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War no more remains an option **Ready to talk to neighbours** on serious matters: PM

Our neighbors should understand to live with peace; Says we did injustice with Pakistan, poor people during last 75 years; Underlines need to learn from past, explore precious natural resources properly

Shehbaz Sharif has said we have to go ahead by learning lesson from past mis-

takes. "Thar coal is one among the largest coal projects in world. Reko diq project is of special importance in the held for addressing the history of the country. We have to move forward by learning lesson from past mistakes. We have to convert the speeches into action. We have to work for

ISLAMABAD (Online): the development of the ing the people to political Prime Minister (PM) country. War no more re-victimization, he held. mains an option. Pakistan is a nuclear power. But this ety has divided unfortupower is not meant to use nately. Poison has been against any other. Our neighbors should underpeople. stand to live with peace. Meaningful talks should be

> problems, he said this while questioned Its answer is "No", he addressing the inaugural session of "Pakistan Minerals added. Summit" in Islamabad Tues-

day. NAB kept on subjectprecious wealth of our country in the last 75 years.

Were we hesitant due to some cartel or political rea-He remarked the soci-He underlined we

poured into minds of Can any work be done for the development of country in this situation, he

We did not focus on the

should work for public interest and against the pov-

Today is a propitious day, he said adding nature has bestowed natural resources worth trillion dollars on Pakistan. We did not pay attention to natural wealth during the last 75

Continued on page 2 Pakistan Mineral Summit.

Two police cops deputed

on polio team's security

gunned down in Quetta

Minister Home slams firing on



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and COAS General Syed Asim Munir witnessing the signing of MoUs for increasing foreign investment in the mining Industry of Pakistan during

Diplomacy on track with extensive global engagements: FM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday said that through extensive engagement with the international community, Pakistan achieved substantially on the diplomatic front during the past fifteen months

Addressing a ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after launching 'Digitised system under Foreign Minister's Change Management Reforms', the foreign minister said that through intensive engagements with the international community, they could now claim "diplomacy is back" Continued on page 2

Trying times for masses as govt goes for Rs20 hike in fuel prices

President Xi China to work with Pakistan to build **CPEC**intoexemplary project of BRI

BEÎJINĞ (APP): Chinese President Xi Jinping has said that China will work

Independent Report with Pakistan to build the QUETTA: Two personnel China-Pakistan Economic of police deputed on secu-Corridor (CPEC) into an rity of the anti-polio team medical aid. exemplary project of the Belt and Road Initiative to achieve sustainable development for a shared future in the new era.

Xi made these remarks in a congratulatory message to the Decade of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor celebration event held in Islamabad, Pakistan. Xi pointed out that

CPEC is an important pioneering project of the Belt and Road Cooperation. Since its launch in 2013,

China and Pakistan have been advancing CPEC under the principle of extenanti-polio workers there. sive consultation, joint contribution, and shared ben-

ovs sustained

Army urges all stakeholders to play role in revival of economy

COAS invites foreign investors to explore hidden reserves of Pakistan; Says there are vast mining opportunities in our country which will be realized through joint efforts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir on Tuesday said the Pakistan governadded ment, along with state institutions, had ensured the establishment of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), in order to bring the stakeholders at one platform. event in the country. He also thanked Barrick Gold

Corporation CEO and President Mark Bristow Addressing the Paki-stan Mineral Summit, he said it had laid down new Engineer Khalid bin Saleh rules for 'ease of doing busi-Al Madifar and other invesness' for domestic and foreign investors in the countors

try. "We will ensure an investor-friendly system that avoids unnecessary delays

Referring to natural resources of the country, he through joint efforts," he said: "Just look at your

country, from the snow-The Army Chief capped mountains to the thanked the foreign delvastness of the deserts, egates and investors for from the coastline to the plains. What else is not there participating in the moot, in this land?' which was the first such

He said :"In Surah Rahman, Allah the Exalted has said: And which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?" and Saudi Mining Minister

The Army Chief noted : "If the nation has profound commitment, He stressed persistence then the sky is the limit for staying on the path of and its vastness awaits us.

peace and prosperity and He specifically referred said the mineral-related and provides easy terms and conditions for busi-stone, which would even-to the Holy Qur'an: "Allah helps those who help themstone, which would even-tually lead towards the de-selves".

were gunned down in the jurisdiction of Zarghoonabad police station on Tuesday. According to the police sources, the anti-polio team civil hospital. comprising male and female health workers and volunteers were busy in adminis-

tering anti-polio vaccine to the children in Killi Shah Alam area near Nawan Killi under police protection.

All of sudden some unknown armed men appeared on the scene and opened indiscriminate fire on the police personnel guarding the

As a result, two police the incident from the con-

police cops; seeks report bullet injuries and thus succumbed to them before they were provided any In the meantime, the police and rescue teams

reached the spot and shifted the bodies of deceased police cops to the Meanwhile the Pro-

vincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has strongly condemned the incident of firing on police personnel deputed on security of the anti-polio campaign in Quetta.

In a condemnation statement issued here on Tuesday, the Provincial Minister sought report of

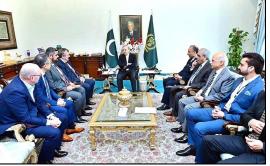
ness. There are vast mining velopment of the masses. opportunities in our country which will be realized

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has dropped bombshell on the people with jacking up price

of petrol by Rs 19.95 per liter. With the recent increase, the price of petrol per liter has escalated to Rs 272.95 per liter. Finance Minister (FM) Ishaq Dar announced the

hike in prices of petroleum products. FM said following the upturn in the prices of petrol the price of petrol will come to Rs 272.95. The price of high speed diesel has been scaled up by Rs 19.90 per liter and new price of high speed diesel will stand at Rs 273.40 per liter. The enhanced price of petroleum products will take effect immediately. FM said the prices of petroleum products were to

be determined on previous night. The price of crude oil has gone up in international market. Consultation in this regard was made with Prime Minister and it was decided to pass on minimum possible burden to the masses. We are in agreement with IMF, he added therefore we cannot make such decision which lands the country in difficult situation.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Barrick Gold led by **CEO Mark Bristow calls on Prime Minister** Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Govt raised petroleum prices ignoring 'political cost': Marriyum

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb Tuesday said the incumbent government had responsibly managed the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and taken decisions

to raise petroleum product prices ignoring "political cost". On the contrary, the previous regime violated the

agreement with the IMF just for political gains, she said while addressing a

chairman Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: The federal news conference after inauguration of the Foreign government on Tuesday appointed Malik Amjad Media Digital Wall of Digital Electronic Media Unit here at the Directorate of Zubair Tiwana, a grade-21 officer of the Inland Rev-Electronic Media and Publications

enue Service (IRS), as the new chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). The notification has been issued after approval of his name by the federal

inflicted massive damage to retired from the service after reaching the age of su-

Continued on page 2 perannuation on July 30.

efits, and have achieved a number of early harvests. **Reko Diq project**

to prove a game changer; usher a new era of progress: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that Reko Diq project would prove to be a game changer for the development of Balochistan and region besides ushering a new era o progress and prosperity.

The prime minister Khan Kakar talking to a delegation of Barrick Gold led by CEO Mark Bristow which called on him, said Pakistan was Governor calls for preparing a comprehensive rich with immense resources of minerals. The government was taking measures on priority to

take maximum advantage of the said resources, he added. According to a PM Of-fice statement, the Barrick Gold agreed to make the payment of Pakistan's share of investment in Pa

kistani rupees. The prime minister said the participation of Barrick Gold and other in Continued on page 2

Amjad Zubair

appointed as

new FBR

Independent Report Baloch here on Tuesday. The Governor on the QUETTA: The Governor occasion paid tributes to the Balochistan, Malik Abdul

Wali Khan Kakar has emphasized that it is responsibility of the government to prepare a comprehensive strategy to fulfil the shortage of staff nurses in the province. He was speaking to a

NA passes resolution to

The resolutions were moved by Aliya Kamran, Rana

The House also passed a resolution recommending

Qasim Noon and Engineer Sabir Kaimkhani in the House

the government to rename Gwadar International Airport

as Feroz Khan Noon saying it will be a tribute to the

delegation of Young Nurses Association (YNA) who called on him under leader-that the nurses have been ship of its President, Irshad recruited at the division

lution further said.

former Prime Minister.

respectively

doctors, nurses and paramedics for serving the ailing humanity. He, however, noted with concern that at

QUETTA: A delegation of Young Nurses Association (YNA) led by its Presi-

dent, Irshad Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali

Only 950 nurses against need of 6,000:

strategy to meet shortage of nurses

present only 950 nurses are busy in serving the people all over Balochistan while there is need of some 6,000 nurses. He was also concerned

in their concerned divisions. Moreover, the young nurses are facing certain hard-

ships due to shortage of the teaching staff in the government nursing colleges estab-lished in Zhob and Khuzdar. This is casting negative impacts on the education and training of the young under trainee nurses, adding he mentioned. He said that nursing is a very sacred profession in health sector, and the role of nurses and other paramedics along with the doctors is very important to serve the ailing humanrename Gwadar Int'l Airport ity and save precious lives from the natural disasters after Feroz, Khan Noon ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly on Tuesday

level are not performing yet

passed three resolutions including renaming Gwadar Six killed in International Airport as Feroz Khan Noon Airport and van-bus collision taking immediate steps to ensure payment of minimum wage to the employees in public and private institutions. QUETTA (INP): At least This house also passed a resolution recognizing the six people have been killed establishment of the Engineer Parliamentarians Caucus, while ten others sustained whose purpose is to bolster engineering policy and advoinjuries after a collision becacy in all technical matters for the government. The tween a passenger van and Caucus will serve as a liaison between the Federal gova bus near Loralai district ernment and the Pakistan Engineering Council, the resoof Balochistan.

and epidemics.

According to the details, the incident took place near Barkhan Radashim Buzdar petrol pump. Soon after the incident, emergency response teams and police rushed to the scene to provide immediate medical assistance to the injured and shifted the deceased to a nearby hospital. The victims have been identified as Shahzad, Muhammad Kashif, Mujeeb, Tabish, Ismatullah, and Muhammad Akram. Meanwhile, the day.

He went on to say are police have initiated an inour state institutions left vestigation into the cause of for only this job of bringthe collision.

CM condemns firing at police cops on polio duty: **Bizenjo vows to ensure healthy** future of children through total eradication of polio

of them in the incident.

wicked conspiracy against

healthy future of the chil-

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Min-In a condemnation isister Balochistan, Mir sued here soon after the fir-Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has ing incident in Zarghonabad strongly condemned the inpolio jurisdiction on Tuesday afternoon, the Chief cident of firing on the po-Minister sought report of lice cops deputed on security of the anti-polio camthe firing incident from the concerned authorities. paign in Quetta suburb and He said that the antiexpressed grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of two

state elements want to foil the anti-polio campaign for However, he expressed their nefarious designs. the government's resolve to He pledged to fail the

negative propaganda against the polio campaign ensure healthy future of our children through the comand nefarious designs of the plete eradication of polio from the province despite anti-social elements. the incident of firing is a

The Chief Minister directed the Inspector Gen Continued on page 2



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani exchanging views with Eng. Khalid Saleh Almodaifer, Vice Minister of Industry and Production of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during meeting held in Islamabad.

Mauana Fazl says: There are 26 intelligence institutions in the country, where they have gone

ISLAMABAD (Online): JUI-F chief Maulana ing a poor moulvi to police station and allege him that Fazlur Rehman has said can has any one taken meal or you assure me that state taken tea with him. Are can protect my life or oththey holding only these erwise. capabilities. He underlined that as

"Can you give me assurance that state can promany as 26 intelligence intect my life or otherwise. stitutions are operating in Or will they collect tax from me and not protect my life Our party is party of peace. I will say to workers not to abandon the patience, he said this while reacting strongly to the incident of attack on workers convention here Tues-

the country. Where have they disappeared. Sectarian violence was fomented in Kurram Agency some time earlier. The entire Pushtoon belt is burning. Baloch belch is burning. Wave of riots is

not coming to end upto Karachi. The entire nation is looking towards state institutions that they are paid for what, he underlined.



QUETTA: In light of meeting of Chief Secretary Balochistan, Deputy Commissioner Quetta Shehak Baloch presiding over a meeting regarding steps taken during flood situation

'The government's tenure will end in a few days, but we have prioritized the state over politics. In contrast, Imran Khan, who was certain about end of his govcabinet through the circulaernment, subsidized petroleum products and violated tion of the summary. He has replaced Asim Ahmed, who the IMF agreement which



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Miscellaneous



Three MoUs signed during Pakistan Minerals Summit

ISLAMABAD (APP): cial ministers, foreign dig-The Pakistan Minerals Summit was held here on Tuesday to discuss and find the best way forward towards exploring Pakistan's minerals potential.

Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was chief guest while Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir was the guest of honour.

Curated under the theme of "Dust to Development: Investment Opportunities in Pakistan" the event was jointly organized by the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) and Barrick Gold Corporation and facilitated by the Ministry of Petroleum.

Also attended by the relevant federal and provin-

our mark in the global nitaries, investors and techeconomy. SIFC is an excelnical experts, the summit lent step that can help Pamanaged to bring specialkistan optimize the opporists, leaders of the industry tunities for Foreign Direct and many stakeholders Investment", the prime from public and private enminister said in his address. tities on one platform.

The day-long event vision for the changing landwas divided into four sesscape of the mining indussions, comprising four intry in Pakistan and emphasized upon the catalytic role of the SIFC. "Difficult dividual addresses, fourpanel discussions, one keytimes are a test of resilience note speech and special addresses by the prime minof a Nation. Through coheister and the army chief. sion, steadfastness and op-"As a nation, Paki-

timism we will overcome stanis have always exhibprevailing challenges", the ited resilience and hope and my chief remarked. with such initiatives, I can The event concluded see the hope becoming a with the signing of three reality. We need to build a 'Memorandum of Understronger narrative for a betstanding' which assured ter future and the mineral opportunities for foreign wealth of Pakistan is a great investment in the mining opportunity for us to make industry of Pakistan.

Interior minister leaves for Iraq on 4-day visit SLAMABAD (Online):

Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah along with delegation of Ulema has left for Iraq on 4 days visit. During his visit he will

meet Iraqi interior minister, president and prime minis-The COAS shared his ter. Every year million of pilgrims travel to Iraq and they have to face difficulties in connection with their stay therein and acquisition of visa. Last year these problems had created crisis like situation.

These matters will be discussed with Iraqi government and an agreement will also be executed in this regard.

Interior minister will also inaugurate machine readable passport system for Pakistanis settled in Iraq in Pakistan embassy in Iraq.

Investment Seminar in To-

kyo as part of ongoing ef-

forts to foster interna-

tional trade and invest-

ment ties between both

gurated by Executive Vice

The seminar was inau-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with COAS General Syed Asim Munir and Foreign Dignitaries attends Pakistan Mineral Summit as Chief Guest.

Japanese govt hosts Pakistan **Investment Seminar to** foster bilateral trade ties SLAMABAD (APP): The Government of Japan, in collaboration with the Japan External Organization Trade (JETRO), on Tuesday held a significant Pakistan

NA passes

The resolution was

OUETTA: A delegation of Noshki led by District Chairman Noshki Mir Muhammad Ali Mengal meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Karandaaz Pakistan, NIBAF join hands to empower education system in GB

GILGIT (APP): Karandaaz Pakistan and NIBAF State Bank of Pakistan have come together to sign a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with an objective to empower the education system in Gilgit Baltistan (GB).

The agreement aimed to train 3000 Government Primary School teachers in GB.

