation.

Talking to media at People's Medical College Hospital in Benazirabad,

tempted to save them, how-

ever, seven of them were

drowned and died before

they were taken out of the stream. The bodies of de-

ceased girls were retrieved

from the stream after hec-

ever, were saved by the lo-cal dwellers and shifted to

the Turbat hospital. Later, the bodies of ill-fated girls

were also removed to the

hospital. Afterwards, the

bodies were handed over to the heirs. Moving scenes

were witnessed on the oc-

casion when bodies of the

Two of nine girls, how-

tic efforts.

Seven girls drowned to death in local

stream of Turbat

The local people girls were brought to their rushed to the spot and at-

Pakistan cricket team gets

go-ahead to travel to

India for ICC World Cup

Govt, however, has deep concerns about

security of its cricket team: Foreign Office

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has consistently main-

tained that sports should not be mixed with politics and

therefore, decided to send its Cricket Team to India to

participate in the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023.

with India should not stand in the way of fulfilling its

international sports-related obligations. Pakistan's deci-

sion shows its constructive and responsible approach

vis-à-vis India's intransigent attitude, as the lâtter had

refused to send its Cricket Team to Pakistan for the Asia

Cup. Pakistan, however, has deep concerns about the

security of its Cricket Team. We are conveying these con-

cerns to the International Cricket Council and the Indian

authorities. We expect that full safety and security of Paki-

Pakistan believes that the state of bilateral relations

Independent Report

QUETTA: Seven girls were

drowned to death in a local

stream located in Kalag area

of Turbat of Kech district

ports reaching here, two

other girls were saved in the

incident and shifted to the

local hospital in uncon-

that at least nine girls aged between 10-17 went to the local stream of Kalag for

picnic where they were

trapped in the deep water

The reports suggested

According to the re-

on Sunday evening.

scious condition.

and thus drowned.

the death toll.

He said that the injured could be shifted to Karachi if needed and directed the local administration and health officials to expedite relief and rescue efforts.

According to Railways and Aviation Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique, the accident occurred at 1:18pm and around 1,000 passengers were travelling in the Hazara Express.

During rescue opera-

Sindh Chief Minister Syed tion, dozens of cars, trac-Murad Ali Shah confirmed tors, rickshaws and motorcycles were seen parked on a road that runs alongside the track at the site of acci-

Volunteers were wit-

separates the road from the railway line to help, and lifting the injured to get them assistance. Some passenger com-

nessed through a canal that

partments were upright but off the tracks, while others lay on their side, mangled in hospitals in Sukkur and steel from the undercarriage

twisted and buckled. There were chaotic scenes at the Nawabshah Trauma Centre as ambulances and private cars ferried the injured for treatment. Talking to media in Lahore, Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique said that initial investigation showed that the train was travelling at a "reasonable" speed, adding that officials

had reached the scene and an emergency was imposed Nawabshah.

Nawaz Sharif to be next PM if voted to power: PM

Minister Shehbaz Sharif Sunday said Nawaz Sharif would be the next prime minister of Pakistan and would change destiny of the country by initiating projects in the sectors of agriculture, industry and infrastructure.

He was speaking at a oublic meeting here after aying foundation stone for Taray Garh interchange on the Lahore-Bahawalnagar motorway and Rai Mansab Ali Khan interchange on Abdul Hakim motorway on the Bucheki-Nankana road.

'Nawaz Sharif will serve the people of Pakistan as prime minister for another term if voted to

at Karachi press club.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Minister for Information

Marriyum Aurangzeb has

said that cases cannot be

avoided by dodging the law,

evading the courts and at-

tacking national institutions.

Insaf Chairman Imran

Khan's arrest has nothing to

do with politics, nor it was

an act of political vendetta,

she said during an exclusive

interview with BBC World.

democratic right of any po-

litical party or worker, but

no protesters came out on

the arrest of chairman PTI

as people cannot be fooled

every time, courts are there".

the legal procedures were

price hiking, in Hub.

The minister said that

" Peaceful protest is a

Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Broadcasting

lessly served the people," he remarked.

He said Rs 263 billion would be spent on the con-Lahore Bahawalnagar and on other

past, Pakistan suffered from load-shedding of 20 hours every day and then Nawaz Sharif came in 2013 and he removed the darkness caused by power shortages by setting up power projects, revived industry and agriculture and brought the CPEC project of \$ 30 billion with the col-

laboration of China. He said their govern-

completion of his trial, the

court announced a verdict on

PTI failed to present evi-

dence in his defense, he was

accused of abuse of power,

but he could not answer

questions when asked about

four more cases of theft

of 190 million British

pounds, cipher, May 9 trag-

edy and foreign funding case

are also in the trial courts

tion, the minister said that

no one can be given impu-

nity for misuse of pow-

of Imran Khan has nothing

In response to a ques-

She said that the arrest

She said apart from this

state gifts.

against Imran.

She said that Chairman

which he was arrested.

KARACHI PRESS CLUB

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Information and

Broadcasting, Marriyum Aurangzeb addresses to

media persons during meet the press program held

Imran's arrest not political

Cases cannot be avoided

by dodging law, attacking

institutions: Marriyum

KASUR (APP): Prime whole of Pakistan as his ment provided laptops family and in the past self- worth billions of rupees to millions of students, adding he was unfairly criticised for delivering laptops to youth who were struction of motorway now using modern tools of communication and earning

> He noted that Nawaz He recalled that in the Sharif initiated the project of Diamer Bhasha and Dasu dams and made Pakistan a nuclear state by conducting six nuclear explosions in response to five explosions by India.

He reminded that Nawaz Sharif rejected the offer of \$ five billion by the then US President Bill Clinton and went on with the nuclear explosions while ignoring pressure.

CM grieved over ncident of drowning of seven girls in **Kech district**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has expressed his deep grief and sorrow over incident of drowning of seven girls in a stream in Kalag area of Turbat, Kech district on Sunday

In a condolence message issued here, the Chief Minister said that he was grieved over the death of seven girls in the sorrowful incident. He said that he is standing with the bereaved families in the time of trial. Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo prayed for the departed souls of deceased girls. He also prayed that

may Allah Almighty give enough strength and patience to the bereaved families to bear the tragic loss of death of the girls.

PTI leader Rahim Kakar along two sons arrested

OUETTA (Online) Former mayor and PTI leader Rahim Kakar along with two sons has been arrested on the charges peaceful protest against the arrest of Tehreek-e-Insaa chairman. Rahim Kakar along with his supporters protested and blocked road against the arrest of Imran

Quetta police took ac-Kakar and his two sons



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presenting best performance shield to PRO Provincial Ombudsman Riaz ud Din

Asghar Achakzai, other ANP leaders assert: **Deduction** in population of **Balochistan would not** be acceptable anyway

By Sardar Khandoi CHAMAN: The Provincial President of ANP and parliamentary leader, Asghar Khan Achakzai and other senior leaders of the party have asserted that we would not be accepting any cut on the population census of the province at any cost. In this regard, we would raise forceful voice along with the like-minded and nationalist forces. This and similar other views were expressed by the Provincial President of ANP, Asghar Khan Achakzai and other senior leaders of the party including Ubaidullah Abid, Mabat Kaka, Asghar Ali Tareen and other leaders while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Intra-party membership held at the Chaman Model High School Hall the other day.

