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### **Gwadar Port fully** operational, says **Chinese Charge** d'Affairs

Jan Achakzai welcomes news of port's full operationalization and expresses his gratitude to the Chinese govt for its support

#### Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: The be ready by May 2024. Charge d'Affaires of the

Chinese Embassy in Paki-stan, Ms. Pang Chunxue, the end of 2023, while the has stated that the progress of the Gwadar Port is satis factory and that it is now fully operational.

She made the remarks comed the news of the during a meeting with care- port's taker Information and Public Relations Minister of Balochistan, Jan Achakzai on Friday.

Ms. Pang said that the port is nearing full capacity, with work on the free zone in its initial stages

She added that the vo- and that it will help to cational training center has boost trade and investment been handed over to the lo- in the region.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar addressing a Press conference after a meeting. Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki is also present Mr. Achakzai wel-

### I don't believe in small or big fish, I believe in fish of law: PM

He said that the Announcing election date beyond caretaker govt's mandate; Gwadar Port will play a Says he will not support any unconstitutional step; Zero tolerance for those involved in the smuggling

> units soon. The installments of the electricity bills will be allowed. Price control committees are being reactivated to rein in inflation.

tinue indiscriminately. No pressure in this regard will be accepted. I am not a Mughal emperor that I will issue a decree of monarch that catch him and leave the other. Whatever is done will be done as per law. Why should we do an illegal work by announcing the

mandate of Election Commission (EC). Relief will be extended to the consumers vincial chief ministers, chief secretaries, IGs and other senior authorities have participated in it.

He stated we are working within our prescribed mandate. May be it PIA or any other institution what is our mandate with regard to its privatization is very

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We will do nothing if it does not fall in regulation. But all steps will be taken

He pointed out that operation is continuing against the power pilferers. hoarders, dollar mafia. sugar mafia and fertilizer

mafia all over the country

# SC orders restoration of corruption cases against public office holders

Terminates NAB amendments

#### Former president, former PMs, over 450 MPs, bureaucrats now to face NAB once again

Nawaz Sharif and Yousuf

ISLAMABAD (Online): SC has declared nine of Supreme Court (SC) has 10 clauses of the NAB annulled amendment to amendments null and void. NAB laws declaring several of its clauses in conflict with NAB amendment by SC corruption cases abolished law and constitution.

A three-member bench against several politicians of the apex court, headed by under amended law stand restored. Toshakhana refer-Chief Justice Umar Ata ence has been restored Bandial, announced the reserved verdict on PTI chief's against Asif Ali Zardari, petition challenging the amendments to the law. It was the last day of CJP Raza Gillani. LNG reference against former Prime Minister Bandial in office as he is re-tiring today. The bench an-nounced the verdict by 2-1 (PM) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was shifted from Account-ability Court (AC). Rental majority with third member of the bench, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, writing a note of dissent.

#### Fawad takes oath as Caretaker

**Federal Minister** ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Àlvi on Friday administered oath of Caretaker Federal Minister to Fawad Hasan Fawad.

The president administered him the oath at a ceremony here at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

#### **Torkham border** opened for traffic and cargo vehicles after9 days

KHYBER (Önline): Torkham border has been reopened after 9 days with Afghanistan assurance that its territory will not be used against Pakistan.

SC has declared nine of turned which has now been restored. The cases against former PM Shehbaz Sharif, Following annulment of former PM Shaukat Aziz and former finance minister Ishaq Dar have been re-

opened now. The beneficiaries of NAB amendment are Farzana Raja, Yousuf Raza Gillani, speaker Punjab Assembly Sabtain Khan, Anwar Majid, close aide to Asif Ali Zardari, son of Anwar Majid, former PM Shaukat Aziz, Zafar Gondal, Sadiq Imrani, Nawab Aslam Raesani, Lashkari Raesani. power reference against Asfand Yar Kakar, Arbab speaker National Assembly Alamgir, Asma Arbab Alamgir Raja Pervez Ashraf was re- and Sher Azam Wazir.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad as Caretaker Federal Minister, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

#### Circle being tightened around hoarders, smugglers: We are ever ready to tackle all challenges including artificial price-hike, vows CM

Independent Report Mir Ali Mardan Domki QUETTA: The caretaker stated so in a statement is-Chief Minister Balochistan, sued here on Friday. Refer-

full

operationalization and ex-

pressed his gratitude to the

Chinese government for its

major role in the economic

Balochistan and Pakistan,

support.

development

**ISLAMABAD:** Caretaker Information Minister of Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Charge d'Affaires of Chinese Embassy in Pakistan Ms. Pang Chunxue

Domki calls on PM Kakar: Caretaker PM assures GoB of

ISLAMABAD (Online): using electricity upto 200 Care taker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar has said he does not believe in small or big fish but he believes in the fish of law. Operation against hoarders and smugglers will con-

date of election. This is

viewed the operation against the hoarders, smugglers, power pilferers during the last one week. Pro- and it will continue.

We are reviewing Supreme Court (SC) decision on annulment of NAB amendment. Care taker govclear. ernment will take its decision following the arrival of opinion of ministry of law, he said this while addressing a press conference in

to remove the flaws.

PM House Friday. PM held he has re-

#### every possible cooperation for equal dev. of Balochistan

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaarul Haq Kakar has reiterated his resolve to extend every possible cooperation to the provincial government to resolve the issues being faced by people of Balochistan and provide equal opportunities of development to the province.

He believed that the people of Balochistan would surely get benefits of development.

The caretaker Prime Minister was speaking to the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki whom he called on at the Prime Minister House on Friday.

Mastung bomb blast

**Independent Report** 

ISLAMABAD: The Infor-

mation Ministry of Balochistan will sign

memorandums of under-

standing (MoUs) with five

radio stations and PTV

Bolan to highlight the

government's positive ac-

tivities through the federal

ministry's media plat-

by caretaker Minister for

Information and Public Re-

lations Balochistan, Jan

Achazkai and caretaker

Federal Information and

Communication Minister,

Mr. Solangi also agreed

Murtaza Solangi,

Islamabad on Friday

This was agreed upon

forms.

During the meeting, the matters about anti-smuggling, crackdown against hoarding, law and order as well as the ongoing development projects and other related matters were discussed. The caretaker Chief Minister appreciated the serious efforts of the caretaker PM and special attention given by him on the development projects and other matters of the province. Mr. Domki said that the federal departments are heading towards completion of the pending matters of the province thanks to

tention taken by the Prime

Minister Anwaarul Haq

ers of the Information Min-

istry of Balochistan by the

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Pakistan Information Ser

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Kakar

QUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Capt (Retd)

Muhammad Zubair Jamali enquiring about health

of JUI leader Hafiz Hamdullah who was injured in

to sign MoUs with five Radio

**Stations and PTV Bolan** 

QUETTA: Deputy Commissioners of Pishin, Killa Abdullah and Chaman meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Dr Akhtar, who also

#### Solangi says Govt awaits SC's detailed verdict on NAB amendments the special interest and at-

ISLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Minister for In formation and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said the caretaker govern ment was waiting for the Supreme Court to issue a detailed judgment on a case related to the amendments in National Accountability

may find some betterment. Bureau (NAB) laws. 'Law Ministry and le There are some signs of gal experts will review the economic recovery. Even if detailed judgment and fu it is just starting," the minister said while addressing ture course of action will be a press conference here. announce in the light of their While deliberating

opinion," the minister said while addressing a news upon the indicators showng positive development, conference along with Care taker Ministers for Fi the finance minister said the Consumer Price Index nance and Energy Dr (CPI) had shortly declined Shamshad Akhtar and from over 38 per cent in Muhammad Ali. May to 27.2 per cent now

To a query, Solangi re iterated the caretake (in September), adding that this was an important indicator to show betterment

