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Meets Iranian president PM reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to further strengthen ties with Iran

Kakar attends 78th UNGA opening session; Calls for adequate financing, actions in key areas to achieve SDGs

NEW YORK (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday held a bilateral meeting with the President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi wherein he reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further strengthen and deepen ties with Iran, with particular focus on enhancing cooperation in the economic domain. The meeting took

place on the sidelines of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly. Underscoring the close fraternal relations between the two neighboring countries, the prime minister stressed that steps including the recent inauguration of the Mand-Border border marketplace, would not only contribute to the economic uplift of the border areas but also serve

as a tangible manifestation of the collective commitment to work for the betterment of the two peoples. Noting that President Raisi's policy of 'Neighborhood First' was fully aligned with Pakistan's vision for regional development and connectivity, he emphasized the importance for both countries to leverage their unique geographical

location to promote shared objectives of regional peace and prosperity, through greater trade and enhanced regional connectivity. Pakistan-Iran relations are characterized by regular high-level exchanges, commonality of views on important regional and global issues and strengthened cooperation in all areas of mutual interest.



NEW YORK: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar is attending the opening session of the General Debate of 78th UNGA session at the UN headquarters.



ATTOCK: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir interacts with participants during Opening Ceremony of Multi-National Special Forces Exercise 'Eternal Brotherhood-II' at Barotha Garrison in Attock.

Arrangements to be finalized to launch health card programme soon: CM

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki on Tuesday said that all arrangements should be finalized to launch the health card programme soon.

He directed all the stakeholders to ensure transparency and expedite the process to finalize the panel hospitals across the country. The chief minister while presiding a meeting regarding the issuance of health cards in the province, directed the State Life Insurance Corporation and NADRA to finalize their respective affairs. He said out-of-pocket health spending led to increased poverty as expensive treatments are beyond the reach of poor people, so it is important to immediately provide free-of-cost treatment facilities to the masses.



QUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a high level meeting regarding Health Card Program

Importance of Civil defence volunteers' increased further, says Zubair Jamali

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali has stated that the importance of civil defence volunteers has been increased further in the present circumstances. The caretaker Provincial Minister Home was visiting the Directorate of Civil Defence here on Tuesday.

During the visit, the Minister was briefed about the overall functioning and performance of the Civil Defence. He assured that every possible cooperation would be extended to make the civil defence directorate more effective. He recalled that the civil defence was formed in

Britain after the first world war. He said that the civil defence can't be ignored anyway. However, he stressed the need to take more steps to review the civil defence directorate afresh. He said that the civil defence force would be emerged as the emerging professional force in time to come. The caretaker Minister appreciated the martyrs of civil defence including Shaheed Abdul Razzaq, who embraced martyrdom during the duty. He on the occasion also emphasized that every citizen should attain training of civil defence in the present circumstances, and a contingent of volunteers can be prepared by imparting training of civil defence to the students.

ANP's leader Arbab Ghulam M. Kasi dead in Kuchlak

Independent Report QUETTA: The leader of Awami National Party (ANP), Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi Advocate was shot dead by unknown persons here on Tuesday.

The police said that the body of deceased ANP leader was found from the jurisdiction of New Kuchlak police station. The killer (s) threw body of Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi in an abandoned area in Kuchlak and fled from the scene. The body was removed to the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital for legal formalities including postmortem. In the meantime, the hunt has been started for the accused in the murder of ANP leader.

World must accept India is rogue Hindutva terrorist state: Bilawal

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan's former Foreign Minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, has said it is the time for the international community to accept that India has become a 'rogue Hindutva terrorist state'.

He said this after Canada revealed India's involvement in the killing of a Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, on its soil. The 45-year-old Hardeep Singh Nijjar was shot dead outside a Sikh temple on June 18 in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb with a large Sikh population. Nijjar supported Khalistan state, an independent homeland for the Sikhs, by separating Punjab from India.

Shahbaz reaches Lahore

LAHORE (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shahbaz Sharif has reached Lahore from London. President PML-N has returned to Lahore after his one month stay in London. Shahbaz Sharif held several important meetings with PML-N Quaid during his stay in London besides making announcement of Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan. Shahbaz Sharif participated in several party meetings in London.

According to sources Shahbaz Sharif will now review the preparations in connection with reference to Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan.

Our standard of professionalism, leadership par excellence to world's any modern army: COAS

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Army Chief visited Barotha Garrison and interacted with the exercising participants. He was briefed on the scope and conduct of the exercise by the General officer Commanding Special Service Group.

The exercise is aimed at further harnessing the historic military-to-military relations among the friendly countries, including nurturing of joint employment concept, while identifying areas of mutual interest for future military collaborations and benefiting from each other's experience against terrorism. Prior to visiting Barotha, the COAS also visited Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) Shinkari, which is the Center of Excellence for training of Non Commissioned Officers.

Pakistan's electoral roll swells to 127 Million, ECP releases latest figures

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) unveiled voter data spanning from 2018 to 2023 on Tuesday, indicating a notable rise in the total count of registered voters across the nation, growing from approximately 105.95 million (105,955,409) in 2018 to nearly 127 million (126,980,272) as of July this year.



QUETTA: Inspector General National Highways, Motorway Police Sultan Ali Khawaja meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

US will continue to support democracy in Pakistan: says Elizabeth Horst

NEW YORK (Online): Elizabeth Horst, the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Pakistan has said US government will continue to support democracy in Pakistan but it does not support any specific person or party. Addressing a seminar in New York she said credible election are included in support for democracy.

She held US will continue to support such credible election in Pakistan which are free from violence and they allow the people to decide who rules them. She urged Pakistan to

Maternal mortality rate highest in Balochistan than other provinces: Domki

Mir Ali Mardan Domki emphasizes on controlling critical situation with mutual cooperation; vows to make effort to achieve targets of routine immunization; says it's a challenge to provide health facilities to scattered population

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed his concern over the highest maternal mortality ratio during delivery process in the province than other provinces.

He noted with concern that the ratio of maternal mortality is highest in the province than other provinces of the country.

He said that it is no less than a big challenge to provide healthcare facilities to the population, which is otherwise scattered in the vast area of province.

The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the representative of World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Palitha Mahila who called on him here at the Chief Minister's secretariat on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, caretaker Chief Minister appreciated cooperation of the WHO in health sector in the province saying that it (WHO) has always cooperated to the provincial government in health sector, which is appreciable.

