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Domki visits Headquarters 12 Corps: **Caretaker CM vows** to work together for development & peace of Balochistan

Lauds role of security forces for maintaining peace, development in province; Commander Balochistan Corps Lt. Gen Asif Ghafoor apprises forum about ongoing strategy for the last one year on instructions of COAS

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visited Headquarters Balochistan Corps.

The members of interim provincial cabinet and senior civil administration officers were also present.

On arrival, the caretaker Chief Minister laid floral wreaths on the martyrs' memorial and offered Fatiha.

Later, the caretaker Chief Minister and his team were given a detailed briefing about the security situation of the province and the operations by the security forces. The Commander Balochistan Corps Lt. General Asif Ghafoor apprised the forum about the ongo-



vide a safe and conducive environment for it. Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir meeting with Turkish The Chief Minister ap-President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his official visit to brotherly country preciated the performance

of the security forces for peace and development in the province and paid rich tribute to martyrs as a great sacrifice for the security of the motherland.

He said that we all will work together for the peace and development of the province which will also contribute towards peace and prosperity of the coun-

efforts to maintain peace in region Meets President Erdogan, other high-ranking Turkish officials; Turkish leaders acknowledge army, NDMA efforts during quake RAWALPINDI (Online): General Syed Asim Munir,

NI (M), COAS is on an official visit to the Republic of Türkiye. The visit is part of the high level mutual visits by both the brotherly countries to enhance the birther it.

to enhance the historic diplomatic and military ties.

During the visit COAS called on Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Re-public of Türkiye, Foreign and Defense Ministers, Commander of Turkish General Staff and Commanders of Turkish Land and Air forces.

During the meetings. COAS emphasized on enhancing defence collaboration and training coopera-tion. COAS appreciated

Turkish Military's efforts sented with the Guard of for maintaining peace and stability in the region and also praised the standards of operational readiness of Turkish Armed Forces. Turkish leaders ac-

COAS lauds Turkish military's

knowledged the efforts extended by Pakistan Army Engineers who worked countries. along NDMA Teams during the unfortunate earthquake that hit Türkiye in February this year. COAS

visited the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in Ankara to pay homage to the great leader and laid floral wreath in his honour.

COAS later visited the Turkish Land Forces Headquarters, where on his arrival he was given a warm welcome and was prelamity

Honour. COAS was also conferred with the Legion of Merit by the Minister of Defense and Commander Turkish Land Forces in recognition of his services towards promoting defence relations between two

During the ceremony COAS highlighted that, "Pakistan and Türkiye have strong brotherly relations which have always stood the test of times.

Pakistan Army is always willing to extend full support to the Turkish Land Forces in multiple domains. Pakistan has always stood with their Turkish brothers in times of ca

Writes letter to CEC **President Alvi proposes** November 6 as election date

Says Constitution empowers him to appoint poll dates; Alvi calls for polls to be conducted across country on same date; Election to NA should be held by 89th day since dissolution

Wednesday wrote a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja and proposed November 6 as the date for general elec-

tions in the country. In the letter, the president said he had dissolved the National Assembly on the prime minister's advice on August 9.

The president cited Ar-ticle 48(5) of the Constitumandate' tion, which he said "empowers and mandates the president 'to appoint a date not later than ninety days from the date of the dissolution, for the holding of a general election to the Assembly'

Hence, "in terms of Article 48(5), the general election to the National Assembly should be held stituencies was in progress, stated.

ISLAMABAD (INP): by the 89th day of the date a mandatory requirement President Dr Arif Alvi of dissolution of the Na- stipulated by Article 51(5) tional Assembly, i.e. Mon-day, 6th day of November 2023", the letter read. of the Constitution and section 17 of the Elections Act, 2017", the letter said.

The president recalled Moreover, the Law in the letter that "in an en-Ministry also had the same deavour to fulfil the constiview on the matter, it said, tutional obligations, the adding that all four provin-Chief Election Commiscial governments were of sioner was invited for a the opinion that the anmeeting to devise the monouncement of the election dalities of implementing the date was the Election Comconstitutional intent and mission of Pakistan's (ECP) mandate.

But in his reply, the "Further, there is a consensus that to strengthen the federation CEC "took a contrary view that as per the scheme of the Constitution and and to promote unity and framework of electoral harmony amongst provinces and to avoid incurring laws, it was the domain of the Election Commission, unnecessary expenses, genand following the publicaeral elections to the National tion of last preceding cen- Assembly and the provinsus on August 7, duly noti- cial assemblies must be held fied delimitation of con- on the same day," it further

One nation, one law to be ensured No one will ever be allowed to hold society hostage: PM

GILGIT-BALTISTAN (Online): Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar has said no one will ever be allowed to hold the society hostage.

There is no room for any foreign intelligence agency in Pakistan. our national institutions will take the matters towards improvement. No one should remain under any delusion. Addressing problems of

Gilgit-Baltistan is our top priority, he said this while talking to media men after inaugurating OPD services



society. Respecting each stakeholders about the conother is must. People don't stitutional matters of the reremain same. The process gion. He mentioned that



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, MirAli Mardan Khan Domki meeting with Commander 12 Corps Lt. General Asif Ghafoor during his visit to Headquarters Balochistan Corps.

CM takes notice of late arrival of govt. officers

and employees in offices

Caretaker Minister Information Jan Achakzai says CM has clear stance that unacceptable culture of low attendance in offices must be stopped forthwith

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has taken notice of the late arrival of government officers and employees in the officers and directed the administrative secretaries to take steps for prompt improvement in the situation.

In an official statement issued here on Wednesday, the caretaker Minister Information Jan Achakzai said that there is a clear stance of caretaker Chief Minister to stop unacceptable culture of low attendance in the government offices.

He said that low attendance of officers and other staff in the offices and delayed work there is a serious issue, which is affecting the productivity of the coming offices in time, and government departments.

According to the care-taker Minister Information, the Chief Minister has directed heads of all government departments to make all the officers and employees bound to come their of fices in time by taking action against those remain absent from their duties or come offices late

elections: Rana The Chief Minister's warning has come at a time LAHORE (INP): PML-N when the provincial govern-Punjab President Rana ment has been facing sev-Sanaullah on Wednesday eral challenges including vehemently denied any ongoing campaign against possibility of alliance with smuggling. He said that it is also a the People's Party in next

elections. "There can be seat challenge for the governadjustment with the PPP on ment to improve the provia limited level but there are sion of basic services to the minimal chances of even people. such electoral adjustment,

One can hope that the Rana Sanaullah said. government employees 'The PPP's criticism or would pay heed towards the PML-N suit them and the warning and would start they have right to do so,³ PML-N leader said. Reply perform accordingly

ing a question, Sanaullah said that as a political party the PTI has right to do politics and they are entitled of it. "The PTI should keep the elements responsible for May 09 incidents, at distance from it," he was opined.

QUETTA (INP): At leas four people were killed and three others injured when a vehicle skidded offroad and plunged into a ravine in district Washuk of Balochistan

Kano steep where Basima bound vehicle coming from Khuzdar got out of control due to bursting of trye and fell into a gorge. As a result of accident, four people including women were killed

among three were injured.

Information also said that the US Ambassador would also be warmly welcomed stated to be critical.



QUETTA: A delegation of UNODC led by Dr. Jeremy Milson meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

elimination.