The event was also in connection with preparations for the upcoming "peace seminar" to be held in memory of the martyrs

of August 8, 2016 in Quetta. On the occasion, Nazar Jan Hasnzai also announced to join ANP along with his companions and leaders of the Pashtoon Stu-

dents Federation. Welcoming the new joiners in the party's fold, Asghar Khan Achakzai and others said that it is a good omen that the like-minded political activists are joining the party. They strongly condemned the incidents of terrorism on the Pashtoon land saying that terrorism is not product of our country, rather it has been imposed on us. The terrorism has devastated everything, whether it is Majid Ali Khyber or Peshawar's police line or Jamiat workers' convention in Bajor or it is in form of the target killing of police and levies personnel.

They on the occasion also criticized the western route of CPEC saying that it is not a viable project.

Asadullah Baloch vows to Cases against Imran Khan is record protest against cut in Pak internal population of Balochistan matter: US

Independent Report

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing a public gathering

QUETTA: The central President of Balochistan

prime minister Imran Khan's arrest an internal matter of Pakistan. On Sunday United States reaction came out on Pakistan Chairman Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan's arrest and he declared it Pakistan's internal

He said cases against Imran Khan and other politician's is Pakistan's internal matter.

WASHINTON (Online):

American state depart-

termed arrest of former

spokesperson

in Kasur.

Further he said we ask Pakistan and the whole world to respect democratic norms and rule of law.

Flour price up by Rs15 per kg in Quetta

QUETTA(INP): The price of flour has increased by Rs15 per kg in Quetta, Balochistan

According to details, the price of flour after an increase of Rs15 per kg has reached Rs150 in Quetta, adding misery to the already inflation-hit people.

It revealed that the price of 20 kg of flour has increased from Rs2,800 to more than Rs 3,000. According to the member of flour mills, wheat from Balochistan is smuggling to other provinces, it is not possible to stabilize prices until wheat smuggling is stopped.

A few days ago, data was released from PBS, according to which Karachi's citizens are buying the most expensive flour in the country where 20kg bag is being sold at

leader and Provincial Min-

ister said that the popula-

tion of province is more

than 20 million, but it is

being shown as 14.2 million in the current population

people of Balochistan had

not known the importance

of population census. He

said that Punjab is benefit-

ting from the distribution of

resources on the basis of

province's actual popula-

tion was more than 20 mil-

lion in the recently con-

ducted population and

housing census, but it was

deducted at least up to 7

million in the meeting of

council of common inter-

ests (CCI) on Saturday.

He mentioned that there

was no deduction in the

population of other prov-

inces in the CCU's meet-

He said that while the

population.

He pointed out that the



(BNP-A) and Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Mir Asadullah Baloch has stated that injustice has been done with people of the province by reducing the population of the prov-

He said that we would be recording protest against this highhandedness in and outside the provincial assembly.

Mir Asadullah Baloch was addressing a hurriedly called press conference here on Sunday night.

He said that strong protest would be lodged against the injustice done with the province in population cen-



tion and Social Safety & Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme Ms. Shazia Marri distributing ownership (Sanad) of houses built by Sindh Government to the deserving people during the ceremony Distribution of Land Title to Flood Affectes.

Senate passes amended 'Official Secrets Bill 2023' amidst controversy version of the bill omitted

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate on Sunday successfully passed 'The Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill, 2023', marking a pivotal moment in the legisla-

tive landscape.

The bill, which had faced staunch opposition from various quarters, un-derwent crucial modifications before achieving pas-

Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazir Tarar, presented the bill on behalf of Minister for Interior, Rana Sanaullah Khan, in the house. Notably, the revised

certain provisions that had granted intelligence agencies the authority to carry out warrantless arrests or He emphasized that the

revised legislation empowers the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to conduct investigations into individuals suspected of vio-lating the Official Secrets

He highlighted that the bill no longer includes the amendment labelling an individual as an 'enemy' for engaging with foreign agents, a provision that had sparked extensive de-Simultaneously, the

Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet, chaired by Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed, presented its comprehensive report on 'The fficial Secrets (Amendment) Bill, 2023'. The committee's report underscored the urgency to amend the antiquated Official Secrets Act of 1923, considering the evolving social context and the necessity to safeguard official documents



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No surprises

Pakistan's twisted political saga continues without the slightest deviation from a tired and predictable script. PTI chairman Imran Khan has been found guilty of "corrupt practices", disqualified from representing the people of Pakistan, fined Rs100,000, and sentenced to three years in jail for

If Mr Khan's actual 'crime' seems irrelevant and of little moral significance, it is because former prime ministers Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Nawaz Sharif, Benazir Bhutto, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy faced similar plants, coal-fired imported energy, cre- tricity than its re- They treatment at the hands of the state; none of the power plants, and ate jobs, improve accharges levelled against them withstood the test

Indeed, considering the frivolity of the projects have a numcharge and severity of Mr Khan's punishment, one need not reach too far back in history to find cal people. First, they a parallel. Where Mr Sharif's political dreams were are helping to reduce cut short over an unreceived salary, Mr Khan's Pakistan's reliance on achieve its sustainable In the same year, in Pakistan. political career has been rudely interrupted over imported energy. Cur- energy needs, espe- Pakistan's consumpfailing to properly declare certain gifts he received as prime minister. In neither case, can the severity of the punishment be said to have fitted the

There is no denying that Mr Khan blundered by not complying with the ECP's asset declaration rules as strictly as he should have. However, months of reporting on Toshakhana records have since established that very few of those who received gifts in an official capacity may be able to pass similar scrutiny if their records were to be examined with the same vigour.

Given that context, for the court to hand Mr ergy projects under under this fate-changinstallation of power port-oriented indus- we say that 2023 megawatts (MW) of Khan the maximum possible sentence for the of- CPEC are creating ing project initiative fence he was charged with seems excessive. The jobs. The construc- between both counpunishment is all the more problematic after the tion and operation of tries. Among these, concerns raised by several observers over the these projects require around a dozen been 12,000 megawatts of hydropower invest- as we have witnessed velopment took place manner in which the trial was conducted and the a large number of completed, and the energy would be gen- ment project under extremely encourag- in Wind Energy proseeming haste with which the judgement was issued. Of course, Mr Khan is entitled to appeal provide employment the sentence, and he may earn a reprieve, but the opportunities for local intended damage may have been done by then.

It must be asked why our state periodically subjects popular leaders to such humiliation when it routinely ignores far more serious crimes. This is, after all, the same country where a clear constitutional edict to hold elections within a specified time frame was wilfully cast aside earlier this year, and there still haven't been any consequences for the actors involved in the farce.

The fact is that Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Bhutto were not, and Imran Khan will not be rendered irrelevant to Pakistanis over some technical knockout. The fate of a politician rests in the electricity to these ar- kistan had lacked the completed under generation, economiz- for wind and solar ac- have improved the hands of their constituency, and no amount of eas, which will im- power generation ca- CPEC featuring ad- ing local precious for- counts for roughly external interference can change this simple relationship. The experiment was tried in the earlier two cases and failed, and the state seems to be repeating the same mistake, only to these benefits, the en- ure of attracting the tion to Pakistan's elec- are many other hydroweaken a fraying social contract further.