> holds the portfolio for Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatisation, stated,

#### terrorists near Wali Tangi

QUETTA (Online): On 14 He also promised new transportation for the PTV September 2023, at 1830 Quetta Centre. He agreed to hours, terrorists attacked a post of security forces near repurpose part of buildings in Balochistan for computer Wali Tangi Quetta. During fire exchange

and digital training centers in Balochistan, which will 3x terrorists were sent to benefit digital media trainhell. Subedar Qaiser ing centers by saving on Raheem while fighting valiantly embraced shahadat He also informed that a in the line of duty whereas

federal digital hub is being 1x soldier is seriously inestablished very soon and jured. Security Forces of Pa hub. Balochistan PTV produckistan will continue to ers and officers will be thwart efforts of the entrained and given more exemies of peace and prosper

posure to digital skills ity in the country. **Economy showing** signs of recovery: **Finance Minister** 

"The caretaker setup in-ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister herited several challenges for Finance Dr Shamshad and tried to deal with them Akhtar said on Friday the one by one. Our strategy country's economy was was to prudently manage showing signs of recovery owing to the efforts made these challenges, and make efforts to control the exby the interim government. penditures and enhance the 'If you view the macvenues. roeconomic indicators, you She said the country

had come out of some difficulties, and the situation would improve further as we move forward" According to the min

ister, the production sectors witnessed betterment including the agriculture, which is expected to yield good output in both minor and major crops that will have a positive impact on the economic growth prospectus of the country.

She said the industrial sector was also showing improvement, notably in the cement industry, and added that as soon as the activity would pick up gradually, the industrial sector would also

According to sources, 2 vehicles have entered to Pakistan from Afghanistan. Traffic has also started. The opening of gates on both sides of Torkham border has caused a wave of happiness among people.

It is pertinent to say that Afghan Foreign Minister Maulvi Amir Khan Muttaqi has requested to open the border by assuring that Afghan territory would not be used against Pakistan in a meeting with Pakistani authorities. In the backdrop of this assurance in prevention of the hoard-Pakistan considered reing and smuggling in the opening the border. province.

Trade activities were completely suspended due to closure of Torkham border for 9 days.

#### **ATC grants** bail to

**Pervaiz Elahi** ISLAMABAD (Online) Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad granted bail to former Chief Minis-(CM) ter Punjab Chaudhry Pervez Elahi in Judicial Čomplex vandalism case.

The bail petition of Pervaiz Elahi came before Judge Abul Hasnat Muhammad Zulqarnain of

ATC Islamabad Friday. Babar Awan, Sardar Abdul Razzaq, counsels for Pervaiz Elahi and prosecutor Raja Navid appeared in the court.

The prosecutor told the court the record will reach a bit late.

The judge remarked this is not the way. Court has started proceedings and record has not reached. Start the arguments

ring the meeting chaired by Mir Ali Mardan Khan the caretaker Prime Minis-Domki has stated that the ter Anwaarul Haq Kakar provincial government is held the other day, the Chief not unaware of its consti-Minister said that certain tutional responsibility and important decisions were as such we are ever ready made for prevention of the inflation, hoarding and to steer the general public out of the storm of the artificial inflation.

smuggling in the meeting. He said that it is a good The caretaker Chief to take concrete measures Minister said that the circle with determination to rearound the hoarders and smugglers is being tightsolve the issues being faced ened. He appreciated the by people. He also said that the role of all institutions including forces, divisional and district administration

coordinated action is continued against those involved in the hoarding and smuggling on directives of the federal government.



**ISLAMABAD:** Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki meeting with Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar

#### **PPP doubles down on** demand for immediate announcement of poll date

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari reiterates concerns over lack of level-playing field, says "one

political crises.

party" tried to throw PPP out of Punjab but "paid the price" later.

LAHORE (INP): PPP limit constituencies after Chairman Bilawal Bhuttoevery census is officially Zardari on Friday doubled published."

down on the demand for With elections potentially just a few months the immediate announceaway, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has ment of a date and schedule for the general elections, stressing that only been engaging in public polls could take the coungatherings and organising try out of economic and party meetings as part of the party's electoral Concerns on the poll

preparations of late. One timing have arisen from the such highly-anticipated Election Commission of meeting of the PPP's Cen-Pakistan (ECP) ruling out tral Executive Committee elections this year. The was held today. electoral watchdog reasons

Speaking to the media its decision to push elecafter the meeting, Bilawal tions beyond November 9 said the announcement of on the basis of the notifian election date and schedcation of results of the new ule was the only way to digital 2023 census and dispel the "confusion and Section 17(2) of the Elecatmosphere of instability and insecurity" prevalent tions Act, which states: The commission shall de- in the country.



grow

LAHORE: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons after Central Executive Committee meeting.

**Information Ministry of Balochistan** to assist the Election Com mission of Pakistan (ECP in holding the general elec tion in the country. **Security forces** to train information offickill three

# government's commitment

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### **Monetary policy**

Defying market expectations of a 100-300 bps hike in the interest rates, the State Bank has again left its key policy rate unchanged at 22pc.

In support of its decision, the bank cites a declining trend in inflation from its peak of 38pc in May to 27.4pc last month, despite the recent surge in global oil prices that are being passed on to consumers.

Therefore, it maintains that the "real interest rates continue" to remain in positive territory on a forward-looking basis" The bank is also hopeful that "expected ease in supply constraints owing to improved agriculture output" and the pickup in high-frequency indicators like the sale of petroleum products, cement and fertilisers, as well as recent administrative actions against speculative activity in the forex and commodity markets will support the outlook.

The SBP dispels concerns over the recent resurgence of the current account deficit of over \$800m in July, after posting a surplus for the previous four months, saying it is largely in line with the earlier full-year projection that took into account import growth. It underscores continued monitoring of the risks to the inflation out- to the larger good of the look, and taking appropriate people and the country they inhabit. actions to achieve the objective of price stability if required.

At the same time, it urges the government to maintain a prudent fiscal stance to keep aggregate demand in check, "to turn, hands over the levers bring inflation down on a sus- of power to the latter cattainable basis and to attain the majority as they get down medium-term target of 5-7pc by end of fiscal 2025". Why is the chances that come their way, be they right or wrong, legal rate to remain unchanged after it was increased in June to meet a key goal for securing IMF funds? Any other central bank would have raised the interest rates in view of the consistently elevated inflation, continuous exchange rate depreciation, and falling forex reserves over huge debt payments and weakening capital inflows. But the bank's reluctance is understandable. Previous hikes in rates to a multi-decade high of 22pc haven't helped increase savings, or check consumer spending and inflation. The ist Egyptian scholar, Muhammed Abduh, during price rise is faster than rate the late 19th century. hikes; the national savings rate is falling; and the government even though Muslims poscontinues to accumulate debt sess innumerable mosques and madressahs, all supto meet its inelastic expendi- posedly imparting religious ture. Monetary policy as an in-



children? Why can we not lighten up a bit? We have too many academic subjects that we teach our children right from grade one, and for each subject we have too many learning objectives in

our curriculum for each Too much pressure does not make for happy studying or for happy schooling. Children are always under pressure. Teachers and school systems resort to excessive testing and examinations to keep the pressure on and to make students 'learn'. Children are always

either preparing for or taking tests and examinations: pre-pre-mocks, pre-mocks, mocks, exams, weekly tests, monthly tests, term

tests, and finals. The result added, instead, are art, muis a rather poor schooling sic, play and other social/ system where there is just interactive activities. These too much academic preswill result in a much better sure and students employ and more wholesome develrote learning and do not care opment of our children and about understanding the their mental and physical material or enjoying the exfaculties than by what we perience of learning. So we are doing right now. end up defeating the pur-And even in English, pose of education and do Urdu and mathematics, we