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QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai and others addressing participants of a ceremony organized by Aurat Foundation



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting a shield to WHO country head in Pakistan Dr. Palitha Mahipala

IMF seeks report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products

ISLAMABAD (Online): IMF has sought report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products. According to media reports IMF has expressed concern over smuggling of 120000 tons petroleum products monthly.

According to FBR sources IMF has sought report from ministry of finance and FBR on smuggling of petroleum products. Report on the steps taken so far to curb this smuggling has also been summoned.

Sources said smuggling is causing loss of over Rs 10 billion under head of custom and levy. IMF has demanded that smuggling of 143 million liters petroleum products per month be stopped. There will be a revenue short fall due to decrease in imports bill in the face of rise in smuggling of petroleum products. IMF has directed FBR and ministry of finance to take steps to enhance revenue.

Earlier IMF had sought written agreement from ministry of finance on tough conditionalities to provide relief in electricity bills.

30 students to be included in first phase of training: Digital Media training arranged for youth of Balochistan: Jan Achakzai

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the digital media training has been arranged by Information department for youth of the province in collaboration with the private sector.

In first phase of the training programme, 30 male and female students would be included. Jan Achakzai mentioned adding that the selected students

would be imparted training in IT, E-commerce, amazon digital marketing and social media marketing. The Information Minister said that the basic objective behind the training programme is to impart training and skills to the youth in sector of information technology, he training programme is also aimed at enabling the talented youth of Balochistan through respectable livelihood, he added.

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The Isa epoch

In a ceremony marked by constitutional gravitas as well as what some might term rightful vindication, Justice Qazi Faez Isa assumed the mantle of the chief justice of Pakistan on Sunday, heralding what the nation hopes will be a period of judicial prudence and wisdom. The optics of the event were rich with irony, with the president, who had previously filed a reference against the Supreme Court judge over alleged misconduct and non-disclosure of assets, himself administering the oath. With the new chief justice's spouse standing by his side, it was a symbolic moment that sent "a clear message of steadfastness", as put by one participant.

The new chief justice jumped right into action and constituted a full court to preside over his inaugural hearing as chief justice, one that aims to resolve nine challenges to a law that, among other things, requires the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance by a committee of three senior Supreme Court judges.

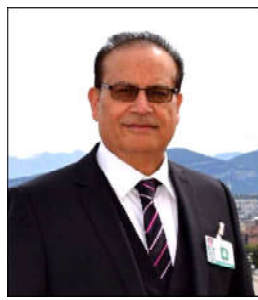
In a first for the country, he also ordered the proceedings to be broadcast live to the public. The constitution of a full court — a rarity in the court of the previous Supreme Court chief justice — and the live telecast of the hearing, can be viewed as a promising start, a sign that Chief Justice Isa is keen to chart a path firmly rooted in jurisprudential integrity rather than the shifting sands of populism that marred his predecessor's tenure.

Former chief justice Umar Ata Bandial was at one point lambasted by fellow members of the judiciary for having begun to run a "one-man" show, and so his time in office saw more controversy than judicious stewardship of the nation's highest legal office.

Justice Isa takes charge at a time when the judiciary faces a myriad of challenges, from more than 50,000 cases pending before the apex court out of some 2.2m to be decided overall, to the critical task of restoring the public's confidence in the justice system. Moreover, there is the ever-looming test of safeguarding the judiciary's independence in the face of executive incursions.

Some of the more pressing concerns, however, include the delay in general elections, the trial of civilians in military court, and pending references against the chief justice's colleague Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi. It is precisely these challenges that lend the new chief justice the opportunity to carve out a legacy of robust judicial leadership, guided by a moral compass that remains unswayed by the tempestuous winds of political expedience. As he embarks on this pivotal journey, we hold our breath, but optimistic hope that under his leadership, the top court will not only adjudicate, but guide the nation towards a path paved with justice, equality and the rule of law.

A New Era, with new Leadership



By Qamar Bashir
Former Press Secretary to the President; Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC

These truly are remarkable times in Pakistan, marked by an unprecedented alignment of leadership in all three pillars of the state, with each being helmed by individuals from Balochistan. It signifies a historical shift in governance and vision for the nation.

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjarani, the Chairman of the Senate since his oath-taking on March 12, 2018, possesses a kind, straightforward, and affable demeanor. He excels at building friendships and is often the go-to negotiator to mediate between political factions. His tenure, during challenging times, has been marked by a non-controversial approach, efficiently handling the vital and sensitive role of Chairman of the Senate while keeping senators from both sides in good spirits.

Anwar ul Haq Kakar, our Prime Minister, has captivated the nation with his clear objectives. He is resolute in following the constitution and upholding the rule of law under all circumstances. His commitment extends to establishing the government's authority and the state's writ at any cost, prioritizing the interests of the people, and ensuring justice for the abhorrent events of May 9th, all while fearlessly confronting entrenched mafias.

He advocates for truthfulness, shunning false promises and providing the public with an honest view of the nation's economic and political landscape, even when it may appear unsettling. He is resolute about not interfering with the workings and mandates of constitutional bodies. Anwar ul Haq Kakar seeks to build upon the positive policies of previous governments, maintain equitable relationships with neighbors and international powers, all while safeguarding the nation's dignity and sovereignty. He is unafraid to make tough and unpopular decisions, exemplified by his crackdown on various mafias and his commitment to national interests.

Qazi Faez Esa, another eminent Balochistani, hailing from Pishin, located in the vicinity of Quetta, has emerged as a dynamic Chief Justice. He boldly broke stereotypes by inviting his wife to stand beside him during his oath-taking, signaling gender equality and the equal status of women in society. His refusal to use a bulletproof car, close roads, or receive guard of honor underscores his commitment to simplicity and avoiding unnecessary pomp.

In his very first address to his staff, Chief Justice Qazi Faez Esa set a profound tone by emphasizing that litigants and the general public do not approach the Supreme Court with pleasure. He directed the entire Supreme Court staff to treat litigants and the public with respect and dignity, akin to how a good host treats guests.

He made history by convening a full court session with 15 judges, sending a reassuring message to Pakistan's 240 million citizens that the judiciary, once perceived as divided, would now function in unison. He relinquished his power to take suo moto notice of public matters and mandated consultation with two other senior judges, transforming the process into an objective exercise rooted in consultation, deliberation, and

consensus-building. This move reduced objections from affected parties who previously perceived it as subjective and aggressive.

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Esa achieved a significant milestone by allowing the live telecast of court proceedings. This decision unequivocally communicates the judiciary's commitment to deciding cases based solely on merit and in strict adherence to constitutional provisions.