Upon the request of the GB government, Karandaaz Pakistan has taken on the responsibility to sponsor a series of comprehensive training tion of this commendable sessions for primary project.

school teachers. In the initial phase, the curriculum will be implemented for grades 1 to 5 in all primary schools and all the teachers of the respecpayment of minimum tive schools will get trainwage to the employees ing to teach the curriculum. in public and private in-Subsequently, in the secstitutions. ond phase, it will extend

moved by Aliya Kamran. The House also to grades 6 to 12. To commemorate this passed a resolution reccollaboration, the Chief ommending the gov-Secretary of GB ernment to rename graced the virtual cer-Gwadar International emony on Zoom and Airport as Feroz Khan conveved his best wishes Noon saying it will be a for the successful executribute to the former Prime Minister. The resolution was moved

lution urging the gov-ernment to take immediate steps to ensure

Reko Diq project to prove a...

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ternational firms in Pakistan Mineral Summit held earlier on the day manifested the revival of investors' confidence in Pakistan

This revival of the investors' confidence including that of Barrick Gold in Pakistan was made possible consequent to the formation of Special Investment Facilitation Council.

In the meeting, Mark by Rana Qasim Noon. Bristow apprised the prime The National Asminister of progress in the sembly also passed the ongoing development Official Secrets Amendworks in Reko Diq. Prime Minister ment Bill 2023 and Toshakhana Manage Shehbaz said that the Reko ment and Regulation Doq project agreement Bill 2023. These were would prove to be benefimoved by Minister for cial for both the parties. Parliamentary Affairs He instructed all the Murtaza Javed Abbasi. relevant institutions to ful-**Bizenjo vows to...** fill their responsibilities re-Continued from page 1 eral of Police to mobi-Continued from page 1 lize all available resources to arrest the culprits in-It was also an appro-

Minister of the Board of Investment Ch. Salik Hussain, in his keynote address, articulated the positive trajectory of economic relations and outlined the prospects for future collaboration and investment between Japan

and Pakistan. Detailed presentations and discussions followed, covering macroeconomic conditions in Pakistan and the opera-

tional insights of Japanese companies within the country A representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICÂ) elaborated on investment opportunities and incentives available in Pakistan

garding the execution of

Reko Diq project. The meeting was told that a Community Development Committee had been formed in the Reko Diq which identified actions for uplift of Balochistan and its people. It was told that the local elders in the committee identified the projects aimed at the prosperity of the people of Balochistan.

Under the project, the skilled local people were being provided employ ment opportunities and a huge amount would be spent on development of the area. Minister of State for Petroleum Musaddik Malik and special assistants to PM Jahanzeb Khan and Tariq Bajwa, and relevant senior officers attended the

Second polio case reported from Bannu

in

"Our children deserve

North

ISLAMABAD (APP): In Minister Abdul Qadir the second case this year, a Patel He added, "Pakistan is three-year-old boy has been paralysed by wild polioviin a much better position rus in Bannu, Khyberto combat polio than it was a year ago after the

Pakhtunkhwa. The child had an onset outbreak Waziristan last April." of paralysis on 11 July. The case was confirmed by the Pakistan National Polio a life free from this incur-Laboratory at the National able disease. Institute of Health,

Islamabad on Tuesday. This is the second polio case from Bannu.

"Another child in Bannu has been paralyzed by wild poliovirus. This three-year-old child will live with disabilities for the rest of his life because of a virus that is entirely preventable, which is truly tragic," said Federal Health the virus being periodically detected in sewage samples.

"Parents do not realize that every time they refuse vaccination, they are exposing their children to lifelong disabilities. There is a huge cost to vaccine refusal," said Federal Health Secretary Iftikhar Shallwani

Dr Shahzad Baig, the Endemic wild polio Coordinator for the Natransmission remains retional Emergency Operastricted to seven districts tions Centre, said a camsouthern Khyber paign will begin in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, namely Pakhtunkhwa next week North Waziristan, South and urged parents to ensure vaccination.

Waziristan Upper, South Waziristan Lower, DI "Over the past year, Bannu had remained a Khan, Bannu, Tank and Lakki Marwat, while in cause for concern, with other part of Pakistan no the persistent detection child has been paralyzed by of the virus in the environpolio since 2021, despite ment."

Govt focusing on country's youth future: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiative Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday said that the government was focusing to uplift the future of country's skillful youth.

Talking to a PTV news channel, he said the government was committed to refining the skills of the youngsters by training them with new computer technologies.

So that every youth could handle the digital economy which must be given the right direction by giving them such opportunities so that they can contribute to the country's development, he said.

Ahsan informed that, "A grant ranging from Rs5-20 million to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.

Youth to utilize their capabilities for the country's development through innovative ideas, besides promoting the culture of entrepreneurship to create more employment opportunities for skilled and semi-skilled workforce in the country. He said the laptop scheme would again start very soon for the university students.



President of JETRO resolution to Kazuya Nakajo, who emphasized the strategic imensure minimum portance of enhancing wage to employees economic cooperation and ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Assembly on exploring synergies between the two nations. Tuesday passed a reso-Ambassador of Paki-

stan Raza Bashir Tarar made welcome remarks.

countries.



QUETTA: Vendor displaying national flags for attracting customers on the occasion of first August.

cies

Govt raised petroleum....

Continued from page 1 economy," she maintained

The minister said that the present coalition government did not take decisions for petty political advantages, rather the same were made in the larger national interest.

She said about 15 months ago the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and allied parties decided to save the country (from the clutches of an inefficient ruler).

"Today we can hold our heads high and say that the government took the decisions for the stability of the country's economy, she maintained.

When the present government came to power, Pakistan was on the verge of bankruptcy, she said, adding the inefficient and incompetent rulers of the past had brought the country on the brink of default for getting political mileage.

After taking the charge of office, she said, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif restarted talks to revive the IMF suspended programme to save the country's reputation. The present government not only removed the "economic mines" planted by the last regime, but put the country on the road of development.

The minister mentioned that there were various reasons for recent increase in the petroleum product prices, including global market fluctuations as well as commitments made to the IMF.

She said it would have been easy for the government to reduce petroleum prices for political gains, but priority was given to the economy and state.

The Chinese Vice Premier's visit to Pakistan showed confidence reposed

by the world in Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, she added.

The minister criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government's policies, highlighting surge in unemployment and poverty during its four-year stint which was marred by corruption and inefficiency.

She claimed that the PTI chairman was still busy in hatching conspira-

Marriyum said during the floods, the Federal Government provided ample assistance to all provinces and took every possible measure to help the affected people.

She said that during the past 15 months rule, many ity. steps had been taken for transformation and upgradation of the Ministry of Information and its attached departments. The PTV virtual studios had been set up, besides launching of PTVflix, she added.

Similarly, she said, the entire archives of Radio Pakistan had been digilatized with the completion of Rs 4 billion digital mondiale technology projects. Now Radio Pakistan's transmission would be listened in 55 countries, which was a historic step taken by the government.

Taking a jibe at the PTI regime, she said that they started a debate about the sale of assets and buildings of Radio Pakistan and Pakistan Television Corporation. Instead of raising slogans for getting cheap publicity, the present government in the short span of only 15 months took practical measures to improve the financial health of the two national institutions

their transformation and through the introduction of the latest technology, she

volved in the firing incident priate response to those and killing of police cops. who were touting about Earlier, in his message Pakistan being isolated at

issued here on commencethe global level, he added. ment of the anti-polio campaign in Balochistan on said that due to consistent Tuesday, the Chief Minisglobal engagements under ter Balochistan, Mir Abdul his stewardship, and with Quddus Bizenjo has exthe countries in the Middle pressed his government's East, the United States, determination to fully China, and other members eradicate of the polio from of the United Nations, they had increased Pakistan's

the province. He noted with contentment that we have made it to reach close to the target of complete eradication of the polio virus in the province, and would achieve the

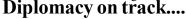
moved from the grey list and of making Balochistan poclimate change issue. lio-free province. He said during the Mir Abdul Quddus floods last year and after-Bizenjo said that the aim of anti-polio campaign is to

save our new generation from the physical disabilrehabilitation efforts. He insisted that the role of religious leaders, media and civil society is crucial about the anti-polio campaign

He also directed to the concerned high ups to proient Pakistan summit in vide complete protection to Geneva receiving 'a subthe anti-polio teams enstantive and qualitative response' gaged in the campaign



FAISALABAD: Members of Master Sports Federation posing for a group photograph along with Chairman Pakistan Sports Board Ray Habeb-Ur-Rehman before departure to Dubai in participant 8th International Games held in Dubai.



The foreign minister

outreach and viewpoint on

different issues, leading to

success at the Financial

Action Task Force (FATF)

after the country was re-

Foreign Minister Bilawal, to a media query, reiterated that Pakistan was not keen to join the 'blocs policy' and would take decisions in the larger national interests.

vears

their right to them.

Sharif on Tuesday stressed

the need to learn from the

bitter experiences of past

75 years and move ahead

with strenuous efforts col-

laboration and dedication

by exploring the untapped

resources including the vast

natural minerals and re-

serves and developing the

agriculture, information

technology and industrial

sectors.

Pakistan had stressed upon resolution of all world issues through dialogue and diplomacy, he added. Responding to another

question regarding terrorist organizations, he maintained that writ of the state would be established at all costs and the government would not take steps to appease the militant or terrorists outfits. He said that he had sug-

gested to the prime minister to convene an Apex Committee meeting to address the issue of terrorist and criminal incidents in the country.

an increase in the terrorist incidents after the fall of Kabul. The latest arms and the foreign forces had fallen zations, and even with the dacoits which posed a chal-

lenge to the government, he added



forts.

The PM regretted that the country's journey of 75 vears was dotted with bitter factors as they could not fully exploit the precious natural deposits estimated at worth \$6 trillion.

"The day gives an opportunity to self-contemplation over a journey of last 75 years and the reasons due to which Pakistan landed into this situation with a begging bowl," he added.

Elaborating his viewpoint, he said with Russian support, Pakistan Steel Mills was established during the 70s while in Reko Diq a hefty penalty of \$10 billion was imposed on Pakistan and if it was enforced, the entire country's foreign reserves would have

The prime minister referred to the 'Thar' coal mines reserves and said these were being converted

kistan. Due to the working of

We did injustice to Pacertain cartels, he said the kistan during the last 75 natural resources were not years, he observed. We did explored in the past and injustice with its poor cited that financial and popeople and we did not pay litical reasons were also involved in the delay which APP adds: Prime Minrequired deep introspecister Muhammad Shehbaz tion.

The prime minister said the Chinot iron ores field belonged to the poor people of Pakistan, but it also showed another worst example of corruption.

He said without any bidding, it was handed over to an overseas Pakistani who had no business history, but when the matter was taken up by the subsequent government and landed in a court of law, it termed the entire matter as a manifestation of loot and plunder.

But later, he said, nothing happened as NAB could not arrest those who had been accused of plunder, adding that it was a heart-wrenching story.

The summit was attended by federal ministers, foreign delegates, ambassadors, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, month. experts, relevant authori-

bitterly divided, he said, The prime minister further regretted that the could not succeed in their efforts, he added.

> said the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was set up for the first time in the country including all the stakeholders that would collaborate and facilitate the execution of the de-

> ferent speakers including foreign delegates also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the need for exploration of the natural resources of Pakistan by utilizing the latest technologies and offered different suggestions and proposals for facilitation to lure foreign investments.

Ready to talk to neighbours.... for the development of Pa-Continued from page 1 tool for witch-hunting of

political opponents. He said the present overnment focused on building a strong nation.

He reiterated that Pakistan was keen to maintain friendly ties with all the countries for the mutual benefit of their people.

Without naming India, he maintained that they were ready to talk to their neighbors, if there were serious matters on the table as wars were no solution to issues

The prime minister said three wars were imposed on Pakistan in the last 75 years and said these had generated more poverty and lack of resources which otherwise, had been spent on the development and prosperity of their people. The neigbours have to

understand that unless abnormalities are removed, normalcy cannot take place and the serious issues should be addressed through serious discus-

'he emphasized. sions,' The prime minister said that the incumbent government would complete its term in the current

The society had been adding unless they show unity and discipline, they

previous governments should have dedicated themselves to the welfare The prime minister of the poor people of Paki-

He also praised the

velopment projects. On the occasions, dif-

leadership of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support worth 2 billion dollars which also helped in reaching an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He said Pakistan and

Saudi Arabia always stood together through thick and thin and supported each other at every forum.

ties, and investors.

stan

The prime minister said that NAB, unfortunately, created fears and harassed the business community and bureaucrats in the past as it was used as a

been depleted.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Communications presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.



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On first anniversary, President, PM pay tribute to army officers martyred in Lasbela helicopter crash

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday paid homage to Lt. General Sarfraz Ali and other five officials of the Pakistan Army who were martyred in a helicopter crash during flood relief operations in Lasbela a year

"I fondly remember Lt Gen Sarfraz Ali Shaheed on his Barsi (death anniversary) today. He was an outstanding officer in all my interactions with him," the president wrote on social media.

He prayed to Allah Almighty to grant Lt. General Sarfraz Ali and others who were martyred in the

cause of the Islamic Repub-lic of Pakistan the highest paid homage to the great sons of the soil who lost place in paradise. Meanwhile Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Tuesday, calling them the that whether it is a fight pride of the nation, paid against an enemy who sees tribute to Lt Gen Sarfaraz the country with a narrow Ali and five officers of the eve, elimination of the Pakistan Army who were scourge of terrorism or the natural calamities, they martyred in a helicopter crash in Lasbela a year ago. never hesitated to sacrifice On a microblogging their blood whenever the site, the prime minister nation called its soldiers in wrote that one year had the need of the hour." He lapsed since the day Lt Gen Sarfaraz Ali and five said Lieutenant General Sarfaraz and the officers. officers and men were who were martyred along with him, were the pride of martyred while performing nation. "The nation will

He said the entire nanever forget their sacrifice, tion, including he himself, he remarked.

their duty.

their lives in the Lasbela helicopter crash. "History is a witness

> with Malaysia ISLAMABAD (Online): President Arif Alvi has said linkages with the Malaysian Pakistan desires to further business community and improve bilateral coopera-

Chambers of Commerce The President said efforts should be made to further enhance Pakistan's

nate to Malaysia Syed ucts. Ahsan Raza Shah in Islamabad, the President said Malaysian entrepre-

tion with Malaysia in the

areas of trade, economy,

education and culture.

Talking to Pakistan's exports to Malaysia High Commissioner desig- through value added prod-President Arif Alvi

lateral relations.

Ghulam Azad says: 'August 5, 2019 darkest day in Kashmir history'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chairman of Peoples Political League, Ghulam Ahmed Azad, has said that ent jails of India and the ter-August 5, 2019, is the dark-ritory, he lamented. the biggest prison of the world, where millions of Indian forces have been de-

ployed. The forces are protected under black laws like Public Safety Act (PSA) and Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), he added. He said there is lawlessness and jungle rule in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the Indian forces are wreaking havoc on the

He maintained that despite Indian oppression, the morale of the Kashmiri people was high and the Kashmiri people were not fected every aspect of the going to accept the illegal lives of the Kashmiri domination of India in any



added.

tioned.

vate news channel.

"Under Phase II of

CPEC, both countries will

now further expand coop-

eration to new areas includ-

ing rural revitalization, ag-

ricultural development, in-

dustrialization, green devel-

opment, and science and

technology," she men-

"The friendship of

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to Malaysia, Syed Ahsan Raza Shah, calls on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Alvi emphasizes exploring new trade opportunities

emphasized for fostering neurs should benefit from the investment friendly policies of Pakistan The President asked

the High Commissioner to work for facilitation and welfare of the Pakistani workforce in Malaysia be-sides making efforts to further strengthen and diver-sify Pakistan-Malaysia bi-

IHC removes objections on **PTI chairman's**

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday removed the objections of the registrar and fixed the case for hearing, filed by the PTI Chairman challenging FIA inquiry in a matter of cipher.