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should go slowly. How do not even get good learning children learn languages? out of it. They learn by listening You must have seen the heavy bags children lug (usually to parents in the around. They often weigh initial years), speaking,

more than 10 kilograms. reading and then writing. How does this make sense? Our schooling system privileges writing far too How can students take so much and do justice to all much and far too early in the day. The first two to of it? Why do we have to three grades should be far

teach more than English, more oral than written than Urdu and mathematics in what they are currently. the first two to three grades? This is what chilthe other subjects this dren need in the initial early. We can use English years. They need to learn and Urdu to tell stories and numeracy and literacy: to give values if needed. We read, speak, listen, and can also use art, music and write. We should focus on singing to open up new that. ASER and other suropportunities for our chilveys and tests tell us that dren. Children should love we are doing a poor job of imparting literacy and their school and their education. They should not be afraid of the material, teachnumeracy

Should we not focus ers or the pressure they are on that rather than adding put under other subjects like religious As children move up studies, general knowledge to higher grades we can inand so on? What should be troduce other subjects, but children to become?

this still needs to be a selective process and what we teach in each subject should also be curated carefully. This tendency of just adding things because 'children should know all this' does not make for good education.

How does this make sense?

It does not matter whether it is 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills or computer science or even the translation of religious texts. If we need to add something, some-thing else needs to be taken out and there has to be good reasons for addition and deletion, it should not be on the whim of a school or a curriculum council or even a prime minister. Sadly, every revision of the curriculum adds more subjects And we do not need and more material.

A website of a schooling system in Pakistan mentions that for Grade 6 it teaches eight subjects: English, Urdu, mathematics, science, history, geography, computer science and religious translation. This seems to be quite a lot. There is no mention of arts, music or anything else. And there is no mention of extracurricular activities either. What do we want our grade 6

The details of books within each subject mention five books for English, three books for Urdu, two for science and then one book for each of the other five subjects. This is just too much. No wonder student bags are so heavy and students prefer rote learning to understanding. Do students really need this much?

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A number of education experts have written on this issue of too much and too fast, creating problems with learning and understanding. Teaching is not the same thing as learning or understanding. Teachers often complain that they cannot slow down teaching, help those who take a bit longer to learn, spend more time on topics that need repetition, etc, as they have a syllabus to cover and have lesson plans to stay abreast of. But this is exactly the issue. Is completion of the course and syllabus more important or student learning and understand-

ing? The answer should be obvious. But it is, sadly, not. Finishing the curriculum takes precedence over learning in almost all schools and at all levels.

Universities admit students with three A-levels all over the world but we require students in Pakistan to also sit for examinations in Urdu, Islamiat and Pakistan Studies. In intermediate, we require students to complete seven subjects (English, Urdu, Islamiat, Pakistan Studies and three major subjects). The same challenge of

heavy content confronts us here too. There have been, numerous times, suggestions to add Quran and Seerat studies as additional compulsory subjects. Can these subjects not be taught as part of Islamiat?

It must be kept in mind that the growing burden of subjects on our young people can hamper their development.

The situation reminds me of the Pink Floyd song: 'We don't need no

education/ We don't need no thought control/ No dark sarcasm in the classroom/ Teacher leave them kids alone'

Elders, please lighten up and give our children a real chance at learning and enjoying the process of learning as well. -- Courtesy Dawn

#### The echoes getting closer and loud ler

to the country.

the Quaid from the floor of of sustaining their lives, even the constituent assembly,

**Raoof Hasan** 

Some among us are sensitive to even the slightest deviation from the course of truth and justice while others show a penchant to gel with the way currents flow, irrespective of whether such a course would be beneficial

ers in the wrong. Such fili-For the two to try to bustering is neither supfind common ground to ported by any quantum of work together without an logic and reason nor can this inhibiting level of constermodus operandi craft a crednation may spell the diffiible and sustainable way of culty that continues to augmoving into the future with ment divisions within the hope of harvesting healthier societal framework. This, in dividends. desperation of the ordinary, gory who are always in a to making the most of the or illegal, just or unjust.

no genuine effort ever went But no one is showing even the slightest sensitivinto implementing his vision of the kind of Pakistan he ity to their sufferings as bilhad envisaged. In fact, with lions are doled out to outgothe passage of time, we ing legislators in the name drifted away from that cherof development funds which

on the margins, diminish.

ished goal of a liberal, prowill fatten their coffers with gressive, tolerant, and egalisome of the loot invested in tarian Pakistan as our jourwinning the next elections to ney since has been marked return to skin the state all by plunging deeper into the over again. Further billions pit of regression and darkare invested each month to ness with not a trace of light ensure that the beneficiary showing through now to elite continues to enjoy their luxurious living standards at guide us into the future. As the gap between the the cost of the state.

vision and reality continues As the slide continues. to grow wider, we seem to we have been reduced to a be lost in an endless retinue skeleton of what we used to of polemics with each party be when we were referred trying to assert that they to as the rising star of Asia. were in the right and the oth-Today, we go around with a trademark begging bowlasking for support to survive another day, and then another. Worst of all, we are completely denuded of even a shred of shame to look inward to evaluate why we have reached this low point and whether there is a way Simultaneously, the

packed to the dungeons with the fate of some remaining unknown for prolonged periods of time. vironment, what are the options one can exercise to carve a way forward without bringing down the state edifice which, through decades of merciless misuse and exploitation, has rusted to extricate ourselves from and become wobbly. Only a the harrowing clutches of

could still bring some good lenge saying that an indi-vidual can do little when pit-Any residual self-reted against the collective will spect of the people has been of the corrupt beneficiary badly badgered through a elite which always manages to hold sway using its tried display of open and blatant

affront to the constitution and tested tricks? and the laws that flow from But the state is a it, be they about the freemother to those millions dom of expression, or the whose fates have been sacright to protest peacefully, rificed at the altar of the benor about independence of efit of a few. It is their only judiciary and other state inasset, and their existence is stitutions which are endependent upon its survival and progress. While the trusted with the task of managing the affairs. Today, bulk of the beneficiary elite have their palatial abodes they operate at the whims of individuals rather than as elsewhere in the world built with the money they launper the articles contained in the statute book. Anyone dered from Pakistan, the imwho brooks disapproval is poverished millions have nowhere else to turn to. Their desperation is reflected in an ever-larger number of people deciding In such a vitiating ento leave the country even at the risk of their lives. They see no survival here and their children no hope or future. So, they are forfeiting motherly protection simply to earn their liveli-

exercise. Their homes and hearths, their families and businesses, their self-respect and honour-nothing is safe from the excesses being perpetrated upon them. In fact, this whole thing is conveniently falling into a standardized pattern to force people away from a political party. If at all, where will this come to

rest? The mindset at work believes in keeping the powerless subjugated and allowing the ruling elite to continue plundering the stock. They have a surfeit of opportunities. They operate with abandon and with no fear and are cruelly unmindful of who is suffering as an aftermath of their abominable indulgences. They saunter merrily as if tomorrow shall not dawn, as if the poor don't exist who they are inflicting pain upon, as if there is no law enforcer to stop them from depriving others of their hood to survive the exigenconstitutionally guaranteed rights. It is a kind of illicit

This is the paradox the freedom with no bounds.

hike has lost its effectiveness in the current economic structure and existing political uncertainty.

For the last several years, headline prices in Pakistan are and Haj dominate Muslim being influenced primarily by cost-pushed administered adjustments of domestic fuel and power prices, with the demand pull coming from the government that remains the largest interactions with each other bank borrower.

Expecting a tighter monetary lies, greed, financial corruppolicy to tame soaring prices is useless without a drastic change in the reckless fiscal behaviour of the government.

