



Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan, Engr. Zamrak Khan Áchakzai, Sarfaraz Bugti and others greet Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar on appointment as Caretaker Prime Minister

Who is Anwar ul Haq Kakar **President** approves remission for

ISLAMABAD (Online): Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) leader and member of Pakistan upper house (Senate) is the caretakerprime minister of Pakistan, consensus build up during second meeting of out going lprime minister Ŝhehbaz shareef and opposition leader Raja Riaz. Jointly signed summary by Shehbaz Shareefand Raja

Riaz sent to president Arif Alvi and he signed it. Anwar ul Haq contested his first election in 2002 on PMLN ticket and failed.

He became spokesperson of the Nawab Sana ullah Zehri government in 2015. Anwar Ul Haq was elected as senator in 2018 from Balochistan Awami Party.

Caretaker Prime Minister Nawarul Haq Kakar is a Pakistani politician who has been a member of the Upper House of Pakistan since March 2018. Anwar-ul-Ĥaq Kakar was elected to the upper house of Pakistan as an

partnership, Opposition members, bureaucracy on firm allegiance

Says we have paved the way for brightened Balochistan, have written history and, would continue construction of a prosperous future

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minster Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has extended heartfelt gratitude to all Members provincial assembly, coalition partners, opposition, bureaucracy and especially his people on their firm allegiance and support to him. While bidding gratified

farewell on dissolution of the provincial assembly of Balochistan in a tweet on Saturday, the Chief Minis-

ter said that we have faced challenges showing the ex-ample of real democratic spirit together. We remained firm and strong despite the hurdles in way of the governance and floods, he mentioned adding that we ensured development in every nook and corner of

said that every MPA's con-



stituency got equal representative in the PSDP,

which demonstrates our resolve for unity and development. He said that we made every possible and success-

ful attempt to promote gender equity, improve and develop the basic infrastructure of the province, care of the health, ensure provision of educational faciliites and bring good governance in the province.

In addition to this, we

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Proud to be blue eyed of establishment: PM me in connection with care

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali

Khan Kakar signing summary for dissolution of Balochistan Assembly sent by Chief Minister Mir

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has said he is proud to be blue eyed of establishment since 30 years

Abdul Quddus Bizenjo

taker PM, he said this while talking to senior journalists and anchors here Saturday. He admitted that their vote bank was affected due

"I take pride in it that relations with establishmy relations with establishment remained good alcomes safe then every thing ways. I am apple of estabis safe.

lishment eye since the last I ran government under difficult situation in 16 30 years. Review judgment months, he remarked. Not a scandal of single pie has We will contest next elec- come against us in 16

Independence Day, said a statement from President's House. the The sentences were be-

ing reduced under Article 45 of the Constitution. Sentences of thos

Independence Day ISLAMABAD (APP) President Dr Arif Alvi ap proved remission of 180 days for prisoners on the occasion of Pakistan's 76th

prisoners on

independent candidate on the general seat from Balochistan in the 2018 Pakistani Senate elections.

He took oath as a senator on March 12, 2018. He formed a new political party Balochistan Awami Party (BAP). Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) is a political party of Balochistan which was founded in March 2018 by Pakistan Muslim League (N) and Pakistan Muslim League (Q). Made by personalities. Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar belongs to Balochistan Awami Party (BAP). Anwar Haq Kakar obtained his Master's degree in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Balochistan.

Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar has also been the spokesperson of the Balochistan government. Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar is the Chairman of Senate Standing Committee of Overseas Pakistanis. Senator Anwar-ul-Hag Kakar contested for the National Assembly seat from Quetta on the ticket of Muslim League-Q in 2008. In 2013, Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar was the spokesperson of the Balochistan government



MALAYSIA: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging views with Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy Admiral Tan SriAbdul Rahman bin Ayob during official visit to Malaysia

Naval Chief meets Royal Malaysian Navy leadership during official visit to Malaysia

Force.

laboration.

ISLAMABAD (APP): of the Pakistan Navy to-Chief of the Naval Staff, Muhammad Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi calledon Naval Leadership of Royal Malaysian Navy during an official visit to Malaysia.

Upon arrival at the Ministry of Defence, the Malaysian Navy appreci-Chief of the Naval Staff was received by Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Ayob and was presented Guard of Honour, a Pakistan Navy news release said on Saturday.

During the meeting with the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy, matters of bilateral naval collaboration and regional maritime security were discussed.

The Naval Chief underscored the contribution Honour

oners would be remitted who were serving life sentences

"Sentences would be remitted for those male prisoners who are aged 65 or above or those who have served at least 15 years of their sentence. Similarly, women prisoners aged 60 or above or those who have served at least 20 years of

their sentence will get remission." said the statement. Prisoners who were under 18 and had served a third of their sentences would also get remission in sentences.

However, the remission will not apply to those convicted of murder, espionage, terrorism, rape, robbery, theft, kidnapping, financial crimes, anti-state activities and those who caused loss to the national exchequer. **PTI chairman**

should not be forgiven: Khurshid SUKKAR (Online): PPP

leader Khurshid Shah has said PTI chairman should not be forgiven on May 9 incidents.

"if Sadiq Sanjrani becomes care taker Prime Minister (PM) it will be symbol of future politics. It will become known from wards regional maritime whosoever becomes carepeace and stability through taker PM that election will its initiative of Regional

take place when, he said this Maritime Security Patrols while talking to media men (RMSP) and participation here Saturday. He held Shehbaz Sharif in the Combined Maritime and Raja Riaz should try

The Chief of the Royal that the matter does not go to Election Commission ated the Pakistan Navy's (EC).

role in support of collabo-He predicted that future rative maritime security in government will be too of the region and acknowlallied parties government.' edged the significance of I am not in favor of imposstrong bilateral defence coling ban on any one, he added. Commenting on Re-Later on, Pakistani Naview act decision he said Supreme Court (SC) deci-

val Chief visited Malaysian sion is based on ill intent National Defence College PUSPAHANAS. which was given on disso-The Chief of the Naval Staff was lution of National Assembly (NA). They don't received by the President of know still that Senate which | three months in the coun-PUSPAHANAS and was is a part of parliament is there. presented Guard of



QUETTA: A view of Balochistan Assembly decoration with colorful light on the eve on Independence Day celebration.

Terms best choice as caretaker PM: **Speaker BA welcomes** consensus on name of Kakar as caretaker PM

He also hailed the deci Independent Report OUETTA: The Speaker sion of nominating caretaker Prime Minister from the Balochistan Assembly. Mir smallest province of the Jan Muhammad Jamali has country. Moreover, the former Advisor to Chief described the consensus on the name of Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar for Minister for Information, Mitha Khan Kakar and caretaker Prime Minister of former Provincial Minister Pakistan.

Mir Mujeebur Rehman In a statement issued here on Saturday, the Speaker Balochistan As-Muhammad Hassani also termed the decision of nomination of Anwarul Haq sembly said that the impor-Kakar as caretaker Prime tance and utility of Minister historic. Balochistan Awami Party In their separate state-(BAP) has been recognized by Islamabad, and it is a ment issued here the same good omen to be a caretaker

day, Mitha Khan Kakar and Prime Minister from BAP. Mir Jan Muhammad Mujueebur Rehman Muhammad Hassani said that Prime Minister Shahbaz Jamali said that the BAP Sharif and Opposition has always preferred betleader, Raja Riaz selected terment of country and nasuch a personality for the tion. He said that Anwarul slot of caretaker Prime Min-Haq Kakar is a best choice ister who is very honest, as caretaker Prime Miniseducated and committed.

PTI hopes Kakar will deliver free, fair, timely elections

ter of Pakistan.

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Monitoring Desk Imran Khan-led party said ISLAMABAD: Pakistan that a heavy responsibility Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is imposed on the caretaker who had been demanding premier. immediate elections since

The PTI spokesperson hoped that the caretaker the party chairman's ouster prime minister will not alas the prime minister in April last year through a low any further damage to no-confidence motion the constitutional and democratic rights of the expressed hope that caretaker Prime Minister-despeople

One of the prime reignate Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar will ensure free, fair and sponsibilities of a caretaker government is to provide transparent election within equal opportunities to all the constitution limit of political parties to run their election campaign, the

A spokesperson of spokesperson added.

ference for Nawaz Sharif. tion on the slogan of "vote months. ko izzat do". The coalition partners have empowered

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relevant as it would be the

Judiciary to protect **Constitution and** fundamental rights: CJP

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial, chaired the meetings of the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJPMC), Governing Body of Access to Jusgarding PTI foreign tice Development Fund funding confiscation (AJDF), and the Law and Justice Commission of Pa-The EC has said in kistan (LJCP) at the Suthe order PTI is allowed preme Court of Pakistan, to give detailed reply un-Islamabad. The meetings der the norms of justice. EC said PTI should were or ganized by the Secretariat of Law and Justice deposit Rs 50000 in the Commission of Pakistan office of EC deputy diand Commission's Secretary Riffat Inam Butt con-

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rector law. EC will wrap up case in the event of non filing final reply. EC said final deci-

sion will be issued on the basis of available record in the event of non filing final reply.

case.

The order was issued with the signatures of Chief Election Commissioner.

constitutional requirement. The judiciary has to apply laws and protect the Constitution and fundamental rights of the citizens while the Commission has a vital role in reforming laws. He remarked that the judiciary is committed to provide expeditious justice despite being confronted with challenges. The Chief Justice stressed upon the need to discourage false and frivolous litigation. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan stated that ADR is a very important tool to vened the meetings, said a reduce the burden of the press release received here courts by amicable settletoday from Law and Jusment of disputes and aptice Commission of Pakipreciated the role of ADR Committee and the Com-

While chairing the mission for taking initiameeting, the Chief Justice tives to ensure effective of Pakistan stated that for implementation of ADR protection of fundamental framework in the counrights the Judiciary is as trv.



QUETTA: Participants are holding huge National Flag during a ceremony in connection of Independence Day celebrations under the supervision of Balochistan Parliamentary Secretary Minority Affairs and Human Rights, Khalil George, held outside Jinnah House Ziarat Residency

EC issues order on PTI foreign funding case ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has issued order re-

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Quetta

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Miscellaneous



ISLAMABAD (INP): The while providing informa-Islamabad High Court tion about gifts he obtained (IHC) on Saturday sought the complete record of the Toshakĥana case against PTI Chairman Imran Khan, who is currently incarcerated in Attock Jail after his conviction.

The order was issued by a division bench comprising IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri on Imran's petition against his conviction in the said

On August 5, a trial court in Islamabad had sentenced the former prime minister to three years in prison in the case. Following the verdict, the ECP disqualified Imran from contesting general elections for five years. "He [Imran] cheated

At the previous hear-ing, IHC's Justice Farooq from Toshakhana which had remarked that the court later proved to be false and would issue notices first and decide the suspension inaccurate. His dishonesty has been established beonly after hearing the reyond doubt," the 30-page spondents court order said.

In a written order issued on Saturday, the court is-sued a notice to the district The police, already on standby in anticipation of a verdict in the hearing, and election commissioner of arrested him from his Islamabad. "This appeal is di-rected against judgment dated 05.08.2023, Zaman Park residence in Lahore just minutes after Additional District and Sessions Judge Humayun

whereby the appellant was tried in complaint Dilawar announced the filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan Subsequently, Imran

had filed a petition in the IHC through his lawyers under section 190 of the Election Act, 2017, was against the trial court's Auconvicted and awarded gust 5 verdict, saying that three (03) years imprison-ment along with fine of Rs100,000. "Notice to the the said order was "liable to be set aside" as it was passed "with the pre-disrespondent. Office is directed to requisition the

record of the learned Trial Court. A day earlier, PTI lawyers expressed "serious apprehensions" over Imran's safety in Attock Jail. After his arrest on Aug

5, Imran was taken to Attock Jail where, according to his counsels, he was being provided "C-class facilities". They had also earlier filed a petition in the IHC seeking the PTI chief's transfer to Adiala jail, on which a verdict has been

reserved. In a press conference on Friday, Naeem Haider Panjotha Imran's advisor on legal affairs said the ex-premier was facing serious threats to his life and demanded immediate steps to provide him with homemade food and other facilities



MALAYSIA: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi reviewing guard of honor at Ministry of Defence during official visit to Malaysia

Army, Rangers to guard Asia Cricket Cup matches as tickets go on sale

LAHORE (INP): The online sale of tickets for matches of the event to be Punjab home department on Saturday approved the deployment of Pakistan played in Pakistan will start today. Army and Rangers person-

People can long on to nel to provide security durpcb.bookme.pk for the pur ing the Asia Cricket Cup matches, to be played be-tween August 27 and Sep-

In the first phase, tick-ets for the VIP and Premium enclosures of Lahore's Qaddafi Stadium and Multan Cricket Statember 6, as the sale of tickets for the mega event be-

be announced. Tickets will also be available for both the stadiums' hospitality boxes All matches will be played in Lahore and for which people have

ultan. been asked On the other hand, 111227777. to dia

Pak Army organizes free medical camp near Mithi

RAWALPINDI (INP): In a care to about 700 children. laudable effort to provide The particular signifiessential healthcare sercance was the focus on ma vices and support to the ternal and child health underserved regions, the where military doctors pro-Pakistan Army organized a vided specialized advice and free medical camp coupled examinations to ensure the with a ration distribution well-being of mothers and initiative in the capital city children.

Patients Tharparkar were transported to the medical camp, facilitated by the cooperation of the District Health Officer (DHO) and the Basic Health Unit (BHU) in Mithi.

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These health entities The camp catered to played a pivotal role in the coordination, ensuring that the health-related material consultations, distributing were efficiently procured crucial medications, and and disseminated to those notably offering specialized in need.

Nation to celebrate **Independence Day with** traditional zeal, national spirit decorative accessories to

nation will celebrate the 76th Independence Day on August 14 (Monday) with traditional zeal and enthusiasm through a number of activities to highlight the struggle of forefathers and national heroes for acquir-

ing a separate homeland. Different public and private departments will hold special functions and activities, including semi-nars, discussion programmes, photographic exhibitions, painting, po-etry, national songs and debate competitions with the focus on acknowledging the contribution of leaders of the Pakistan Movement and sacrifices of national heroes.

Similarly, private and public educational institutions will also hold different activities, including quiz and speech competitions, functions and sessions to educate the students about the historical struggle for the creation of Pakistan.

Overseas Pakistanis living around the world will also celebrate the Independence Day with equal

ISLAMABAD (INP): The fervour and passion. They will also organize cultural events, flaghoisting ceremonies, and rallies to show their love and loyalty for the

homeland. The significance of Independence Day goes bevond the celebration of national pride and patriotism. It is a day to remember the struggles and sacrifices of forefathers who fought for our independence. It is also a reminder of the responsibility we as a nation have to preserve and protect our independence by working towards the progress and prosperity of our nation. The Independence Day of Pakistan is a day of great historical significance

and national pride. It serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by forefathers for the independence of beloved homeland.

