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QUETTA: The tribal and

political personality and

former District Nazim Sibi,

Mir Ali Mardan Domki

was sworn in as the care-

taker Chief Minister

Balochistan here on Friday

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Domki at the simple but

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emony held at the Gover-

caretaker Federal Interior

Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti,

former Chief Minister, Jam

Kamal Khan, Chief Secre-

tary, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, In-

spector General of Police,

Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, senior

administrative high ups, dignitaries, former members of

The oath taking cer-

nor House.

Governor

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Caretaker PM vows to implement former govt's commitments; ensure rule of law, financial discipline

Addresses first interim cabinet meeting, calls on nation to start envisioning Pakistani dream; Says there will no compromise on rule of law in country

ISLAM ABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar vowed on Friday to comply with the commitments made by the previous government on national and international levels with different forums, besides ensuring rule of law and financial discipline during the interim period.

"We do not have perpetual mandate to serve the nation but during the given allocated time we will try to lay foundation where we have sense of continuation of national and international

vious government has made with different forums," he was not a new idea but it was an old national dream said while talking to the cabinet members here during the first cabinet meeting of the caretaker govern-

With respect to a new initiative-Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), launched by former government, the prime minister said the caretaker government would fully support it. He said SIFC was a dream comes true project as Pakistan was an agriculture country and rich with mineral resources.
He said in fact SIFC

that was going to be materialized now "Day has arrived when with the support of all institutions including Paki-

stan military leadership, we

support, facilitate, encour-

age, and realize this old na

tional dream.' He said this initiatives was not held by any institution but it was collectively owned by around 250 million people of the country "We all own it and we will contribute towards it.

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ISLAMABAD: Caretak er Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kak ar chairs the first meeting of the Federal Cabinet.

Caretaker CM announces two months remission in sentence of prisoners

Independent Report Mir Mardan Ali Domki has he took oath of the office. announced two months re-

The announcement imprisoned in the cases of terrorism and other heinous Domki soon after his assuming the office of caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan on Friday

here is that it was the first QUETTA: The caretaker initiative taken by the care-Chief Minister Balochistan, taker Chief Minister after

However this relaxmission in the sentence of ation would not be applied on the condemned criminals crimes. Mir Ali Mardan Domki took oath of the office of caretaker Chief Minister the same evening. The Governor Balochistan ad-Needless to mention ministered oath to him.

Justice Mansoor suggests full court to hear NAB amendments case

ISLAMABAD (Online): SC practice and procedure Justice Mansoor Ali Shah of Supreme Court (SC) has proposed to constitute full court to hear NAB amendment case. The NAB amendment case came up for hearing before SC Friday. Giving proposal for constitution of full court Justice Mansoor A l i Shah remarked court should decide practice and procedure act case or constitute full court. The decision on the petitons filed agaisnt different.

act has yet to come. Citing to note written by him in military trial case he remarked this ccase should be heard by full court. Today I request CJP that NAB amendment case should be heard by full court. The practice and procedure act case has vet not been decided. Had Supreme Court Practice and Procedure act been decided then the matter would have been

QUETTA: Activists of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) holding protest demonstration

against the price hike of petroleum products in front of Quetta press club

US asks Pakistan to respect Imran Khan's rights as prisoner

WASHINGTON (INP): The United States (US) has urged Pakistan to respect the human rights of prisoners including PTI Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan's.

Addressing a news briefing in Washington on Thursday, US State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel was responding when asked "Is the US at all concerned about the safety and security of Imran Khan in jail – has the US shown any concerns at all?"

Vedant Patel said "So our mes sage continues to be clear to our partners in Pakistan that anybody held in detention should be [afforded] human rights consistent with international law and that continues to be the case here. I will let Pakistan speak about any other details as it relates to Imran Khan's case.

Shakeel Qadir posted as new **CS** Balochistan Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili has been transferred with immediate effect on Friday

According to an official notification issued here on Friday, the Grade-21 officer of Pakistan Administrative Officer, serving as Additional Secretary Power Division, Shakeel Qadir Khan has been posted as the Chief Secretary Balochistan in place of Mr. Uqaili.

Jalil Abbas Jilani assumes charge as Caretaker Foreign Minister

ISLAM ABAD (APP) Caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs Jalil Abbas Jilani took the charge of his office on Friday.

Foreign Minister Jilani, who had taken oath along with other cabinet members on Thursday, has an exten sive expertise of foreign affairs. He served as foreign secretary in 2012-13, be sides Pakistan's ambassa dor to the United States European Union, Belgium Luxembourg and Australia.

Meanwhile, talking to APP, the minister said the main objective of the foreign policy was to serve the national interests. He said the caretaker cabinet would strive to serve the country's interest through national consensus and improve cordial ties with countries like China, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and South Asian states among others. He said Pakistan should further strengthen its relationship with China being a strate gic partner with great economic cooperation



Electric Supply Company (QESCO) on Friday said that five people electrocuted in a incident which took place inside the house last in area of Nasirabad dis-

ficer (CEO), OESCO, Entook notice of the incident and ordered to start inves-

SDO and Line Superinten-

Chief Engineer, Operation Director, along with the Safety Directorate, to reach at the scene soon and sub-

After which those resp onsible involved in the incident would be deter mined, he added.

as Balochistan's caretaker CM

ing, Governor congratulated

He said that effective steps would be taken for establishing law and order situ-

emony was attended by the ation in the province. About the Wadh issue, the caretaker Chief Minister said that he would speak to both groups to resolve the

OUETTA: Ali Mardan Domki is administered the oath of Caretaker

Balochistan Chief Minister by Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan

Ali Mardan Domki takes oath

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the caretaker Chief Minis-

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wishes for his new respon-

the media persons after his

oath taking, the caretaker

Chief Minister said that our

first priority it to conduct

free and fair elections in the

province.

issue of Wadh amicably. To a query about his cabinet, Ali Mardan Domki said that the cabinet would

ISLAMABAD: Caretak er Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti

been leveled against FIA.

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government institutions

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on this matter separately.

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chairing a briefing regarding the Ministry for Interior

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(CJP) Umar Ata Bandial volved in illegal possession

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ISLAMABAD (Online):

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a 3-member bench of SC

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curred. An overall esti-

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was sought from the hous-

Justice Athar Minallah

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provincial assembly and

Earlier, the Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali had sent recommendation summary to the Governor for formal approval of Ali Mardar Domki as the care-taker Chief Minister after the consensus developed by the parliamentary committee comprising members from government and Opposition sides.

The Governor approved the name of Ali Mardan Khan Domki as caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan. According to an official communique issued on Friday noon, the Governor gave the approval of name of Ali Mardar Domki as caretaker Chief Minister on the recommendation of parliamentary committee, which sent the

name to Governor last night

Caretaker govt to assist ECP in holding free & fair elections: Murtaza Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP): and apprised him about the Caretaker Federal Minister commitment of the Federal

for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Friday that holding general elections was the responsibility of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and the Federal Government would fulfill its duty to assist the watchdog in that regard.

Addressing his maiden press conference as information minister, he said the entire caretaker cabinet would try hard to fulfill responsibilities under the oath and in accordance with the law and Constitution.

The minister spoke with the media to inform them about the first meeting of the Federal Cabinet chaired by Caretaker Prime M inister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Murtaza Solangi said he had held a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner Raja Sikandar Sultan

Cabinet regarding assistance in holding free elections in the country and implementing the ECP recommendations for necessary transfer and posting of officials in that regard

He said the cabinet decided that on the election day, the first vote would be cast by the caretaker prime minister and then by the ministers.

The minister said the country would be ultimately run by the elected representatives of the people as was envisaged in the Constitution of Pakistan and the caretaker government would look after the affairs only till the elec-

He said that the cabinet decided to reduce the government's spending in view of the prevailing eco-

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi addresses press conference at PID media centre.

No one to be allowed to create chaos:

Govt. to play wholehearted role for resolving Wadh dispute: Sarfraz Bugti

Independent Report it is good if any dispute is

Lir Sarfraz Bugti has categorically stated that the government would play wholehearted role for resolving the dispute of

He, however, said that both the groups should honour decision of the tribal

Jirga. Mir Sarfraz Bugti was speaking to the media persons on occasion of the oath taking of caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki here at the Governor House on Friday

evening.
The caretaker Federal Minister said that he had come Quetta for participation in the oath taking of the caretaker Chief Minis-

QUETTA: The caretaker resolved through negotia-Federal Interior Minister, tions. However, no one would be allowed chaos at all, adding he assert ed.

Regarding his meeting with PM L-N leadership, Sarfraz Bugti said that we had met its leadership. He said that we have been working together before, so there is not issue in meet-

The Federal Interior Minister on the occasion also strongly condemned the Jaranwala incident and said that strict action is being taken against the accused involved in the inci-

He said that the state of Pakistan is standing with the oppressed. He said that the attack on worship places of the minorities are



FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Human Rights / Women Empowerment Khalil George is visiting Christian Colony Jaranwala

Jaranwala culprits to be punished according to law: caretaker federal minister

Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment Khalil George said on Friday that all culprits involved in the Jaranwala incident would be punished according to the law, while Christians' residences and churches, ransacked by mob, would be rehabilitated

Talking to the media during his visit to Christian Colony (Issa Nagri) Jaranwala on Friday, he said the Jaranwala tragedy was a calculated move. The anti-Pakistan elements hatched a deep-rooted

FAISALABAD (APP): conspiracy to spread anarchy and create rift in Christian-Muslim harmony. He advised the Christian community to show patience and forge unity among their ranks so that nefarious designs of the anti-state elements could be foiled.

He said that the police had registered five cases regarding the Jaranwala incident in addition to arresting 128 accused. Such incidents had also occurred in Gojra, Shanti Nagar and Joseph Nagar and their culprits had met their fate whereas the victims were compensated.

Five people electrocuted in Nasirabad, SDO, Line Superintendent suspended QUETTA (APP): Quetta tigation into incident and

According to spokesman, Chief Executive Ofgineer Abdul Karim Jamali

immediately suspended the dent of the area.

He also directed the mit a report in that regard.

delegations from Balochistan ISLAMABAD (APP):

PM meets

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Friday held meetings with delegations from different parts of Balochist an.

The delegations felicitated him on assuming the office of prime minister and expressed their best wishes for him.

The notables of the delegations expressed the view that the appointment of caretaker prime minister from Balochistan strengthened the people's belief in the political system and democracy. The delegations presented bouquets to the prime minister and some of the guests gave the gift of books according to his literary taste.

Pakistan's HC to UK meets Nawaz in London LONDON (INP): The newly

appointed Pakistan's High Commissioner to the UK, Dr Muhammad Faisal called on former prime minister and PM L-N supremo Nawaz Sharif, reported on Friday. Pakistan's high com-

missioner met Nawaz Sharif at his son Hassan Nawaz's office in Central London. The meeting lasted for more than half an hour. Nawaz Sharif and Dr

Faisal discussed matters of mutual interest including Pakistan. Dr Faisal assumed the responsibility of Pakistan's High Commissioner in the United Kingdom this month.

Caretaker minister stresses unity for religious harmony, urges vigilance against discord

ISLAM ABAD (APP): that lead to such incidents," Caretaker Minister for Re- he added. ligious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed on Friday said the principles of Islam advocated no tolerance for ister Aneeq Ahmed to emtragic incidents such as the phasize the role of the Jaranwala tragedy.

Addressing the media, he emphasized that Islam peace, and the root causes of such unfortunate events often stemmed from a disconnect with religious teachings and a lack of edu-

Speaking passionately about the need for collective action, he urged all segments of society to join rance, religious animosity, and extremism. "Only we eliminate the factors

The Jaranwala incident, which recently cast a shadow on Pakistan's global image, prompted Minstate in safeguarding minority communities. "It is the solemn duty of the was inherently a religion of state to protect and nurture the well-being of all its citizens," he asserted, while also urging the public to remain vigilant and expose elements that seek to sow discord within their

own communities. In a bid to reassure the nation, he affirmed that the Jaranwala incident would country's interfaith relations and urged leaders of various religions to collaborate in fostering mutual understanding and re-

The minister also unders cored the commitment of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony to inclusivity "Our doors are open to followers of all faiths, and we welcome dialogue and cooperation to strengthen the bonds of unity," he emphasized.

Promoting a sense of hope and solidarity, Minister Aneeq Ahmed concluded affirming the state's unwavering de-



KARACHI: Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori

Caretaker govt to assist ECP....

Continued from page 1 nomic conditions, and it was also the government's responsibility not to waste standby arrangement. taxpayers' money.

buy petroleum products at high prices and sell them at low prices," he said, adding as per the agreement with International Monetary Fund, the government could not subsidze com-

Solangi said the state with its power stood with the minorities and no one would be allowed to victimize them in the name of religion, colour or caste. Islam granted special rights to the minorities and those responsible for the Jaranwala incident would be brought to justice, he vowed.

a country of 250 million dents in the future. people, who all had equal human rights.

The cabinet stressed on promoting Sufism in the ism, narrow-mindedness and intolerance prevailing in the society, he added.

He said everyone expressed grief and sorrow over the Jaranwala incident and steps were being taken to ensure protection of the

The minister said Prime Minister Kakr emphasized on building infrastructure in the country

Replying to media persons' questions, Solangi said poverty and inflation were a reality and nobody also a fact that hike in the

petroleum products' prices also caused inflation but the government's hands were tied due to the IMF's

He assured the media 'We cannot afford to that the government would cut its expenditure to reduce burden on the national exchequer.

Answering a question about the ongoing legal cases against the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leadership, he said the matter was sub judice. The government was not a party to those cases and the relevant institutions were performing their duties as per law.

To another question, he said the media and educational institutions had to play an important role in promoting tolerance and harmony in the society to Pakistan, he said, was avert Jaranwala like inci-

He said it was sponsibility of every government, including the caretaker setup, to take steps country to counter extrem- for strengthening the economy, and improving law and order situation.

Replying to a query, he said the caretaker cabinet comprised only 16 members, besides a half dozen advisers and special assistants. Most of the cabinet members represented their respective fields and hopefully they would prove their worth with their performance, he added. urtaza Solangi reiterated that the caretaker government did not believe in any gag on the media and would take could deny that fact. It was steps to ensure freedom of

Interior Minister orders to release PTM activists

ISLAM ABAD (APP) Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Friday ordered immediate release of the activists of Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) detained in Lahore, Peshawar and other

The minister, in a post on the social media platform X. also thanked the PTM leadership for cooperation with the caretaker government.

