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PM directs to curb smuggling by enhancing surveillance at irregular border crossings

ISLAMABAD (APP): steps to curb smuggling. Caretaker Prime Minister Different modalities of Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday directed the Customs authorities to establish a monitoring system at irregular border crossings to prevent smuggling in the country.

He was chairing a meeting to discuss measures for discouraging smuggling and promoting trade through legal channels. He was given a detailed briefing by the Ministry of Com-

PM Kakar was involume, besides possible he said road infrastructure

chairing a review meeting.

legal immigration issue and

ing on law and order situa-

tion in the country here, which was attended by se-

nior officials from the po-

lice, security agencies, and the National Counter Ter-

He was chairing a meet-

to the foreigners.

trade under the Afghanistan Transit Trade Agreement were also reviewed. It was recommended to improve the system for scanning and monitoring of

the traded goods.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has underlined the need for taking more steps to fully utilize the potential of country's immense natural resources

Chairing a high-level meeting to review perforformed about proposed mance of Petroleum Diviplans to enhance exports sion in Islamabad Tuesday,

needs to be improved to access the natural re-

The Prime Minister directed to take strict measures against illegal mining. He also instructed to complete all legal requirements at the earliest for appoint-ment of the head of Oil and Gas Development Author-

On the occasion, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was given detailed briefing regarding the performance of the Petroleum Division.

The meeting was informed that apart from exploring more natural resources in country, the Pe-

FM sends to

IMF new plan

new plan regarding relief in

electricity bills to IMF

through which IMF has

been assured that no reliet out of budget will be pro-vided.

According to govern-ment sources the additional

amount allocated for IPPs

can be adjusted for extend-

ing relief to electricity con-

billion will be allocated for

IPPs again on receipt of in-

stallments of the bill.

Sources said over Rs 15

Earlier IMF had re-

iected government plan on

extending relief to people on

IMF sought new plan to provide relief to electricity

Elahi arrested

again after

being released

from police line

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Tehreek-e-Insaf President

According to the spokesperson of the Capital Police, Pervaiz Elahi

has been arrested in the

case number 3/23 registered

in the police station CTD.

PTI president will be

transferred to CTD police

According to sources,

electricity bills.

consumers.

lice line.

sumers.

troleum Division is working on a program to increase oil and gas production in the country. It was further briefed that projects related to laying down pipelines are being prioritized to supply oil and gas from various res-

The meeting was apprised that Petroleum Division is preparing a Mineral Sector Development Framework for explora-tion of oil and gas. It was told that a significant progress is being witnessed to promote foreign investment in mining sec-



ECP notifies 20 victorious candidates for reserve seats in Balochistan district councils

elected members for turned candidates. women's reserved seats in the local government elec- cial notifications as the retions held on August 23, turned candidates for re-2023, encompassing the served seats from district district council seats in six

Balochistan's districts.

The notification includes the following districts: Pishin, Nushki, Dera Bugti, Kacchi, Kalat, and Panjgur.

The returned candidate for the District Council in Pishin includes Bibi Hajira, daughter of Ihsan Ullah, representing JUI-P. Bibi Guldasta, daughter of Syed Abdul Kabeer from PKMAP, and Bibi Sajida, daugh-

Salma, daughter of Noor Dhalak Khan and Raja re-Uddin, Bibi Rubina Tareen, spectively

ISLAMABAD (APP): and Bibi Pari Gul, daugh-The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) Tuesday notified the names of 20 ficially announced as re-

Women received officouncil Nushki.

This includes Bibi Samina, representing JUI-F and daughter of Muhammad Yousaf, along with Hanain Mengal, daughter of Muhammad Rahim, representing BNP, for the Nushki District Council.

In the case of the Dera Bugti District Council, the female candidates who have been officially notified are Shehzadi, an and Bibi Sajida, daughter of Rozi Khan from JUI-P, have also been noand Salehat, both from Additionally, Bibi BAP and daughters of

Messages on Defence day of Pakistan: We have to make pledge on **Defence Day not to let sacrifices** of martyrs waste: CM Domki

Governor calls for creating spirit of September 6, 1965 to tackle today circumstances facing country: Says "let's make conscious efforts for stability and development of the country together after forgetting our mutual differences

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that we have to make pledge on this Defence Day of Pakistan not to let waste the great sacrifices of our martyrs, and would always play our role as patriotic Pakistani for defence, development and stability of the coun-

This was stated by the caretaker Chief Minister in a statement issued here marking the Defence Day of Pakistan observed today (Wednesday).

The caretaker Chief Minister said that 6th September is such a day in history of Pakistan that gives us lesson to maintain national spirit and resolve for safety, stability and defence of our beloved country, which had been demontilt is towards where. All strated by the whole nation have come on record the during the war of September 6, 1965.

He said that on that day, our brave armed forces and whole nation had proved with unity that the majority of weapons or number don't have meaning in front of the unity and power of belief. Mir Ali Mardan Domki

also said that that was the so in a message issued here armed forces had defeated the enemy defending successfully the country.

He said that the Pak

army had foiled the nefarious designs of the Indian army by successfully defending the geographic frontiers of the country.
He said that our braved

forces have been rendering sacrifices for the country and nation since its inception, and thus saved it.

also the strong arms of forces. brave forces and security agencies. He also paid homage to all martyrs of the

country on Defence Day. He said that it is our resolve to provide peaceful and conducive environment for conducting free and fair general elections in the prov-

Meanwhile the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stressed that the circumstances being faced by the country today requires that the whole nation may create the same spirit, unity and solidarity again, which was demonstrated during the war of 1965. The Governor stated

historic day when our on eve of the Defence day of Pakistan being observed today (Wednesday).

In his message, the Governor said that we are observing the day today when our brave and daring armed forces had successfully defended the country by knocking out the enemy on its aggression against it.

Our braved forces had then created a new history and the whole nation had fought against the naked He also said that the aggression of the enemy people of Balochistan are together with the armed

The nation had demonstrated complete unity and backed its armed forces adding the Governor recalled. Malik Abdul Wali Kakar said that the today's circumstances of country make requirement of that the whole nation demonstrate the same spirit and

unity once again. The Governor expressed the belief that the whole nation would fully counter the aggression if done by anyone in future as well. He said that let's make conscious efforts for stability and development of the country together after forgetting our mutual differences.

rorism Authority (NACTA). of foreigners, the minister The minister said that directed the authorities conmaintaining law and order was the top priority of the government and that misconduct by finalizing it. creant activities by any individual or group would not be tolerated. He directed the authorities to formulate a compre-

Interior Minister vows to

hensive strategy for the return of foreigners living illegally in Pakistan. Sarfraz Bugti also or-

tackle illegal immigration regarding relief ISLAMABAD (APP): dered completion of the in electricity bills Minister for Interior action plan to open three Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti Tues- more border crossings on ISLAMABAD (Online): Fiday vowed to tackle the il- the Pakistan-Iran border. nance Ministry has sent

The minister stressed provide foolproof security the need to clearly define the scope of police and security agencies in order to improve their performance. He also directed the

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti

authorities to provide stateof-the-art training and resources to the civil armed Regarding the security

cerned to ensure the implementation of the code of He also ordered the

provision of all possible facilities to visa applicants for business and invest-

The minister called another meeting next week to review the implementation of the National Action Plan.