Chief Justice Aamer Farooq heard the petition along with the objections raised by the registrar's office. Sardar Latif Khosa said that an objection had been raised against the petition stating that a similar case was already pending. The previous petition was per-taining to the bail, he said. Sardar Latif Khosa ar-

gued that the matter of cipher couldn't be raised as the prime minister had immunity under Article 248 of the constitution. Chairman PTI had appeared before the FIA and was interro-gated for three hours but the same day one more notice was served.

18 Corona

cases reported

in last 24

hours: NIH

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Health officials on Tuesday

said that 18 new

Coronavirus cases were re-

ported during the last 24

hours across the country.

by the National Institute of

Health (NIH), the case posi-

tivity ratio was 0.24 per-

cent while one patient was

in critical condition. One

death was reported from

the Coronavirus in the last

As per the data shared



ISLAMABAD (INP): Pathe region." kistan People's Party (PPP) senior leader

It was unfortunate that work on this important Sharmila Faruqui Tuesday project of economic and social development was stalled by the previous government of PTI, she regretted.

Sharmila highlighted that the Chi-na was a timetested and trusted friend of Pakistan who had supported Pakistan in difficult

Replying to a ques-tion, she said that PPP was jobs in coming years," she Under CPEC, the two the first government that countries initiated and had initiated the multi-bilcompleted multiple projects including energy, lion dollar project CPEC but some elements started negative propaganda against the transport infrastructure, port, airport development, project but failed to scare and digital connectivity, she our future Chinese partsaid while talking to a priners

To another question, she appreciated that Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was playing a leading role in reviving the foreign policy of Pakistan which was ruined by past governments and he represented young Pakistani talent in the field of global diplomacy. Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's visits in various countries

both countries is going to prosper further in the comhad taken world leaders ing years," she said. "CPEC is a game into confidence and his diplomatic efforts in a short changer for the economic span of time are appreciable, she hailed.



ISLAMABAD: A vendor displaying national flags to attract customers at Koral chowk.

Zahid directs Interior ministry to renew all old armed licenses ISLAMABAD (Online):

point of order Chaudhary Deputy Speaker of Na-Faqir Muhammad retional Assembly Zahid quested the chair to give a Akram Durrani on Tuesday ruling to the ministry for directed the interior ministhe issuance of all pending try to renew all old armed armed licenses. Despite fullicenses irrespective of their filling all requirements, the ministry was making

Syed Ghulam Mustafa

Giving a ruling in rehurdles in the issuance of sponse to points raised by arms licenses, he said.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan held a meeting with Saudi delegation at the Pakistan Mineral Investment Summit including H.E. Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudia Arabia to Pakistan, Commercial attaché and coordination staff.

Marriyum says: 1,000 KW DRM Digital **Medium Wave Transmitter** to revolutionize Radio Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday said 1,000 KW DRM Digital Medium Wave Transmitter project would transform Radio Pakistan by upgrading its capabilities to international standards.

The minister launched the 1,000 KW DRM Digital Medium Wave Transmitter in Rawat to increase

its reach across the globe. 'This project is a ma-

dards, and improve the quality and reach of Radio Pakistan," the minister said in a tweet. Once installed and commissioned, she said, the new transmitter would increase the range of Radio Pakistan's broadcasts to several other countries. She said the DRM

technology would enable transmission of up to 4 different signals, increasing energy efficiency and reducing electricity consumption by 33 per cent resulting in cost-efficiencies for Radio

after completion of the project. "I am also happy to

announce that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has begun the work to also establish Pakistan's first media city in Rawat,' she added.

The minister extended gratitude to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for his leadership, guidance and support which made the project possible.

"I would also like to thank and acknowledge

Kashmiri youth, including Hurriyat activists, have been languishing in differ-

est day in the history of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) when the Modi regime repealed Kashmir's special status and imposed a military siege in the terri-

According to Kashmir Media Service, Ghulam Ahmed Azad in a statement in Srinagar said the Hindutva rulers in India are conspiring to change the demography of the territory by accommodating nonstate residents to transform Kashmiri people. Kashmir into a completely

Hindu territory. He said India's unjust, undemocratic and unconstitutional actions have afpeople. Thousands of case.



Ghulam Ahmed Azad said Jammu and Kashmir has now been turned into

jor milestone in our mission to revolutionize Radio Pakistan, upgrade its capabilities to international stan- countries across the world

Pakistan. Radio Pakistan, she said, would be heard in 52

Compensation, plots already given to owners of land acquired for G-14: NA told

ISLAMABAD (INP): Par-liamentary Secretary for (BUPs) after fresh assess-Housing and Works Syed Mehmood Shah on Tuesday informed the National Assembly that compensation and plots had already been given in 2005 to residents/owners of 4880 kanals land acquired in subsectors 1 and 2 of sectors G-14

Replying to a Calling Attention notice raised by Qadir Khan Mandokhel and others regarding nonpayment of compensation to residents/owners as per current market rates for ers of the land, he added.

kistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Senior

leader Talal Chaudhry

Tuesday said that senior

leadership is ready to take

all allies on board before

reaching a final decision over

the matters of caretaker

setup. Pakistan Muslim

League-N always believed in

democracy and has always

tried to strengthen the rule

of law in the country, he

said while talking to a Pri-

coalition parties would also

come under discussion, he

he replied that it was the

Proposals from the

Replying to a query,

vate news channel.

added.

ment of residential units constructed there, he said compensation of land and buildings/houses were paid to the residents in 2005 and 2009 respectively as per the then market rates. Later, under the deci-

sion of the federal cabinet, is an illegal occupier in the plots were also given to them, he added. Some of territory, and Kashmiris rethem also file a writ in the their homeland. court of law but the court had decided that very high compensation had been

humanity by snatching all ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- that if any political party the basic human, political, has a difference of opinion social and religious rights of with each other, adding, the Kashmiris. caretaker prime minister He said that since Aushould be a neutral and gust 5, 2019, the Modi govnon-controversial figure to ernment committed such ensure that the election rebarbaric atrocities on innocent Kashmiris that are unprecedented in history.

delayed for any reason and final decision on selecting the name of the interim prime minister would be made after the consensus

he said the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is bound to follow the Constitution and conduct general elections 2023 in a transparent manner

sults are accepted by all. He also stated that the next elections could not be

of coalition parties. To another question. black laws like the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. He said the Modi government is using notorious agencies NIA and SIA.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Human Rights, Riaz Hussain Pirzada along with National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) Chairperson Nilofar Bakhtia in a group photo with participants' during closing e ceremony of Pakistan Framework on Digitization and Woman.

Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal for his support throughout the inception of the project," she added. Kashmiris urged to

observe Aug 5 as Black Dav ISLAMABAD (APP): General Secretary, All Par-

ties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Moulvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani has said that Kashmiris will observe August 5 as a Black Day in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) to send a clear message to India that New Delhi

Rana Tanveer Hussain cutting the cake during ceremony of 24th anniveriect its illegal occupation of sary of the Accession to the throne of his majesty King Mohammed VI, at local hotel in Federal capital. According to Kashmir Sherry demands restoration media service, Moulvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani in a

of I'abad Airport name to Benazir Bhutto Int'l mate Change and Environ-

mental Coordination, Senator Sherry Rehman on Tuesday demanded the government to restore the original eral cabinet. Irfani said that the

worst crackdown on the media in the occupied territory is going on, and no one is allowed to report the atrocities of the Indian army. Anyone who dares to report is imprisoned under

name of the Islamabad Airport to Benazir Bhutto In-ternational Airport which corruption. "It was very was approved by the fed-

In a meeting of the minister said Airports were also be increased.

Iranian Ambassador calls on NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (Online): ernment for facilitating Pa-Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf stated that both Iran and Pakistan enjoy cordial ties of trade and economic cobased on enriched history of religious and cultural ties. He further said that friendly ties between both

countries are pivotal for regional peace and stability. He also emphasized on the need to transform these ties into trade relations.

He expressed these views during his meeting with Ambassador of Iran, a seasoned and experienced Dr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, who called on diplomat. him in Parliament House, today.

While appreciating the Agency. He expressed grief hospitality extended by Iranian people and its govand extended condolences to bereaved families

ISLAMABAD (APP): named after great leaders Federal Minister for Cli- around the world and there were many examples of it. She regretted that the

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Moroco in Pakistan Mohmed Karmoune is

shake hand with Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training

previous government had envisioned 'the licence Gate' and their so-called accusation alleged the nadifficult to restore the confidence of the pilots, their salary increase is justified. Senate Standing Committee However, the salary of PIA on Aviation, the federal grade 1 to 4 workers should

24 hours while 7,358 Covid-19 tests were conducted. Meanwhile, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Abdul Qadir Patel said the government has strengthened the role of Border and Health Services

> sub-variant of Covid-19. The minister said there was a surveillance system at all entry points of the country including airports. He added over 90 percent of the country's population already got the Covid-19 vaccine.

"An efficient system with a proper management team is fully functional in the country to remain vigilant and is ready to make an emergency plan to deal

with any sub-variant of Covid-19," the minister Iranian Ambassador strongly condemned the added. He said the Border bomb blast in Khar, Bajaur and Health Services Pakistan was ensuring the implementation of international nealth regulations.

He said on the directives of Speaker NA, a representative of the interior ministry remained present in the Parliament House to deal with the armed licenses matter of parliamentarians.

He also asked the Chairman of the House Special Committee on Arms Licenses to convene a meeting today and urged the members to attend it.

Earlier, speaking on posing some fine, he added.

Delegation of under training ANF officers visits Safe City I'abad

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, a delegation of under training ANF officer and faculty members visited Safe City Islamabad, where they were received

vention and protection of citizens' lives and property. He further informed the delegation that Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, after as-

The Safe City services

SSP Safe City further



by SSP Safe City, a police suming office, extended the coverage of the Safe City public relations officer said.

Project to different areas of He said that, followthe city and installed 900 ing the special directions of more cameras on the spe-CPO Safe City/Traffic, the SSP Safe City along with his team welcomed the delcial interest and orders of the Federal Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah Khan. egation and briefed them about the Centralized Syshave been integrated with tem, Command and Control Center, data hub unit, and important commercial cen-

ters, buildings, metro bus the functioning and benefits of modern technology. stations, shopping malls, and private housing societ-SSP Safe City also briefed the delegation that ies across the city, he added. the Safe City Islamabad is said that facial recognition playing a vital role in various sections, including the cameras have been installed on the city's entry and exit Police Operations Center, Emergency Control Center, points, which play a signifi-Dispatch Control Center. cant role in identifying sus-E-Challan System, and the "Pukar-15" helpline.

picious elements. The SSP Safe City presented an honorary shield to the delegation. He said that safe city The delegation appreciated Islamabad's modern technology-enabled cameras are the successful visit and expressed special thanks to the playing a crucial role in the city's security, crime pre-CPO Safe City/Traffic.

kistani visitors in Iran, he said that Pakistan and Iran both have vast opportunity operation. Speaker NA also stated that enhancing Inter-Parliamentary cooperation would further strengthen ties between both nations. The Speaker ex-

pressed confidence and hope in the recently nominated Ambassador, while stating that he will bring both nations closer as he is

in Pakistan to deal with any

dates of issuance.

raised the issue some 10 days ago in the House and convened a meeting today. However, the meeting has to postpone due to the visit of the Chinese vice premier and now it would

held tomorrow at 3:00 pm, he added. He said the interior minister has assured that all pending licenses would be renewed. However, the licenses which were not re-

newed in the last five years would be renewed after im-

paid to the residents/ownstatement issued in Srinagar said August 5 is the blackest chapter in the history of **PML-N** ready to take Jammu and Kashmir. It is a very painful and gruesome day when Modi govern-ment humiliated the entire allies on board, Talal



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OPINION **Growing distrust**

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Climate adaptation

For Pakistan, searing heatwaves, severe squalls, hunger and displacement make climate change a hot topic. The country, with record temperatures and rainfall, is in unmapped territory as climate crises add more complexity to life and livelihood. Despite contributing under 1pc of global greenhouse gas emissions, it is in the midst of a perfect storm as one of the most intensely affected areas. So. extreme weather last year's floods in Sindh and also matter, agree or not is a different story.) Had he Punjab and the current not enjoyed the support Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab tumult — is merely a foretaste of the punishing seasons ahead. Studies provide ominous conclusions: glacier loss, landslides, frequent saturation, droughts and acute heat. Perhaps, last week's National Adaptation Plan from the Ministry of Climate Change, if put into practice with sincerity, can provide some respite from the elements. The document states: "Effective DRM [disaster risk management] requires enhancing the stability, adaptability, recovery capacity, and sustainability of all relevant sectors. This entails a meticulous process of identifying vulnerabilities.... Subsequently, implementing sectoral adaptation strategies to mitigate these risks while fortifying the overall resilience of system and forms of student represenservice provision is paramount." It also scans the more intricate aspects, such as health, imperilled by "heat stress", disease, lack of amenities, as well as the blow to reproductive well-being:



The government may be on its way out but it seems it plans to leave Ishaq Dar behind. Indeed, as the rumours about the possible caretaker prime minister swirl around, his name has been mentioned more than once, and despite the denials by allied parties includ-ing the PML-N itself, no one seems to think his name has been dropped altogether. (Those who matter within the party are apparently standing behind him: whether others who from within his party ranks, why would he continue to insist humbly he is ready and willing to accept any responsibility or important

post coming his way? In KP, the allies' dis-But it seems as if the gruntlement with each

More and more views (or are they just gossip?) are coming forward, suggesting the shortlisted names are those of politicians. What is perhaps left unsaid is the adjective appended to politician. A loyal politician is apparently in demand not just a politician.

Does this feverish search for a loyal politician

hint at some distrust between the establishment and the parties in power? Why else would there be this sudden interest in bringing in a politician in an entire edifice put up to keep politics out?

Distrust is in the air. Now that the parties seem convinced they no longer face a potential threat from the PTI, the differences among them are sharpening. What happened to the plans to ensure the PPP would win the next election, anointing Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari as prime minister? The trickle of leaders into the party seems to be just a trickle and little more. Does this cause any concern within the party? Perhaps. In KP, the allies' dis-

idea of putting a politician other is now eclipsed only PPP on the one side and the political leadership, per- dissolution. And now it

in charge is gaining traction. by the security threat. The storm of criticism launched against the domination of the caretaker set-up by JUI-F and the governor's antics, who is not just a senior party member but also

- as if till now making hay was acceptable but with elections 'approaching', priorities have changed. Whose priorities have changed? It is hard to tell. But it seems more than just a storm in a teacup, raging on talk shows only to be forgotten within days.

More than the performance of the governor, the criticism of him has also made clear the lines within the PDM alliance. The criticism of the JUI-F came from PPP and ANP; the PML-N seemed distant. Is it because of its light presence in KP and the fact that it would rather keep the maulana happy than worry about corruption and misgovernance in a province which isn't Punjab? Whatever the reason, the lines in KP are at least drawn, with the ANP and

simmering. Despite reiter-ating that Nawaz Sharif will a relative of the maulana, erupted too quickly to just be the next prime minister, be random. Intriguingly, it the current prime minister is now on a media blitz. He came after months of the government being in place is attending multiple events every day, giving speeches and even interviews, which he stayed away from earlier; it seems to be the launch of an election campaign or a prime ministerial bid. Couple this with the rumours of 'dulhan wohi jo

other.

piya man bhaaye' (a bride is one fancied by the groom) and it is hard not to wonder what the party and the elder brother feel about this spree. If one is able to continue with such uncharitable thoughts about family and party unity, rumours about Dar and his stay at Prime Minister House are easier to understand. In addition, his name implies distrust of part of the PML-N leadership of other power holders. That the latter may have other plans appears to be worrying some of the

JUI-F and PML-N on the haps even beyond the N. After all, now that the PTI But as the party leadhas been reduced to size, ing the government, disthere are fewer incentives quiet (if not distrust) to babysit an unwieldy within the PML-N is also coalition. Why not simply keep a caretaker in charge, as in Punjab and KP? Who will object?

