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## Gwadar Port fully operational, says Chinese Charge d'Affaires

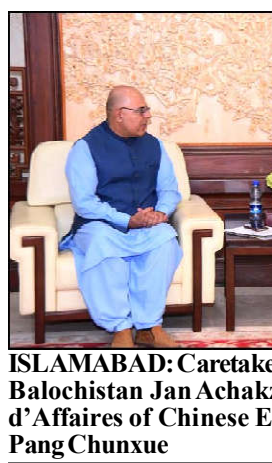
Jan Achakzai welcomes news of port's full operationalization and expresses his gratitude to the Chinese govt for its support

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ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Ms. Pang Chunxue, has stated that the progress of the Gwadar Port is satisfactory and that it is now fully operational.

She made the remarks during a meeting with caretaker 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 vocational training center has been handed over to the local community, and that the airport is scheduled to be ready by May 2024.



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

The Gwadar hospital is set to be completed by the end of 2023, while the desalination plant is expected to be finished this year, she added.

Mr. Achakzai welcomed the news of the port's full operationalization and expressed his gratitude to the Chinese government for its support.

He said that the Gwadar Port will play a major role in the economic development of Balochistan and Pakistan, and that it will help to boost trade and investment 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

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

Announcing election date beyond caretaker govt's mandate; Says he will not support any unconstitutional step; Zero tolerance for those involved in the smuggling

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker 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 continue 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 date of election. This is mandate of Election Commission (EC). Relief will be extended to the consumers

using electricity upto 200 units soon. The installments of the electricity bills will be allowed. Price control committees are being reactivated to rein in inflation.

We are reviewing Supreme Court (SC) decision on annulment of NAB amendment. Caretaker government will take its decision following the arrival of opinion of ministry of law, he said this while addressing a press conference in PM House Friday.

PM held he has reviewed the operation against the hoarders, smugglers, power pilferers during the last one week. Provincial 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 clear.

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

He pointed out that operation is continuing against the power pilferers, hoarders, dollar mafia, sugar mafia and fertilizer mafia all over the country and it will continue.

## Terminates NAB amendments SC orders restoration of corruption cases against public office holders

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has annulled amendment to NAB laws declaring several of its clauses in conflict with law and constitution.

A three-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, announced the reserved verdict on PII chief's petition challenging the amendments to the law. It was the last day of CJP Bandial in office as he is retiring today. The bench announced the verdict by 2-1 majority with third member of the bench, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, writing a note of dissent.

SC has declared nine of 10 clauses of the NAB amendments null and void.

Following annulment of NAB amendment by SC corruption cases abolished against several politicians under amended law stand restored. Toshakhana reference has been restored against Asif Ali Zardari, Nawaz Sharif and Yousuf Raza Gillani.

LNG reference against former Prime Minister (PM) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was shifted from Accountability Court (AC). Rental power reference against speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf was re-

turned which has now been restored. The cases against former PM Shehbaz Sharif, former PM Shaqbaz Aziz and former finance minister Ishaq Dar have been reopened 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, Asfand Yar Kakar, Arbab Alamgir, Asma Arbab Alamgir and Sher Azam Wazir.

## Fawad takes oath as Caretaker Federal Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi 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.



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

## Torkham border opened for traffic and cargo vehicles after 9 days

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

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

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the provincial government is not unaware of its constitutional responsibility and as such we are ever ready to steer the general public out of the storm of the artificial inflation.

The caretaker Chief Minister said that the circle around the hoarders and smugglers is being tightened. He appreciated the role of all institutions including forces, divisional and district administration in prevention of the hoarding and smuggling in the province.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki stated so in a statement issued here on Friday. Referring the meeting chaired by the caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar held the other day, the Chief Minister said that certain important decisions were made for prevention of the inflation, hoarding and smuggling in the meeting.

He said that it is a good to take concrete measures with determination to resolve the issues being faced by people.

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

## Domki calls on PM Kakar: Caretaker PM assures GoB of every possible cooperation for equal dev. of Balochistan

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QUETTA: The caretaker Prime Minister, Anwarul 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.

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 the special interest and attention taken by the Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar.



QUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Capt (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali enquiring about health of JUI leader Hafiz Hamdullah who was injured in Mastung bomb blast

## Information Ministry of Balochistan to sign MoUs with five Radio Stations and PTV Bolan

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ISLAMABAD: The Information Ministry of Balochistan will sign memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with five radio stations and PTV Bolan to highlight the government's positive activities through the federal ministry's media platforms.

This was agreed upon by caretaker Minister for Information and Public Relations Balochistan, Jan Achakzai and caretaker Federal Information and Communication Minister, Murtaza Solangi, in Islamabad on Friday.

Mr. Solangi also agreed

to train information officers of the Information Ministry of Balochistan by the Pakistan Information Service Academy.