These developments put a damper on the expectations of political players and establishments, as favorable decisions, which were elusive under previous chief justices, are now less likely to be influenced. Crucially, gray areas in legislation that were intentionally created to circumvent the law and the constitution are poised to be addressed, potentially quashed or nullified to reinstate the constitution's supremacy and the rule of law.

The question arises: why can Mr. Anwar Kakar take bold decisions despite being a politician? Why can he crack down on unscrupulous elements stealing electricity, burdening those who pay bills on time, and depriving the national exchequer of revenue? Why did previous governments not act against electricity thieves despite having the capability to do so?

Why were illegal exchange companies, Hundi, and Hawala dealers allowed to siphon off precious foreign exchange, devaluing the Rupee? The Rupee, at times, even lost value against the Afghan Afghani, not due to economic weakness, but because of the smuggling of Pakistan's foreign exchange to Afghanistan, facilitated by elements within our own security and regulatory agencies.

Why could Mr. Kakar crackdown on sugar, flour, petrol, and manure mafias that deprived our people of essential goods while smuggling them to Afghanistan and Central Asia, causing hardship and even death to

many Pakistanis?

Why can Sadiq Sanjarani effectively lead the Senate, and why could Qazi Faez Esa unite a previously divided Supreme Court and allow live telecasts without hesitation?

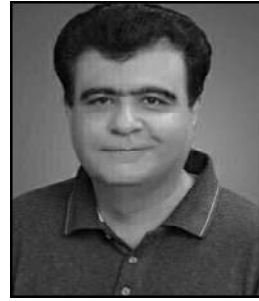
The answers to these questions lie in the core values of individuals, families, and tribes that prioritize truthfulness, loyalty, dignity, and honor, even at great personal sacrifice. They remain steadfastly sincere to themselves, their families, tribes, and the nation, always ready to defend their honor and dignity. They extend helping hands to the needy without expecting rewards or appreciation, and they possess an innate ability to sacrifice personal wealth and even life for the greater good of their family, tribe, and nation.

Another answer lies in the fact that these prominent Balochistani figures who rose to power lack vested interests in large businesses or industrial conglomerates. They don't own sprawling business empires, sugar mills, flour mills, or vast agricultural lands. Their desires are modest, their greed is limited, their needs are humble, and they find contentment and immense satisfaction in what they have.

Furthermore, these traits align seamlessly with the philosophy and approach of the current Army Chief. With his support, the crackdown on deeply entrenched mafias becomes more feasible. During their tenure in power, these leaders are likely to challenge and restrain these mafias, forcing them into dormancy or compelling them to find alternative ways to resurface.

In the near future, Pakistan may benefit from a harmonious alignment of government, Senate, judiciary, and the military—a formidable force that aims to combat entrenched mafias and steer the nation toward justice and prosperity.

Three Pakistans



Dr Niaz Murtaza

Our 75-year history contains three eras of about 25 years, each starting and ending in a crisis, marked by lengthy army rule, hybrid regimes and debatable progress. This torrid history came from four huge prenatal gaps, which made the new state vulnerable to multiple problems, all oddly starting with an 'E'.

Perhaps only unstable Lebanon and South Sudan globally lacked at birth both historical statehood and natural nationhood. Our freedom drive was uniquely pre-emptive, faith-based and elitist — based more on the Muslim elite's fears about their interests under Hindu rule rather than the abuses of the masses. It thus lacked mass politics in its western half. Finally, the country largely received India's poorest areas. So, at birth, it faced the huge task of creating a state, nation, polity and an economy under an inept coterie. Oddly, 75 years later, it faces the same four tasks and inept coterie, any progress soon reversing itself. Elitist Pakistan (1947-71): This era started with the blood-soaked Partition. The elite-headed freedom drive soon generated its first three 'E' issues: elitist economy, establishment sway and ethnic gripes. A fourth — enmity — emerged soon with India on Kashmir.

The four 'E's' mix led to the second tragic partition. Extremist Pakistan (1972-98): This era started with the 1971 trauma and ended with huge economic, political and external crises due to the nuclear tests and another army coup. The

four 'E's' soon led to other 'E' issues. To deal with enmity and ethnicity, the establishment stoked extremism, this era's lasting legacy. The economy, which earlier at least had efficiency if not equity, lacked both now to become another major 'E' issue. Finally, the nuclear tests and coup triggered external exclusion and isolation.

Excluded Pakistan (1999-2023): This era started and ended with huge economic and political crises and external exclusion. But the two ends hide eras of progress based on deep ties with the US and China, which were weakened due to the legacies of several 'E's' — elitism, establishment and extremism. Other 'E's' rose soon. Educationally, we have the world's second highest number of illiterate children. Globally, we have had three mega emergencies since the 2005 earthquake and the 2010 and 2022 floods, plus many smaller ones.

Electoralism, the establishment is again ignoring the Constitution and is seen to delay the polls. Ecologically, we are one of the states most vulnerable to climate change, which is forcing eviction and emigration. Exclusion globally is back as we shun the world socially due to extremist xenophobia, while it shuns us politically and economically, as in the case of the new meandering India-Europe corridor that the G20 chose over the straight India-Pakistan-Iran-Turkey-Europe route due to our tense ties with India and the US. To this long list of existential 'E' threats, one can add some 'D's' — demography, despotism and dependency.

Today, we face possible collapse in almost all realms — institutional, constitutional, judicial, political, economic, social, security, ecological and external — all deeper variants of the original pre-1947 gaps in state, nation, polity and economy that persist even after 75 years. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Commerce minister lauds Malaysian economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production Dr. Gohar Ejaz on Tuesday commended Malaysia's outstanding economic growth, noting its impressive 6.5 percent annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth over the past half-century, which led to the establishment of a robust \$400 billion economy.

He expressed these views as a chief guest at a ceremony held to mark Malaysia's 66th national

day and 90th Armed Forces day here, hosted by Malaysian Ambassador to Pakistan Muhammad Azhar Mazlan, a news release said.

Among others, the event was attended by diplomats, government officials, and representatives from both countries.

Minister Dr Gohar Ejaz and Ambassador Azhar Mazlan shared insights on the flourishing relations between Pakistan and Malaysia, highlighting

the immense potential for cooperation and collaboration in various sectors.

Their remarks shed light on the impressive progress Malaysia achieved over the years, emphasizing the importance of strengthening economic and diplomatic ties between the two nations.

The both leaders highlighted their shared commitment and cooperation on international issues.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries & Production, Dr. Gohar Ejaz chairing a meeting with representatives from the Pakistan Business Council (PBC) at the Ministry of Commerce.