UNODC's delegation calls on Governor: No alliance with PPP likely in next We have to find out reasons and motives behind increasing social crimes & use of drugs with negative impacts: Wali

Independent Report Wednesday. QUETTA: The Governor Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said Balochistan, Malik Abdul that the economic poor state Wali Khan Kakar has emis the real cause of all social phasized that we have to find out the causes and issues motives behind the increas-He said that there have

ing social crimes and use of been more negative impacts narcotics along with their of the civil war on the negative impacts so as to whole region that was continued for last forty years pave the way for their in the neighbouring country

In this regard, we value Afghanistan. a lot the efforts and coop-He said that it is neceseration of United Nations sarv for us to motivate our people to get education so that they may are involved in the economic and social activities.

This would not only reduce the impacts of extremism, but would also bring positivity in the society, adding he believed. In the end, Governor

Dr. Jeremy Milson here at and guests exchanged com memorative shields.

at Cardiac hospital in Gilgit-

Baltistan Wednesday.. People of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) have welcomed me with great love. GB is bouquet of people of diverse color and race, he added

He went on to say accepting the rights of each

PPP to knock down anti-state

elements in elections: Bilawal MULTAN (INP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said

and Asia.

that his party will knock down the anti-state elements in the upcoming general elections While addressing a gathering of party activists

and general public at Svedwala Bypass on Wednesday, he said that PPP contested previous general elections despite challenges like martyrdom of Ms Benazir Bhutto and the abduction of Ali Haider

Gilani Bilawal Bhutto said that timely general elections were mandatory but could be delayed due to some rea-

Expressing gratitude to Multan for its unwavering support for the PPP, he highlighted its commitment

to democracy. The PPP Chairman recalled the historic victory of Musa Gilani in the byelections, which marked a significant achievement for the PPP in Multan and added that Multan had

of change continues. "We will remove the

they are working towards finding constitutional solumisperceptions with wistions to questions related to dom. The responsibility for the region's identity.

He said it will be our rights rests with the state. effort to help the people of We will discharge it in befitting manner. I have come Gilgit-Baltistan stand on with a message for the their own feet and live a people of GB that they dignified life. He said they should respect rights of are striving to harness the economic potential of the each other. Man can never resolve the problems alone. region in various sectors, We have to live life together. including tourism, mining and minerals, and This is peak of humanity. The Prime Minister power generation, by said it is the diversity and implementing long-term scenic beauty of Gilgitpolicies. He said improving road infrastructure in the Baltistan that attracts tour-

ists not only from within region is also amongst Pakistan but also Europe our priorities. Ĥe remarked improve-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar ment in the areas of toursaid negotiations have been ism, energy and others is held with the Governor, the our top most priority.



MULTAN: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses during public gathering meeting held at Muzaffargarh area in Multan.

Interim Federal, Provincial Law Ministers vow to ensure transparent elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal and provincial law ministers on Wednesday during a meeting underscored the importance of upholding the principles of democracy and ensuring the smooth conduct of elec-

tions. Caretaker Minister for Law and Justice, Ahmad Irfan Aslam convened a meeting with provincial law ministers including Kanwar Dilshad (Punjab), Muhammad Omer Soomro (Sindh), Arshad Hussain Shah (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Kanrani Amanullah (Balochistan).

The meeting was held to discuss matters pertaining to the upcoming general elections to the National and Provincial Assemblies, said a press re-

During the meeting, all Law Ministers underupholding the principles of same day.

democracy and ensuring the smooth conduct of elections

It was unanimously agreed that the Constitution must be read as a whole and no provision of the Constitution be read in isolation from other relevant provisions. As per the Constitution, the con-

duct of general elections and announcement of election dates is the sole competence of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

The Provincial Law Ministers emphasized that in order to strengthen the Federation, ensure harmony amongst all federating units and avoid unnec-

essary financial burden on the national exchequer incurred owing to the provision of security arrangements on different election dates, the general elections

to the National and the four Provincial Assemscored the importance of blies must be held on the

Independent Report QUETTA: The Interim Government of Balochistan has welcomed the visit of United States Ambassador, Donald Blome to Gwadar ties

QUETTA: Qari Maulana Abdul Rehman meeting

with Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai

Interim Balochistan Government

hails visit of US Ambassador

to port city of Gwadar

the other day. In an official statement issued here on late Tuesday night, the caretaker Provincial Minister Information, Jan Achakzai said that the government of Balochistan

desires to attract investment of US private sector in oil, Information Technology and other sectors in the in Ouetta

from government to government but is also exploring the investment opportuni-

Jan Achakzai said that the US private sector can earn huge profit by investing in the oil, IT and mineral sectors in the province.

The Interim Minister two wounded people was

Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) a lot, and do expect that it's support and guidance would also remain continued in future. These views were ex-Four killed, 3 pressed by the Governor while speaking to a delegainjured as vehicle tion of UNODC who called falls into gorge on him under leadership of in Washuk

on Wednesday. Levies sources said that the accident took place at

in the accident while Assistant District Public Prosecutor Washuk Hidayatullah

The bodies and injured vere shifted to Sheikh Zayed Healthcare Uni Washuk were condition of



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province. He said that Balochistan is not only desirous of having investment

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CJP's legacy

It was "bitter" constitutional litigation, the chief justice believes, that ultimately affected the court's performance. But was it just that? Speaking at a the TTP. Reportedly, hundreds of heavily armed milifull court reference held to tants stormed Pakistani semark the start of a new judicial curity posts in Chitral last year, Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial on Monday regretted after three days of fierce that the Supreme Court had the remote district is far from been pushed into "a trying connormal. Tension continues test". "We sat back and became its victim and suffered in perports of the militants having infiltrated the border arformance," he reflected. Yet the eas of the Kalash valley. The Supreme Court can hardly be latest attacks in the treacherous mountainous region described as having 'sat back' mark an expansion in the while the country's institutions TTP's cross-border operaand political parties were mak-

ing a mad grab for power. Over Justice Bandial's tenure, the apex court found itself stumbling from one controversy to another, starting from its overturning of the National Assembly deputy speaker's decision to throw out a no-confidence vote against then PM Imran Khan. At the time, the decision was widely hailed for having put to rest the doctrine of necessity. However, it also set a precedent for the court to go beyond established boundaries as it attempted to do 'justice'. Shortly after, the apex court 'rewrote' the Constitution by nullifying lawmakers' power to defy party lines. Given the po-litical consequences of the dition to this bandwagon is the India-Middle East-Eu-rope Economic Corridor court's interventions in these

versy followed. It, therefore, surprised no government says that India, one when, barely a year later, Saudi Arabia, the United the court's internal differ- Arab Emirates (UAE), ences spilt out into the pub- France, Germany, Italy, the European Union (EU) and lic domain. The court had the US have announced to overstepped once again by build the India-Middle Easttaking up petitions against Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). election delays while the high courts were still hearing the to stimulate conomic devel the Middle East and Eu- revenue, were Chinese" matter. As some of the judges put their foot down to protest their institution's 'transgressions', matters started to unravel quickly. While the PDM government tried to flame the divisions within the court, the chief justice failed to restore unity within his ranks. Progress on key cases quickly stalled, and justice was put on the back-burner Children are a country's as the change of guard loomed closer. As Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial prepares to hang up his have not given sufficient robes, he has started feeling the weight of this legacy he leaves behind. It is difficult not der 18 years in households, to empathise with him. Less than two years ago, he ¹²million child labourers in was celebrated for being a the country. A study in 2003 showed that eight per "soft-spoken man of integrity" and a "competent judge" who was "learned and fair-minded". But the same people who once live in poverty, with some 24pc below the poverty spoke so highly of Justice line. For families in such Bandial later ruthlessly assailed his capabilities, with of family planning, every some accusing him of "fixing" benches with "like-minded ents. Instead of sending judges" and running a "oneman show". It cannot be easy for anyone to see their reputation — achieved through an hensible scenario where entire lifetime's work — be children are birthed solely for financial gain. The conruthlessly attacked and re- ditions under which these duced in such a manner. But such a thing is perhaps unavoidable now, given the judicialisation of our politics. The incoming chief justice should take the experience of cated and financially stable the incumbent and those im- 14-year-old Rizwana, who mediately before him as a worked as domestic help warning. A ruthless commitment to fair play could help him Rizwana's parents did not avoid a similar end next year.