The federal capital and all major and small cities have already turned into green and white colours with a large number of Jashan-i-Azadi stalls carrying dresses, flags, bunting, pin badges, toys and other

attract the youngsters and children. Since the Independence Day celebrations have become a sort of a festival in the country, different brands, online retailers, eateries, cab-hailing services and even electronics companies are offering ex-

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citing discount offers, adding more charm to the festivity. Special prayers will be offered in mosques at dawn for peace, solidarity and prosperity of the country. The day will dawn with special prayers and a 31gun salute in the federal capital and 21-gun salutes in all provincial capitals.

There will be a dramatic pause throughout the country with sounding of sirens to herald the flag hoisting ceremony at 9 a.m.

All the major roads and avenues of the federal capital, like other cities, have been decorated with flags, banners and buntings to present a festive look. The major public and private buildings in the city will also be illuminated to mark this important occasion.





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ISLAMABAD: Former Home Minister Balochistan MirZiaullah Lango greets Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar on appointment as Caretaker Prime Minister

Kashmiris demand implementation of UN resolution: Dr Fai

ISLAMABAD (APP): Secretary General of World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAF), Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, has said that Kashmiris demand the implementation of the UN resolution of August 13, 1948 that acknowledged their right to self-determination.

According to Kashmir media service, Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai in a statement issued in Washington said that Kashmiris in Jammu and Kashmir, the US and worldwide will observe the 75th anniversary of the unimplemented UN Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) resolution of August 13, 1948.

He said, that resolution states that 'the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan reaffirm their wish that the future status of the state of Jammu and Kashmir shallbe determined in accordance with the will scite Administrator. of the people.

US, the UK, and France struggle, since 1990 alone, have traditionally been committed supporters of the plebiscite agreement as the only way to resolve the Kashmir dispute. They sponsored all of the Security Council reso-

lutions which called for a plebiscite. Their commitment was indicated by a personal appeal made by America's President Harry Truman and Britain's Prime Minister Clement Atlee that differences over demilitarization be submitted to arbitration by the Plebiscite Administrator, a distinguished American war hero: Admiral Chester Nimitz. In addition, Senator Frank

Graham of America visited the Subcontinent as the UN representative to negotiate the demilitarization of Kashmir prior to the plebiscite. India objected to American acting as a Plebider the dominance of the Soviet Union. But while the

Dr Fai said, if this day could be observed in peace.

Kashmiris have suffered the loss of more than 100,000 civilians - men women and children, and have borne the perpetration of countless atrocities by more than 900,000 Indian military and paramilitary forces concentrated in Kashmir as an army of occupa-

tion. Dr Fai pointed out that India's occupation of Kashmir has been left undisturbed by the international community, even though its validity has never been accepted. At no stage, how ever, have the people of Kashmir shown themselves of Tharparkar District, to be reconciled to it.

Mithi on Saturday. Kashmir's record of The medical camp opposition to its annexation established at Posarko – a by the Indian Union can by considerable distance from no standard be reckoned as Mithi, saw the convergence less genuinely demonof a dedicated team of milistrated than that of the countary doctors and healthcare tries of Eastern Europe unprofessionals.

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approximately 2,000 patients, extending medical popular revolt in the countries

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From this year to the next,

we plan to promote 1.2

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caretaker PM and sent it to

the President of Pakistan,

said Zhou

dium will go on sale. On August 14, the country's 76th Indepen-dence Day, prices of tick-ets for the First Class and Furthermore, helicopters will also hover over the stadiums to further beef up from Bangladesh, Nepal, Afthe General Enclosures will ghanistan and Sri Lanka will participate in the tourna-

He said there was much in the resolution that was controversial between India and Pakistan but the proposal of a plebiscite was not.

That is clear from the statement made on January 28, 1948 by Ambassador Fernand van Langenhove of Belgium as the President of the Security Council. He said that 'the documents at our disposal show agreement between the parties on the following points: the plebiscite must be conducted under conditions which will ensure complete impartiality; and the plebiscite will therefore be held under the aegis of the United Nations," he added.

it could have been a fitting tribute to the members of the UNCIP who had adopted the resolution unanimously. But the studied unconcern by the United Nations has given a sense of total impunity to India. It has also created the impression that the United Nations is invidiously selective about the application of the principles of human rights and democracy. He pointed out that frustration at India's intransigence and the world's hesitation to fulfill its commitment drove the people of Kashmir to be more assertive in their struggle. He added that in

the past 33 years of Dr Faireminded that the

Bizenjo thanks all MPAs.... Continued from page 1

also strived to improve economy of the province by utilizing the mineral wealth of the province and extended practical support to the growers for contributing in the agriculture sector of the province.

The Chief Minister also referred certain other initiatives taken by his government in different sectors including from paving way of foreign investment through historic Reko dik settlement, launch of health cards, first public transport service, restoration of sports, conducting of free and fair local government elements, establishment of new universities, increase in

the grants of universities, establishment of girls cadet colleges, regularization of the employees, provision of more jobs, recruitment of medical staff on contract, digitalization of the development schemes, E-tendering besides others.

Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo also said that although our journey was tough, but our resolve was strong. He said that at the time when we are bidding farewell to this chapter, let's look forward with the

He said that we have paved the way for brightened Balochistan, have written history and, we would continue the building of a prosperous future. night.

of Eastern Europe was observed and reported by the international media, that in Kashmir has remained largely

hidden from the world's view. Governor dissolves...

Continued from page 1 of solidarity with the federation and inter provincial harmony as well The advice sent to the Governor under Article 112

high-quality cooking oil and (1) for dissolution of pro-1 million tons of high-qualvincial assembly also menity rapeseed meal are extioned that the provincial pected to be produced, assembly of Balochistan is which can generate a revat the verge of completing enue of around USD300 its term of five years, pre million," scribed by the Article 107 Xusheng, Director of the of the Constitution of Isinternational business delamic Republic of Pakistan. partment of Wuhan Oingfa-It further cited "after Hesheng Seed company of expiration of term of pro-

China. vincial assembly on 12th At the seminar of Na-August, 2023 and keeping tional Food Security in view the circumstances theming "Green Pakistan where electoral of whole of Initiative" held by Fauji Pakistan will be called to Foundation, Zhou gave a elect their chosen represenkeynote speech entitled tatives. Therefore in exercise of powers conferred

upon by me under 112 (1) of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, Chief Minister Balochistan hereby advise that the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan be dis-

solved today, on 12th Auleader of the opposition for gust. his role in the parliament Needless to mention during the last 16 months here is that the due tenure and the cooperation exof the provincial assembly tended in the consultation was also ended on Saturday process.

Anwaarul Haq Kakar was elected as an indepen-dent senator from dent Balochistan province for a tenure of March 2018 to March 2024 in the general

it was added.

seat. He was also working as chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development and as a member of the Business Advisory Committee, Finance and Revenue, Foreign Affairs and Science and Technology.

Kakar had co-launched political party Balochistan Awami Party office soon after which he (BAP) and also served as would announce his carespokesman for the governtaker cabinet in a run-up to ment of Balochistan the next general elections.

Canola seed from China to improve food safety of Pakistan

ture.

Pak-China Cooperation on canola technology to create a healthy oil industry, pro viding a solution to the shortage of healthy edible oil in Pakistan.

'We wish to cooperate with Pakistan on large modern farming of canola and its downstream industries it will provide high-quality edible oil and animal feed for national food security. This technology devel opment can reduce 25-30% of import bill and provide

millions of jobs in related industries." Zhou said. what occasion I was given The company is workconcession, he questioned. 8 months passed in protest ing on transferring technol and march in 16 months ogy to Pakistan to make it

government. efficient in smart agricul It is unanimous decision of PML-N that if we get majority then Nawaz Anwaarul Haq Kakar named...

Sharif will be PM, he held. The decision of holding

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Proud to be blue eyed... Continued from page 1 election is decision of elec-To a question about re-

Balochistan Parliamentary Secretary Minority Affairs and Human Rights,

Khalil George along with others cutting cake during ceremony in connection

of Independence Day celebrations held outside Jinnah House Ziarat Residency

It is desire of PML-N that election is held as soon and praising army chief in as possible, he observed. inauguration ceremony of There is no legal im-

pediment on the way of Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan, he remarked. The five years disqualification of Nawaz Sharif has ended due to amendment in election act.

The decision about caretaker PM will be made within a day or two. Still a few days are left constitutionally in the appointment I will never leak out the

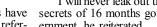
The allied parties have secrets of 16 months gov-

ence to care taker PM and

only one party has said talk tion commission. to their leadership. The meeting with leader of the opposition is scheduled to-

day too. He indicated that at 12 p.m on the night of September 3, 2014, Chinese ambassador telephoned me telling about postponement of visit of Chinese presi-

dent. I met the then army chief on next day. I asked army chief to ensure visit of Chinese president during the meeting. However PTI refused to end dharna.



empowered me with refer- ernment, he reiterated.

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NASEERABAD: A beautiful illuminated view of lighting at DC road to celebrating National Independence

The consultation pro cess for the nomination of 60 the caretaker prime minister commenced after the president approved the

On the occasion, the orime minister thanked the dissolution of the National Assembly (NA) on August 9. on the advice of the prime minister. The prime minister's

advice had sought dissolution of the assembly under Article 58(1) of the Con-

stitution On 11 August, the president also wrote a letter to the prime minister and the opposition leader of the outgoing Assembly to propose the name of a

suitable person for the appointment of caretaker PM under Article 224 (1A) of the Constitution.

The outcome of today's meeting thus paves the way for the transition of government to a caretaker set-up. The proposed caretaker prime minister is expected to take oath of his

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ISLAMABAD (Online): A resounding call for youth empowerment and sustainable action echoed through the halls of Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) as UNFPA Pakistan, School of Leadership Foundation (SoLF) and Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) joined forces to commemorate In- Pradhan emphasized the ternational Youth Day 2023. The event aimed to celebrate the potential of the youth, acknowledge their challenges, and inspire innovative approaches towards a greener and more sustainable future.

The event opened with the warm welcome of Latika Maskey Pradhan, Deputy Repre-sentative of UNFPA Pakistan, and Dr Raja Muhammad Qaiser, the esteemed Registrar of Quaid-e-Azam University. Adfor all.' dressing the audience, Ms. urgency of addressing sus-tainable development challenges in the current global landscape.

essence of the day. The col-laboration between 'If we nurture innovation and leadership among UNFPA, QAU and SoLF young people, we can yield resonated a more conscionable genera-

tion that has the power and grit and repair the planet' said Ms. Pradhan. "Tothroughout the event, as their joint projects were highlighted as essential gether, we can unlock their steps toward nurturing young leaders for sustainimmense potential, harness able change. "Theater is a powerful medium for contheir creativity and innovation, and build a world that offers equal opportunities veying messages of change and empowerment. By in-Recognizing the im-

cluding a theatre perforportance of green skills for mance in today's event, our youth, the event featured aim was to awaken the hearts and minds of our interactive presentations, dialogues, and a theater perencouraging vouth. formance that captured the thoughtful discussions on our collective role in shap-ing a greener future," remarked Mariyam Irfan, the strongly Managing Director of SoLF.

ISLAMABAD (INP): ties.

World Humanitarian Day

will be marked on August

19 across the globe includ-ing Pakistan the day hon-



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Kabir Ahmed Sidhu, Chairman Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) calling on Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House in the Senate at Parliament House.

ISLAMABAD: A stunning view of the OGDCL Building illuminated with the

colors of National Flags during the celebrations of 14 August in Federal Capital.

Senior professors seek justice in Principals' postings

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior educators from various colleges of the Capital have raised their voices against what they perceive as an unjust practice of appointing junior colleagues to the positions of principals, bypassing more senior and experienced professors

The demand for rectification comes in the wake of BPS-19. of recent promotions by the Central Selection Board (CSB) and amidst allegations of favoritism and erosion of respect within the teaching community.

Senior educators, expressing their concerns anonymously, have highlighted instances where junior colleagues have been appointed as Principals, overlooking their more senior counterparts.

A female Associate Professor, speaking on con-dition of anonymity, repointed out that over the vealed to APP that several Islamabad Model Colleges ening trend had emerged for Girls (IMCG), includwhere dozens of junior asing IMCG Margala (F-7/4)

IMCG G-10/2, IMCG F- appointed as principals in 10/2, and IMCG F-7/4, different boys' colleges, have seen appointments of too junior Associate Professors This has not only demoralized senior profesas Principals, raising ques-tions about the seniority-

sors but also impacted the based selection process. overall morale within the The post of Professor/Printeaching community. This disheartening cipal (BPS-20) at Islamabad Model Postgraduate Colsituation, where seniors lege for Girls (Margala) Ffind themselves working 7/4 is currently held by a under juniors, has become

junior associate professor a matter for concern, he added. Similarly, a BPS-20 professor is working as The recent elevation of four Associate Professors Principal on a BPS-19 post to the ranks of Professors at Islamabad Model College (BPS-20) by the CSB has ignited hope for rectificaof Commerce for Girls (F-10/3) and drawing salary tion of disordered senior-

> Educators are urging a reconsideration of the appointments and a realignment of the hierarchy to reflect seniority and stature. They propose that the newly elevated professors be placed in big colleges, replacing junior principals in institutions such as IMCG F-7/4 (Margala), IMCG G-10/2, IMCG F-10/2, and IMCG F-7/4

ISLAMABAD (INP): To



to be marked on Aug 19

area as the Truck Art of Pakistan is very famous around the World.

Need to empower women: PODA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Votes without Violence was Potohar Organization for organized here in a local Development Organization hotel which was attended (PODA) believes to emby 15 promising rural women leaders belonging to power women there was need to ensure their particidifferent tehsils of district Rawalpindi. Imparting pation in electoral proknowledge and skills to encesses, so that they can play a vibrant role play in the hance capacity building of progress and development of the country. "To strengthen women's voice rural women, at the initial stage PODA with the sup-port of NDI aims to emand agency in electoral proower a batch of

ahead of Independence Day ISLAMABAD (APP): 15th August is black day for The All Parties Hurrivat The day aims to honor Conference (APHC) leadhumanitarian workers who ers have felicitated the have lost their lives or injured themselves in the people and government of Pakistan ahead of their Independence Day to be ob-

World Humanitarian Day | APHC leaders felicitate Pakistanis

According to the Kashmir media service report on Saturday, APHC Vice Chairman, Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar, in a statement issued in Srinagar said Pakistan's Independence Day on 14th August is the day of thanksgiving and day of rejoice for the Kashmiris whereas the In-

FIA officer

transferred

two times just

in two days

in two days.

them. He said the Kashmiris consider Pakistan as their benefactor and ambassador whereas they regard India as an oppressor and imperialist state

Ahmed Ghulam Gulzar maintained that the Kashmiri people were highly grateful to the government and people of Pa-kistan for their continued moral, political and diplomatic support to their just struggle for right to self-de-termination. He said the Kashmiri people pray for the stability, prosperity and progress of the coun-try as strong Pakistan is a

guarantee to the success of Kashmir freedom movement. The APHC Vice Chairman said that the Kashmiris' struggle was the continuation of the Pakistan Movement, which

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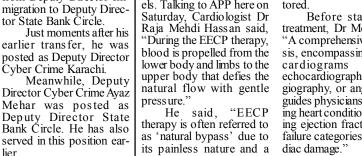
would complete only when Jammu and Kashmir gets freedom from the Indian occupation and becomes a part of Pakistan. He pointed out that alongside the supreme sacrifices of valiant Kashmiris, Pakistan's intense diplomatic efforts have highlighted the Kashmir dispute and exposed the India's ugly colonial face before the international

EECP therapy gains momentum as non-surgical **Remedy for heart ailments**

ISLAMABAD (INP): An ISLAMABAD (APP): Enofficer of Federal Investihanced External Counter-pulsation (EECP) therapy gation Agency (FIA) was transferred two times just has emerged as a non-inva-According to the de-tails, FIA's official Ali sive remedy for various cardiac ailments such as hypertension, coronary artery Murad was first transferred from Deputy Director Imdisease, and high lipid levels. Talking to APP here on

posted as Deputy Director Cyber Crime Karachi. Meanwhile, Deputy Director Cyber Crime Ayaz press ure."