SC reserves judgment in NAB amendment case

ISLAMABAD (Online): assessed from the reasons Supreme Court (SC) has reserved judgment on PTI chairman Imran Khan petition against NAB amend-

Chief Justice of Paki-According to finance stan (CJP) Umar Ata ministry sources finance Bandial has remarked it can ministry authorities will be estimated from the reaagain talk to IMF ON NEW sons for withdrawing NAB PLAN. In new plan IMF has amendment that tilt is tobeen assured for not prowards where. viding relief out of budget.

He gave these remarks while presiding over a 3member bench during hearing of Chairman PTI petition against NAB amendment here Tuesday.

The other two members of bench are Justice Ijaz

Mansoor Ali Shah. hearing of the case counsel for chairman PTI told the court written submissions

have been filed. Bandial while inquiring remarked have you read NAB report. NAB has told the

ul Ahsan and Justice At the inception of

The CJP Umar Ata reasons in respect of the

The CJP remarked one amendment came in May and second in June in section 23 of NAB law. The references which were returned before May are still

for returning the reference

references of which person-

alities have been returned.

held by NAB. Who will give reply to these questions from NAB side. NAB special prosecutor said in his reply to question that additional prosecutor general will reach

within some time. Khawaja Haris said several pending cases were

returned after amendments. The CJP remarked too

much work of NAB has been finished after amendment. The CJP inquired has NAB legal powers to send the cases.

Lawyer Khawaja Haris replied NAB has no powers to deal with the cases after NAB amendment. references which were re- NAB has no legal powers turned till May. It can be to send the cases.



QUETTA: Senator Danesh Kumar meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan MirAli Mardan Khan Domki

Pakistan to mark Defence Day with national spirit, pay homage to nation's martyrs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Determined to thwart any aggression against the motherland, the nation will hold the annual 'Defence Day of Pakistan' celebrations on Wednesday with a reinvigorated pledge to safeguard its geographical and ideological boundaries in every situation and at all

The historic day of September 6 will be comgers faced problems due to memorated with an un-mutilated vigor and enthusiasm, sending a message loud and clear to hostile India that the Pakistani nation and armed forces were fully prepared to frustrate any designs against the country's sovereignty and

integrity. A number of activities will be held across the country, reaffirming the nation's resolve not to let anyone cast an evil eye at the homeland, achieved on August 14,

1947 after great sacrifices rendered by Muslims of the sub-continent. The day will dawn with special prayers in the

mosques for the well-being and prosperity of the country, besides 31-gun salute at the federal capital and 21gun salute at provincial capi-The change of guard

ceremony will take place at the Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi in the morning. Fateha' and Quran Khawani will be held for all those who sacrificed their lives while defending the motherland. Wreath laying ceremo-

nies will be held at the mausoleums of the recipients of Nishan-e-Haider (the highest gallantry award), which will be attended by the senior officials of the respective areas across the country. The national media, both print and electronic,

have chalked out comprehensive coverage plans of the events to be held in connection with the day.

Newspapers will pub-

lish special supplements, while electronic media will telecast special programmes, highlighting the importance of the day in Pakistan's military his-

The media will also carry special messages of the President, Prime Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly in relation to the

significance of the day.

Special talk shows will be aired on the state-run and private television channels and radio stations across the country, paying homage to the sons and daughters of the soil who laid down their lives and endured the vagaries of war while defending the moth-

Governor discuss political situation, law & order with Chairman Senate



Wali Khan Kakar met the Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani here at the Governor House

property in the province.

In addition to this, the matters pertaining to promotion of higher education and other matters of mutual interests were also discussed threadbare during the meeting between Chairman Senate and Governor Balochistan. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor stressed that we have to take practical steps to get rid of the backwardness and remove sense of deprivations among prevailing among them at the public level.

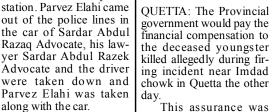
Both the leaders expressed satisfaction over that at present there are pleasant relations among the center and provinces, however, more efforts are neces-

and former Punjab Chief Minister Ch. Pervez Elahi was arrested again after being released from the po-

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul

During the course of meeting, they discussed the matters about the latest political situation as well as the measures taken for protection of public life and



day. This assurance was In this regard, his lawmade by the caretaker Proyer Abdul Raziq Advocate vincial Minister for Inforsaid that Pervaiz Elahi was mation. Jan Achakzai while speaking to the protestors released on a court order

assures Jan Achakzai road against the incident on **Independent Report** Tuesday afternoon.

Govt to pay compensation to

heirs of deceased youngster,

The protestors including heirs were protesting against the killing of a youngster as a result of fir-While the airport road was blocked by the pro-

testors, long queues of vehicles were seen there causing disruption in traffic. The people particularly the students and passen-

suspension of traffic due to protest. However, the road was opened and traffic restored after successful negotiations between the caretaker Minister Information and

protestors. Jan Achakzi said that the protestors have been assured to meet their de-

mands. Meanwhile, the caretaker Minister also met the Collector Customs on the issue and discussed with

him the matter



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai distributing awards among heirs of Shahuda during Shah-e-Pakistan CM Award 2023 ceremony

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GB unrest

Away from the glare of mainstream media, trouble has been brewing in Gilgit-Baltistan in recent weeks. Demonstrations and counter-protests have been held in the mountainous region, with key thoroughfares blocked and mobile internet shut, as sectarian hatreds have returned to cast a long shadow over the area.

According to reports, action was sought against a religious leader belonging to one school of thought, who had made a controversial statement last month. After protests in Chilas and elsewhere, a case was registered against the said cleric. This led to protests in Skardu birth of the second child to and other towns, while allegedly derogatory remarks were made by another cleric, resulting in the filing of a case against this individual. Communal differences may only be a trigger for the protests, as there are several underlying factors in GB fuelling disaffection. However, the state's bulldozing of the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023, through parliament has certainly breathed new life into sectarian discourses that were largely dormant. GB may only be the first area where and media, gaining attennarrow communalism is being tion of the wider civil sorevived, thanks to this debatable legislation, and unless democratic forces and enlightened clerics speak up, the fire was left to be infested of hatred may spread, especially to those spots in the country where sectarian tensions are already high.

There are signs that matters employer - wife of a judge are improving, as the region's and resident of Islamabad chief minister met both Shia months who was given in and Sunni clerics, who have promised to maintain calm. The caretaker federal information minister has said the area is the experiencing "peace and stability", while adding that the military had been called in only to maintain peace during Chehlum. Though GB has witnessed sporadic sectarian violence over the past several decades, matters, over the past few years, had been improving where inter-communal relations are concerned. Therefore, the local administration, as well as clerics from both sects, need to support efforts for peacebuilding and shunning those who promote divisive agendas. a political prisoner under the then PTI-establishment

In particular, hate groups must not be allowed to spread hybrid regime. Events since then have shown the weak basis of his convictions. their toxic views in an effort to But such is the merry-goround of politics that I must fan communal flames. But be- now write to see whether yond GB, unless the bill in Imran Khan today is a poquestion, specifically the PDM-establishment-careamendments to the blasphemy taker hybrid regime. Ironilaw, is reconsidered, it will only perpetual political prisonadd to extremism and widen ers under all hybrid refault lines in society. As this ingness to compromise on paper has argued before, blasphemy cannot be condoned, and all religious figures should be respected. But bringing complicated theological and historical to political enmity, eg, M.K. Gandhi and Nelson issues before parliament which are better addressed by to call our flawed politisubject specialists and schol- ible sources labelled lesser ars of the highest calibre — and then rushing them through mortals like Brazil's Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Malaysia's Anwar without any debate will only Ibrahim so too. Stature add to divisions in the country. matter not under global

Such sensitive issues definitions, but only should not be codified in law in punished due to political such a haphazard manner. For over four decades, Pakistan has Sharif had disputes with been reeling from the effects of the security establishment on ties with India and terrifying sectarian violence. To on ties with India and jihadis, which is cited as a prevent the misuse of blasphemy laws, and the violence this begets, the amendments irked the establishment on need to be rethought.