Energy Projects Energising CPEC

By kamran Raja

the core focus of nomic reduce power shortage and healthcare. in Pakistan. CPEC is wind farms.

These energy ber of benefits for lo- social changes. ports a significant newable country money.

workers, which will

Third, the energy projects under CPEC rural areas. Many projects under CPEC energy

ergy projects under investment at a level tricity

changes. For example, China-Pakistan Eco- they are expected to Corridor help to reduce poverty (CPEC) and helped to and improve education

nificant impact on the CPEC are expected to energy sector in Paki- have a significant posicludes a number of en- of local people in Paergy projects, includ- kistan. They will help cess to electricity, industrial growth and

of completion and are ergy projects envi-

do not have access to exceeded 7,000MW in completed electricity. The energy the year of 2011. The operationalised at full shortage have helped to bring emerged because Pa-

demand.

kistan has constructed Overall, the en- new power generating expected to have a sig- ergy projects under plants which has ficial sources, the to- lated hydropower the total. drastically enhanced tal installed capacity of projects the country's energy stan. The corridor in- tive impact on the lives generation capacity. At projects, including Project and Azad few weeks ago Fedhydropower to reduce reliance on to produce more elecbring about positive vey 2019-2020, Paki- 2020-21 and FY2021- commitment to pro- duce cheaper and CPEC is making stalled capacity of 22.03% and 18.37% able energy in Paki- through indigenous ways for Pakistan to 35,972MW in 2020. of the total generation stan. rently, Pakistan im- cially to build its re- tion capacity stood ergy projects replaced town across the eral renewable energy energy around 25,000MW. the costlier energy world, Belt & Road projects to have reamount of its energy, power generation ca- Previously, the pri- production from fur- Initiative of China is ceived Chinese investwhich is a drain on the pacity from the cur- mary structural prob- nace oil and diesel to not behind in contrib- ment in recent years. country's economy. rent 4 percent to 30 lem of power sector coal and renewable uting towards green Around 90 kilometers The energy projects percent in 2030. The was expansion of energy resources in revolution. On similar from Karachi, Jhimpir under CPEC will help energy cooperation on power generating the last five years, the lines, CPEC energy in- is the heartland of the to reduce this reliance, CPEC is ongoing be- units which has al- energy needs of Paki- vestments from China country's largest which will save the tween China and Pa- ready been addressed stan have been fulfilled are now focusing on 'Wind corridor', kistan. Overall, there under the CPEC en- at lower prices, driv- green energy. It won't which has the poten-Second, the en- are 21 energy projects ergy framework and ing growth in the ex- be an exaggeration if tial to produce 11,000 plants outside of tries.

CPEC cooperation. In total, around projects. The 21 en-In fact, Pakistan ergy projects will cost are helping to improve was a country that ex- around USD \$ 25 bilthe lives of people in perienced an acute en- lion. At the moment. ergy crisis previously. over a dozen energy people in rural areas Electricity shortages projects have been capacity.

life for many people. shortfall emerged and lower cost not source. In addition to largely due to the fail- only provided a solu-

pected to have a num- and maintenance of achievement for the tion. Suki Kinari Hy- green energy in Paki-Energy has remained ber of positive social power generation on country but also dropower project with stan. Currently, out of pace with the growing helped Pakistan im- an installed capacity the \$144 million in forprove its energy of 870MW is almost eign investment in so-However, after the structure and reduce complete and will be lar PV plants in Pakilaunch of CPEC, Pa- the cost of power gen- operational at the end stan, \$125 million is

According to of-CPEC energy stands at 6,570 MW. Diamer

power Plant, the first in renewable energy, d e v e l o p m e n t ambit of CPEC energy project both went into tions. commercial operaproject taps into National Electric Power wind power plants. Pakistan's coal re-Energy projects sources for power the installed capacity CPEC energy projects prove the quality of pacity. The energy vanced technologies eign exchange re-

shortage, power projects which

of this year.

include

The Karot Hydro- Sino-Pak cooperation

Regulatory Authority, 4.2% (1,831 MW) and Additionally, there total of 43,775 MW, respectively.

China is already at lower cost.

CPEC are also ex- required for expansion which was a historic are under construct the biggest investor in from China, account-Other CPEC-re- ing for nearly 87% of

Thanks to Chi-

Kohala Hydropower nese investments, a present, Pakistan has that of coal, wind, so- Pattan Hydropower eral Power Minister acquired the capacity lar and hydropower, Project. Furthermore, Khurram Dastgir Bhasha, Khan inaugurated two tricity than its re- They generated Neelum Jehlum, new wind energy quirement. According 28,549.94 Gwh and Mohmand, and Dasu projects in Jhimpir, to the statistics of Pa- 25,772.48 Gwh power Dams are also contrib- Thatta District, Sindh, kistan Economic Sur- respectively in FY uting towards Chinese with an aim to prostan acquired the in- 22, accounting for vide clean and afford- clean electricity energy sources. Wind When renewable projects in this region As the CPEC en- energy is talk of the have been one of sevbrought a new era in energy from green re-

Another major derest are in the process erated through 21 en- CPEC, and the second ing signs in green en- motion when Beijingphase of the Thar ergy sector between based multinational at different stages of sioned under the Block II power station the two friendly na- wind turbine manufacturer, Goldwind Until now, renew- Corporation launched tions in succession in able energy sources the first-of-its-kind year 2022. The hydro- make up a very minor solution factory in Papower plant provides fraction of Pakistan's kistan. The Solution Pakistan with clean yet overall power genera- Factory aims to delow-priced electricity tion mix. According to velop localized soluwhile the coal-power a recent report of the tions for Pakistani

In conclusion, power industry in Pakistan and contributed 1.4% (630 MW) of a to economic growth by increasing power supply with high efficiency

Commerce News

State Minister says: Agricultural development vital for economic revolution

SARGODHA (APP): to be a significant issue in nets, and supporting Industries and Production Tasneem Ahmed Qureshi said on Sunday agricultural development was vital for bringing about an economic revolution in Pakistan.

Talking to APP here, sector was facing various challenges including limited access to modern farming techniques, inadequate irrigation facilities, fragmented land holdings, facilities, and insufficient postharvest storage and processing infrastructure.

were affecting productivity and contributing to food insecurity. He said that food insecurity continued

many parts of South Asia as well. On the other hand, the region had made reducing poverty and improving overall food

security he added. national and international insecurity issue in South Asia, adding that the agricultural practices, improving irrigation and water management, storage and transportation, investing in rural development,

nutrition programmes to address malnutrition. He said that Pakistan

progress in recent years in had a rapidly growing population, which placed significant pressure on demand for food increases, levels to address food and meeting the nutritional needs of all individuals becomes more challenging,' initiatives should include he added. Tasneem Qureshi promoting sustainable said high poverty rate was a major contributor to food insecurity, not only in Pakistan but in South Asia He said these factors enhancing infrastructure as well, as many people in the region lacked financial resources to access an adequate and nutritious strengthening social safety diet consistently.