Only fiscally responsible behaviour by the rulers can make it easier for the SBP to hurts them and their kin. effectively apply monetary policy tools and check other inflation-producing factors for the Muslim aspires to be price stability.

impoverished mortals who this sick mindset. The only have suffered the excesses substantive investment that of the state and those who shows through has been have come to rule it from made in making the state time to time, garbed in mili- more brutal and barbarous After the August 11 tary and civilian apparels, and driving the justice sys-

groundbreaking address of increases as the prospects tem out of the equation that 'Desirable' Muslims



#### Nikhat Sattar

"I went to the West and saw Islam, but no Muslims; I got back to the East and saw Muslims, but not Islam." Thus said the great reform-

This holds so true, more than 150 years later, education. Men wear skullcaps and sport long flowstrument to check the price ing beards, with above-theankle trousers and long shirts. Women, even girls while still toddlers, don long abayas, hijabs and burqas. Religion overwhelms every aspect of life, quotations

from ahadith abound, charity, prayers, fasts, Umrah lives. Religious processions are frequent. Shrines are thronged with devotees. One would then expect religion to be manifest in their habits, attitudes, professional and social dealings, relationships and

and the rest of the world. Unfortunately, dishonesty, tion, violence and a lack of concern for God's creations pervades Muslim popula-If Muslims strive to be

close to God, what does God expect from Muslims? A Muslim is honest and by the same virtue, truthful, even if the truth Honesty with oneself means assessing one's mistakes truthfully and since loved by God, they strive to improve their character.

Honesty with others cov- In such a society, if a perers the whole gambit of financial dealings, giving evidence, never engaging in gossip or abusing others, accepting one's mistakes and abiding by the law.

A Muslim is trustworthy and reliable, keeping promises once made and ensuring all commitments is the ruler. are met in letter and spirit.

This ranges from being punctual for even the smallest of tasks, to meeting financial, social, legal and other obligations. With trust and reliability a characteristic of people, courts would dispense justice in time, transport systems of would run punctually, national and international agreements would be implemented in their true spirit and a massive wastage of time and money prevented. Muslims are merciful,

kind, thoughtful of others' needs, and avoid harming anyone or anything. They seek peace and harmonious living with others and actively engage in resolving any conflicts that may arise. They possess empathy, good manners, never share another's secrets and never make false accusations. A violence-free, supportive environment would be ensured for all citizens; false cases and false witnesses would not exist, nor would any sort of road rage. People would be free to practise any religion, faith or belief without fear and there would be openness and freedom in society. Everyone would be educated and intellect, creativity and innovation would reign. Humans, animals and the environment would be protected as far as possible.

A Muslim is fair and just. They hone their Godgiven ability to distinguish right from wrong and choose the right path as much as they can. When endowed with power and governance, they provide succour to the wronged and dispense justice without consideration of anyone's in any way, except the last? -- Courtesy Dawn status or social standing.

son is oppressed, whether for their wealth, personal matters or in freedom of speech, the Muslim would always provide quick redress and atonement for any harm endured as well as punishment to the oppressor, even if the latter

A Muslim would make efforts towards enhancing their taqwa (piety). They are humble and always think the better of others. This humility creates a continuous urge to improve one's own spiritual self, avo-iding the love ostentation, show---manship, bragging and living a life of simplicity, al--w-a--ys trying to do good and repelling evil, in tho-ught and deed. They both love and fear God; love because He is the Creator and fear lest they incur His displeasure. They strive to lead a life with

power-sector privatisation play out in the homes of guidance from God and every working-class family. keep a constant watch over There are certainly other their tongue, mind and reasons for the astronomibody. There are over 200 cal electricity bills that trigplaces in the Quran that gered recent bill-burning mention taqwa and its improtests, including the state's unwillingness to tax portance. A taqwa-orithe rich. But our rulers' willented society fears no one but God and is free from ingness to hand over wholedisplay of wealth and sale power production to the so-called Independent pomp. Muslims keep their soul, body and environ-Power Producers (IPPs) at ment clean, are chaste and the behest of the World Bank and IMF back in the shun any immoral behaviour. They are decent 1990s is as big a cause of in attire, simple and softspoken and avoid the company of loud and aggressive people. They discour-

age immodesty and immorality. Sexual harassment would be minimum and dealt with immediately and harshly, and women and children would enjoy freedom of movement. Garbage produced would be recycled by such Muslims and towns, cities and villages would be clean. A Muslim would also be prompt and focused in prayers, fasting, giving alms, performing Umrah have enough dollars to pay and Haj. Are we Muslims them without becoming insolvent. Most IPPs run

the current crisis as any other single factor. In short, the state agreed to retain only the power to distribute electricity while allowing private companies - initially foreign and later domestic to produce it, whilst also guaranteeing to pay these companies in dollars ad infinitum. There is now more power capacity in Pakistan than actual demand but loadshedding still takes place because the government cannot make payments to IPPs. It does not

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

The 'caretaker' government

(read: the security estab-

lishment and its lackeys)

has embarked on yet an-

other ideological offensive

about the incredible ben-

efits of privatisation under

the guise of the Special

Invest-ment Facilitation

Council. Foreign donors,

the mainstream intelligen-

tsia and bourgeois parties

are faithfully toeing the line.

as the painful effects of

This is happening even

slight push can bring the structure down with a bang, country is caught up in with but no one to mourn its selfno easy solution in sight. inflicted fate. It is as if we The ones in control are inhave been scripting such a flexible to change their approach and those undergodenouement with malevolent determination. So. should one give up the challations have few options to tesy TheNews

cies of life.

and they have an insatiable appetite. They don't even forget to scratch the skeletons to scrape some meat off it. Their naked hunger ing frequent trials and tribu- defies description. -- Cour-

### For nationalisation

which not only contribute directly to our already serious climate crisis but also requ-i--re inordinate amounts of imported oil. Who pays for this oil? Not the IPPs but the government, which conveniently passes on this burden to the masses. Where does this leave us? Intellectually and politically, it sho--uld compel us to once again imagine big structural policy changes. Like nationalisation.

It is a measure of the successes of neoliberal ideology in the world, and that of the Zia military junta in Pakistan especially, that the experience of nationalisation in the 1970s

has become accepted as a disaster. The Bhutto-led PPP regime that enfor-ced the nationalisation policy had many failures, and the takeover of numerous private industries by the postcolonial bureaucracy was not beneficial to the working class. But the story is too complex to be decried purely as an abomination that must never be

repeated. The Pakistani state invested more in manufacturing industry during the 1970s than at any other time. Yes, the Ayub dictatorship presided over trade and student unions. industrialisation, but this was accompanied by enormous inequality, encapsulated by the regime's own chief economist, Mahbub ul Haq who said that 22 families controlled virtually all of Pakistan's wealth. In contrast, the 1970s

featured the Pakistan Steel Mills' establishment, as well as publicly owned heavy industrial complexes in a few locations across the country. Some experts point to stuttering economic growth rates through that period, attributing them to nationalisation and related policies. But they neglect to mention the enormous impact of the secession of East Pakistan, which was a major driver of ecocoal-fired thermal plants, nomic growth in the 1960s.

More generally, investments in manufacturing industry such as those undertaken in the 1970s do not produce demonstrable effects in the very short term. Indeed, Zia's dictatorship benefited greatly from a number of policies introduced by the previous regime, including public investment in heavy industry and labour migration to the Gulf, which started in 1974 but only bore fruit in the form of remittances by the

end of the decade. The specific impact of nationalisation per se mostly of rice, ghee and sugar mills - was mixed. The economic impact on growth was actually not very substantial and the most significant, long-lasting outcome was political; trader-merchant segments reacted furiously, funding and peopling the Pakistan National Alliance's Nizami-Mustafa movement which led to Bhutto's overthrow by Gen Zia. Industrialist families like the Sharifs developed a visceral hatred for left and workingclass politics, not to mention the Bhutto family. The result was a mandate for the Zia regime to not only denationalise, but also block land reform and crush left progressives, including

The alliance between trader-merchants and the religious right under the military establishment's patronage was permanently inked. And the rest is history. Denationalisation was globally in vogue throughout the 1980s, led by Thatcher-Rea-gan with lieutenants like generals Zia and Pinochet in the Third World.

