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Elections will be held

in year, army nothing to

do with elections: PM NEW YORK (Online): is not true, the army has

Caretaker Prime Minister

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be held in the new year it-

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to do with the general elec-

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volved in illegal activities.

American news agency,

Anwarul Haq Kakar said

that fair elections can be

held even without the chair-

man PTI and hundreds of

workers of his party who

are in jail for involvement

in vandalism and illegal ac-

Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar

said that the elections will

be held in the new year it-

self, while the military in-

Information and Broadcast-

ing Murtaza Solangi said on Sunday that all political

parties should have full free-

dom to contest elections. In

his speech at Radio Paki-

stan Karachi, he said it was

clear in the Constitution tal

General elections can be

In an interview to the



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki enquiring about health of a child during his visit to Children Hospital Continued on page 2 rity agencies are working with

"Fighting for common men's rights and problems":

Ameer JI demands of rulers to take back increase in prices of petrol, electricity immediately

Sirajul Haq says we want such Pakistan, which is free of corruption, poverty, ignorance and injustice; vows to continue struggle till the end

Independent Report

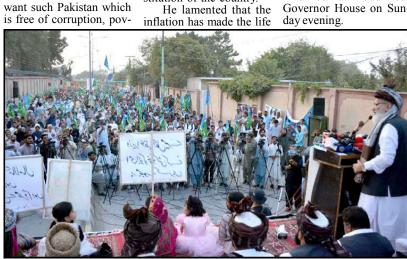
QUETTA: The central Ameer of Jama'at-e-Islami, Sirajul Haq has put forth immediate demand to the government to take back increase made in the prices of petrol and petroleum products and electricity tariffs in the country, otherwise, the JI's struggle would remain continued in future. He asserted that we want such Pakistan which and other evils.

He said that when there is no price-hike in the countries around us including India, Iran, Nepal and Afghanistan, then why it (in-flation) is in Pakistan and why the people are suffering from it.

He also said that he respects all those who follow and obey the law and constitution of the country.

erty, ignorance, injustice of people of the country miserable and it has become very difficult for them to make their both ends meet. He also described the inflation as artificial and bogus which he vehemently rejected.

This and similar other views were expressed by the JI Ameer while addressing protest sit-in against the inflation here at the Jaffar Khan Jamali road near Governor House on Sunday evening.



QUETTA: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Sirajul Haq addressing a protest gathering against the hike electricity and petrol prices in front of Governor House

Israel ties depend on national, Palestinian interests: FM

Jilani responds to Israeli FM's claims that up to 7 Muslim countries would make peace with Israel following Saudi deal

Pakistan's decision to recognise Israel will be determined by its national interests and those of Palestinians, according to Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, who also said he didn't meet his Israeli counterpart on the sidelines of UN General Assembly session in New York.

Jilani was responding to claims by the Israeli Foreign Minister that 6 or 7 Muslim countries would make peace with the Jewish State if Saudi Arabia-Israel deal goes through. Foreign Minister Eli Cohen told Israel's KAN

ISLAMABAD (INP): News on Friday that up to seven more Muslim countries could make peace with Israel if the Jewish State signs a peace agreement with Saudi Arabia

Speaking to the outlet immediately following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the United Nations General Assembly, in which he touted a "new Middle East" where Israel and Saudi Arabia enjoyed diplomatic ties, Cohen said that "peace with Saudi Arabia means peace with the greater Muslim world." Jilani, however, said he didn't meet his Is-

CS directs to complete QDP within stipulated time

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has directed the concerned high ups to complete all the development projects of Quetta Development Package within the stipulated time. The Chief Secretary said that Quetta development Package is going to be a milestone for development of Quetta city as these projects are very important to facilitate the people. The Chief Secretary was on his visit to Quetta city for inspection of different development projects being executed under the Quetta Package, here on Sunday.

to 10 degree **Celsius in Quetta**

winter in the region.

down in the morning and evening times in Quetta, Balochistan's capital city as people have started keeping fans off.

The Met Office recorded minimum temperature in Quetta 10 degree Celsius in the morning today, while the maximum temperature remained 27

Mercury drops

OUETTA (INP): Blowing cold winds in Quetta and other areas of Balochistan on Sunday morning, announcing about upcoming

Temperatures going

that the system of the coun-

All political parties

should have freedom to

contest elections: Solangi

KARACHI (APP): Care- ity of the caretaker govern-

taker Federal Minister for ment to provide a condu-

try will be run by elected representatives. "State media should not support or oppose any political party, Murtaza Solangi said.

The minister issued directives to the official media to give fair coverage to the registered political parties. It was the responsibiland this was his dream.

he would try to solve radio problems under legal and constitutional powers. He assured that he would use his available time for the solution of problems. The minister said that Radio

Pakistan should meet the

demands of the modern age

GoB rejects BNP leaders allegations about grand operation in Wadh Independent Report

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has firmly rejected the allegations made by BNP-Mengal Leader Agha Hassan Baloch regarding an alleged grand operation in Wadh. In a statement issued on Sunday, the government said that the allegations were baseless and that efforts had been made to defuse the situation. The statement also said that Sardar Akhtar Mengal, the BNM-Mengal Leader, had been consulted and informed about the matter on separate occasions and to which he gave his consent.

The statement further said that Sardar Mengal had suggested two representatives from his party to attend meetings, but that these representatives had failed to attend and had disregarded the instructions of their Party Chief.

The statement said that this raised questions about their loyalty and adherence to

The statement called on Sardar Mengal to investigate why his instructions had not en followed by his representatives, as it may indicate a loss of control over his party. The statement assured that no grand operation would be conducted, as maintaining law and order was of utmost importance to the government.

The statement added that, despite any differences, the government held great re spect for Sardar Akhtar Mengal, who is a seasoned politician in Balochistan.



CM invites "angry" Balochs to join national mainstream; ready to prepare effective policy for them

Mir Ali Mardan Domki says all political parties to be taken into confidence by convening consultation meeting once ECP announces general election date; reiterates interim govt.'s resolve to provide conductive environment for polls

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has once against invited the "angry" Balochs to come and join national mainstream. He said that he once again invites "angry" Baloch to come and join national mainstream and we are ready to prepare an effective for them (angry Balochs).'

The caretaker Chief Minister said that all secu-

nothing to do with the gen-

Minister said that the Elec-

tion Commission is responsible for conducting the vot-

ing while the current head

of the Election Commission

is appointed by the Chair-

man PTI, so why would he

personal vendetta is being

taken from anyone, action

will be taken according to

law, be it Chairman PTI or

any other politician wants

to American TVCNN, Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said

that the elections are sure

to be held on time and those

who influence the election

will be dealt with according

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parent elections, Murtaza

Solangi maintained. He said

that the government was

working for the betterment

of Radio Pakistan and that

its broadcast should be digi

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Earlier, in an interview

supremacy of law.

He also said that no

The Caretaker Prime

eral elections.

oppose him?

determination to fully restore peace and maintain government's writ in the province. He said that it is our utmost endeavour to establish conducive environment for the general elections as it is the mandate of interim government to conduct free and fair elections in peaceful environment.