Mehar was posted as Deputy Director State Bank Circle. He has also served in this position earlier



the patient's heart rhythm. oxygen saturation, irregularities, and blood pressure are meticulously monitored Before starting the treatment, Dr Mehdi said, 'A comprehensive diagno-

free from surgical proce-

out the hour-long session,

He said that through-

dures or interventions.

sis, encompassing electrocardiograms (ECG), echocardiography, CT angiography, or angiography guides physicians in assessing heart conditions including ejection fraction, heart failure categories, and car-diac damage."



cooperation. World Humanitarian Day is a day dedicated to humanitarians worldwide, as well as to increase public understanding of humanitarian assistance activimanitarian work

of duty.

ors all humanitarians who course of their work and to acknowledge the ongoing have worked in the promotion of the humanitarian work of humanitarian staff cause, and those who have around the world. Many communities lost their lives in the cause and organizations try to in-It aims to increase crease the importance of public awareness about huhumanitarians by distributing publicity and informa-tion material. manitarian assistance activi-

ties worldwide and the importance of international Additionally, some try to speak to the press to help spread these key messages of World Humanitar-

ian Day, while other groups organize public events worldwide that feature hu-

served on Monday, August

dian Independence Day on

sociate professors were

from IMCG F-10/2 while

her junior associate profes-

sor of BPS-19 occupies the

BPS-20 (Principal) posi-

tion at IMCG F-10/2, rais-

ing concerns among senior

fessor while talking to ÅPP

past three years, a disheart-

A male associate pro-

IBCC commemorates Pakistan Movement 76th I-Day with photographic enthusiastic celebrations exhibition opens at PAC

educators.

The Inter Boards Coordi-Commission nation (IBCC), under the guidance of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan, is all set to celebrate the 76th Independence Day with fervor and enthusiasm. The occasion will be marked by a series of events held at IBCC's Head Office and Regional Offices across the country, said a press release on Saturday.

In honor of this momentous occasion, the buildings of IBCC have been adorned with vibrant decorations that resonate with the spirit of freedom and unity. As a gesture of shared joy, sweets were distributed among the pub-lic, symbolizing the sweet-

ness of unity and diversity that defines Pakistan. The highlight of the celebration is an engaging

online quiz competition scheduled for August 13, 2023

This event, organized collaboration with PEIRA, FDE, and BISEs of rating Pakistan's freedom Pakistan, aims to engage day.

ISLAMABAD (APP): students in an intellectually stimulating activity that reflects the country's rich hismark the 75th Indepentory and progress. Additionally,

dence Day of the country an a three-day exhibition of old online session will be photographs depicting Pahosted to pay tribute to the kistan Movement opened unsung heroes of Pakistan, at Punjab Council of the individuals whose contribu-Arts (PAC) on Saturday. tions have shaped the More than 100 phonation's journey towards tographs have been dis-

independence and progress. played at the Umeed ka This session seeks to Safar exhibition including not only honor their pictures showing the politimemory but also inspire cal struggle of Father of the future generations to follow Nation Quaid-i-Azam in their footsteps. Mohammad Ali Jinnah,

IBCC will also host a Allama Mohammad Iqbal flag raising ceremony on Auand other leaders. Photogust 14, 2023, within its graphs of the freedom offices, demonstrating its movement, Muslim League commitment to upholding and life of the Quaid from the spirit of patriotism and 1857 to 1947 have also been unity that the national flag represents.

Expressing his gratitude, the Executive Director of IBCC conveyed his appreciation to the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training for initiating these remarkable celebrations that bring together people from all walks of life in commemoalong with Director Waqar

Ahmed.

showcased. In some photos, the Quaid is shown with Mohandas Gandhi Jawaharlal Nehru and Brit ish officials. Other photog raphers show political lead ers during rallies and public meetings. The exhibition was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner Ms. Qandeel Fatima Memon

sure women's participation, maximize it and remove hurdles which bar them to play their vibrant role play in the progress and devel-

cesses, it is crucial to en-

opment of the country", said Ms. Sameena Nazir, President-CEO Potohar Organization for Development Organization (PODA) on the occasion of the training of trainers held here on Saturday. One-Day Training of Trainers for Building the Capacity of Rural

elaborated that strengthening human rights knowledge of rural women leaders based on our constitutional rights envisioned in the constitution of Pakistan will support them to take on leadership role in politics. "We need to tackle the issue of violence and its alarming severity by

enhancing women's capacity to deal with it at all levels to encourage more women to Women Leaders to Promote participate in politics

Kashmiri diaspora abroad to observe India's I-Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Belgium-based Kashmiri Diaspora community is all set to observe India's independence day on August 15 as Black Day to reiterate Kashmiris' ever-lasting hatred against oppressor In-dia and forced and unlawful Indian occupation of bulk of their motherland for

last 76 years. The scheduled Black Day will be marked with an congregation in Brussels anti-India mass protest demonstration to be staged on August 15 in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels, said a message issued to the media here on Saturday

The schedule includes ment issued from Brussels street agitation to mark the Indian Independence Day as Black Day on 15th Au-gust 15 (Tuesday) in front of Indian Embassy in Brussels, the capital city of Belgium under the auspices of ties on Kashmiris.

women from four provinces across the country. Ms. Nazir further

PSN inaugurates



ISLAMABAD: A view of the banners at World Chowk regarding the Independence Day celebrations in Federal Capital.

as Black Day

the Brussels based Kashmir Council Europe (KC-EU). Kashmiris at both sides of the Line of Control and across the world observe the Indian Independence Day as "Black Day" on Aug 15 every year to express their hatred and dissociation from the

forced annexation with In-The scheduled protest

would be arranged by Kashmir Council EU with the coordination of several political and social organizations and other sympathizers of the Kashmiris.

Meanwhile, in a stateon Saturday, Chairman Kashmir Council Europe (KC-EU) Mr Ali Raza Syed said that the purpose of our protest was to raise our voice against Indian atroci-

ISLAMABAD: Workers of Anti Encroachment Cell conduct Anti Encroachment Operation at Fruit and Vegetables Market as CDA set a plan to build legal shops for such vendors at Market in Federal Capital.

AIOU announces results of 46 academic programs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has announced the results of 46 different educational programs, in-cluding ODL programs for the Autumn semester of 2022 and Face-to-Face programs for the Spring semester, 2023. According to AIOU, for autumn 2022, results of BS Islamic Studies, Quran and Tafsir, Hadith and Hadith Science, Sharia, Seerat, Deen, Library and Information Sciences, Pakistan Studies, Accounting and Finance, Gender and Women Studies, English Language and Literature, Urdu, Mass Communication and Arabic

have been announced.

ter, 2023 include 1.5 and 2-year MBA (New Scheme), MSc (Hons) Livestock Management and Rural Development, MSc (Microbiology, Environmental Design, Botany) BS (Botany, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Environmental Science, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics and Chemis-try), MS (Community Health and Nutrition, Computer Science Course Code 7201, Management Sciences, Banking and Finance) MPhil (Urdu, Mass Communication, Agriculture Technology, Pakistani Lan-guages, Mathematics, Edu-cational Planning and Management, Teacher Education Course Code 6402, Distance

Results of different face-to-face programs of-fered in the spring semes-Course Code 6403).

Counsel for former PM Why C class treatment is being meted out to chairman PTI

He said Chairman PTI Ali Ejaz Buttar counsel for is too a former PM. Facilichairman PTI has said why ties should be provided to C" class treatment is behim in jail as per law.

He indicated the personal doctor of Nawaz He tweeted relief was Sharif used to meet him in jail every week. Therefore, Dr Faisal Sultan who is personal doctor of PTI chairman should be allowed to meet former PM.



ISLAMABAD: People purchase national flag displayed along the roadside as the nation celebrates the Independence Day with evangelism across the country.

rated the 5th Essential Clinical Research Work-shop 2023 at Quaid-e-Azam International Hospi-

tal (QIH) Islamabad which continued from August 12 to 13 here on Saturday. The inaugural cer-emony took place in the conference room of the Quaid-e-Azam Interna-tional Hospital.

Chief guest was Dr. Shaukat Ali Bangash, in his speech, highlighted the im-portance of the workshop,

at QIH

said a news release. The PSN has been at the forefront of progress and prosperity in the field

of Nephrology. The PSN was trying to provide opportunities for young nephrologists to attend CME activities abroad and also regularly organizes postgraduate courses for

tional Conference held under its umbrella and the introduction of the Pakistan Journal of Kidney Diseases is a testament to the society's efforts. PSN (Rawalpindi/Islamabad chapter) is also actively involved in continuous medi-cal education by holding quarterly Nephrology meetings in Twin Cities.

budding Nephrologists. The Biennial Interna-ISLAMABAD (Online): ing meted out to former Prime Minster (PM).

Distinguished Nephrologists from Shifa International Hospital, Pa-kistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS). given to other politicians by the courts in the past. The other politicians were kept in jails with better facilities

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OPINION New governance paradigm

Bilawal

stressed the need for dia-

logue among all political

parties and state institu-

tions either to devise a new

charter of democracy or

adhere to the one signed in

London in May 2006, be-

tween his late mother

the rules of the game and

decide which code of con-

duct we are to follow, the

premise of which should

not only be limited to in-

teractions among political

parties but also with insti-

tutions," he added. He also urged state in-

stitutions to function

within their domain. He

candidly admitted that the

PDM coalition government

somehow failed" to keep

'institutions within their

'History will be the

domain during their 16-

judge of whether we were

month stint" as rulers.

'We need to settle on

Sharif.



Sunday August 13, 2023

Cipher saga

The enigmatic cipher is back in the spotlight. The purported text of the internal diplomatic cable sent by our then ambassador to the US, Asad Majeed Khan, after a meeting with State Department official Zardari "indirectly ex-Donald Lu last year has recently been published by the asking heads of the two American outlet The Intercept, reigniting debate around the cipher's contents.

While the text of the cable — the veracity of which has not been denied either by the US or Pakistani authorities — does not strengthen the PTI's narrative that a grand conspiracy was hatched to dislodge it from power, it does speak of the massive power imbalance between Washington and Islamabad, with the former using a tone more suited to an imperial overlord threatening his vassals. Mr Lu was apparently unhappy over the PTI administration's "aggressively neutral position" on the Ukraine conflict, while telling Mr Majeed that if a no-confidence vote against Imran Khan succeeded, "all will be forgiven", or else things "will be tough going ahead". One diplomatic exchange does not constitute a regime change conspiracy,

and the PTI itself has changed positions on the issue numerous times. It is also true that cluding interruption or susas prime minister, Imran Khan pension of economic coopmilked the affair to boost his domestic standing.

Yet there is much in this turned the tide. reported document that reflects strategic partnerships with American arrogance and un-Iran and Saudi Arabia and warranted meddling in the Iran-Saudi rapprochement, the geostrategic and Pakistan's internal affairs. The geopolitical dynamics of the most problematic aspect of the region surrounding Pakistan are changing rapidly. These cipher is the tone the Americhanges dictate that to secan official reportedly adopted cure its particular and wider while addressing the ambassa- develop its strategy of ecodor of a sovereign state. While Mr Majeed did attempt to question the American perspective, and at one point the diplomat pointed out that US support for issues close to Pakistan, such as Kashmir, was insufficient, a much stronger protest should have been lodged to indicate that this country did not appreciate such sermons on its internal affairs. Unfortunately, American meddling in Pakistan's internal matters is influencing and shaping nothing new, and commenced soon after independence, with this country hopping onto the people today exposed to violent and extremist pro-West's Cold War bandwagon. From thereon, Washington has of radicalisation needs foexercised an oversized influence in Islamabad, offering 'advice' to both dictators and democrats. From putting in their two cents about suitable candidates for Pakistan's top offices, to with working military strongmen such as Zia and changing roles and family relations, unemployment, Musharraf to achieve their discrimination, and overexgeostrategic aims in Afghanistan, the Americans have for long weighed in on decisions that should have solely been the prerogative of Pakistan's people. Yet, the fact is that we have ourselves bargained away our sovereignty due to our political instability, lack of democratic continuity, and financial profligacy. When we frequently petition Western capitals for bailouts, we can expect more of the same condescending tone purportedly found in the cable. Perhaps one of the biggest times difficult to properly lessons to be drawn from the Hence, the need for the cipher drama is that to command respect globally, we must put our own affairs in order.



Tariq Khosa

The scion of a political dynasty finally spoke his heart out. During his last address in the National Assembly on the eve of its dissolution, Bilawal Bhuttopressed displeasure over the policies of his elders", mainstream dynastic political parties to "make decisions in a way that makes politics easier, and not difficult" for the next genera-

tion of 'heirs apparent' currently active in potential leadership roles. "It seems that our elders have decided that whatever they suffered in their 30-year-long political career, they want us to suffer

in the same way over the successful in our efforts or next 30 years. not," he said, concluding in view of the approaching elections that "all political This is a bold and bitter recognition of the ugly political landscape since

the 1990s that both the how they can resolve this PPP and PML-N had to issue". He asked "whether face due to the machinations these parties would conof the security establishtinue to tackle the same isment and the deep state. sues as in the past" Bhutto It was Bilawal

Bhutto's nascent five-year tenure as a member of the National Assembly and baptism as minister that provided him with the op-portunities, which he availed, to harness his potential in a future political

Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz leadership role. During the final year and a half, his experience as foreign minister certainly groomed him in the art of diplomacy and politics. He is articulate, can stand his ground, and possesses a pleasant and smiling disposition, all of which are signs of evolving maturity.

His farewell remarks on the need to bring on board all political parties. even those outside the Assembly, on the back of a charter of democracy clearly indicate that his generation of politicians can be amenable to a broader understanding to changing 'the rules of the game' of the politics played thus far in our nation's chequered

history This writer has consis-

stakeholders to rise above their narrow self-interest and come up with new charters of economy, democracy and governance in sync with our national interests. A hybrid regime cobbled together by the string pullers in 2018 lasted for about three and a half years.

The 'same-page' mantra stood exposed in the clash of interests. But the replacement was a hybridplus coalition of political

parties that became willing partners to not only dislodge the new political kid on the block but also to dismantle the party whose leader had the 'temerity' to challenge the military establishment and the deep state.

ramifications.

society.