Today, countries like France are overturning neoliberal orthodoxy and nationalising comm-a-n-ding heights of the economy — most no-tably electricity. It is high time we stop treating the privatisation nationalisation debate as a taboo that cannot be questioned. -- Courtesy Dawn

#### Daily A oice of Masse, Independent

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### **Governor invites foreign** businessmen to invest in KP, tap natural resources potential

foreign investors.

highlighted

area

Meanwhile,

PESHAWAR **K**hyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali on Friday foreign invited businessmen to invest in Pakistan and utilize its abundant natural resources that are still untapped due to lack of modern machinery.

He was talking to the famous businessman of the United Arab Emirates, Suhail Muhammad Alzaruni here at Governor House. He said that utilizing KP's potential for natural resources would not only benefit foreign investors but also generate new opportunities for locals.

He said that the lack of modern equipment and needed facilities are reasons is not oblivious to the

(APP): proper exploration and use in KP and steps have been Khyber of these hidden natural taken to resolve them. He taken to resolve them. He also urged the masses to resources. Governor

collectively work for the and Alzaruni also discussed development of their area matters of mutual interests and said that available and bringing foreign investment into the country. Alzaruni also resources would be utilized to address the problems of Upper Dir. lauded the Governor for his keen interest in developing

He stressed avoiding negative thinking and changing of mindset to the province and inviting counter the narrative being propagated by certain delegation of Upper Dir elements against the country.

elders led by Paindamand Khan called on Governor A delegation of Bajaur led by former Senator Abdul Rasheed also met Haji Ghulam Ali and issues confronted by people in his with KP Governor and apprised him problems of

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor the people. A five-member delegation led by Sheikh ul assured cooperation to the Hadees, Moulana Ata-urdelegation and said that he Rehman also called on the Governor and discussed behind the slow pace of problems of people living matters of mutual interest BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE AGAINST NATURA



FAISALABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Khalil George, distributing non food items to the Christian community in Jaranwala.

### **GB** governor demands region's constitutional status, representation in parliament

LAHORE (APP): Gilgit- of PPP Co-Chairman Asif Baltistan Governor Mehdi Shah called for the region's constitutional status and representation in the National Assembly and Senate.

During a press conference outside Bilawal governor emphasized the historical significance of Mehdi Shah took pride in

heart out of his thorax died on Friday despite the Ali Zardari and the progress made in Gilgitprovision of intensive care at the direction of Baltistan but highlighted the disparity in development compared to Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi. other provinces. Recalling Mohtarma

Despite challenges

Vice Chancellor Children Hospital Lahore conference outside Bilawal Benazir Bhutto Shaheed's Dr Masood Sadiq House here on Friday, the efforts to conduct smallscale elections in the region, infant, Abdullah. According to the VC.

its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the current financial year 2023chest dies MUZAFFARGARH 24, approved seven developmental schemes of (APP): The infant who was born last week with his Agriculture and Special Healthcare and Medical Education sector with an estimated cost of Rs 22026.816 million. Planning and

Independent Report

LAHORE: A delegation led

by Dr. Samuel Rizk,

Resident Representative of

the United Nations

Development Program met

Muhammad Balighur

Governor

discussed.

Punjab

Board

He said that as the Rehman here today at the Governor House Lahore. chancellor, he has formed a During the meeting, other consortium environment. Governor important issues including climate change were Punjab while appreciating the United Nation Development Program's Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor commitment to eradicating poverty and its role in Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that tackling the issue of climate change the United Nation's

PESHAWAR: Businessman of UAE Sohail Muhammad Al-Zorani meeting

**Tackling the issue of** 

climate change is the

need of hour: Governor

said that Pakistan had

faced the worst flood last

year due to climate change.

Governor Punjab said that climate change is also

having adverse impact on

agriculture.

is the need of the hour. He immediate assistance and

services to the flood victims during the 2022

flood are commendable. Governor Punjab further

said that there are many

challenges in the field of

education and health for

which the government is

Resident Representative of

UNDP expressed interest

in the possibility of

collaboration with the

Punjab Government in

various projects to tackle

the challenge of climate

The Caretaker Chief

whether the update of the

forensic machine was

reported to the government

IGP Sindh to conduct a

**Building collapse:** 

One killed,

two injured

in D-ground

FAISALABAD (APP): A

double-storey building

collapsed due to rain in D-

ground area which left a

person dead and two others

1122, rescue team reached

the spot and carried out a

search operation, pulled

out the people trapped

under the debris and

shifted them to the Civil

Hospital. District

Emergency Officer Engineer Ehtesham Wahla

and Emergency Officer

Faisal Munir also reached

the spot.Rescue team said

that the building collapsed

due to inundation of rain

water filled in under-

construction basement

Municipal

According to Rescue

injured, here on Friday.

or not.Bagar directed the

On this occasion, the

working.

change.

with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali .

### **PDWP** approves seven developmental schemes

LAHORE (APP): Punjab the cost of Rs 1197.407 Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP), in renovation of hospitals

Development Chairman Iftikhar Ali Sahoo chaired the meeting here on Friday. Secretary

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### **Caretaker CM reviews** anti-narcotics measures

Independent Report LAHORE: In compliance with the direction of the caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, an organized crackdown has been initiated against the drug peddlers to save the

people from this menace. The CM chaired a meeting about drug peddling and its eradication at his office in which it was agreed to collaborate with the NGOs for rehabilitating the

addicts. IG Police Usman Anwar briefed that 18 kilograms of ice, 180 kilograms of heroin and 7,100 kilograms of charas have been seized during the last three weeks, leading to the arrest of 310 key drug dealers and the clearing of 600 hotspots. The police link.

have arrested 7,500 individuals along with handlers of professional beggars

The CM ordered to intensify the crackdown further and called for comprehensive planning to establish rehabilitation centers across Punjab. He expressed the desire to rehabilitate addicts as

useful citizens of society, adding that the number of beds in these centers will also be increased. Provincial

Information Minister Amir Mir, chief secretary, Addl IG (Special Branch), CCPO, commissioner, secretaries of health, information, HED & SED departments attended the meeting while RPO participated through video



LAHORE: Resident representative of United Nation Development Program (UNDP) Dr. Samuel **Rizk meeting with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balilghur Rehman** 

#### Federal Ombudsman Regional office ensures justice for government employees

ABBOTTABAD (APP): bringing relief to the retired The Federal Ombudsman army officer.Expressing his Regional Abbottabad gratitude, Sohail Khan commended the Federal Office Friday resolved the pension issues Ombudsman's institution of federal government employees of Pak Army and (National Engineering Services Pakistan) NESPAK who were facing for its unwavering commitment to ensuring justice for ordinary citizens, an appreciation rarely witnessed.

administrative issues. In another case Regional Head of the through the intervention and decisions of Federal Federal Ömbudsman Abdul Ghafoor Beg Abbottabad, played a vital role in Ombudsman Iiaz Ahmed Qureshi, he facilitated the timely payment of salaries ensuring compensation for

retired army personnel. According to the details Sohail Khan, a retired army employee, had iter army employee, had iter army employees of solution and the NESPAK. Faraz Mustafa, filed a complaint regarding unwarranted delays and P&D Board Nadir Chattha were present. Approved schemes are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing the forensic machine and the forensic machine and

#### **Baqar takes** notice of inoperative forensic software KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar on Friday took notice of inoperative forancic software of the

forensic software of the

forensic division. Gujranwala, Sargodha, Rawalpindi) at

the cost of Rs 1264.132

under Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education (SH&ME) Department through health

council traditional mode in Lahore and Faisalabad at the cost of Rs 5033.372 million; Program for strategic transformation/ revamping of old blocks of ex-DHQs (Rahim Yar Khan,

Minister had sought a report from IGP. He asked how bullet shells could be tested if forensic software remained operational.

equal representation in the country's legislative People's Party could lead bodies akin to the four the way in achieving provinces. He expressed concerns that the region's citizens remain uncertain about their parliamentary seats, stressing the importance of representation.