field. The two Afghan prov- organised and better inces house the largest sanc- equipped with sophistituaries for the outlawed Pakistani militant group. With reports of the militants amassing on the border and tensions building up in the region for some

time, the raid didn't come as a surprise. According to some reports, the attacks were led by TTP head Noor Mehsud. The timing of the attacks seemed well calculated as the country cel-

ebrated Defence Day on Sept 6. The clashes left casualties on both sides. While there has been a significant rise in cross-border raids in the former tribal

regions, incidents of terrorist violence have also escalated in recent months, taking a huge toll on Pakistani security forces. The militants have virtually declared a war on the Pakistani state. The TTP is not only active in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but has also extended its operations to the troubled Balochistan province. Meanwhile, the latest incident in Chitral has added to our security concerns.

cated northwestern part of We are now back to the Pakistan that borders pre-2016 situation, or even Afghanistan's Kunar and worse, with the resurgence Nuristan provinces has beof militant violence. The the most lethal attacks in come the TTP's latest battlemilitants appear more recent years.

equipped with sophisticated weaponry. Scores of Pakistani soldiers reportedly lost their lives in August, the bloodiest month, in clashes between the security forces and the militants, with targeted attacks

The TTP's new battleground

in various parts of KP and Balochistan Such a high number of casualties is alarming. The situation is getting worse with reports of tacit support for the TTP from some Afghan Taliban commanders. A

major concern for the Pakistani security forces is the militants acquiring modern weapons left behind by the Nato forces and the former Afghan army With the interim Af-

ghan Taliban administration refusing to take action against TTP sanctuaries on its soil, security challenges for Pakistan have exacerbated. What is most alarming are reports of the Afghan Taliban also joining the TTP in some of the terrorist attacks inside Pakistan. There was strong evidence of their involvement in the raid on the security post in Zhob district of Balochistan earlier this year. It was among

The impunity with which such attacks are being carried out against the security forces also raises questions about our own strategy to deal with the existentialist threat. Growing political and economic instability in the country also seems to have given impetus to the militants. The se-

curity forces now seem overstretched, with the expansion of militant operations along the long and porous border with Afghanistan.

Some reports quoting TTP sources maintain that the worsening sectarian tension in the nearby area of Gilgit-Baltistan has also been the reason behind the latest TTP incursion into Chitral. The militants are reportedly regrouping under the TTP banner in the area.

Indeed, the Chitral incident cannot be seen in isolation. Cross-border infiltration and clashes are not a new phenomenon in the region. The neighbouring Afghan provinces of Kunar and Nuristan have long been known as the centre of Al Qaeda-backed, religiously inspired militancy. The area became a safe haven for Pakistani militants fleeing from military operations in this the infiltration. The latest country. The return of cross-border attacks are a

Taliban rule in Afghanistan helped them reorganise. There have been sev-

eral incidents of cross-border clashes in the district in the past. But the Sept 6 raid was the most serious, with a large number of militants crossing over. A top TTP commander told The Khorasan Diary, a digital news platform, that several villages have fallen to the militants. The claim has not been verified. The area where the infiltration took place is believed to be more vulnerable because of its inhospitable terrain. The mountainous region is cov-

ered with snow for much of the year, making cross-border movement extremely difficult. Chitral's Given geostrategic location the is now paying for. Indeed, rise of the militant threat there is a serious security concern for Pakistan. The region not only borders Afghanistan but also Tajikistan and China through the Wakhan Corridor. Because of its sensitivity, there is a large presence of Pakistani security forces in the region. But the tough terrain makes it

grim reminder of the growing TTP threat to national security

Indeed, the return of Taliban rule across the border has been a major factor in the resurgence of militant violence in the country but the absence of a clear strategy has also helped the TTP regain some of its lost space. The policy of appeasement has come back to haunt us.

It was a serious mistake on the part of the state to engage in so-called peace negotiations with the outlawed group on the persuasion of the Afghan Taliban administration in 2021. The terms of engagement were set by the militants.

It is that policy of appeasement that the country we must put pressure on the Afghan Taliban administration to take action against the militants operating from its soil, but more importantly, we have to set our own counterterrorism policy in order. There still seems to be some confusion over how to deal with the rising TTP threat. The Chitral incident is yet another wake-up call for our harder to completely stop policymakers. -- Courtesy Dawn

Navigating economic corridors

integration between Asia. the Arabian Gulf. and Europe. The IMEC comprises two discrete corridors, the east corridor which connects India to the Arabian Gulf via sea and the northern corridor which links the Arabian Gulf to Europe. Like other corridors, the IMEC also

includes a railway line via the Middle Eastern countries - the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel and a sealine linking Indian ports with the Port of Haifa in Israel to European ports. Upon successful fruition, it is expected to provide a reliable and cost-effective cross-border 'ship-to-rail transit network' to supplement existing maritime and

road transport routes.US President Joe Biden has labelled the initiative "a real big deal" and a "game-chang-ing investment". Critics say this is a direct challenge to Chinese President Xi's signature Belt and Road Initiathus far. tive (BRI). PM Modi has

opment through enhanced rope", a jubilant Indian preconnectivity and economic mier said. He called it an "historic" agreement. The European commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, described it as "much more than just a rail-way or a cable"..."It is a green and digital bridge across continents and civilisations'

There is unprecedented optimism in Indian media and policy circles. Unnecessarily and as per their habit to bring Pakistan into every discussion, the Hindustan Times came up with the heading: "Meltdown in Pakistan over historic India-Middle East-EU corridor: 'Wake-up call'". It is a brave initiative

indeed, but it is too early to celebrate or dismiss it. As compared with the BRI, several transnational infrastructure-building initiatives have been announced during the last decade or so, but none has dwarfed the Chinese 'project of the century'

China is a global development actor and particu-

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Similarly, in infrastructure-By any metrics. China has building, Beijing is a global global footprints when it leader as it has completed comes to financing and exnumerous mega projects at ecuting home and abroad. Owing to projects. this, among the 20 largest In contrast, the response of other bilateral or construction contractors. 14 multilateral actors has reare Chinese, while six are from the EU and there is mained lacklustre. To

counter the rising role of none from the US. A recent study illus-China, the US and its allies trates that during the last 20 in the Group of Seven (G7) years, Beijing has financed came up with their own iniover 13,000 projects worth tiatives. "China has its Belt \$843 billion in 165 countries. and Road Initiative, and we According to the China think that there's a much Power Project of the Washmore equitable way to proington-based Center for vide for the needs of countries around the world". US Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), under the President Biden stated after BRI banner, China has been the end of the 47th G7 sumworking in 138 countries mit held in Cornwall in the with a combined GDP of UK in 2021, where he came up with the Build Back Bet-\$29 trillion and some 4.6 ter World (B3W) plan.

billion people or about 61 per cent of the global population.