Renewable energy potential can offset expensive fossil fuel import: Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ambassador of Denmark, Jacob Lencolf on Tuesday said Pakistan's renewable energy potential amid the growing climate crisis was immense and could help the country offset its expensive fossil fuel imports and limit its carbon emissions alongside sustainable resource management.

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised

a high-level policy dialogue on COP-28 and Beyond: Strengthening Climate Action through Public-Private Partnerships that convened the Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates and Denmark alongside key civil society, government and private sector officials.

Ambassador Lincolf commended the SDPI for holding important seminars on pertinent agendas and getting the right people on

board for dialogue. The population of Denmark was 5.5 million and that of Pakistan was 240 million, an enormous challenge to be met. He said, "The resources in Pakistan are immense like the wind corridors of Sindh and Balochistan, the sun for solar and hydropower potential is abundant to embrace ambitious renewable energy solutions. It can go green if it dares to."

Groundnut promotion important to meet edible oil demand locally: Saqib

MULTAN (APP): Groundnut, known for its exceptional oil content ranging from 44 to 56 percent, holds the key to meeting the edible requirements of the people, said Secretary of Agriculture, South Punjab, Saqib Ateel.

Speaking from a lush groundnut field sprawling over 25 acres in Chak No. 379/WB Duniyapur, Ateel highlighted a path to economic prosperity that could help save an astounding Rs 350 billion annually incurred upon the import of edible oil.

Traditionally, Pakistan has been heavily reliant on edible oil imports

to meet its demand. However, Saqib pointed out an alternative solution that could not only make Pakistan self-sufficient but also reduce its dependence on costly imports. He emphasized the crucial role played by high-quality groundnut seeds in boosting production.

During the visit, progressive farmer Asif Awan provided a comprehensive overview of various groundnut varieties. With optimism, Awan projected a remarkable production yield of 30 maunds per acre, a testament to the tremendous potential of groundnut farming.



HYDERABAD: Women farmers are carrying cotton bags on their head moving towards their destination after farming, at Hatri Bypass in Hyderabad.

Gold imports increase by 44.13% in two months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of gold witnessed an increase of 44.13 percent during the first two months of current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. Pakistan imported gold worth \$4.971 million during July-August (2023-23), as compared to \$3.449 million during July-August (2022-23), a positive growth of 44.13 percent, according to PBS data.

In terms of quantity, the gold imports increased by 56.33 percent during the period under review by going up from 65 kilogram last year to 102 kilogram this year. Meanwhile, on

year-on-year basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 23.02 percent to \$2.985 million as compared to the imports of \$2.426 million in August 2022.

In terms of quantity, Pakistan imported 52 kilograms of gold during the month under review as compared to the imports of 49 kilograms in August last year, showing growth of 6.12 percent.

On month-on-month basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 50.30 percent when compared to the imports of \$1.986 million in July 2023.

OECD increases global GDP growth forecast for 2023

ANKARA (APP): The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday raised its world economic growth forecast for 2023, but lowered it for 2024.

The world economy is expected to grow by 3.0% this year, said the Paris-based organization in its September global economic outlook report.

This was 0.3 percentage point upward from the previous projection in June.

Asian markets drop ahead of Fed decision, oil prices push higher

HONG KONG (APP): Asian stocks sank on Tuesday following a sedate performance on Wall Street as investors nervously await the Federal Reserve's policy decision later in the week, while inflation worries were exacerbated by oil's push towards \$100.

The meeting comes during a crucial week for markets, with the Bank of England, expected to unveil what could be its last interest rate hike of this cycle, while the Bank of

Japan will be closely followed for hints at a change from its ultra-loose stance.

While the Fed is seen keeping borrowing costs on hold Wednesday, debate continues to swirl over its plans for the months to come, with some policymakers saying more hikes would be needed to contain inflation while others want to stop at the current level.

However, while more than a year of tightening is close to an end.

Energy minister directs to redress grievances of PBC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali held a comprehensive meeting with a delegation of Pakistan Business Council here Tuesday and issues related to the industrial tariff and green energy options came under discussion. The minister acknowledged the fact that the industry is the backbone of the country and to enhance its potential, the issues need to be addressed on a war footing, said a press release.

Ukraine complains to WTO about Hungary, Poland banning its farm products

GENEVA: Ukraine is filing a complaint at the World Trade Organization against Hungary, Poland and Slovakia after they banned grain and other food products coming from the war-torn country, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Tuesday.

It lays bare a widening rift with the three members of the European Union, which has been a pivotal backer of Kyiv as it works to fight off Russia's invasion. In a break with the wider EU, Poland,

Hungary and Slovakia have announced bans on grain and other food from Ukraine, a major agricultural supplier to parts of the world where people are going hungry. The 27-nation bloc last week lifted restrictions on Ukraine's exports to five member states, also including Romania and Bulgaria.

Farmers in eastern Europe have railed against the imports from Ukraine, saying grain has gotten stuck inside their borders and driven down prices for local growers.



KARACHI: A large number of the Oil Tankers are parked at Shireen Jinnah Colony after the Call of Strike by Oil Tankers Association, till to acceptance of their demands.

KP Governor urges Business community to work for strengthening country's economy

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali here on Tuesday urged the business and traders community to work in liaison and strengthen the economic condition of the country. He was talking to a 30-member delegation of the Hazara Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry that was led by its president and former MPA, Khurshid Azam Jadoon.

Talking to the delegation, the KP governor said that efforts and dedication of the business community are needed to make Pakistan a

leading economy in the region. He said that the business community and stakeholders should adopt a common strategy to make the country prosperous and economically strong adding they would be provided with needed facilities and help.

The delegation apprised the Governor about their problems and said that steps are needed to facilitate tourists to recreation places of Poona and Ambraila waterfalls in Hazara Division.

They also demanded a reduction in land transfer fees and restoration of

agricultural land transfer to benefit the common man.

The Governor assured the delegation resolution of their problems and highlighted steps taken by the government for the facilitation and benefits of the business community.

Haji Ghulam Ali also urged the business community to work in unison and counter conspiracies being hatched against state institutions.

He said that those who are fomenting distrust and chaos are enemies of the state that must be stopped.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of Traders from Hazara Division led by Khurshid Azam meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

Murtaza Bhutto murder case: SHC orders respondents to prepare paper book in 3 days

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while ordering the respondents of Murtaza Bhutto murder case to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarked if the order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

The appeal pleas against the acquittal of accused involved in Murtaza Bhutto brother of former Prime Minister (PM) Benazir Bhutto came up for hearing before SHC Tuesday.

Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto took up the case for hearing.