Shah disclosed that the PPP's Central Executive Committee upcoming elections. (CEC) meeting had focused and external pressures, on conducting elections Shah reaffirmed his 45under the Constitution, with unanimous support year-long association with for elections to be held the PPP and unwavering within 90 days. He commitment to maintaining acknowledged the support strong ties with Pakistan.



LAHORE: Acting Consul General of China Mr. Cao Ke meeting with caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi

#### **Dr Javed for ensuring** health, well-being of children

Caretaker Health Minister nation globally by 2048. Javed Akram emphasized the critical role parents play in ensuring the health and well-being of children in his significant address at the 8th PPA Pediatric (Pakistan Association) Punjab Annual Symposium as well as the 13<sup>th</sup> National Child Rights Conference where experts and professionals were gathered at a local hotel on Friday.

Highlighting the pressing issue of child development in Pakistan, of Dr. Akram commended the organizers for tackling this vital topic. He extended a warm welcome to educators, colleagues, and guests, reflecting on his distribution experiences serving humanity across five countries. different Notably, he projected Pakistan's trajectory as it elucidated inches towards becoming symposium's aims.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab's the third most populous Dr. Akram expressed a visionary goal of conducting health screenings for every ninthgrade student in Punjab. He stressed the significance of nurturing the mental health of children and cited his extensive work and research during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences, aimed at

dispute eliminating prevalent diseases from society. The minister also called for a tangible reduction in cases violence against children, citing recent steps taken to rehabilitate individuals like Rizwana and Ayman. The event concluded with the

commemorative shields to esteemed guests. Earlier, President PPA Punjab, Dr. Naeem Zafar, the with her parents.

According to the VC, the child fell prey to the accession to Pakistan, Minister of Gilgit-underlining the need for Baltistan. He expressed in which the balt optimism that the Pakistan doesn't have the typical People's Party could lead coverage of the breastbone. He said it was not constitutional province possible to operate the baby at such a beginning of status. He also announced the PPP's intentions to age. The child was brought participate in Punjab to the hospital and elections, recognizing admitted to the ICU ward Punjab's pivotal role in where he suffered from national politics and the Sepsis disease which formation of a caretaker government for the caused his death following the intensity of the

**Baby with** 

heart out of

infection. **D**,Commissioner Sukkur reviews arrangements for Eid

Milad SAW SUKKUR (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sukkur, Fayyaz Hussain

Mahesar on Friday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the celebrations of Jashn-e-Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW).

The meeting was attended by scholars and religious leaders from various schools of thought who discussed the matters relevant to the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the scholars that every matter would be addressed and resolved. He emphasized that no effort would be spared to find solutions to legal their concerns.He directed the relevant authorities to ensure uninterrupted water

supply, minimize gas load shedding, clean routes of Milad - un - Nab processions and install streetlights on time.

#### Man shoots dead wife over domestic

HYDERABAD (APP): A man allegedly shot dead his wife at her father's residence in the Babbur Chowk area near Kotri SITE, Jamshoro district, on Friday. According to police, Sajid Solangi barged into the residence of his father-in-law and killed his 25-year-old wife Shabnum Solangi.Quoting her mother Noor Bano, the police said that Sajid used to beat his wife owing to which she often stayed

of Rs 804.470 million; specialties for Program for strategic transformation/revamping of emergency department Hospital, in tertiary hospitals in

Agriculture Extension Punjab at the cost of Rs Services to enhance the 2716.824 million; service delivery at the cost Provision of missing up gradation of DHQ Hospital to Teaching Sahiwal

Bahawalpur and Sahiwal at 9311.161 million. incompetence.

GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan chairing a cabinet meeting at CM Secretariat.

### LHC dismisses plea for release of Mansha Bomb

LAHORE (APP): The had reserved the verdict Lahore High Court (LHC) after hearing detailed arguments of the parties earlier in the day.

The court dismissed the petition after declaring it meritless. The court held that the arrest of Mansha Ali Khokhar alias Mansha Bomb by the police was whereas investigations could not be stifled at this stage. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi announced the

Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore, through a report, submitted that the Mansha, son of Mansha accused was arrested on

#### **Punjab** initiates recruitment of 374 female doctors

LAHORE (APP): Punjab had Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Dr. Jamal Nasir announced the commencement of the recruitment process for 374 Women Medical Officers (WMO) through the Punjab Public Service Commission. The move aims to bolster healthcare marginalized areas. services in remote and underdeveloped regions of

required qualifications can the province.During a recent meeting held here on submit their applications Friday, Minister Nasir online through the Punjab revealed that Punjab Chief Public Minister Mohsin Naqvi Commission.

adjacent to the building. The dead was identified as Naveed son of greenlit the Bashir Ahmad, 55, while recruitment of WMOs. Ayesha daughter of Naveed These medical officers will Ahmed, 25, and Ahsan son be assigned to Basic Health of Bashir Ahmed, 27, Units, Rural Health sustained injuries. They Centers, and Tehsil were resident of D-ground headquarters hospitals, People's Colony No.1. with a focus on delivering Meanwhile, Deputy

quality health care services, Commissioner Abdullah especially to women in Nayyer Sheikh reached the Aspiring female candidates with the spot immediately after the incident. Additional Deputy Commissioner

Kashif Raza Awan, AC City Uzair Khan, Chief Service Officer Corporation.

pension since September a notice to NESPAK, 2022.

Taking immediate action, a notice was issued Subsequently, NESPAK to the Military Pension promptly released the due Controller Lahore, salaries compelling the prompt complainants. In a gesture release of Sohail Khan's of appreciation, the pension. Subsequently, an affected amount of 329,470/- expressed rupees was disbursed in towards the Federal favor of Sohail Khan, Ombudsman's office.

ensuring the immediate disbursement of salaries. to the emplovee gratitude

#### MoU signed to protect cultural heritage, promotion of arts

SUKKUR (APP): A Memorandum of signed between Sindh Rural (SRSO) and Arore University of Arts, Architecture, Design and Heritage Sukkur, here on Friday to protect cultural heritage, promote arts and crafts, provide business support, offer capacity building initiatives, and empower rural women

artisans in the region. Officer (CEO), Mohammad Dital Kalhoro Officer and AUAADH Vice-Chancellor (VC), Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand formalized the partnership during a ceremony held at SRSO Complex.

The aim of this partnership was to have a positive impact on the cultural and economic development of the communities to alleviate. Speaking at the event, SRSO CEO, Muhammad Dital Kalhoro Financial Officer.

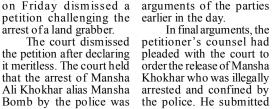


SRSOChief Executive University and SRSO will together take this work forward in a more modern as way per requirements of modern times. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Arore University Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand said

in his address that the students associated with Arore University will be given internships in this field and in a regular and whose organized manner, arts and poverty they are working design will be further expanded in collaboration with SRSO SRSO's Chief



SUKKUR: SRSO Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Dital Kalhoro and AUAADH Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand formalized a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Arore University of Arts Architecture, Design and Heritage Sukkur.



that the accused was not required in any criminal case.However, the respondent, Capital City

reserved verdict on a petition filed by Aamir Ali Khokhar. The court September 14.