This is the crossroads at which we stand today: continuing as a praetorian state of "partial law", or letting sanity prevail so that we change course and tread the path of democracy in letter and spirit by holding free and fair elections within the time frame prescribed by the Constitution.

Accordingly, all eyes are on the caretaker setup nomics and finance professionals, practitioners and which, unlike the ones put experts can put together a together in Punjab and KP, charter of economy that parties [should] consider tently pleaded for all key could be capable and deteraims to take the country out

mined enough to take the of the debt trap, create inbull by the horns and emvestment opportunities, bark upon a new goverand address the core issues nance naradigm by setting of socioeconomic disparities and elite capture. examples of decisions based

on merit and fair play, and An internal security advisory council can assist by upholding the rule of the cabinet in the effective A template for good maintenance of law and orgovernance is needed soon. der as well as in implement-The federal caretaker cabiing the CT National Action

Plan. net may comprise a maximum of 25 ministers and The Election Commission of Pakistan, asadvisers known for their integrity, experience and impartiality. sisted by the stakeholders concerned, must work to This apex body of the develop a consensus-based government should take all code of conduct before holding the elections. All politithe decisions that have political and administrative cal parties should be taken on board on issues related to funding, internal party The national focus should be on coming up elections, and transparency in public declarations bewith interrelated charters of fore the conduct of national

economy, democracy and governance after deliberapolls. tions among the key stake-The caretaker cabinet holders, including political and ECP must ensure that parties, the military comkey administrative posts mand, intelligence agencies, are assigned on merit and meet the criteria of integcivil services. law-enforcement departments, criminal rity and impartiality. In iustice institutions and civil this connection, the posting of federal secretaries, An economic advisory chief secretaries and incouncil comprising ecospectors-general of police in the provinces, and other heads of the law-enforce-

> ment agencies must be made after due diligence. -- Courtesy Dawn

An unexpected beneficiary

nomic diplomacy on the tribute to the success and this conundrum. basis of its geographic, demographic, and political strengths and in keeping onc iliation. with its sui generis environ-The ongoing policy shifts in Riyadh and Tehran

cooperating states. eral dormant propositions

of economic cooperation with Iran; on the other, Pakistan with its policy adjustments and proactive diplomacy has paved the way for foreign direct investment (FDI) from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf coun-

tries At the regional level, the re-arrangements have unlocked new strategic economic opportunities for Pakistan by broadening the scope of regional connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

While China's strategic partnerships with Iran and Saudi Arabia, together with its development-led approach to conflict resolution, offer shared common interests that bind interests, Pakistan must these two countries to- cently made several policy gether, they will also con- adjustments to get out of

sustainability of their rec-By the same token. China's strategic partnership diplomacy defines

Pakistan's position as a pivotal state with a foothold on the surrounding countries and unlocks opportunities of economic cooperation between each of these

As a repercussion of its strategic partnership with China and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in 2015, Pakistan attracted the displeasure of the US and lost most of the political and military support it had from the US and its allies. As a result, Pakistan faced isolation on multilateral forums and threats of the FATF sanc-

tions, which reflected badly on its economy Although Pakistan's economy was rescued by the IMF, the debt sustainability conditions of the IMF programme hampered further borrowing

from China-which resulted in a halt to investment in the CPEC projects. In the midst of the ongoing Sino-American strategic competition, Pakistan has re-

As Pakistan struggles to achieve a balance in its relations with the US and

China, a sustained Iran-Saudi Arabia rapprochement will enhance regional stability and help dilute, to from its soil. some extent, the American pressure on Pakistan. This implies that stalled projects ment with Iran and Saudi such as the Iran-Pakistan Arabia has enhanced the gas pipeline and Chahbahar port development would now be less prone to Ameri-CPEC as investment partcan influence and more ners. It has strengthened aligned to China's strategic Pakistan's hopes for Saudi development agenda in the investment in the proposed

These readjustments also indicate a shrinking role for US-aligned India in Iran's strategic projects and greater diplomatic space for Pakistan offsetting the US sanctions against Iran. conflict on its own soil.

Iran-Saudi Arabia cooperation is thus creating an stan has stretched out the enabling environment for scope of its defence diplo-Pakistan to step up its efmacy to the domain of the forts for the enhancement economy. In doing so, Paof regional trade and investkistan has capitalized on the ment and cutting reliance on institutional credibility of its traditional partners. Beits military. Successive yond the region, these deprime ministers have acvelopments will help Pakistan beef up its drive for greater international particiarmy chief for fetching investment and brokering pation in its strategic economic projects, including economic relief packages CPEC.

from countries such as A deeper engagement Saudi Arabia, the UAE and TheNews

of Afghanistan as a stake-Qatar. The military chief holder in the strategic ecohas also played a role in the nomic initiatives in the re-Karkey dispute resolution gion will aid China and and securing American support for IMF loans to Pa-Pakistan's joint efforts to restore peace in Afghanikistan. In the context of Pakistan's identity as a constan and help prevent the spill over of security threats stitutional democracy. however, it has led to much China's strategic aligndebate.

The Pakistani military leadership also achieved prospects for the participasimilar alignment with the tion of these countries in international community, including China, primarily in the field of security, during the Afghanistan war (1980s) and the subsequent oil refinery in Gwadar. This war on terror.

proposal was shelved in Notwithstanding the criticism as to the propri-2020 due to political and financial reasons. In terms ety or novelty of such iniof security, Iran-Saudi tiatives, the Pakistani par-Arabia de-escalation will liament has mandated the help Pakistan put an end to military leadership to take roles as agents of the state. Over the years, Paki-This has been done by expanding the scope of the Pakistan Army Act, 1952 by way of the Pakistan Army Act (Amendment) Bill 2023. Pakistan also appears to be pursuing a strategy which seeks to build on the potential of its defence knowledged and admired diplomacy to cash in on the the good offices of the investment opportunities open for Pakistan in the scenario developing after the Iran-Saudi rapprochement. -- Courtesy



Pakistan's linkages with

Iran and Saudi Arabia span across a complex set of cultural, religious, economic and security ties.

Over the last few decades, tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia have proved to have many ramifications for Pakistan, ineration and a spillover of security threats. The recent Iran-Saudi Arabia rapprochement has, however,

In the wake of China's



from the community may

prove more effective in

and wives, women can play

an important role if they are

empowered in the fight

against extremism. They

can be the first to identify

signs of growing extremism

but are usually not

equipped with tools to stop

it. Especially in traditional

societies, mothers are often

best placed within families

Poor communication

to play a preventive role.

between parents and chil-

dren is another obstacle in

the fight against VE. The

engagement of fathers and

other male family members

in gaining access to vulner-

able communities and train-

ing on how to effectively

communicate with children

can prove practically help-ful in P/CVE. The real ob-

stacle is that, in poor soci-

eties, parents are not

equipped with the knowl-

edge and tools to prevent

VE. Parents are sometimes

reluctant to risk being

tigmatised or blamed, and

Additionally, the pre-

As mothers, sisters

such a scenario.

ally part of the problem. P/ CVE programmes should focus on strengthening the parent-child relationship to deal effectively with such situations. Additionally, the supportive role and inter-Mohammad Ali vention of credible figures

Babakhel Families play a vital role in

young people's attitudes and responses to social pressures. With young paganda both on- and offline, the social process cused attention, and efforts for preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE) need to be based on this social approach.

Young men and women usually start veering towards extremism when they face social exclusion, identity crises, posure to unverified and biased social media content based on spreading hatred. Family members may be the first to observe and detect signs of a turn to extremism, as they may notice subtle changes in behaviour, attitude, emotional responses, and social networks

they may even lose their The warning signs jobs or social space. Howmay include isolation from ever, keeping in view growfamily and friends, rejection ing radicalisation, parents of authority, refusal to sohave to be sensitised about cially interact, unwillinghow to detect the signs and ness to discuss views how the onset of adolesopenly, and increased secrecence makes young people tiveness while using more vulnerable. cyberspace. However, owing to low education and vention of VE needs proaccommunication barriers tive interaction between within families, it is some-

families, police, and other agencies. In developing societies, such relationships are only established once state to take a more detailed young people are already look at how to integrate families into its P/CVE involved in VE; ie, the police start interacting with programmes.

parents as part of the legal In traditional tribal and

semi-tribal societies, engagprocess. Instead, what is ing families is a difficult ask. needed is more informal In some of these societies, social networking between instead of being a source of parents and police, which solutions, families are actucan be achieved through

community policing. In traditional societies, women and children have particularly limited access to police and other agencies; hence, social isolation

limits interactions with authorities, reducing opportunities for families to share valuable information outside their homes. To enhance their reach to households in tribal societies, the cadres of female spiritual leaders

need to be expanded, which can prove instrumental in enabling women to quickly identify the virus of extremism breeding within their families Building parental ca-

pacity is important. Under relevant programmes, parents should be trained to recognise and deconstruct VE narratives and be enabled to address young people's grievances.

Reporting radicalisation may be facilitated through a helpline. To report terrorism and terrorrelated complaints, Nacta introduced a dedicated telephone line 1717. The helpline needs to be expanded to encourage reporting of signs of radicalisation. However, in semi-tribal societies, an obstacle will remain in the diminished capacity of people to identify radical elements, their lack of trust in helplines, and their reluctance to report.

Alone, governments cannot tackle the menace of extremism. The growing realisation regarding the role of families in P/CVE is a shift from a whole of gov-

ernment to a whole of society approach. Strengthening school and teacher-parent engagement on VE issues is a viable option. Instudent corporating families in PVE initiatives, instead of using imported CT recipes, can be a localised solution that facilitates early identification. -- Courtesy Dawn

Neda Mulji

Most of our university-going youth take up courses chosen by their parents. Making decisions about education and the future without the parents' consent is unheard of and, in many cases, parents plan the entire educational and career trajectory. The fact is parents don't always

know the wide variety of options available, nor do they have a crystal ball to see which jobs will remain relevant in the future. It is also unfair to expect children to do well in a course that they are not interested in. Taking away their right to make decisions at the

threshold of adulthood is also detrimental to their growth in many ways.

Education is a hard battle for our youth. Some find themselves chasing a pipe dream with parents dictating their decisions; others get caught in a trap of teacher incompetence. Sometimes, teachers reject methods used by their students because the newer methods aren't familiar or the teacher cannot accept that the student is yards ahead. Just like doctors, teachers need to upgrade

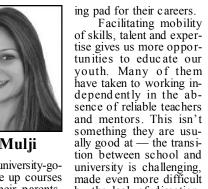
their expertise to the latest research and keep up with the students who may be more digitally savvy than them.

To keep up with stuacademic motivation. esdent needs, strategic collaboration among higher education institutes is essential, where faculty and exchange programmes can propel behaviour, helping stugreater mobility of resources. Students deserve an enriching experience at university — the launchsimple as a one-on-one

conversation during office hours between students and teachers to get to know each other better or a friendly tennis match. If there are various opportunities for students to connect with teachers. students adapt quicker to university life. One of my university teachers had a habit of lending books to students from her personal collection and would discuss the book with them by the lack of direction. when they came around Many students are anxious next. It was one way of about entering university motivating students to use office hours to their benlife, having become accustomed to the teacherefit, and for her to monidriven environment at tor their progress through school where learning is informal conversations.

A more structured approach to co-curricular in-In fact, there is a huge chasm between the strinvolvement of students in gent school environment activities such as mind fuland the demands of uniness, emotional self-reguversity life, where large lation and bias awareness lecture-style classes transmay foster an environment late into very little interof inclusiveness and posiaction with the teacher. tivity. In fact, research Very few universities ofshows a sense of belongfer tutorials to bring stuing is a critical factor in dents up to speed. Some student retention. A community where students engage senior students to help out with juniors, or feel accepted and enjoy a employ teaching assissense of belonging is tants for support beyond where they feel they will thrive, and this translates Tutorials in small into academic persever-

groups can do wonders for ance students, many of whom Many universities expect students to find tion. Coaching and friends and learn to navigate mentorship programmes their new world even as can also keep students connected with their they dive deep into academic work. Unfortunately, goals. Many universities it isn't as simple as that. abroad arrange social and Students need access to sporting events outside of communication channels that they can use frequently for help — be it academic These events inculcate a sense of belonging to a information or social, physical and emotional wider community and dehelp. Many students course derie with peers. Belong-ing is critical to students' through the days without knowledge of learning opportunities, co-curricular programmes at the univerpecially for minority stusity, support groups or A sense of belonging competitions that they can to the university commuparticipate in. The isolation nity begins with teachers that results from not knowwho can model inclusive ing what's 'out there' is not only disconcerting but can dents feel valued and conbe thoroughly nected. This could be as demotivating. -- Courtesy Dawn



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Murad highlights five years performance in post-PA dissolution press conference

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah while Murau An Onen addressing a press The precatious iam conference at Chief and order situation Minister House here on especially in Karachi in the Saturday upon the conclusion of his tenure, remained a major challenge highlighted the five years performance of his government and spoke at length about police performance, national disasters like COVID-19, floods and development added. endeavors.

He challenged the media to compare the stability and development works of his government with other provincial governments.

The press conference was attended by his cabinet members, Saeed Ghani, Nasir Shah, the province.

Mukesh Chawla and of crime in Sindh improved Mayor Karachi Murtaza with a significant decrease in the murder rate, which Wahab.

decreased from 854 in 2018 to 733 in 2022 in interior Sindh despite tribal culture/feuds. Terrorism incidents have also form of street crimes has for our government. decreased significantly from 51 in 2013 to 01 in Though organized crimes have been reduced to a 2023, he expressed. Major incidents like great extent, but petty the attack on KPO, the street crimes are yet to be dealt with effectively, he Suicide bombing of Chinese

at Karachi University and He said the Sindh the killing of a Chinese government has introduced doctor as well as VBIEDs blasts in Saddar and multiple reforms in Sindh Police in governance, Kharadar were traced. infrastructure and IT

Attacks on the sector, adding that these Chinese Consulate and reforms played a pivotal Stock Exchange were role in combating terrorism foiled. 898 terrorists were arrested by CTD Sindh, and other heinous crimes in and 27 terrorists were The overall situation killed between 2018-2023



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah along with former Cabinet members addresses to media persons during press conference held at CMHouse in Karachi.

Governor KP visits Charsadda, inspects Darur **Rahmat Medical Complex**

PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali Saturday paid a visit to district Charsadda and was warmly received soon after his arrival at Darur Rahmat Medical Complex, Sheikh Kale

Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences in the hospital, also announced a donation of Rs 2 millions for the construction of the rehabilitation center block.