He said that the meeting of all political parties would be called for consultation once the Election Commission of Pakistan announced the date of general elections. He asserted that the provincial government would extend wholehearted assistance to the ECP for conducting free and fair elections.

The caretaker Chief

Minister was speaking in a programme of state-run TV (PTV) Quetta on Sunday. Mir Ali Mardan Domki

spoke at length about the priorities of the provincial government, problems being faced, government steps being taken to address them,

talks with the "angry" Balochs and other issues. The caretaker Chief Minister maintained that around 75 percent portion of the province's budget is spent on the non-development expenditures, salaries and pensions while only 25 percent budget is allocated for the development purposes. Even this 25 percent budget is also not utilized accurately, adding he regret-



WADH: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar meeting with President Balochistan National Party Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal at his residence

Governor calls for taking sensitive situation of Wadh serious; finding sustainable solution to issue

Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar says tribes can't afford more tribal disputes, hatred; seeks cooperation of religo8us leaders, political and social elders and other key segments to play role

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has called for taking sensitive situa-tion of Wadh serious and finding sustainable solution

The Governor said that nationalities and tribes settled in Balochistan can't afford more tribal clashes, hatred and disputes, therefore, the religious leaders, social personali-ties, political elders should play their wholehearted role to resolve the issue in the best interest of province and its people.

SC orders to

compile list

of conflicting

decisions of

high courts

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Supreme Court of Pakistan

has ordered to compile lists

of conflicting decisions of

the SC has issued an impor-

tant circular in the matter

of discrepancies in the judg-

ments of the five high courts

and the circular has asked

to prepare lists of judg-

ments based on discrepan-

lar, appeals against the de-

cisions of the high courts

are pending in the SC. A

number of inconsistencies

have been identified in the challenged decisions of the

One dead

as two vehicles

collide in Ouetta

QUETTA (INP): A man

was killed after two ve-

hicles collided with each

other on Quetta's Airport

Road on Sunday, police

life in the fatal accident. The

body was shifted to a state

hospital for legal formali-

Naimat Ullah lost his

high courts.

According to the circu-

The Registrar Office of

the High Courts.

The Governor was speaking on occasion of his meeting with chief of Balochistan National Party (BNP), Sardar Akhtar Mengal whom he met at his residence in Tehsil Wadh, Khuzdar on Sunday. The Governor visited

Wadh especially to meet the BNP chief and discussed with him the situation of Wadh, latest political situation of the province and other matters of mutual in-The Governor was

concerned about the situation of Wadh saying that the Wadh with every passing masses.

He pointed out that the routine business has been badly affected at the local level while the children and women are facing mental

Moreover, students and patients are also suffering due to the situation in Wadh, he maintained.

He said that if the steps were not taken to improve the situation in Wadh, then it may intensify the situation in Balochistan.

The Governor said that it is responsibility of the government to protect life situation is worsening in and property of the

Parents appealed to vaccinate children against diseases

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday appealed to parents to get their children vaccinated against various deadly diseases. In a video message about immunization of children, the minister said that effective measures are being taken to ensure 100% immunization

He said that the ministry of Health is determined to ensure universal health

coverage.
Dr Nadeem Jan said, 'Innocent children are our future and they need regular medical care particularly their safety against various diseases through regular vaccination. He said that frontline

health workers are the real heroes of our immunization program, who perform their duties with dedication and devotion.



SHEIKHPURA: A view collision between Mianwali Express with goods train near Qilla Sattar Shah

20 injured as two trains collide near Ferozewala

FEROZEWALA (INP): At least 20 passengers have been injured as a result of a horrific collision between two trains near Ferozewala.

According to details, the Mianwali Express collided with a goods train stationed at Qila Sattar Shah station in the Ferozewala area, as a result of which 20 passengers were injured

As per railway officials, the train was en route from Mianwali to Lahore when it rammed into a good train parked at the station. The injured included the train driver and assistant.

Daily Soice of Masse Independent

World Cup squad

The stress was on continuity — trusting and backing players who had been with the team—as Pakistan's squad for the World Cup was named on Friday. One change came due to Naseem Shah's injury, depriving Pakistan of a chance to play their fearsome pace trident comprising the young fast bowler, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf at the tournament in India. Hasan Ali, who last played a One-Day International for Pakistan in June 2022, has been drafted in place of Naseem with chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq crediting his ability to bowl with both the new and old ball as the reason for his inclusion. Hasan will have his work cut out for him as a replacement for Naseem, who not only took wickets but was also Pakistan's most economical bowler at the recent Asia Cup. There are no major surprises otherwise, with Pakistan's think tank opting to retain spin-bowling all-rounders Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz, despite their struggle to make an impact at the Asia Cup, where the challenge from Babar Azam's charges ended at the Super Four stage. Inzamam, a member of the squad that won the ODI World Cup in 1992, said he hoped the duo would do well but didn't specify how. Similar is the case of opener Fakhar Zaman, who will go to India, despite a poor performance at the

For the World Cup campaign, Pakistan are hoping that things fall in place. It wasn't like this, though, before the Asia Cup, where Pakistan went in as the world's top-ranked ODI side. A thrashing at the hands of India and the narrow loss to Sri Lanka were the reality check the team needed. Pakistan have a history of going to tournaments with doubts hanging over their heads, only to overcome the odds and shine their way through. It is, therefore likely that they will overcome Naseem's injury as well as form issues to do that again.

Lavish diplomacy



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Earlier this month, India hosted, with gaudy fanfare, the 18th meeting of the G20. The outcome was an 83-paragraph declaration, which called for green development and inclusive growth, but broke no new ground. The declaration deplored the aggression against Ukraine but did not name Russia. Ukraine was irri-

However, it was not the substance but the optics and pomp and show that appeared to have been the host's top priority India used the occasion to build its global stature, project itself as a leader of the Global South, and deepen inroads into the Muslim world. By hosting the G20

summit, and, earlier, the SCO meetings, and playing an active role in expanding BRICS, India wants to send a message that a country, which is the world's most populous, with the fifth largest economy and a large democracy (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindutva policies notwithstanding), should be a permanent member of the UN Security Council, an objective India has pursued for many decades in cooperation with Brazil, Germany and Japan.

This diplomatic extravaganza has, however, not been without its encumbrances. In order to showcase a 'shining' Inshanty

neighbourhoods were hurriedly erased, displacing thousands of Indians. The initiative to host a preparatory G20 meeting, related to tourism, in occupied Kashmir also backfired as several G20 countries declined to participate

due to Kashmir's dis- Tanchum, who wrote a

More notably, Xi Jinping chose to stay away from the summit, the first time a Chinese president has done so. This reflects the tensions that still persist between India and China, and the latter's growing discomfort with forums dominated by the

India is struggling to balance its strategic partnership with the US with its cooperation with Russia and China. As for India's claim to a permanent seat at the UNSC, the opposition of a group of several important countries called 'Uniting for Consensus', as well as the African group, is likely to remain the main stumbling

chose for the summit 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' seems to have been designed to appeal to the developing world. India also tried to present itself as a voice of the Global South by proposing to invite the African Union to be a permanent G20 member. During the summit, India liaised closely with Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa some of the leading lights

of the Global South.