He wrote that after succes sful dialogue (with the government), the PTM leadership agreed to change the venue of their protest from in front of the Supreme Court to the Tarnol



Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque said that the Sub Center would help strengthen bilateral technology transfer, enhance cooperation among enterprises, research institutes. and universities, as well as support cooperation in the pursuit of science, technology, and innovation (STI) for sustainable development under Belt and Road Initiative between the two countries, Gwadar Pro re- a clear roadmap for devel-

Center-Sub Center in Pa-

ported on Friday. Addressing the 3rd nology transfer in priority China-Pakistan technology transfer matchmaking workshop in Kunming, he said that Pakistan and China are now focusing on STI cooperation in areas of information technology and other emerging technologies, advanced and



KARACHI; Members of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) holding protest demonstration against killing of Senior Journalist Jan Muhammad Mehar in Sukkur, at Karachi press club

Fly Jinnah launches Mobile App for enhanced passenger convenience

KARACHI (PR): Fly Jinnah, Pakistan's new low cost carrier (LCC), announces the launch of its brand-new mobile application, designed to provide passengers with unparalleled convenience and a seamless travel experi-

With the new Fly Jinnah mobile app, passengers can now effortlessly book and manage their flights, making travel arrangements more convenient than ever before. The user-friendly interface allows users to explore flight options, select preferred seats, and choose from a variety of additional services such as adding baggage and meal selection. This ensures that passengers have complete control over their travel plans, right at their fingertips.

One of the key features of the Fly Jinnah mobile app is the integrated check-in process. Avoiding long queues at airport counters, passengers can now conveflights through the app, saving valuable time and avoiding unnecessary hassle. Furthermore, the app provides passengers with digital boarding passes, eliminating the need for printed



copies and making the boarding process smoother and more efficient.

In addition to its bookcheck-in functionalities, the new mobile app also offers passengers access to the airline's generous loyalty program. Passengers can effortlessly track their loyalty points and redeem reniently check-in for their wards directly through the app. In addition to that, passengers can check flight status and contact customer support for help if required. This personalized experience further highlights Fly Jinnah's commitment

to enhancing customer satisfaction and continuously providing a convenient travel option.

The Fly Jinnah mobile app is now available for download on, iOS, Android & Huawei devices. Passengers can access it by visiting the respective app stores and searching for Fly Jinnah.

Customers can now book their flights through mobile app, Fly Jinnah's e (www.flyjinnah.com) & by simply calling the call centre (021-3565096) or through travel agencies

Denouncing Jaranwala incident

PUC, IIHC observe 'Condemnation Day' nationwide

sponsibility of safeguarding

non-Muslims within a

Muslim-majority state,

Ulema and Mashaykh re-

minded that protection was

a duty shared by the state

the Christian community's

sacred places and homes

was strongly condemned

with religious leaders high-

lighting its contradiction to

the Najran agreement of the

Leadership figures, in-cluding PUC Chairman and

IIHC President, Hafiz

Mahmood Ashrafi, played

a central role in addressing

delegation of Muslim and

Christian leaders would

journey to Jaranwala on

Saturday, asserting, "We

stand as plaintiffs of the

plans for an upcoming in-

terfaith harmony confer-

ence scheduled to be held

in Islamabad next week.

This conference aimed to

devise a significant plan of

unity among diverse com-

Moreover, he revealed

Jaranwala tragic incident.'

He announced that a

Prophet Muhammad?

 $M\,u\,hammad$

Friday sermons.

The shocking attack on

and its Muslim citizens.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and International Interfaith Harmony Council (IIHC) on Friday jointly observed a solemn 'Condemnation Day' nationwide, denouncing the shocking incidents of worship place desecration in

The widespread outrage echoed through mosques across the country as religious leaders and scholars addressed Friday congregations.

The call for unity and justice resonated as Ulema and Mashaykh from various regions of the country condemned the heinous act. Demanding swift justice, they reiterated that the perpetrators of the Jaranwala incident must face a speedy trial. Religious scholars, while speaking to the public during Friday sermons, firmly labeled those inciting violence as enemies of Islam and Pakistan.

The Jaranwala incident had deeply saddened and embarrassed the entire nation, with religious scholars asserting that it tarnished the image of Islam,

action in response to the incident and to promote Muslims, and Pakistan. Emphasizing the remunities, he maintained.

Shehbaz Sharif ISLAMABAD (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has claimed that election will take place on time at every

Election will be

held in time at

every cost:

President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chauhdary

PPP has started con-

sidering to support Su-

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holding election on time.

have conveyed their reser-

vations in connection with

delay in election to their

have now included STI in

China-Pakistan Economic

Corridor (CPEC) for high

quality and sustainable de-

velopment of CPEC. Pa-

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Zones Authority to build

a knowledge ecosystem for

entrepreneurial, innova-

tive, and tech-driven Paki-

cussions and interaction

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quarters of over 100 com-

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within the halls of each

company that he visited.

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Haque said he visited

"I hope that the dis-

stan," he said.

mentioned

senior leadership.

calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in Islamabad

PPP announces to hold

high level meeting on delay

in general election issue

China, Pakistan sign MoU to

in time

ISLAMABAD (Online):

PPP has announced to hold

high level meeting on the

matter of delay in general

unhappy over delay in gen-

has started considering to

evolve strategy in this regard. In this regard PPP has

annonced to convene a high

Sources said PPP looks

PPP senior leadership

election.

eral election

matter of holding election PPP is deliberating over to make contacts wiht al-lied parties on the issue of "Nawaz Sharifis my leader and I am his worker. If mandated then Nawaz Sharif will become PM, he Key leaders of PPP said this in an inclusive talks

> Friday. The big acheivement for me as PM was that I saved the country from default, he added.

> to a private TV channel here

Efforts should be made to resolve the matters through dialogue instead of stubborness in poltics, he stressed.

I worked hard day in day out in 16 months so that I could do some thing for public welfare, he re-Alliance with different

parties is possible in election. I incurred all the expenses of PM house from my own pocket, he held. Political cases were in-

stituted against me and I tolerted allthis, he said adding but dragging daughter and niece in courts and jails was intolerable. I like dall and chapati in my meal, he said adding i dont know

Hassan Niazi handed over to military for investigation trial

has been handed over to military for investiga-The counsel for the

tion and trial. Police have filed reoort in Lahore High Court (LHC).

Petition has been filed in LHC for recovery of Hassan Niazi. According to police report Hassan Niazi has been handed over to military

investigaiton and trial. Police have filed reply in LHC through additional advocate gen-

Hassan Niazi is nominated in attack on Jinnah House case.

According to police report Hassan Niazi is among major accused in Jinnah House attack

A sibngle bench of LHC led by Justice Tanvir Sultan took up for hearaing the petition filed by Hafeez Ullah Niazi father of Hassan Niazi in connection with recovery of his son.

The court gave time to the state counsel for arranging meeting between father and son. The court remarked

LAHORE (Online): tell us after asking from Hassan Niazi, detained respective authorithy nephew of PTI chairman can there be meeting can there be meeting

petitioner said Hassan Niazi was to be handed over to military through the court. The court should summon SHO and ask from him why did he take such

illegal step. The court questioned from the counsel of petitioner you want to make what request before the court. Police handed over Hassan Niazi illegally to military soon after hearing.

The counsel for the petitioner prayed that court should declare this step illegal. Arrange the meeting between the father and

The court remarked has the state counsel not any objection over meeting between father and son.

State counsel said now rules and regulations will have to be

The state counsel said Hassan Niazi detention is legal. i reject the objections of the counsel for peti-



SUKKUR: Peoples Party (PPP) Senior Leader, Khursheed Shah addresses during public gathering meeting held in Sukkur

Caretaker PM vows to...

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During the meeting, he individually acknowledged the services of all the cabinet members saying "I am very proud that we have got

one of the best team". He hoped that the Almighty Allah would enable them to lead and steer this nation during the interim pe-

ever the allocated time is, we will demonstrate through our actions not by our words," he

With regard to the economic situation in the country, the prime minister said he was well aware of the huge economic challenges but with an able team, the government would ensure the financial discipline.

"We have a sense of sanctity of tax payers' money. This money on which we are having today's mee ting, using resources or traveling, is paid by the people of Pakistan," he

He said either it was an ordinary vender, shopkeeper,

other person, all were contributing in this

this polarized environwould try to differentiate between politics and law. He said the government would enwas not compromised in any way and the rule "With our utmost of order would lead us duty, may be it is a towards the rule of month, two or three, or law. "We know the itly expressed disapcanctity of the order that will be kept at any cost. Pakistan is owned and shared by all ethnicities, all creeds, and all religious background," he added.

> He highlighted that the rigidity, be it in any form in the society, would be strongly discouraged. He said rigidity

> might come in the garb of religion or secularism or in any other form, these extreme attitude would be discourage and would be controlled by the law.

He said the minorities would stay protected in this country and any attempt to harm them from a section of marginalized our soul, for us Kashgroup of people would mir is eternal.

teacher, lawyer or any be responded strictly by the state and the society. He said the mis-

PM Kakar said in creants might be from us but we must have ment, the government to divorce them and keep distant from them. He said Pakistan was created on noble principles and sure that rule of order the country was the product of noble idea. Speaking about the

incident of May 9, the prime minister expliccomfort over the sabotage activities happened on the day. He said attack on

the military installation was like the country's immune system was attacked which could lead towards fatality.

"We do not just condemn it but we also will ensure that iustice will be done and whosoever violated laws on those days will be treated according to law and there will not be any favor to anybody", he added. On Kashmir issue, the prime minister "It was the core issue which could not be ignored. "It lies in

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IHC restrains housing societies operating outside federal capital from using name of Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (Online): outside housing societies registrar should hold in-Islamabad High Court offices permanently for the quiry regarding their finan-(IHC) has restrained hous- awareness of public. ing societies operating outside Islamabad from using name of Islamabad.

Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir of IHC has issued decision in the case against cancellation of registration of housing so-

cieties Friday. The court while ordering housing societies Islamabad null and void functioning outside federal capital to remove name of tion. Islamabad from them has should change their name. the impression that these societies are located in the these societies limits of Islamabad.

It has been said in isfy himself did the societpapers by the societies on their registration. their own expenses that cated in the limits of should hold inquiry that Islamabad. The advertise- was the land acquired for

It has been said in the decision that the impression is beinggiven to people cleverly by using name of Islamabad that societies are located in Islamabad.

The court while declaring the revocation of registration of 18 housing societies outside limits of has restored their registra-

The court has said in remarked the societies its decision registrar cooperative societies did not Change in name will dispel meet legal formalities while cancelling the registration of Registrar should sat-

court's decision advertise- ies give development ments be given in the news schedule within one year of it has been ordered in these societies are not lo- the decision registrar

quiry regarding their financial affairs. The registrar should also hold this inquiry that ' have the housing societies potential to run housing scheme. It is written in the de-

cision that the registrar societies will be able to initiate proceedings again as per law after different inquiries. Registrar will verify

did the societies provide their data in respective province at stipulated time. If societies have not provided data on implementation of housing project then registrar can take action. Registrar will probe did the societies complete their projects in time. Registrar will be able to seek assistance from the respective department of Punjab in this regard. Registrar cooperative housing societies should give implementation report to registrar high court in two months



ISLAMABAD: Caretak er Federal Minister for Law and Justice Ahmad Irfan Aslam was given a presentation by the Secretary Law on his arrival at the

Muslim Council of Elders denounces attacks on Churches in Jaranwala

ISLAM ABAD (APP): harmony in the wake of the

Jaranwala incident. According to a statement received here, extremthe Holy Quran and initiated an unfortunate series of events have drawn sharp condemnation from the Council. The subsequent retaliatory strikes on multiple churches in Jaranwala, Pakistan, executed by yet both sides to promptly adanother faction of extrem- dress the discord that has ists, have further intensified arisen. "Countering hate

Muslim Council of Elders Secretary-General, Abdelsalam, expressed strong dissent against such

He affirmed that these Under the guidance of the criminal deeds stand in esteemed Grand Imam of stark contradiction to the Al-Azhar Dr. Ahmed Al- values upheld by divine re-Tayeb, the Muslim Coun- ligions, laws, and human cil of Elders on Friday ve- ethics. "The core principles hemently denounced the of mutual respect and rerecent assault on religious fraining from targeting places of worship are shared across these teachings. The Holy Quran's teachings are unambiguous ists who defiled copies of in their emphasis on safeguarding places of worship and abstaining from any

form of aggression directed towards them," he added. In an urgent appeal, the Muslim Council of Elders called upon leaders on speech with dialogue, promoting tolerance, nurturing coexistence, and fost ering human fraternity are highlighted as the means to bridge the divide," he main-

Basic wireless communication equipment repair course conducted Independent Report

ISLAM ABA D: A ccording to the details, a collaboration between the Islamabad Capital Police and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) culminated in the successful completion of a three-week basic wireless communication equipment repair course, a police public rela-

tions officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the course was meticulously organized to elevate the skillset of the Islamabad Capital Police wireless personnel. The initiative aimed to enhance the proficiency of the Islamabad Capital Police wireless staff, bolstering departmental communication system capabili-

Pakistan's national space policy should prioritize private sector participation in R&D: Speakers

The Speakers at a seminar on Friday demanded that the country's National Space Policy should prioritize private sector participation in research and development (R&D), and encourage commercial sector involvement.

"At the international level, the space sector is growing exponentially, with public-private partnerships (PPP) in R&D aimed at acquiring next-generation ca- Air University, Dr Ali pabilities. To ensure the success of Pakistan's space lution of Space power in programme, it is crucial for the national leadership to set goals, allocate resources, and develop a credible in-frastructure," these were DHA Suffa University elusome of the key takeaways from the seminar titled 'Emerging Trends in Aerospace Power: Options for Pakistan' organised by the Centre for Aerospace &

in Federal Capital.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Security Studies (CASS), Lahore Director National Security, CASS, Lahore, Air Commodore ® Khalid Iqbal delivered the introductory remarks. His speech was followed by a keynote address by former Chairman Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), Major General ® Ahmed Bilal, who highlighted the prevalent

global aerospace trends. Associate Professor. Sarosh focused on the evo-South Asia, including its military and civil applications while Professor Dr Ahmed Saeed Minhas, cidated on gaps in international Space law and viable developmental strategy for Pakistan's

Following the guest

speakers' remarks, an extensive question and answer session was held to delve into the depths of the topic. The speakers said, A erospace power is the ability to use air and space capabilities to achieve wide-ranging civil and military objectives in economic, commercial and scientific domains. Pakistan stands at the threshold of numerous opportunities to capitalize on emerging trends like space exploration, satellite technology, unmanned aerial system, and electric propulsion of green aviation. The seminar focused on options for Pakistan regarding aerospace power."