LAHORE: Railway Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique Inaugurate Steel Shop at Mughalpura Railway

Delegation of Realtors calls on Chairman FBR

ISLAMABAD (APP): FBR and attended by the Under the direction of Minister for Finance and Revenue, a delegation of Realtors on Sunday called on Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana, in order to address and resolve taxation issues that their concerns will be concerning real-estate transactions.

The direction was issued by Finance Minister during the 90th meeting of Assembly National Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, said a news release issued here.

presided by the Chairman

delegation of Realtors led Sardar Mehmood, President Federation of Realtors Pakistan, and the team of FBR officers. Chairman

assured the participants addressed and best possible facilitation will be ensured for removing difficulties arising on account of implementation of tax laws.

He directed his team ensure proper coordination and The meeting was consultations with the Realtors in this regard.

food production and He urged that efforts availability. "As the he said the agriculture must be made at the population increases, the

Global rice price index reaches record high in 12 years

LAHORE (APP): The world rice price index of the United Nations Food Agency (UNFA) experienced a notable 2.8 percent rise in July, as compared to June, reaching the highest level recorded in almost 12 years.

The overall world food price index also notably rebounded in July after experiencing two-year lows, said a UNFA report issued

here.
This hike in prices was mainly driven by excessive demand in key exporting countries and India's decision to restrict exports, it said.

The Food and A g r i c u l t u r e Organisation's All Rice Price Index (ARPI), that tracks rice prices among major exporting nations, estimated an average of 129.7 points last month, a notable rise from June's 126.2 points

Likewise, the score from July was much higher.



Pakistan to achieve just, clean energy transition for future generations: Musadik

Manifestos 2023", jointly

ISLAMABAD (APP): "Pakistan will not just talk green but will achieve a just clean energy transition; with or without rest of world for our future generations", said Dr Musadik Malik, Minister of State for Petroleum Division here on Sunday. He was speaking at

parliamentary consultation titled "Towards a Sustainable Future: Inclusion of Just Energy Transition and Climate Action in Election mobilization for developing Pakistan State Oil (PSO).

organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs, a news release said. The State Minister said that Russia-Ukraine crisis caused unproportional energy inflation for the developing countries, thwarting the clean energy transition and access. Therefore, it is imperative that just and clean energy transition be supported with finance

technology transfer and indigenous development, he said and stressed that accountability for clean energy transition should be extended equally across the table and not just on developing countries. Dr. Musadik emphasized that Petroleum companies in Pakistan including Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL),

Need stressed for increasing UK-Pakistan bilateral trade to £ 10 billion ISLAMABAD

London-based prominent Pakistani businessman Raja Muhammad Adil on Sunday said that there are great opportunities to develop business relations between the UK and Pakistan which need to be exploited. The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) hosted a reception in the honor of Raja Muhammad Adil in which he shared his life long struggle in the UK and achievements in the field of business.

He said that he went to London in 1963 and started his professional life there as a bus driver. However, later he started business life from a small shop and achieved remarkable success in the field

achievements were the result of continuous hard work and struggle. In London, he has always helped Pakistanis and some of them have made a mark in politics and business. In his message to the youth, Raja Muhammad Adil said that today's youth is looking for shortcuts for success, but success in any field requires constant hard work and struggle with integrity. Speaking

the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry paid tribute to Raja Muhammad Adil for achieving numerous achievements in the field of



Federal Minister for interior, Rana Sanaullah Khan, inauguration various projects of Electricity supply to sadhar, Faisalabad.

Thar coal - a panacea to Pakistan's energy deficiency

ISLAMABAD (APP): Being 28th largest reserve, the Tharparker coal can prove to be a panacea to Pakistan's energy deficiency by producing billions of tone oil and cheaper electricity for domestic, commercial and industrial consumers.

Blessed with 175 billion tons of coal, the reserve is equivalent to 50 billion tons of oil which is more than Saudi Arabian and Iranian oil reserves. These reserves are equal to 2,000 trillion cubic feet of gas which is 68 times higher than Pakistan's total gas reserves.

Since the outgoing coalition government had specifically focused on the

development of this project, experts pin hopes that its culmination would help overcome energy deficiency and save hefty and precious foreign exchange spent every year on the import of fossil fuels like coal, oil and liquefied natural gas

In many countries, coal is used as a cheaper source for generating electricity as global coal reserves are estimated to be around one trillion tons. while coal-fired based power plants contribute nearly 37 per cent of global electricity generation.

According to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sindh Engro Coal Mining

Thar coal reserves can generate approximately 100,000 megawatts (MW) electricity for the next 250 years. "This project alone can ensure energy security of Pakistan besides reducing power tariff significantly.

He said coal is considered a cheap energy resource in Pakistan to catch up with future energy requirements of domestic and commercial consumers as during the last five years coal-based power production had also witnessed a significant

We need to shift to local coal resources to scale

Company (SECMC) Amir down fuel import costs as Iqbal, unlocking indigenous even in India coal-fired even in India coal-fired power plants produce Amir Iqbal said Thar coal more than two third of could not only be used for total electricity," Amir Igbal informed.

He said India import 200 million tons of coal annually besides utilizing Pakistan's coal production stood at merely 14 to 15

million tons per annum. "SECMC extracting 7.6 million tons coal per annum from Block-II and its capacity is being expanded to 11.2 million tons," Amir said and informed that Thar coal has total of 13 blocks but only two blocks were being mined presently.

Terming coal reserves the future of Pakistan, power generation but also ferried to different parts of the country for use in cement and steel industries. "Once, Thar 500-600 million tons of coal is connected with domestic coal while railway network, it would be open all across the country and pave the way

> Statistics show that average consumption in power plants is approximately 0.62kg/kWh. However, the new efficient power plants utilize 10% less coal as compared to ordinary plants

its

prosperity.

economic

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National News

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Kundi inaugurates BISP Tehsil office in Paniala

(APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Faisal Karim Sunday inaugurated Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) Tehsil office in

Addressing inauguration ceremony, the special assistant said the establishment of the BISP office in Paniala was the beginning of the first government office in this

status of Tehsil several years ago, but till date no Tehsil level office of any provincial department has been established here, he Minister soon for the

He said today a

Special Assistant to Prime

Minister (SAPM) on Gas

and Energy Chaudhry

Hamid Hameed has said

that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)

believed in serving masses

and national development

here at Sargodha on Sunday, he said the PML-N initiated

a number of development

projects across the country

including Sargodha to

materialise the dream of nation

While talking to APP

programmes

SAPM says:

PML-N believes in

serving masses only

SARGODHA (APP): national progress and

by launching public welfare said that petrol was

HYDERABAD: Activists of Peoples Party Shaheed

Bhutto (PPP-SB) are holding protest

demonstration against the auction and excavation

of Karoonihar, at Hyderabad press club.

people of Paniala has been fulfilled as a fully equipped office has been

inaugurated here.

He said that 28,000 deserving people were benefiting in Paharpur tehsil which include women from Paniala. Now, the women of this area would have the facility at their door step, he said and vowed that a nutrition office would established here.