Interestingly, the most noted outcome of the event was an initiative that was not part of the summit's agenda or its declaration but a separate MOU signed on the sidelines, outlining a plan to create an India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). Announcing the initiative, PM Modi was flanked by the US president and Saudi crown prince and other

heads of state. The corri-

dor is intended to enhance

trade connectivity and

economic integration by

linking railways, ports, elec-

tricity and data networks. The idea of a possible economic corridor between India and Europe through the Middle East was first floated in 2021 by Spanish scholar Michael

paper titled India's Arab-Mediterranean Corridor: A Paradigm Shift in Strategic Connectivity to Europe. Last February, the UAE president is reported to have suggested this concept to the US president The US lent its full support to the idea to counter-balance China's Belt & Road Initiative, enable India to make inroads into the Middle East, and facilitate Arab-Israeli normalisation.

Details of the initia-

tive are still unclear. A map floated by the UAE (which erroneously shows the disputed territory of Jammu & Kashmir as part of India) indicates a route from Mumbai to Dubai, then over the Saudi and Jordanian landmass to the The theme India Israeli port of Haifa, and then through the Mediterranean Sea to the Greek port of Piraeus. This is a cumbersome multimodal route, easier envisaged than implemented. China has reacted cautiously. It knows that the IMEC can hardly challenge the BRI which has already connected 155 countries. It is worth recalling that the earlier US-led initiatives of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and the Build Back Better World had also failed to take off. Turkiye, too, expressed its reservations regarding the IMEC and backed an alternative route connecting the Gulf to Turkiye through Iraq.

India's attempt to use the G-20 event for self-aggrandizement seems to have run into further problems as Canada has officially called it out for arranging, through its state agents, the murder of a Canadian Sikh inside Canada. It is time India's leadership recognises there are limits to hubris and it cannot stand tall by indulging in acute discrimina tion against non-Hindu minorities at home and violating all norms of international law abroad. -

- Courtesy Dawn

Wilting in the wilderness



Ghazi Salahuddin

Oh, to be young, Poets, writers and philosophers have celebrated this magical phase in one's life. A young person, anywhere and in any surroundings, would personify hope and adventure.But what does it mean to be young in Pakistan in the present times? This is the question I have frequently posed to any group of young people that I get the opportunity to interact with. That also means that I have taken up this subject on previous occasions. And I have to say it again that every encounter I have had with the young, particularly those who come from the supposedly educated middle class, has pushed me down in the dumps.

By way of a disclaimer, I must confess that I have been a proclaimed pessimist for many years and my disillusionment with the youth of Pakistan may have deepened because of my loss of hope in the future of this society. Anyhow, the propensity of the young to seek their future not in this but in some foreign country is increasing at such a pace that I find my pessimistic outlook resoundingly vindicated.

This, to be sure, is a general observation not deserving of specific and exclusive attention. However, I have noticed a number of news items this week that somehow relate to the young. I feel that it is important to probe their relevance to the evolving situation in this country. These are matters that would affect the lives of the young.

Where do I begin? The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) released,

on Tuesday, the latest statistics that showed that more than 21 million voters have been added to the electoral rolls since the last general elections. There should be no surprise in this because the youth bulge is a reality, but the issue is whether the new young voters can have an impact on the country's

It is to be noted that the gender gap among voters has reduced with the addition of 11.74 million women voters compared to 9.28 million male voters. The overall gender gap, however, is still there. Given the low voter turnout in our elections, there is little expectation that the young voters will really make a difference. When we talk about

young voters, young women do not readily come to our mind. In a larger context, we see women on the campuses and in some workplaces. But we do not see them walking in the streets, breathing fresh air in open spaces and generally making their presence felt. Young women live a suppressed life, with consequences also in a moral sense. After all, the young have their passions and suppression is sure to bring up mental health is-

Very briefly, I have to share my understanding of the young being largely removed from the realities of the national state of affairs. They have been depoliticized. Despite the wave that rose on social media, the impression that Imran Khan was able to mobilize the youth was not certified by the long marches and 'jail bharo' stratagems. Besides, many supporters may have been disheartened after the setback suffered by the PTI.

Without interpreting its sociological allusions, I will mention the report that with the death of a wounded robbery victim in Karachi on Wednesday, the number of people killed by the street criminals dur-

sider the fact that this century was scored in only the city of Karachi and only in the arena of street crime. I had read somewhere that when a society is destabilized, the young have three options: political activism, drugs and crime. There is very little evidence of the young raising the banner of a revolution, though inflation and unemployment and lack of social justice have apparently set the stage for this option. Crime, we can see, is rising. So is drug addiction. A family we were friends with has emigrated solely because of their knowledge of how drugs are spreading in elite educational institutions, and they have a teenage son. We have also been told, almost as a matter of routine, that a certain percentage of children under five are stunted because of lack of adequate nourishment. This was so a number of years ago. This is so now. This percentage has stayed around 40. Isn't this a scary thought that these stunted children, with also cognitive deficiencies, grow up? What do they do? Where do they go? It would be instructive to study the faces that constitute a mob in a bazaar. In an overpopulated country, their number is bound to be in the mil-

ing this yet unfinished

year has reached 100. Con-

My lament is that the young who are technically well educated and visibly well fed also seem to be wandering in some kind of a wilderness. Exceptions aside, you may encounter the likes of them on any campus of a public university. By the way, the teachers of the University of Karachi began their boycott of classes from Friday. The concerns they have may be genuine, but I wonder what nearly 40,000 students and hundreds of teachers will do when there are no classes. Will they find time to, say, read a book? Courtesy TheNews

Commerce News

CM Naqvi says: **Punjab endeavouring** to benefit from Chinese technology, expertise

Independent Report Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that Punjab would harness technology and expertise from China across all

Interacting with media outside the Hazrat Mian Mir shrine, Naqvi emphasised that during his visit to China along with a 15-member delegation rackdown is ongoing comprising provincial against hoarding, and daily ministers and high-ranking actions are being taken.

officials the discussions However, people are still centered

technology.

The CM said they planned to utilise Chinese technology and expertise in the various fields, adding that they also secured cooperation from the Hazrat Mian Mir, and laid Chinese team to combat

In reply to a query,

only on not returning to the markets.'

Earlier, the caretaker CM attended a ceremony held to mark the beginning of the 400th celebrations of the saint a wreath at the shrine. He also laid

foundation stone for a 'langar khana' (free kitchen) to be established with the cooperation of the Medina Foundation.

Pink eye cases surge in Lahore: 85 new infections reported

LAHORÊ (APP): The provincial metropolis is currently grappling with a significant rise in cases of Pink Eye during the ongoing rainy

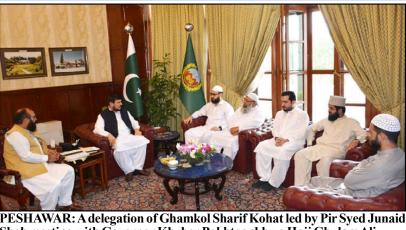
The health department officials reported 85 new cases of conjunctivitis, commonly known as Pink Eye, within the past 24

People afflicted with this infection are finding it difficult to venture outdoors due to the adverse effects of sunlight and dust on their eyes.