President, CASS Lahore, Air Marshal ® Asim Suleiman, in his concluding remarks, said that Pakistan should focus on space technologies, infrastructure, industrial.



ISLAMABAD: Young female mountaineer of Pakistan Samina Baig posing for a group photo along with her sponsors and others after event to acknowledge her efforts by the management of one of the high ranked hotels



ISLAMABAD: Care taker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan chaired introductory meeting of the Senior Officers of Ministry and all head of attach departments.

NDMA advisory alerts depts concerned after Sutlej River attains high level flows

Management Authority (NDMA) on Friday issued an advisory to alert hours. the national and provincial departments concerned to ensure proper measures to cope with any emergent situation as Sultej River attained high level flows that would persistent for the next 24-48

The NDMA advisory underlined that as per the water flows data received from Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Pakistan canals. Meteorological Depart-Commissioner for Indus Waters (PCIW), the River Sutlej has attained high level

Sulemanki and Islam Headworks in next 48 to 76

In the light of the high flows and probable dangers and vulnerability of areas astride the River Sutlej, the NDM A advised the Federal Flood Commission (FFC) to ensure implementation of elaborate coordination mechanism for preparedness and mitigation through management/regulation of water reservoirs, barrages, headworks and irrigation

"The measures must ment (PMD) and Pakistan ensure desynchronized releases from all reservoirs, regulating structures to preclude cumulative flooding of flows at Ganda Singh in any regions. Plan imme-Wala, whereas the flows diate discharges from regu-

ISLAM ABAD (APP): would be reflected and lating structures to build The National Disaster passed on downstream to capacity for likely heightened or increased flows," it

The PCIW was also directed to ensure that flows and discharge data of eastern rivers was updated regularly for necessary planning and prepa-The Met Office and FFD were directed that

during the forecasted period share 6-hourly weather forecasts to enable timely deci-

sion-making and coordinating response. Moreover,

would also share 3-hourly updates on river and nullah flows and reservoir levels to facilitate coordinated water management and regulation.

Babar Awan says: If ECP cannot do one thing then there is no justification to sit

ISLAMABAD (Online): hatched against the prov-Senior lawyer Babar Aw an said that if the Election Commission cannot do one thing then there is no justification for them to

Commission's decision to delimit constituencies said that the job of the ECP is ECP has decided to conduct to conduct elections in a fair and transparent man-

is a conspiracy being

inces and if this whole thing happens then the federation will break.

Babar Awan said that the ECP had said in the Supreme Court to conduct Babar Awan, in reaction to the Election encies in 4 months 16 months ago.

It should be noted that new delimitation of constituencies according to the official results of Digital He said that due to Census 2023and for which this decision of ECP, there the schedule has been releas ed.

Jamal Shah visits Lok Virsa

ISLAM ABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah on Friday visited Lok Virsa -National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage soon after assuming charge. He was warmly wel-

comed by the senior offi-

Later, the minister also chaired a meeting which was attended by Secretary National Heritage and Culture Fareena Mazhar and other senior officials of the Division and Lok VIrsa.

Detailed briefing was given to the Minister regarding Lok Virsa and its cultural activities.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary National Heritage and Culture Division Fareena Mazhar, Director General Ayub Jamali briefed Caretak er Federal Minister Jamal Shah during his visit to PNCA.

AIOU to disseminate video clips of Seerat books on social media

ISLAM ABAD (APP): monographs and projects The annual meeting of the regarding Secrat un-Nabi Board of Management and Review and Publishing Committee for Seerat-un-Nabi Chair was held at Allama Iqbal Op en University (AIOU). The meeting was presided over by the Head Seerat chair, Prof Dr Sahibzada Sajid Ur Rahman. The meeting presented the review report of the activities organized last year, books and manu-

was also presented.

The board also discussed the issues related to the holding of the National Seerat Conference for Rabiul-Awwal. Speaking as a chief guest Vice Chancellor AIOU Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood said that keeping in view the popularity of social media, there is a need to record short clips of Seerat books and disseminate

Safe City conducts evaluation of 1600 private cameras

Safe City Islamabad Com- events. mand and Control Center surveyed 1600 private security cameras installed in areas Is lamabad.

surveyed 1600 private security cameras installed at Koral Chowk, Khanna Pul, Express Highway, Aabpara, Melody, Poly Clinic, G-9 Center, F-10 near Sabzi Mandi, I-16 Center, and G-13 Road in Islamabad, a police source

The survey aims to ensure access to Islamabad Police in urban as well as rural areas in order and en-

ISLAM ABAD (APP): able effective handling and The Technical Team of the monitoring of incidents or

Moreover, private security camera owners had been also asked to ensure the proper functioning of their cameras at all times The technical team and provide timely CCTV footage to the police when required in order to assist in crime prevention and investigation.

Police have urged citizens to collaborate in eradi-Center, I-10 Green Belt cating criminal elements and provide strong support to the force.

Police sources said that it has been also decided to enhance the effectiveness of drone cameras and refine their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Madad Ali assumes charge as Caretaker Edu. Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Renowned writer, poet and journalist, Madad Ali Sindhi Friday assumed charge as the caretaker federal minister for the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training. The officials of the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training welcomed the newly appointed Federal Minister. The Caretaker Federal

Minister for Education and Vocational Training, Madad Ali Sindhi was formally introduced to the officials by the Secretary Education Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry. Madad Ali Sindhi was

given a comprehensive briefing about the important functions and responsibilities of the Ministry of Education and Vocational He said that he wanted

to understand the problems of the education sector and solve them accordingly.

He continued that he intended to improve the education sector even in the short period of this interim setup. We should try our best to lay the foundation of development even in this short time., he said

Madad Ali Sindhi highlighted the importance of working together for the prosperity of the nation.

Secretary Education, Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry said that the entire ministry is committed to fulfilling the instructions

Sami Saeed assumes charge as caretaker **Planning Minister**

Muhammad Sami Saeed, a retired seasoned bureau- istry should work for the crat, has assumed charge development of the counas the caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, marking a significant development in the country's economic land-

He has an extensive experience in Planning, Development & Economic af-

On arrival at the ministry, he was welcomed by the Secretary of Planning Sy ed Zafar Ali Shah and senior officials.

Later, the minister chaired a meeting in which he was given a detailed briefing by the secretary about the functioning and responsibilities of the ministry and ongoing development and strategic initiatives of the ministry particularly the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), Annual Development Plan, Corridor (CPEC) and Spe-Center (SIFC).

While chairing the ister.

meeting, Sami Saeed said that all officers of the mintry with full dedication and hard work.

The minister said that the implementation of public welfare projects should be ensured while special attention should be paid to the quality of the

projects. Highlighting the importance of education, he said that more attention should be given to increasing the quality of education in the country.

As per the profile, Muhammad Sami Saeed joined the Civil Service of Pakistan (District Management Group/Pakistan Administrative Service) in 1980 and held important positions in government and international organiza-

He remained Executive Director on the Board of Directors of the Asian Develop ment China-Pakistan Economic (ADB), Cabinet Secretary to the Government of Pacial Investment Facilitation kistan and Principal Staff Officer to the Prime Min-



ISLAMABAD: Police personnel stand guard outside Church at Sector G-7 to counter any unexpected situation in Federal Capital.

HEC trains 25 scholars to serve as faculty under IPFP

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE), Higher Education Commission (HEC), has success-National Faculty Development Programme (NFDP) for Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs (IPFP)

Pro gramme. In this connection, a now become certified IPFP Fellows, having success- sized. fully undergone the comification programme.

NFDP equips participants with essential tools encompassing teaching and learning, applied research, and professional practices.

Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, who was chief guest of the ceremony, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the participants of the successful completion of the training programme.

Addressing the participants, he drew attention to Pakistan's ongoing challenges and underscored the pivotal role educated prouting to the nation's institutions in their growth.

He encouraged the certified candidates to extend their impact beyond teaching by engaging in impactful fully completed pre-service research, fostering innovatraining of 5th cohort of tion, and nurturing critical tion, and nurturing critical thinking.
"In these testing

times, the dedication to selflessly serve the nation holds immense significance. Your roles as researchers ceremony was held to and educators play a pivrecognise the achievements otal role in shaping of 25 fresh PhDs who have Pakistan's future," Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed empha-

During her keynote NAHE, Ms. Noor Amna Malik highlighted the rigorous training process, which lays strong emphasis on bridging the gap between

theory and practice. She underlined the integration of innovative methodologies, including micro-teaching, which empowers candidates to refine their teaching techniques through constructive feedback from resource persons, peers, and self-as-

ses sment. She also stressed the programme's dedication to supporting both emerging fessionals play in contrib- and established educational

Female police officers deployed at high security zone checkpoints

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: In a strategic move aimed at bolsterzone, the Islamabad Capi-

The women police officers will seamlessly collaborate with their male ing security measures counterparts to conduct sewithin the high-security curity duties with utmost professionalism. The Se-



women police officers at key security checkpoints, a police public relations officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police remains steadfast in its commit ment to upholding law and order in the federal capital. In line with these directions, the deployment of women police officers at security checkpoints has been undertaken, marking a significant step towards ensuring a safer and more

inclusive environment

tal Police has deployed nior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Security division emphasized the importance of fostering closer ties between the police force and the public.

This collaboration is not only pivotal in maintaining security but also in promoting a sense of community and shared responsibility. "Embracing diversity and gender equality is emblematic of a civilized society," the SSP stated.

Recognizing the indispensable role women play in upholding law and order, their presence at these security checkpoints is deemed crucial.

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Afghan dilemma

Two years have lapsed since the Afghan Taliban took Kabul. and the Western-backed government melted away, bringing to a close a lengthy and expensive nation-building experiment. However, while the repeated post-nuclear Taliban may be celebrating the tests sanctions, the terror occasion, the Afghan people have little to cheer about.

While it is true that the relentless violence Afghanistan has been witnessing since the just be the effect of being Soviet invasion and later the American invasion has come and felt people to be as down considerably, the Taliban despondent as they are continue to enforce their ultraconservative version of religious rule upon the populace, while sive and hard to get but tion, through parliament, international isolation and a long-running drought have inflicted crushing poverty on the Afghan people. Women in particular have seen their limited freedoms snatched by the hard-line rulers of Kabul, especially the right to get an education and participate in soci-

Unlike during the previous period of Taliban governance, when the Saudis, Emiratis and Pakistan recognised the militia as the legitimate Afghan rulers, today the Taliban find no country willing to extend recognition to them. Their dismal human rights record, and failure to act lated period of ninety days. against all terrorist groups on Is that what is likely to haptheir soil, are the key stumbling the bag to hold on to power blocks standing in the way of international recognition.

The sooner the Taliban address these concerns, the better; yet the hard-line leadership in Kandahar appears to have a shrugged his shoulders exdominating veto on such matters over politicians and prag- the alleged script that we matists in Kabul. The clerics in Kandahar seem intent on dragging Afghanistan back to the or the other, ostensibly to Middle Ages. Sadly, their intran
get the environment 'right' for the holding of elections. the hands of the state machinery. Workers in the trators have eliminated the sigence is having a devastating effect on the Afghan people.

The Red Cross says 28.8m Afghans are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, while the UN has observed that 15.3m people in the country face acute food insecurity. The Taliban, therefore, need to reconsider their obstinate stance so that help can easily reach their devastated countrymen.

If Kabul's rulers were to improve the human rights situation — especially for women and assure the comity of nations that their soil will not be for dereliction of duty. used to host terrorists, global recognition could be forthcom- sibility of the head of state. ing. However, as long as both Indeed, the safety, security and protection of all cities these expectations remain unmet, few in the world will be zens is the prime responsibility of the state. Besides, the state is also supposed willing to advocate for engaging the Taliban.

Pakistan, for example, has long called upon the world community to talk to the Taliban, yet its concerns about the TTP remain unaddressed. But regardless of political developments, the world cannot leave historical record of Muslim millions of Afghans to face starvation and death.

Support must continue to of a few, the majority of public servants, including the Afghan people to help them the rulers, have remained survive tough times. In this callous and insensitive to their responsibilities toregard, billions of dollars belonging to the Afghan central ample, Muslims ruled the Indian subcontinent for bank — being blocked by the nearly 1,000 years. They built many palaces and for-US — must be released so that food, medicine and other essential needs of the Afghan population can be met. Afghanistan's sibility — public welfare. They spent lavishly on their people deserve a chance at rebuilding their country, not more isolation imposed on them due to the short-sighted policies of their rulers.

Injustice kills hope



Faisal Bari

We have seen some tough times in Pakistan. Numerous martial laws, two wars, the trauma of the war in East Pakistan, severe tensions with India, campaigns of various groups, and economic crises that seem to keep getting worse provide a disturbing yet incomplete establishment's support

in the moment, I do not think that I have ever seen right now. Economic conditions are tough but we have seen tougher times before. Dollars are expenthe State Bank has not taken over dollar accounts

of food and clothing as we had up to the 1970s. Imports have been restricted but not as much as in the past. So, where is the desp ondency coming from? People seem to have

lost hope in the future of largely the last couple of years that have been resp onsible for this loss of younger people, had a lot performance. Some got disillusioned by the poor performance of the government and the rest lost hope when his governlost

and was eventually done But, and this might away with. The PDM's poor performance has also been a factor but a more important one coalition's active support for the 'hy brid' sy stem. The way that PDM supported anti-people and anti-freedom legislawill be talked about for some time to come.

still do not have rationing lishment has taken back power has made many lose hope about the future of the country. Contracting space for freedom of speech, lack of

tolerance, religious repression, suppression of freedom of press, abducthe country and it is tion of journalists, making people disappear, abducting people for a few hours to a few days as a hope. Many people, especially in the middle on them, disrupting jobs class and amongst the and businesses of opposition members, and the of hopes pinned on Imran use of the law to register Khan and his anticipated many cases against a person so that he/she gets entangled in just dealing with courts and prison are but some examples.