The precedent has now been set, not just of a delay in holding elections but also to run provinces (and eventually the centre) through unelected governments, by focusing on constitutional requirements other than the one mandat-

ing elections within three months. For instance, when the two provincial assemblies were dissolved, it was said the Constitution required caretaker governments in all the provinces at the time of all elections, national and provincial. If elections in Punjab and KP took place earlier, it would mean the two provinces would hold National Assembly elections without caretaker governments. This, we were told, was not possible; the caretakers were deemed more important than the limit of how quickly elections had held after to be

seems the census issue may prove more important than the three-month limit. (The courts seem to have been sidelined now that the power of giving the date lies with the Election Commission.) Perhaps someone, somewhere felt a loyal politician could prevent such delays, as neutral' caretakers obvi-

ously will not. The other reason being put forward for Dar's name was perhaps bought by no one but himself. It was argued that disinterested, neutral people wouldn't be able to make the right decisions to keep the economy on an even keel. Only politicians could do so. Enter the Dar

Man! But as we well know, other than the parties, we are still wedded to the idea of technocrats being the best people to run the economy. And if, once the caretakers' choice is made, and a technocrat is visible, it will be obvious that Raja Riaz got his way and not the PML-N. As an analyst on a talk show pointed out the other day, he is critical to the final choice. And she was dead serious. -Courtesy Dawn

Inchecked power in a university

Islamia others

Dr Ayesha Razzaque

What happens when you put a man in charge of a university, grant him virtually unchecked power over staff and faculty who in turn have unchecked power over students, vest him with signing authority for everything from checks to official leaves, quash all tation, and then hand him a loosely phrased security policy that empowers him to create a campus force that deploys surveillance cameras willy-nilly?

It creates the perfect preconditions for all manner of exploitation of 18-"It is important to stress that 25-year-old students at the hands of administrators,

for incidents like the one at Balochistan University, University Bahawalpur (IUB), and who knows how many On occasions when

these matters come out in the national limelight, as they did most recently at IUB, the playbook goes

something like this: the allpowerful vice-chancellor (VC), the (usually) man without whose permission a bird cannot flap its wings on campus, will clutch his pearls and proclaim his shock and ignorance of all that has transpired under his nose. Then, the public is offered a lollipop: the investigative committee which always (as far as I can remember) comprises all men most, if not all, his own subordinates.

When that does not quell the public's outrage and it becomes clear that an external investigation can no longer be avoided, the into the speaker list that counter-accusations start repeated his talking points. flying. Once again, the press conference held by

tions that were necessary and further traumatize victims. Claim that an investigation would bring dishonour onto victims (not the perpetrators) while contradicting the initial denial. Claim a conspiracy to defame the VC / the institution is underway. Claim that these accusations are somehow an elaborate attempt to defame institutions. Claim a conspiracy to defame the Islamic tradition of the university. Check, check, check, check. and check!Once accusations fly from both sides and the water is muddled enough, wait for public anger to abate. What is new this time around is that the VC IUB seems to be going beyond his press conference and is attempting to run a sustained defensive public campaign. On July 27. students held a protest

against blackmail and harassment outside Islamabad Press Club and the VC had the gall to sneak a puppet VCs are still reliant on

as I noted at the outset, within the confined world of their universities, they are the masters of their universe. Subsequently, when a long-running scandal of this magnitude gets unearthed, there can really only be two options: either the man at the top was party to it and colluded or he is completely incompetent. Yes, with great power comes great responsibility – claims of ignorance and innocence can no longer be on the menu.

What is wrong with the power structure within our universities that allows these crimes in which students are at the receiving end to recur? Only one group of stakeholders has neither power, influence, nor visibility into the decision-making in universities: students. Is it any wonder then that any time facts emerge about exploitation within universities, students are the victims? Beaccreditation frameworks

the committees, internal or external, constituted to investigate allegations often prove to be black holes where investigations are sent to be stretched out, delayed until the public's attention moves on to other things and dies with no tangible outcome. The constitution of these investigative committees still does not include any representation from the victim group (students) but from all quarters that are vested in not rocking the boat and perpetuating the status quo: faculty, administration, and bureaucrats – usually all men.

A few weeks ago, Minister of Defence Khawaja Asif called university VCs dacoits while speaking on the floor of the National Assembly. It took little more than a day for 22 VCs to band together and issue a public letter expressing their righteous outrage at the minister's inartful choice of words. I would yond end-of-semester expect that a scandal in weeks. I will contribute ancourse survey forms that which hundreds of students other op-ed that will analyze were victimized would elicit at least similar if not more require universities to coloutrage, but all we have heard so far are crickets. Does tribal / fraternal allegiance trump principle? y university matter. Who does the typical flections to address the version and sweeping the Courtesy TheNews

matter under the proverbial rug serve? Does it serve students? Does it serve the parents of young adults attending universities, particularly those from out-oftown who have to live in university hostel accommodations, and especially parents of young women who think twice as hard before sending off their daughters? It is a setback to the cause of education in communities that are already struggling for access more than those in major cities, but it does save everyone's hides. What is obvious is that

no one is looking out for the interests of students. Even now the VC of IUB wants to explain away the episode as a politically motivated attack on himself to deny him another tenure as VC Hundreds of students have been victimized but, in his mind, this is still all about him and should not come in the way of him being rewarded. In the coming some written materials that demonstrate what candidates for the position of VC consider their most urgent problems and priorities and the depth (or lack) of their reflections to address them. --

the adverse effects of climate faculty, staff, and anyone change are not experienced else who wishes to partake. equally by the population[;] women, the poor and landless drug use, and human trafare particularly impacted. Women are disproportionately vulnerable because their socioeconomic status is not equal to [that] of men....."

A policy shift from impact and cause to adaptation and precaution is our burning need. Poverty, displacement, poor sustenance, damaged cropland, unsafe water, pollution, and other factors have increased mortality and morbidity rates. Little surprise then, that Pakistan is ranked 99th out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index, and "with a score of 26.1", its hunger level is grievous. Also, it was fortunate that Cyclone Biparjoy, which caused brutal hot spells, regional cancer registries, dust storms and cloudbursts in cer Registry (KCR) and southern Sindh, did not hit Pa- Punjab Cancer Registry, are kistan, or else a frail municipal administration and scarce logistical provisions would have been swept away. It does not help that recent research claims the hottest summer so far may be "the coolest one left" and that the UN incidence of lung cancer chief has called this "the era of worldwide by 2.2 to 2.3 global boiling". For these crucial reasons, all dispensations must treat climate vulnerability as a national emergency; investment should pour into drainage systems, dams, waterways, warning mechanisms, and pre-disaster management. Moreover, population as well. The flooding dangers can be cut down with reforestation and preservation of green cover, including ucts is the constant nudg-ing by medical experts and mangroves. An adaptation strategy cannot be set in motion without superlative human-centric implemented the WHO climate management systems guidelines of pictorial health warnings on cigaand manpower. We can avoid the rette packaging to be "50pc worst if policymakers hit the display areas". There has ground running. The sun has to sustain not sear life.

the VC of IUB a few days ago was a textbook ex-You get blackmail, harassample. Deny the accusament, sexual exploitation, tions entirely and demand ficking in all their permutations. You create the condi-

accreditation and regulatory bodies and – for public universities – various ministries, departments of education, and HEC / provinpublic circulation of evi- cial HECs for finances and dence that would identify authorizations. However,

Killer tobacco



Three years ago, in 2020, GLOBOCAN, the global platform for cancer statis-

tics, cited 10,538 new cases of lung cancer in Pakistan, making it the third most common cancer in the country after breast and oral cavity cancer. While two ins including the Karachi Cana substantial source of data related to lung cancer, the figures don't give a precise

central population-based cancer registry. Each year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on Aug 1. Interestingly, a decline has been noted in the per cent a year — in men since the mid-1980s though only since the mid-2000s in women. The explanation for this difference lies in the difference in historical patterns of smoking uptake and cessation between men and women.

picture since there is no

A similar trend is noted in the Pakistani biggest driving force behind the worldwide decline in the use of tobacco products is the constant nudgothers. Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Seror more of the principal smoking and anti-tobacco campaigns. The recent

heavy taxation on cigarettes limited to a specific socioeconomic class. But with has also proved a deterrent. While smoking is the growing demand and competition among vape greatest risk factor for lung cancer and responsible for shops, these flavoured brightly coloured vials are now

80pc of lung cancer deaths, the disease can also occur available in most places. in non-smokers. People who have never smoked These devices aerosolise account for 20pc of lung the e-liquid that typically cancer deaths. Radon expocontains nicotine salts. sure is the second major Though the connection bereason. Other risk factors tween vaping and lung caninclude the use of multiple cer is still unexplored and

forms of combustible toa lot of research is needed bacco such as cigars, pipes, on the subject, the hazards water pipes (hookahs or of vaping lie in its being a shishas). Many water pipe gateway to the use of comusers assume this to be less bustible tobacco am--ong toxic than cigarette, though those who would otherthis may deliver the same wise have been non-smokor even higher level of tox-

Despite the efforts to ticles show that adolesdiscourage them, 19.1pc of cents and young adults usadults aged 15-plus use toing e-cigarettes and vape bacco in Pakistan, while a are more li--kely than nonsignificant percentage of users to consume combusnon-smokers are affected tible by second-hand smoke in Un--fortunately, many public transport and ofmisinformed smokers fices. People are not only switch to vaping while becoming immune to the trying to discontinue government's repeated smoking, assuming this to health warnings in digital be a 'healthier' alternative. and print media, they are To date, no e-cigarette or also enraged at the recent vape is FDA-approved as price increase in tobacco a cessation aid, and should products. Smoking to renot be used to quit smoklieve stress is a common ing. Users should not go on excuse, especially in to smoke cigarettes and lower-income groups. stop using these aids too; Strong lobbying by the toformer smokers using ebacco industry that calls cigarettes should not revert the efforts of anti-tobacco to smoking.

organisations 'hooligan-Health is precious. In ism' and the 'spread of times, where people are inmisinformation' also encreasingly being afflicted by idiopathic health concourages tobacco users. Meanwhile, lung canditions, practices should be

cer in Pakistan has caused adopted for a healthier and an enormous financial bursafer lifestyle, with the den. While the health secgovernment stepping up tor tries to cope, waiting policymaking to regulate lists of patients are long, the mushroom growth of especially in governmentcessation aids, too. Tradifunded radiotherapy units. tional policies that are in What is perturbing is these place to discourage smokfacilities are reserved for ing need to be revisited, the urban areas and papreferably backed by retients in the rural areas are search, to factor in newer sometimes never even ditrends so that the populaagnosed, let alone treated tion can be discouraged for their condition. from practices that lead to

Another recent chalpotentially serious and lenge is the fast-growing sometimes fatal diseases such as lung cancer. -- Courtrend of vaping in Pakistan. The culture was initially tesy Dawn

fruity-

Many research ar-

toba-cco.

lect, students have virtually no vote, no representation. and no voice (not even observer status) at any level in any university matter.

Rashad Bukhari

Many on TV

should be hanged seven

times in public and his

body strung up in the mar-

ketplace so that people

would draw a lesson and no

other brutal person would

think of such an act in the

future. Her murderer, 24-

year-old serial killer Imran

Ali, was arrested and ex-

let-up and in fact an increase

in cases of rape, child sexual

5,200 rapes were reported

in the country, according to

the Human Rights Com-

mission of Pakistan. An-

other report from a private

TV investigation unit

claims that as many as

21,900 women were re-

ported to have been raped

in the country from 2017

to 2021. This meant that

around 12 women were

raped across the country

daily, or one woman ev-

emotions that poured

forth in the Zainab case,

and subsequently, in other

instances of rape and/or

murder, as seen in the

Noor Mukadam case, with

The intensity of the

erv two hours.

abuse, and murder. In 2021.

However, there is no

ecuted later that year.

ribly before death.

beastly?

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Justice or revenge?

the voice of the aching heart for the oppressed, the better. But on the other hand, is it possible to end violence with violence? Does punishing criminals after severely torturing them stop crime? Can any social reform be possible by creating fear and terror? Criminal justice research-In 2018, seven-year-old ers say that not only are Zainab of Kasur was murharsher punishments undered after being raped. successful in preventing According to some reports, crime they may, in fact, she had been tortured horhave the opposite effect. Emeritus professor of law, How could a human University of New South have been so savage and Wales, David Brown claims that "harsher pun-Feelings of outrage ishments that both aim for and revenge rightly arose. general deterrence — that A post on social media is to deter the population went viral, 'I demand that at large — and specific Zainab's killer be cut into deterrence to deter the inpieces and dissolved in dividual, from re-offend-

agreed that the murderer founded." It is generally assumed that harsher and more painful punishment, especially meted out in public, can ensure a decrease in crime. This assumption may appear valid to some extent, but often the evidence does not support it. Crime rates are often lower in countries where the death penalty is banned. In fact, contrary to what many people may think, crime did not increase after capital punishment was banned in many countries such as in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Switzerland, as well as a few states in the US, while in countries where there is a practice of administering harsh, gruesome and public punishments, the crime rate has not decreased. Every harsh punishment followed by another crime of the same type is proof that the criminal mind does not think as it is supposed to. China, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Yemen are among the countries that carry out mentally ill in the process. the highest number of

demands for justice is undeath sentences in the derstandable. The louder world. In Pakistan in the 1980s, during the rule of

military dictator Gen Ziaul Haq, a few executions were carried out in public in front of thousands of people. But that hardly had a deterrent effect on the rate and nature of crime. Brutal punishments do not stop brutal criminals. Crime reduction has to do with ensuring just punishment, and not harsher punishments. Meanwhile, justice that is not even handed destroys trust in the justice system. Societies are built on the edifice of justice, not revenge.

Another aspect of harsh public punishments that is more worriso-me is their impact on the individual and society. If the state here was to cave in to pressure for public ing in future is unpunishments, it would normalise the scenes of

violence and agonising death; the whole idea of punishment would lose its deterring effect and would leave society brutalised and ready to accept public executions as a way of life. This in itself can lead to an increase in violence which would also be mainstreamed. Secondly, the scenes stick to the minds, especially of young people, and can leave some permanently traumatised in a way that it becomes difficult for them to lead a normal life. There is a difference between revenge and justice. The delivery of justice is not possible in the raging currents of emotions. State decisions are made with a cool heart and mind per the basic requirements of the law, and considering the best interest and best future of the country and the people living here. Our demand should be that criminals should be brought to justice as soon as possible, but God save the nation from becoming -- Courtesy Dawn



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AJK PM felicitates students for securing first three positions in exams

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq on Tuesday extended his heartfelt felicitations to three meritorious girl students hailing from Bhimber, AJK, who secured

the first three positions in the recently announced annual results by Azad Jammu Kashmir Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Mirpur for 10thgrade students.

Minister Prime Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq, in his congratulatory mes- devote their full time.

sage, praised the top posi-tion holders' hard work, dedication and outstanding performance in the annual examinations. He also appreciated

LAHORE: Federal Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar, MNAs and former provincial ministers meeting with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman the parents' valuable contribution, endless struggle and commitment to enable their children to achieve

their goals. Congratulating all the students who passed the matriculation examination, the AJK PM asked the successful students to make hard work their motto and

GB govt signs agreement with AKU, LUMS to improve education system

project.