Noted eye surgeon Dr. Intzar Hussain Butt, shared his recommendations with the APP, urging affected individuals to use prescribed eye drops, cold water, and tissues for eye cleansing.

Dr. Butt explained that conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane, known as the conjunctiva, which lines the eyelid and covers the eye-

He emphasized the importance of avoiding physical contact with infected individuals and refraining from sharing personal items such as handkerchiefs, pillows, and makeup.



Shah meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

Ningxia, Punjab govts signs two sister cities agreements

province, China and Governments of Punjab have signed two agreements during visit of Punjab's caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi to China.

These agreements established Sahiwal & Wuzhong, as well as Bahawalpur & Zhang Wei, as sister cities. The signing ceremony

took place in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia province, with Minister for Industry and Agriculture SM Tanvir representing the Punjab government, according to Gwadar Pro. The ceremony was attended by provincial ministers Azfar Ali Nasir and Ibrahim Hasan Murad, as well as Secretary Finance Mujahid Sherdil, alongside senior officials from Ningxia.

LAHORE (INP): Ningxia and friendly ties between Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, and their Chinese counterparts. Under the terms of the

agreement, understanding collaboration will be promoted through the exchange of delegations and cooperation efforts. Additionally, the sister cities will extend support to each other across various sectors, including the fields of economy, trade, science, and technology.

Furthermore, senior officials and line departments from these sister cities will share expertise and engage in reciprocal visits.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed his warm welcome to these agreements and recognized their significance in the These agreements are context of Pakistan-China aimed at fostering strong relations.

Weather turns pleasant in parts of Punjab after light rain

LAHORE (INP): The weather turned pleasant in several cities of Punjab including Lahore as light rain lashed in parts of the province.

Lahore was under dark clouds since morning and metropolitan also witnessed drizzle in many areas including Abbott Road, Shimla Pahari, Garhi Shahu and Mall Road. The rain also lashed in

Faisalabad, Chiniot, Sahiwal, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara and Patoki. The weather also turned pleasant in Bhowana, Sharaqpur and Lalian after light rain.

The low-laying areas were inundated while electricity remained suspended in many areas due to the tripping of several feeders.

pledges development for merged districts Independent Report expressed optimism about

KP Caretaker Minister

Caretaker Minister Syed Aamir Abdullah Pledges Development for Merged Districts. The caretaker minister for Industry and Commerce, Tribal Affairs, and Technical Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Aamir Abdullah, has affirmed the government's commitment to utilizing all available resources for the development of merged districts. He expressed the goal of bringing these regions to the same level of development as other districts within the province. Syed Amir Abdullah highlighted that the caretaker provincial government, led by Chief Minister Muhammad

Azam Khan, is diligently

KP the prospects of receiving positive news in this regard.

These statements were made by the Provincial Minister during his address to the District Jirga in Kalaya, Orakzai district, where he also received a briefing from the Deputy Commissioner on the district's development and law and order. Minister Abdullah commended the district government's efforts to enhance the welfare of the local population and stressed the importance of providing maximum facilities in alignment with the government's vision for the merged districts.

During the visit, the provincial minister assured Orakzai district leaders of his intent to facilitate pursuing federal funding proper training for local for the merged districts. He



visiting different stalls during the 2nd Gilgit-**Baltistan Career Fest 2023.**

'Newspaper Readership Day

In an age of rapid information dissemination, newspapers continue to hold special place Readership Day'

Independent Report PESHĀWAR:

National N e w s p a p e r s Readership Day', we celebrate the value of printed news in our

lives. In a world increasingly driven by digital media, this day serves as a reminder of the irreplaceable role newspapers play in shaping our society. In an age of rapid

dissemination, newspapers continue to hold a special place.

They provide credible information in an ocean misinformation.

With seasoned journalists editorial standards, newspapers are an example of truth and accountability. 'National Newspapers

observed every year on 25th September is an opportunity to salute the editors, reporters photographers, and countless others who work tirelessly to deliver the news to our doorstep every

day. nt media serve as a platform for dialogue, debate, and the exchange of ideas,

nurturing a sense of national identity. Today, I would like to address the vital role of a free press in upholding the principles o f democracy, particularly in the context of free and

the Minister of Information, it is imperative to emphasize significance of an

fair elections.

independent and responsible media in ensuring the integrity of our electoral processes.

and fair elections are the cornerstone of a vibrant a c c o u n t a b l e government. They provide citizens with

In a democratic society, free

the opportunity to voice their preferences choose their leaders.

tion Secretary Imtiaz Wani in a statement issued in Islamabad, said Pakistan has always exposed the war

All Parties Hurriyat Con-

ference Azad Jammu and

Kashmir (APHC-AJK)

chapter has thanked the

Pakistan government and

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar for

strongly highlighting the

atrocities of Indian soldiers

on innocent Kashmiris in

occupied Jammu and Kash-

mir and the Kashmir dis-

the Prime Minister

pute in the United Nations General Assembly and at the international level. APHC-AJK Informa-

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Syed Mohsin Raza

Naqvi talking with media persons at Sufi Saint

Hazrat Mian Mir Shrine, during annual URS Sufi

'Pakistan has always

exposed India's war crimes

in occupied Kashmir'

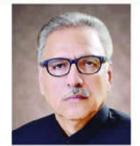
Saint Hazrat Mian Mir, in Provincial Capital.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The crimes of Indian soldiers in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir has its own forest law. He demanded that the United Nations agencies take immediate action on the war crimes committed by the Indian Army in the occupied territory.

He demanded of the United Nations agencies to take immediate action on the war crimes committed by the Indian troops in the occupied territory. He said India is violating international laws and regulations in occupied Jammu and Kashmir but the Kashmiri

NATIONAL **NEWSPAPER** READERSHIP





Dr. Arif Alvi

I extend my sincere congratulations to all newspaper readers and the All-Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) on the occasion of National Newspaper Readership Day. Reading newspapers has a greater educative value as they provide us knowledge and information about the social, economic, and political issues as well as sports, culture and entertainment. They educate the readers about the developments taking place in the national and international arena and broaden the mental horizon of the readers. Besides, newspapers play important role in shaping public opinion and influencing and guiding the decision-makers by pro-

viding their input and insight. It is an established fact that newspapers are effective means of communication and can change perceptions and opinions of the society. So, they should play their role in reformation of society by bringing positive changes and behavioral improvement. The world is facing multiple economic and social challenges, including health issues and the scourge of fake news. In order to address these challenges, newspapers need to educate the readers and raise awareness among them about the social issues such as the growing population, women's rights of inheritance and their socio-economic empowerment, apart from guiding the people about breast cancer and mental health and disability issues. Additionally, the society is facing the dilemma of moral and ethical degradation and it is the responsibility of all means of communication to promote good values, tolerance, mutual respect, brotherhood and unity among the