The court inquired from the state counsel the order for preparing the paper book of the case was given when.

The counsel told court had given order for preparing paper book of appeals in 2011.

The court while expressing annoyance remarked the order has not been implemented despite passage of such long period.

The court ordered the respondents to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarking if order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

PHC fines KP CM, CS, Law Sec, Advocate General

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-member bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday expressed resentment over the provincial government for not submitting a reply to the court order.

During a hearing in a case against the removal and appointment of new law officers, the bench comprising Justice Attiq Shah, Justice Waqar, and Justice Shakeel imposed a Rs 100,000 fine on each KP Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Law Secretary, and Advocate General.

CM emphasizes unbreakable bond of friendship between Pakistan and China

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to the Communist Party Secretary Office in Yinchuan, the capital of China's Ningxia province.

Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun extended a warm welcome to CM Mohsin Naqvi and the accompanying delegation, said a handout issued here.

During their official meeting, the CM and Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun discussed the development of Ningxia and the implementation of a streamlined one-window operation. They mutually agreed to leverage China's expertise in meat production, dairy development, Information Technology, and drip irrigation systems.

Furthermore, it was decided in principle to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as sister cities of Wuzheng and Zhang Wei in Nangxia.

Mohsin Naqvi extended a written invitation to Secretary Nangxia Communist Party, Liang Yanshun, to visit Punjab, which was graciously accepted. Additionally, both parties concurred on the revival of the 17-year-old sister province agreement between Nangxia and Punjab.



KARACHI: Residents of Mahmoudabad block road as they are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity and sui-gas load shedding in their area, held at Baloch Colony road in Karachi.

Ex MPA among three part ways with PTI over May 09, riots

BUREWALA (INP): Former MPA among three party leaders on Tuesday condemning the May 09, violence announced to part ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Those who quit PTI included former MPA Chaudhry Irshad Arain, former Tehsil Nazim Usman Ahmed Warraich and District Senior Vice President Chaudhry Imran Irshad.

AJK begins brisk preparations to celebrate Eid Milad un Nabi (SAW)

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, brisk preparations have been started with great enthusiasm, religious zeal, and fervor to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him), the birth day of the last Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), on the sanctified day of Rabi ul Awwal, falling on September 29.

In all 10 districts of the liberated territory, the cities and towns' streets and roads, including bazars and shopping centers, are being beautifully decorated

CM orders line depts to remain alert during rain

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has ordered Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rescue 1122 and local administration, from China, to remain alert on reports of heavy rain in Lahore and other cities.

In his statement issued here, the CM directed the administration and other officers concerned to reach the field immediately.

ANF seizes over 4166 kg drugs in 35 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized 4166.009 kg of drugs and 480 liters of imported alcohol worth US\$ 277.174 million internationally, arrested 32 accused, and impounded eight vehicles while conducting 35 counter-narcotics operations throughout the country last week, said its spokesman on Tuesday.

He informed that the seized drugs comprised 51.6 Kg Opium, 279.26 kg heroin, 3096.442 kg hashish, 541.68 kg methamphetamine (Ice), 10 kg morphine, 187 Kg ketamine, 24 grams of weed, and 0.003 grams of ecstasy Tabs (5 Tablets).

ANF Balochistan recovered 2496.5 kg of drugs in seven operations arrested the accused involved in drug smuggling and impounded 2 vehicles.

The seized drugs comprised 30 kg of Opium, 0.75 kg of Heroin, 2453 Kg of Hashish, 2.75 kg of Methamphetamine, and 10 kg of Morphine.

ANF Sindh recovered 1006.875 kg of drugs and 480 liters of Imported alcohol and arrested 12 accused besides impounding a vehicle.

Fishing maps distributed among fishermen to ensure safety

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Navy on Tuesday distributed indigenously developed fishing map among the local fishermen for supporting them in safe conduct of fishing activities.

The ceremony regarding distributing fishing maps was held Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre in Karachi.

The fishing map includes vital information such as the precise positions of ghost nets which is a significant threat to marine life and vessels of fishermen, said a press release issued by Pakistan Navy.

Moreover, it will enable fishermen to avoid areas unsuitable for fishing activity and reduce the risk of breakdowns of boats at sea.

KP Election Commission for awareness regarding postal ballot facility

PESHAWAR (INP): Provincial Election Commission Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to formulate a strategy to run a special awareness campaign regarding the facility of postal ballot paper in the upcoming general elections for registered persons with disabilities in collaboration with the member's organization of the Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group.

It was decided by the Gender and Disability Working Group, said the spokesman for Provincial Election Commissioner Sohail Ahmed on Tuesday.

Spokesman Sohail Ahmed, Assistant Director GSI Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi, Assistant Director NADRA Shahid Ali, Pakistan Women's Zahid and Ibrahim, Arshad Peyman, Hamid Ali PEDO, Abid Khan URDO, Farid Gul, and Zafar Ali Shah participated.

The meeting was told that persons with disabilities are not aware of the facility of postal ballot paper and they face difficulties regarding the procedure of filling and submitting the relevant forms.

International News

UN General Assembly, climate moots kick off in NYC today

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: The high-level debate of the 78th UN General Assembly begins in New York on Tuesday, with the schedule of speakers indicating that caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar, who arrived here in New York on Monday, will deliver his speech on Friday.

Coinciding with the start of the UNGA, the annual UN's Climate Action Summit will set the stage for countries to reverse backsliding on Paris climate agreement goals and to encourage governments to

adopt serious new actions to combat climate change.

According to the schedule for UNGA, the "General Debate" (as it is formally known) will kick off today (Tuesday) with an address from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, followed by the address by UNGA President Dennis Francis, a diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, who will preside from the General Assembly dais for the entire week.

As per longstanding tradition, Brazil will deliver the first address from a national delegation and the second one will be by the host country of the United Nations, i.e. the United States.

But, in a departure from tradition, four out of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council have chosen to skip the 78th General Assembly.

French President Emmanuel Macron will be busy in Paris, welcoming Britain's King Charles III on his inaugural visit to France as monarch on Sept. 20. And on Sept. 22, he is meeting Pope Francis.



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres delivers a statement during the opening of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit at UN headquarters in New York City.

At UN General Assembly, Biden asks world to stand with Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
NEW YORK: U.S. President Joe Biden appealed to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday to stand with Ukraine against Russian invaders, hoping Republicans in Congress will also take notice.

"Russia believes that the world will grow weary and allow it to brutalize Ukraine without consequence," Biden said in his speech to UNGA. "If we allow Ukraine to be carved up, is the independence of any nation secure?"