### detailed inquiry to report the matter to him and take (Revised) at the cost of Rs action against the officer's

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#### **Traders observe shutter** down against attack on Hafiz Hamdullah

down strike was observed in Ouetta on Friday against the Mastung blast which left Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) leader Hafiz Hamdullah and several others with critical injuries.

Commercial centres were closed due to the shutter-down strike against the bomb blast. Anjuman-e-Tajiran and Awami National Party (ANP) had supported the strike.

It is to be noted here that Hafiz Hamdullah was injured in a bomb blast in the Mastung district of Balochistan on Thursday.

The bomb explosion targeted the vehicle in which Hamdullah was travelling. He was travelling to Mangochar town when he was targeted.

Eyewitnesses said that the vehicle of Hafiz Hamdullah slowed at a speed-breaker when a mo- safe," he had stated.

QUETTA (INP): A shutter- torcycle rider attempted to attach a bomb to it

They added that the bomb could not be attached to the vehicle of Hafiz Hamdullah and exploded. "Had it been attached to the vehicle, it would have caused greater damage,

they stated. Later, in his video message from the hospital, Hafiz Hamdullah said that the blasts and attack could not shatter his resolve.

The saver is more powerful than the slayer, the JUI leader had said while talking to media.

"Life and death are in the hands of Allah. The one Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker who saves is more power-Chief Minister Balochistan, ful than the one who Mir Ali Mardan Khan slays," he had added.

Domki has categorically The blast was so powerful that the vehicle stated that the breach in peace is not tolerable at all was severely damaged. and the elements involved There were four companin terrorism would be taken ions in the car and all are to task

This, he stated in a condemnation statement issued here on Friday. The caretaker Chief Minister condemned the attack on

ing he directed to take those security forces in the Wali Tangi area of Balochistan. involved in it must be taken He said that the secuto task. He said that the moral forces rity forces foiled the attack

of institutions deputed for of terrorists bravely. Crush plants to be shifted to far away

asserted

breached

from Urban area of Quetta city

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Quetta district administration has decided to shift the crush plants to far away from the urban area of Quetta city. The decision has been made in light of the

judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan during a meeting held here on Friday. Chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Muhammad Riaz, the meeting was attended by the officers of different concerned departments besides Assistant Commis-

sioner Kuchlak, Assistant Commissioner Sariab and Assistant Commissioner Quetta

Ali Mardan Domki restoration of peace s high, said that the sacrifices of and the people of security forces for restora-Balochistan are standing by tion of peace in Balochistan their forces. Meanwhile the careare great and we pay rich

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti and Federal Minister for

Communication and Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar during meeting of Cabinet Sub-Committee on ECL.

Domki condemns attack on security forces:

**Breach in peace intolerable at all;** 

elements involved in terrorism to be

taken to task: caretaker CM

tributes to them. taker Provincial Minister The Chief Minister for Information, Jan that the Achakzai has strongly conendeavours being made by demned the attack of terrorists on security forces at the security forces for restoration of peace can't be Wali Tangi.

In a condemnation He said that the statement issued here on breach in the peace is just Friday, the caretaker Minintolerable and as such addister Information mentioned that three terrorists were

killed due to the timely retaliation by the security

Jan Achakzai said that

### Top court's ruling on NAB amendments draws mixed reactions

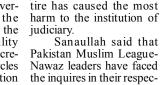
ISLAMABAD (INP): The justice who is about to remajor Supreme Court verdict on Friday on the amendments made to the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) laws created a stir in political circles as it restored the corruption

cases against political bigwigs. A three-member bench — headed by outgong Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, and comprising Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Ijazul Ahsan in a majority 2-1 verdict approved Pakistan Tehreek-ethat he was of the view that Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran the "unkind" law of NAB Khan's petition challenging the passage of NAB

should not be abolished be-cause PML-N leaders have borne the brunt of it. "Now the PTI and its

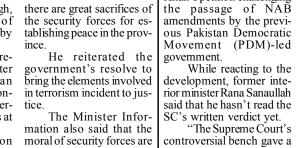
chief may celebrate the old NAB law," he said, adding that the deposed prime minister would have to undergo 90 days remands and won't even get bail in the cases he is facing.

He said that the PTI would not be able to say that they are being "politically victimised'



tive cases. "Nearly 13 cases are registered against the PTI chairman. He should face the inquiries and have a taste of it. Let's see how he [Imran Khan] gets scores of ails," he added.

The politician said



moral of security forces are controversial verdict," he high and the people are standing with them said, adding that the chief



ISLAMABAD: Director General of Islamic Organization for Food Security Yerlan Baidaulet called on caretaker PMAnwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

### **Custom House Quetta** solarized; 50 KV solar system installed

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Customs House Quetta was solarized with installation of 50

KV solar system on Friday. The Chief Collector Customs Balochistan, Abdul Qadir Memon for-mally inaugurated the solar system at the Customs House.

Also present on the occasion were the Collector Appraisement Quetta, Agha Saeed, Collector Enforcement, Irfanur Rehman Khan, Additional Collector. Shahzad Khan, Imran Afzal and other officers and solar

The basic objective behind installation of the solar energy system is to save energy and long electricity break down. As the Quetta remain connected all the time with FBR and other concerned departments, and the routine work is affected due to the dis-

connection of electricity. However, there would be no issue with installation of solar system at the Customs House, it was informed ion the occasion.

Attock jail superinten-

Jail superintendent

dent has said in his reply

jail laws don't allow. Tele-

phonic talk cannot be ar-

available to the those ac-

cused in secret act. The

court's order regarding tele-

phone has not been vio-

classrooms are being buil in 50 universities across Pakistan, Gwadar Pro re-

to arrange telephonic talks classroom was inaugurated at Karakoram International

programs.



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer QESCO Abdul Karim Jamali meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

#### Dr. Kamalan says **Emergency Services**, Accident & Emergency

of Departments Medicine,

Surgery, Young Doctors

Association and Paramedi

cal Staff played an impor-

tant role in starting Emer-

gency Services, Accident

and Emergency Depart-ment. MS,BMC Dr.

Kamalan Gachki said that

the doctors working in

emergency services, acci-

dent and emergency depart-

QUETTA: Members of Pakistan Muttahida Mahaz are holding rally to expressing their solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces, at Quetta press club.

### AJK cabinet decides to reinforce accountability law in true spirit

The accountability

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) cabinet has decided to amend the ineffective accountability law to resume across the board ruption in an effective manfree, fair and strict accountner ability of the public office holders aimed to curb the process was made ineffecrising menace of corruption tive by amendments in the

by the government funcaccountability act during tionaries, said Minister. the last Pakistan Muslim Senior Minister Col League (N) government headed by former Prime Minister Raja Farooq (retid) Wagar Noor accompanied with two other ministers Abdul Majid Khan and Ch. Abdul Rasheed an-

Col Wagar Noor to propose government in order to initiate across-the-board free, amendments in the accountfair and strict accountabilability law in order to enable the accountability Buity Khan said that Prime reau to proceed against cor-

Minister Anwar Ul Haq had earlier also activated the defunct anti-corruption department which shows his determination towards fairness and corruption-free governance in the region besides austerity measures taken to overcome the wastage of public money.

The cabinet also lifted

#### city. The Assistant Commissioners presented report about sealed crush plants in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner said that all the crush plants would be sealed. He said that the Ziarat cross and Digari have been engineers. Smart classrooms

initiated under **CPEC** growing in Pakistan ISLAMABAD (INP): The Smart Classrooms project was initiated under CPEC in September 2021 and is

now grooming in the coun-Around 100 smar

Attock jail authorities refuse ported on Friday. Meanwhile, a smart

ECP throws out

petition against

registration of

Tareen's party

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

İstehkam-i-Pakistan

Tehreek (IPT) against the

Khan Tareen's Istehkam-i-

### b/w Imran and his sons

ranged

ISLAMABAD (Online): Attock Jail Authorities have refused to arrange telephonic conversation between PTI chairman Imran Khan and his sons.