GILGIT (APP): Chief Sec- tive project '1000 Educaretary Gilgit Baltistan Muhiudeen Wani Tuesday said the GB government took another step towards improving the education system by signing an agreement with Aga Khan University (AKU) LUMS, Karakoram International University (KIU), and Knowledge Platform He said the collabora-

tion Fellows' spans three years with a cost of Rs 2.19 billion, said an official statement. He said under this initiative, AKU and its partners will recruit, train, and deploy 1000 Education Fellows to government schools in GB, adding that Vice Provost of

AKU, Dr. Anjum Hailai expressed confidence that this

Governor chairs meeting to discuss education related matters of Edwards College

PESHAWAR (APP): Gov-Khyber ernor Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali here Tuesday chaired a meeting that was convened to discuss matters related to further improve education standards in historic

educational institution, Edwards College Peshawar. The meeting was also attended by caretaker ministers including Justice Re-tired Irshad Qaisar and Abdul Haleem Qasuria, Bishop Diocese Peshawar, Humphrey Sarfaraz Peter,

Legal Advisor, Ishaq Ali and concerned officials. The meeting discussed measures to improve educational standards in the college allow-

ing the executive commit-tee of the college to work for the improvement of his-would be completed for the purpose. He assured to co-operation to resolve the toric educational instituproblems of the college and said that we play our part to revive the educational tions. Participants also decided to convene the Board of Governor to complete standard for the sake of stuthe consultation. dents He said that all the Construction of the

college building according available resources would be utilized for the improveto the cantonment board approved plan and formament of the educational institution and said that no tion of a construction committee was also discussed compromise would be made and it was decided that two on the quality of education construction experts should be included in the commitin Edwards College. Bishop Diocese of Peshawar lauded the efforts

ing, Governor recalled the past glory of Edwards Col-lege and desired to a standard t lege and desired to make it a university adding that all make joint efforts for the betterment of Edwards Colthe needed legal formalities lege.

Asad Mahmood visits CMH inquires **Bajaur blast victims**

PESHAWAR (APP): Fed- lam (JUI) to continue their eral Minister for Commudemocratic struggle in the nications Maulana Asad face of such cowardly acts. Mahmood visited Com-Maulana bined Military Hospital Mahmood condemned the tragic incident, stating that

(CMH) here on Monday and inquired Bajaur blast victims in JUIF's public the heinous attack has targeted not just JUIF, but also Pakistan's peace and secumeeting Federal Minister Maulana Asad Mahmood, rity

He asserted that such made a visit to the injured malicious acts would not deter JUIF's resolve to upvictims, expressing his deep grief and sorrow and hold the values of democoffering prayers for their racy and peaceful coexist ence in the country. speedy recovery.

During his visit, Maulana Asad assured the Asad Mehmood said that the incident has deeply injured that every possible saddened and shocked the assistance and support would be provided for their nation. He praised the courage and determination of the workers, reiterating that no He emphasized the cowardly act could obstruct JUIF's path towards a

Turi is inaugurating 50 Beds Welfare Hospital.

Jamal directs to suspend

Director Labour over

resilience of the workers and the unwavering commit-ment of Jamiat Ulema-e-Is-Pakistan.

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KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunication Syed Amin Ul Haque said on Tuesday that US \$7.1 billion investment had been made in the telecommunication sector in the country with earning of

billions of rupees. He was addressing the ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of the Health Incubator and Science & Technology Park at the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) of Karachi University (KU). The MoU was signed by Syed Junaid Imam, Member Ministry of IT & Telecom and Prof. Dr Iqbal Choudhary, Director ICCBS. The IT minister, on the request of KU Vice Chancellor Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, said the Examination Centre of the

Two more

PTI leaders

join PTI Parl.

PESHAWAR (APP): Two

more party leaders of Paki-

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf from

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on

Tuesday left the party and

announced to join Pervez

Tehreek-e-Insaf Parliamen-

tarian. Core Committee

member and Provincial In-

formation Secretary of PT

Riaz Khan and former can

didate Tehsil Shah Alam

had announced the joining

of Parvez Khattak's group

They would formally join

PTI Parliamentarian during

the inauguration of its pro-

vincial secretariat in the city

YDA presents

charter of

demands to

LUMHS VC

HYDERABAD (APP): A

delegation of the Young

the Vice Chancellor of

Liaquat University of

Medical and Health Sci-

Pakistan

Khattak's

Asad

incubation center, science technology park in KU Karachi University would be digitalized, and directed the Member IT and Chief Executive Officer of Na-

Amin says:

MOITT to establish health

ment in that regard.

bator and Science & Tech-

nology Park at the ICCBS. "Our effort is to integrate information and communication technology and academia. The establishment of a health incubator in the university will greatly help medical start-ups, and that of a science and technology park will connect students to the digital world,"he added. The minister said the revolutionary steps taken by the incumbent government should have been done many decades ago.

He said the Pakistani youths had a unique position in the world in terms of their ability and compe-tence. He said the MOITT tional Information Technology Board to coordinate through the Universal Service Fund spent Rs 77.8 billion on 83 projects to provide broadband services with the university manage-He said that under the MoU, the Pakistan Softin the remote areas across ware Export Board would Pakistan to facilitate the establish the Health Incurural population as they

could smoothly perform their work and connect to the digital world. He further said due to the ministry's efforts, the smartphone manufacturing

bill was passed by the Parliament and currently 28 companies, including Samsung and Nokia, were making mobiles phones. Amin Ul Haque said the

tech giant Google had opened its office in the country and provided 15,000 scholarships to Pakistani students last year and would provide 45,000 scholarships.



KARACHI: Activists of Progressive Youth Alliance hold a protest in favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Sindh govt takes measures to improve water supply, drainage in Karachi: Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Mayor are playing an active role to Karachi and Chairman check and control water



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali presiding over a meeting regarding academic and administrative affairs of Edward College

PPP govt provides transport, housing facilities to people of Sindh: Sharjeel Memon

KARACHI (APP): Minister of Information, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon on Tuesday said that the PPP's provincial government had launched two new routes of electric buses to provide travel facilities to the people of Karachi.

Addressing a press conference here at Archives nment had started a historic housing project across the province which will provide houses to 21 hundred thousand homeless people of the province. He said PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah recently distributed documents among deserving people in Larkana. Sharjeel said the PPP

electric, metro and people's from Malir Halt to Sadar via Landhi, Korangi respecbus services across the province, including Karachi and Hyderabad, which protively vided travel facilities to the

people. He said documents of the housing schemes were distributed among people belonging to Jacobabad, Qambar - Shajdsdkot, Dadu, equal representation to Naushehro Feroze and women in every sector of Complex, Sharjeel Memon Shikarpur while the same the society. ven to the people

Sindh government has empowered women in all sector of the society by giving them equal rights, recovery process. Sharjeel said, adding that People's party always care for the women and it gave

LAHORE (APP): Provin-

cial Development Working

Party (PDWP) approved

seven development schemes

of the various sectors with

an estimated cost of Rs

22011.593 million. These

schemes were approved in

the 8th PDWP meeting of

current financial year 2023-

24 presided over by P&D

Board Secretary Sohail

Anwar. The approved de-

velopment schemes include:

Development of a Con-

trolled Access Corridor Fa-

cility from Niazi Inter-

change to Babu Sabu Inter-

change, Lahore at the cost

able Water Supply and Sani-

tation Project (PRSWSSP)

in Tehsil Alipur Lot-2 at the

cost of Rs 2280.402 million.

Punjab Rural Sustainable

Water Supply and Sanita-

tion Project (PRSWSSP) in

Tehsil Kahror Pakka at the

cost of Rs 1454.447 million.

Punjab Rural Sustainable

Water Supply and Sanita-

tion Project (PRSWSSP)

Pilot Phase

Punjab Rural Sustain-

of Rs 10842.253 million.

of district Khairpur on government had decided to Wednesday. give ownership rights to The housing docu-

will h

ister said.

Sanitation

PDWP approves seven

shelter people who had ments would be distributed lost my their houses duramong people of Badin, ing floods and on one be Shaheed Benazirabad, allowed to undo the deci-Matiari and Jamshoro in sion taken by PPP governthe coming days, the minment He said PPP was the

He said the routes of newly launched electric political party that had started game changer project of Thar Coal which buses will cover more than Sharjeel said the PPP government also started Malir Cant to Numaish and will enlighten every nook and corner of the country.

JUI Chief visits LRH, inquires after health

developmental schemes Cluster North Tehsil of Bajaur Kallar Kahar Lot-2 at the cost of Rs 3518.178 million. blast victims

Punjab Rural Sustain-PESHAWAR (APP): Chief able Water Supply and Saniof Jamiat Ulema-é-Islam tation Project (PRSWSSP) Pilot Phase: Cluster North Tehsil Noorpur Thal Lot-3 at the cost of Rs 1323.092 million. Punjab Rural Sustainable Water Supply and Project (PRSWSSP) Pilot Phase: Cluster Central-II

Pakpattan. Package-5, 5 Nos. Revenue Villages: (Chak 93-D, Chak 15-SP, Chak 16-SP, Chak 23-SP, Chak 2-KB) at the cost of Rs 1270.360 million. Development of Road from Amra to Sahana Lok Length 10.25 km, (Phase=I,

approx. Length=6 Km), District M.B Din (Revised) at the cost Rs 1322.861 million. Chief Economist, all members of the P&D Board, provincial secretaries and other senior representatives of the relevant provincial departments also attended the meeting.

(JUI), Moulana Fazal-ur-Rehman Tuesday visited Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar and enquired after the health of Bajaur blast injured. He prayed for early recovery of injured and extended cooperation to families of blast victims. He said we would not discourage and budge from resolve by these acts of cowardice. JUI Chief said that our party would not be de-

Labour terred by these acts that are meant to disrupt peace and serenity in the country. He said we praised the composure of party workers who remained calm despite fac-

vided needed assistance.

ing the tragedy. He said that JUI is a manity in times of distress

Rawalpindi over his negligence from duty. Presiding over a meeting to review anti-dengue arrangements along with Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaqat Ali Chatha,

he said that dengue was a peaceful party that would abide by the norms of huadding party workers would be helped and pro-



ABBOTTABAD: View of site after traffic accident of jeep that fell down due to over speeding and break failed, at Link road located on Bakote area of Abbottabad.

anti-dengue negligence RAWALPINDI (APP): this regard. The minister di-Caretaker Provincial Min- rected the allied depart-Doctors Association (YDA) held a meeting with ments to ensure their performance satisfactory up to 100 per cent during the next two weeks else strict action would be taken against them. Taking notice of the fake entries, he directed to issue show cause notices to those involved in the bogus

KOHAT: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani & HRD Mr. Sajid Hussain

activities reports. Dr Jamal Nasir further directed the Chief Executive Officer of Rawalpindi Waste Management Company to spray insecticides national issue and no negli- daily in 3,400 garbage bins gence would be tolerated in placed across the city.

Bilal murder case moved to session court, terrorism provisions abolished

LAHORE (Online): Anti- pects.

terrorism Court has removed terrorism provisions in case of murderous attack on PML-N leader Bilal Yasin and ordered to transfer it to Sessions court.

ister for Primary and Sec-

ondary Health Care Punjab

Dr Jamal Nasir on Tuesday

directed the officials con-

cerned to issue the suspen-

sion orders of the Director

Department,

The suspects had filed an appeal against pro-visions of terrorism in Lahore High Court.

Provisions of terrorism have been removed from case on order of Lahore High Court.

Anti-terrorism Court administrator Judge Abher Gul Khan heard case of murderous attack on PML-N leader Bilal Yasin in which Malik Ishrat appeared on behalf of sus-

Others including sus-

Asad Hamid, Hamid Mehmood, Mohsin Mehmood, Mohsin Manzoor, Maruf Ali and

doctors and for renovating Kashi involved in case were also presented in the court from Jail.

The other demands include establishing cafetarias for doctors in Liaquat University Hospital Hyderabad and Jamshoro, library for doctors and providing adequate security at the against suspects has been presented in Court. LUH Hyderabad and Jamshoro.

Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said that the Sindh government is taking measures on an emergency basis to improve the water supply and drainage system in the city. The biggest project

regarding the supply of fresh water to Karachi. "K4" is under construction. Insha Allah, the completion of this project will improve the water supply system in the city to a great extent and the problems of the citizens will end, he said this in a statement on Tuesday. Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that indiscriminate actions are being taken against illegal hydrants for fair distribution of water in all areas of Karachi, as a result of these actions against water thieves, water supply in the city is improving. He said that monitoring teams of Karachi Water

theft and we are trying our best to improve the water supply system across the city as soon as possible. It should be built on

the right lines soon, Mayor Karachi said that the PPP government is working on various projects to solve the water supply problems in Karachi, the aim of which is to provide water to the city according to its needs.

By continuously monitoring the water supply system, the provincial government is making arrangements in the city so that no one dares to make illegal connections to the main water line in the future and to discourage the hydrant mafia, he said.

He said that the trust that the citizens of Karachi have shown in us will be fulfilled in every way and any complaints of the citizens regarding water supply and drainage will be reand Sewerage Corporation solved



HYDERABAD: Floodwater passing through at Indus river while fishermen parked their boats on the banks of the river.

Govt taking measures to ensure mother, child health: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Punjab breastfeeding to their new-Caretaker Health Minister born shorty after birth un-Dr. Javed Akram on Tuestil the age of six month. day said that specific mea-Mother's milk was essensures were being taken to tial for the good development of the child, he added. ensure the health of mother and child in the province.

Dr. Javed Akram said that daycare centers should He expressed these views while addressing as a be established in every inspecial guest in the seminar stitution for the conveorganized in connection nience of women. In this with the World Breastfeeding Week at the University of Child Health regard, a comprehensive meeting was held with UNICEF yesterday, he in-Sciences here. formed. The minister said that

The minister cona national level awareness gratulated the University of campaign should be con-Child Health Sciences and ducted regarding breastfeeding. "We will convince the Cabinet to legvarious stakeholders for organizing the seminar. He also distributed commemoislate on breastfeeding," he rative shields among the added. He advised that vice chancellor and other mothers should start guests on this occasion.

PGs in other institutes so that they could expand their pects Mian Haseeb Wiki, work experience. The association underlined the need to immediately hand over the PG hostel in the varsity's premises in Jamshoro to the

Zulfiqar appeared in court. The hired killers

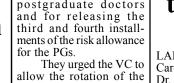
Majid and Qasid alias

the PG hostel in Hyderabad. During hearing lawyers of suspects said that our appeal to remove provisions of terrorism from

case was pending in Lahore High Court which has been approved. Datta Darbar Police Station Challan

ences (LUMHS) Jamshoro, on Tuesday and presented their charter of demands. The delegation led by YDA Sindh's President Dr Roshan Chandio, Dr Rakesh Nankani and Dr Fahad Pitafi, it put forward a set of 10 demands to the VC.

They called for paying arrears of up to 17 months' stipends to the postgraduate doctors and for releasing the third and fourth installments of the risk allowance





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sity of Engineering and

Speaking at the event, the Federal Minister for

Planning said that the gov-

ernment is establishing

these centers to equip the

youth for the upcoming

Technology Lahore.

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PM says: SIFC to ensure immediate, uninterrupted execution of foreign investment projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): hour. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) would ensure the immediate and uninterrupted completion of the projects of foreign investment in Pakistan.

The prime minister, in a meeting with a Saudi delegation led by Saudi Deputy Minister for Mining, Industries and Minerals Khaled bin Saleh Al-Mudaifer, said there existed immense investment opportunities in Pakistan, particularly in the mining sector.

Welcoming the delegation, the prime minister said Pakistan was thankful to the Saudi government and people for supporting Pakistan in every need of the

marked

vestment.

of SIFC was a positive "Pakistan is your secmessage to foreign investors ond home. The brotherly in Pakistan. Saudi Arabia relations between Pakistan was keen to invest in the and Saudi Arabia were of vast opportunities of inspecial significance. The whole Pakistani nation was tor of Pakistan, he added. grateful to Saudi King Salman and Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman for supporting Pakistan in ev-ery difficult time," he re-The prime minister nomic development. assured the delegation that not only the interim gov-

ernment but also the next Arabia would continue to elected government would keep on facilitating the insupport Pakistan. vestors. He said the solar Federal Minister En-

power project of 10,000 gineer Khurram Dastgir, leum Musaddik Malik,

The Saudi minister relevant senior officers atsaid that the establishment



Calling Pakistan his second home, the Saudi Sovereign Wealth Fund established minister assured that Saudi

megawatts announced by Minister of State for Petrothe government was also a Special Assistant to PM good opportunity for in-Fasnim Ahmed Qureshi and

tended the meeting.