Faisal Kundi said that Paniala was given the he had written a letter for establishment of NADRA and Passport offices in Paniala, adding, he himself would met with Interior

He said "we always

prosperity, adding that Pakistan was making

progress speedily in 2018

when the PML-N

government was toppled

under a deep-rooted

conspiracy. The minister

available at Rs 65 per litre, sugar at Rs 52 per kg and

US dollar rate was Rs 110

in 2018 when an

incompetent person like

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insat

(PTI) Chairman Imran

Khan was imposed on the

promise made with the prioritized serving the people and make efforts for the development of the area and its people.

He regretted that the people of Paniala were deprived of CPEC interchange, adding, he would write a letter to National Highways and Motorway Chairman to build an interchange here on CPEC route.

Faisal Kundi said he would request to the prime minister to release funds for the mega projects which the premier had inaugurated in Dera Ismail Khan recently.

He said that he was always ready to join hands with his political opponents for the sake of regional development and prosperity.

Three killed in separate incidents

ATTOCK (APP): Three persons including an employee of Punjab health department were killed in three separate incidents in various parts of Attock on Sunday, police and rescue sources said.

In the first incident, 38 years old Muhammad Saqib- an employee of the Punjab health department presently posted at district headquarters hospital was stabbed to death in the limits of Attock city Police station. The assailants managed to escape after restoring aerial firing. In the second, 50 years old, Afghan national was axed to death in Jallo area near Burhan motorway interchange in the limits of Hassanabdal Police station.

Police sources said that the deceased identified as Imrat Khan, who runs a small shop on GT road. On Sunday, when he was going to open his shop, unknown masked men intercepted him and attacked him with

xes and killed him Later, the attackers throw his body at a vacant plot and fled away from the scene successfully.



to inaugurate Nadra Registration Centre at Union Council 117 Dhanola.

Sadaqat Hussain Raja

Justice Sardar Liaquat

Rashid Salharia, Raja Tariq

Environmental Tribunal

Muhammad

Farooq

Justice Raza Ali takes oath as acting CJ of AJK

MIRPUR AJK (APP): Justice Raza Ali Khan on Sunday takes oath as Acting Chief Justice (CJ) of the Supreme Court (SC) of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The AJK President

Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry administered the oath of office to Justice Raza Ali Khan as Acting CJ of the apex Court of the AJK State at a ceremony held at the President's House in the State metropolis.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended among others by Chief Justice High Court, Justice Muzaffarabad and others.

Kundi grieved over Nawabshah Train accident DERA ISMAIL KHAN

(APP): Special Assistant to the prime minister on Shaheen, Justice Mian Arif Poverty Alleviation and Hussain, Justice Syed Shahid Bahar, Justice Social Safety Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday expressed Sardar Muhammad Ejaz, his deep grief and sorrow Justice Ghulam Mustafa Mughal, Chief Election over the tragic accident of Hazara Express in Commissioner Abdul Nawabshah district of Sindh. In a statement, the Javed Chairman Service special assistant said the Tribunal, Mushtaq Ahmed Hazara Express train accident Tahir, Member Service Tribunal, Chaudhry Muhammad Munir Judge has made whole the nation sad. He said Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Election Tribunal, Raja Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was Rashid Naseem Chairman in constant contact with the Sindh administration and District and Sessions Judge monitoring the relief activities.

Durrani inaugurates 'Kalam Bibi Intl Women Institute' at Bannu University

Deputy Speaker Zahid Durrani has inaugurated the 'Kalam Bibi International Women Institute' here at the University

of Bannu in Bannu. In this regard a ceremony was held wherein Zahid Akram Durrani was chief guest. On this occasion, the deputy speaker was accompanied by former MPAs Fakhr-e-Azam and Qari Gul Azeem. Bannu University Vice Chancellor Dr Khair uz Zaman gave a briefing to the deputy speaker.

Addressing ceremony, Durrani said it was a long standing demand of the people to have a university for women in

DERA ISMAIL KHAN the area and this institute (APP): National Assembly would help to ensure provision of quality education to the female students of the area.

He acknowledged the role of Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal and the Higher **Education Commission** (HEC) in establishment of this institute. He said the institute established at a cost of Rs 25.4 million would be totally solarized. He said the southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Bannu remained neglected during the last government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) as no funds were released for development of



these areas

KARACHI: Passengers sit worried at platform as trains are late from their original schedules after a Hazara Express accident near Nawabshah, at Cantt Station in Karachi.

Flood in river Sutlej Local communities, PDMA helping affectees to mitigate effects

MULTAN (APP): :Feeling pain of those displaced, whose belongings are taken away by flood and who felt dejected to witness so much water after almost 36 the

communities and relatives came forward to lend helping hands by providing them shelters and food despite arrangements made by Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) for flood affected people around river Sutlej. A ferocious flood is

witnessed this year in river Sutlej submerging hundreds homeless, but the generous assistance of local community remained exemplary.

Punjab Management Authority (PDMA) has also established relief camps, equipped with different sorts of facilities including availability of food, healthcare, fodder for animals and camps but most of the affectees sought shelter at their relatives' or friends' homes instead of camps so far.

During last three decades, the flow of water of acres of land leaving in river Sutlej was on Sajjad Saldaira, a resident thousands of people decrease and the river had of Sahuka (Burewala) Qasim also spoke and fodder for cattle.

Bahawalpur. Noticing this trend, people constructed structures in low-lying areas of the river, which are now under

The flood water also entered into scores of adjacent "Mauzajat" and damaged hundreds of homes and crops on thousands of acres. Although, the majority of the farmers have picked crops, especially maize which is a popular crop of the region.

that a good number of flood-affected people left the river bed and sought shelter in relatives and friends' homes.

He informed that he managed himself accommodation for 15 families. Relatives, friends and other people were exhibiting kind gestures in this crucial time for floodhit people, he said, adding the majority of displaced people were farmers and cattle holders whose animals had also been A citizen namely adjusted.

almost dried up near talking to APP informed informed that he also provided residence facility to two families, while a good number of flood-hit families were living in their

> Responding problems in the areas, he stated that the government should increase number of medical professionals as some people were facing health complications. Similarly, the availability of fodder for cattle should be managed properly and the administration should provide "Wanda" to feed animals as due to flood, there was a shortage of

International News

Russia launches burst of missile and drone attacks, Ukraine says

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Ukraine said Rus-

sia bombed a blood transfusion centre near the front line in a wave of air strikes overnight while Moscow reported that it had shot down a drone heading to the capital on Sunday in the third such attack in a week.

Both countries have stepped up attacks on each other's troops, weaponry and infrastructure supporting the war as Ukraine seeks to dislodge Russian forces who have dug in across southern and eastern Ukraine since their invasion last year.

The Moscow-appointed head of Crimea said the Chonhar bridge to the peninsula, which was annexed from Ukraine by Moscow in 2014, had been damaged by a missile strike. Another of the three road links between Crimea and Russian-occupied

parts of mainland Ukraine, a civilian driver wounded.

near the town of a Moscow-appointed of-Henichesk, was shelled and ficial said.

Ukraine calls Jeddah talks productive, Russia calls them doomed

Monitoring Desk

RIYADH: A senior Ukrainian official said on Sunday that talks in Saudi Arabia to make headway towards a peaceful settlement of the war with Russia had been productive, but Moscow called the meeting a doomed attempt to swing the Global South behind Kyiv.