The Kakar formula



Arifa Noor

The countdown has begun, already — on how long the caretaker set-up can last, and what will replace it, if elections are not called. The first question was always going to be asked, for no one had any doubts that the caretakers would be around for longer than three months. However, few had predicted the rapidity with which the second question would pop up.
Indeed, the pressure

on journalists and commentary in general notwithstanding, it is still safe to say the caretaker set-up has not filled many with hope and promise, for the present or future. The oathtaking of the prime minister and the cabinet was the royal family; there is

the mind is a feeling of foreboding of what the spare's efforts to find meaning in life will bring to the family. Margaret, Andrew and now Harry — they all followed the same course.

In our case, the caretakers may be well-meaning men and women, but none of them bring technocratic repute to ease the worry of the rich, nor do they bring the charisma of a popular leader who can promise better times to a people crushed by inflation. And neither do they enjoy the kind of authority that, say, Musharraf did, which allowed him to promise re-As a result, the con-

tinuing rumours of delayed elections and the caretaker set-up being in power for some time are now filling people with dread. Even part of the business community, which had pinned its hopes on a technocratic and apolitical caretaker setup, is now trying to figure out what faraway dream basket they can drop their eggs in

To be fair, the caretakers were dealt a Titanic though they appear equipped to sail a paper

wee relief but at the back of boat. Consider their short track record, thus far.

They began their stint by encouraging - or perhaps asking for — media attention, lending further credence to concerns of a lengthy stay. (When was the last time a caretaker prime minister made so many public appearances or gave so many speeches on live television?) As a result, the mistakes were made in the full glare of TV channels

one, so far. When the electricity bills crisis came, they swung into action. A briefing of the energy secretary was held with journalists, which didn't achieve much. This was followed by a publicised emergency meeting in a bid to figure out short-term relief. The meeting stretched over days and then ended with a vague message that a solution was being found. That is still awaited, although there are few indications anyone is now pinning any hopes on

In between has come a flurry of statements which ended up causing so much confusion that they needed clarifications. There was the finance minister

who apparently said she was wondering why she had taken on this impossible job and the prime minister who commented about the magnitude of the bijli protests. And third was the storm in the teacup about the prime minister's visit to

While the rest of the clarifications are only of interest to hacks, it is the electricity issue which has led to the perception of the being set-up uninspiring as well as clueless as those who came Consider the biggest before. For those who had pinned their hopes on the caretaker set-up, it was in reality a belief that those behind the scenes would have a plan, which would be executed once those who are simply here for a bit of caretaking were in position. But this 'plan' remained far more invisible than those who are babysitting the caretakers.

Consequently, the run on the rupee continued, while the people took to the streets to protest against their bills. The dreaded implosion seemed to have finally reached the steep slope.

No wonder then that by the end of the weekend,

came tweets galore about the meeting between the 'seniorist' military official and the business community. That all is well has to be said again, shows the realisation of providing assurance and those who have to provide the assurance. The assurances pro-

vided, according to these tweets, were rather reassuring. As was the deadline, again provided in the same message: within six months all would be fixed — from smuggling to the tax base to corruption, which we had always assumed the PTI was so silly to focus on. Even the game-changing investment from friendly countries will arrive within months. Some of the promises brought a sense of déjà vu, reminding me of the many weight-loss diets I had embarked on and abandoned. But as hope wins over experience, let's not be entirely sceptical.

However, there remain a couple of niggling questions. One was mentioned in the beginning of the piece. How easy will it be to keep providing assurances from behind, especially if those officially taking care do not improve the fourth or the fifth. -their game? For if the eco-

nomic deterioration continues, would this caretaking facade not be dumped, as others have been, for a more direct fixing effort? Or will public opinion and scepticism simply be ignored? It is a question which is being asked with rapidity.

The second question, I tentatively ask: isn't this our third hybrid effort? After all, the PTI and Imran Khan were the first to be selected' and they proved inadequate.

So inadequate that the change' was replaced by the experienced; Shehbaz Sharif and his Punjab speed were given the chance and he, one has to admit, was far better at keeping everyone happy, from the coalition members to the powerful ones. So much so that the PDM government was christened Hybrid 2.0. But on the economy, he was only successful in making Imran Khan more popular. Has anyone in the PML-N heard the story of the Trojan horse?

So now there has been yet another selection. Third time's a charm, though some are being far too literal and want to know if it's

domestic workers? How can the law help



Mehnaz Akber Aziz

Slogans of banning child domestic workers are making headlines once again in public seminars ciety due to two ghastly incidents recently.

Rizwana, a 14-yearold domestic maid, was skinned from the head that with maggots. The extent of her suffering is harrowing – her frail body had the weight of multiple painful injuries: fractured teeth, ribs and visible strangulation marks. The bonded labour by her par-

Within weeks, there was a second case – in Khairpur Sindh – that left whole country

shocked. A 10-year-old tions, terms of employdomestic maid, Fatima, could be seen in a CCTV video, writhing in pain and dying in the house of an influential local 'pir', the employer. Beaten and tortured, the death was caused due to rape multiple times.

The abuse meted out

to child and women do-

mestic workers is not new and time and again media picks up a case and it gains momentum publicly. A study by the International Labor Organization (ILO) determines that one in every four households in Pakistan hires a child domestic worker. According to another ILO survey, 8.5 million domestic workers are employed in the country who lack basic education or skills to find alternative employment so they opt for this mode of earning to escape abject and prohibition of dispoverty and to earn bread crimination on the grounds and butter for their fami- of sex alone. Similarly, Arlies. Domestic work is ticle 37(e) obligates the generally undervalued, instate to make provisions that entrenched a legal and tortured the girl for visible and informal as most of these workers belong to most underprivileged communities. They and women are not emare always susceptible to ployed in settings undiscrimination with re-

ment, denial of rightful wages, lack of inspection and law enforcement involvement.

The constitution of Pakistan clearly provides a range of provisions with regard to labour or domestic workers rights. Article 11 of the constitution prohibits all forms of slavery, forced labour, services of cruel nature and children (below the age of 14 years) engaged in any 'factory or mine or any other hazardous employment". Article 23 provides protection to every person against being deprived of their property. This article is against the bonded labour system that is also prohibited under the Bonded Labour Act.

Article 25 lays down the right of equality of all the citizens before the law "ensuring that children suited to their age or sex" gards to forced or child labour, working condi-obligates the state to pro-

mote social and economic well-being of people by 'equitable rights of employers and employees".