He also promised new transportation for the PTV Quetta Centre. He agreed to repurpose part of buildings in Balochistan, which will benefit digital media training centers by saving on rent.

He also informed that a federal digital hub is being established very soon and through this hub, Balochistan PTV producers and officers will be trained and given more exposure to digital skills.



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

## Solangi says Govt awaits SC's detailed verdict on NAB amendments

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said the caretaker government was waiting for the Supreme Court to issue a detailed judgment on a case related to the amendments in National Accountability Bureau (NAB) laws.

"Law Ministry and legal experts will review the detailed judgment and future course of action will be announced in the light of their opinion," the minister said while addressing a news conference along with Caretaker Ministers for Finance and Energy Dr. Shamshad Akhtar and Dr. Muhammad Ali.

## Economy showing signs of recovery: Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar said on Friday the country's economy was showing signs of recovery owing to the efforts made by the interim government.

"If you view the macroeconomic indicators, you may find some betterment. There are some signs of economic recovery. Even if it is just starting," the minister said while addressing a press conference here.

While deliberating upon the indicators showing positive development, the finance minister said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) had shortly declined from over 38 per cent in May to 27.2 per cent now (in September), adding that this was an important indicator to show betterment.

Dr Akhtar, who also holds the portfolio for Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatisation, stated,

"The caretaker setup inherited several challenges and tried to deal with them one by one. Our strategy was to prudently manage these challenges, and make efforts to control the expenditures and enhance the revenues."

She said the country had come out of some difficulties, and the situation would improve further as "we move forward".

According to the minister, 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 prospects 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 grow.

## ATC grants bail to Pervaiz Elahi

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad granted bail to former Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Chaudhry Pervez Elahi in Judicial Complex vandalism case.

The bail petition of Pervaiz Elahi came before Judge Abul Hasanat Muhammad Zulqarnain of ATC Islamabad Friday.

Babar Awan, Sardar Abdul Razaq, 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.



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

**LAHORE (INP):** PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday doubled down on the demand for the immediate announcement of a date and schedule for the general elections, stressing that only polls could take the country out of economic and political crises.

Concerns on the poll timing have arisen from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) ruling out elections this year. The electoral watchdog reasons its decision to push elections beyond November 9 on the basis of the notification of results of the new digital 2023 census and Section 17(2) of the Elections Act, which states: "The commission shall de-

limit constituencies after every census is officially published."

With elections potentially just a few months away, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has been engaging in public gatherings and organising party meetings as part of the party's electoral preparations of late. One such highly-anticipated meeting of the PPP's Central Executive Committee was held today.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Bilawal said the announcement of an election date and schedule was the only way to dispel the "confusion and atmosphere of instability and insecurity" prevalent in the country.



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





Traders observe shutter down against attack on Hafiz Hamdullah

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



ISLAMABAD: Director General of Islamic Organization for Food Security Yeralan Baidaulat called on caretaker PM Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Custom House Quetta solarized; 50 KV solar system installed

QUETTA: The Customs House Quetta was solarized with installation of 50 KV solar system on Friday. The Chief Collector Customs Balochistan, Abdul Qadir Memon formally inaugurated the solar system at the Customs House.

Attack jail authorities refuse to arrange telephonic talks b/w Imran and his sons

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



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Information Minister of Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi

Election in 90 days: SC registrar office returns the petition with objections filed by JI, others

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) Registrar Office has returned with objections petitions filed by JI, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Ibadul Rehman seeking court order for holding general election in 90 days.

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

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 is along with the government.



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

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Crush plants to be shifted to far away from Urban area of Quetta city

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.

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 country. Around 100 smart classrooms are being built in 50 universities across Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday.



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

Dr. Kamalan says Emergency Services, Accident & Emergency Dept launches at BMCH

QUETTA (APP)-Emergency Services, Accident and Emergency Department at Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMCH) was started by the efforts of Principal Bolan Medical College Quetta Prof. Dr. Raz Muhammad Kakar and MS, BMC Dr. Kamalan Gachki.



QUETTA: Cantonment Executive Officer Muhammad Hayat Baloch meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister Sheikh Mehmoodul Hassan Mandokhail

PPP is voice of four provinces: Ali Hassan

QUETTA (APP): President of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) district Hub, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that the opponents of PPP are getting confused due to the increasing popularity of the party among the people.

In his statement issued here on Friday, he said that the reception of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto proves that the people consider the People's Party as the saviour to get rid of the problems and difficulties of this country.

Top court's ruling on NAB amendments draws mixed reactions

ISLAMABAD (INP): The major 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.



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

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) cabinet has decided to amend the ineffective accountability law to resume across the board free, fair and strict accountability of the public office holders aimed to curb the rising menace of corruption by the government functionaries, said Minister.



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

ISLAMABAD (Online): "Good to see you all my friends". This was said by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial while talking to the lawyers in his last case in Supreme Court (SC).



QUETTA: Affected students of MDCAT holding a protest