Nothing erodes the hope like injustice. And what has happened and is happening since the excesses of May 9 has been nothing short of injustice. Where a few hundred or a few thousand seems to have been the people might have been involved in the actual vandalism on May 9, arrests were made at a much broader and deeper level. If people happened to be on the streets that day, or were protesting the arrest of Imran The way the estab- Khan peacefully, they

Party workers have been picked up irrespective of whether or not they were involved in the vandalism. Some who were supporting the party on social media have also been picked up or harassed. Others, who just happened to be in the vicinity of the installations that were vandalised, have become victims of the 'net' that the state has cast. In cases where the prime suspect could not be apprehended, family members have been arrested or harassed.

The way the PTI has been put under pressure also shows this high-handedness and injustice. People were forced to leave the party. They were arrested and kept in jail till they held a press conference to denounce their party affiliation. They were then let out. Family members were arrested, threatened or harassed to make people leave. Nothing erodes hope like injustice!

A friend's cook was

were still picked up. of geo-fencing. But the gentleman lives in the area, so how could his number not have come up? He stayed in jail for 45 days or so before being bailed out. The family had to spend a fair bit in engaging a lawyer and paying off the police station and jail staff to ensure access to some basic comforts for the gentleman and he still has to fight a case. The gent leman was a PM L-N voter/supporter. Now he and his family are livid and want nothing to do with Pakistani politics.

Another gentleman, a doctor, was picked up because he was a relative wanted to put pressure on. He had his connections so he stayed in the thana for only two days. But he is now planning to move abroad along with his family. He has absolutely notrust left in any local institution.

We have recently heard about the 10-yearold who was kept in the thana for 22 hours or so. His 'crime' was that he was walking around with picked up as his number a PTI flag. How many tablishment would under-

ing PTI flag carriers on the streets?

We have also heard about the 13-/14-year-old boy who was arrested for his alleged involvement in the May 9 incident. He was allegedly framed. But this child stayed in jail for more than a month. His sisters have also been, again allegedly, harassed by the police. His father died after their home was raided by the police to rearrest the child after he had just returned on bail. The police are denying any wrongdoing, of course. But, unless there is a credible inquiry, what should we believe? Do we of someone the police not know our police? Nothing erodes hope like injustice!

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that. Remember this quote from Martin Luther King Jr as we move forward These are dark times and if it is thought that repression will lighten the darkness, it is not going to happen. If only the es-

but not quite caretaking Caretakers -



Raoof Hasan

After much uncertainty and speculation, a caretaker prime minister has taken oath of office understandably to steer the country towards holding general and put off the elections for another day?

When the ECP representative was recently asked by the Supreme Court whether a date had been fixed for the holding of elections, he simply matter. That fits in well with caretakers who would get busy with fixing one thing would ultimately allow people a visit to the hustings to elect representatives of their choice? Let's move to Attock

Fort for a while where closed and recourse to jus-Imran Khan is incarcerated in a dark and dingy cell, categorised as class 'C' with an open toilet and hardly enough space for a mattress to be placed on ground. Khan continues to be denied the basic facilities which are his entitled right as guaranteed by the constitution and the prison He is not being al-

lowed to meet his lawyers and the party people. He is being refused access to his doctor. While there is credible danger of him being slowly poisoned, he is not permitted to have food from home. He is virtually being kept in solitary confinement as no one is allowed to visit him, or even go near his cell. He is even being denied provision of a copy of the Holy Quran with English translation.

Simultaneously, Khan's party, the PTI, is bearing the brunt of the worst form of brutality at tions will be held in the

Now, what kind of environ- thousands are being kept in ment is envisaged that jails while homes and businesses of members and sympathizers are under midnight assaults. Massive damage is caused to properties with most businesses tice completely blocked. Families of leaders who have gone underground are hounded and hunted at unholy hours with several of them taken in by the police. People are afraid of sleeping in their homes for fear of being arrested in the dark of the night. Even minors, women and the elderly are not spared the brutality of the invading par-

> Does that give out the contours of the plan which is being scripted to gradually pave the way to the elections? It does and it does not: the former for this being the ostensible strategy which has been chalked out, and the latter for it all being so grotesque in its imagination, structuring and possible implementation as also for the damage that it will most certainly cause to the state and its intrinsic interests.

It is clear that no elec-

pose a challenge to the planting of their favourites in a government of puppets who would swing on the strings which are pulled from els ewhere.

The plan is that, like shall have a government which neither has the ability nor the freedom to operate of its own will and which shall only take dictation and frequently submit certificates that the orders given have been duti-fully implemented. But the nagging question that raises its head is whether, notwithstanding the exhaustive planning, fully aided and abetted by the brutal state apparatus, such a plan will have any potential of succeeding? And given the maniacal infatuation to make it work, what may be the possible consequences if it does not?

When the eliminate Khan project was initiated, it was expected that he, too, would walk the road earlier taken by his predecessors - that of leaving the country and waiting his time out to be ners forgot to take stock devoted followers to give Courtesy TheNews

Khan factor and they are of the reality that not all certain that he does not humans are alike and that there would be a Khan who would both refuse to oblige or submit despite break being subjected to unmitigated torture, humiliation,

and sufferance. They forgot that the past 15 months, we Khan would remain committed to altering the decrepit ways of a past and emblazon new paths to attain genuine freedom. They forgot that Khan would refuse to submit to a brazenly degrading treatment and remain a proud nersona driven by deepset belief and faith in the righteousness of his cause. They forgot that people would espouse Khan with unprecedented zeal, passion and commitment and even under the most daunting circumstances.

They forgot that Khan would remain steadfast in the fulfilment of his ideal of a welfare state that would be devoted to the amelioration of the sufferings of the poor and the enfeebled. They forgot that Khan would stand up to the powers and speak with a voice that would recalled for another stint. resonate through the let sanity walk in and take In thinking so, the plan- hearts and minds of his over the discourse. --

them a cause to struggle for. They forgot that they would be faced with a Khan who would not

So, instead of eliminating the Khan factor, the planners have only cemented it further as his support base continues to surge with the passage of time. A free man, or kept hostage behind the walls of the prison, he rules the people across all hues and shades. He is like a masterful leader guiding his charges to the victory line with relentless consis-

tency, verve, and energy. But, at the end of the day, it is not the victory of an individual that will matter. It is the victory of the people and the space would refuse to desert him they inhabit that is far more important. It is Pakistan that will matter. And it is for Pakistan that the project to eliminate Khan should be abandoned and a way found to initiate a dialogue to carve a way out of this sickening hellhole we have dug for ourselves. Like I have always said, it is time to banish the demons of hate and prejudice. It is time to

Public service



Amin Valliani

There is a famous saying attributed to the second rightly guided Caliph Hazrat Umar which says that if a dog dies hungry on the banks of the Euphrates, Umar would be responsible

The above saying indicates the sense of responand protection of all citito do everything possible for the well-being of citizens living under its protection. This is done with the help of state employees (public servants). The state can be effective if public servants, also known as the bureaucracy, perform to the best of their

Unfortunately, the lands presents a very gloomy picture in this connection. With the exception wards the people. For extresses all over their jurisdiction and patronised art and culture but mostly ignored their primary responself-aggrandizement and rarely paid attention to

public welfare. An example of such self-aggrandizement pertains to Mughal Emperor Mohammad Shah Rangeela

years from 1719 to 1748. During his reign, the Iranian commander Nader Shah invaded India but the emperor seemed least concerned about public security. His advisers kept him updated but he did not bat an eyelid while the Iranian army was fast approaching. As the anecdote goes, he used to say 'hanooz Dilli dur ast' (Delhi is still far away.) His army and bureaucracy were in complete disarray. As a result, Nader Shah's invasion was followed by the looting and plunder of Delhi. Nader Shah took away immense riches, including the Koh-i-Noor and the Peacock Throne.

The episode underlines the importance of district public servants ascertaining problems in a timely fashion and making the right policies accordingly. We need to learn from history which provides many learn-

The public servants who are employed by the state to run day-to-day affairs of government carry heavy responsibilities. Their job is a sacred trust, which does not allow them to be careless. Being custodians of the state, they are socially, morally and religiously duty-bound to ensure public safety and welfare. Sometimes, they have to work under acute pressure in a charged and polarised political environment but have to maintain professional discipline, integrity, sincerity and independence while discharging

their official duties. Pakistan is an Islamic republic and serving Pakistan is akin to fulfilling the Divine trust (amanat). Allah says "O' you who believe! Betray not Allah and His Messenger, nor betray knowingly your trusts (8:27)". In Islam, every individual is answerable to Allah, therefore public servants need to keep this ad-

monition in mind. the erstwhile British sys-

who ruled for about 29 tem of civil service. Though periodic changes have been made in the system, it needs total restructuring to meet the demands of public service. In 2006, the government constituted a National Commission on Government Reforms, tasked with producing an analysis and recommendations on how the government, its institutions and infrastructure could become more effective to meet the social, economic and political challenges that Pakistan faces. The report, produced after lengthy deliberations, is comprehensive and covers many aspects such as the restructuring of government at the federal and provincial levels, strengthening of re----organisation of civil services, revamping of human resource management policies and practices, etc. government

should ensure merit in recruit ment, training. postings, promotions and transfers. Over the last few decades, new knowledge regarding office automation, e-filing and other best practices has come to light and new ways of service delivery have been introduced. In order to serve the people better, public servants have to update their knowledge, evaluate their work and refresh their zeal and commitment periodically to improve governance and service delivery.

Many believe that the bureaucracy in Pakistan is bloated, corrupt and ineffi-

These inadequacies need to be addressed. Bureaucrats should be equipped with tools to resist temptation in an environment where political loyalty is privileged over competence. They are expected to do the right thing even when it's not easy They should up hold the highest professional and ethical standards and understand the high expectations Pakistan has inherited the public has from them.

August in history However, accord-



Vankw ani

Being a student of history, whenever I get some free time in my daily socio-political activities, I try to study various important events that have played a key role in changing the course of human history. One of the major events of the previous century is the Second World War. The massive casualties, huge destruction and other horrific losses have not yet been accu-

estimated.However, the dropping nuclear bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th of August, 1945 resulted in low ering the morale of the Japanese leadership, and then on August 15, the Japanese emperor officially announced the surrender.

As soon as Japan accepted defeat, major changes in world history began to take place. Several new countries began to emerge on the world map, and independence movements gained momentum in various colonial countries including British

Lord Mountbatten, the last viceroy of the British Empire, who also served as a naval officer in the World War, was appointed with a one-

point agenda to divide allies spent billions of

ing to some historians, he was interested in making the Second

Dr Ramesh Kumar

sides of the border on any resistance. the occasion of Parti-The question is sometimes raised: when both countries achieved independence together at the same time, why is it that Pakistan celebrates its Indepen-15? In this regard, BBC that no one was cont e l y the first year of indepen-

Similarly, I remember that on August 18, 2008, former president Pervez Musharraf announced his resigna-There is no doubt

that Musharraf was one of the most powerful rul- Gen Ziaul Haq and the ers of Pakistan, but the then US ambassador to political will, wisdom and courage demon- air accident is still an strated by the PPP is indeed a golden chapter of the tireless struggle to social changes that took strengthen democracy in the country and empower the people as the source of power.

Two years ago, in the month of August, a endary major change in our region took place in the form of the return of the in golden words in our Taliban to Kabul. Un- national political hisdoubtedly, the United tory. States and the Western TheNews

dollars in Afghanistan in twenty years, with a hope that the trained Afghan security agencies will counter the ad-World War victory more vancement of the memorable by announc- Taliban. However, by the ing to divide India on start of August 2021, the August 15. The conse- Taliban had taken conquences of this decision trol of the rural districts, of the viceroy had to be and finally on August borne by millions of in- 15th, they reached the nocent people on both capital Kabul without

This year, the Taliban regime in Afghanistan announced a public holiday on the 15th of August to mark the second anniversary of its return to power. On the completion of two years, the white dence Day on August flags of the Islamic Emir-14 and India on August ate of Afghanistan were hoisted all over the Urdu, in its investiga- country. In my view, tive reports, disclosed when the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan fused about Pakistan's in the nineties, the west-Independence Day in ern border of Pakistan became secure. Unfortunately, today the situation is quite different and complicated.

In our national history, the 17th of the month of August is also important in the sense that on this day in 1988, the death of president Pakistan in a mysterious unsolved mystery. The effects of the

place at the state level in our society during his era can still be felt today. In this regard, the courageous role of legleader Ben azir Mohtarma Bhutto is worth writing

Justice Maqbool says: Caretaker cabinet to be selected soon

Caretaker Sindh Chief Mohammad Ali Jinnah," he Minister Justice (retd) said. Maqbool Baqar on Friday said that he would select a small cabinet for which he has started meetings and consultation, but the effort cabinet. "In the first phase is to induct the cabinet at

This he said while talking to the media at Mazar-e-Quaid where he laid a wreath and offered

that he was grateful to caretaker cabinet. Almighty Allah who gave him an opportunity to question, Justice Baqar serve the people of the said that rule of law, province for a short time. "I am keen to play my part to contribute to the prerequisites for the realization of the dream of improvement

(APP): Q u a i d - e - A z a m governance and

To a question, the caretaker chief minister said that he has started meetings to select his a few names [for caretaker ministers] would be selected and then the process would be completed in the second," he said and added he was trying to select well-Caretaker CM said reputed people for his

> Replying to conviction, commitment

government system. How it would be achieved is the question to which he replied 'by following the constitution'

To a question about delaying the general election, Justice Baqar said that we should avoid being sceptical. "It is premature to develop such an argument let the process start," he said and added it was the responsibility of the election commission to determine to hold the general election, and the caretaker government was bound to facilitate them, but he assured that he would not be a part of any unconstitutiona



LAHORE: A delegation led by Ms. Jingmin Huang, Director of Water and Urban Development Sector Office of Asian Development Bank in a group photo with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

cover which weighs 10 to

12 kilograms was available

for Rs 3500 in the market,

ready in the factory for Rs

2700 and its weight will be

35 kg.He said that 150

given to every UC without

discrimination and this

process will be started

from Monday. He said that

all parties should work

together to make this city

better and everyone should

work together, he said that

the people of Karachi do

not want their water to be

stolen, so tough decisions

have to be made.In

response to a question,

Mayor Karachi said that

the black sheep in the

water board will not be

have been registered

The agreement was

Speaking on the

aimed to increase the

efficiency of the Center and

prevention of extremism in

the light of international

occasion, Secretary Higher

said that the KP Center of

Excellence on Countering

first center of excellence of

in the fight against

Deputy Speaker National

Assembly Faisal Karim

Kundi said that KP was

currently facing critical

issues including extremism

to reconsider its foreign

Afghanistan for peace in

the region, adding that

such interactions should be

held regularly to combat

He said Pakistan has

towards

PPP leader and former

day-long Education Anila Durrani

'If any police officer found involved in water theft, he will face action'; Mayor

Karachi Barrister Murtaza rings and slabs. A manhole Wahab said that he is in touch with the higher authorities of the police and if any police officer is the same cover will be found involved in water theft and action will be taken against him.