Governor also inaugurated a free eye medical check-up center for poor and indigent patients, and also hoisted wards. the national flag in the premises of the hospital on of

(APP): Amanullah Haqqani, Khyber medical staff, hospital suffering humanity and the welfare organizations. He said that he administration members deeply appreciates those

were also present on this who serve the suffering occasion. "I appreciate those humanity and who serve the suffering humanity from the heart. continue cooperate with those Service to humanity is the who provide free medical Charsadda. During his visit, the Governor inaugurated the Ghulam Ali said while facilities to the poor people of this province and city. Referring to Hadith Sharif, the commenting on this Governor said that Allah occasion

Ta'ala helps his servant in his work as long as he helps his Muslim brother During the visit, the Governor inspected various wards of the hospital and met with the in his work. He said that people who help others without patients, while the medical practitioner informed the patients about the treatment facilities in the any greed are always alive in history. The Governor

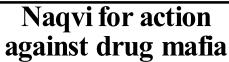
said that some of our In his address, the Governor said that he pays tribute to Dr. Dawood and colleagues made a proposal 23 years ago on which Prof. Dr. Dawood built the hospital and God willing, his team for providing free his service will be medical services to the remembered for ever.

> He also paid tribute to those who participated in this good work.

> > **ANF** recovers 400 kg drugs in five operations RAWALPINDI (APP): administrative secretaries and other officials Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting attended the meeting while five operations across the commissioners and deputy country on Saturday, commissioners joined through video link. arrested five accused and recovered over 400 kg of drugs, said an ANF stated that Independence Headquarters spokesman. He informed that in an operation, 340 kg of

this year as well. hashish was recovered from a truck intercepted near Sona Khan Chowk Quetta. was

ncealed in secret cavities



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During the meeting, a

Provincial Ministers

unanimous decision was

made to establish a

dedicated center focused

on rehabilitating drug

Dr Javed Akram and Dr

LAHORE (APP): A collaborative effort meeting was held in the involving the Anti-Chief Minister's Office Narcotics Force (ANF) here on Friday presided and other relevant Nover by Caretaker CM institutions, a permanent Mohsin Naqvi and he solution to the drug issue issued a directive for a can be achieved. rigorous crackdown on sellers and users of narcotics.

He emphasized the need to bring the full force of the law upon the major drug syndicates, asserting that they should face actions

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Jamal Nasir, the chief secretary, inspector general of Police, additional chief During the meeting, chief minister instructed the law enforcement agencies to secretary, the secretary health and other officers participated. Meanwhile, Punjab take decisive measures to eradicate drug peddling within schools and

addicts.

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has Noting the gravity of the situation, the chief extended his congratulations to Anwarminister underscored the ul-Haq Kakar as the imperative of taking anticaretaker prime minister besides conveying his best wishes. Mohsin Naqvi mission Naqvi emphasized that Anwar-ul-

expressed his confidence Haq Kakar, as the a Caretaker Prime Minister. through



KARACHI: PPP Sindh President Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuhro along with PPP Sindh General Secretary Senator Waqar Mehdi with women workers from different parties, who have joined PPP, at People's Secretariat.

CS KP reviews preparation for **I-Day celebrations**

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief illuminate them with Khyb er colourful lights. Flag Secretary Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry on Saturday reviewed preparations for the 76th Independence Day in a meeting held here at the Civil Secretariat.

hoisting, rallies, sports events and other activities should be organized at divisional headquarters and districts across the province, he added. Likewise, educational

Relevant institutions should conduct speech competitions, national songs and tableaus in connection with independence.The Chief Secretary also ordered to finalize foolproof security The Chief Secretary arrangements and preparations for the

special national day. He Day would be observed with great zeal and zeast stressed also on highlighting Independence He asked authorities Day activities to display national flags on government buildings and social media.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali inaugurates Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences at Dar-ul-Rehmat Medical Complex Charsada. Son of former

PPP wants elections on time, now onus on ECP to conduct free, fair elections: Khuhro

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Sindh chapter's President Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has said that his party wants election on time and now the onus is on the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to conduct free, fair and transparent elections

as per the Constitution. Addressing a press conference along with PPP General Sind h's Sececretary Senator Waqar Mehdi at People's Secetariat, where a number of women workers belonging to different parties joined PPP, here on Saturday, said that the Caretaker Prime Minister the unemployed youth along with the ECP should ensure free an fair conduct

He said that PTI chief tried to weak the political system in the country. He further said that the assemblies completed their tenure due to the democratic forces.

Nisar Khuhro said that the Parliament was empowered through 18th airport. amendment. He said that women

belonging to different come from FIA. parties including PTI, MQM-Pakistan, PML-F

and PML-N joined PPP. He welcomed the women

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Secretary Senator Waqar Mehdi said that MQM-P was snatching jobs from under a conspiracy.

P went to court against the

Atif arrested PESHAWAR (Online) Son of PTI leader and former KP minister Atif Khan has been arrested from Peshawar. Vice president PTI KP, Zahir Shah has claimed

KP minister,

PTI leader

FIA HAS taken into custody son of PTI leader Atif Khan from Peshawar

with reference to detention of son of Atif Khan have

PPP Sindh General

He said that MQM-Peshawar BRT,

Shadman Police station attack case:

However no details LAHORE

No truth

in news of threats to

station. **Peshawar BRT** Registrar office LHC PESHAWAR (APP) There is no truth in the regarding hearing of Dr case. Yasmin Rashid bail plea. news of threats to

Hearing of bail plea of **PTI leader Dr Yasmin** fixed on Aug 17 (Online): that allegation was leveled

Lahore High Court (LHĆ) to incite others for has fixed on August 17 attacking police station hearing of PTI leader Dr Shadman. The accused Dr Yasmin Rashid bail plea in the case of inciting others to attack Shadman police

bench

to

The petitioner has

Yasmin Rashid is not nominated in FIR. A politically motivated case was registered. Several coaccused of the accused have has issued cause list been granted bail in this

> It was further said in Charras the petition that ATC trial

occasion Independence Day. Chairman of Chef International Dr. Dawood, also urged the Dr. Sanaullah Jan, former philanthropists to Provincial Minister contribute to the service of

of the general elections. He said that it was a appointments and got stay

good omen that the order. Caretaker PM was from

Balochistan. general electios.

Mehdi said that MQM-P had levelled The PPP leader allegations that PPP-led claimed that PPP would Sindh government making clinch victory in the next appointments against

workers in PPP.

Chaudhry Nizam says Bilawal will be next Prime Minister:

merit.

Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Hyderabad leader He also mentione Chaudhry Nizamuddin Arain has lauded the leadership of PPP and Chief different projects to Minister Sindh, Syed develop things like roads Murad Ali Shah for their and jobs for people, but five-year performance for the province.

In a statement issued on Saturday, Arain pointed out that the improvements made in Sindh are better than those in any other province

He emphasized that substantial implementation has been carried out on significant projects in Sindh, ensuring benefits for the leadership. province's people, adding that the population living in rural areas of the province is suffering from backwardness, therefore party and its leadership have been trying since day one to

HYDERABAD (APP): raise the standard of He also mentioned

that this commitment is clear not just from starting also from starting various plans to progress in the agriculture sector.

He mentioned that there was a flood situation in most of the areas of Sindh last year that caused immense loss, but Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah

worked day and night for the rehabilitation of the flood affectees according to the vision of the party

Arain, concluded by In the expressing his confidence that in the coming days, once again there will be a PPP government in the country and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will be the Prime Minister of the seriously.

LHC spokesman of the Trans Peshawar said here Tanvir Ahmad and Justice Saturday. Raheel Kamran will hear

Trans Peshawar has the case. The court while received any is suing notice threatening letter, the spokesman of the Trans government and plaintiff of Police need to conduct no Peshawar confirmed while Shadman police station more investigation.

talking to media men here case has summoned reply. He said people and The state and media are requested to plaintiff of case of police avoid spreading fear and station Shadman have been panic.He said the safety of made respondents in bail the passengers is the top plea

priority of the Trans Peshawar's management and BRT operations continue safely without any threat.

Three die in 2 road accidents RENALA (APP): In two traffic accidents, three people including father and daughter were killed.

car driver hit a motorcycle

second accident, a speeding truck hit a motorcycle on Dipalpur Road. Ás a result rider and her daughter died and his wife was injured

comprising Justice Sultan court dismissed the bail built on the floor of the plea of the accused despite truck lack of solid evidence

During the operation, against Dr Yasmin Rashid. two accused residents of The accused has been Peshawar and Nowshera challanned in the case were also arrested.

The accused were trying to smuggle drugs It is requested to court from Gulistan to Sindh. to order for approval of bail In another operation, after arrest of the accused. 52 kg hashish was Cases against Dr recovered from Tovota Yasmin Rashid are single-cabin vehicle stopped near Shahwani registered in police stations Gulberg, Shadman, Model Chowk Ouetta. taken plea in the petition town and Sarwar road.

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FAISALABAD: A stunning view of the entrance gate of District Council illuminated with the Colors of National Flags during the celebrations of Independence Day in City.

PPP welcomes nomination of Kakar as Caretaker PM

(APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Central Information Secretary Faisal Karim Kundi on Saturday welcomed the nomination of Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar as Caretaker Prime Minister.

In a statement issued here, he said it was the prerogative of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the opposition leader in National Assembly to jointly make appointment of the Caretaker Prime Minister as per the Constitution.

higher prices.

mentioned.

DERA ISMAIL KHAN demanded that a politician should be appointed as caretaker prime minister instead of retired bureaucrats or judges.

"This time a politician has been made caretaker prime minister, which will help further strengthening the democratic process," he opined. The PPP had already given the authority to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to appoint the Caretaker Prime Minister, he said. He said the continuation of democracy was imperative for the stability and economic

He said PPP always development of Pakistan.

70% of electrocution cases happen in private homes: Experts

KARACHI 70% Almost webinar conducted by Mehfooz Pakistan.

Secretariat.

The webinar was on the topic of Electrocution Prevention and Public Safety, said a news release on Saturday.

Present in the webinar along with the host Zarrar Khuhro were the esteemed panelists, Naimat Khan, a correspondent at Arab News, Urban Planner Muhmmad Toheed, Dr, Lubna Baig, Professor at and Ex-Administrator Karachi Fahim uz Zaman.

She also mentioned an about the important point that electrocution cases happen cases around the year however cases were a seasonal problem happening mostly

GILGIT: A delegation Fujairah Environmental Authority, Ministry of

Environment United Arab Emirates called on Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed

Mehdi Shah. The delegation was headed by Deputy Director General of

Fujairah Environmental Authority United Arab Emirates at Governor

look

for alternatives which at times resulted in accidents. He also mentioned

that the electrocution cases with Toheed and said if happening in areas like Surjani Town or Baldia there was a huge audience Town were reported available on social media accurately because these then we should make videos on electrical safety topics were not sensational enough.Talking about awareness and safety and circulate them.

cheaper

precautions, Toheed said that in order to reach the that people were using maximum amount of cheaper wiring due to people and raise awareness against electrocution cases, "People usually see there was a dire need for videos on YouTube and try awareness campaigns and

to do electrical work public service messages on themselves to save money TV in the prime-time slots which they will have to and not after midnight.

pay the electrician to do a Muhammad Toheed small task like changing the further mentioned. "Electrocution cases are capacitor of their fan," he ne ver highlighted anywhere." He said even in these

videos, no precautionary Children should be measures were highlighted. given awareness regarding Zarrar Khuhro agreed electrocution in schools which was the need of the hour, he said. The webinar concluded with the host and all panelists agreeing that the electrocution and other electricity-related Dr Lubna mentioned problems.



HYDERABAD: Teachers and Students participate in an Independence Day rally, organized by Government School Teachers Association in City.

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The accidents happened on Dipalpur and Faisalabad roads. In the first accident, a

rickshaw on Faisalabad Road. As a result, the driver died on-the-spot, but the car driver escaped from the crime scene.

(APP): Naimat Khan was of asked electrocution incidents electrocution take place in private especially those that occur premises and homes, in private premises. He speakers discussed at a said since electrocution

during monsoon, there wasn't much importance given to the issue.

Zarrar Khuhro asked Dr Lubna about how the electrocution cases were reported and dealt with to

which Dr Lubna responded that electrocution cases were not considered medicolegal cases which mean that these cases were not eligible for autopsy the University of Lahore since there were no marks on the body and were not suspicious

they get more hype during the monsoon season. Fahim uz Zaman mentioned that even though there was an electric department in Karachi, due to factors such as inflation, people

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SCCI's body demands restoration of export cargo train from Peshawar

PESHAWAR (Online) The Standing Committee of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on Railways and Dry-port demanded restoration of export cargo train from Peshawar to Karachi, pragmatic steps to fully functionalization of Azakhel Dry port, speeding up goods clearing process and lifting restriction on loose cargo.

Chairman of SCCI's standing committee on Railways and Dryport Ziaul Haq Sarhadi chaired a meeting of the committee held here at the chamber's house on Saturday.

Agents Meeting was attended by the Sarhad Chamber Standing Committee on Carpet Export Mazharul Customs Haq. Besides, Additional Director, Transit Trade Directorate Custom House Peshawar Salman Wazir, Custom Station Torkham in the meeting. Appraisement Deputy Collector Mohib Khan, the occasion apprised the Pakistan Railways business community Commercial Inspector reservations regarding lack Siddique Tanoli, Anti-Narcotics Forces of facilities at Azakhel Narcotics Forces Dry-port. Assistant Director He said Azakhel Shams Shaukat, members Dryport was established

of business community on 28 acre lands with cost including Mumtaz Khan, Rs 600 Million has lost its Asmat Zeb, Shehryar, All importance owing to lack Customs of facilities.

Association He added that the Karachi Vice Chairman business community has Farooq Ahmad, Frontier faced great hardship Agents because of dual checking Association Secretary and clearing goods General Mian Wahid consignments, de-stuffing Bacha and others were and payment of demurrage charges and slow process present in a large number of export cargo trucks.

Ziaul Haq Sarhadi on Sarhadi demanded the resumption of export cargo trains from Peshawar to Karachi.

He also called for revival of Goods in Transit to Afghanistan (GITA) service. He went on to say that Pakistan Railways had played a pivotal role in both cargo and passenger traveling

Amiri-Moghaddam and MD PTDC Aftab-ur-Rehman Rana to inaugurate first tourism investment Expo at local hotel in City.

WAPDA Hydel generation improved: generates 8158 MW

LAHORE (Online): After WAPDA is the cheapest if mark, as WAPDA contributes 8158 MW to the National Grid during peak hours last night. Effective operation and maintenance of WAPDA hydel power stations and hydrological

conditions are the other contributing factors behind this increase in WAPDA Grid. A number of mega

Inis increase in wAPDA hydel generation.
Statistics show that TarbelaHydel Power Station generated 3478
MW, Tarbela 4th Extension 1410 MW, Ghazi Barotha 1450 MW, Neleum Jhelum 798 MW, Mangla 305
MW, While all other hydel power stations of WAPDA
Grid. A number of mega projects are being constructed in hydropower sector scheduled to be completed from 2024 to 2028-29 in a phased manner. These projects will double the installed generation capacity of country with addition of about 10 000 MW.

Flag hoisting ceremony held at ICCI to celebrate 'Independence Day'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Chamber of business community Commerce and Industry would fully support the (ICCI) organized a flaghoisting and cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of sustainable growth.