Consequently, there has been a country-wide realization to undertake concrete policy reforms. legal steps and compliance to protect domestic workers, especially children. In this context, the Puniab Domestic Workers Act 2019, complying with global norms and International Labor Organization's agreements

was enacted by the provincial assembly of Punjab.

ter for a huge number of domestic workers living in the Capital Territory of Islamabad and an increasing number of incidents involving abuses and illtreatment against them. parliament enacted the İslamabad Capital Territory Domestic Workers Act, 2022 which was moved by this author and contractual mechanism to regulate and protect the rights as well as employment conditions of domestic workers.

tiative, I introduced the Act ing medical care for not that recognized the eco-only the worker but also his/

workers residing in Islamabad by bringing them into the mainstream as against their previous exclusion from labour and social protection coverage. Most importantly, the Act banned children under the age of 15 years from being employed. Prior to the Act domestic workers were considered as 'invisible'. with their employment status not more than 'modern-day slaves', while the Act introduced key injunc-

One, the Act prohib-

tions given as below: its working of a child be-In similar vein, to calow the age of 15 years in a

household. Two, the Act further restricts bonded labour.

As a much-needed inia domestic worker, includ-

nomic and social value of her dependents. Six. other thousands of domestic benefits include any contribution by the employer in respect of persons employed with him under any scheme of the Employees Social Security Ordinance Seven, under the Act

every time a domestic worker is hired, a letter of employment, should be drafted, which clearly states the terms and conditions of his/her employment, including the nature of work and the amount of wage. Eight, domestic workers are also restricted from working for more than eight hours a day unless they are paid overtime. In conclusion, I want

allows children under the to share my earnest concern that the rules that were coage of 18 years to do light work in a household, which ordinated by the author entails domestic work that and jointly drafted by the is part time in nature and is Ministry of Law and Jusnot likely to harm the tice, International Labour child's health, safety and Organization and Unicef education. Three, the Act are still lying unattended in government corridors. All labour or partly forced the media hype, seminars and pledges are yet to Four, an employer transform into a strong pocannot assign extra work to litical will to implement the the domestic worker with-Act that is already in place out his/her free will Five by immediate passage of the Act extends benefits for the rules and their unmitigated implementation with full commitment. -- Courtesy TheNews

Political prisoner?



Dr Niaz Murtaza

same title, a column on whether Nawaz Sharif was litical prisoner under the cally, PTM leaders may be their principles and strike

The Council of Europe defines political prisoners as those jailed by rulers via unfair trials due Mandela. It may seem odd and perceived dishonesty whether a person is being reasons via dubious means. Many say Nawaz many, perhaps most, don't

reason behind his dubious

disqualification. Many

say Imran Khan, too,

appointments and gover-

the end of its political support for him, leading to his fall. Some say the frictions tually no secret was leaked between Sharif and the establishment related to foreign and security blunders, while those with Khan related to his mercurial actions. But even such pundits feel that Khan's legal woes relate more to his fallout with the establishment than the weight of his alleged crimes.

Like Sharif, he, too, In 2019, I wrote, under the has been disqualified for mis-declaring his assets. With Sharif, the guilty verdict was deemed dubious as it related to receivable assets which are treated as such only under accrual accounting but not under the equally legal cash accounting system. With Khan, the verdid mis-declare some gift punishment (disqualification and incarceration) very harsh, as the misdeclaration hid no major would have been enough punishment.

Many also highlight process issues during the trial even though they may not change the final verdict. Oddly, online research suggests that Pakistan and Thailand are percians for an asset mis-declaration even if it hides no major crime. It is hoped that these issues will be considered at appeal stage.

Some other cases against Khan seem weak too. The cipher case charges him with leaking official secrets. Diplomatic ciphers are all categorised as secret documents but necessarily carry major secrets whose deliberate leakage can harm Pakistan and

benefit its enemies. One may argue, in fact, that its reported contents show the haughty ways in which US treats us. The question arises in nance, which resulted in rational minds whether a

person can be tried for leaking state secrets when acand there was no harm done. To many, it seems like a politically motivated trial. True, just as rational minds question the strength of the state's cipher case against Khan, they question the strength of his cipher US conspiracy story too. But even so, that is a political rather than legal issue.

Accusations that the May 9 mayhem aimed to cause a mutiny seem farfetched too to many. How could admittedly condemnable street protests cause a rebellion within, even in Lahore, let alone nationally? Many say it was a law and order issue and those engaging in serious dict may be correct as he crimes like arson and assault must be tried through assets. Still, many find the civilian courts for those specific crimes, while those guilty of lesser crimes like trespassing can be fined. But there seems gimes given their unwill- crime; they feel that a fine little justification for cases in military courts. Thus, today, the leaders of both the largest political parties stand dubiously disqualified from politics for irking the establishment. Scores of PTI workers are

languishing unfairly in jail. While the fortunes of haps the only states that these larger parties fluctudisqualify and jail politi- ate depending on whether establishment's ladla or pet child, or not at any given time, other leftist activists like Ali Wazir and Imaan Mazari remain permanent sautelas (stepchildren). The only temporary and partial respite they get is when the powers that be are distracted enough to clamp down on the increasingly frequent rebellion by former right-wing

> favourite. Thus, it appears to many that Pakistan's justice system is being manouevred to commit injustices against political opponents rather than delivering justice to the people. -- Courtesy Dawn

Darkness to light



Mohammad Ali

Growing violence on educational campuses has debunked the myth that extremism is somehow confined to religious seminaries. It is true that, along with other factors, a lack of education is a potential driver for radicalisation. However, education is also one of the most effective mediums for extremists to penetrate youthful minds. Repeated incidents in our educational spaces reflect the disquieting fact that they are now confronted with both physical and psychological insecurity.

in schools has become a priority area policymakers and educators. Tackling violent extremism (VE) through interventions in education is part of a broader shift towards countering extremism with efforts that address environments favourable for the spread of hateful ideologies. Through such interventions, schools are expected to create a secure environment for their students, promote tolerance and social inclusion, discourage discrimination, and prevent violence

Building the faculty's capacity to resolve conflicts and understand the push and pull factors leading to VE is equally important. At school, young people should be taught how to tackle polarisation and respect diversity. Children should be introduced to logic, critical thinking, problem-solving and negotiation skills. Empowering students to think critically, teaching them to challenge ideas, construct rational

A few societies have

thoughts, and engage in meaningful debate proves helpful in preventing violent extremism (PVE). focused their activities on the psycho-social theory of Fathali M. Moghaddam in

The Staircase to Terrorism. This explores psychological factors that lead an indi-Babakhel vidual to commit a terrorist act. Among the factors are the psychological injustice of material conditions, perceived options to fight unfair treatment, displacement and aggression, moral engagement and polarisation. To apprehend any adverse situation, training teachers to detect early signs of radicalisation is critical. However, for their best interests, teachers should not be viewed as informants, which can undermine their relations with students' families and their community. Community engagement in children's education After the Brussels atand building trust between tacks of 2016, radicalisation schools and communities

should be clear aims of counter violent extremism (CVE) programmes. Teachers should be on the front line of teaching students how to save themselves from extremists' influence. Discussion meetings between parents, teachers, psychologists, and social workers on the role of psychosocial services for students and breaking of taboos in the individual-psychologist relationship are important. Reintegration of children from conflict areas through special educational programmes delivered via public schools is another neglected area that requires the policymakers' attention. While dealing with P/CVE, teachers should be equipped to raise students' awareness of the risks of extremism and encourage critical thinking. They should educate students about democratic values, and political, religious and ethnic tolerance. They

must create a safe environment for dialogue about controversial topics in class. Ideally, teachers should also provide alternative narratives to extremist propaganda, and teach students how to build a safe online

Social media provides a fertile ground for extremists to recruit new talent. Teachers should be aware of online platforms used by young people and their potential dangers. They should have knowledge about the threats on the internet, especially when it comes to the recruitment of young people by extremists, and about how extremists disseminate propaganda online. They should educate students about the dynamics of hate speech and fake news, as students may be unaware of the messages behind provocative content that is being disseminated in virtual spaces.