Biden drew applause when saying that the United States and its allies would stand with Ukraine's fight for freedom. "Russia alone bears responsibility for this war," the president said. "Russia alone has the power to end this war immediately."

Biden's address at the annual gathering was the centerpiece event of his three-day visit to New York, which will include meetings with the heads of five Central Asian nations, and the leaders of Israel and Brazil.

Biden, a Democrat, has made rallying U.S. allies to support Ukraine a leading component of U.S. foreign policy, arguing the world must send a clear signal to

Russian President Vladimir Putin that he will not be able to outlast the West. Biden has faced criticism from some Republicans who want the United States to spend less money on the war effort.

Former President Donald Trump, the front-runner for the Republican nomination in the 2024 presidential election, has vowed to seek a quick end to the war if returned to power.

Trump has voiced skepticism about Washington's engagement with traditional allies, including NATO, and has been complimentary of Putin.

Brazil's Lula warns United Nations of coup risk in Guatemala

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva warned world leaders at the United Nations on Tuesday of the prospect of a coup in Guatemala, echoing U.S. concerns about risks to democracy in the Central American country after last month's election.

"In Guatemala, there is a risk of a coup, which would impede the inauguration of the winner of democratic elections," Lula told the U.N. General Assembly.

Last week, the top prosecutor's office in Guatemala raided electoral facilities and opened sealed ballots from the election, in which anti-graft President-elect Bernardo Arevalo and his Semilla Party overwhelmingly came out on top. Prosecutors allege irregularities in the registration of Semilla members ahead of the vote, which the party has denied.

The U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, Francisco Mora, urged Guatemalan authorities on Monday to end their "intimidation efforts" targeting election officials and members of Arevalo's party.

UN meet to look for ways to help world's poorest

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: World leaders met on Monday at the United Nations in a bid to salvage ambitious promises to lift the planet's poorest, at a time when vulnerable nations are facing a volley of crises. But the development summit, on the eve of the annual UN General Assembly that opens on Tuesday, threatens to be eclipsed by growing geopol-

Four killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russia carried out new air strikes and shelling in Ukraine overnight and early on Monday, killing at least four people, Ukrainian officials said.

A man aged 72 and an elderly woman were killed, and three others were wounded, in an overnight attack on the southern region of Kherson, regional governor Oleksandr Prokudin said.

Ronaldo gets warm welcome on arrival in Tehran

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Al-Nassr captain Cristiano Ronaldo received a warm reception in Iran on Monday, in the first visit of a Saudi team to Iran since 2016 ahead of the beginning of the group stage of the Asian Champions League.

Al-Nassr face Iranian side Persepolis in Group E on Tuesday, while Qatari side Al-Duhail play Istiklol Dushanbe of Tajikistan.

The streets were crowded with fans who raised welcome banners and pictures of Ronaldo upon the arrival of the Saudi Arabian team in Iran after the restoration of relations between the two countries.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that matches between Saudi and Iranian teams would be held on a home-and-away basis after the agreement of the two local federations.

Supporters invaded the team's hotel, despite attempts by security personnel to prevent them.

Taiwan alleges over 100 Chinese planes flew near its airspace

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan's defence ministry urged China on Monday to stop "destructive, unilateral action" after reporting a sharp rise in Chinese military activities near the island.

The ministry said that since Sunday it had spotted 103 Chinese military aircraft over the sea, a number it called a "recent high". Its map of Chinese activities over the past 24 hours showed fighter jets crossing the median line of the strait which serves as an unofficial barrier between the two sides.



Saudi football club Al Nassr's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (centre) being presented with a Persian rug as a gift upon arrival at Imam Khomeini International Airport, a day before a match against Iran's Persepolis club.

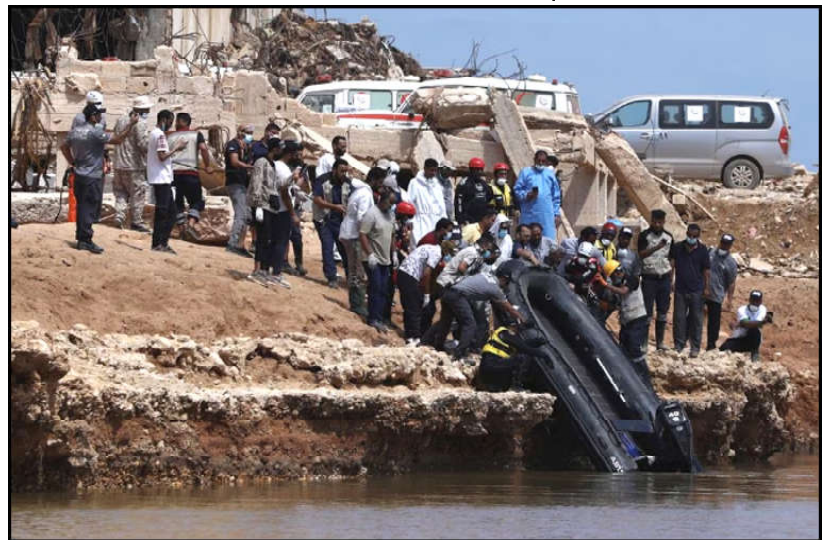
Southeast Asia nations hold first joint navy drills near disputed South China Sea

Monitoring Desk
JAKARTA: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations began its first joint naval exercise on Tuesday at a time when several member countries are responding more strongly to increasing Chinese assertiveness in the area.

The non-combat drills, named ASEAN Solidarity Exercise, include joint maritime patrol operations, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian and disaster relief, Indonesian military chief Adm. Yudo Margono said.

He said the five-day exercise in Indonesia's Natuna waters aims to boost military ties among the ASEAN nations and enhance interoperability. The drills also involve civilian groups involved in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention.

ASEAN nations have taken part in naval exercises before with other countries — including both the United States and China — but this week's drills are the first involving just the bloc and are being led by many as a signal to China. The line also overlaps with a section of Indonesia's exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna Islands.



United Arab Emirates search and rescue personnel drop in a boat to carry out a search mission for dead bodies stranded at sea following floods in Derna, Libya.

CM directs to prepare plan for permanent operationalization of Traffic Bureau

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has directed the concerned authorities to prepare comprehensive plan for permanent operationalization of the Traffic Engineering Bureau. Mr. Domki was chairing the meeting of board of Balochistan Traffic Engineering Bureau held here on Tuesday.

Those who attended the meeting were included Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary Finance, Secretary Transport, Commissioner Quetta, DIG Police, Director General Traffic Engineering Bureau, Administrator Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and other concerned high ups.