A large number of the elimination of extremism and terrorism to make

SECP warns public against investing in fraudulent schemes

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has Enterprises (SMC- company merely confirms Private) Limited and AA its registration with SECP Enterprises & and does not allow the Investments," is offering various fraudulent or launch investment deposit /investment schemes. schemes to the public by promising them WARNS THE PUBLIC warned the public against investing in fraudulent schemes with unrealistic promising them unrealistic monthly incentives and promises of

In a press statement on Saturday, the SECP clarified that company registration does not authorize soliciting deposits or offering investment schemes. It has been observed

that a company, namely " M/s Anees Ahmed

karat gold decreased by Rs 600 and was sold at Rs 221,800 on Saturday compared to its sale at Rs 222,400 on the previous day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 514 to Rs 190, 158 from Rs 190,672 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 Karat gold declined to Rs 174, 311 from per ounce. Rs174,783, All Sindh

Association reported. measurement of inflation The price of per tola and ten-gram silver before hitting consumers, remained constant at Rs 2750 and Rs 2357.68

year-on-year increase in June, the lowest annual rise since August 2020.

The SECP hereby WARNS THE PUBLIC NOT TO deposit or invest

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that U.S. wholesale prices rise in July still reflects an overall easing inflation

contract for December delivery fell 2.30 U.S. dollars, or 0.12 percent, to close at 1,946.60 dollars Rising U.S. dollar and Treasury yields also dampened gold. The preliminary reading of the University of Michigan consumer sentiment index dropped to a reading of 71.2 in the first two weeks of August from 71.6 in rose 0.3 percent in July July. Economists had month on month and 0.8 predicted the index would percent year on year, come in at 71.3.

BAHAWALPUR (APP): Agriculture Punjab said that under the Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahu cotton chaired a meeting held to campaign, cotton has been review the current situation cultivated on 2.132 million of cotton in the Bahawalpur division. Commissioner cotton production target

Bahawalpur Division Dr. Ehtesham Secretary Additional Agriculture Task Force Punjab Shabir Ahmad Deputy Khan. Commissioner Bahawalpur Zaheer Anwar Deputy Jappa, Commissioner Bahawalnagar Zulfiqar Ahmad Bhon, Deputy Commissioner Rahim Yar Khan Shakeel Ahmed Bhatti, Director General Punjab has said that all the Agriculture Extension Dr. staff of agriculture Anjum Ali, Director extension should go to the

Punjab

acres of land. Iftikhar Ali Sahu has said that the will be achieved with the Anwar, help of the district administrations.He said that the month of August was very important for cotton production. He said that agriculture extension staff should collect data on cotton bales in ginning factories. Field inspection should be increased for pest scouting, surveillance, and monitoring of cotton. Secretary Agriculture

Secretary Agriculture cultivation

According to details, the price of ginger increased to 1100, while lemon 130 per kg remained unchanged.

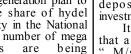
tomato 100, green pepper 40, fresh bean 150, capsicum 180, okra 70 rupees sold per kg while the potatos 120, Kachalu 120, cauliflower 120, eggplant 100, zucchini 80, tenda 70.

180 rupees, mango 250 and per kilo 300 rupees, and

LAHOKE (Online): After resumption of power generation from 969 MW-Neelum Jhelum Pakistan as the cost of Hydropower Project WAPDA hydel generation couple of days ago, electricity generation by WAPDA hydel power stations crossed 8000 MW mark as WAPDA

power stations with cumulative installed capacity of 9459 MW. WAPDA is vigorously implementing a least-cost energy generation plan to enhance share of hydel

At present, WAPDA owns and operates 22 hydel profits.



Gold rates decrease by **Rs 600** ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24

Department reported Friday that U.S. PPI, a Jewellers Sarafa

respectively.





RAWALPINDI: Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov cuts the ribbon along with

Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan Chakkrid Krachaiwong , Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Reza

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SIALKOT: Ehsan Bhutta Secretary ICI&SD Punjab/Chairperson TEVTA. Abdul Ghafoor Malik President SCCL and DC Adnan Awan cutting ribbon to inaugurate TEVTA Job Fair at local Hall.

Secretary Agriculture chairs meeting to review cotton crop

better Increase in prices

of vegetables, fruits in irks citizens

PESHAWAR (APP) There has been found an increase in the prices of

daily use vegetables and fruits in Peshawar, the citizens complained.

the price of garlic 380 and

He said, onion 60,

However, among Pakistan. fruits, apples have reached

power stations of WAPDA contributed 717 MW cumulatively. Hydel electricity by Grid.

country with addition of about 10,000 MW clean, green and low-cost hydel electricity to the National

He reiterated that the

go vernment its endeavours to put the economy on the path of He stressed for the

Pakistan an attractive

destination for investors.

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returns through social funds with M/s Anees Ahmed Enterprises (SMC-Private) Limited, AA media and digital pages The said company is using its registration status Enterprises & with SECP to win public Investments, and AA confidence. The general Enterprises under any public is once again arrangement, as these informed that the entities are not allowed to

them

"Certificate Incorporation" of a investments from anyone.

of accept deposits/



higher PPI data



CHICAGO (APP): Gold following a 0.2-percent year-on-year increase in Market analysts hold

General of Agriculture Pest field and guide the farmers. Warning Rana Faqir Ahmed along with Director of cotton is directly related to Agriculture Extension and the stability of the other officers participated country's economy", he in the meeting.

"Maximum production of per dozen sold.

KVTC is empowering unsung heroes

added.

KARAC HI Karachi Vocational Training Centre (KVTC) and State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLIC) have collaborated to operation of Pakistan's first-ever café exclusively run by the differently able trainees of KVTC. The groundbreaking ceremony held at KVTC marked the commencement of an extraordinary project that will empower differentlyind ividuals, abled showcasing the embodiment of their abilities.

The newly announced Café KHUDEE sponsored by State Life Insurance Corporation will serve as a remarkable to space, where people can experience the true essence empowerment, witnessed through the inclus ivity inspiring journey of individuals who have triumphed over challenges and defied stereotypes. With a strong commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion, the café will equal way for a brighter provide

(Online): opportunities to both genders, bridging the gap between differently-abled graduates of KVTC and mainstream society in Pakistan.

Shoaib Javed Hussain told the media that the performance of State Life has been excellent and during 2 years we have started 22 new projects while in the year 2022 State Life has 170 billion. Claims of Rs. were also paid. While giving the welcome note, Prof. Dr.

situation across the division. Farhan Essa Abdullah,

Joint Secretary of KVTC were observed in tehsil and CEO of Dr. Essa Mian Channu and Jehanian. Laboratory & Diagnostic He remarked that any Centre said, "We are dereliction in that regard honored to welcome you all this momentous ginning mills operational. occasion, celebrating the

and With officials to take Pakistan Cotton Together, let us pave the other officers and experts.

inauguration of Pakistan's first Cafe, a testament to empowerment. immense gratitude, we extend our thanks to the State Life Insurance Corp. of Pakistan for their generous sponsorship.

community business attended the ceremony, grapes 310, peaches 170 said a press release issued and bananas 150 rupees here on Saturday.

Pakistan was achieved after

making great sacrifices and

we have to work hard as a

nation to make it a

progressive and welfare

state.He said, "Pakistan

has faced many ups and

The price of chicken occasion, President of meat in the market will also ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that reach 410 rupees per kg.

Sahu expresses concern on rising hotspots of white fly, pink worm

downs during the last 76 years and we have to work (APP): MULTAN agriculture Secretary Punjab Iftikhar Sahu expressed concern on increase in white fly and

strong economy of the pink worm and directed region officials concerned to ensure steps for early elimination of the pests. He was chairing a meeting to review cotton

The hotspot areas are

Ginners Association onboard. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Multan Aamir Khattak and many



Senior Vice President Speaking on the of ICCI Faad Waheed said that we as a nation should promote Made in Pakistan.

He further said, "Promoting ease of doing business and creating a conducive environment is the key requirement to steer the economy out of current challenges." Engineer Azhar ul Islam Zafar, Vice President

ICCI said, "Pakistan is on the principles of unity, faith and discipline advocated by Quaid-e- the government to the government to Azam to make Pakistan a cooperate with the private sector in exploiting them in order to transform.



MULTAN: Labourer busy cutting wood into pieces with the help of an electric cutter at the timber

China's yuan loans grow by 345.9b yuan

yuan-denominated loans rose by 345.9 billion yuan (about 48.32 billion U.S. at the end of July, up 2.3 dollars) in July, central percent year on year. The bank data showed Friday. growth rate was 0.8 The figure decreased percentage points lower

by 349.8 billion yuan from than at the end of June and July 2022, according to the 4.4 percentage points People's Bank of China. lower than at the end of

The M2, a broad July last year. measure of money supply that covers cash in of cash in circulation, went circulation and all deposits, up 9.9 percent from a year climbed 10.7 percent year ago to 10.61 trillion yuan on year to 285.4 trillion at the end of last month. yuan at the end of July, the bank said. financing, a measurement of

The growth rate was funds that individuals and 0.6 percentage points non-financial firms receive lower than it was at the end from the financial system, came in at 528.2 billion yuan in July, 270.3 billion of June, and 1.3 percentage points lower than at the end of July last year.

yuan less than the same which The M1, period last year.



The U.S. Labor

LAHORE: Workers of Hagoog-e-Hag Party holds protest rally from Mall road to Governor House against extremely high inflation across the country.

Ceremony at **SCCI** in connection with I-Day celebrations

SIALKOT (APP): A ceremony in connection with the 'Pakistan Hazara Independence Day' celebrations was held at the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on the 76th Ìndependence Day of Pakistan. The session was arranged by SCCI Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/ Cantonment Board Affairs, in collaboration with the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry of substandard milk from (WCCI) Sialkot. Punjab on the local Committee head, Sheikh market's quality and sales. Zahid Hameed, chaired the Amir Tarin expressed these views while session. The event was attended by SCCI Vice President (VP) Amer Majeed Sheikh, WCCI addressing a ceremony Sialkot President Dr Association in Maira Mariam Nouman and Muzaffar, Abbottabad. members of the SCCI and Dairy farmers, association the WCCI executive members committee, and students of representatives different schools, colleges and universities. Dr Havelian, Abbottabad and Mariam Nouman. Mansehra attended the addressing the event. The Commissioner participants, said Aug 14 stressed the need for close was the day when the nation remembers those who sacrificed their lives to protect independence of

the country.

adulterated dairy products ABBOTTABAD (APP): the risks associated with

Commissioner Hazara takes

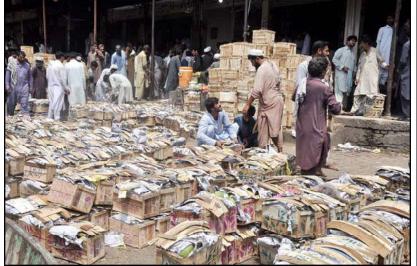
strong action against sale of

To ensure the quality of substandard milk. He emphasized that dairy products in the division, the joint efforts of the Commissioner Hazara Department of Livestock, Amir Sultan Tarin on local administration, Saturday has issued a farmers and vendors would directive to the Livestock play a vital role in resolving Department, farmers and the issues related to milk vendors to combat the substandard milk and sale of adulterated and ensure the availability of substandard milk and meat. pure milk in the market.

This crucial step The Commissioner also encouraged dairy comes as a response to concerns raised by local farmers to contribute their farmers and consumers data to effectively address about the negative impact other challenges and issues affecting the industry.

Additional Assistant Commissioner Ali Sher Khan Khalil further reiterated the commitment to quality by highlighting organized by the Hazara the thorough checks Dairy Farm and Cattle conducted on milk shops in both urban and rural areas, including tanks transporting milk from Punjab. In cases where and from adulteration was detected, various districts, including appropriate actions were taken, including imposing penalties and confiscating the adulterated milk.

Amir Tarin expressed coordination among all his trust in the ongoing stakeholders involved and monitoring efforts and the initiation of a public hoped that these combined awareness campaign to measures would lead to a educate consumers about substantial reduction.



ISLAMABAD: Labourers display fruit boxes at Fruit and Vegetable Markets

BEIJING (APP): China's covers cash in circulation plus demand deposits, stood at 67.72 trillion yuan

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There will be restrictions on any unfrozen Iranian funds: White House

Monitoring Desk U.S. WASHINGTON: The ment. White House stressed on Friday that there would be restrictions on what Iran could do with any funds unfrozen under an emerging agreement that has led to the release of five Americans from prison to house arrest in Tehran.

White House spokesperson John Kirby told re-porters that the United States would have "full visibility" into where any released Iranian funds are directed and used. An estimated \$6 billion in Iranian assets are now held in South Korea.

funds

"Essentially, the funds can only be accessed for food, medicine, medical equipment that would not have a dual military use,' he said. "And there will be a rigorous process of due diligence and standards ap-plied with input from the such as Iraq, Lebanon and

U.S. Treasury Depart-Yemen.

U.S. Secretary of State The five Americans Antony Blinken insisted on will be allowed to leave Iran Thursday that the deal does after the funds are unfronot mean that Iran would be getting any sanctions rezen, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

While stressing that As a first step in what negotiations are ongoing may be a complex set of maneuvers likely to take "the deal is not done," Kirby said there would be weeks, Iran allowed four "no impediment" to the detained U.S. citizens to transfer of the restricted move into house arrest from account from South Korea Tehran's Evin prison on to Qatar, where Iran would Thursday. A fifth was althen be able to access the ready under home confinement. Under the deal, the The potential transfer United States would release

has drawn Republican critisome Iranians from U.S. cism that President Joe prisons, Iran's mission to Biden, a Democrat, is effecthe United Nations said. tively paying a ransom for the U.S. citizens. More-On Friday, the Wall Street Journal cited people over, they contend that alfamiliar with the matter as lowing Iran to use the saying Iran has significantly money for humanitarian slowed the pace at which it goods could free up funds is accumulating near weapfor its nuclear program or ons-grade enriched uranium to back militias in nations and has diluted some of its stockpile



UN announces release of 5 staff members kidnapped by al-Qaida in Yemen 18 months ago

Arabian Peninsula.'

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: Five United Nations staff mem-

bers who were kidnapped in Yemen 18 months ago by an al-Qaida affiliate have walked free, U.N. officials said Friday.