If a student disseminates extremist ideologies and distributes hate material among classmates, educationists should be trained on how to deal with such situations. They should be trained on how to work with parents, social services, and police. Responding to the threat of extremism warrants the creation of an appropriate classroom atmosphere and a democratic school culture. Students should be trained on how to identify bias, and teachers should provide a safe space where students feel comfortable expressing their opinions.

Our teachers can perform an immense national service if they help students enhance their awareness and build resilience against radicalisation. Knowing how to identify and respond to signs of radicalisation, engaging constructively in conflict resolution, and facilitating communication can help many vulnerable souls make the journey from darkness to light. -- Cour-

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September 6: A day of national pride in Pakistan's military history



On September 6, 1965, Pakistan faced a grave challenge to the sovereignty and integrity, which the nation and its valiant armed forces met with great courage and determination, defeating the sinister designs of much-larger enemy - In-

has been observing the Defence Day every year with great zeal, seeking Allah Almighty's blessing and support for the country's integrity, pros-perity and indepen-

The day is commemorated to revive the national spirit and renew the pledge of defending the country against all sorts of threats, paying homage to the sons and daughters of the soil who laid down their lives and endured the vagaries of war in defending

the motherland. Fifty-five years back, it was the first fullfledged war with India after a clash in 1947-48 on the core issue of Later, the two armies also fought in 1971 and 1999 and remained eyeball-to- record till date. eveball several times.

took place in February, 2019 when Indian aircraft intruded Pakistani airspace after the Pulwama incident, whom the Pakistan Air Force gave a befitting reply by gunning down its two fighter jets

and arresting a pilot.
Initially, the Indian Since then, the nation forces intruded Pakistani area in the Rann of Kutch in April 1965, whom was ejected in a sharp and short conflict. Both the armies had fully mobilized, with eyeball-toeyeball contact. Pakistan proposed cease-fire, India accepted, following which an agreement was signed and the forces were disengaged.

Past midnight on September 5-6, without a formal declaration of war, Indian army crossed the international border and attacked Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan Army and Air Force halted the attack in its tracks, inflicting heavy casualties on the aggressingle Pakistan Air Force The 24 Infantry Brigade, nately still remained unresolved even after the Leader Muhammad Malik, Hilal-i-Juraat, which was on the move territory. Many of our made the whole nation repassage of more than 70 Juraat, in his F-86 Sabre, in area Pasrur, rushed 25 years, besides becoming shot down five Indian Air Cavalry under Lieutenant a nuclear war flashpoint. Force (IAF) attacking Hunter aircraft in a single sortie, an unbeaten world

On September 6-7

Brigade Groups and valiantly supported by 4 Corps Artillery led by Brigadier A.A.K. Choudhry, Hilal-i-Jurant. The latest episode night, three teams of Pakistan's Special Services Groups were paradropped on the IAF bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara to

neutralize them. To relieve pressure on Lahore front, on September 7-8 night, after crossing two major water obstacles in a bold

Pakistan's armoured and mechanized formations supported by artillery and PAF overran area Khem Karn, six to eight miles inside Indian territory. Vital positions at Sulemanki and across Rajasthan and Sindh were also captured in bold and swift attacks.

On the same night, one Corps of Indian Army launched its main effort east of Sialkot with one armoured and three infantry divisions on Pakistan's extended 15 Division front, screened only by gallant 3 Frontier Force and B Company 13 Frontier Force (Reconsor. On September 7, a naissance & Support). Colonel Nisar Ahmad, Sitara-i-Juraat, on 8 September to delay and disrupt enemy thrusts. As soon as the pres-

ence of India's one extraordinary role in de- otic songs to defend the Armoured Division was fending the Lahore confirmed, Pakistan Army Bedian area in 1965. motherland. Some of the evergreen heart-warming rushed forward to stop the onslaught on a 30mile front. The biggest tank battle since World

country's armed forces proved their mettle, despite being short in num-War-II was fought on the ber and having limited Chawinda front by 6 resources, the whole na-Armoured Division, untion stood by them shoulder command 24 Infantry der-to-shoulder thwarting the attack.

Pakistan Air Force (PAF) support helped turn the tide of the battle. Before a counter offensive Armoured Division on 22 September could be launched, India asked for cease-fire in the United Nations. India's aggression against Pakistan's international borders without a formal declaenemy suffered heavy losses in

ration of war, had cost

it, apart from heavy

personnel, material and

Pakistan armed forces were fighting a war to defend the territorial integrity of the country against a formidable enemy. They did defend the country in a befitting manner. When the war ended Lahore and Sialkot were far away from the reach of the enemy. The

terms of military hardware.

evergreen heart-warming

national songs include

"Aye Watan Key Sajeelay Jawano, Ae Mard e Mujahid Jaag Zara, A Putter Hatan Tey Nai

Wekday, Ae Rahe Haq

Key Shaheedo ,"Mere Dhool Sipaheeya, Rang

Laye Ga Shaheedon Ka



economic losses, 1617 martyred national heroes alized that Pakistanis as were given awards for a nation would not be illtheir gallantry and brav- willed by the designs of ery. The highest military adversary. They warmed award of Nishan-i-Haider the hearts and souls of was awarded to Major armed forces personnel Raia Aziz Bhatti, for his and civilians with patri-

square miles of territory cluding Mehdi Hassan, Musafir, Umeed-e-Fatah as compared to 446 Alam Lohar, Noor Jehan, Rakho, Apni Jaan Nazar Kashmir, which unfortunately still remained unnately still remained unnecessition and the still remained unnecessition and

Lahore Tere Jaan Nisaaron Ko Salaam, Hum Haidery Hain, Toheed Key Matwalon and Jung Khed Nahi Hundi Zanaiyaan Di."-

Defence Day:

For honour and inspiration



By Arif Iftikhar

Very often we take for granted our freedoms as citizens of an independent country and the peaceful surroundings of our city and other places in Pakistan that we visit. This freedom and peace is ensured by the military and security agencies that work round the clock to protect our country from foreign and other kinds of domestic threats. Their role is to work for the defence and security of the country under the guidance of the civilian government; and their personnel make great sacrifices, if necessary, in the course of their duty.

The contributions of the defence services provided by our military forces are marked by the annual celebration of the national Defence Day in our coun-

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Defence Day, as the name suggests, commemorates the day when our national armed forces successfully defended the attack of Indian forces on our country in the 1965 war. It who were martyred and is a tribute to our armed forces and all the martyrs of the war. It is celebrated on September 6 each year.

our borders on September 6, 1965, with a view to invade the attacked areas. It was a reaction to stop the advance of Pakistani military in India Occupied Kashmir. They mainly attacked the regions of Lahore, Sialkot and the desert areas of Sindh. The battle lasted till September 22, 1965, when both sides accepted the United Nations-administered cease fire.