Global Gateway project, announced in 2021, aimed at According to the erican Enterprise focusing on physical infra-American Institute's China Global Instructure such as fibre optic vestment Tracker, financing cables, clean transport corridors and clean power and implementing more than 4,000 large projects in transmission lines. The inidiverse sectors, China's tiative announced that with overseas investment and strong commitment from EU

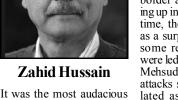
ing democratic values and high standards, good governance and transparency, equal partnership, green and infrastructure clean, resilient infrastructure, and catalyzing private-

sector investment. Japan's Partnership for Quality Infrastructure Investment is another initiative between the World Bank and the government of Japan to support the devel-opment of infrastructure that is resilient, inclusive. sustainable, and supports economic growth.

All these economic initiatives must be welcomed as they aim to increase regional trade and connectivity and bring people, services and goods together. They must not be viewed from a zero-sum perspective as economic corridors should not be used for geopolitical competition by major powers. Hence, how the latest corridor in the form of the IMEC will fare depends on multiple factors. Raising financing is just one element, bringing participating countries to agree to a clear roadmap link-



We are living in an era of 'corridorization', 'economic corridor' being the new buzzword. The proponents of these 'corridors' claim that they are vital for increasing regional connectivity and trade. The latest ad-(IMEC), announced during the 2023 G20 summit held cases, criticism and controin New Delhi. The official statement of the Memorandum of Understating (MoU) released by the US



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direction to connectivity larly in the realm of mega infrastructure, Beijing has and sustainable development. "In times to come, the done wonders. According to corridor will become an efone research study. fective medium for eco- 2017, seven of the ten largnomic integration of India, est construction firms, by

Abused at work

stated that it will give a new



most precious investment. But in Pakistan, poor chil-

dren don't fall in this category. Even after 75 years of existence, we as a nation importance to child rights. Child domestic labour refers to hiring children unwith or without a salary. Figures from 2016 showed the country. A study in cent of all child labour was related to domestic work. It is also estimated that

around 40pc of Pakistanis situations, survival is the primary goal. Due to lack child born becomes an additional burden on the parthem to school, they are sent to work. In some households, having more children means more income, leading to a reprechildren work is often irrelevant, as long as the parents receive a monthly sal-

The situation is even more disheartening when child rights violations occur in the homes of edufamilies. The recent case of in the home of a well-todo judge is an example.

called to take her home, they discovered she had been brutally abused. The responsibility for this situation lies with the judge and his wife, Rizwana's parbrought her from her village, and all those who silently watched her work without questioning the circumstances. It seems that our state is blind to

these issues. Children are often preferred over adult domestic workers because they can be paid lower salaries, take up less space, require less food, and are easily controlled and threatened. It is ironic that employers often justify hiring children by claiming that they are helping them live their lives. Employing a child for work is not a favour; it is a crime. It robs them of their precious childhood. It denies them their right to education, trapping not only them but also future generations in a cycle of exploitation.

The proportion of sue. girls involved in domestic labour is much higher than boys, perpetuating gender inequality and limiting future opportunities for girls. For these children, the stress from excessive workloads leads to anxiety, and the loneliness of being away from home can result in depression. Constantly comparing their lives to those of their employer's children can cause low selfesteem and a sense of hopelessness. It can lead to feelings of jealousy, aggression, and cause conduct disorders. In some households, making these children work beyond their capabilities is not the end of it, as they are subjected to abuse physical, sexual and psy-

chological. Another recent case is that of nine-year-old Fatima, who was sexually abused in the haveli of a pir or spiritual leader. Sadly, she succumbed to her injuries. It was later from exploitation and abuse. revealed that many other

girls were living in the house as domestic workers. These girls are given as gifts to these pirs and feudal lords, and parents receive nominal amounts of money ents, the trafficker who in return. Heartbreaking stories of child domestic labourers treated as slaves by their monstrous employers and often losing their lives come to light every now and then. Pakistan has ratified conventions on child

labour and has laws in place to address this issue. Punjab was the first province to pass a law specifically targeting domestic labour in 2019, which banned children below 15 years old from working as domestic labourers. Sindh does not have a specific law for child domestic labour, but when the Sindh Child Protection law was amended in 2021, child labour in domestic and commercial settings was included in the definition of child abuse, making it more than just a labour is-

In 2020, a domestic labour law was passed in Islamabad Capital Territory as well. Despite having various laws on child rights, there is inconsistency in the definition of the upper age limit for a child in each law. To address this confusion, it is crucial to establish a unified definition of a child as anyone below 18 years old. This will help clarify the age criteria across all laws. Furthermore, child domestic labour should be banned and criminalised, with the offence being added to the Pakistan Penal Code as a non-bailable and non-compoundable offence. We cannot afford to lose more children like Zohra, Tayyaba, Kinza, Rizwana and Fatima. Our society, lawmakers and government must prioritise action on poverty alleviation, population control,

free compulsory education and protecting children -- Courtesy Dawn

construction since 2005 has reached \$2.27 trillion. Similarly, since the launch of the BRI, China has invested or lent over \$1 trillion to more than 100 countries who are signatory to the initiative.

member-states, the Global Gateway would aim at moing the UAE and Saudi bilizing investments of up Arabia with Israel via Jorto 300 billion euros between dan is also contingent on the 2021 and 2027. The EU political situation of the pledged that key principles volatile Middle East. -would be adhered to includ- Courtesy TheNews

Silencing a songbird

Similarly, the EU-led

accompanied — and in some ways facilitated — Popular Unity's ascent to power in 1970. He was an internationally acclaimed theatre director who had, since his deprived childhood, also been deeply immersed in Chilean folk music, and eventually started writing his own songs to supplement the vast repertoire he had imbibed from his mother and his broader milieu.

In 1969, he won joint first prize at the first festival of Nueva Canción Chilena — Chilean New Song — with Plegaria a un Labrador (Prayer to a Worker). It was a genre he had helped to propagate, following in the footsteps of Violeta Parra. The festival was held at Estadio Chile, where Jara returned four years later as a prisoner of the junta that snuffed out with extreme prejudice the very idea of a more equitable and humane

nation Sept 11, Jara bid farewell to his family and drove off to his workplace, the State Technical University, despite knowing that a military coup had been launched. Curfew prevented him from returning home, and the following day Jara and hundreds of fellow teachers and students were marched to the a proper funeral. As armed nearby stadium, which was serving as a concentration camp for political prisoners. He was recognised and singled out at the gate, abused in the vilest terms, and brutally assaulted. That was just the preamble to at least three days of extreme torture before an officer blew out his brains, and then encouraged his underlings to fire their machineguns into the assassinated avatar of an aborted dream. When his widow located his body among the hundreds of unidentified corpses in the city morgue two days later, guided by a yo--ung communist who

tural revolution that had risked his life to in--f-orm her, it was riddled with 44 bullet holes. Thanks mainly to Joan Jara and her associates in Chile and abroad, eight former military officers were sentenced five years ago, among them possibly the beast who had battered the hands that gently strummed the guitar. The alleged chief perpetrator, however, remains at liberty in Florida.

Goaded to sing after his initial torture, Victor had defiantly burst into a verse of Venceremos, the Popular Unity theme song. And before he was plucked away from fellow detainees for his final ordeal, he scribbled an anti-fascist poem that, miraculously, was smuggled out of the stadium and soon enough rang out in various parts of the world.