David Gressly, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Yemen, said the five most dangerous branches. It men—four Yemenis and one from Bangladesh — were "in good health, good spirits ... but they went through a remains here in in Yemen very difficult period of isolation." The five were freed and remains actually an inafter lengthy negotiations that included officials from ary 2022, suspected al-Qaida militants abducted five U.N. Oman, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said. Gressly, who spoke to U.N. reporters after flying with Yemen's Abyan province,

the four Yemenis to the Yemeni officials told The Ascountry's southern port city of Aden, said: "I can sociated Press at the time. In a statement earlier Friday, the confirm that the hostage-U.N.'s Haq named the freed takers were al-Qaida in the men as Akm Sufiul Anam; Mazen Bawazir; Bakeel al-Also known as AQAP,

Mahdi; Mohammed al-Mulaiki; and Khaled Mokhtar Sheikh. All worked the group has been active in southern Yemen for years for the U.N. Department of Security and Safety, he said. and is considered one of the global al-Qaida network's Sufiul Anam, a retired

Bangladeshi lieutenant colohas attempted to carry out nel who was the department's field coordiattacks on the U.S. mainland. "This is a threat that nator, told a news conference after arriving at Dhaka creasing threat," Gressly airport Wednesday that he never thought he'd return said of al-Qaida. In Februhome after a "horrifying" experience in Yemen's hills and desert at the hands of "terrorists." staff members in southern

26 Syrian soldiers killed **Monitoring Desk**

BEIRUT: At least 26 solhad already been probing diers have been killed in an Hunter Biden's financial ambush by the militant Isdealings, as special counsel lamic State group in eastafter plea deal talks in the ern Syria, a monitor said on case broke down. The sudden turn of Friday, the deadliest in a new wave of attacks events raises fresh questions about the case against

blamed on the jihadists. Despite losing their Hunter Biden on tax evalast piece of territory in Syria in 2019, IS has maintained hideouts in the vast Syrian desert from which it has carried out ambushes and hit-and-run attacks.

IS "members targeted to investigate and report a military bus" in Deir Ezzor province on Thurs-day, said the Syrian Ob-servatory for Human Rights.

"The number of dead has risen to 26" soldiers, it said, calling it the extremists' deadliest attack on government forces this year.

moored off Yemen, UN says Monitoring Desk used as a floating storage and offloading facility, held transfer of more than a mil-lion barrels of oil from an four times as much oil as was spilled in the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster off aging tanker moored off the coast of war-torn Yemen Alaska, one of the world's worst ecological catastrohas been completed, avoid-

phes, according to the U.N. International organizations and rights groups warned for years of the Ín a statement, Farhan potential for a spill or an explosion involving the tanker, which had not been General Antonio Guterres, maintained and has damaged said the operation had prepipes and seawater in its

vented a "monumental en-vironmental and humanitarengine compartment. "Today, we can say that the United Nations and An international team began siphoning the oil from the dilapidated vessel a remarkably broad group of partners have succeeded known as FSO Safer on in preventing the worst case scenario of a catastrophic July 25. Almost all the oil oil spill in the Red Sea." is now aboard a replace-ment tanker called MOST David Gressly, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Yemen. Before the transfer, Yemen, said. the Safer, which Yemen

Attorney general appoints a special counsel in Hunter Biden probe, deepening investigation **Monitoring Desk**

ian catastrophe.

2024 election.

traordinary circumstances'

sion and a gun charge, deep-

ening an investigation that

was close to resolution just

weeks ago. Weiss had asked

to be named special coun-

sel, gaining broad authority

out his findings.

Department has taken the WASHINGTON: Attor-ney General Merrick Garunprecedented step of indicting former President Do nald Trump, who's President Joe Biden's chief land appointed a special counsel Friday in the rival in next year's election, Hunter Biden probe, a surin two separate cases. It prise move that intensifies also puts questions about the investigation into the Biden's family at the forepresident's son ahead of the front of the 2024 presidential election. Garland noted the "ex-

Speaking at the Justice Department, Garland said of the matter as he named he expects the special coun-David Weiss, the U.S. atsel to work expeditiously torney in Delaware who in an "even-handed and urgent" manner.

Garland said Weiss, who had been appointed by Trump as U.S. attorney, told him this week the investigation had reached a stage in which he should continue as special counsel.

"Upon considering his request, as well as the extraordinary circumstances relating to this matter, I have concluded it is in the public interest to appoint his findings. It comes as the Justice Garland said.

Malaysians vote in six state elections seen as referendum on Anwar **Monitoring Desk**

minister Muhyiddin UALA LUMPUR: Ma-Yassin. laysians in six states went

Malays account for two-thirds of Malaysia's 33 vote for state assembly million population, which members in elections includes large ethnic Chiwidely seen as a barometer nese and Indian minorities. of support for Prime Min- Voter turnout was low at

Burned cars and destroyed buildings are pictured in the aftermath of a wildfire in Lahaina, western Maui, Hawaii. China state media says developed Israeli forces nations not shunning Belt and **Road Forum Monitoring Desk** nal reported in July that the leaders of France, Germany,

BEIJING: Chinese state media on Saturday rejected a Western claim that developed nations were shunning the country's Belt and Road Forum, while saying most of the leaders invited this year were from developing nations.

Critics see the ambitious Belt and Road initiative - billed as recreating the ancient Silk Road to boost global trade infrastructure as a tool for President Xi Jinping's China to spread its geopolitical and eco-

nomic influence.

Italy and some other European countries did not plan to attend this year's Belt and Road Forum, to be held in the autumn, adding that the lacklustre response suggested a more challenging global landscape for Xi's

diplomatic ambitions. The state-run Global Times disputed that claim ported. on Saturday, citing a source it did not name.

China has not invited the leaders of some developed nations mentioned in

kill Palestinian in West Bank raid Monitoring Desk TULKARM: Israeli forces Luna-25 killed a Palestinian man during a raid in the occupied West Bank, his family said

MOSCOW

on Friday, as mourners gathconquest of space. ered for the funeral. Mahmoud Jihad Jarad, 23, was shot dead by troops during an overnight raid on Tulkarm refugee camp in the northern West

Bank, official Palestinian news agency Wafa re-A family member, Iyad Abdulrahim Jarad,

confirmed that his relative was shot after the Israeli army entered the camp.

Western media reports, so Israel has occupied the Debate in the West the conclusion that they West Bank since 1967 and over economic dependence were "avoiding participaits forces regularly make incursions into Palestinian tionalistic tabloid said. communities. The military Beijing remains open said "suspects blocked routes and fired toward the soldiers, who responded with live fire" during the raid. China's foreign minis-In a statement, the army said explosive devices, rocks and spond to a request for comfireworks were also used against troops.

Monitoring Desk the probe to enter a "100-Russia launched its first probe to the a statement.

also hit by sanctions since the conflict in Ukraine. The launch of the Luna-25 probe is Moscow's first lunar mission since 1976, when the USSR was a pioneer in the

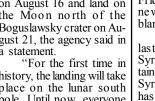
The rocket with the Luna-25 probe lifted off from the Vostochny Cosmodrome, according to live images broadcast by the Russian space agency Roscosmos

Roscosmos expects

kilometre high lunar orbit' on August 16 and land on the Moon north of the Boguslawsky crater on August 21, the agency said in

pole. Until now, everyone has been landing in the Roscosmos official Alexander Blokhin said in a

the Moon for a year, will be tasked with "taking (samples) and analysing the soil" as well as "conducting long-term scientific research'



craft, which will remain on

Moon in almost 50 years, a mission designed to give fresh impetus to its long-struggling space sector, which has been

Russia launches first

Moon mission after

50 years

history, the landing will take place on the lunar south equatorial zone," senior

recent interview. The space-

on China has cast a shadow tion" does not hold, the naover longer-term trade and investment relations with Beijing. Italy, the sole to their attendance if they Group of Seven nation in wish to join the summit, it Belt and Road, said the de- said cision by a previous gov-ernment to join had been try did not immediately re-'atrocious"

The Wall Street Jour- ment.

Hawaii starts probe into wildfire handling, as toll hits 67 Another man, who

self

this week.

of this review.

Monitoring Desk

MAUI: Hawaii's chief legal officer said on Friday she was opening a probe into the handling of devastating wildfires that killed at least 67 people in the state this week, as criti-

cism grows of the official response. The announcement came as residents of Lahaina were allowed back into the town for the first time — with most finding their homes had been reduced to ashes, and even the lucky few angry at a

sense of abandonment. "Everything has been coconut wire," said Will-iam Harry, referring to a system of rumours. "One person heard, then told another, but it's not official information. They

don't come here and explain anything.

Two dead, 16 missing in north China mudslide:

state media **Monitoring Desk** did not want to be named, told AFP he felt like he had

been left to fend for himby heavy rains occurred "Where is the gov-ernment? Where are they?" he fumed. "This is reported Saturday.

freely, we don't get the deadly floods and historic support, now we've heard about looting." Hawaii's Attorney General Anne Lopez said

her office would be examleast 78 on Friday. ining "critical decisionmaking and standing policies leading up to, during and after the wildfires on Maui and Hawai'i islands

"My department is committed to understanding the decisions that were made before and during the wildfires and to sharing with the public the results away and infrastructure including roads and bridges.

land "Affected by short-

it claims as sovereign Chi-Taiwanese officials fear nese territory. China is could prompt more Chinese likely to launch military military activity around the drills next week near Taidemocratically governed is-

become Taiwan's president in elections in January, is officially making only tran-sit stops in the United States on his way to and from Paraguay for the swearing in of its president. Taipei and Washington

say such stopovers are rou- wan independence"

Migrant channel crossings top 100,000 since 2018

Monitoring Desk LONDON: More than 100.000 migrants have crossed the Channel on small boats from France to southeast England since Britain began publicly recording the arrivals in 2018, official figures revealed on

Some 755 migrants were detected on Thursday on 14 small boats headed for England's southern coast, the UK interior ministry statistics showed, the highest tally on a single day this year. Those boats bring the number of arrivals so far this year to nearly 16,000, gious.

oldest stilt village Monitoring Desk LIN: Beneath the turquoise waters of Lake Ohrid, the "Pearl of the Balkans", sciand takes the total since counting the perilous crossentists have uncovered Channel journeys started in 2018 to 100,715. Also on Friday, officials were relocating asylum-seekers from a barge docked off the

what may be one of Europe's earliest sedentary communities, and are trying to solve the mystery of why it sheltered behind a southwest English coast fortress of defensive after Legionella bacteria spikes. was found in the water A stretch of the Alba-

nian shore of the lake once only days after the migrants had been moved aboard. hosted a settlement of stilt houses some 8,000 years The interior ministry ago, archaeologists believe,

said none of the 39 who ar making it the oldest lakeside village in Europe rived on the vessel this week had shown symptoms of Legionnaires' disdiscovered to date. ease, which is caused by the bacteria but is not conta-

Radiocarbon dating from the site puts it at be-tween 6000 and 5800 BC.

ister Anwar Ibrahim's unity between 34-42 percent as of midday, the Election government.

Asian nation.

Terengganu,

to the polls Saturday to

While the elections are Commission said. The polls unlikely to immediately afclose at 6:00 pm (1000 GMT) fect Anwar's current two-

thirds majority in parlia-At a voting centre in ment, analysts said his hold Petaling Jaya outside the on power could weaken if capital Kuala Lumpur, factory worker Fazrul his Pakatan Harapan coalition suffers a setback, es-Hafiz, 26 said he voted for the ruling coalition's can-didates. "I hope Prime pecially among Malay Muslim voters in the largely Islamic Southeast Minister Anwar Ibrahim will lead Malaysia for a full term until 2027," he

More than 9.7 million voters are expected to cast told AFP. their ballots to elect 245 Anwar went on a assembly members in the

whirlwind tour of the states during the two-week camstates of Kelantan, paign period, promising in-Kedah, Penang, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan. creased financial subsidies to paddy farmers, economic Of the six states, aid and job opportunities. Anwar's coalition holds After casting his vote Saturday, he urged Malaysians three, while the rest are controlled by an influential to "return to fostering relarural-based Malay Muslim tionships", local media realliance led by former prime ported.

Many of the new cases came in the Western

Pacific region, which saw

infections jump by 137pc, the WHO said.

Several countries in the

Global Covid cases up 80pc as new subvariant EG.5 rises

Monitoring Desk PARIS: The number of new Covid-19 cases reported worldwide rose by 80 per cent in the last month, the World Health Organisation said on Friday, days after

of interest

deaths

2,500.

vious 28 days.

Northern Hemisphere, including the United States, designating a new "variant United Kingdom, France The WHO declared in and Japan have seen a sum-May that Covid is no longer mer uptick in cases in recent weeks. a global health emergency, Experts have sug-gested that summer gatherbut has warned that the virus will continue to circu-

ings and travel, declining late and mutate, causing occasional spikes in infecimmunity and a new subvariant may have all tions, hospitalisations and played a role in the in-In its weekly update, crease.

On Wednesday, the the UN agency said that WHO designated the Omi-cron subvariant EG.5 as a nations reported nearly 1.5 million new cases from July 'variant of interest" follow-10 to August 6, an 80pc ining a steady rise in its prevacrease compared to the prelence

However, the number More than 17pc of all reported cases were EG.5 of deaths fell by 57pc to in mid-July, up from 7.6pc The WHO warned a month before, according to the WHO.

that the reported number of EG.5, which has cases and deaths do not rebeen unofficially nick-named "Eris" online, is flect the true numbers, in part because countries carry considered to be a descenout far less testing and dant of the XBB lineage monitoring than during earlier stages of the pandemic. of the virus.

Friday

Wang Dan stands in floodwaters near a damaged corn farm, after rain and floods brought by remnants of Typhoon Doksuri, at a village in Zhuozhou. Hebei province, China.

Specialists take part in preparations ahead of the launch of the lunar landing space craft Luna-25 mission to search for ice near the south pole of the moon, at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in the Amur region, Russia.

BEIJING: Two people died and 16 others are missing after a mudslide triggered

near the northern Chinese city of Xi'an, state media China has faced insane. We can't move

> rainfall in recent weeks with the death toll from storms in the northern part of the country reaching at

term local heavy rainfall, at 18:00 on August 11... there was a sudden mountain flash flood and mudslide,7 reported state broadcaster

CCTV. "A preliminary inspection showed that, at present, two houses in the village have been washed

tions, but Beijing has redent William Lai leaves on acted with anger at what it Saturday for a sensitive trip sees as a further sign of U.S. to the United States, which support for Taiwan, which China has condemned and

TAIPEI: Taiwan Vice Presi-

wan, using Lai's stopovers in the United States as a Lai, the front-runner to pretext to intimidate voters ahead of a next year's election and make them "fear war", Taiwanese officials say. Beijing particularly dislikes Lai, who has in the past described himself as a

"practical worker for Tai

Scientists close to discovering force ine and no cause for China to take "provocative" ac-WASHINGTON: The pecu-



Taiwan vice president to leave for sensitive trip to United States Montoring Desk tine and no cause for Chir

new natural **Monitoring Desk**

liar wobble of a subatomic

particle called a muon in a US

aboratory experiment is mak-

ing scientists increasingly

suspect they are missing

something in their understand-

ing of physics — perhaps some unknown particle or

force. Researchers on Thurs-

day announced new findings

about themuon (pronounced

MEW-on), a magnetic and

negatively charged particle

similar to its cousin the elec-

tron but 200 times more mas-

sive, in their experiment at the

US Energy Department's

Fermi National Accelerator

Archaeologists

uncover Europe's

Laboratory in Batavia.

Youth future builders

of nation: PM

Minorities playing role for development in country, province: Khalil George

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) Central Leader and Parliamentary Secretary for Minority Affairs Khalil George on Saturday said that minorities were play-ing a vital role in the development of the country and Balochistan

country for minorities, our forefathers made the right decision to live in Pakistan at the time of independence.