More than 40 countries, including China, India, the United States, and European countries, but not Russia, are taking part in the Jeddah talks that are expected to end on Sunday without any written concluding statement. Ukraine and its allies have said the talks are an attempt to secure broad international support for principles that Kyiv wants to be the basis for peace, including the withdrawal of all Russian troops and the return of all Ukrainian territory to its control. President Volodymir Zelenskiy has said he wants a global summit to take place based on those principles later this year. Eighteen months after Russia invaded Ukraine, any prospect of direct peace talks between Kyiv and Moscow appears remote.



Mourners carry the body of Palestinian who was killed during clashes with Israeli settlers, in a hospital in Ramallah, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Closing youth festival in Portugal, pope shares 'old man's' dream of peace

Monitoring Desk LISBON: Pope Francis

closed an international festival of Catholic Youth on Sunday with a huge outdoor Mass and his own "I have a dream" speech, saying it was for world peace, especially for Ukraine.

About 1.5 million people attended his closing Mass at a riverside park in the Portuguese jamboree back home.

quoting local authorities. Many of the faithful slept outdoors, having attending a vigil there on Saturday night, and they gathered in sweltering heat.

Speaking after the Mass, the 86-year-old Francis urged the young people to take the fraternal

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain urge citizens to leave Lebanon after Palestinian refugee camp clashes **Monitoring Desk**

BEIRUT: Bahrain called on ts citizens Saturday to leave Lebanon "for their own safety" hours after Saudi Arabia did the same without giving a reason.

The decision by the

two Gulf nations came after days of fighting in the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon between members of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group and militants of Islamic groups.

The four days of fight-

ing in Ein el-Hilweh camp near the southern port city of Sidon has left 13 people dead and dozens wounded. Bahrain's Foreign Ministry said Bahrainis should abide by the government's previous decisions to avoid travel to Lebanon. The Saudi embassy in Beirut posted a statement late Friday night on X, formerly known as



Philippines says China blocked, water-cannoned boat in South China Sea

Monitoring Desk MANILA: The Philippines

on Sunday accused China's coast guard of blocking and water-cannoning a Philippine military supply boat in the South China Sea, condemning the "excessive and offensive actions" against its vessels

China's coast guard countered that it had implemented necessary controls under the law to deter Philippine ships, which it accused of trespassing and

tire South China Sea, an assertion rejected internationally, while Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei, Taiwan and the Philippines have various claims to certain areas.

Beijing often irks its neighbours with maritime actions they call aggressive and with longer-term activities like building islands on reefs and equipping them with missiles and runways. A Chinese coast guard

vessel on Saturday blocked carrying illegal building materials. China claims sover-thered Philippine boat and water-cannoned the

and resupply mission, "in wanton disregard of the safety of the people on board and in violation of international law", the Armed Forces of the Philippines said.

It said in a statement the incident occurred near the Second Thomas Shoal which Manila calls Ayungin Shoal, a submerged reef where a handful of its troops live on a rusty World War Two-era U.S ship that was intentionally grounded in 1999.

Iran boosts navy with missiles, drones as US offers guards for Gulf ships **Monitoring Desk**

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: Iran has equipped

its Revolutionary Guards' navy with drones and 1,000-km (600-mile) range missiles, Iranian news agencies reported on Saturday, as the U.S. offers to put guards on commercial ships going through the Gulf's Strait of Hormuz.

Referring to the possible presence of U.S. guards, Iranian armed forces spokesperson Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi said the region's countries were "capable of ensuring Persian Gulf security" themselves. "What do the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the Indian Ocean have to do with America? What is your business being here?" Shekarchi was quoted as saying by the semi-official Tasnim news

State news agency IRNA said the Revolutionary Guards' weapons include "various types of drones ... and several hundred cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 300.

Ukraine strikes Chonhar bridge to Crimea

KYIV: The Chonhar road

bridge linking mainland Ukraine to Crimea was damaged by a Ukrainian missile strike on Sunday, Russia's RIA news agency cited the Moscow-appointed head of Crimea, gei Aksyonov, as saying.

RIA cited acting Kherson regional governor Vladimir Saldo—another Moscow appointee—as saying the strike on the bridge, one of three road links between Crimea and mainland Ukraine, involved an Anglo-French Storm Shadow missile.

N. Korean leader Kim tours weapons factories and vows to boost war readiness in face of tensions

Monitoring Desk

leader Kim Jong Un toured the country's key weapons factories, including those producing artillery systems and launch vehicles for nuclear-capable ballistic missiles, and pledged to speed up efforts to advance his military's arms and war readiness, state media said Sunday.

Kim's three-day inspections through Saturday came as the United States and South Korea prepared for their next round of combined military exercises planned for later this month to cope with the growing North

Tensions on the Korean Peninsula are at their highest level in years as the pace of North Korea's missile tests and the joint U.S.-South Korea military drills, which Kim portrays as invasion rehearsals, have both intensified in a tit-for-tat cycle.

Some experts say Kim's tour of the weapons factories could also be related to possible military cooperation with Moscow that may involve North Korean supplies of artillery and other ammunition as Russian President Vladimir Putin reaches out to other countries for support in the



Belarus' exiled opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya gives an opening speech during the New Belarus conference in Warsaw, Poland.

2 dead, 57 rescued from migrant shipwrecks off Italy's Lampedusa

Monitoring Desk ROME: Italy's coastguard said on Sunday it had recovered two bodies and rescued 57 people off the southern island of Lampedusa, amid reports that more than 30 people were missing following two shipwrecks.

The Ansa news agency, citing survivors' accounts, reported that two migrant boats that had set off from the port of Sfax, a hotspot for Tunisia's migration crisis, had sunk on Saturday on their way to Europe. One was carrying 48 people, the second 42, Ansa said, add-

ing that the coastguard found the survivors about 23 nautical miles (46 km) south-west of Lampedusa, as well as the two victims a woman from Ivory Coast and her one-year-old child. A coastguard spokesperson said he could only confirm the number of survivors and the recovery of two

More than 2,000 people have arrived in Lampedusa in the last few days after being rescued at sea by Italian patrol boats and NGO groups, as strong winds further complicate the situation around the island.

Upper House clears HEC (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to strengthen higher education

ISLAMABAD (APP): ous three years. This Senate passed The HEC (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on stability and continuity in Sunday with a majority vote, and the bill aims to strengthen and revitalize the Higher Education Commis-

The Bill was moved by Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar was passed by the House with 23 votes in favour and 16 in opposition. The prime minister has been given the controlling authority of the

Education Commission. The primary goal of the bill was to strengthen the higher education sector in the country and guarantee access to quality education for everyone.

The term of appointment for the Chairman of HEC has been extended to four years from the previ-

stability and continuity in the commission's leadership, leading to improved long-term planning and policy implementation.

The bill's objective is to rectify discrepancies present in the existing HEC Ordinance 2002. The 18th constitutional amendment has diminished the regulatory authority of HEC, leading to inadequate legal power for enforcing standardization in the higher education sector.