Unaware of all this, Neruda died on the eve of his scheduled departure for Mexico. Some evidence has lately emerged to suggest that he was poisoned, but it

On the morning of remains inconclusive and the whole truth may never be ascertained. It's fairly obvious that an outraged and outspoken Neruda would have been an unpleasant prospect for the Pinochet junta. But whether or not it played any role in silencing the poet, the recent Nobel laureate-unlike Allende or Jara — could not be denied soldiers and police looked on, deterred from action by dozens of foreign correspondents, the hundreds of funeral marchers recited Neruda's verses, then burst into the Internationale, before raising slogans that invoked (and immortalised) not just Neruda but also Allende and Victor Jara. Half a century later, the outstanding poet's last journey still reflects both the final embers of Popular Unity and the first sparks of the relentless resistance that eventually thwarted the neoliberal aspirations of the US-backed military clique. -- Courtesy Dawn



Mahir Ali

Just a few days after the elected president of Chile, his close friend and comrade Salvador Allende, had met a violent death in his workplace, the man described by Gabriel García Márquez as "the greatest poet of the 20th century, in any language" lay on his bed in a Santiago clinic, ailing and distraught. The poet's wife,

Matilde, had left his bedside to return to their home in Isla Negra to collect some books that Pablo Neruda wished to take with him to Mexico, where he had been invited to retreat by the country's president, Luis

Echeverria. She received a phone call from Neruda, who sounded unusually agitated. She rushed back, fearing the worst.

On doctors' orders, Matilde had tried to shield her husband from the worst news about the atrocities unfolding in the wake of the Sept 11, 1973, coup. But he could not be denied access to his friends, and when she returned, a highly distressed Neruda informed her: "They're killing people, they're handing their bodies over in pieces. The morgue's full of the dead ... Ďidn't you know what happened to Víctor Jara? He was one of those they tore to pieces, they destroyed his hands ... Oh my God, that's like killing a nightingale. And they say he kept on singing and singing, and that drove them wild."

His information was reasonably accurate. Víctor Jara was arguably the most potent symbol of the cul-

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Governor KP says: Quality education, research studies imperative for sustainable economic progress, development

PESHAWAR Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali here Wednesday said that the quality higher education and research studies in universities were vital for sustainable economic progress and development of the country.

Briefing newsmen about the fiscal analysis of KP universities 2021-2024 report prepared by the Governor's Secretariat KP here, the Governor said that no country could achieve goals of economic prosperity and development unless it equipped its people with an ornament of quality universities by the past higher education and

(APP): concentrated on excellent research work. He said the research based education generates employment opportunities and alleviates poverty in society. The Governor said that a total of 34 public sector universities were providing quality higher education to students in KP despite financial

the

constraints. Haji Ghulam Ali said that the revenue of most of public sectors universities was decreasing and expenditures were increasing due to poor planning and wrong selection of sites for the establishment of new governments

He said that only one percent was being spent on research work which was very low compared to international standards. The Governor said that in last four to five months, eight public sector universities in KP were functioning without a vice chancellor while VCs of additional seven universities are going to retire shortly. He said that

the former PTI government has done great injustice with the universities after passing an act that complicated the appointment of vice chancellors and KP's domiciled human resource for induction in public sector universities

EIB recovers

156 Kg hashish,

96 Kg opium

PESHAWAR (APP)

Smugglers also

team and escaped from the

scene after abandoning the

and six persons sustained

minor injuries in the

registered in Excise Station

Peshawar Region and an

investigation is underway. Meanwhile, Director

General Excise and Narcotics Control, Akmal

Khattak appreciated the

performance of EIB team

The case has been

incident.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with IT trainers under the aegis of Akhuwat Foundation at Governor House.

P&D directed to take land acquisition into account in foreign funded projects

PESHAWAR (APP): the imposition of Section Advisor to KP Caretaker IV, a strategy should also CM on Planning & be evolved for land Development (P&D), acquisition in the land Communications Works, and Public Health Engineering (PHE), Dr. Syed Sarfaraz Ali Shan has directed the authorities of the P&D Department to take into account the procedure of land purchase, expenditures, and other required processes in the feasibility reports of development funds for the purpose.

Excise Intelligence Bureau (EIB) here Wednesday foiled a bid of narcotics smuggling and recovered hashish and opium from a car near Motorway Toll scarcity districts of the Plaza province. Acting on a tip-off, a team of EIB started

He further directed that the expenditure in all checking vehicles near the the ongoing provincial, toll plaza. During checking federal, and foreign-funded 96 kilograms of opium and development projects 156 kilogram hashish were should be as per the recovered from a private Vschedule utmost efforts 8 vehicle. should be made for timely spending of the released resorted to firing at EIB

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He directed

that the projects that are

near should be given full

attention while separate

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar -ul-Haq Kakar interacts with the doctors and para-medical staff of Cardiac Hospital.

Equipping youth with IT education is the need of hour: Baligh

Independent Report Governor LAHORE: Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended ceremony the ceremony of distribution of certificates of appreciation to IT trainers under the aegis of Akhuwat Foundation here at Governor House Lahore today as a special guest.

Addressing the ceremony, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that information technology has become an integral part of modern life and equipping the young generation with information technology education is the need of the hour. He said the target of

be achieved by increasing Akhuwat Foundation was IT software exports. Governor Punjab said that offering free courses to students in Akhuwat Foundation is designing. marketing, web and mobile doing a good job by giving free IT training to the applications development. youth.

courses will provide He said that such entrepreneurship people and institutions which are working for the opportunities to the welfare of the people are youth, adding that they can the bright face of the earn a handsome amount of society which needs to be money by working on line. shown to the world. Governor Punjab further Governor Punjab said that said that former Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributed in our society, deficiencies, flaws, and negative things laptops among students on merit in 2013, so that our are highlighted, while there are many good things in our society that also need to be highlighted. Governor Punjab added that he was economic development can happy to know that

Caretaker home minister for speeding up operations against criminals

KARACHI (APP): Sindh in the Katcha (riverine) Caretaker Minister for areas of the province, Home and Prisons Brig. ® according to a news release Haris Nawaz while on Wednesday

presiding over a high-level meeting on law and order directed law enforcement agencies to speed up intelligence-based operations against street criminals, drug dealers, land grabbers and comb out illegal immigrants from the city, through mutual coordinated action.

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Decision to ensure execution of daily trial of accused on May 9

LAHORE (Online): Caretaker government of the meeting to ensure Punjab has decided to implementation of decision ensure implementation of of decision of daily trial in jail in respect of accused of mayhem in jail. May 9 tragedy.

daily trial of perpetrators of May 9 He has also ordered to

It was also decided in

Chief

Meeting was held submit all the challans of under caretaker Punjab Lahore within 3 days on Chief Minister Mohsin incident of May 9 It was told in the

Naqvi in Lahore. The progress on briefing given in the issues related to events of meeting that construction May 9 and Jaranwala was and renovation of 9 churches in Jaranwala has reviewed.

Caretaker Chief been completed. Minister Punjab Mohsin Caretaker Naqvi has directed a team Minister Punjab Mohsin consisting of 3 ministers Naqvi has directed to and senior officers to visit complete the construction Jaranwala and submit and renovation of 13 more churches in 2 weeks. report



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali add ressing a Press conference regarding financial situation of Universities. Caretaker Provincial Minister for Education Dr. Qasim Jan is also present.

China-Pak Belt and Road Joint Laboratory to be established in KP varsities

Southeast University found (SEU) Naniyang, China's delegation and Prof. Dr. FAISALABAD (APP) Bodies of two persons were found from different Iftikhar Hussain, Vice Chancellor UET Peshawar parts of the area of discussed the possibility Thikriwala police station. of establishing the "China-

graphic

He said that these

digital

Police spokesman said here on Wednesday that some passersby witnessed corpse of a 35-year-old man lying near on Wednesday. Lunda Bridge on Ring Road Chak No.64-JB and be established in five

informed the police. Meanwhile, body of a 30-year-old youth Mehboob Elahi was found from the Dera of his friend Ahmad Raza in Chak

No.64-JB. The police took both bodies into custody and shifted them to mortuary

PESHAWAR (APP): The Shehreyar, VC University of Science and Technology, Bannu, Prof. Dr. Khair-uz-Zaman, VC University of Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht. The senior officials from PDMA KP, Center for Disaster Preparedness Pak Belt and Road Joint and Management, UoP, Laboratory for Smart China Study Center UoP and Civil Engineering Department UET Disaster Prevention of Department UET Peshawar gave their major Infrastructure" here presentations. The laboratory will

Prof. Zhou Dong from SEU said, the Civil Pakistan including UET Peshawar, UET Lahore, Engineering Department SEU is ranked "A+" as a NED Karachi, NUST and first class discipline, declared by Ministry of Education, China.