He expressed these manhole covers will be views while addressing the event organized under the auspices of Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation.

Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, People's Party Parliamentary Leader in the City Council Najmi Alam, Mayor Karachi Spokesperson for Political Karamullah Waqasi, District Central General Secretary Dil Muhammad, Chairman of various UCs, CEO, MD Board Syed Salahuddin, Chief said that we will take action Officer again in Janjal Goth, and he Asadullah Khan and other will stand with the officials, officers were also present so far more than 30 FIRs on the occasion.

The water board has against the water thieves come up with a solution and we are working and that they will produce fighting with the mafia.

PESHAWAR (APP): The

speakers at an international

conference here Friday

called for chalking out and

implementing long term

strategies and projects to

counter extremism in

conference was organized

Durrani, former Deputy

Assembly Faisal Karim

Kundi, former DIG CTD

and Executive Director of

Engagement and Resilience

Fund from Geneva Khalid

occasion, a memorandum

of understanding was

signed between the

Geneva-based Global

Community Engagement

conference as speakers. On

by the KP Centre of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Violent Extremism.

Speakers stress for long

term strategies, projects to

counter extremism in KP

Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism is the

Education Anila Mahfouz would act as a think tank

National

Community

Kausar attended the and climate change.

Secretary Higher its kind in South Asia and

Court allows Ahad Cheema to travel abroad

LAHORE (APP): An accountability court on Friday allowed caretaker prime minister's Advisor Ahad Khan Cheema to travel abroad.

Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani passed the orders while allowing an application, filed by Ahad Khan Cheema for the purp os e.

Ahad through the application, submitted that he wanted to go to Australia on a week-long visit and pleaded with the court to grant permission in this

The National Accountability Bureau had filed two references including Ashiana Iqbal Housing and assets beyond means, against Ahad

able to work with him.He May-9 vandalsim: ATC extends judicial remand of 29 PTI workers

LAHORE (APP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Friday extended the judicial remand of 29 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers, involved in a May-9 vandalism case, for one day and ordered police to produce them on August 19.

Earlier, the police submitted a report before ATC Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted that the identification process had been completed and the accused were identified. The court was further apprised that the accused were not produced due to law and order situation. At this, the court ext ended judicial remand of the accused for one day and ordered police to produce them on August 19. Sarwar Road police had registered a case against the PTI workers on charges of setting police vehicles on fire near Rahat Bakery in Cantt area, during May-9 riots. Abdul Rehman, Amjad Khan, Muhammad Zahid, Ibrar Ahmad. Muhammad Qasim, Mehmood Arshad Azeem Ali, Manan Muhammad Ahmad.

Adnan, Muhammad extremism and promote and Resilience Fund and Tufail and others were

KARACHI: Pakistani Christians hold a demonstration condemning the recent attack on a Christian area by an angry Muslim mob in Provincial

Governor KP chairs Pakistan Red Crescent Merged area meeting

meeting of Pakistan Red Crescent merged districts Ghulam Ali said. under the Chairmanship of Governor Pakhtunkhwa Ghulam Ali were held here

at Governor House on The meeting was community

attended by the Chairman of the Red Crescent for the erst while tribal districts, Imran Khan, members of the managing committee, Principal Secretary to the Governor, Mazhar Irshad and others. In the meeting, a

overall performance, aims and objectives, community services of Red Crescent District Branch. The meeting also

of 11 members for the managing committee of Pakistan Red Crescent. Pakistan

Crescent is a great name every work.

District (PRCS MDs) performance review meeting in Governor House.

He said the services of Khyber the Red Crescent for suffering humanity were commendable.

The Red Crescent should involve the local humanitarian services, Haji Ghulam A li said.

The Red Crescent should establish strong links with benefactors at the local level, Haji Ghulam Ali further added At the local level

philanthropists and local detailed briefing was communities are help ful presented regarding the for services and cooperation in natural disasters. Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam A li said.

The governor urged approved the nomination the Red Crescent to prepare a list of volunteers at the Tehsil and District level in all the merged Red districts so that each and



LAHORE: Chairman Pakistan Ex -Service Persons Society Lieutenant General (R) Abdul Qayyum addressing press conference along with others at Press Club in Provincial Capital.

Free-of-cost treatment for dengue patients being ensured: Dr Jamal

RAWALPINDI (APP): Friday said that special counters were being established at all the district and tehsil headquarter hospitals for providing free of cost treatment facilities to dengue patients.

Chairing a meeting to review the dengue situation here, he said that people can get a slip for a free checkup by showing their national identity card.

after checking the patient's pulse, fever and blood pressure at such counter, a blood sample will be taken and a CBC blood test would be done.

Caretaker Punjab Minister blood test report and the for Primary and Secondary presence of symptoms, the Healthcare Dr Jamal Nasir dengue patient would be admitted to the hospital for further treatment. Dr Jamal said that

qualified and trained doctor presence was also being ensured for dengue patients at the health facilities.

preventive measures were being taken to control the spread of dengue in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Multan, adding the surveillance for tracing The minister said that larvae had been intensified across Punjab and the relevant commissioners had been assigned the responsibility of monitoring the anti-



KARACHI: Members of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) are holding protest demonstration against killing of Senior Journalist Jan Muhammad Mehar in Sukkur, at Karachi

Police submits a report regarding Hassan in LHC

LAHORE (Online): On the petition filed in the Lahore High Court for the recovery of Hassan Niazi, the nephew of the former prime minister, the police has submitted a report related to Hassan Niazi on the court's order.

The court disposed of the recovery application filed in the light of the police report Justice Sultan Tanveer of Lahore High Court heard the application filed by Hasan Niazi's father Hafeezullah Niazi for the recovery of his son Additional Advocate General Punjab Ghulam Sarwar on Friday.

Additional Advocate General Punjab Ghulam Sarwar Nihang has submitted a one-page written report on behalf of the Punjab Police. In the report, it is said

that Hasan Niazi has been named in the Jinnah House att ack case. Hassan Niazi is among the main accused in the Jinnah House attack case. The accused was handed over to the military for trial, Hasan Niazi's trial will be held in military courts. Petitioner was of the view that Hasan Niazi is beingheld at an unknown location in illegal confinement 'Habs Beja.

Punjab Governor says:

Govt values cooperation of **Asian Development Bank** Punjab in dev. projects

delegation led by Ms. various projects of urban Jingmin Huang, Director of Development Sector Office of Asian Development Bank met Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman here today at Governor House Lahore. In the meeting, ongoing projects in Punjab with the Development Bank were

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali presides over the Pakistan Red Crescent society merged

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the government values the cooperation of Asian Development Bank Punjab in various development

He said that the cooperation of Asian

Two terrorists

arrested from

Gadap Town
KARACHI (APP): The

megalop olis.

According

terrorist activities in KP.

facilities is commendable. Governor Punjab said that the Asian Development Bank's support in upgrading the Bahawalpur Solid Waste Management Company and the project to generate electricity from solid waste is a good project. He further said that Punjab government is willing to initiate sust ainable infrast ructure development program through structural reforms to achieve economic growth and social prosperity in the country with the support of Asian Development

He emphasized that the Asian Development Pakistan's Bank should as sist the local recovery and development government institutions in projects.

LAHORE (Online): A Development Bank in the form of grants for capacity building so that successfully implemented.

that he wants cooperation and collaboration from As ian Develop ment Bank in flood affected areas, health, water management and urban development

Director of Water and Urban Development Sector Jingmin Huang (Ms. Jingmin Huang) said that As ian Development Bank (ADB) is committed to

RPSC seeks inquiry report over refusing of FIR registration by female

Pakistan Rangers Sindh and the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of PESHAWAR (APP): The complaints of two citizens. Police in a joint intelligence Right to Public Services based operation have arrested two allegedly most wanted terrorists affiliated with a proscribed organization Daesh from for Gadap Town area of the

spokesman for Rangers on basic services is the Friday, the arrested were constitutional right of identified as Farmanullah alias Ehtsham and Dawood alias Ameer Sahib. The agencies recovered hand grenades, arms and ammunition from the possession of the accused. Accused Farmanullah was a very active member of ISIS who was wanted for his involvement in several

on Friday ordered the Bajaur Police to submit an inquiry report within 14 FIR. refusing registration of an FIR by a female. "Timely access to all

every citizen in the province and negligence of the government officials will not be tolerated in that regard," said Judge Muhammad Asim Imam. The Right to Public

Services Commission heard the complaint of two Asim Imam heard the while hearing the case.

A female citizen from Commission (RPSC) here Bajaur had applied to the commiss ion that the police were not registering her

The woman was heard online through a video call. Muhammad Asim Imam issued orders to the police to complete the inquiry within 14 days and a report of the matter should be submitted commission. Similarly, a citizen from Swabi had applied to the commission against the police regarding the property, on which Judge Mohammad Asim citizens. Commissioner Imam advised the citizen to RPSC Judge Muhammad approach the civil court



talk ing to media persons at Mazar-e-Quaid in Provincial Ćapital.

Bid to smuggle four leopard skins foiled, four poachers arrested

PESHAWAR (APP): The Wildlife Department of Khy ber Pakhtunkhwa has foiled a bid to smuggle four skins of rare snow leopard and arrested four poachers on Hazara Expressway on

"The seizure and arrest came in the wake of prior information about smuggling of skins to Islamabad from Hazara," informs Sardar Nawaz SDFO Wildlife Department Abbotabad.

receiving information, checking was started on Hazara Havelian road during which the four smugglers were arrested along with preserved skins of snow leopards.

The recovered skins included one large and three small, apparently of a mother and three of her cubs, adds Sardar Nawaz.

Initial investigation revealed that the smugglers were bringing these skins from Ghizer district of Gilgit Baltistan for taking it to Islamabad, SDFO told media men. The seized skins were purchased by smugglers at a price of Rs 3 million and had to sell it in Islamabad.

Chairman ATP urges Interim govt to take pragmatic measures for removing public miseries

Party (ATP), Muhammad Faiq Shah has urged the stability in the country. caretaker government to Apart

conducting elections in a free, fair and transparent manner, Shah said the interim government should focus on the people's issues. He stressed that

timely elections are vital to flourish democracy in the country and delay in this regard will be proved detrimental.

He said all resources should be utilized to make the next general elections fair so that no one will raise questions impartiality of the electoral exercise.

Faiq held the previous provision coalition government unprecedented authorities responsible for elevating and powers to people.

the public's problems. chairing a meeting here at

PESHAWAR (APP): caretaker government Chairman Amun Taraqqi should also focus on maintenance of peace and

He said peace is vital take pragmatic measures to for economic prosperity remove the public's and development. He said miseries and to refrain all requirements of justice from endorsing policies of and law should be fulfilled the previous governments. to make the so ciety a cradle from of peace and eliminate grouping on regional, ethnic and linguistic grounds

Chairman ATP said special incentives should be announced for traders and industries to improve the country's ailing economy, trade and export. Shah said economic

policies should be framed with consultation with the business community. He reminded that his

party was carrying out a vigorous campaign for the public rights and justice, vowing that the struggle will be contained till

The party leader said The party chief while political, social and economic justice and the party's central office public authority is our on Friday said the manifesto and agenda.

Friday visited the Federal

Board of Revenue (FBR)

Headquarters and held a

FBR Malik Amjed Zubair

performance of FBR.

Secretary Finance Imdad Ullah Bosal and

senior officers from FBR

and the finance ministry

also attended the meeting,

said a news release issued

Chairman FBR gave a

detailed presentation to the

minister about the revenue

collection performance of

FBR including the assigned targets for the current

financial year 2023-24 and

the strategy to achieve

them.He informed that

FBR has collected Rs 7169

billion against a target of Rs

7200 billion in the previous

The chairman further

financial y ear.

During the meeting,

collection

Shamshad chairs meeting

to review revenue collection

performance of FBR

Effective policies key to achieve \$100bn export targets: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Replying to a question, the minister said the Prime Minister has sectors," Minister Ejaz Industry Gohar Ijaz said on chosen a well-versed team Friday that the government that will succeed in the will work hard to increase mission of holding free and Pakistan's exports to more fair general elections in the than \$100 billion for country.

he stressed that the understanding of the country needs to work crucial functions and hard to catch up with the responsibilities entrusted emerging economies in the to the Commerce Division world, adding, the country and Industry. is presently facing big With economic challenges, but approach, they are not bigger than our Minister Gohar Ejaz has capabilities and resolve to overcome them.

He further said that the agricultural, industrial and textile sectors can play an important role in exports, reducing imports and his commitment to achieving sustainable fortifying the nation's economic growth in the economic prowess. "I am

sustainable economic growth and development. In a comprehensive briefing, Mr. Ejaz was Talking to PTV news, provided with a thorough

> With a visionary Commerce set forth ambitious goals for his tenure.

> determination is aimed at propelling domestic exports to an impressive 80 billion dollars, reflecting

affirmed.

Addressing the challenges that loom in the commercial Minister Dr. Gohar Ejaz expressed his dedication to tackling complexities head-

He aimed to swiftly steer state enterprises towards profitability, demonstrating adeptness at strategic decision-making in the pursuit of economic

prosperity.

In a bid to foster innovation and industry growth, Gohar Ejaz revealed his plans to launch flagship projects within the Special Economic Zone, with a specific focus on the garments sector.