The board meeting formed sub-committee of Finance department for review of the administrative and financial matters of Traffic Engineering Bureau. The caretaker Chief Minister on the occasion directed to present the proposed service rules of the Traffic Bureau officers and staff in the next board meeting after reviewing the same.

He was of the view that the project of Traffic Bureau can be useful when proposals of all concerned departments would be included in it.

He also stressed the need to ensure correct use of resources provided for the Traffic Bureau.

The Chief Minister urged the Traffic Bureau to demonstrate remarkable performance so that the general public may realize good change.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Qadir Bakhsh Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

CM Domki directs secretaries to take steps to provide relief to masses

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki exhorted all the administrative secretaries of provincial government departments to ensure implementation on the rules and policies in departmental matters. In addition to this, they (secretaries) should also take practical steps for provision of maximum facilities to the masses resolving their issues at the district level.

The caretaker Chief Minister was addressing the meeting of different departments here on Tuesday. The secretaries of Livestock, communications and Forests briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki on the occasion stressed that the rules and regulations and policies should be followed in running the departmental matters.

He urged the secretaries to utilize their capabilities to resolve the public issues at the district level.

The Secretary Livestock, Arshad Ali Bugti, Secretary Agriculture, Muhammad Tayyab Lehri, Secretary Fisheries and Coastal Development, Hafiz Tahir Ali, Secretary Forests, Noor Muhammad Pirani and Secretary Communications, Ali Akbar Baloch briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments.



QUETTA: Chief Collector Customs Balochistan Abdul Qadir Memon meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

PML-N to take part in general & local body elections of Quetta: Jafar

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Balochistan President Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel on Tuesday said that the PML-N would participate in the general elections and local body elections of Quetta and achieve success.

There are no groupings in the party and if anyone deviates from the party decisions the basic membership will be terminated, he added.

Addressing the meeting of the party, he said that Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan and Ashraf Javed Kurd were responsible for hosting and coordinating the meeting.

Provincial General Secretary Jamal Shah Kakar, senior leaders Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan, Naseer Khan Achakzai, Zahir Khan Kakar, Ataullah Muhammad Zai, Naseem Rehman, Advocacy Tariq Butt, Jahangir Kharuti, In the meeting, the party leaders informed the provincial president of the party about their recommendations regarding the local body elections and assured that all party members will keep their differences aside and abide by the party's discipline for the upcoming local body elections.

The party will work hard day and night for the success of the candidates whom the party will give tickets.

Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel said that the municipal elections in Quetta are of great importance for the party, the PML-N will field candidates at the level of 4 towns and UC, wards of Quetta.

Action continues against illegal fishing trawlers, says DG Fisheries

Independent Report
QUETTA: The action is continued against the illegal fishing trawlers in the sea waters of Balochistan. This was stated by the Director General Fisheries Balochistan, Mir Saifullah Khetran while speaking to local media persons on Tuesday.

The DG Fisheries said that an illegal trawler was impounded from Parni and seized the fish stored at the trawler. Moreover, the fishing staff was also arrested, he maintained.

The DG said that the wholehearted action is continued by the fisheries patrolling team against the trawlers illegally engaged in the fishing.

He said that the fisheries department is ever ready to take action against the illegal fishing.

While steps are being taken to improve the exports of fish, the local fishermen would also have to join hands with us to stop illegal fishing, he informed.



QUETTA: Representative of Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Muhammad bin Zaid Al Naheyan Ahmed Atta Baloch, Mir Dawood Shahwani, Malik Shehryar and Mir Bebag Shahwani meeting with Caretaker Provincial Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

Pakistan to roll out first ever MRV system for monitoring GHG emissions

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan, in its concerted and active effort to tackle the crisis of climate change has achieved another milestone of establishing its first ever measurement, reporting and verification and monitoring (MRV&ME) system for monitoring its greenhouse gas emissions.

The system will be an information technology-based solution that will help collate scientific evidence from across the country on its carbon emissions causing environmental degradation for informed policy making and course setting to achieve internationally pledged commitments and targets.

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) organized a three-day forum titled 'Transparency Platform for Pakistan (RISQ): A Climate Transparency: Knowledge Sharing, the Climate Transparency project in Pakistan.' In his opening remarks, Head-Agriculture and Coordination, GCISC, Arif Goheer said the vagaries of climate change were evident and demanded a concerted and continuous effort to overcome the challenges posed by climate-induced disasters.

'Scientific evidence clearly indicates that climate action should be effective and robust which is known as transparency in the jargon of climate science. In Paris Agreement, Enhanced Transparency Framework was conceived to clearly monitor GHG emissions and measures taken to cope with it and resources deployed for climate action,' he added.

Goheer said in Pakistan MRV concept was started late whereas the former Director General Environment of Climate Change Ministry, Irfan Tariq and German International Development Organisation (GIZ) supported the Centre.

Opportunities of livelihood can be provided to youth by conducting free IT, AI courses, says Governor

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is clear that the government can't provide government jobs to thousands of unemployed youngsters, however, it can surely create opportunities of livelihood for millions of people by conducting free IT/AI courses for youth and ensuring investment and public-private partnership. In this context, the students graduated from the universities can earn better livelihood in the IT sector after benefiting from the modern technology and learning modern skills.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of Dean and Director of NUST Balochistan campus, Brigadier Dr. Waseem Khaliq here at the Governor House on Tuesday.

The Governor said that we have announced to conduct free course of IT/AI for the unemployed youth of the province. In first phase of the programme, in all 10,000 youngsters would be learnt modern skills free of cost. In this regard, the Governor urged all responsible persons and IT experts to extend full cooperation and guidance to make the Governor's IT initiative programme successful.



QUETTA: Provincial Caretaker Minister for Excise and Taxation Prince Ahmed Ali and Inspector General of Police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh presiding over a meeting regarding prevention of narcotics and traffic laws

PTA conducts successful raids against illegal internet

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) conducted two successful raids in Gojra City, in collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA).

The raids against illegal internet service providers were conducted at Adeb Plaza Main Bazaar and Mehdi Shah Bazar. One person was arrested and illegal ISPs equipment was also confiscated said a news release issued here on Tuesday.

The successful raids against illegal ISPs were made possible through PTA's continuous monitoring, commitment, and persistent efforts to combat the menace of illegal internet services, thus reducing losses to the national exchequer resulting from tax evasion and misreporting of revenues.