Dar Tuesday said the government had established Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund to exploit potential of mining, agriculture and information technology.

"These are the future drivers of growth. Mines and minerals, and IT would be mainly focused in years to come for the country, no matter who is in governance," the minister said

FBR collects Rs 538b net revenue in July

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Tuesday an-nounced collecting Rs 538 billion net revenue during the month of July 2023 despite all the economic challenges faced by the country, posting a robust 16.6 percent growth as compared to the corresponding month of the last year.

"As against the set target of Rs. 534 billion, net revenue of Rs. 538 billion has been collected, despite issuance of refunds amounting to Rs. 49 Billion," said a press release issued here.

"Dust to Development: Investment Opportunities in asserted that Pakistan was Pakistan". He said the govan asset-solvent country. In the mineral sector only, it ernment was taking serious measures to facilitate inveshad the potential of around tors and exploit the \$6 trillion and the one thing that needed was the financountry's resources. He said the draft legcial management, he added. He said the goal of islation for establishing the government initiatives was

fund, which was more acceptable globally, had been to attract investors to extabled in the National Asploit the potential of the sembly and would be assets. He said sub-funds moved in the Senate on would be created under the main fund which could in-

Egypt and Indonesia, clude agriculture, green revolution, minerals and mining. He said the investors would have the choice whether they were interested in sovereign wealth fund.

stan Minerals Summit titled added. KARACHI (Online): Dol-

The direct taxes continued showing a remark-able growth of 30 percent during July 2023 whereas Inland Revenue taxes has shown a healthy growth of 18 percent as compared to July 2022, and "The FBR team is optimistic with re-gard to sustaining this growth pattern for rest of the year." The FBR has exhibited a promising start for financial year 2023-24 regarding the revenue collec-

tion, by putting in an outstanding effort to achieve the monthly tax target despite all the economic headwinds

Inter-bank is RS 286.25. faced by the country.

Ahsan inaugurates 3 centers of excellence Computer Science, Univer-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal inaugurated three centers of excellence have been started which include National Center for Manufacturing (NCM), National Center for Quantum Computing (NCQC) and National Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (NCNN). Federal Minister for

ceremony.

in the ceremony.

The finance minister

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fluctuates

lar continued to fall in In-

ued to fluctuate in Inter-

bank on first day of busi-

creased marginally at the

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dollar in Inter-bank is being

witnessed during business

on Tuesday and value of

dollar has decreased by 39

The price of dollar in

Value of dollar contin-

The value of dollar in-

Dollar closed at RS

A decline in value of

ter-bank market.

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challenges, while he said that to achieve success in the future, we have to go over the technology of the future Planning, Development and The Federal Minister Special Initiatives Profesalso emphasized the imporsor Ahsan Iqbal was the

tance of investing in emergchief guest at the launching ing to increase the competitiveness of the country's Deputy Speaker of youth and to face the chal-National Assembly Zahid lenges of the future.

Akram Durrani, Secretary Secretary Ministry of Planning, Syed Zafar Ali Shah, highlighting the initiaof Ministry of Planning Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Vice Chancellors of Universities tives initiated under the and senior officials of vari-Ministry of Planning, said ous ministries participated that the establishment of these centers had a positive These centers would impact on the economic

be established in different situation of Pakistan, while he said that the Ministry universities in Pakistan. Among them are National of Planning has continued these projects. It should be noted that Center for Quantum Computing Lahore University of

in 2017, Ministry of Plan-Management Sciences Lahore, Ghulam Ishaq ning launched 7 centers in-Khan Institute of Engineercluding National Center of ing Sciences and Technol-Robotics and Automation, National Center of Artifiogy University of Engineering and Technology, cial Intelligence, Karachi and Institute of Center for Cyber. cial Intelligence, National



KARACHI: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Syed Amin ul Haque witnesses the MOU Signing Ceremony for the Establishment of the Health Incubator and Science Technology Park at the ICCBS between Ministry IT and Telecommunication ICCBS University of Karachi.

Remote eye surgery trial uses 5G robot in China

ISLAMABAD (APP): medicine in China, and el-The Zhongshan Ophevate the country's medical thalmic Center at the Sun devices and equipment to University, world-leading levels. It will Guangzhou, China has also contribute to the develachieved a milestone in the opment of national medical field of ophthalmic surgery standards, China Daily rev completing the world's ported.

Lin said that this

In saving time for doc-

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar addressed

the closing session of Pakistan Minerals Summit "Dust to Development: Investment opportunities in Pakistan".

Tanveer for using modern techniques to increase cotton production

years

LAHORE (APP): Care- briefing to Provincial Mintaker Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Industry and Energy SM Tanveer emphasized the need to implement modern technology and China-style model to increase cotton per acre yield.

He was presiding over a meeting through video link regarding cotton production and growth strategy at Circuit House,

ister for Agriculture SM Tanveer and said that the decline in cotton production in Punjab has been started gradually after 2015-16 and the average production has reached 15 maunds per acre due to lack of new cotton seed technology and acquisition of pest resistance against old technology seed, (FBR) especially attack of pink bollworm has reduced pro-

FCCI welcomes appointment of Malik Amjad as **Chairman FBR** FAISALABAD (APP) Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) President Dr. Khurram Tariq has wel-

comed the appointment of Malik Amjad Zubair Tiwana, a senior officer of the Inland Revenue Service, as new Chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue

He will replace Asim Ahmed who has retired on fulv 30th on attaining t

Wednesday. which were facing a turbu-lent situation like Pakistan, had established the fund while addressing the Paki- and were doing well, he

Multan

In the meeting, Secre-tary Agriculture, Punjab Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, Secretary Agriculture, South Punjab Saqib Ali, Vice Chancellor MNS Agriculture University, Multan Dr. Asif Ali, Deputy Director Agriculture Information, Punjab Naveed Asmat Kahlon along with progressive farmers Khalid Khokhar, Syed Hasan Raza, representative of APTMA Dr. Javed, and other officers including Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandisha participated while Director General Agriculture Extension Dr. Muhammad Anjum Ali also participated online.

also discussed with Minis-On this occasion, Secter for Agriculture regardretary Agriculture, South ing increase in cotton pro-Punjab Saqib Ali gave a duction.

duction by 60% in the provage of superannuation. ince during the last three In a statement issued

here, Dr. Khurram Tariq During the briefing to hoped that new Chairman SM Tanvir, he further in-FBR would play its key formed that China is worldrole in enhancing tax net to wide number one producer generate additional revenue. of cotton mainly due to He said that Tiwana would new technology cotton also focus on bridging the seeds, predictive models of wide gap between direct pest attack by using artifiand indirect taxes to minicial intelligence and research work. In Punjab (Pakistan), mize the difference between more than 8 million bales poor and rich class.

of cotton can be produced prayed for Malik Amjad by following the IPM Tiwana and also invited him model, the use of artificial to visit FCCI to have direct intelligence and the China model in the province of interaction with the busi-Punjab. The project worth ness community 0 Faisalabad of 3.82 billion rupees was

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

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month basis, it increased to

Small projects to boost income fast, increase employment: Scholar

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lysts said.

BEIJING (APP): The small lations and the CPEC. and beautiful projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) would boost income fast, increase employment and

benefit local people. As CPEC and other BRI projects between China and Pakistan have focused on major infrastructure, more small but beautiful projects would be set to boost income fast and increase employment and benefit local people, Zhu Yongbiao, executive director of the Research Center for the Belt and Road at Lanzhou University told Global Times.

While commenting on China Vice Premier, He Lifeng's visit to Pakistan, he said that it showed that China attached great importance to China-Pakistan re-

Liquid Terminal, Engro Analysts further Terminal, Bul Terminal and noted that ensuring the FOTCO Terminal respecsafety of the CPEC and tively on Monday. BRI projects is also a task Meanwhile for both China and Paki-

more ships, carrying Containers, Palm oil and LPG It is undeniable that also arrived at outer anchorthe CPEC projects have age of the Port Oasim durbrought concrete benefits ing the last 24 hours.

to Pakistan, and both PQA berths engaged China and Pakistan will by nine ships during the last further improve the build-24 hours, out of them, two ships, MSC Mumbai VIII ing of BRI projects despite external attempts to and Al-Maersk Brooklyn undermine it or some left the port on Tuesday morning and other ship Western countries' hyping of the debt trap rhetoric Khitira is expected to sail or security issues, anaon same day. A cargo vol-ume of 207,653 tonnes

Zhu said that financcomprising 144,653 tonnes ing problems, a thorny isimports cargo and 63,205 sue in Pakistan that the tonnes export cargo includ-West has never been willing containerized cargo caring to help with, can be ried in 2.873 Containers solved only by investment (2,569 TEUS imports and and development, which is 2.909 TEUS export) was what China and other counhandled at the Port during tries are trying to do. last 24 hours.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Hidavat Ullah, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Aviation presiding over a meeting of the committee at Ministry Of Aviation.

Dr. Khurram Tariq

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal formally launched three centres of excellence which include National Center for Manufacturing (NCM), National Centre for Quantum Computing (NCQC) and National Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (NCNN).

CDNS collects Rs15bn through KARACHI (APP): Seven ships scheduled to load/ Islamic investments in July 2023 offload Containers, Cement, Palm oil, Chemicals, ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has col-

Coal and Gas oil, berthed lected an investment of Rs15 billion in the month of July 2023-24 through Islamic investment bonds.

The directorate has set a target of Rs 75 billion for the new financial year 2023-24 Islamic finance bonds, a senior official of CDNS told APP here on Tuesday.

Replying to a question, he said the CDNS's aim was to introduce new dimensions he Islamic finance sector.

He informed that CDNS had reviewed and set a target of Rs 60 billion in the fiscal year (2022-23) for Islamic investment to introduce the new products in the market. "Islamic finance has a very important role in the global financial sector at this

time, and a large part of the economy of many major countries currently includes Islamic finance," he said. Replying to another question, he said the CDNS has set a target of Rs 1743 billion for the current Fiscal Year 2023-24, to promote the saving culture in the country. This is Rs 443 billion additional annual targets than the target of Rs1300 billion for the previous financial year 2022-23 he said. He informed, "The Central Directorate of National Savings (ČDNS) attained the target of issuing Rs 1.48 trillion in fresh bonds in the current fiscal year (2022-23).

first remote, micron-level surgery on rabbits using an achievement has far-reaching implications in addressindependently developed 5G robot. ing the imbalance in the de-

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The surgeries took velopment of ophthalmolplace on June 23 on rabbits ogy and the uneven distriat the centre in Guangzhou, bution of top-notch medithe capital of Guangdong cal resources across the province, with the surgical country team operating the robot from the Hainan Eye Hostors and patients, reducing pital at the Zhongshan economic costs, and im-Ophthalmic Center in proving the efficiency of treatment, telemedicine has Haikou, capital of Hainan

province. the potential to overcome The trial was led by such challenges. Professor Lin Haotian's "If everything goes team, and all 12 rabbits opsmoothly, 5G remote mierated on are in stable concron ophthalmic surgery dition after a month of obwill be available to huservation mans within half a year,"

According to Lin, who he said. is the director of the His team has previ-Zhongshan Ophthalmic ously conducted similar Center, the breakthrough surgeries on mice, pigs and will help accelerate remote other animals



SIALKOT: President Chamber of Commerce Abdul Ghafor Malik presenting a shield to Dr Farid Iqbal **Qureshi Secretary Trade Development Authority** Pakistan at SCCL

CPI inflation slides down to 28.3pc in July

ISLAMABAD (APP): 3.6% in July 2023 as com-The Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation came and an increase of 4.5% in down to 28.3 percent dur-July 2022 ing the month of July 2023 CPI inflation Rural inas compared to 29.4 percreased to 31.3% on yearcent recorded during June 2023. Pakistan Bureau of on-year basis in July 2023

Statistics (PBS) reported as compared to an increase of 32.4% in the previous month and 26.9% in July According to PBS data, the CPI based infla-2022. On month-on-month tion during the same month basis, it increased to 3.3% of last year was recorded at in July 2023 as compared to a decrease of 0.8% in the On month-on-month previous month and an increase of 4.2% in July 2022. basis, it increased to 3.5%

in July 2023 as compared to a decrease of 0.3% in the Meanwhile, the Sensitive Price Indicator based previous month and an ininflation on YoY increased crease of 4.3% in July 2022. to 29.3% in July 2023 as The CPI inflation Urcompared to an increase of 34.9% a month earlier and ban increased to 26.3% on 28.2% in July 2022. On vear-on-vear basis in July MoM basis, it increased by 2023 as compared to an in-2.8% in July 2023 as comcrease of 27.3% in the previous month and 23.6% in pared to an increase of July 2022. On month-on-0.2% a month earlier and an

increase of 7.3% in July

pared to an increase of 0.1% in the previous month Index based inflation on

YoY basis increased to 23.1% in July 2023 as compared to an increase of 22.4% a month earlier and an increase of 38.5% in July 2022. On MoM basis, it increased by 2.5% in July 2023 as compared to a decrease of 0.3% a month earlier and an increase of 2.0% in corresponding month of last year (July 2022).

The core inflation i.e. July 2022. measured by non-food nonenergy (NFNE) Urban increased to 18.4% on (YoY) basis in July 2023 as compared to an increase of 18.5% in the previous month and 12.0% in July included 2022. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 1.2% in July 2023 as compared to an in-crease of 0.7% in previous (66.58%), month, and an increase of (60.66%), 1.2% in corresponding

month of last year i.e. July, The Wholesale Price 2022.

wheat products (55.96%), beans (47.5%), gur (44.57%), pulse moong The core inflation (43.82%), pulse mash measured by non-food non-(41.06%), milk fresh (30.00%), fresh vegetables energy for rural increased to 24.6% on (YoY) basis in July 2023 as compared to an increase of 25.2% in the (25.07%), fresh fruits (24.02%), gram whole previous month and 14.6% (21.75%), besan (19.55%), meat (18.25%), cooking oil in July 2022. On (MoM) (10.62%), stationery (63.56%), gas charges basis, it increased by 1.2% in July 2023 as compared to an increase of 0.9% in (62.82%), communication previous month, and an inapparatus (39.77%), motor vehicles (35.66%), concrease of 1.6% in corresponding month of last year struction input items (35.15%), newspapers On YoY basis, the top (32.77%), personal grooming services (30.87%), solid few commodities which fuel (30.37%), accommoda-tion services (27.89%) and varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. July, 2022 are given below construction wage rates (15.24%). The commodicigarettes (123.46%), wheat flour

ties that witnessed increase in prices included onions (102.43%), tea (97.26%), rice (68.87%), wheat (28.18%), pulse masoor (7.72%) and vegetable ghee potatoes (0.34%) and liquified hychicken (58.13%), sugar (56.45%), drocarbons (1.85%).





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China's Xi calls for combat readiness as PLA marks founding anniversary

Monitoring Desk HONG KONG: After months of intensified and increasingly ambitious drills to project power, Chinese President Xi Jinping, speaking ahead of Tuesday's 96th anniversary of the People's Liberation

Army (PLÂ), told China's armed forces to speed up modernisation.

In his address, Xi said the military must broaden its combat capability and readiness, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

"We need to push for nalling that its third and new equipment and new forces to accelerate forming combat capabilities and integrate into the combat military relationship

system," Xi told the with Russia. Peoples Liberation Army Some and Air Force's western theatre the moves reflect China's command during a visit last Wednesday, Xinhua reperception of increased external threats from the ported on Sunday.