Our military was successful in defending not only the areas attacked but also in protecting the lives of thousands of civilians and their homes. As such, we owe a duty to honour and respect all the military personnel of our country who gave up their lives so that we, our relatives and our fellow countrymen could live peacefully. This respect and honour should also extend to all those military personnel who supported our martyrs, risked

Many of our martyred national heroes were given awards for their gallantry and bravery. The highest military award of Nishan-i-Haider was awarded to Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, for his extraordinary role in defending the Lahore Bedian area in 1965.

their lives and lived to tell

He is among a handful of other gallant and brave military personnel awarded the same award in other battles and wars. They gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in

Reminiscing the 1965 War

By Taj M Khattak

President Ayub Khan's brief address to the nation on 6th September 1965 was a moment when

was blunted and attack- accomplishment which tion. This speaks vol- lent environments of smaller force.

Navy was about to write serves a mention, it effects and kept Indian IAF's only bomber guidhistory of Pakistan took history of its own as ev- would be Commodore Navy bottled up in vari- ance beamer in the area a turn. It was a moment ery ships in its flotilla - Saleemi, who as the pre- ous ports and naval for directing strikes from we remember for exactly PNS Babur (with Cap- vious Commodore Com- bases for entire dura- Jamnagar what we were doing and tain MAK Lodhi in com-manding Pakistan Navy



years old, I found mythe President Inter Services Selection Board Kohat as an officer candidate. Just then Ayub's (my dear countrymen) from a small transistor boomed across the room words which electrified an entire nation for defense of their mother-

President Ayub three different places

(Commander Zafar speedy. Shamsie) and Alamgir left harbor in the mornauthoritative words ing almost immediately KR Niazi in command) 'Mere aziz hum watano' after receiving orders to had sailed from Karachi proceed to their pre-assigned war stations under overall command of dore Commanding PN

spoke of how Indian the only ship left in har-field a submarine in Inarmy had attacked bor as it was undergo- dian Ocean in 1965 just Lahore that morning at ing a re-fit program. It as it was the first in the with an infantry divi- ficers and men of tech- Exocet missiles on its sion, three armor regi- nical services whose helicopters in its naments and that Pakistan dedication ensured scent naval aviation was at war with India. such a feat with old and which dramatically al-But the Indian attack steam driven ships – an tered battlefield disposi-

happened. On that day, A Hanif), Badr (Com- Kutch emergency, had a few minutes past mander IH Malik), Tippu worked up the ships to eleven in the morning, Sultan (Commander the pinnacle of operaand barely seventeen Amir Aslam), Jahangir tional readiness, which (Commander K M is why their response self entering office of Hussain), ShahJahan was so swift and

> Pakistan Navy's (Commander I F Quadir) only submarine PNS/M Ghazi (with Commander three days earlier on 3rd September and on 4th September, she was or-Commodore S M Anwar dered to shift her patrol who was the Commo- to within a radius of 50 miles off Bombay (Mumbai). Pakistan PNS Tughril was Navy was the first to goes to the credit of of- world in 1973 to induct

ers were stopped dead will be hard to match to- umes about vision of na- 1965 were, a) to draw enin their tracks by a much day. From the opera-val leadership as pruemy units out into bartions branch, if there is dent deployment of rier laid by PNS/M At sea Pakistan one person who de- Ghazi radiated strategic Ghazi, b) destroy the tion of the war.

> ence of Indian Navy region, d) possible diheavy cruiser INS Calcutta. Soon they were ordered to proceed Cochin. The aircraft car- war broke out, Pakistan rier INS Vikrant and an-

Around noon on 7th September, all PN ships at sea were alerted about

objectives in the preva- With darkened ships, there was a formation

Karachi, c) to cause Just as war clouds alarm and confusion were gathering in Au- along the Indian coast gust 1965, intelligence since Dwarka was the reports suggested pres- centre business in the version of air effort from Mysore, Frigates Beas land operations towards and Brahmaputra at seaward defense of Indian coast and lastly to gain psychological adto west coast to join vantage by striking deep other destroyers and into Indian territorial wafrigates and were ters. This was a pertracked by PN through feetly logical rationale as Navy struck deep into other heavy cruiser INS Indian territorial waters, Delhi were refitting at wrested the initiative as Bombay while carrier well as psychological shifted to end to all further air at-Jamnagar by 5th Septem- tacks on Karachi by de- in a timely manner. stroying radar and

Dwarka. To achieve this, it an attack on Dwarka was essential to retain Light at a distance of six that night, which was an element of surprise. miles and steer north about 200 nautical miles By using a combination from Karachi. They were of restrictions and relax-restrictions on commuordered to assembly ations in Electronic nication circuits, Bompoint by sunset from Emission Policy on variwhere they were to pro- ous communication circeed towards Dwarka cuits and radars, the by heaving line or visual and on completion of force succeeded in keepshore bombardment, ing its location diswithdraw to their arc of guised as it steamed topatrol off Karachi. The wards target on a south formation 'Whisky 81' – force was cautioned easterly heading at best about possible pres- possible speed. There worked out by Commoence of some enemy sur- was no luxury of GPS in dore Saleemi for quickly face combatants and air those days and war records mentions cir-There has been rocumulus clouds scudsome debate as to why ding across the sky mak- lying on NATO's tacti-Dwarka was chosen for ing it impossible to do

HF/DF all the way till within 36 hours after the navigational lights switched off, restrictions on navigational radar, difficulties were experienced in station keeping but ships crews borne aircraft had all advantage and put an did an excellent job in getting to the firing line

The Bombardment beamer installations at Orders required units to be in position south south west of Dwarka westerly course. Due to bardment orders were passed to ships either signaling. The ships were to be seven cables apart in what was called one of the sequences assuming a formation best suited to PN for surface action instead of recal publications in use the strike. The intended an evening star shoot. in the Flotilla. Similarly

fense based on ships weaponry and gun ranges.

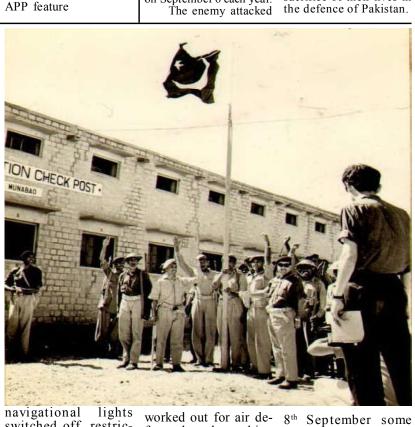
The task force fi-

nally approached firing position a few minutes reported dead with sorting out ranging issues one last time, ' 'Operation Somnath' was executed which authorized each ship to fire the runway and was renfifty rounds of high ex- dered ineffective for the plosive ammunition. Those who participated plined which on an average, took three min- respond to this daring shore which were ini- President's Ayub's battery but later evalu- with India. The Indian ated as own HEDA fall Defense ministry mainof shots.

that around midnight on stan Navy

shells fell directly on Naval Radar Facility destroying most of the infrastructure. About fifty persons were officially past midnight and after many more injured. The Naval Air Station at Dwarka used for test flights for INS Vikrant also received shells on next two months.