Earlier, Senator Irfan Siddiqui, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented the committee's report on the bill to amend the Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill,



QUETTA: Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail meeting with President BNP-Awami and Provincial Minister for Agriculture Mir Asadullah Baloch.

Dar asserts low possibility of error in unanimously approved digital census

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of Finance and Revenue Muhammad Ishaq Dar Sunday emphasized that the digital census, which was unanimously approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI), has a lower possibility of error. Defending the digital census in the Upper House while speaking on a point of order, Leader of the House Ishaq Dar pointed out that the decision regarding the new census was made by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government. He informed the Senate that Rs 34 billion had been spent on the endeavor.

He mentioned that the census had received approval from eight members aviation.

of the CCI. The finance minister mentioned that comprehensive details had been provided to all provinces. The average population growth stands at 2.55 percent, compared to 2.44 percent recorded in the 2017 census. Balochistan has the highest growth rate at 3.25 percent. The digital population census incurred an expenditure of 34 billion rupees, he told.

The finance minister also revealed that a minister from the previous government had caused harm to Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). He asserted that reforms were being implemented to enhance



RAWALPINDI: President Ex-Servicemen Society Rtd Gen Abdul Qayyum Abdul Qayuoom addressing during a ceremony title Pakistan Day.

AJK PM warns Matching response to every Indian misadventure at LOC

Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister (AJK PM) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that any aggression or misadventures by India on the Line of Control (LOC) shall be paid back in

the same coin. Addressing a special session of the AJK Legislative assembly held in connection with Youm e Estehsal in the State metropolis late Saturday, the PM, while referring to the highly provocative statement by an Indian minister, made it clear to India that any attempt of infringing the AJK's territorial integrity would be responded to with full force.

The PM said that India should take a lesson both at national and interfrom recent history when national level.

an Indian Air Force jet violated our airspace in 2019. He said that the whole world witnessed what happened in the aftermath and

how the Indian warplane

was downed by the PAF. "If India attempts to repeat the mistake, then India will get a befitting reply on its own soil", the PM said. "So long as the custodians of Kashmir's freedom movement are alive, the caravan of the freedom movement will continue to march towards its destination", the PM said.

Reiterating government's commitment to the Kashmir cause, the PM said that all available resources would be used to highlight the Kashmir issue

Half million Muslim murders in post independence India

SRINAGAR (Online): Behar state of India. From independence till now more than half million Muslims has been murdered in 93,647 incidents of killing muslims. Aljazeera report shows that quarter of million (250,000) muslims was killed in 16 riots and more than 700,000 became homeless.

Biggest Hindu-Muslim riot of India's history occurred in Ayodhya in 1992, On December 6, 1992 Babri Mosque was demolished and more than 3000 muslims were killed.

In 2020 amid muslim killing riots more than 150 muslims were killed and hundreds were injured.

Massive rise was witnessed in anti muslim sentiments after 2014. Modi government made dozens of anti-muslim laws like citizen law, Gau Rakhashak, divorce and veil after coming in power.

Huge rise was also witnessed in Bollywood in producing anti muslim movies in last decade.

After India Pakistan In 1989 extremists division more than 50,000 killed more than 9000 mosques has been burned muslims in Baghalpur in or changed into Temple.



unveiling plaque during the groundbreaking ceremony of PKLI University and Launching of the National Hepatitis C Elimination Campaign.

CPEC shifts focus of geo-political cooperation to geo-economic fruition

LAHORE (APP): The dedi- cade, the start of CPEC cation and untiring efforts of the incumbent government and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) diplomatic, technical staff of both countries have shifted the focus of cooperation from geo-politics to geo-economics by bringing it to fruition, experts said on Sunday

They said that CPEC was playing a key role in transforming the development landscape of Pakistan with the launch of several multi-billion-dollar projects. If one goes through analysis of one de-

CM condoles

death of

sister of Syed

Aslam Shah

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ster Balochistan, Mir

Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has

expressed condolence and

grief over death of sister of

ormer Coordinator, Prime

Minister and former Politi-

cal Secretary to Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Syed

sentative of Chief Minister,

Mir Naseer Bizenjo visited

the residence of Syed

Aslam Shah and condoled

with him the death of his

sister, on behalf of the Chief

Speaker BA grieved over

death of 7

girls in Kech

Independent Report QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir

Jan Muhammad Jamali has

expressed deep grief and sorrow over death of seven

children while swimming in

a stream in Turbat area of

Kech. In a condolence state-

ment issued here on Sun-

day, the Speaker expressed

heartfelt sympathy with

the bereaved families of the

girls who lost lives during

picnic in the local stream of

the grief with the bereaved

families of girls. He prayed

that may Allah Almighty

rest the departed souls into

Its eternal peace and give

enough strength and pa-

tience to the bereaved fami-

He said that we share

Turbat.

for the departed soul.

He also offered fateha

The cousin and repre-

Aslam Shah.

was a concerted move by the then prime minister Mian Nawaz Sharif and Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013 to shift the focus of cooperation from geo-politics to geo-economics. Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Kashf Anwar told APP that today, the premiership of Shehbaz Sharif and leadership of Planning Minister Prof. Ahsan Iqbal – deserve the highest praise for having

brought CPEC to its frui-

cent of the world's population and half of the world's GDP, have signed up to the BRI. CPEC, a principal component of BRI, aims to connect Pakistan's Gwadar port city to China's Xinjiang region through a network of roads, railways, and pipelines, he said.

To a query Anwar said that CPEC has the potential to significantly impact the entire region. Under CPEC, both governments have decided to overcome the then energy crisis in Pakistan, he said, adding tion. As of now, more than 150 countries, with 75 per that to guarantee energy security, multiple projects. that to guarantee energy

PML-N to empower youth with info-tech skills: Ahsan Iqbal

NAROWAL (APP): Fed- only. "It is very easy to talk eral Minister for Planning and Development Prof Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhry said on Sunday the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) wanted to empower youth of the country with info-tech skills and it was making all-out efforts in that direction.

Speaking as the chief guest at the 'Digital Narowal' event held at E-Library here, he said now his entire focus was on launch of modern-day projects for the youth of the country. He said recently the first convocation of the University of Narowal was held, which had been delayed for the past four years. He said the PML-N believed in merit PML-N believed in merit Pakistan and earning handsome amounts of money for their families.

brilliant students is the process of recognising the talent of our youth," Ahsan Iqbal said. The federal minister said that with the laptops given by the PML-N government, lakhs of stu-

dents were freelancing from Pakistan and earning hand-

of merit, but PML-N gov-

ernment is demonstrating

through practical steps that

it believes in merit and only

merit. Laptop scheme for

Ex-MPA Prince Ahmad joins race for caretaker CM of Balochistan

QUETTA (INP): Former Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) Prince Ahmad Ali has thrown his hat into the ring for the highly contested position of caretaker Chief Minister of Balochistan. According to sources, several members of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) have been actively lobbying to secure the candidacy of Prince Ahmad Ali for the caretaker CM position.