Attock jail superinten- said telephone facility is not dent has filed reply to contempt of court plea in special court Islamabad established under official secret act

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Information Minister of Election Commission of Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi Pakistan has dismissed the

#### petition filed by the **Election in 90 days:** SC registrar office returns registration of Jehangir the petition with objections Friday. filed by JI, others

ISLAMABAD (Online): (3) of the constitution. And Supreme Court (SC) Reg- how can they file petition with objections petitions filed by JI, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Ibadul Rehman seeking court order for holding general election in 90 days.

The same objections have been raised on all petitions

objections what petitions have been filed by petitioners they have not clarified it therein do their petitions fulfill the norms set for public interest under article 184 constitutional petition.

istrar Office has returned directly under this constitutional jurisdiction of the court. Secondly how they hold the authority to come in the court by exercising this extraordinary ambit of court. Thirdly How the petitioners have made president of Pakistan respondent in this case while he cannot It has been said in the be made necessary respon-

dent under article 248 of the constitution. The forth is this the notices for the respondents have not been prepared as per law which are used for

to challenge the ECP's decision in the superior court. Tehreek's leader Ahmad Kaleem had filed an application in the Election Com-

to not register the IPP. The Election Commission had reserved its

verdict after hearing arguments. According to the verdict, the process of registration of the Istehkam-i Pakistan Party should be car ried out in accordance with the constitution and law.

### Role of BRSP in development of rural areas equally important along with govt.: Ejaz Jaffar Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Population Welfare, Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar has stated that there is a basic role of Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) in development of rural areas and provision of basic amenities of life there isalong with the government. He noted with pleasure that the head of BRSP is a very hard working and honest.

who would continue to play his wholehearted role in development of the rural areas and welfare of people by demonstrating his best capabilities.

The caretaker Provincial Minister was speaking to the Chief Executive of BRSP Tahir Rasheed, who called on him here at his office on Friday.

The BRSP chief congratulated Sardar Ejaz Jaffar on assuming the office of Ministry. The Minister PHE and Population Welfare on the occasion applauded the role of BRSP in development of the rural areas of province. During the course of meeting, different related matters were also discussed.

University (KIU) in Gilgit Baltistan, aiming to em-**Dept launches at BMCH** power teachers with the essential skills needed to effectively utilize technol-QUETTA (APP)-Emer-

ogy in the classroom. gency Services, Accident This initiative seeks to and Emergency Departenhance the learning expe ment at Bolan Medical rience for students through Complex Hospital comprehensive training (BMĈH) was started by the efforts of Principal

Vice-Chancellor of Bolan Medical College KIU, Engineer Professor Quetta Prof. Dr. Raz Dr. Áttaullah Shah, inaugu Muhammad Kakar and rated the smart classroom MS, BMC Dr. Kamalan in the presence of senior Gachki. MS, BMC Dr. administrative and teaching Kamalan Gachki said that staff of the university. in the first phase post

ment will perform their dugraduate students of medities according to the duty roster. Post graduate stucine and surgery department, medical officers and dents working in Emerhouse officers started workgency Services, Accident ing in emergency services, and Emergency Departaccident and emergency dement, Medical Officers will partment. He said that soon perform their duties under post graduate students of rotation, he said. He said other departments, medical

Muhammad Hayat Baloch meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister Sheikh Mehmoodul Hassan Mandokhail

### **PPP** is voice of four provinces: Ali Hassan

QUETTA (APP): Presithe people. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

dent of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) district Hub, said that the solution to the Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said critical juncture the counthat the opponents of PPP try is currently passing are getting confused due to through and the economic the increasing popularity situation of the country lies with the Pakistan People's of the party among the people. Party alone.

In his statement is-sued here on Friday, he said past, especially during the that the reception of Chair-PTI regime, due to the man Bilawal Bhutto proves wrong policies, the that the people consider the people have gone below the poverty line and the People's Party as the saviour to get rid of the probcommon people do not lems and difficulties of this even have the money to eat country

He said that the PPP the voice of the people people's hearts and under the leadership of Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari sible measures to solve and senior colleagues Bilawal Bhutto Zardari take measures on an emerwould be the next Prime gency basis to control inflation, he said Minister by the votes of

nounced the decisions of the ist but with limited powers cabinet taken last night at a to proceed against corruppress conference here on tion. Friday. He said that the Head

The Minister without that his government was portfolio Abdul Majid Khan while initiating the press conference said that and accountability process and would reinstate the a cabinet committee was teeth of accountability constituted under the chairwatchdog that had been manship of senior minister pulled out by the previous meeting.

the ban on transfer postings besides extending the upper age limit for government jobs up to 40 years for a Majid Khan claimed further 3 years, the miniscommitted towards fairness

ter added saying the ban on contract and ad hoc appointments was also lifted and rules for appointments on discretionary posts were also approved in the



ISLAMABAD: Interim Minister for Energy Mr. Muhammad Ali held a meeting with a team representing Asian Development Bank at Power Division. The bilateral cooperation, energy efficiency and resource management for reforms in the power sector were discussed.

Good to see you all my

friends: CJP Umar Ata

#### Pak-Japanese delegations discuss multi lateral issues

'Good to see you all my ISLAMABAD (INP): The friends". This was said by Chief Justice of Pakistan Pakistanis and Japanese (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial delegations discussed a while talking to the lawyers wide range of bilateral issues at the outset of the 9th in his last case in Supreme Round of Pakistan-Japan Court (SC). Security Dialogue held in Tokyo on Friday.

The delegation of Paheard your first case in high kistan was led by Mr. court then it was I who ap-Ameer Khurram Rathore, peared before you. Today Additional Foreign Secthere is last case of yours retary (Asia-Pacific) in SC and I am appearing while the Japanese side before you here too. The CJP said to the was led by Mr. Ryo Nakamura, Director counsel your case has be-General, Southeast and come in-fructuous. But if you give arguments then Southwest Asian Affairs 'dil ko khush rakhne ka

Department. The two sides dislaye Ghalib ye khial acha cussed a wide range of bilateral, regional and multisaid you heard us with palateral issues of mutual interest

He said that, in the The cordial Pakistan-Japan ties and the potential for greater cooperation in the field of defence were underscored.

During the exchange of views on regional situation, poison, the inflation has the Additional Foreign Secbroken the back of the retary briefed the Japanese delegation on Pakistan's The caretaker governpolicy of peaceful neighbourhood including ment should take all pos-Afghanistan, India and the problems of the people and gross violations of human rights in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

ISLAMABAD (Online): obligation to hear every one with patience. Bar has always extended cooperation to us and we have got much from Bar to learn.

He further remarked by wearing black coat we consider ourselves part of The lawyer Mian Bilal bar. Justice Sahir Ali used said to the CJP When you to say bar is our mother. We will meet in bar room by grace of Allah.

He remarked I am thankful to media friends who kept me active. We welcome media criticism.

Media must criticize the decisions but it should not criticize the judges.

He observed the judges cannot defend them in response to media criticism. Before criticizing The lawyer Mian Bilal judge, it should be seen either it is based on truth or speculations. Criticism on judges should not be based

tience always. The CJP Umar Ata Bandial remarked it is our on falsehood



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#### that with the start of emerofficers will start working gency services in BMC in emergency services, achospital, immediate health facilities will be available to cident and emergency department. the patients.

Pakistan Party (IPP) on The IPT has decided Istehkam-i-Pakistan

mission complaining that the two political parties have similar names and i would create confusion, beseeching the commission