United States and its allies, Marking the anniverand that Beijing is flexing sary on Tuesday, an edito-rial in the official PLA Daily its military muscle to send political messages. newspaper said the mili-The reason is simple: tary had "enhanced its abilthe world is not peaceful ity to carry out diversified and the external environmilitary tasks in a wider ment that China faces con-

tinues to deteriorate," said China has flaunted its Chinese military analyst military might this year, Song Zhongping, noting the ramping up military manoeuvres and drills, sigincreasing intensity and frequency of Chinese drills. The US is also exmost advanced aircraft panding regional deploycarrier will soon start sea ments and tightening ties trials, and tightening its with longstanding allies and newer friends - sparking

calls from Chinese officials Some analysts say that that Washington should steer clear of China's coasts if dialogue between the two militaries is to resume.

Drew Thompson, visiting senior research fellow at National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, told Reuters that China's drills represent more of a political message than a military one.

'Éverything the PLA (People's Liberation of Army) does is inherently political," Thompson said. When the Chinese military conducts an exercise, it is showing force - it is bestowing or sending a message to other countries.

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Rescuers work at a site of a building damaged by a Russian drone strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv, Ukraine,



Communal clashes in Nuh, Haryana, during VHP procession. Anjuman Masjid set ablaze; 3 injured, 1 deceased. 2 home guards killed, dozen cops injured.

At least 5 killed in **Indonesia buys Hindu-Muslim clashes** in India's Haryana state **Turkish Aerospace**

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: At least five people, including two police personnel, were killed in clashes between Hindus and Muslims in India's Harvana state, neighbouring capital New Delhi, on Monday, police officials told Reuters.

The violence erupted when a Hindu religious procession passed through the Muslim-dominated Nuh region, located around 50 kilometres trol civil disturbances

away from New Delhi. The procession was meant to move from one bought 12 new drones from temple to another but Turkish Aerospace worth clashes broke out between \$300 million, its defence two groups on the way, ministry said on Tuesday, which resulted in the the latest in a series of purdeath of four people," chases modernising the country's Krishan Kumar, spokesperson of Nuh police, ageing military equipment. told Reuters.

The deal comes after He said two of the Indonesian President Joko dead were members of the Widodo in July warned his home guard, a voluntary cabinet to maintain a force that helps police con-"healthy" budget as he highlighted outsized spend-China complains to

ing by the country's security agencies, including the defence ministry. In January, Defence

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AKARTA: Indonesia has

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Minister Prabowo Subianto sealed an \$800-

key to countering **China in Pacific Monitoring Desk** weekend for multinational

US general says allies

SYDNEY: The United military exercise Talisman States will rely on allies Sabre. "What I do see is inrather than a major expancreased partnership, op sion of its own forces to

counter any Chinese miliportunities for partnership and perhaps some in-creased growth in the retary risk in the Pacific, a US gion," he said. Beijing enjoys "very

clear" advantages in the re-Beijing and Washington gion, said Major General loseph Ryan, commander have flared in recent years of the 12,000-strong 25th over self-ruled Taiwan, Infantry Division on Oahu, China's disputed claims over a swathe of the South

China Sea and a tug-of-war for influence in the South Pacific. China claims the democratic island of Taiwan as part of its territory and has vowed to take it, by

But Ryan said this

largest navy, the third-larg-

Lebanon. out on Saturday between

mainstream faction Fatah told Reuters.

Lebanon," Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address.

The United Nations agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) said at least 2,000 people have fled their homes in the camp and UNRWA activities were suspended due to the vio-

Palestinian camp clashes lence. Negotiations between the rival factions have led to BEIRUT: The head of brief suspensions of fighting but have failed to secure any meaning to waiting for a lasting ceasefire, with heavy clashes resuming on anyone. You must take up

Head of Lebanon's

Hezbollah urges halt to

Tuesday. Hezbollah, which controls southern Lebanon and is vehemently opposed to Israel, has ties to Palestinian factions and supports

their cause Revolutionary Guards and Nasrallah on Tuesday is classified by the United said anyone who could States and other Western 'pressure, say a word, countries as a terrorist make contact, make an eforganisation. fort" to secure a truce

should do so. UNRWA estimates a 24-year-old Shi'ite Muslim American, was charged that up to 250,000 Paleswith the stabbing of Salman tinian refugees live in Rushdie, author of the 1988 Lebanon's 12 Palestinian novel "The Satanic Verses," camps, which date back to viewed by some Muslims the 1948 war between Isas containing blasphemous rael and its Arab neighbors. passages. Matar's family origi-The camps mainly lie outnally hails from Yaroun, where Hezbollah has strong side the jurisdiction of Leba-

nese security services. Nasrallah also ramped support. A Hezbollah offiup his rhetoric on Tuesday cial at the time said the against those burning copgroup had no information ies of the Muslim holy book on the attack and Nasrallah the Koran in Denmark and declined to comment directly on it. Sweden in recent weeks,

powerful armed group Hezbollah called on Tuesday for a halt to days of deadly clashes that have raged between rival factions in the Palestinian camp of Ain el-Hilweh in southern At least 11 people most of them militants have been killed in the camp since fighting broke

may be "only the first issue in a larger campaign" by China to "at a minimum, become a regional hegemon in Southeast Asia, but certainly to enhance their global aspirations". According to the US Defence Depart-

ment, China has the world's

He cited China's expanding military defences, its long-range rocket missile capability and the ease with which it can position forces and equipment in the Paforce if necessary. By contrast, in the event of conflict, the United States and its allies would

air, land and sea transport. 'I don't see a major expansion of US military pres-ence in the region," Ryan largest navy, the third-larg-est air force, and by some said while in Darwin at the measures, the biggest army. At least 20 dead and 27 missing in

floods surrounding China's capital Beijing, thousands evacuated

Monitoring Desk year have reported the BEIJING: Days of unusu- worst floods in 50 years. State media reported that 11 people died and 27 are missing in the mountains to the west of Beijing's city center Nine other deaths were reported in Hebei province, just out-side the metropolis and the flooding source of much of its food and labor. More than 500,000 people have been impacted by the floods. state broadcaster CCTV said, without saying how many had been moved to The level of rainfall is other locations. In early July, at least Spain to evacuate 15 people were killed by more than 70 floods in the southwestern region of Chongqing, and citizens from Niger about 5,590 people in the Monitoring Desk far northwestern province of Liaoning had to be evacu-MADRID: The Spanish ated. In the central province government is preparing of Hubei, rainstorms trapped residents in their to evacuate more than 70 Spaniards in Niger by air vehicles and homes. China's after the military seized deadliest and most destrucpower in West African tive floods in recent history country, the Defence were in 1998, when 4,150 Ministry said on Tuespeople died, most of them day. A foreign ministry

Tensions between

and hardline Islamists, security sources in the camp "This fighting must

not continue because its repercussions are bad - for the camp's residents, for the dear Palestinian people... for the south, for all of

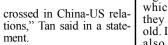
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weapons aid to Taiwan

US about 'dangerous'

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China said on Tuesday it has complained to the United States about a weapons aid package to Taiwan, urging Washington to refrain from going further down a "wrong and dangerous" path.

The US unveiled an aid package for Taiwan worth up to \$345 million on Friday as Congress authorised up to \$1 billion worth of weapons aid for the island as a part of the 2023 budget. A spokesperson for China's defence ministry, Tan Kefei, said the US must stop all forms of "military collusion" with Taiwan. "The Taiwan issue concerns China's core interests and is a red line that cannot be generate in Beijing.



Beijing claims the democratically governed island as its own territory, and repeatedly warns against any forms of "official exchanges" between Washington and Taipei. Taiwan rejects China's sovereignty claims and says only Taiwan's people can decide

their future. The United States, Taiwan's most important arms supplier, is bound by law to provide it with the means to defend itself, despite the absence of formal diplomatic ties and the anger such weapons sales

several years.

of nearly 1 million foreigners granted Hungarian passports over nine years weren't sufficiently verified, according to the U.S Embassy and a government

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: The \$3.9 billion humanitarian appeal for war-torn Ukraine is less than 30% funded as the country starts preparing for a second winter with more residential buildings damaged and destroyed and thousands of people homeless following the col-

The \$3.9 billion UN humanitarian

appeal for Ukraine is only 30%

lapse of the Kakhovka dam, the country's U.N. humanitarian coordinator said Monday. Denise Brown told a virtual news conference from Kviv that 17 million Ukrainians need aid and the U.N. is targeting be-tween 11 million and 12

funded, UN aid official says million - but funding is becoming a serious issue. A report last week from the U.N. humanitar-

ian office said lack of funding "is hampering opera-tions, adding to the challenges imposed by insecurity and other obstacles.

By the end of June, it said, the U.N. and its humanitarian partners reached 7.3 million people but in some parts of Ukraine's south, east and north, more than 25% of targeted people United States.

couldn't be reached "due to a combination of funding shortages and other opera-tional challenges."



Supporters of Lebanon's Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah listen to him as he addresses them through a screen during a rally marking Muharram, a period of mourning for Shi'ite Muslims around the world, in Nabatiyeh, southern Lebanon.

million deal to buy 12 Mially heavy rains around China's capital, Beijing, rage 2000-5 fighter jets, which drew criticism as have flooded houses, torn they were considered too apart roads and left at least old. Indonesia in February 20 people dead and 27 missing, state media realso bought 42 Rafale ported Tuesday. fighter jets for \$8.1 bil-

lion, which will be dis-The bursed in phases over **US** restricts

visa-free travel for Hungarian passport holders because of security concerns

Monitoring Desk BUDAPEST: The United States imposed new travel restrictions on citizens of Hungary on Tuesday over concerns that the identities

official

The restrictions ap-ply to the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, which allows passport holders from 40 countries to enter the United States for business or tourism without a visa for up to 90 days.

The validity period of travel for Hungarian passport holders under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization was reduced from two years to one year, and each traveler will be limited to a single entry into the They are the only such

restrictions among the 40 participating states in the Visa Waiver Program.

prompted authorities to close train stations and evacuate people in vulnerable areas to school gyms. Cars were washed away and piled into stacks by the rushing waters.

rarely seen in Beijing, which generally enjoys moderate, dry summers but has experienced recordbreaking extended days of high temperatures this summer. Flooding in other parts of northern China that

summer, particularly in the semitropical south, while

rarely see such large amounts of rain have led to scores of deaths. Seasonal flooding hits large parts of China every some northern regions this along the Yangtze River.

Buildup of American forces in Persian Gulf a new signal of worsening US-Iran conflict: Analysis For hard-liners in

Monitoring Desk Tehran's theocracy, the DUBAI: Thousands of Marines backed by admove projects power to survanced U.S. fighter jets and rounding nations as part of a warships are slowly buildwave of assaults attributed to Iran since 2019. It also ing up a presence in the serves as a warning to the Persian Gulf. It's a sign that U.S. and its allies that the while America's wars in the Islamic Republic has the region may be finished, its means to retaliate, particuconflict with Iran over its larly as American sanctions advancing nuclear program result in the seizure of ship continues to worsen, with no solutions in sight. carrying Iranian crude oil Worries over another seizure

The dispatch of the troop-and-aircraft-carrying USS Bataan to the Gulf, likely has left a ship allegedly carrying Iranian oil stranded off Texas as no comalongside stealth F-35 fightpany has yet to unload it. ers and other warplanes, comes as America wants to the Strait of Hormuz open focus on China and Russia.

But Washington is to shipping remains a priseeing once again that while ority to ensure global energy prices don't spike, t's easy to get into the particularly as Russia's war Middle East militarily, it's difficult to ever get fully out on Ukraine pressures markets. Gulf Arab nations - particularly as Iran now enriches uranium closer need the waterway to get their oil to market and than ever to weapons-grade levels after the collapse of worry about Iran's intentions in the wider region. its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. There is no mented the longtime Ameri sign that diplomacy will revive the deal soon, and Iran can presence in the Persian Gulf. In the two decades in recent weeks has resumed that followed the Sept. 11 harassing and seizing ships 2001 attacks, there were a trying to pass through the times two different Ameri Strait of Hormuz. Some 20% of the world's oil passes through the narrow water-

ling the Gulf to provide way connecting the Persian fighter jets for the wars i Gulf to the wider world. Afghanistan and Iraq.

spokesperson declined to provide further details about the operation, such as whether Spain would send its own aircraft, citing 2024 security concerns.

The decision comes after France said it would evacuate its own citizens and those of other European Union countries after Niger closed its airspace and cancelled all commercial flights.

Italy also said on Tuesday it would send a special flight to repatriate its nationals from the capital Niamey.

> Iran shuts down for two days because of 'unprecedented

For the U.S., keeping

DUBAI: Iran has announced Wednesday and Thursday this week will be public holidays be-cause of "unprecedented heat" and told the elderly and people with health conditions to stay in-Those fears have cedoors, Iranian state media reported.

Many cities in southern Iran have already suffered from days of exceptional heat.

State media reported temperatures had this week exceeded 123 degrees Fahrcan aircraft carriers patrol enheit (51 Celsius) in the southern city of Ahvaz.



Rescue workers in a boat go through a flooded street in a neighbourhood where days of heavy rain from remnants of Typhoon Doksuri have caused heavy damage in Beijing, China.

Some Black men lose faith in Biden, **Democrats in 2024**

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Bahta Mekonnen, a 28-year-old U.S. Army captain from the key voting state of Georgia, is among the millions of Black voters who helped

promises, but also turned off by far-right Republi-cans, Mekonnen says he sees nothing but bad op-tions at the ballot box next year.

"What I'm noticing across the Democratic deliver President Joe Biden Party right now is there's a the White House in 2020. lot of pandering to the Black community," he said. Three years later, he is one of the voters who 'It seems like they do a lot Democrats fear could cost to try to make it seem like Biden a second term in they are the party for young Disappointed by Black men or Black men as what he sees as Demoa whole, but they don't

back it with anything. They crats' lurch to the left, free spending and empty don't follow through.

Israeli high-tech investment plummets in first half of 2023, industry monitor says

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JERUSALEM: Investment in Israeli technology startups plummeted in the first half of 2023, an Israeli tech industry monitor said Tuesday, citing the government's divisive judicial overhaul plan as a main driver of the downturn. Start-Up Nation Cen-

a five-year low, it said.

Start-Up Nation Central, said the correlation between the judicial overhaul and investor hesitancy is clear. He said that while technology investment has stabilized in the U.S. and globally over the past year, over the same period "here in the Israeli hightech market, we are experiencing a continued down-

Lotan, a vice president at

ward trend. Israel's high-tech sector is a major engine of the country's economy, making up half of the country's exports. It employs tens of thousands and its startup companies have drawn billions of dollars in investment in recent decades.

public offerings and mergers and acquisitions also hit "In the end, markets don't like uncertainty," Lotan The organization said said. The report was released a week after Prime Minister that uncertainty in Israel because of the judicial overhaul Benjamin Netanyahu and his 'is already being felt with inallies passed a law that weakens the Supreme Court's dicators such as decreased oversight of government defundraising and fewer emerging Israeli startups." Yaniv cisions

heat' **Monitoring Desk** tral, a nonprofit organization that tracks and engages with Israel's technology industry, said that it had seen a 29% decrease in private funding in Israeli tech in the first half of 2023 compared to the second half of 2022, and a steep drop in inves-

tor participation. Initial



Daily **Independent**, Quetta

lives

health

PM visits Peshawar; briefed on investigation into Khar attack, anti-terror efforts

I S L A M A B A D ments hostile to Pakistan in (APP): Prime Minister planning and executing such Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday visited Peshawar where he was briefed about the overall security situation in the province with a focus on the Khar suicide blast and the status of ongoing investiga-

Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir also accompanied the prime minister, a PM Office statement said.