In Pakistan, any minority has the same rights as a common citizen, he said.

He expressed these views while addressing the flag-hoisting ceremony at the Quaid-e-Azam Residency in Ziarat.

Earlier, the rally was taken out from Quetta in connection with the Independence Day celebrations under the leadership of Khalil George, which reached Ziarat after traveling for several hours.

Where the participants of the rally hoisted the flag on the Quaid-e-Azam Residency and chanted slogans in favour of Pakistan

He said that in Paki- vincial government has instan people belonging to minorifies were serving not only in politics, but also in Pakistan's armed forces. bureaucracy, education, and health in every sector.

He said that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had declared every person living in Pakistan as an equal citizen, these were the guiding principles of the country, due to which we have not faced any kind of problem till date. He said that the gov-

Pakistan is the safest ernment of Balochistan has always listened to the problems of minorities and tried to solve them, it was hoped that this process would continue in the future.

He said that there was no discrimination of any kind between minority communities, we were all one and would continue to work together for the betterment of our communities

he noted.

ing to minorities.

He said that the amount of funds given to minorities by the mixed provincial government under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus has no precedent in the past.

Getting additional funds for minorities has efits case. helped a lot in solving their problems at their doorsteps.

He said that the proand also asked EOBI to take a deep look at their creased the quota of minorities in government jobs from 2 per cent to 5 per cent and has ensured the recruitment of only those belong-



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in a group photo with participants of a ceremony organized by Hayatullah Khan Durrani Water Sports Academy (HDWSA) in connecfor the country, he added. tion with Independence Day

President directs EOBI to apologize to a retired security guard with disability

ISLAMABAD (APP): filed by EOBI against the President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday has directed the decision of the Wafaqi Employees Old-Age Ben-Mohtasib directing the efits Institution (EOBI) to Chairman of EOBI to consider the case of Iftikhar apologize to a retired security guard with a disability, Hussain (the complainant) in the light of relevant rules who was not even given entry into the premises of and regulations. EOBI when he went there The complainant was

a security guard working to pursue his pension benwith a private security He said that he, as the agency and during his ser-President of Pakistan, vice, he met with an acciapologized to the citizen dent in 2008, had his leg fractured, and became disabled. He approached EOBI

unfriendly and anti-poor for pension but was declined payment of pension practices, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a grant on the ground that his press release on Saturday. total insurable employment The president gave was less than 15 years and these remarks while decidhe was only entitled to the

ing upon a representation old-age grant. Feeling aggrieved, he approached Wafaqi Mohtasib, which directed EOBI to consider his case and EOBI then filed a representation with the president against mohtasib's decision.

The president, in his decision, expressed displeasure that the complainant, a simple labourer (security guard), had to spend years looking for justice, which was shameful and reflected poorly on EOBI.

'The complainant has also narrated that years were spent as his file was misplaced and only found after 'Sifarish'", he added. He expressed dismay

over the fact that the differently-abled guard was not granted audience by the concerned offices and was only allowed to enter the premises after the intervention of a retired officer.

The president concluded that since EOBI's representative had assured during the hearing of the case that his grievance would be considered in accordance with the law, the order of the mohtasib was modified to the extent that instead of referring the matter to chairman

EOBI, it might be placed before the adjudicating Aathority of EOBI for disposal of the matter

CTD arrests

Counter- Terrorism De-partment (CTD) Punjab has arrested 21 alleged terrorists, including nine Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and four Daesh commanders, during intelligence-based operations, in the wake of terrorism incidents during the last week.

Youth Day, he said that Pakistani youth has im-mense potential to prove arrested from Narowal, their talent all over the

world. "A favourable and conducive environment should be provided to the youth so that their talents can be better channelised and employed for the betterment of the nation.

rent population of the coun-ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of National Assemtry, he said, the number of bly Raja Pervez Ashraf on youth was the highest and Saturday termed the youth a valuable asset of any nation as by utilizing their talents the country could be put on the path to development and prosperity.

biggest as compared to other people of age groups. The speaker said, "Nobody can halt the development of Pakistan as its majority population consists of youth. The fu-In his message on the ture of our country is in strong hands.

He said the parliament has carefully evaluated the abilities of the youth, adding that last year the doors Pervez Ashraf said, of parliament were opened for the youth.

In the National Assembly, the youth were given an opportunity to express their feelings and thoughts whereas the full he nation." potential of the youth was According to the cur-realized, he said.

Kaira holds PTI chief responsible for keeping youth away from politics

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ad-Replying to a quesvisor to the Prime Minister tion, Qamar Zaman Kaira on Kashmir Affairs and said that delaying elections Gilgit Baltistan, Oamar Zaman Kaira has alleged that Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan through misleading advertisements kept the youth of country away from politics. Talking to a private news channel on Saturday,

States KHYBER: Supporters of Bara Political Alliance are holding huge protest rally against unrest law and order situation and demand for Peace.

Governor appreciates holding of Ind. Day water sports by HDWSA

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has highly appreciating the Hayatullah Khan Durrani Water Sports Academy (HDWSA) for organizing canoeing and rowing events

speaking as chief guest at the water sports competitions held at Hanna lake on Saturday.

Also present on the occasion were the Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai and head of the HDWASA and marking Independence Day eminent sports personality, Herndon Town Council, Havatul Durrar communicated the 7-mem-

US town new height. Herndon proclaims Aug 14 as 'Pak I-Day'

NATIONS UNITED (APP): The Town Council of Herndon, a town in the US state of Virginia, has declared August 14 as 'Pakistan Independence Day'. Naila Alam, a Paki-

She also presented to

Naila is the first Paki-

(Online):

stani-American member of

strengthen ties with US WASHINGTON (Online): ginia. Congratulating Ms Naila Alam on her timely Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood initiative, he said that the Khan has stressed the need proclamation would help for promotion of peoplecementing Pak-US ties and to-people linkages to creating greater awareness

strengthen economic partabout the country at nership with the United grassroots level. The Ambassador also Talking to Council appreciated the services of Member Ms. Naila Alam in Ms. Alam for her commu-Washington, he said Paknity and encouraged her to American community has a continue with her efforts to huge role to play in bringcreate greater understanding ing the two nations closer about Pakistan and the and taking Pak-US ties to a shared values of the two nations

Masood Khan felici Council Member Ms. Naila Alam presented a tated Ms. Naila Alam over proclamation to observe fruition of her efforts which 14th August 2023 as 'Pakiclearly reflected her deep stan Independence Day in love for the country of her the Town of Herdon, Vir- origin.

to-people linkages to



within 30 days. Masood emphasizes people-21 'terrorists' LAHORE (APP): The

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Saturday congratulated youth on the International Youth Day and said new generation was future builder of the nation. In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said more than sixty percent of the population in

the progress of youth.

youth

ISLAMABAD (APP): But with the grace of Allah Almighty whenever people with their trust gave him the responsibility to serve, he used all his energies for the progress of youth, he added.

"In the last 15 months I provided youth with international standard education and sports facilities, Pakistan consisted of international level professional training, large num-ber of scholarships, en-Allah had bestowed upon Pakistan innumerable

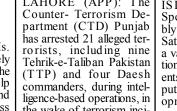
dowment funds, laptops natural resources and young and easy loans," he rehuman population which marked. were a source of strength He said, "Youth are

our future, they are build-The PM said unfortuers of our country and nately in the past no speprogress and prosperity of cial attention was given to youth is the guarantee of progress of the country.



German Director General for Asia and Pacific Petra Sigmud hosted a farewell lunch in honour of Ambassador Dr. Muhammad Faisal at the German Foreign Office.

Speaker terms youth valuable asset pertinent to seek path of national development



occasion of International According to a spokesman for the CTD, the alleged terrorists were

Dera Ghazi Khan, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Muzaffargarh, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Layyah, Attock and Sahiwal. Explosive material, detonators, improvised explosive devices

(IEDs), safety fuses, handgrenades and cash were recovered from the arrested terrorists.

Quetta.

He noted with pleasure that the water sports events are being organized on regular basis for last around 40 years marking the Independence Day. He said that we are proud that the players have been introduced at the national level under patronage of HDWSA, who brightened the name of the country and province.

besides others. The canoeber body's decision to ists demonstrated excellent Pakistan's Ambassador to performance and earned the US, Masood Khan, applause from the spectaduring a meeting at the Pators. The Governor also kistani embassy here. planted saplings in the premises of HDWSA under the the Pakistani envoy the proclamation signed by Mayor Sheila Olem of Love Pakistan and environmental protection project. He also distributed Herndon, Virginia. commendation certificates among the players showing stani-American to have outstanding performance in been elected twice for their the competitions of water own Council in Herdon

The Governor was sports. Virginia. **PEMRA** imposes ban on Mirza refuses to revive friendship airing of 11 'fugitives'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-kistan Electronic Media ter Marriyum Aurangzeb, Regulatory Authority two days after she had (PEMRA) has imposed a ban on airing of 11 people who have been declared as 'fugitives'. As per details, PEMRA officials stated that people who are declared fugitives and proclaimed offenders are not allowed to air on Television. Amendment Bill 2023.

The ban is imposed on Sved Akbar Hussain, Sabir Shakir, Moeed Pirzada, Wajahat Saeed, Adil Farooq Raja, Haider Raza Mehdi, Shaheen Sehbai, Ali Nawaz Awan, Farrukh Habib, Murad Saeed and Hammad Azhar.

PEMRA directed to ban all these people from appearing on TV and any news regarding them is also banned.

Earlier, the Senate passed Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) Amendment Bill 2023.

The bill was tabled by nels

with Zardari KARACHI Former home minister Sindh Zulfigar Mirza has withdrawn the bill over refused to revive friendship fierce opposition.

with his old friend Asif Ali Following the protest of journalists, Minister for Zardari. Information and Broadcast-

Talking in Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Karachi ing, Marriyum Aurangzeb he said no one made any on August 7 announced to effort for revival of friendtake back the PEMRA ship with old friends. Neither I want to revive friend-The minister an-

ship with Asif Ali Zardari nounced during a meeting of nor has he any time. the Senate Standing Com-Several will have to mittee on Information. The bill

lose their jobs if my friend-Minister for Informaship is revived with Asif Ali Zardari, he added. tion and Broadcasting Talking with reference Marriyum Aurangzeb moved amendments in the Pakistan Electronic Media to election he said he has no intention to contest elec-Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023 which were passed by the tion at present. Hospital was built in

Badin 8 years back, he said adding now no facility is available therein.

An amendment in If you want to know clause 2 proposes to ensure about the performance of "fair, transparent and indethe government, it can be pendent rating to the broadasked from any common casters for their TV chanman, he remarked.



National Assembly.

QUETTA: Relatives of missing person Fayyaz Ali along with Mama Qadeer $ar{B}$ aloch. Nasrullah Baloch and other addressing a Press conference

QUETTA: Pakistan flags, buntings, printed shirts and other items are being selling on roadside stalls in connection of Independence Day of Pakistan coming ahead, at Bacha Khan Chowk.

Independence Day celebrations held at **Children's Academy** Independent Report

Rahimuddin. The Vice Chairman

QUETTA: A ceremony was organized marking the Children's Academy, Abdul Independence Day celebra-Ghaffar Langove highlighted the aims and objections at the Children's Academy here on Saturday. ves of the institution.

The Deputy Director are builders of our future Education, RiazAhmed was the chief guest at the cerand as such the parents and emony in which teachers teachers would have to play and students from 15 wholehearted role for their schools of Quetta particibetter future. Similar Indepated. Speaking on the ocpendence Day events were casion, chiefguest exhorted also organized in the Govemment Girk High School the teachers, students and other participants to value Jinnah Town and Government Boys Degree College Brewery road. The Secretary the blessing of independence and strive whole-Education, Abdul Rauf heartedly for development Baloch was the chief guest at of the country and well be-

Girls High School while ing of the masses. former Director Colleges. He paid tributes to founder of the Children's Professor Amanullah Mengal Academy, Begum Saqiba was the chief guest.

'India, Pakistan shall hold talks on Kashmir dispute, says Farooq

ISLAMABAD (APP): border tourism or holding National Conference (NC) rallies in IIOJK is only a National Conference (NC) president in Indian illegally drama which will go on unoccupied Jammu and Kash-mir (IIOJK) Farooq til India and Pakistan hold talks with honesty on the Kashmir issue." He said, "The hearts Abdullah Saturday said that India and Pakistan should hold talks with hon-

esty on the Kashmir dis-According to the Kashmir media service, Farooq Abdullah said that India and Pakistan should

of both countries need to be pure. There has been enough show-off." Responding to a ques-tion, he said, "The situation in occupied Kashmir has

changed as border tourism talk with pure intentions as is being promoted and Inwars do not resolve anydian flag rallies are being organized by BJP activists

He said, "Promoting in IIOJK

pute.

thing

Dr Asim walks free after and all other political par-8 years in on 'Charter of Democracy'. terrorism case

KARACHI (INP): The special Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) of Karachi on Saturday acquitted former federal minister Dr Asim Hussain, and others after 8 years in a terrorism

He said that children case The ATC heard the case, which was registered against Dr Asim Hussain in 2015 on the complaint of the Rangers alleging that terrorists were provided treatment at his hospital in the metropolis.

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

"In the caretaker setup, politicians need to institutions and departcome and participate in it ments would slow steady and perform with a huge rebecome right it was not sponsibility. As most of the possible to settle things abruptly. He said that Papoliticians are performing their responsibilities bekistan Peoples Party (PPP) yond the limits, however, the country's stability lies ties needed to stand united in the Constitution and rule of law", he concluded.



QUETTA: Former Center Chairman Balochistan Student Organization (BSO), Nazir Baloch along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Quetta Press Club.

Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar is right choice for caretaker prime minister: Samina

It is a good move for both the outgoing government and the opposition to agree on the name of Anwarul-Haq Kakar as caretaker prime minister

Independent Report QUETTA: The consensus between the outgoing gov-Minister of Pakistan. ernment and the opposition on finalizing the name of Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar as caretaker prime minister is a good move, particularly in the prevailing scenario. Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar is a noble person and politician, having skill of managing high administrative matters, keeping a close eye on internal and external affairs.

These views were expressed by Central Vice the country could not af-President Balochistan ford any new crisis. Currently, the country is fac-Awami Party (BAP) Senaing various problems intor Samina Mumtaz Zehri cluding economic and adhere Saturday while congratulating Anwar-ul-Haq

Kakar on being nominated caretaker Prime Minister as the Caretaker Prime Anwar-ul- Haq Kakar has a heavy responsibility on She said that the nomihow to deal with these nation of Anwar-ul- Haq

problems, she said. Kakar was a good omen for She appealed to all political parties, higher in-Pakistan and hoped that Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar and stitutions and people behis team would play their longing to all schools of constitutional role to hold thought to support Anwarthe reins of the country ul- Haq Kakar in running until the next elections. The the administrative affairs Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan in an efficient of Pakistan will show his manner so that he could best performance, she said. carry out all the affairs with-Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri added that out any hindrance and trouble.

She assured that our cooperation was with caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar for the execution of domestic ministrative issues and as and administrative affairs.

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