In today's world, fake news is the greatest challenge being faced by the world and it requires the collective efforts of all segments of the society, including media, scholars, writers and religious leaders to discourage the menace of fake news. Furthermore, the journalistic ethics demands to avoid biased reporting and publish news stories with truthfulness, accuracy and impartiality. We must preserve this important source of information that keeps us informed about the important events and developments taking place across the globe.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the All-Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) for their commitment to celebrating National Newspaper Readership Day, I am confident that this initiative will significantly contribute to nurturing the habit of reading among our people, empowering them with the knowledge and insight to make informed decisions for a better fu-



Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

Today, we celebrate the "National Newspaper Readership Day" to recognize the importance and the utility of reading newspapers as a reliable source of news and information. Newspapers have long been a cornerstone of democracy, which provides us with valuable information, diverse perspectives, and a platform for public

Despite the growth of electronic and digital media, newspapers still play a significant role in creating awareness and educating the people about various economic and social issues. Currently, the world is facing the challenge of fake news. The role of newspapers has become even more important to discourage the spread of fake news. By objective reporting and adhering to the principles of responsible, impartial, truthful, impartial and accountable journalism, newspapers are the best tool to fight disinformation and fake

Newspapers also provide an in-depth analyses, investigative reporting, and thought-provoking opinion pieces that contribute to a reasonable understanding of the world around us. The news stories are filed after proper research that are once more filtered through a rigorous editorial check for accuracy before publication. This feature distinguishes newspapers and make the print medium more credible source of information.

On this special day, I would like to express my gratitude to all the journalists, editors, and newspaper staff who work tirelessly to bring us the news every day. Their dedication to the pursuit of truth and their commitment to upholding the principles of journalism commendable.

I encourage my fellow citizens to support the newspaper industry through subscription to newspapers. Through this gesture, we would not only gain access to reliable sources of information but would also contribute to the sustainability of this important institution of our society.

I deeply appreciate the remarkable initiative of the All Pakistan Newspaper Society to celebrate 25 September as the National Newspaper Readership



Murtaza Solangi Caretaker Minister of Information & Broadcasting

I feel honoured to congratulate the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) on declaring 25th September as the National Newspaper Readership Day which is certainly indicative of the priority that the industry accords to the newspaper readership. I am of the opinion that in the era of fake news and after the advent of social media, the newspaper readership has attained even more importance for authentic reporting. If put in comparison with other media of information, the print media still possesses unequivocal significance in terms of the veracity of information and news.

With the advent of social media, it was speculated that newspapers would become obsolete and redundant. However, with the dissemination of fake news and misinformation, newspapers became more important and relevant than ever, because the print media is based on facts, and the newspapers still have the system of editorial control to check fake news

In addition to fake news and the storming of social media, the electronic media, too, is scrambling for breaking news and complaints of providing and promoting fake news with little factuality. Therefore, I believe that the habit of newspaper reading should be instilled in our people once again. Taking recourse to history, the newspaper echoed the voice of our people that imbibed the spirit of freedom and independence which eventually culminated in the establishment of Pakistan in 1947. Those newspapers were at the forefront to fight for our independence and helped to unite the nation towards the single aim of achieving our separate homeland. Today, I take pride in stating that our newspapers have grown and developed themselves over the years, and can stand any competition whatsoever, with any international newspa-

pers across the globe. On behalf of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, I appreciate the efforts of the APNS for observing the National Newspaper Readership Day in acquainting the nation with the significance of newspaper reading. There is no gainsaying that the newspapers are a source of reliable and authentic information in an era of massive proliferation of fake news and it is encouraging to see that the newspapers have upheld their authenticity, credibility, and reliability, despite the advent of digital media. Moreover, the newspapers also helped in effectively putting Pakistan's stance across the globe. Lastly, I reiterate the Government's resolve to promote freedom of expression and urge the print media fraternity to join hands with the Government to develop an educated and enlightened nation.



Mohsin Naqvi

Newspapers are the most authentic source of accurate information, and therefore have been, are, and will remain an important part of every society. The importance of newspapers in raising public awareness is unquestionable.

Newspapers have played a pivotal role in every society in promoting free democratic values. In the Pakistan Movement. newspapers played a crucial role in raising awareness among the people of the importance of a separate homeland.

In developed societies, newspapers are still printed and sold with great enthusiasm. The habit of reading newspapers has declined in the digital age, but it cannot be completely eradicated. Newspapers provide easy and affordable access to accurate and authentic information. Despite the rise of electronic and digital media, newspapers remain a great source of information for readers.

By reading newspapers, one can gain awareness of various economic and social issues. Reading newspapers also expands the reader's exposure to language and vocabulary.

Newspapers are the most authentic source of accurate information, therefore newspapers were, are and will remain an important part of every society. The importance of newspapers for raising public awareness is unquestionable. Newspapers have played an unforgettable role in every society for the promotion of free democratic values. In Pakistan movement. newspapers played an important role in raising awareness of the importance of a separate homeland among the people. In developed societies, newspapers are still being printed and sold with full gusto. The habit of newspaper reading, has diminished in the digital age, but it cannot be eradicated by any means. Newspapers provide easy and affordable access to accurate and authentic information. Despite electronic and digital media, newspapers are still a great source of information for readers. By studying newspapers one gets awareness of various economic and social issues. The reader's access to the language and vocabulary is also widened by reading newspa-



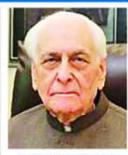
Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Bagar Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh

I would like to take this

opportunity to congratulate the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) for celebrating National Newspaper Readership Day, highlighting the importance of newspaper readership in the country. National Newspaper Readership Day is an extremely relevant day to establish and promote the habit of reading in Pakistan. In this digital age and time, one cannot deny the importance of newspapers as they provide us with news with facts and information with sources. The Government of Sindh wholeheartedly supports the National Newspaper Readership Day and urges the entire nation to develop a habit of reading newspapers and checking facts before falling prey to fake news

hands for this cause of combatting fake news. We should also instill the habit of reading newspapers in our children as well so that they grow up to become responsible and socially aware citizens of Pakistan. With this, I would like to once again appreciate the step taken by APNS and acknowledge their efforts for the said cause. Here's wishing to celebrate National Newspaper Readership Day for years and

and rumors. Let's just join



Muhammad Azam Khan Caretaker Chief Minister KP

It is a shatter of pleasure that the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) has declared 25th September as "National Newspaper Readership Day"; and has been celebrating the day since 2019 for which it deserves appreciation.

The initiative will help highlight the importance of newspaper readership, and promote the habit of reading in the country which is, unfortunately, declining due to the mushroom growth of social and digital media. Social and digital media have changed the very dynamics of communication and dissemination of information, resulting in manipulated and out-of-context messages, news, and information, causing fears, conflicts, and con-

troversies In view of the above facts, the relevance of Print Media can hardly be underestimated. The new media might have brought about revolution, but the Print Media still remains the most credible and authentic source of information when it comes to disseminating news and information. Promotion of reading habits among citizens will effectively, combat the challenges posed by the unchecked onslaught of fake news.