They have engaged in discussions with the leadership of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

Prince Ahmad Ali,

who previously served as an elected member of the Balochistan Assembly from Hub Lasbela after the 2013 elections, brings with him experience and familiarity with the region's po-

litical dynamics. On the other hand, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) has nominated former Member of the National Assembly (MNA) Usman Badini as its candidate for the caretaker Chief Minister position. J

However, the race is far from one-sided, as other potential candidates have emerged from different political factions.



stan Central President, Sahibzada Abul Khair Muhammad Zubair addresses during seminar on Ittehad-e-Ummat organized by Mili Yakjehti Council held at Quetta Press Club.

E-service centre to facilitate Quetta's dwellers

Quddus Bizenjo has prioritized public welfare projects for providing facilities to the people and improves service delivery

in the province.

The present government has taken historical steps and launched several development projects for the well being of people of province, a handout issued here on Sunday said.

According to the vision of Chief Minister, an four departments would be provided at the e-facilitae-service center in Quetta tion centre to improve pubhas been officially funclic services.

QUETTA (APP): The tional under the Science and With the digitization Balochistan government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Abdul Department to provide services to the citizens under a one-window operation. The establishment of

that facilitation centre in Ouetta will reduce the burden on the district government while ensuring prompt service delivery for citizens. The aim is to streamline the work of different departments through a onewindow operation for citizens. In the first phase of the project, the services of

of Revenue Department, the centre would provide eservices regarding the land record to the masses. With the installation of e-service centre, the regis-

tration and submission of fee in the Excise and Taxation Department has been made easy and efficient. The acquisition of

birth certificate, character certificate and other necessary documents has been made very easy through efacilitation centre.

A police desk is also set up at the e-service center and resolving public issues related to police. collective responsibility of all LAHORE (APP): Prime Muhammad Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday and relevant authorities. said that all those who were

tasked with the onus to serve humanity, should strive for the provision of free-of-cost health and education facilities to the poor Hopkins of the USA. and deprived segments of He said the PKLI journey started in 2014, when society. The prime minishe requested Dr Saeed ter was addressing a conference arranged here to cre-Akhtar to set up a state-of-

> said that the institute was established with an autonomous body to rid it of any official red tape.

tive responsibility to serve the poor and deprived masses by setting up health facilities like the PKLI in line with the vision of Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of

the welfare state. The event was attended by Governor Punjab

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elimination of Hepatitis-C

in the country arranged at

Pakistan Kidney and Liver

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ter said it was their collec-

Addressing the par-

Institute (PKLÍ).

Rehman, ministers, experts

PM Shahbaz says

Serving ailing humanity; a

The prime minister termed the event a historic and said that he always desired to see PKLI working on the pattern of Johns

the-art institute for the kidney and liver diseases in Punjab province. The prime minister

The project was launched in 2015 and was completed in 2018 when the first kidney transplant was performed, he recol-

The prime minister said that till this day, a tothe nation, and in accordance with the concept of tal of 1000 transplants had been performed at PKLI which was another mile-

Rs 15 billion in the trust fund which would help in providing free treatment to

e poor people, he added. He observed that previously, they used to send liver disease patients to other neighbouring countries. PKLI was established in the country which entertained patients irrespective of class and without discrimination, he said, adding it was also an essence for the creation of Pakistan for which Quaid and a large number of people gave huge sacrifices.

He regretted that the poor people in the country suffered while the rich had all the resources to get treatment for themselves at the best facilities in the world.

The prime minister said during 2018, about 26 Hepatitis C filter clinics were established in the province under the umbrella of PKLI where patients were treated with great care and with free medicines.



train derailed as rescue operation is underway, at Sarhari Railway Station.

PTI threw "petrol bomb of inflation" on people: Marriyum Aurangzeb

KARACHI (APP): Minis- the PTI pelted petrol and freedom of expression Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Sunday criticized the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf's (PTI) four-year rule which triggered extreme inflation in the country due to wrong economic policies and massive corruption of its leadership.

'The people fully knows the difference between development, de- said the three-time prime but Pakistan ranking in struction and conspiracies," she said while drawing a comparison between the destructive policies of the PTI government, and development-oriented and public-friendly initiatives of the coalition government in the last 15 months.

Addressing a news conference at the Karachi Press Club, she recalled that

Appeal right **Intact for Imran: Tarar**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law, Azam Nazir Tarar, stated on Sunday that former Prime Minister Imran Khan still possesses the right to appeal the verdict, and the punishment awarded to Khan in the Toshakhana reference was in accordance with the law.

Speaking in the Senate, the Minister mentioned that the PTI chairman had been provided an opportunity to demonstrate his innocence, but now, since he has been convicted, he must face the consequences. The Minister further stated that out of 40 court summonses related to the reference, the PTI chairman appeared only three times, and these assets were the basis for his conviction.

He pointed out that in contrast to Imran, former prime ministers Nawaz Sharif and Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani did not possess the right to appeal the verdicts issued against them.

Kamran Murtaza stages symbolic walkout in protest of census handling

ISLAMABAD (APP) JUI-F member Kamran Murtaza on Sunday staged a symbolic walkout from Senate, in a protest of the government's handling of the census and its methodology for population counting, while also drawing attention to anomalies and the reduction of population in Balochistan. Speaking on a point of order in Senate, Murtaza claimed that the latest digital census had reduced the population of Balochistan by 6.4 million. He staged a walkout in protest, citing anomalies in the

census process

ter for Information and bombs on the police when the PTI chief's residence in Zaman Park was raided.

She said the PTI chief was the mastermind of May 9 incidents when the Law Enforcement Agencies' vans, mosques, ambulances, memorials of martyrs and sensitive installations were set on fire.

On the contrary, she and development in the country by ending load-shedding and curbing terrorism. Nawaz Sharif launched China Pakistan Economic Corridor, made the country's defence impregnable and spread network of roads

across Pakistan, she added. Marriyum said curbs

during the four-year of the PTI, however, the press clubs across the country provided a platform to the then opposition leaders to spread their messages among the masses and highlight fascism of the previous regime. She said the PTI chairman was declared 'predator" for media by the international organization, minister brought prosperity press freedom improve during the last fifteen months of the coalition government. She said the PEMRA Ordinance of 2002 was a "black law" which was enacted by a dictator, but it was the coalition government which introduced amendments after twelve months of extensive



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Chairman PTI's arrest is reward for actions: **Ghafoor Hydari**

JACOBABAD (Online): Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam said arrest of Chairman PTI is reward of his actions, upcoming elections should be conducted under the constitution. Workers should pre-

pare for general elections,

he said these things in a

meeting with the delegation led by Ameer of JUI Jacobabad Dr. AG Ansari. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haidari said that Chairman PTI's misbehavior with the country and the people cannot be

Further he said JUI has buried the Jewish agent and his agenda, the future is of those who serve the country, Islam and humanity. He maintained that the workers should make exten-

found in history.

Balochistan Assembly Opposition Leader Advocate Malik Sikander Khan, Central Majlis Shura Member Maulana Abdullah Jatak, Central Ruyat Hilal Committee Member Haji Abal Malik Brohi, District Council Alhaj Saeed Rabnawaz Chachar, Mufti Abdul Shakur Kahosa, Qari Kifayatullah Kahosa, Mohammad Kakar, Engi-

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ers, Zahid Safi, Azeem Butt and Shahid Butt addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club.