These initiatives are poised to stimulate stead fast in my resolve to economic activity.

Railways Minister

vows to ensure

passengers' safety

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Federal Minister for

Railways Captain ®

Friday vowed to ensure the

safety of the passengers and the best facilities

during train travels.

The Minister shared

the remarks after taking

charge of his office said.

Officials of the Ministry

of Railways were present

Federal Secretary Railways Syed Mazhar Ali

Shah briefed the Minister

on the administrative and

operational functions of

Ministry staff to take all

He directed the

on the occasion.

the Railways.



Gohar Ejaz is being briefed at the Ministry of Industries and Production.

Dr Umar Saif takes charge as IT Minister, commits to propel ICT exports beyond \$10 bln

ISLAM ABAD (APP): The minister said Caretaker Federal Minister increase in the ICT exports Technology, Telecommunication, Science & Technology Dr employments to skilled Umar Saif on Friday people, as well as the desire expressed his commitment to fully digitize all the to propel the IT exports beyond \$10 billion and lead a nationwide digitalization

fully implement the Digital Pakistan Vision and further promoting the of IT stakeholders on board in

Shahid Ashraf Tarar on Price Indicator (SPI), data. As compared to the

group during the week

ended on August 17, Pakistan Bureau of

Statistics (PBS) reported

The SPI for the week

on Friday.

Weekly inflation

up by 0.78 percent

ISLAM ABAD (APP): as compared to 273.43

The weekly inflation, points during the past measured by the Sensitive week, according to the PBS

witnessed an increase of corresponding week of last

0.78 percent for the year, the SPI for the

combined consumption combined consumption

mentioned group was items for all expenditure recorded at 275.57 points groups.

Information could help stabilise the economy and in the provision of decent government and semigovernment departments,

Addressing the Earlier on his arrival ministry officers after at the ministry, Dr Umar assuming the charge, he Saif, who took oath as said," My priorities are to minister on Thursday, was received by Secretary IT Navid Ahmed Shaikh along with other senior officers. (information technology) & He was introduced to all the telecommunication sectors. officers and staff of the We will take all the ministry. Later he was given a detailed briefing about the completed,

group in the week under

review witnessed an

and organizations of the

ongoing, and future projects of the IT Ministry.
Dr Umar Saif said as

per the Constitution of Pakistan responsibilities powers of the caretaker government were limited, as its main objective was to conduct free, fair and impartial general elections.

However, monitoring and taking care of the important ministerial affairs were also necess ary during the period, he added. DrUmar Saif is a very well-reputed and known figure in the world of ICT. He is the first Pakistani to receive a PhD in Computer Science from Cambridge University at the age of $2\overline{3}$.

107 points

The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Friday shed 107.34 points, a negative change of 0.22 per cent, closing at 48,218.50 points against 48,325.84 points

traded during the day as compared to 48,146.44 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 10.414 billion against Rs 10.021 billion on

PSX loses

ISLAM ABAD (APP): the previous trading day.

total of 254,814,045 shares were





Director General, BE&OE beneficiary's Akram Ali Khowaja accounts, it claimed.

As the outgoing risks involved in using workers are required to register with PE Offices across Pakistan; therefore, the program presents an programs and schemes as excellent opportunity, on well as banks' products ongoing basis, to educate outgoing workers for using formal channels for sending Executive Director remittances back home and SBP Akhtar Javed and opening their own and their



Pakistan-Italy trade witnesses over 97%

Pakistan's goods and 2023. services trade with Italy witnessed a surplus of 97.11 percent during the

Italy were recorded at US \$1151.448 million during July-June (2022-23) against exports of US \$1087.434 million during July-June (2021-22),

On a year-to-year basis, the exports to Italy witnessed a decrease of 18.57 percent from \$121.101 million in June

ISLAM ABAD (APP): apprised that all efforts will Caretaker Federal M inister be made to meet this year's for Finance and Revenue collection target of Rs 9415 Shamshad Akhtar on

Chairman FBR also informed the minister about the procedural meeting with Chairman improvements being made to simplify the process of Tiwana, Members of the paying taxes in order to Board to review the facilitate the taxpayers.

He also gave an update on important initiatives of FBR including the Broadening of Tax Base, Track and Trace System, and Point of Sale System whereby efforts are afoot to further The finance minister

emphasized devising strategies to further enhance the tax-to-GDP ratio and broaden the tax base to maximize revenue collection.

She also called for finding innovative ways to tax the untaxed sectors. The minister stressed on making all-out efforts to achieve the ongoing year's revenue collection target.



welcoming the Caretaker Federal Minister for Railways, Capitan (R) Shahid Ashraf Tarar at Ministry of Railways.

Sensitization program on remittances for workers going abroad launched

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BE&OE) jointly launched on Friday the Pre-Departure Briefing
Program to sensitize
workers going abroad about
the Pre-Departure Briefing
banks, said a statement
issued here. workers going abroad about the process of sending government and banks.

sending remittances, assist them in opening bank accounts, especially joint accounts, highlight the informal channels and up date outgoing workers government's about related to home remitt ances.

The Pre-Departure remittances to home and Briefing Program, relevant schemes by the developed by Pakistan Remittance Initiative (PRI) The program will be in collaboration with organized in all Bureau of Emigration and Protectorate of Emigrants Overseas Employment (PE) Offices across (BE&OE) and banks, is Pakistan to educate considered the key intending overseas workers initiative for domestic about formal channels for outreach for educating outgoing workers to use formal channels for sending home remittances.



at his workplace.

surplus during FY 2023

ISLAM ABAD (APP): of \$98.601 million in June fiscal year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Trade surp lus during the period under review was recorded at \$624.518 million against \$316.995 million last year, showing

97.11 percent growth.
The overall exports to

showing growth of 5.88 percent, SBP data revealed. 2022, against the exports by 44.56 percent.

Meanwhile, on a

month-on-month basis, the exports to Italy also dipped by 2.76 percent during June 2023 as compared to the exports of \$101.400 million in May

Overall Pakistan's exports to other countries witnessed a decline of 14.09 percent during the fiscal year under review, from US \$ 32.492 billion to US \$ 27.911 billion.

On the other hand, the imports from Italy into the country during the period under review was recorded at US \$ 526.930 million against US \$770.439 million last year, showing a decline of 31.60 percent in July-June (2022-23).

On a year-on-year basis, the import for Italy witnessed also decreased

to Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali on his first day in Office. **Nuclear power plants** may help overcome energy crisis: PCJCCI

Moazzam Ghurki said on Friday that electricity power plants could help overcome energy cris is.

Talking to the media here, he said that global warming was causing gradual depletion of nonenergy such as oil, gas and coal. This situation was compelling

for energy production plants, which was not only safer, cheaper and effective both reliance. He said that reliable and cheaper options, Pakistan too turned its and also increasing focus on producing energy awareness amongst the through its nuclear power common masses.

have agreed to join hands

agricultural endeavours

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effort is aimed at

strengthening research,

development, and capacity-building

This collaborative

SAU, UNFAO agree to

further develop Sindh and

Balochistan agri sectors

HYDERABAD (APP): comprising faculty

Sindh Agriculture members and directors University (SAU) Tando and led by the Vice

Jam and United Nation Chancellor Dr. Fateh

Food and Agriculture Marri visited the UNFAO

Organization (UNFAO) office, where the

to promote shared progress and advancement in of UNFAO Sindh office.

Baluchistan regions, so for its support to Sindh

community of backward Tandojam. He outlined the

areas can improve their varsity's achievements and

programmes within the organizations share the

through emphasized

security.

delegation was engaged

commended the UNFAO

institution's research

priority areas, designed to

address challenges posed

by climate change and food

Dr Marri said both

farming Agriculture University,

Prof. Dr. Fateh Marri

LAHORE (APP): Pak- plants (NPPs) - such as China Joint Chambers of Karachi Nuclear Power Commerce and Industry Plants (having the capacity President of 1100MW each), the Chasma-1 (325MW), the Chasma-2 (325MW), the generation through nuclear Chasma-3 (350MW), and the Chasma-4 (350MW) under the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards. "Recently our government has signed an MoU for a renewable sources of 1200-MW unit 5 of the Chashma nuclear power plant, which is being built by China National Nuclear countries including most of Corporation (CNNC). the European states to These NPPs would not electricity production but Ghurki said that also help save billions of many of them were opting US dollars that Pakistan was currently spending for through nuclear power running other sources of

ISLAMABAD: Officials of Petroleum division giving an overview of sector

energy. There is a need for but also supports self- government on such feasible,

reconsider their energy only increase the country's possible measures for the convenience of passengers. Shahid instructed the department concerned to conduct an audit and assessment educating the regarding the safety of passengers and submit a report within seven days.

The federal minister stated that Main Line-I is an important and strategic project for Pakistan that will revamp the railway sector and generate more revenue for the department.

Rupee sheds 86 paisa against **US Dollar**

ISLAM ABAD (APP) Pakistani rupee on Friday witnessed an 86-paisa devaluation against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 295.77 against the previous

day's closing of Rs 294.91 However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 301.5 and Rs

303.8 respectively. The price of the Euro increased by 85 paisa to close at Rs 321.60 against the last day's closing of Rs 320.75, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

The Japanese Yen went up by 02 paisa and closed at Rs 2.03.



ISLAMABAD: Aplant full of Dates at melody area in the federal capital.

KARACHI: Traders hold protest against increasing petrol price. PTA, PITB inaugurate Lahore IXP to boost digital connectivity

Authority (PTA) and Internet Society (ISOC), Technology Board (PITB) Information on Friday marked a historic milestone with the Internet Exchange Point remotely.

ceremony was held at Arfa insightful speeches from Software Technology Park (ASTP) with esteemed emphasizing the IXP's government officials, vital stakeholders

LAHORE (APP): The Providers (ISPs) in P a k i s t a n attendance. International Telecommunication stakeholders namely Information Asia Pacific Network (APNIC) and Japan Registry Services (JPRS) inauguration of the Lahore attended the event

The launch event The inauguration featured presentations and key industry figures, leaders, potential to enhance digital infrastructure and support and the growth of Pakistan's

prominent Internet Service internet economy. Efforts underway to implement Digital Pakistan Vision: Chairman PEC

Engineering Council (PEC), Engr. Muhammad Najeeb Haroon has said that the government was working on 'Digital Pakistan Vision' to enhance the digital economy footprint to spur economic prosperity and public empowerment.

Engineering Council held at said. under convenorship.

ISLAMABAD (APP): that telecommunication Chairman Pakistan was playing a vital role in He was speaking at conduct the increased the first session of Joint number of economic Leadership Forum of transactions in the Telecom and Pakistan expanded economy, they

The participants PEC said that the briefly discussed the government recognized the importance of Telecom Sector in Pakistan and said

the development of a country. It provides the prime services that an economy needs for rapid growth, development and modernization. As the economy grows, the demand for telecom services increases to

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman government recognized the growth of IT and telecommunication

Ministry of Finance released Fiscal **Operation** report 2022-23

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Ministry of Finance has released Fiscal Operation report 2022-23. According to report, the Pakistan's budget deficit reached 7.7% of GDP in 2022-23.

Total revenue collection from July 2022 to June 2023 remained RS 9633 billion.

According to Ministry of Finance, 16154 billion rupees were spent in the last financial year and there was difference of 6521 billion between rupees exp enditure and income. It has been told in report that the total tax revenue in the last financial year was 7818 billion rupees.

Gold rates up by Rs 300

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs 300 and was sold at Rs 225,300 on Friday compared to its sale at Rs 225,000 on the previous day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 257 to Rs 193,158 from Rs 192,901 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 Karat gold went up to Rs 177,063 from Rs 176,826, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported. The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs 2750 and Rs 2357.68.

X, formerly known as Twit-

discuss the subject with our

Netherlands had recently

asked for those assurances.

The US must approve the

transfer of military jets

from its allies to Ukraine.

tries was due to start train-

ing Ukrainian pilots to fly

the F-16 fighter jets this

month in Denmark.

Denmark's acting Defence

Minister Troels Poulsen

said in July that the coun-

try hoped to see "results"

from the training in early

2024. Nato members Den-

mark and the Netherlands

have been leading interna-

tional efforts to train pilots

A coalition of 11 coun-

Denmark and the

European partners.

US approves sending F-16s

to Ukraine from Denmark

and Netherlands

Monitoring Desk

United States has approved

sending F-16 fighter jets to

Ukraine from Denmark and

the Netherlands to defend

against Russian invaders as

soon as pilot training is

completed, a US official said

sought the US-made F-16

fighter jets to help it

counter Russian air superi-

ority. Washington gave

Denmark and the Nether-

lands official assurances

that the United States will

expedite approval of trans-

fer requests for F-16s to go

to Ukraine when the pilots

are trained, the official said.

Washington's decision to

welcome

said on messaging platform war with Russia.

pave the way for sending as well as support staff,

F-16 fighter jets to maintain aircraft and ulti-Ukraine," Dutch Foreign mately enable Ukraine to

Minister Wopke Hoekstra obtain F-16s for use in its

Taipei mayor to visit

Ukraine has actively

on Thursday.

China's Xi calls for measures to mitigate disastrous flooding amid economic slowdown

Xi Jinping has called for measures to mitigate the effects of this year's disastrous flooding which has left scores dead and inflicted massive damage on crops, homes and infrastructure, including in and

around Beijing. At least 90 rivers have risen above warning levels and 24 have already overflowed their banks, according to state media, threatening a vast area in northeastern China with flooding, including the Songliao Basin north of the capital, which encompasses more than 1.2 million square kilometers (482,200 square miles) with a population of almost 100 million. "As China is still in the main flood season, rainstorms, floods, typhoons and other

disasters still occur fre-

quently in many places of Thursday's meeting of the across the country," the Xinhua News Agency said, buro Standing Committee summarizing conclusions presided over by Xi.

China's Xi to attend BRICS leaders' meeting, visit South Africa

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BEIJING: China's President Xi Jinping will attend the BRICS leaders' meeting and visit South Africa on Aug. 21-24, the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement on Friday. Leaders from the five BRICS countries of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa meet in Johannesburg next week from Aug. 22 to discuss how to turn a loose club of nations accounting for a quarter of the global economy into a geopolitical force that can challenge the West's dominance in world affairs.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who faces an international arrest warrant over alleged war crimes in Ukraine, will dial in by video call instead of attending in person. Expansion is expected to be high on the agenda, as some 40 nations have shown interest in joining, either formally or informally, according to South Africa. They include Saudi Arabia, Argentina and Egypt.