The delegation met with Secretary Relief and He said that the Rehabilitation KP Abdul cooperation between SEU Basit, Deputy Scientific and Pakistani universities Advisor, Ministry of are part of the "Belt and Science and Technology Road" initiative based on (MOST) Islamabad, Raja talent cultivation.

conclusion. The meeting was held here at the office of the Home Minister and attended by Sindh Home Secretary, Muhammad Iqbal Memon, IGP Sindh

He vowed to take the operation against the lawbreakers to its logical

Riffat Mukhtar; Addl.IGP Karachi Khadim Hussain The Home Minister Rind, Deputy Director ordered to evolve a joint General Pakistan Rangers

youth can progress in the field of information technology and compete with the world. **Two bodies**

schemes particularly of

foreign-funded projects. He issued these directives during a briefing regarding foreign-funded of the plan next week so projects here on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Chief P&D Akhtar Rahman and other planning officers.

strategies should be adopted for the long-term Ĥe said that besides, projects.

ICRC, Hilal Ahmar conducts workshop for students at WUS

Rehman,

CAPITAL CITY POLICE

LAHORE

(APP): PESHAWAR International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Hilal Ahmar (Red Crescent), in collaboration with the Department of Journalism, conducted an training and insights on the crucial informative workshop for students at Women's University Swabi (WUS). The workshop was aimed at equipping students of the Journalism, Management Science, Urdu, Pak Studies, and Psychology departments

in foiling the smuggling bid. Major Arms Haul: **Police arrest** with skills to create effective humanitarian arms dealer content during times of

DG KHAN (APP): Dera crises and disasters. Ghazi Khan police claimed to have apprehended an The event featured distinguished speakers who shared their expertise inter-provincial arms dealer and seized a substantial cache of illegal role of media and communication during weapons disasters. Aezaz Ur Rehman, ICRC

According to police sources, Muhammad Shafiq son of Muhammad Communication Lead, Ishaq and a resident of district Haripur, was apprehended during an emphasised the importance of accurate and timely communication in crisis. operation.

During the search of Shafiq's vehicle with registration number AXQ/ 687, law enforcement officers uncovered a staggering array of weaponry.

The team confiscated items including 3 Kalashnikovs, 17 30-bore

LAHORE: Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Kalashnikov ammunition Lahore, Bilal Saddique Kamyana presides over a and a staggering 3900 rounds of pistols. 1.94 billion in this regard.

An important meeting was held in South Punjab Secretariat on Wednesday regarding infrastructure development in Katcha

Planning

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Sindh, and senior officers strategy for commenting a grand operation against the of other law enforcement further investigation was dacoits and their facilitators and intelligence agencies.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN

GILGIT: Provincial Ministers Gilgit-Baltistan addressing a press conference

regarding the Prime Minister visits to GB at CM Secretariat.

for postmortem while under progress, he added.

UNDP, KP Judicial Academy train women lawyers in legal aid

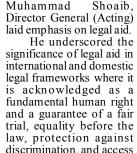
PESHAWAR (APP): The Muhammad United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration the Khyber with Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy, has organized a two-day pilot training for women lawyers on representing legal aid clients from 13 to 14

designated universities of

BUETEM Quetta.

September. This initiative brings together young 20-female lawyers from Peshawar. Caitlin Chittenden, Senior Rule of Law and

Justice Reform Specialist at UNDP welcomed the and participants highlighted the objectives remarks, opening



discrimination, and access to effective remedies. The Inaugural Session was attended by the faculty members and directors of the Academy. The two-day training program aims to provide participants with an orientation of District of the sessions. In his Legal Empowerment Committees (DLECs)



PESHAWAR: Youngsters' enjoying bathing on Kohat Road.

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Waqasi,

He expressed these an important meeting of KMC departments related

revenue from KMC assets, recovery departments must ensure implementation of

spokesperson for Political

Commissioner KMC Syed

Advisor Ghulam Murtaza

departments, and other

officers were also present.

of KMC's land within 30

days and the challans of the

He said that PD

should get

Karamullah

Municipal

Mayor Karachi directs KMC's Land dept to conduct survey of land

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab on Wednesday directed the land department to conduct an Afzal Zaidi, Finance immediate survey of their land at Sharea Faisal, I.I Bhutto, Head of Revenue Chandrigar Road, University Road, and Sindhi Muslim Society.

Orangi views while presiding over possession of 2600 yards to revenue collection.

He said that to ensure State

Land Department, Katchi Abadi, PD Orangi, and Department regarding land must based on the QR code. The Mayor Karachi said that instructions within 30 the State Department days.Mayor Karachi's within 30 days.

Meeting decides to establish LHC moved against not two base camps, 19 check announcing posts in Katcha area date for election (APP): area. Additional Chief

(Online):

The petition has been

The petitioner has

The tenure of the

constitution.

LAHORE Secretary South Punjab Petition has been filed in Capt. ® Saqib Zafar, Additional IGPolice South Lahore High Court (LHC) against not announcing the Punjab Maqsood-ul-Hasan date for general election. participated in the meeting while Chairman P&D Punjab Iftikhar Ali Sahu filed by Azhar Siddique chairman Judicial Activism joined the meeting through video link. RPO DG Khan, Panel making federal government and others RPO Bahawalpur, DPO Rahim Yar Khan and DPO respondents.

Rajanpur participated in taken plea in the petition that President of Pakistan the meeting virtually. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) South has to announce the date for election as per

Punjab Capt. ® Saqib Zafar told the meeting that under the directions of caretaker Punjab Chief Minister, a plan had been finalized for

assembly has expired since several days but the date for general election has not been announced. the development.



KARACHI Justice Amjid Ali Sahito of Sindh High Court (SHC) will be where after 6 has remarked neither any investigation is carried out nor any identification parade is conducted in rape cases. The bail plea of one Nazim accused in rape case came up for hearing before

SHC Wednesday. IG Sindh Riffat Mukhtar appeared on court's orders.

Justice Amjid Ali Sahito remarked "IG Sahb what devastation has taken place in Sindh in 15 years own pocket.

Justice Amjid Ali (Online): has not occurred any where. It is not known you Sahito while moving to IG Sindh remarked why the months. But you should do funds for the investigation good thing with people of are not provided directly Sindh while leaving. to police station instead of He further observed

providing them to every cheque is given to district. When fund is investigation officer through one hand and is provided to the police station then they will be withdrawn from him held accountable for through other hand. investigation. People of Investigation officers say Sindh are setting their eyes funds are not provided to on you.IG Sindh Riffat them. Therefore, why Mukhtar told the court should we spend money on things will be seen changing investigation out of our in Sindh within two to four months

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LANDIKOTAL: Customs clearing agents, leaders, political leaders, businesspersons and people are holding protest demonstration against the closure of Pak-Afghan Torkham border, held at Khyber Bazar in Landikotal.

been taken to maintain law and order on permanent basis in Katcha Area of South Punjab as two base camps and 19 check posts will be constructed for the police in Rahim Yar Khan and Rajanpur districts.