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa firmly believes in the fundamental and dom of the press and considers an independent and free media absolutely imperative for a developed and civilized society We also believe that with-

out freedom of the press and ensuring people's right to know, our cherished goal of a strong and democratic Pakistan cannot be materialized. I appreciate the initiative

of the APNS, and 1 am confident that celebrating this day would encourage more and more people to opt for reading and have a shared understanding of issues of national importance.



Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

We are living in a dynamic world, which is, at the pinacle of the technological advancement where mobile phone has replaced number of things that used to be integral part of everyone's daily

In addition to affecting variety of other things, the latest technological innovations have caused a dramatic fall in newspaper readership, one of life's essential neces-

It has becoming more challenging to distinguish between true credible and factual reporting and misinformation falshood with the introduction of new

trends in digital media. The rapid development of social media and technology, particularly widely available mobile phone technology, unfortunately, has led to a significant fall in

newspaper readership The phoney and negligent social media platforms have filled the void left by the decline in newspaper readership and accurate reporting of events, wreaking havoc on society. The general public needed to be made acutely aware of the sensitive nature of the problems that were putting the entire society in danger.

The All Pakistan Newspapers Society deserves praise for picking up the reins and embarking on a protracted campaign to revive the once-common practise of newspaper reading.

I, appreciate the efforts of APNS for the revival to the newspaper readership habits. However, it is our collective responsibility that we need to encourage and educate our people about developing reading habits as it contributes greatly towards the intellectual development of the nation.

I, commend APNS for honouring "National Newspaper Readerp Day" in order to educate the public about the value of reading newspapers on behalf of the Balochistani government. Newspapers are unquestionably a source of trustworthy and accurate information in a time when fake news is widely dissem-

To mark the occasion, I call upon every segment of the society to contribute to APNS's noble cause and help spread the habit of

inated.

Instead of relying on phoney and irresponsible news, let's turn to real, thoroughly researched, and well-informed content.

I sincerely hope that our serious attempts to revive newspaper reading habits would put an end to the fierce rivalry of false information and fake news.

Crucial Role of Newspapers in Combating **Fake News & Upholding Democracy**

rticle 19 of the Consti- sites, many of which grapple hope, guaranteeing fundamental freedoms that underpin a thriving democracy. It highlights the rights to freedom of speech, expression, and a free press, safeguarding these rights against reasonable re-This provision constitutes the bedrock upon which the democratic edifice of Pakistan stands, allowing its citizens to be wellinformed and active participants in the nation's growth.

Article 19-A of the constitution further strengthens the right to information. It affirms paragons of accurate and robust that every citizen shall have the right to access information on all matters of public importance, subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by the law. Together, these constitutional provisions underscore the critical role of newspapers and journalism in a democratic society.

The cornerstone of a robust and vibrant democracy lies in the unfettered freedom of expression and a free press. Independent newspapers with unwavering editorial policies and steadfast adherence to journalistic ethics play an indispensable role in strengthening the has become even more promi-

tution of Pakistan with issues of credibility, truthstands as a beacon of fulness, and relevance in the dissemination of news and information.

Newspapers, in particular, occupy a unique and irreplaceable space within a democratic system. They serve as catalysts for constructive debate, offering strictions imposed by the law. a platform for diverse segments of society to voice their opinions on matters of political, economic, religious, social, and other policy concerns. In a media landscape comprising television, radio, print, and online sources, newspapers have established themselves as reporting, independence, and accountability. Intergraf, a prominent Euro-

pean printing industry association, underscores the democratic importance of printed newspapers within the European Union. Printed newspapers reach an estimated 30% of people in the EU-27, encompassing more than 130 million individuals. This outreach ensures the participation and informed decision-making of all citizens in public debates and elections, preserving their right to choose how they consume news and information.

In a democracy, principles democratic fabric of any nation. such as the rule of law, citizens' The significance of newspapers rights, fair and free elections, and the protection of individual nent in the face of the recent rights can only be upheld and proliferation of digital media safeguarded through a free

them insights into politics, parties, politicians, and their policies so the citizens can make well-informed and well-thought decisions. This becomes even more important in view of our own general elections scheduled for January 2024.

Journalists employed by newspapers possess formidable array of skills, including research acumen and critical thinking. The best journalists know which questions to ask, which leads to pursue, and how to rigorously fact-check their findings. Another pivotal role of a free press is to serve as a watchdog over governments and powerful institutions, exposing instances of corruption and violations of human rights a duty that is indispensable for the health of democracy.

The enduring confidence expressed by readers in the factual content of newspapers underscores their continued relevance, even in the digital age.

According to the Eurobarometer survey on fake news and disinformation, the traditional media including print, television and radio remains the most trusted source of news at 60% + for each media. In contrast, online sources of news are the least trusted at 26%.

In an age dominated by social media, where misinformation and sensationalism often run rampant, newspapers stand as bastions of authenticity, wellresearched reporting, and fact-

educators for voters, providing based journalism. They adhere concentration, and critical to rigorous editorial standards thinking compared to reading

verifiable facts and statistics. This commitment to accuracy and reliability not only bolsters democracy by providing citizens with trustworthy information but also contributes to the de-

and invest in thorough investi- from screens. The transition gations, ensuring that the sto- from paper to digital is not neuries they publish are backed by tral; comprehension and concentration are often stronger when reading from paper, particularly when time constraints Furthermore, a meta-study

years to come.

involving 54 studies with over



velopment of a more informed 170,000 participants indicates and responsible society. In the battle against fake news, newspapers remain a beacon of sistently more effective when truth, serving as a vital counterbalance to the unchecked spread of misinformation on social media platforms.

pean E-Read on the impact of digitization on reading practices, known as the Stavanger tributing to personal well-being. Declaration, suggests that detailed and research-based stories in newspapers offer superior benefits for comprehension, reach a wide audience, regard-

that comprehension of longform informational text is conread on paper than on screens. Reading newspapers, whether in print or digitally, has farreaching effects beyond mere Research conducted over information consumption, inthe last four years by the Euro- cluding fostering mental focus, patience, discipline, enhancing linguistic knowledge, and con-

> Newspapers, as the oldest mass communication medium, have the unparalleled ability to

less of income or educational background. They have traditionally served as invaluable sources of information about local, regional, national, and international events. Beyond merely presenting facts, newspapers excel at interpreting and explaining complex issues, offering readers a nuanced understanding of various topics.