Military personnel arrive at the headquarters of the Ghana Armed Forces as the ECOWAS Committee of Chiefs of Defense staff meet on the deployment of its standby force in the Republic of Niger, in Accra, Ghana.

Ukrainian drone damages building in Moscow disrupting air traffic, Russia says

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: A Ukrainian

drone smashed into a building in central Moscow on Friday after Russian air defences shot it down, disrupting air traffic at all the civilian airports of the Russian capital, Russian officials said.

A Reuters witness who was in the area described hearing "a powerful explosion". Reuters images showed workers and emergency workers inwhich the drone hit.

The Russian defence ministry and Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said there were no casualstroyed a drone which then fell on a non-residential building of Moscow's Expo Center complex in the early hours of Friday.

The Expo Center is a

large spread of exhibition pavilions and multi-pur-

from the Kremlin. "At about 4 am Moscow time, the Kyiv regime launched another terrorist att ack using an unmanned aerial vehicle on objects located in Moscow and the Moscow region," the Russian defence ministry said.

There was no imme-

pose halls, fewer than 5 ki-

lometers (3.1 miles) away

diate comment from Kviv Air-traffic was briefly specting a damaged roof of suspended at four major a non-residential building airports around the capital - Vnukovo. Domodedovo. Sheremet y evo and Zhukovsky - though later

they reopened. Russia's air transport ties after air defences de- agency said seven flights were redirected to alternative airports.

> Drone air strikes deep inside Russia have increased since a drone was destroyed over the Krem

UN suspends services in Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon over gunmen inside its facilities

Monitoring Desk

BEIRUT: The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees says it has decided to suspend all of its services in Lebanon's largest refugee camp on Friday in protest against the presence of gunmen in its facilities.

went into effect shortly before noon Friday at the Ein el-Hilweh refugæ camp near the southern port city of Sidon. Services will resume Saturday, UN RWA said. Days of street battles took place in the camp between the Fatah group of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and two Islamic militant groups, Jund al Shamand Shabab al Muslim. The clashes broke out on July 30, after Fatah accused its rivals of shooting dead a senior Fatah military official.

The fighting killed at least 13 people, injured dozens and caused millions of

dollars' of damage in the camp, according to UNRWA officials. Lebanese security forces don't operate inside the refugee camps, where security is in the hands of Palestinian factions who often compete for clout.

UNRWA said in its UNRWA's decision statement Friday that armed fighters are still present in its facilities, including schools. It added that UNRWA reiterates its call on armed actors to immediately vacate its facilities, "to ensure unimpeded delivery of much-needed assistance to refugees."

UNRWA said it "does not tolerate actions that breach the inviolability and neutrality of its installations." It added that schools are unlikely to be available for 3,200 children at the start of the new school year given repeated violations and significant damage reported.

'Nuclear' material found in search at Australian home **Monitoring Desk**

SYDNEY: Australia's border police raided a home in the south of Sydney on Thursday, finding what local media described as 'nuclear isotopes".

The home, in the suburb of Arncliffe, was the target of an early morning raid and remains cordoned off with tape warning of a toxic, nuclear or biological hazard inside.

The small brownbrick apartment building was cut off from the road by red and yellow tape saying "Contaminated area do not enter — hot zone"

Local commercial broadcaster Channel 10 reported that mercury and uranium isotopes were found inside, while the Daily Telegraph said officers had found nuclear isotopes. The Australian Border Force (ABF) would not confirm media reports about the presence of radioactive material at or near the

property.
"The ABF can confirm it is conducting an operation today in Arncliffe, New South Wales, with the sup port of... emergency ser-

UK tribunal to hear Saima Mohsin's case against CNN

Monitoring Desk LONDON: An unfair dismissal case filed by British Pakistani journalist Saima Mohsin against CNN will be heard by a tribunal in the UK, the journalist confirmed this week.

She tweeted, "I won! I won the hearing against CNN Employment Trib-unal will hear my case on unfair dismissal #disability discrimination &

#equalpay in London."

Ms Mohsin, who now works for Sky News, was left differently-abled after an accident while reporting from Jerusalem on the Israel-Palestine conflict in 2014.



People gather outside a building after a strong earthquake shook Colombian capital Bogota, prompting evacuations of offices and restaurants, in Bogota, Colombia.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un tours typhoon-affected farms in Anbyon County, North Korea, in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

US slams North Korea for using repression to build nuclear weapons

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: The United States slammed North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the United Nations on Thursday for using "repression and cruelty" and totalitarian rule to unlawfully develop nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

peace without human rights," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, told the Security Council, which met to publicly for the first time since 2017 to discuss human rights it has been under U.N. abuses in North Korea.

pressive, totalitarian control of society – and the sy stemic, widespread denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms ensures the regime can expend inordinate public resources developing its unlawful WMD and ballistic missile programs, with-"We cannot have out public objection," she

North Korea (DPRK) has repeatedly rejected accusations of abuses and blames sanctions for a dire humanitarian situation. Since 2006 sanctions over its ballistic

"Kim Jong Un's re- missiles and nuclear programs, but there are aid exemptions.

China said it opposed the public meeting of the 15-member council on abuses in North Korea, but it did not attempt to block it on Thursday. China failed four times between 2014 and 2017 to stop public meetings on the issue. "The council should play a constructive role in resuming talk and easing tensions," China's Deputy U.N. Ambassador Geng Shuang told the meeting, which was requested by the United States, Albania and Japan.

Red Cross set to end funding at 25 hospitals across Afghanistan

Monitoring Desk KABUL: THE International Committee of the Alcantara, ICRC's spokes-Red Cross (ICRC) is likely to end the financial running of 25 Afghan hospitals by the end of August due to funding constraints, a spokesperson said, amid growing concerns over a plunge in aid to Afghani-

"Although we continue to engage with government ministries, donors, and organisations to find alternative sustainable support mechanisms for the hospital sector, the phaseout of the Hospital Programme is expected to pected to decrease

happen tentatively at the end of August," Diogo person for Afghanistan, said. "The ICRC does not have the mandate nor the resources to maintain a fully functioning public health-care sector in the longer term," Alcantara

In April, ICRC said its governing board approved 430 million Swiss francs (\$475.30m) in cost reductions over 2023 and early 2024 and a rolling back of operations in some locations as budgets for humanitarian aid were ex-

UN rights chief says Niger president treason case has 'no legal basis'

Monitoring Desk legal basis for Niger's mili-Bazoum for high treason, saying the "very notion of freedoms" in the country was at stake.

The military junta, which seized power in a coup last month, said it would prosecute Bazoum for high treason over his exchanges with foreign heads of state and international organisations.

GENEVA: The United Nations human rights chief on Friday said there was no

tary junta to prosecute de-posed president Mohamed

China as tensions simmer with Taiwan **Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: The mayor of Taipei will visit Shanghai at the end of this month for

an annual city forum, his office said on Friday, a trip that will take place against the backdrop of frozen ties between the Taiwanese and Chinese governments.

While China has refused to speak to Taiwan's government since President Tsai Ing-wen took office in 2016, believing she is a separatist, city-to-city exchanges had continued until interrupted by the

COVID-19 pandemic. Still, Tsai's administration has cautiously been trying to reopen less sensitive people-to-people links since it lifted pandemic-related border controls late last year, aiming to engender goodwill with China. and a group of Shanghai officials made a low-key visit to Taipei in February.

Taipei Mayor Chiang Wan-an, from the main opposition party the of platform," Chia Kuomintang, which tradi-reporters in Taipei.

tionally favours close relations with China, will go to Shanghai on Aug. 29-31 for the Taip ei-Shanghai City Forum, which was first held in 2010.

The Taipei city government said Chiang, a rising Kuomintang star, would lead the delegation to the forum, the theme of which this year is "new trends, new development'

The Kuomintang has pushed to resume contacts with China since pandemic controls were lifted, saying that dialogue was needed now more than ever given the tensions over Taiwan.

China, which claims the island as its territory, has been carrying out military activities near Taiwan, including regularly sending fighter jets into the air space around it. "When the situation across the Taiwan Strait is tense, we have a need even more for communication and exchanges, and the two cities forum can be that kind of platform," Chiang told

UN says it will block road construction that would encroach on a buffer zone in divided Cyprus

breakawav Turkish Cvpriots of a road that would encroach on a U.N.-controlled buffer zone and likely raise tensions on the Mediterranean island nation.

The world body plans to "block or frustrate construction of the road by non-violent means," said Aleem Siddique, spokes-man for the U.N. peacekeeping force, known as UNFICYP. The road would violate the forces' mandate of maintaining the status quo inside the buffer zone. he added.

Work began earlier in the day on the road to connect the village of Arsos in the Turkish Cypriot north with the mixed Greek Cypriot-Turkish Cypriot village of Pyla, just south of the buffer zone and inside the Greek Cypriot south, where the island's internationally recognized government is seated

Turkish Cypriots direct NICO SIA: The U.N. mis- access to Pyla by circumsion in ethnically divided venting a checkpoint on the Cyprus said Thursday it fringes of a British military will block construction by base, one of two bases that the U.K. retained after Cyprus gained independence from British colonial rule in 1960. Greek Cypriots per-

ceive the road construction as a move with a military purpose at a sensitive spot along the buffer zone spanning 180 kilometers (120 miles). Maintaining the status

quo of the buffer zone is enshrined in the U.N. mission's mandate since 1974, when Turkey invaded in the wake of a coup mounted by Greek juntabacked supporters of union

The U.N. says there have been numerous infringements of the buffer zone by both sides over the years. But this road construction is seen as "an attempt at a very serious violation of the status quo," according to Cyprus gov-The road would give Constantinos Letymbiotis.

Rights group and UN experts single out Sudanese paramilitary with accusations of sexual violence

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: A leading rights

group and U.N. experts accused Sudan's powerful paramilitary of sexual violence and attacks on women in the restive western Darfur region as the African country entered its fifth month of conflict.

Sudan plunged into chaos in mid-April, when months of simmering tensions between the military and its rival, the Rapid Support Forces, or RSF, exploded into open fighting.

Human Rights Watch said the paramilitary group apparently targeted women and girls in the western Darfur region of non-Arab ethnicity, as well as activists recording human rights abuses during the conflict. The New York-based

watchdog said it had documented 78 victims of rape between April 24 and June 26.

U.N. officials warned in June that the fighting in Darfur has taken an ethnic dimension, with the RSF

Darfur was the scene of genocidal war in the early 2000s, when state-backed Arab militias known as the Janiaweed were accused of widespread killings, rapes

and other atrocities. The

Janjaweed later evolved

into the RSF.

African communities

Several victims, who had fled Darfur for neighboring Chad, told HRW they were targeted because they were from the African

Massalit community or because they were activists reporting on the conflict. At least one victim said she was pregnant after being raped by a paramilitary member. In the report, the rights group stated it spoke with nine women and one girl who said they had all been victims of rape, four by multiple men. HRW also spoke with four women who witnessed sexual assaults as well as five service providers, including medical workers, who assisted victims in the West and allied militias targeting Darfur capital of Geneina.

US court Bungalows, cars seized in Singapore's billion-dollar swoop on money laundering

Monitoring Desk

SINGAPORE: Singapore's police said they have seized \$\$1 billion (\$734.32 million) in assets from a gang of foreigners laundering proceeds from organised crime, including plush bungalows in the most soughtafter addresses, bundles of cash, luxury cars, jewellery, handbags and gold bars.

In one of its biggest money-laundering cases, police said 400 officers fanned out across Singapore on Tuesday and launched simultaneous raids on residences across the city-state. from the Orchard Road shopping belt to the resort found hiding in a drain.

People line up outside of a local school to register to be evacuated, as wildfires

The raids on at least nine locations netted assets totalling a staggering S\$1bn, police said. These included 94 properties, bank accounts with S\$110m, 50 vehicles, stacks of cash amounting to more than S\$23m, hundreds of luxury handbags and watches, fistfuls of jewellery and two

At least 10 foreigners aged between 31 and 44 were arrested, including one man who jumped out of the second-floor balcony of his neighbourhood and was

Woman held for threatening judge presiding Trump case

Monitoring Desk HOUSTON: A Texas

woman was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly making racially charged death threats against the Black federal judge presiding over former US president Donald Trump's conspiracy case for trying to overturn the 2020 election, court documents showed.

On August 5, Abigail Shry left a phone message at the Washington offices of US Judge Tany a Chutkan that included threats on her life, according to a complaint filed by an agent of the Department

of Homeland Security.

woman from Alvin, Texas called Chutkan a "stupid black slave" and said "You are in our sights, we want to kill you," according to the document filed with a federal court in the southern district of Texas. "If Trump is not elected in 2024, we are going to kill you, so be careful,"said the defendant, adding that Chutkan's family was also a target. Shry also threatened to kill anyone who persecuted Trump, naming Black lawmaker Sheila Jackson Lee from

Texas, the documents show.

threatened the Northwest Territories town of Yellowknife, Canada. restricts access to abortion pill, ruling on hold **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTŎN: A US federal appeals court on Wednesday imposed restrictions on a widely used abortion pill, but the ruling will remain on hold as the Supreme Court decides whether to hear the case.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals would limit use of mifepristone to the first seven weeks of pregnancy, instead of 10, and block it from being distributed by mail.

Thousands flee wildfires in Canada's far north

dered to flee wildfires adhighway.

Wednesday to evacuate Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories marked the latest chapter of a terrible summer for wildfires in Canada, with tens of thousands of people forced to leave their homes and vast swathes

Monitoring Desk OTTAWA: Thousands or-

vancing on one of the largest cities in Canada's far north crammed into a local airport to board emergency evacuation flights, as convoys snaked south to safety on the only open The order late on

of land scorched.

"No Leniency!"