Important decisions have

MULTAN

As many as three armored vehicles will also pistols, 6 Kalashnikov magazines, 34 pistol magazines, 410 rounds of be purchased for the police and Development department Punjab has approved Rs

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a group photo with a delegation of Tang Chinese International Education and Technology (Pvt) Ltd led by Mr. Song Jianying, which called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

CNS highlights importance of maritime security under prevailing threats

Pakistan Navy's offshore patrol vessel launching ceremony held in Romania



ROMANIA (INP): Launching Ceremony of tional maritime threats to state-of-the-art Offshore Patrol Vessel, PNS HUNAIN (Desig) being built for Pakistan Navy was held in Romania.

On the occasion as the chief guest, Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi highlighted the importance of maritime security under the prevailing conventional and non-convenenergy and trade highways passing through Indian Ocean Region.

He expressed his confidence that induction of these multipurpose and highly adaptive platforms will further strengthen combat capability of Pakistan Navy Fleet in safeguarding maritime frontiers. APP adds: Ocean Region. The

Jamal Raisani says **Emerging talent of Balochistan to be** fully supported

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports, Youth Affairs and Culture, Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani has assured that the government would

not only support the emerging talent of the province, but it would also sent the players abroad for necessary training and expo-

complex on Wednesday. He paid tributes to the players who brightened the name of Balochistan at the national level winning medals in different sports.

Also present on the occasion were the Secretary Sports, Muhammad Ishaq Jamali, Director General Sports, Durra Baloch, Assistant Directors Muhammad Asif Langove and Muhammad Asif dressing the ceremony of Farooqui, Manager Bugti Cricket Stadium, among the medalist players Mansoor Khan, office of 34th National Games Mansoor Khan, office here at the FIFA House lo- associations, coaches and

diaspora community would hold an anti-India protest launching ceremony of the most modern offshore pademonstration in front of trol vessel, Pakistan Navy the UN office in New Ship HUNAIN (Desig) York on September 26 being built for Pakistan when Indian premier Narendra Modi will be Navy was held at M/s DAMEN Shipyard Galati, Romania, on addressing the UN General Assembly. The anti-India pro-Wednesday. Chief of the Naval test, he said, would be at-tended and addressed by

Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi was the chief guest at the ceremony, a Pakistan Navy news release said. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the Naval Chief highlighted the importance of maritime security under the prevailing conventional and non-conventional maritime threats to energy and trade highways passing through the Indian

PM withdraws chairmanship of CCIT from finance minister ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar has withdrawn chairman-

ship of Cabinet Committee for Intergovernmental Transaction (CCIT) from finance minister. Sources said the PM while reorganizing the committee has ac-

corded approval to appoint

people



PM directs to reconstruct, improve **GB's communication infrastructure**

HUNZA (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to formulate a strategy to reconstruct and improve the communication infrastructure of Gilgit-Baltistan

The prime minister, in a meeting with socio-political leaders of Hunza and visit to Hunar Kohn project of Karakorum Area Development Organization (KADO), assured for early

resolution of electricity-related issues faced by the Kashmiris to stage anti

region. The delegation apprised the prime minister of the issues pertaining to demand and supply of electricity in Hunza, allocation of additional seats for Hunza in the GB Assembly in proportion to the population and other mat-

ters. The prime minister instructed for formulation of a strategy for generation of electricity in coordination with the power sector.

The GB's political leadership briefed the prime minister about the challenges confronting the tour-

ism sector of the region. They requested the prime minister to order establishment of aerial con-

while interacting with the nectivity with different freelancer students of parts of Gilgit-Baltistan. Hunar Kohn project, said Prime Minister Kakar the passion of GB youth directed the GB chief secfor development was apretary to utilise all-out repreciable. sources for early resolution

of the issues.

Former GB Governor Mir Ghazanfar Ali Khan, ex-member of GB Assem-The prime minister also visited the digital hub bly Rani Attiqa, members at KADO's Hunar Kohn of GB Assembly Col. project and rehabilitation (Retd) Ubaidullah Baig and center for the special per-Dilshad Bano, and other socio-political leaders at-

KADO's services for the

welfare of local population.

Prime Minister Kakar,

He lauded the tended the meeting.



HUNZA: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits Karakoram Area Development Authority's 'Hunar Khun' facility.

Religious scholar shot settle in America and other parts of the world to make dead in Karachi it a success, the AJK presi-KARACHI (INP): A relident said that arrangements gious scholar has been asfor this demonstration have sassinated in the Gulistan Johar area of Karachi, on **Govt using resources** Wednesday.

According to police, affirmed his steadfast detersome unknown armed permination to further enhance sons riding a motorcycle the existing inter-military opened fire on Maulana cooperation Azerbaijan particularly in the fields of training and Ziaur Rehman who was taking a stroll in the park near the FBR building in defence aviation. Gulistan Johar. He died in-The minister said that stantly as a result of the indiscriminate fire.

He was the principal of Jamai Abu Bakar Islamai

Gulshan Iqbal. The CTD and Crime Scene Unit recovered 11 shells from the crime scene, out of which four shells were of 9 mm and seven of 30 bore. The shells have been sent for forensic analysis.

The police hoped that they would be able to identify the target killers with the help of CCTV cameras in the vicinity.

According to SSP Irfan Bahadur, eyewitnesses informed that two armed persons riding on a

inter-military ties ISLAMABAD (APP): Air skills and foster greater Chief Marshal Zaheer interoperability between Ahmed Baber Sidhu has rethe two air forces.

In the backdrop of upcoming major air exercise being held at Air Power Centre of Excellence, the Air Chief emphasized the pivotal role of joint aerial drills between the respective air forces to foster mu-

He expressed the resolve while talking to Amtual learning and effectively

with



Air Chief vows to

enhance Pak-Azerbaijan

bassador of Republic of address common security Khazar challenges Farhadov in Islamabad on

In his remarks, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan On this occasion, he expressed admiration for offered full cooperation for PAF's notable achievecomprehensive training ments in nurturing a vibrant

taker Balochistan Minister the provincial governfor Local Government and Rural Development ment believed in serving Mehmood-ul Hassan the people and that all Mandukhel on Wednesday said that the caretaker government is using all available resources to

the people and that all resources would be used to solve their problems in a short period saying that in this resolve the problems of the gard, any kind of omission ple. He expressed these tolerated. He said that govern-

views while talking to former Nazim Javed Ahmad ment officers and employ-Khan, the provincial leader ees should consider themof Muslim League-N called selves as servants of the people and ensure the soon him at his office here. Former Nazim inlution of their problems and

formed the minister about departmental action will be taken against non-performthe problems of the RailwayColony and the people ing officers.

on Wednesday, Barrister Sultan said that the protest Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Barrister Sultan demonstration being staged in front of the UN General Mahmood Chaudhry has said that the Kashmiri Assembly was meant to expose India's nefarious designs in the region besides seeking the global community's attention towards the fast deteriorating political and human rights situation in the Indian occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Urging the Kashmiri expatriate community to

been finalized.

to solve problems of

masses: Hassan

QUETTA (APP): Care- of the area in detail.

India demo during Modi's

address to UNGA: Sultan

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP):

the representatives of the

Kashmiri expatriate com-

munity hailing from differ-

In a statement issued

ent parts of the world.

sure.

Jamal Raisani was addistribution of cash prizes cated in the Ayub Sports players.