After the war, quesin the operation rememtions were asked in Inber the firing as disci- dian parliament as to why Indian Navy didn't utes to complete. There attack by Pakistan were some flashes from Navy, especially after tially assumed as com- speech left no doubt ing from Indian shore that Pakistan was at war tained that defense of The Indian Navy Andaman and Nicobar official version ac- Islands against an atknowledged the damage tack from Indonesia caused as a result of this was more important action. The report stated than engaging Paki-



Daroo Khan says Balochistan posses

unique opportunities

to improve country's

Pakistan's request to Iran to overcome the shortage of medicines

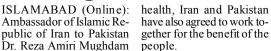
Ambassador of Islamic Républic of Iran to Pakistan Dr. Reza Amiri Mughdam met Federal Minister of Health Dr. Nadeem Jan.

Dr. Nadeem Jan welcomed the Iranian Ambassador and expressed his determination to further strengthen the relationship.

The Iranian envoy said that he wishes the supervisor good wishes and success in assuming the portfolio of health. The appointment of a world-renowned health expert like you will significantly improve the health sector.

Iran wants to invest from Pakistan in the field of medicines. Nadeem Jan, the Federal Minister of Health, said that Pakistan and Iran have deep ceremonies and strong relations spanning centuries.

Pakistan and Iran will benefit from each other's experiences to improve the



people.
The Drug Regulatory
Authority of Pakistan and Iran should create a coordinated strategy in this regard. The aim is to ensure the uninterrupted supply of lifesaving drugs on an emergency basis. The fields of medical education will continue to cooperate with each other.

Health security is our top agenda. We will ensure effective and coordinated measures to deal with cross-border epidemics. It has also been agreed to further increase cooperation in research and technical assistance in the health sector.

Iran's primary health care system is very strong. Pakistan will benefit from Iran's primary health system. We are very grateful for the donation of dialysis machines for the people of



ISLAMABAD: Mr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan called on Caretaker Federal Minister for National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Dr. Nadeem Jan at

Ejaz directs WASA to increase revenue; take steps for water supply

Independent Report

Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE), Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Jaffar has directed the Balochistan-WASA to take practical steps for provision of water to the citizens on priority basis and increase its revenue by adopting strategy on war footing

The caretaker Minisducted by the Managing Director WASA, Hamid Latif Rana and Director QWSP, Imran Durrani here on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were the Chief Engineer North, Azam Zarkoon, Director Services Ramzan Achakzai, Director Admin, Ghulam Mustafa

and other sector officers. The Ministers said that the capable and honest officers would be encour-

competent officers would QUETTA: The caretaker not be spared at all.

He said that this is an era of social media, through which awareness is created among the people about their rights.

He asked the officers to get afraid of the time when people would not hesitate from extreme step to get their rights.

Sardar Ejaz Jaffar exhorted the officers to play ter was speaking on occa- their effective role in improving the water sanitation system in addition to supply water in all areas.

He stressed that WASA can increase its rev enue by preparing a better

He also expressed concern over that B-WASA is operating in a rented building despite it has commercial land. He directed the concerned to prepare an immediate nature plan for construction of a building on the commercial land so as to save millions of rupees on monthly basis.



QUETTA: Balochistan National Party (BNP) Chairman, Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal addressing to media persons during press conference.

Balochistan govt converts 220 water supply schemes to solar energy

OUETTA Balochistan government has converted 220 water minister said that the supply schemes to solar projects should be exenergy so far and work in progress to link maximum paper work and all renumber of water schemes with renewable energy to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the local

masses. The The Caretaker Balochistan Minister for Public Health Engineering Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Jaffer on Tuesday has reviewed the progress on ongoing and new schemes while Chief Engineer Office

Quetta.
Chief Engineer North
Azam Zarkon, Chief Engineer South Muhamad Sharif Bangulazai and all SE and EXIN participated in the

Addressing the meetecuted despite limited to sources will be utilized for uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water to the people across the prov-

He said such kind projects should be initiated which can benefit maximum number of people.

He urged the official to ensure the timely completion of the projects presiding over a meeting of and directed to prepare all the district officers in and submit the PC-1 on new projects by Septem-

The caretaker provincial minister said that the water pipeline affected by the flood should be replaced and repaired imme-



strengthen bilateral cooperation

kistan and Turkiye on Tuesday reiterated their resolve to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in diverse areas for the mutual benefit of the two brotherly coun-

This bilateral ties were discussed in a meeting between President Dr Arif Alvi and the visiting Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces. Admiral Ercument Tatlioglu, who along with his delegation called on the president at

The meeting was also attended by Pakistan's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amiad Khan Niazi, Ambassador of Turkiye in Pakistan, Dr Mehmet Pacaci, and government officials of both sides. Welcoming the Commander of Turkish Naval Forces, the president said that both countries enjoyed excellent relations which were based on common religion, historical bonds, besides having similar stance on various issues.

lateral cooperation in diverse areas, including the maritime and defence cooperation. President Alvi recalled his visit to Turkiye in August 2021 to participate in the launching ceremony of the first of the four MILGEM corvettes for Pakistan Navy. He lauded the regular

need to further improve bi-

participation of the navies of the two brotherly countries in bilateral and multilateral exercises, adding that the close naval cooperation He emphasised the was a manifestation of

minorities in India

Pakistan and Turkiye.

During the meeting, the president highlighted the atrocities being committed by the Indian security forces against the Muslims in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), besides expressing concern over persecution of minorities în India. He stressed that the international community should take notice of the human rights abuses in IIOJK as well as the persecution of

Daroo Khan Achakzai said that Pakistan's economic progress and development nave been primarily dependent on its agriculture sector and effective reform of the agriculture sector is urtic and international margently required.

As the country's largest province by area, Balochistan holds unique opportunities to improve the country's economic prospects, he expressed these views while talking to

Business Forum (PBF)'s

Balochistan Chairman Engr.

APP here on Tueseday.

PBF Balochistan
Chairman, Engr. Daroo Khan Achakzai stated that tourism is central to the economy of southern Balochistan where clean, eye-catching beaches have not been explored fully.

The province has a coastline 750 kilometers long. Fishing is a good source of income for the people who dwell in this part of the province. According to recent estimations, fishery resources have a value of over \$1 billion, he maintained.

He said that then there

economic prospects QUETTA (APP): Pakistan are beautiful date gardens in the Makran division, i.e., Gwadar, Kech and Panigur, the only modern date-processing plant in Pakistan is situated in Panjgur adding that several types of dates produced and processed here are exported to domes-

> Pakistan's largest natural gas reserves are also in Balochistan. These account for more than 50 percent of the country's total re-

The Sui gas field has been producing gas to the country since 1952. Reko Diq and Saindak are rich in mineral wealth, he said. He said that the deep-

sea port is being developed at Gwadar is the pivot around which the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) revolves, the plains in Nasirabad division feature rice and wheat

The northern part of Balochistan grows plentiful fruits. Apples, grapes, pomegranates, cherries and watermelons of high quality produced here are sold across the country, he explained.

Pakistan keen to promote cooperation with Iran in fields of media, film: Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP): tween the two countries in tion in various fields, in-

Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Tuesday that Pakistan was keen to promote cooperation with Iran in the fields of media, film and drama. During a meeting with

Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghaddam, who called on him here, the min-ister said," Cooperation between the two countries in the fields of media is the need of the hour." The minister and the

ambassador discussed issues of mutual interest, fraternal relations between the two countries and promotion of cooperation in the field of media.