Newspapers also play a vital role in raising public awareness. They have been instrumental in educating the masses on health, commerce, education, social responsibilities, public safety laws, environmental concerns, hygiene, labor rights, disaster management, and civic issues. Newspapers have consistently defended citizens' rights, especially during times of military dictatorship or civilian government challenge

Beyond their role in information dissemination, newspapers facilitate social activities, such as matrimonial and personal advertisements, becoming an indispensable part of daily life. Classified advertisements, community announcements, and communal notices constitute significant components of newspaper content. Features on sports, education, campus news, cultural events, music, dance, drama, literature, and fine arts enrich the reading experience, offering comprehensive insights into the happenings in the

Modern newspapers allocate

space for readers to voice their opinions through letters to the editor sections. This should be considered as the initial example of citizens journalism that allows readers to express their grievances or appreciation concerning reports or incidents within society. Additionally, newspapers inform readers about political activities, new laws, rules, and regulations that

impact society. For students, reading newspapers is particularly advantageous. It exposes them to a wide range of topics, enhances their oratory skills, and fosters active participation in speeches, debates, and conversations. Daily newspaper reading not only broadens students' understanding but also improves their vocabulary and familiarity with various writing styles and reporting techniques, which they may not find through social media news formats.

Given the pivotal role newspapers play in fostering an informed citizenry and preserving democratic values, it is imperative that the government extends its support to print industry by providing special grants, concession on printing paper and material, reasonable advertisements as compared to other communication media as it is the easiest, most accessible and less cost medium for creating awareness in the masses besides providing education, information and entertainment to the



Minister of National Defence Turkiye, Defence Minister of Pakistan Lt. Gen (retd) Anwar Ali Hyder and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in a group photo alongwith commissioning crew onboard newly commissioned PNS BABUR.

UNGA Session Caretaker PM vociferously spells out Pakistan's views on regional, global perspectives, generating wider

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Karkar has emphatically conveyed Pakistan's views on key regional and global issues, during his recently concluded five-day visit to New York, where he addressed the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, besides holding sidelines meetings with the world leaders. Contrary to the impression created by a section of media regarding the prime minister's visit, the successfully marked visit drew immense interest among the world leaders and governments

forthright viewpoints which were broadly highlighted by the international The visit was also

marked with prominence

amidst Canadian prime

minister announcing Indian state's role behind a gruesome murder of Khalistan Sikh leader in Canada. In New York, PM Kakar told the world leaders about 'India's rogue behaviour' which vindicated Pakistan's persistent stance about alarming rise of extremists ruling saffron junta

of RSS-inspired BJP whose

religious fanatics are not

dia, but also the growing Hindu supremacist trend poses an existential threat to the regional and global

The prime minister's views were acknowledged by his diverse audience as the Western countries voiced their concerns over the Indian state sponsored murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh leader and Canadian citizen after the irrefutable evidences keep emerging. The prime minister mentioned Kashmir, Islamophobia, financial inequality, Covid triggered inflation, climate change, peace in Afghanistan, UN

rorism issues, in his address to the UNGA session. Being the first interim prime minister to represent Pakistan at the world body, Kakar held important discussions with Iranian President, UN Secretary General, Chinese Vice President, President of Uzbekistan and heads of different financial institutions on the sidelines of the UNGA 78. In a bilateral meeting with President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi, the caretaker prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further strengthen

and deepen ties with the



QUETTA: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai listening problems of patients during his visit to BMC hospital.

Caretaker CM directs to expand

medical services of BICHQ for

making it exemplary center

able at the Institute.

PPP, Senate once again face off secretariat

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani has refused to call the meeting on the second requisition of the People's Party because the People's Party did not succeed in completing the required 25 members for the meeting and the members of the other parties signed the requisition has now taken

it back The PPP and the Senate Secretariat have come face to face again on the issue of convening the Senate meeting on the requisi-

members For this reason, the Chairman Senate Sadiq

because the requisition is

not signed by the required

representatives who harken

Sanjrani is also reluctant to call the meeting.
On the other hand, the

position of the Senate Secretariat is that the members of other parties included in the re-submitted requisition have withdrawn, including Sadia Abbasi, Abida Hidayatullah, Azim, Muhammad Qasim and Omar Farooq.

He has withdrawn his

Accountability Court restores 22 NAB references

Rawalpindi Accountability Court has restored 22 NAB references, which will be heard on Monday, September 25, in compliance with the Supreme Court's order declaring the NAB amend-

moned to the court after is-

RAWALPINDI (INP): The reference and corruption cases were restored.

Accountability Court Judge Raja Qamar Zaman accepted the request to reopen the references. Summoning notices to the accused in all 22 references are being delivered to the respective police stations today. The court ordered that the summon notices should also be made to comply with the accused today. The court has also called for additional police force on the occasion of the hearing of 22 references reopened on

tion of the People's Party name from the requisition.

ments null and void.

The accused of all the references have been sum-

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki has directed to the concerned authorities to expand the medical services of Balochistan Institute of Child Healthcare Quetta

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children diseases. The Chief Minister was speaking on occasion of the surprise visit to BICHQ on Sunday.

(BICHQ) for making it an

exemplary institution of

He reviewed the medical treatment facilities avail-

Also present on the is also in last stages of occasion were Secretary Health, Asfandyar Yar Kakar and Chief Executive Officer of BICHQ, Habibullah Babar besides other concerned.

It was informed to the Chief Minister that new CT scan machine has been purchased while the whole hospital has been solarized.

With this, the amount otherwise spent on account the pace of work of under

block would be completed by wend of October this year, it was informed fur-Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister di-

completion costing Rs. 1.5

billion. The work on new

Moreover, new block

rected to install the CT scan in the hospital immediately. The Chief Minister

expressed satisfaction over of the utility bills would be construction block besides utilized for improving medi- making the energy system cal services at the institute. solarized in the hospital. October 21 won't be a

Gift of Umrah ticket to Pak artist who painted portrait of Saudi Prince LAHORE (Online): Am-

bassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki, has gifted a ticket for Umrah to Pakistani artist Omar Jaral, who created the portrait of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman.

According to Arab media report, 33-year-old Omar Jaral suffers from cerebral palsy (CP) and uses a computer to communi-

Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki met Umar Jaral in Lahore at an event organized on the occasion of the 93rd National Day of Saudi Arabia.

First snowfall in Neelum Valley ushers in snap winter feel

M U Z A F F A R A B A D (INP): The Neelum Valley has received the first snowfall of the year.

Ratti Gali Lake, Baboon Valley and Shounter Lake have received snowfall. The first snowfall has ushered in winter in the upper areas of Neelum Val-

Tourists in large numbers were seen at Ratti Gali Lake, Baboon Valley, Chitta Katha Lake, and Patlian

pleasant as different cities of Punjab including Lahore received light rain today.

The weather became

warns Nawaz Sharif ISLAMABAD (INP): Se- his political decisions indenior politician Faisal Vawda pendently, based on his while warning Pakistan own understanding and

good day, Faisal Vawda

Muslim League-Nawaz assessment of the situa-(PML-N) supremo and tion. former prime minister Nawaz Sharif that October 21 will not be a good day for him said that the country cannot progress unless 18 political leaders are pun-

Speaking in a private Tv channel program, he said he is the one who will decide which party to join, emphasizing that no choice for him. Rejecting the rumors that he had sought governorship position, he said that there is misinformation circulating about him.