The prime minister was apprised of the counter-terrorism efforts being undertaken to dismantle the terrorists' network by disrupting the linkages between planners, executioners, and abettors.

Prime Minister Shehbaz noted with concern the involvement of the Afghan citizens in the suicide blasts and liberty of instructed the authorities

best possible healthcare services to the wounded patients until their full recovcowardly attacks on innocent civilians from the sanctuaries across the border.

While interacting with 'Interim Afghan govthe bereaved family memernment should undertake concrete measures towards denying its soil to be used for transnational terrorism", the prime minister emphasised. He also appreciated

the emergency efforts undertaken by the army in the evacuation of wounded personnel from Khar to cate the menace of terror-Peshawar, saving many The prime minister and COAS also visited the

wounded personnel under treatment at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) and inquired about their

action available to the ele- concerned to extend the mander of Peshawar Corps

bers of the victims of Khar suicide blast, Prime Minister Shehbaz assured them that the entire nation stood with them in that hour of grief and shared the burder of their losses. 'These cowardly attacks by terrorists cannot weaken our resolve to eradi-

ism from Pakistan. Security forces and law enforcement agencies with the support of the nation will ensure that those responsible for the dastardly attacks are brought to justice as soon as possible", he remarked. Earlier on arrival, the

The prime minister

Syed Asim Munir visiting those injured in Khaar (Bajaur) suicide blast in CMH Peshawar **OIC** expresses grave concern over rising Islamophobia ISLAMABAD (INP): The ment the existing legal and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) ex-

pressed grave concern over

the despicable acts of desprime minister and COAS ecration of the Holy Ouran were received by Comin Sweden and Denmark. The 18th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the OIC adopted

over increasing incidents of and rising Islamophobia, a

> It reaffirmed the importance of the 8-point action plan unanimously agreed upon by the UN Human Rights Council to counter incitement to hadiscrimination,

stigmatisation, and violence based on religion and belief. It also called on all

He underscored that these acts, and the permission to carry them out, did not constitute freedom of expression. The foreign minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to work closely

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff General

administrative framework

or adopt new legislation to

protect all individuals

against hatred and violence

based on religion and belief.

tended the 18th extraordi-

nary meeting held in a vir-

tual format.

FM Bilawal also at-

highlight concerns about the

willful acts of the burning and desecration of the Holy

adoption of resolutions in

the UN Human Rights Council and the UN Gen-

eral Assembly advocating

inter-religious dialogue and

shunning religious hatred.

He also called for promot-

ing inter-faith harmony and

reiterated his proposal,

occasion of the Interna-

tional Day to Combat Islamophobia, for an ac-

tion plan which would in-

ter alia include the ap-

pointment of a UN Spe-

cial Envoy to combat

Islamophobia and the es-

tablishment of judicial

mechanisms to hold the

perpetrators accountable.

PM, Naval

Chief discuss

matters

pertaining to

Pak Navy

ISLAMABAD (Online)

Chief of Naval Staff Admi-

ral Amjad Khan Niazi

called on Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif in Islamabad on

Tuesday. Detailed discus-

sion on professional mat-

ters pertaining to Pakistan

Navy came under discus-

prised the Prime Minister

about the strategy of pre-

paring weapons and war-

The Naval Chief ap-

made earlier this year on the

The foreign minister

peaceful co-existence.

He welcomed the

Ouran

Geneva, and New York to

ISLAMABAD: UN Resident Coordinator to Pakistan, Julien Harneis calls on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf at Parliament House.

Reiterates resolve against terrorism President phones KP governor to condole deaths in Bajaur blast

Ali and expressed condo-

lence over deaths in the re-

cent suicide attack in Bajaur

Talking to the gover-

district.

ships for the Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): lam did not allow such hei-Navy at the local level. President Dr Arif Alvi on nous acts as well as terror-Tuesday telephoned Gov-ernor of Khyber He sa Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam KP provin He also informed the Prime Minister about on-He said the people of KP province had rendered

terrorism.

try was inevitable.

in their evil designs.

Wednesday August 02, 2023

NA passes three govt., other private members' bills

ISLAMABAD (APP): ments.

The National Assembly on Tuesday took up legislative business and passed three government bills as well as other legislative proposals sponsored by a private member. The House transacted the government business on private members' day after passage of the motion while private members' agenda was also taken up in routine. Moved by the Minis-

lawmakers.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Javed Abbasi moved the Toshakhana (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2023 and the Pakistan Airports Authority Bill, 2023. Both bills were passed by the House as the Senate has al-ready approved both legis-

lative proposals. The Toshakhana Management and Regula-tion Bill 2023 passed by the ter for Parliamentary Afhouse today envisaged that fairs Murtaza Javed the existing and future gifts Abbasi, the House passed to be received in Toshakhana shall be disa motion to suspend the rules for immediate consid-eration of the Official Seposed of through an open auction. The proceeds of crets (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The House passed such an auction shall be kept in a separate account and will be utilized for promotthe bill after the Chair directed to circulate the coping female primary educaies of the bill among the tion in the most backward areas of the country. Three According to the Statement of Objects and private members' bills passed by the House in-Reasons of the bill, it is imcluded the Promotion and

Protection of Gandhara perative to amend the official Secrets Act 1923 and Culture Authority Bill. make it more effective in 2023; the Margalla Internaview of the changing social tional University Bill, 2023 milieu to ensure safety and and the Thar International security of official docu- Institute Bill, 2023



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Naval Staff Amjad Khan Niazi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

CM pays homage to Lt. Gen. Sarfraz on his first death anniversary **Independent Report**

Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has

paid homage to the martyr

Lt. General Sarfraz Ali on

his first death anniversary

here, the Chief Minister

said that the services of

Shaheed Lt. General Sarfraz

In a statement issued

observed on Tuesday.

province relentlessly and QUETTA: The Chief Minworking very hard. ister Balochistan, Mir

He said that the services of martyr General would always be valued a lot by the people of province. He also recalled that General Sarfraz had met an unfortunate mishap during the relief operations launched for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood affected people last year.

Ali are commendable and worth following. He said He also paid tributes to the companions of Genthat the Shaheed General was a true soldier and a very eral Sarfraz who had embraced martyrdom along kind human being. Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo recalled that his relation with crash then. He said that the nation the martyr General was based would never forget the great on sincerity and friendship. He said that Lt. Gensons of Pak army and the eral Sarfraz Ali worked for country. The Chief Ministhe rehabilitation of the ter also prayed for the deflood affected areas of the parted souls of the martyrs.

QUETTA: A delegation from different walk of life meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Trial of civilians in military courts SC to announce decision about full court bench today

ISLAMABAD (Online): when there is fear of clash Supreme Court (SC) has reserved judgment on whether full court will hear the case of trial of civilians in military courts or other-

The petitions filed against hearing of trial of civilian in military courts came up for hearing before a six members bench of SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar

Ata Bandial here Tuesday. During the hearing of the case, Faisal Siddiqui, counsel for former CJP Jawad S Khawaja de- counsel for chairman PTI manded for formation of and Aitzaz Ahsan opposed full court.

Faisal Siddiqui argued court

between the institutions then full court should be constituted

The CJP remarked how can we constitute full distinguished guest. court when some judges don't want to hear the case. The lawyer said as per court's order when some

memorative album. judge refused to hear the Chinese vice PM He case then he cannot be asked again to hear the case. However during the hearing Suleman Akram

Raja counsel for petitioners, Abid Zuberi counsel for SC Bar, Shoaib Shaheen the constitution of full

ATC issues

tred. Vice PM China left for home

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chinese Vice Prime Minister (PM) He Lifeng has left for China after completing 3 days visit to Pakistan.

Federal Minister for planning and Development and special measures Professor Ahsan Iqbal sent off

The visit of Chinese Vice PM to Pakistan was also featured on Com-

Lifeng met with President of State and Prime Minister (PM) during his visit. He also participated in

organized events regarding 10 years completion of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project.



Addressing the CFM, FM Bilawal condemned, in a comprehensive resolution the strongest terms, the expressing grave concern Islamophobic and hateful intolerance, discrimination, acts of desecration of the Holy Ouran, which manifested religious hatred and statement from the Foreign Office said. intolerance.

with OIC member countries, especially in Jeddah,



Women harassment incident **BBISE chairman** formed committee to probe incident

QUETTA (APP): Chair- Controller Haji Muhammad man Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) Ejaz Azeem Baloch took notice of the incident of harassment of women and suspended the accused official while forming an inquiry committee to probe the incident in detail.

Examinations Abida Kakar told the media on Tuesday stating that the committee comprising the Controller of Examination, Additional

Anwar Shah and Deputy Controller Faridullah will examine all the motives and submit its report within three days. "If any official is found involved, strict action will be taken against him," she added. Abida Kakar said the BBISE chairman had directed to con-BBISE's Controller of duct an impartial investiga-

tion through a high-level committee that was formed after taking immediate notice of the post that went viral on social media

arrest warrants of Farrukh LAHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on Tuesday issued non-bail-

The president conveyed his condolences to able arrest warrants of Pathe KP governor and the kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf people of the province over (PTI) leader Farrukh Habib the loss of precious lives. in a case of attacking police during an operation at Zaman Park. nor, the president said Is-

ATC Judge Abher Gul Khan issued the warrants while allowing an application filed by the investigation officer.

The investigation officer submitted that the police had registered a case against Farrukh Habib and others on charges of attacking police. He submitted that the PTI leader had hidden himself to avoid arrest in the case.

He pleaded with the court to issue non-bailable arrest warrants of the PT

Racecourse Police had registered a case against the PTI leaders and others on charges of attacking the police teams, creating a law and order situation outside the party chief's residence in Zaman Park. The case had been reg-

ISLAMABAD (APP): istered under sections of Imran Khan Niazi on Tues-Pakistan Penal Code and day recorded his statement Section 7 of the Anti-Terunder section-342 before

the trial court in swered affirmation. Toshakhana criminal case after which further hearing was adjourned till August 2 (tomorrow).

District and Sessions Judge Hamayun Dilawar heard the criminal case wherein former prime minister Imran Khan appeared before the court amid fool-

the judge against 35 questions provided by the trial in his presence.

GILGIT: FWO workers busy in clearing block area of Juglote-Skardu road after land sliding during rain in city.

going measures to make Pakistan self-reliant in immense sacrifices against terms of defence and acquisition of modern technol-He reiterated that the elimination of terrorism and ogy.

sion.

extremism from the coun-Members & He said the terrorists **Ex-officio** were enemies of the country and the nation, and that members of they would never succeed

BCSW renotified

Independent Report QUETTA: The members and ex-officio members of Balochistan Commission on Status of Women (BCSW) have been renotified immediately.

According to an official notification issued here by the Women Developon Monday ment Department, Government of Balochistan the other day.

According to the noti-fication, the BCSW would comprise 10 members including the Chairperson, Ms. Fauzia Shaheen, Secretary Commission, one minority member and seven ex-officio members.

Fawad submits written apology to election

commission

ISLAMABAD (Online): Fawad Chaudhry has filed written apology in Election Commission (EC) in con-

tempt of EC case. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) has re-marked EC will decide after seeing the written apology.

The contempt of EC case came up for hearing before a five members bench of EC presided over by CEC Tuesday. Fawad Chaudhry ap-

peared before EC. Faisal Chudury counsel for Fawad rorism in Bajour. Chaudhry filed written apology in EC.

Member Commission Mukhtar Yousafzai charged inquired can chiding any one that the state is more interbe policy of party. Fawad Chaudhry re-

plied there was such environment prevailing in the country that it had become incomprehensible we would go where in bitter-

ness CEC remarked you have put first three lines of written apology conditional

Women development sector plan 2022-27 announced

Independent Report behind the Women Devel-QUETTA: The Women opment Sector Plan is to Development Sector Plan eliminate the domestic viofor the year 2022-27 has lence and gender based disbeen announced in the provcrimination through good governance and response to ince. This was announced in an official notification isthe gender based discriminatory attitude against sued here by the Women women. This is also aimed Development Department, Government of Balochistan at empowering women socially, economically and po-

According to the notilitically in the province, the fication, the basic objective official hand out mentioned



LAHORE: Activists of Majlis-e-Ulema Pakistan hold a protest against the burning of the Quran in Sweden, at Badshahi Mosque in Provincial Capital.

Khushhal, Yousafzai strongly reacts to tragic act of terrorism in Bajour **Independent Report**

And now, the right of living QUETTA: The Chairman is being snatched from us mercilessly, Mr. Kakar and of Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Khushhal Khan Kakar and Yousafzai further charged. They said that it is not

the first incident in which co-chairman, Mukhtar the innocent people have Yousafzai have strongly rebeen targeted, rather there acted to the tragic act of terhave been hundreds of simi-In a joint condemnalar incidents of terrorism and barbarism on the tion statement issued here, Pashtoon land instead, they Khushhal Kakar and maintained. Thousands of people have been massacred and several others inested in looting the maxijured in a number of incimum resources instead of dents of target killings, stopping the massacre of bomb explosions, landmine innocent people of the area. and bomb blasts in the past, They said that the the central leaders of backwardness, terrorism, PkMAP recalled. The u n e m p l o y m e n t , deprivatoin and ignorance PkMAP leaders also questioned performance of the have been imposed on our security and intelligence agenpeople instead of giving decies as how and why the invelopment and prosperity to the Pashtoonkhaw land cidents of terrorism

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development and prosperity of the region by initially investing more than 25 billion dollars on this exeminvest more than 24 billion dollars in Pakistan, while plary project saying that Pakistan's political conflict the United Arab Emirates slowed down the project, has also given a clear indication of investment of 22

> Apart from this, by utilizing the mineral reserves, Pakistan can earn 8 trillion dollars and bring the country out of the depths of poverty and bankruptcy, edescribed,

He further said that the future of Pakistan was bright and shining, we have to overcome the terrible monster of terrorism to secure this investment.

vestors in the country is increasing, anti-national elements and terrorists have He said that the CPEC also become active.

leader.

QUETTA: BBISE's Controller of Examinations Abida Kakar, Additional Secretary Board Shamsullah talking to media regarding about harorism Act, 1997. rassment of women

Senator Qadir declares Pakistan's future as bright under CPEC project

mentioned

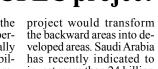
QUETTA (APP): Chair- laid the foundation for the man Standing Committee for Petroleum and Resources, Senator Abdul Qadir on Tuesday said that the future of China- Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) project was bright which would bring economic change in the country after its completion. Ten years of this vital project were to be met with success for which the two nations China and Pakistan deserved the utmost congratulations, he expressed these views while talking to APP.

It is the responsibility of Pakistan to eliminate the obstacles to the completion of this great project and every power that is pursuing the policy of making it fail by erecting obstacles in its way needs to be crushed, he said. He said that China has

but now the project was moving towards its develbillion dollars to Pakistan. opment goal again. Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and African countries will be able to benefit from this project. If the Afghan government tries to move forward with seriousness and tolerance, it will benefit

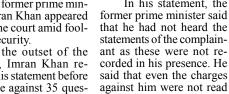
them a lot from this project and instead of getting involved in terrorism, the Af-

ghan people will start fo-As the interest of incusing on their development and prosperity, he



proof security.

At the outset of the hearing, Imran Khan recorded his statement before



KARACHI: worker pumps petrol in a car at a fuel

station, in Provincial Capital, As Pakistan an-

Imran records his

statement in Tosha

Khana criminal case

nounced an increase in petrol and diesel prices.

he was going to read the questions and he (Imran wanted

Khan) could answer if he In his statement, the former prime minister said that he had not heard the

court. The judge inquired

whether the accused was satisfied with his answers,

and to this Imran Khan an-

As the hearing began, the judge asked the former prime minister if

statements of the complain-