Digital media activists meet Jamal Raisani **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Nawabzada Jamali Raisani has exhorted the digital media activists to bring the positive face of the province before the world in order expose the elements doing negative agenda against the province.
The caretaker Minis-

ter was in introductory meeting with the digital media activists who called on him here at his office on

The digital media activists informed the caretaker Minister about the issues of people associated with the digital media besides other related matters.

Jamal Raisani said that it is his endeavor to extend every possible cooperation to the influencers and bloggers of the province so as to show the positive face of the province to the country and world.

Speaker GB Legislative Assembly calls on NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly Nazir Ahmed here on Tuesday calls on National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf in Parliament House. Raja Pervez Ashraf said that Gilgit Baltistan(GB) was blessed with unmatchable natural sceneries which rendered the region a potentially great destination, said a news release. He also as sured all legislative and administrative support to newly established Gilgit Baltistan Assembly. The speaker also said that supporting staff and members of GB legislative Assembly would be provided training

the field of media is indispensable," Murtaza Solangi A memorandum of

understanding had already been signed between the Associated Press of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), while many other agreements were under process to enhance cooperation between television, films, cinema, literary and linguistic institutions, he maintained.

These agreements, he said, would help project real culture and traditions of the two brotherly coun-

The two sides agreed to further strengthen and 'Cooperation be- expand bilateral coopera-

cluding economic, commercial, cultural and tourism sectors, besides people-topeople contacts The Iranian ambassa-

dor congratulated Murtaza Solangi on assuming charge as caretaker minister for information and broadcast-

Pakistan highly valued brotherly relations with Iran, Murtaza Solangi said, adding both the countries were bound by deep religious, cultural and linguis-

The governments of two countries were promoting close cooperation for the betterment of their people and socio-economic development, he said.



OUETTA: Provincial Advisor Shania Khan meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

Caretaker Minister Health vows to bring reforms in Health department

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai has pledged that the reforms would be brought about in health department making it center of public

He was addressing the introductory meeting with the Secretary Health, Asfandyar Khan and other officers of Health department here on Tues-

The Special Secretary Health, Dawood Bazai, Additional Secretary Health, Attiqullah Khan, Additional Secretary, Arif Achakzai, Deputy Secretary Riasat Ali, Deputy Secretary rior province.

Najam Tareen and other high ups.
The Secretary Health briefed the caretaker Pro-

vincial Minister for Health about the affairs of Health department. He informed that seri-

ous steps are being taken for bringing remarkable improvement in the health During the course of

meeting, the matters about healthcare facilities in interior Balochistan were also discussed.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Jogezai said that the provincial government is taking steps for provision of better healthcare facilities to the masses in inte-

Dr Rubaba hails establishment of anti-rape crises cell QUETTA (APP): Former effectively.

Parliamentary Secretary and Chairperson Women Parliamentary Caucus Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi Tuesday hailed the establishment of Anti-Rape Crises cell in hospitals of 34 districts in Balochistan. She expressed the

would be taken to complete the construction of forensic lab project proposed in the previous regime. Ex Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamen-

tary Affairs made these re-

hope that concrete steps

marks here on Tuesday. Dr. Rubaba Khan said that the establishment of an Anti-Rape Crises cell in the district headquarters hospitals of Balochistan would to the rape victims more

Through functioning of this cell, she hoped carrying out legal affairs will be easier, ensuring the vic-tims to get speedy justice at the local level. She noted that the

government had agreed to set up a forensic lab under a public-private partnership during the visit of Syed Kaleem Imam, a former senior police officer who served prominently in the police department and anticrime academic at Quaid-e-Azam University. She also hailed that active role of other organizations for protecting women rights, including Shirkat Gah, Forum for Dignity Initiatives Pakistan, Commission on Staprovide medical assistance tus of Women, Aurat Foundation.

about return of Nawaz to Pak: Nawaz, Independent Report Shehbaz make consultation

LONDON (Online): PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif and former Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif have made consultations on the final date about return of Nawaz Sharif to Pakistan

Final date

Khan Kakar

Shehbaz Sharif is likely to announce date regarding return of Nawaz Sharif soon.

ın a meeting

On the other hand consultations are underway among party leaders in connection with announcement of final date with reference to return of Nawaz Sharif to Pakistan.

An Important meeting of PML-N will be convened ahead of announcement about final date. During the meeting telephonic contacts will be made with PML-N leaders available in Pakistan.

Italian Navy ship visits Pakistan, conducts sea exercise

KARACHI (APP): Italian Navy Ship MORÓSINI on Tuesday visited Karachi and conducted bilateral exercise with Pakistan Navy.

Upon arrival at Karachi Port, the Italian Navy Ship was warmly welcomed by senior officials of the Pakistan Navy and the Ambassador of Italy, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

On completion of the port visit, Pakistan Navy Ship SHAHJAHAN with embarked helicopter and PAF fighters carried out a sea exercise with a visiting Italian ship to enhance interoperability between both navies.

Decision to give relief people from IPPs' money

ISLAMABAD (Online): It has been decided to give relief to the public with the money of IPPs, more than 15 billion of IPPs will be used to give relief in electricity bills.

According to the Ministry of Finance sources, a new plan for re-lief in electricity bills has been sent to the IMF by the Ministry of Finance. More than 15 billion

was earmarked for payments to IPPs for the current financial year, the additional amount allocated to IPPs can be adjusted to provide relief in electricity bills.

6th September is day to remember national spirit and enthusiasm: Jamali

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Zubair Jamali has stated that the day of 6th September is a historic day for the whole nation when our armed forces had made it clear to the enemy that Pakistani nation and well how to protect the free-

QUETTA: Senator Arbab Umar Farooq Kasi and DIG Police Quetta Abdul

Hayee Aamir Baloch meeting with Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul L Wali

In a message issued here on Defence Day of Pakistan being observed today (Wednesday), the caretaker Minister Home said that 6th September is also the

day to remember the national enthusiasm and spirit and make pledge for sacrificing our lives for the defence of motherland.

He said that on 6th September, 1965, our brave armed forces had foiled the nefarious designs of the enemy and make it a national unity, courage and

He said that we have made the country's defence invincible by defeating all internal and external conspiracies on the basis of that spirit.



OUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai talking with people protesting

Bilawal terms Sept 6 as metaphor for Pakistan's courage

man of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has termed the September 6 as a metaphor for Pakistan's national courage & bravery and said that the nation is united and always ready to defend its homeland.

In his message to the nation on the occasion of Defense Day, he saluted the armed forces for their bravery and sacrifices. He has also paid glowing tribute to the families of the martyrs of the armed forces for their courage and

The PPP Chairman said that it is a matter of pride for him that the performance of PPP leadership and its governments in the defense of the country has been historic and wonder-

He reminded that laying the foundations of the nuclear program to make

impregnable was a strate-gic gift of Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to the nation, adding that Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto further innovated and strengthened the defense of the homeland by giving the gift of missile technology to armed forces. 'After Prime Minister Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, President Asif Ali Zardari was the second head of the country, who paid tribute to the soldiers

for their great service on

behalf of the entire nation

by increasing the salaries of

the armed forces by more than 100 percent," he

The Chairman of PPP also reiterated his party's commitment to continue political, diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiri people till the independence of Occupied Kashmir from India.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Irrigation Mir Danish Lango meeting with Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Dr. Qadir Bakhsh Baloch