Oil tanker owners end strike after gov't assurance

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Oil Tankers Contractors Association has announced to end its strike after receiving an invitation for talks from the government. According to details, the oil tanker owners and delegations of incumbent government and Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) will meet tomorrow in Islamabad to 'find a way out'. In a statement, the Spokesperson Oil Tankers Association said that they were calling off the strike after receiving assurances from the government. 'The association was restoring fuel supply keeping in mind the issues being faced by the public,' he added.

PPP to adopt Bilawal's policy over election date

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on Tuesday decided to adopt the policy suggested by PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on the matter for timely elections.

According to the PPP sources, a meeting of the PPP Central Executive Committee (CEC) was held on the matter of timely elections where the participants reached a consensus to adopt Bilawal Bhutto's policy.

As per reports, during the CEC meeting, the participants consulted the policies of PPP co-chairman Asif Zardari and his son Bilawal.

The senior members of the committee recommended to adopt Asif Zardari's conciliatory policy, as Asif Ali Zardari was tended to save the economy through his policy.



QUETTA: Dr Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, WHO Country Head in Pakistan giving health equipment to Secretary Health Asfand Yar Kakar during a ceremony.

All Pak CM Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament begins

Independent Report
QUETTA: The 4th All Pakistan Chief Minister Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament got underway in Quetta on Tuesday.

The caretaker Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports and Culture, Jamal Raisani inaugurated the tournament with formal kick at the football ground of Ayub Stadium.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary Sports, Ishaq Jamali, Director General Sports, Durra Baloch, Director Sports, Asif Langove and others.

It may be mentioned here that 52 teams from different provinces and departments are taking part in the tournament, which would remain continued for two weeks.

Speaking at the inauguration, Jamal Raisani said that we are giving message to the peace enemies through sports that people of Balochistan are peace and sports loving and hospitable.

He said that although six footballers were kidnapped from Dera Bugti, but still our moral are high. We would not be sparing the kidnapers at all, adding he asserted.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat presiding over a meeting regarding Karachi Bus Terminal Hazarganji

PBF urges authorities to open transit trade via 250 boarder Iran being shortest route

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) President Turbat, Maqbool Alam Noori, said on Tuesday that it is the right time to open transit trade via the 250 Border Iran, as it is the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia.

He expressed these views in a statement issued here, saying that opening the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would provide a number of benefits and the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia, which would reduce time and costs for businesses and consumers in both regions.

He said Gwadar is a deep-sea port located in Balochistan, Pakistan. It is the deepest port in the Arabian Sea and is strategically located at the mouth of the Strait of Hormuz, a major shipping choke point. Gwadar is also the westernmost port in Pakistan and is close to the borders of Iran and Afghanistan.

Central Asia is a landlocked region that is bordered by Pakistan to the south, Russia to the north, China to the east, and the Caspian Sea to the west. The region is home to a number of countries, including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. Central Asia is a rich region in terms of natural resources, but it is also underdeveloped, he said.

A PBF official said the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would provide a number of benefits for both Pakistan and Central Asia. For Pakistan, it would increase trade revenue and economic activity. It would also create jobs and boost development in Balochistan, which is one of the poorest provinces in Pakistan. For Central Asia, it would provide a shorter and more efficient route to access world markets. It would also reduce dependence on Russia and China for trade.



QUETTA: Provincial Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali inspecting equipment of BD van

Pervaiz Elahi sent to jail on 14-day judicial remand

LAHORE (INP): A judicial magistrate's court in Lahore has sent PTI president Pervaiz Elahi to jail on a 14-day judicial remand.

As per details, the court heard two cases against former chief minister Punjab and PTI president.

The court rejected the plea seeking physical remand of the PTI president and sent him to jail on a 14-day judicial remand.

Pervaiz Elahi's counsel urged the court to shift the PTI leader back to Adiala Jail. The court accepted the request and sent him to Adiala Jail.

Earlier, Lahore High Court (LHC) sought replies from Punjab police and Superintendent Jail regarding the re-arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Pervaiz Elahi.

Cases against Sheikh: Court issues arrest warrants of IO

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued arrest warrants of investigation officer (IO) on the petition seeking dismissal of cases registered in Karachi against Sheikh Rashid in the case of using filthy and inappropriate language against Bilawal Bhutto.

The court has sought assistance from Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP).

While hearing the case on Tuesday, Justice Tariq Jahangir remarked how can the case of an incident be registered in other provinces which has occurred in Islamabad.

Constitution of bench that sentenced Nawaz Sharif wrong, Rana

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-N senior leader and former federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that it is requirement of constitution and law that sentence of Nawaz Sharif should be annulled.

According to details former Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa has always stood with the supremacy of law and constitution in his entire judicial life.

Govt committed to promote sports activities: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said the caretaker government was committed to promoting sports activities in order to bring about positive change in the society.

The minister expressed the resolve during a meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Zaka Ashraf.

Different matters including cooperation between Pakistan Television (PTV) Sports and PCB were discussed in the meeting.

Solangi said the PTV Sports had been playing a pivotal role to promote the sports culture and it had gained huge popularity among the viewers across the country.

He reaffirmed the caretaker government's resolve and support for promoting the sports, especially cricket.

The minister acknowledged the role of PCB in promoting cricket in the country.



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi in a group photo with Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Zaka Ashraf and other officials

Netting corrupt: AJK PM announces to execute accountability in State soon

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister (PM) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has announced to execute indiscriminate accountability all across the state soon.

Addressing the members of the District Bar Association Mirpur and Mirpur Protection Forum at the Jammu and Kashmir House in the federal metropolis late Monday the PM said that across-the-board accountability would be ensured and no one would be exempted from accountability.

Referring to the ongoing AJK-wide heated issue of the inflated electricity bills, the PM said, 'Since the government has decided to suspend all additional charges on electricity, the billing will be made on the old tariff rates'.

The PM said that no penalty or additional surcharges would be slapped on consumers.

Senate body on delegated legislation meets

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation was held here at the Parliament House under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

The Senate Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on June 15, 2023 and the committee also approved the reports for September to December 2022, January to March 2023 and April to June 2023.

The Committee meeting discussed the issue sent by the Chairman Senate regarding the establishment of Engineering Development Board through SRO in detail. The Chief Executive Officer Engineering Development Board briefed the committee about the establishment of the institution, working procedures and said that the institution was established in 1995 under a resolution approved by the Federal Cabinet. Chairman Committee Senator Mian Raza Rabbani said that despite the passage of so many years, this institution has not yet been enacted. It is working under the Chief Executive Order of 2002. What is its legal status and where are the rules and regulations.

In reply to that, the committee was told that the Board of this institution has approved its rules but the approval has not been taken from the government.