Sibi-Harnai railway line could not be restored

QUETTA INP): Sabi Harnai railway line could not be restored and the Harnai passenger rack also moved back. According to this news agency, former railway minister Saad Rafique, Balochistan Governor, former federal antinarcotics minister Shah Zain Bugti, including the parliamentary leaders of Balochistan, after 17 years inaugurated the Harnai passenger section on the Sibi junction on 7th August After the section was

not fully restored, the train was stopped a day later, and now the racks (coaches) of the passenger train were also recalled.

Shah Zain Bugti participated online in the inauguration ceremony in the Ministry of Railways, while former Railway Minister Saad Rafiq participated in the inauguration ceremony online from Lahore. A day after the inauguration of the train, on August 8, it was announced that the track is not complete, so the train will be run after the track is fully functional. The locomotive that came with it had gone back on the same day.

The spokesman of Pakistan Railways, while giving a stand, said that the



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports and Culture Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani distributing cash prizes among player who won medals in 34th National Games

Senate delegation visits seizes huge Geneva for attending WTO's Public Forum narcotics at sea

three-member delegation of of UNCTAD's work in the Senate of Pakistan is visit- areas of technical assising Geneva to attend World Trade Organization's Public Forum at the invitation of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The delegation led by Leader of the House, Senator Ishaq Dar, comprises Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah and Senator Kamran Murtaza. The Senate delegation visited United Nations conference on Trade Development and (UNCTAD) Secretariat and was received and welcomed by Deputy Secretary Gen- architecture including for eral UNCTAD, Mr. Pedro debt relief for developing Manuel Moreno who countries

KARACHI (APP): The ISLAMABAD (INP): A briefed them on key tracks Pakistan Navy in an intelligence-based counter-narcotics operation alongwith tance, research and analythe Anti-Narcotics Force sis, and consensus building (ANF) seized approxion key global trade and demately 782 kilogrammes velopment issues. Kgs) of narcotics at the Leader of the House.

Arabian Sea on Wednesday. Senator Ishaq Dar appreci-The apprehended drugs were stowed in hidated UNCTAD's contribution in highlighting global den compartments of a development challenges and fishing boat that was sucthe technical, policy and cessfully intercepted by a capacity building support Pakistan Navy Ship, a news it has provided to Pakistan. release said. He commended UNCTAD's

The estimated value advocacy efforts for addressof seized narcotics is US \$ ing systemic imbalances em-235 million in the internabedded in the global financial tional market. The seized drugs were subsequently handed over to ANF for further legal proceedings.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, MalikAbdul Wali Khan Kakar talking with a delegation who called on him led by Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS)

Information Technology Initiative Programme: Day of 12 Sept. to be written in golden words in Balochistan history, says Governor ing to different walks of life Information Technology,

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor in the very successful Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the day of September 12 would be written in the history of province regarding launch of the Information Technology Initiative.

Pak Navy

cache of

Vice chancellors of all uni-He said that participaversities, civil servants, trader and commerce people

> wholehearted cooperation. The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him led by

Engineering and Manageprogramme of IT Initiative ment Sciences (BUITEMS) is a matter of honour for all here on Wednesday. of us. In this regard, the During the course of Governor thanked caremeeting, the Governor shed taker Chief Minister light on different aspects of Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki, his cabinet, conducting free course of IT/AI for unemployed youth of the province.

Moreover, there was also discussion on progress Programme.

Vice Chancellor of ommenda Balochistan University of ticipants.

and others on extending of the IT Initiative Meanwhile, certain important decisions were

also made in light of the recommendations of the par-

Quetta district admin recovers 475 tons of sugar, seals 2 godowns

godowns. The administra-tion sealed the godowns. Independent Report QUETTA: The district administration continued Further action is being taken against the hoarders. crackdown against the Meanwhile, the genhoarders and profiteers of eral public circles have apsugar in the provincial mepreciated the district adtropolis on Wednesday.

per kilogram sugar has 475 tons of sugar was recome down to Rs. 160 in

ing to PTV. he said QUETTA: A delegation led by President All Quetta Milk Shops Association meeting with Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafaaat

motorcycle opened indiscriminate fire on the maulana.

Caretaker PM will attend **Gen Assembly** QUETTA (APP): At least 2350 parcels of sugar and 28000 liters of foreign petrol and diesel, 127 carmeeting, Munir WASHINGTON (Online): Pakistan Ambassador to US

tons of foreign cigarettes Munir Akram said that Caretaker Prime Minister and 9 non- customs paid vehicle were recovered af-ter foiling bid of smuggling (PM) Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar is coming to attend General Assembly meeting.

He told that caretaker PM visit to US will be very busy. PM will participate in 5 summit meetings. In a statement Munir

on Wednesday. According Akram said that how will to the spokesperson of Padelegation from Occupied kistan Customs Superin-Kashmir come?

They have been locked up. The people of Occupied Kashmir will be represented by delegation of Azad Kashmir.

He said that wherever international meetings are held, if Pakistan does not participate then it is not right. Whoever is PM or Foreign Minister he repre-sents Pakistan.

Journalist shot dead,

protest held against murder SHEIKHUPURA (INP) Armed motorcyclists gunned down a journalist and injured three others in

Madina Market of Muridke district Sheikhupura on Wednesday.

Police said that two armed motorcyclists' sprayed bullets at journalist Ámanat Ali Chouhan killed him on the spot and injuring three others. Heavy contingent of

police headed by District As a result of the Police Officers (DPO) timely action, the price of reached the scene and collected evidences from the crime scene.

programs in order to and progressive domestic strengthen their technical aviation industry.

Azerbaijan

Wednesday.

Balochistan Customs seizes 2359 sugar sacks, 28000 liters of foreign petrol

the sugar, petrol, diesel and 9 non-customs paid vehicles of Quetta Customs.

The team conducted successful raid at a warehouse near Bhosa Mandi and seized about 2350 parcels of sugar which would by Quetta Custom Darakhsan, Field Enforcebe smuggled. Despite 28000 liters of foreign ment Unit and FIA's Anti petrol diesel was recovered from an oil tanker by the Corruption Quetta in joint Luckpass Field Enforceoperations in Balochistan ment Unit.

Meanwhile, 127 cartons of foreign brand cigatendent Dr. Atta Bareach, rettes including 9 non-cus-Darakshan Field Enforcetom paid vehicles were rement Unit and Federal Incovered near Afghan Borvestigation Agency (FIA)'s der by Taftan Rifle and anti-corruption Quetta Sindh Regiment at Nokundi Circle took action against during raid



RAWALPINDI: H.E. Wada Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan called on Minister for Defence, Lt.Gen Anwar Ali Hyder (Retd) at Ministry of Defence.

Minister seeks media role to counter negative agenda of hostile elements

negative agenda of hostile

elements poised to disrupt

peace in the country.

ISLAMABAD (APP): communities are participat-Caretaker Minister for Reing in these conferences to ligious Affairs Aneeque spread the message of Ahmad on Wednesday peace, tolerance, and harurged the media and relimony among the masses, he gious scholars to play their remarked. due role in countering the

Commenting on the Jaranwala tragedy, he said, the state was responsible for protecting the life and

Anti-state elements property of every citizen. He said the print and are trying to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of this electronic media should country through different come forward to create tactics, he said while talkawareness among youth for the bright future of Paki-

He said the governstan. The minister said that Pakistan had the full potenment was organizing the conferences in major cities tial to make progress in evto promote interfaith harery field and that it was the mony, peace, and tolerance, responsibility of every citizen to play a constructive

The Hindu, Sikh, role in the peace and pros-Christian, and Muslim perity of this country.

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During the course of ministration for launching action, the administration crackdown against the team raided two godowns hoarders. at Sariab road on late Tuesday night. During the raid, some