President enhances penalty upon woman harasser

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi has enhanced the penalty for workplace harassment, imposed up on the Director for Human Resource Management (HRM) in NEPRA, to "dismissal

He held that sending text messages to a female colleague, askingher to stay in the office beyond office hours with an ulterior motive, making unwanted advances, and intimidating her to face dire consequences in case of her refusal to assent to his unethical demands constituted harassment, and

While deciding upon a workplace harassment case, the president in his decision wrote that statements of the complainant, witnesses, CCTV footage, WhatsApp messages, and the email fully established the factum of harassment, President House media wing said in a press release

on Friday. He said that the accused himself had also admitted his guilt by implication and his only grievance before the President was regarding the severity of punishment. "The principle of reasonableness and proportionality demands that the penalty is modified to dismissal as it is commensurate with the gravity of the offence", he added.

The president rejected the representation filed by Ahmad Nadeem (the accused), Director HRM in National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and changed the minor penalty of "withholding two increments" imposed by the Federal Ombudsman for Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace (FOSPAH) to "dismissal from service"

Earlier, a female Office Assistant (the complainant), had filed workplace harassment in NEPRA al-

Khilji says:

PML-N to

remove

Balochistan's

sense of

deprivation

QUETTA (APP): Senior

Vice President of Pakistan

Muslim League (Nawaz)

Suleman Khilji Friday said

the time has come to re-

move the sense of depriva-

taken to strengthen the or-

ganizational structure of the

party," he said while talk-

ing to a delegation of the

party which called on him

The delegation in-cluded Shabbir Rajput,

Muhammad Zaman Lehri,

Naeem Sikandar Khokhar

Mohammad Hasan Rajput, Hazrat Umar Khilji, Shama

Shehzad, Saghran Bibi and

Nawab Sulaiman Khilji said that efforts are

being made to unite and organize the PM L-N in

Assets case:

SC fixes plea

seeking

revocation of

Maryam bail

for hearing

on Aug 22

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Petition seeking revocation

of bail of PM L-N senior

vice president Maryam

Nawaz has been fixed for

hearing in Supreme Court

of SC presided over by

Chief Justice of Pakistan

(CJP) Umar Ata Bandial

will hear the case on Au-

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Balochistan,

leging that the accused used to call her into his office, discussed personal matters, passed comments on her looks, tried to physically approach her, invited her to have lunch and dinner, and used to send unnecessary and inappropriate text mes-

The Internal Harassment Committee (IHC) of NEPRA conducted a detailed inquiry and concluded that the allegations of harassment stood established against the accused and recommended impos-'reduction to a lower post" from Director to Deputy



LAHORE: Chairman Majlis-e-Ulema Pakistan Moulana Abdul Khubair Azad, Arch Bishop Sebastian Francis Shaw, religious scholars and representative of other religion rises hand to show solidarity with each other's and condemn the desecration of the worships place of all religion after joint press conference at Press Club in Provincial Capital.

Sarfraz Bugti says: Citizens' protection is state responsibility

Caretaker interior minister Sarfraz Bugti said Protection is state's first responsibility. Jaranwala incident was shameful and against the teachings of Holy Prophet (S.A.W), he added.

Sarfraz bugti said no group is allowed to do violence and corruption will not be tolerated in any situation. According to details Sarfraz Bugti arrived in interior ministry and officially took over the charge. Interior secretary Syed Ali Murtaza and others paid (s.a.w).

pointed caretaker interior min ister.

Sarfraz Bugti is 47 interior minister of Pakistan. Ministry offered him solute on his arrival into the ministry. Caretaker minster held introductory meeting with senior officers and received briefing on sub-institutes of ministry. On that occasion caretaker interior federal caretaker minister minister Sarfraz Bugti said on that occasion that Jaranwala incident was shameful and against the teaching of Holy Prophet

Solangi meets Marriyum, discusses matters related to Information Ministry

RAWALPINDI (APP): try and the issues related Caretaker Federal Minister to the Ministry of Informafor Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday met with former information minister and Pakistan Muslim League as caretaker information (Nawaz) spokesperson minister. Marriyum Aurangzeb.

residence of former Member National Assembly Tahira Aurangzeb in Rawalpindi, the caretaker information minister discussed with the former information minister the bers overallsituation of the coun- Aurangzeb.

tion and Broadcasting.

Marriyum Aurangzeb congratulated Murtaza Solangi on assuming charge

riyum Aurangzeb. She prayed for him to During a visit to the successfully perform national responsibility as caretaker information minister.

The caretaker information minister Murtaza Solangi also met with the children and family mem-

Parliament to continue it's role in making Pakistan disaster resilient: Raja (NDRMF) for organising

ISLAM ABAD (APP) Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on the important forum of PEDRR-23. He also appre-Friday said the Parliament of Pakistan would continue ciated the experts, speakits role in making the couners and others for their valutry disaster resilient and cliable contributions shared at mate adaptive for a sustaindifferent seminars, and diaable and healthy future for the coming generations. The Speaker National Assembly was addressing to the concluding ceremony of the third-day first ever Pakistan Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 (PEDRR-23). Raja Pervaiz Ashraf in his keynote ad-

dress congratulated the Na-

tional Disaster Manage-

ment Authority (NDM A) and National Disaster Risk

PM grieved

over death of

MQM leader

Kanwar

ISLAM ABAD (APP):

Caretaker Prime Minister

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on

Friday expressed grief over

the death of Muttahida

Qaumi Movement leader

prayed for the peace of the

lah Almighty to grant strength to the bereaved

family to bear the loss with

The prime minister

He also prayed to Al-

Kanwar Naveed Jameel.

departed soul.

equanimity.

logues held during the Expo. He said the NDMA had rightly placed global focus on putting capacity building of vulnerable countries like Pakistan. "The country being among the top ten countries most vulnerable to climate change despite less than one percent of carbon emissions was similar to face the out-

come of what that it had not

scored that the monster monsoon floods of 2022 badly disrupted life in Pakistan whereas the international community was forthcoming in supporting the country. He added that the already ailing economy of Pakistan could not sustain another disaster with inadequate capacity. The National Assembly Speaker said the country realised that national preparedness was more economic than financing post-disaster initiatives. He said, "We must improve technical archiving and knowledge-based decision making for effective



QUETTA: Interim Federal Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugit talking to media after oath taking ceremony of Caretak er Balochistan Chief Minister.

Caretaker FM says Pakistan desirous of cordial relations with entire Int'l community

SLAMABAD Caretaker Minister for For- of the economic developeign Affairs Jalil Abbas Jilani ment of the country, and we has said that Pakistan is de- have completed many desirous of having cordial relations with entire international community including ten years China, the United States. European Union, Turkiye and Arab countries.

In an exclusive talk with Radio Pakistan, he said we want to strengthen our economic relations with these countries as well.

to Pakistan.

(INP): major flagship programme velopment projects under the CPEC during the past The Caretaker Foreign

Minister said we need to further improve our economic policy with focus on improving economic ties with all the countries including regional, and other major important coun-

He said we will also try our level best to further cement our economic ties with the United States, China and the European Union, which are the major



Welfare Association President, Abdul Malik addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press dub.

Jaranwala incident against Islamic teachings;

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intolerance and extremism the most dangerous process in the deterioration of our society. "Muslim society in strong terms condemn the burning of homes of the Christian community and their holy church", she said in a statement issued

that Pakistan was an Islamic and democratic country where every religion enjoyed complete freedom.

very sad and highly condemnable," she said, adding that the incident should be investigated with complete impartiality and whoever is found involved in this heito include subjects on this

punished so that such incidents do not happen in fu-

As far as scholars and

religious figures are concerned, the most responsibility is imposed on them because it is their duty to promote the religion of Islam and to convey the teachings of the last Prophet Hazrat M uhammad Mustafa (SAW). To get rid of the scourge of extremism and intolerance, we all have to play our own role, she

She underlined the need for creating harmony among people of various religions and said, if we want to save our children from Intolerance, we have

SLAMABAD (Online): reception to newly ap-

QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki talking with Caretaker Interior Minister Mir Sarfaraz Khan Bugti, former Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan, Chief Secretary Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqail and others at Quetta Airport addressing reaching from

Caretaker Health Minister receives briefing on national programmes

ISLAM ABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister first priority and improvfor Health Dr Nadeem Jan on Friday took charge of office and received a briefing on various national health programmes.

On reaching the ministry, Federal Health Secretary Iftikhar Ali Shallwani and other officials welcomed the minister.

Dr. Nadeem Jan held an introductory meeting with Ministry of Health's officials and heads of various departments.

On the occasion, the minister said, "We will make efforts to meet the challenges in the health sector. We have to work round the clock for the welfare of the people of this country." ing the health sector is my mission," Dr. Nadeem Jan

He assured that he would try his level best to resolve the problems of the people in a short period of time on priority basis He expressed his re-

solve to serve the country and the nation. Public welfare projects would have to be completed on fast track Dr. Nadeem Jan said. 'We will ensure effective measures to protect

people from diseases and epidemics," he said. He asked the ministry officials to work with full dedication to come up to

expectations of the people.

Board of Revenue Balochistan selects PTCL Smart Cloud for E-Stamping Project

OUETTA Pakistan Tele- Member. Board of Rev communication Company
Limited (PTCL) and Board the agreement at a special of Revenue Balochistan have signed an agreement for provisioning of IaaS Smart Cloud Services at PTCL's Tier-III Data Center for Land Record Management System (LRMS) and Fiber

Independent Report Roshan Ali Sheikh Senior ceremony of "Balochistan E-Stamping Project (Energized by PTCL Smart Cloud) and Revenue Sahooliy at Center Quetta (Board of Revenue Balochistan); recently held Optic Connectivity at Fa- at Quetta Club, Quetta



cilitation Centers at differ- Cantt Balochistan,

ent districts of the prov-Zarrar Hasham Khan,

Bank of Puniab as a collection agent partner and Systems Limited as Tech-Group Chief Business So- nology Partner were also

Chief Collector Custom inaugurates Laboratory in Quetta

QUETTA (APP): Chief also a long-standing demand Balochistan Abdul Qadir of Balochistan. He said that Memon on Friday said that Pakistan Customs has established the first Laboratory in Quetta NLC according to World Customs Organization (W.C.O) standard. He expressed these laboratory. Collector Appraisal Quetta Agha Saeed and other customs officers along with laboratory staff were also present on the occasion. Chief Collector Balochistan Customs Abdul Qadir Memon said that inspection of all types of chemicals and other items would be done in this basic Libyan laboratory.

All the business community, customs clearing and forwarding agents should be benefited, he said and added that this was

Customs of the business community with its establishment, examination of all types of chemicals and other items necessary to facilitate customs value could now be done easily in Quetta.

It should be noted that views while inaugurating the before this, the business community of Balochistan used to benefit from the laboratories of other provinces of the country which takes a lot of time. On the occasion of the inauguration of the laboratory, prominent businessman Haji Fojan Bareach was also present. Prominent businessman Haji Fojan Bareach thanked Chief Collector Customs Balochistan Abdul Qadir Memon, Collector Appraisal

Quetta Agha Saeed and the lab

administration for estab-

lishing laboratory.

Caretaker PM, interim federal lutions Officer, PT CL and present at the ceremony. QUETTA (APP): The cen-

tral senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Chaudhry Naeem Karim on Friday congratulated the Caretaker the Prime Minister Anwar-ul Haq and interim federal ministers. He said that PM L-N would form its government

after winning with a twothirds majority general election in the country. He expressed these views while talkingto a del-

egation of workers called on

Chaudhry Naeem Karim said that the former federal government of Muslim League-N worked honestly to get Pakistan out of crises by taking the most difficult decisions in 16 months. Meanwhile, the

party's central president Mian Shehbaz Sharif's priority was only Pakistan and thanks to his struggle, Pakistan has not only been saved from default but has once again been on the path of development and pros-

ISLAMABAD: Care taker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan chaired high level meeting regarding Polio in National Emergency Polio Centre.

He said that people of

Chaman and other

Pashtoon districts are also

witness to our works executed in their areas during

whether we are in govern-

ment or opposition, be in the parliament or outside,

we would continue to play

our efficient role to resolve

the issues being faced by

He also said that

last five years.

our people.

21st century is century of information technology: Asghar facilitate maximum people.

Independent Report QUETTA: The provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP), Asghar Khan Achakzai has stated that 21st century is the century of information technology and as such we have to ensure imparting of quality education to our children for meeting the requirements of new modern

He said that we did everything possible to provide opportunities of jobs to our people as well as provision of better education, health and civic facilities to them, and would continue to do so in future as

Asghar Achakzai was addressing the ceremony held in connection with the inauguration of digital library, college Hall and other works in the Shaheed Aimal Khan Advocate Boys Degree College, Chaman on Friday. The ceremony was

graduates of the college. Speaking on the occasion, the ANP leader said that we preferred collective nature projects instead of

individual ones in order to

also meant to honour the

He recalled that we had faced unusual circumstances in 2018, however. we combated them and made our utmost efforts to provide relief to the He said that we took

steps on priority basis for

bringing improvement in

law and order, health, education and other sectors. He said that Chaman was ignored under preplanned conspiracy in the past, and its people were deprived of the basic facili-

Asghar Achakzai on the occasion also referred to certain initiatives taken by him for improvement in the overall situation in Chaman



holding protest demonstration against attack on churches in Jaranwala, at Quetta Press Club.

ANF foils major smuggling bid Independent Report QUETTA: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Releabition foiled a major

Balochistan foiled a major attempt of smuggling of huge quantity of different narcotics when it conducted a raid in a house in Turbat area on Friday.

According to the spokesman of ANF, the ANF team raided a house located in Basholi area of Turbat in wee hours and recovered around 2.5 tons of narcotics. The narcotics seized

are included: 2080 kilogram charas, 290 kilogram heroin and 150 kilogram Ice drug. The spokesman of

ANF told that the recovered narcotics were to be smuggled to abroad from Volume 10 of JIT report

SC to hear **Broadsheet** company petition in connection with release

ISLAMAABAD (Online): The petitoin filed by Broadsheet company seeking release of volume 10 of the report compiled by Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to investigate into Sharif family's off shore assets has been fixed for hearing in Supreme Court

A two members bench of SC presided over by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial will hear on August 22 the petition filed by Broadsheet company in connection with issuance of PANAM A JIT voluem-10.

Replying to a question about China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the Minister said he is proud of being a signatory of the CPEC in May 2013 during the Chinese Prime Minister's visit trading partners of Paki-

Senator Samina Zehri

QUETTA: Senator Samina Zehri said on Friday termed

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'Jaranwala incident is nous act should be severely

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