Vawda clarified that he

Expressing his views

on the political landscape, he acknowledged interim Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar as a prominent figure and mentioned that current political developments are of a temporary nature, with the upcoming government expected to serve for a duration ranging from 12 to 17 months, priparty will make that marily influenced by the wishes of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

Terming the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as homeopathic, he said that the previous elecis currently not affiliating tions were not transparent, with any political party and asserted that he will make not be transparent either.

NAB & Pakistan cannot go together, Zardari's position is correct

LONDON (Online): Mus- Anwar Haq Kakar, but did lim League (N) leader Malik Ahmed Khan has said that NAB and Pakistan cannot go together.

This position of Asif Zardari is correct, Talking to the media in London, PML-N leader Malik Ahmed Khan said that the NAB law is a cause of disaster for Pakistan.

He is friendly with Caretaker Prime Minister

not meet him during his stay at the hotel.

He came to London for ersonal work. He said that NAB's decision is not against politicians but against Pakistan. Civil servants are not

ready to sign any file with this law of NAB.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was also asked to abolish this law through Parliament.



HUB: Members of Sikh Community protesting against killing of Hardeep Sindh in front of Lasbella Press Club.

Pak Navy commissions first MILGEM Ship PNS BABUR

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister termed the broth-The Pakistan Navy has commissioned the first MILGEM Ship PNS BABUR at the commissioning ceremony held at Istanbul Naval Shipyard, Turkiye. The event was graced by the Minister of National Defence Turkiye Yasar Güler and Defence Minister of Pakistan Lieutenant General ® Anwar Ali Hyder as chief guests flanked by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, a Pakistan Navy news release said on Sunday. Addressing on the occasion. Turkish Defence

erly Pakistan-Turkiye relations as exemplary and acknowledged the potential for further collaboration in the field of defence producearthquakes at Turkiye.

fence Production Pakistan

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori

presenting the shield to the caretaker Federal

Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs

UNDP holds workshop with

media to foster awareness in

combating HIV/AIDS stigma

Office, UNDP Balochistan,

provided insights about the

HIV prevention project

with AIDS control program. "Our efforts in Balochistan

are geared towards not just

controlling the spread of HIV/AIDS, but also alter-

ing the narrative surround-

ing the condition," he stated. Durrani also

stressed the importance of

community engagement

and acknowledged the

media's role in disseminat-

ing correct information,

saying, "Every story that is told right brings us one

step closer to a stigma-free society." Summayyah Rasheed, Program Officer

Stigma and Discrimination,

briefed the audience on the

overall scope of the UNDP

project sponsored by the

Global Fund. "This initia-

tive represents a collabora-

tive endeavor to end the

spread HIV but the associ-

ated discrimination," said Rasheed. She added, "With

the support of media pro-

martyr was buried with full

Services Public Relations

(ISPR) news release said. Military and civil of-

fessionals.

Shamshad Akhtar at the Governor House.

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QUETTA: Intending to

combat the prevailing

stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, the United Nations

Development Program

(UNDP) organized a work-

shop for media profession-

als in Quetta. The initiative is part of UNDP's larger

drive to foster accurate and

sensitive reporting on the

subject, contributing to

broader awareness and un-

derstanding within the

community. This was the

fifth engagement with the

national-level media, and

UNDP has earlier held

workshops for media in

Islamabad, Peshawar,

menced with a recital from

the Holy Quran, setting a

contemplative tone for the

discussions. Mubashir

Akram introduced the

workshop structure, pro-

viding participants with an

Zulfiqar Durrani, Head of

Taking the stage next,

who are going to Saudi Arabia.

embraced martyrdom a day

earlier during an intelligence-

based operation against the

outline of the sessions.

The workshop com-

Lahore, and Karachi.

and Pakistan Navy for the synergized efforts to make the project a success and congratulated all teams on the successful commissioning of 1st MILGEM Ship. He added that the relationship between Pakistan and Turkiye is unique because of deep rooted his-

During his address, the occasion. Chief of the Naval Defence Minister of Pakistan admired the collaboration of the Ministry of De-

tion. He lauded the efforts and remarkable work done by Istanbul Naval Shipyard and ASFAT (Turkish Firm). He also thanked the Government of Pakistan and Pakistan Navy for exceptional support during the recent devastating

> Staff Admiral Muhammad Amiad Khan Niazi underlined that PN MILGEM Ships fitted with state-of-the-art.

Tiger strays into Parachinar bazaar, injures two

Ministry of National De-

fence of Turkiye, ASFAT

torical ties between the two

brotherly countries, hence

cooperation shall continue in future as well. Speaking on the

PARACHINAR (INP) Two people were injured after a tiger attacked them at a bazaar in Parachinar. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Sunday morning. However, the shop-

keepers managed to cage the animal in a shop. According to District Forest Officer Wildlife Munsif Ali, the injured people were shifted to Parachinar Hospital. Soon after the incident, a team of the Wildlife Department reached.



KHALIQABAD: Provincial Advisor for Irrigation Mir Danish Lango being briefed about machinery during his visit to Khaliqabad Hospital.

Pakistan's envoy presents credentials to Queen of Denmark

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to Denmark Shoaib Sarwar has presented his credentials to Her Majesty Queen of Denmark, Margarethe 2 on Friday (September 22) in Copenhagen. Ambassador Sarwar, before his appointment as Ambassador to Denmark, served at Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad as Joint Secretary, a press release received here on Sunday said. During his diplomatic career, Shoaib Sarwar has earlier served in Canada, Netherlands and USA. He holds BA(Hons) from University of Kent in United Kingdom and MBA from

GoB takes notice of police cops torture on a citizen

Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has taken notice of the torture on a citizen by police personnel in Shahbaz Town area on Sunday.

According to an official hand out issued here, the provincial government has ordered to the Inspector General of Police to conduct an inquiry into the matter and take action against those involved in the torture. In this regard, the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai said that the government took notice of the matter after a video of torture on the citizen got viral.

tolerable with the citizens. He said that government has issued directives to Inspector General of Police to inquire the matter and take stern action against those involved in the torture.

He said that the dif-

ferences between police and public may increase with such untoward incidents, however, the government would not let this happen because of mistake of any personal. It may be mentioned here that the police along with QESCO had raided Shahbaz town area of Quetta on Sunday. During the action, police tortured a citizen allegedly involved in electricity theft He asserted that such when he refused to go with

New York University, USA behaviour of police is not the police Special anti-polio campaign kicks off in Killa Abdullah, Chaman & six UCs of Pishin today

Independent Report QUETTA: The special anti-polio campaign is Abdullah and Chaman discils of Pishin district from

today (Monday). Emergency Operation Center for Polio Eradication, the campaign is being launched to vaccinate over 170,000 children below five years of age during the campaign.

The EOC sources said

covered in the special camcontinued for seven days. In all 449 mobile teams

Abdullah and Chaman

formed for the special cam-Moreover, a fullfledged countrywide antipolio campaign is also due

The necessary arrangements are being made for the campaign. During the campaign, around 2.6 million children would be administered the anti-poloi

after starting on October 2.

QUETTA: DG new Tech Hussain Magsi is

inspecting the verification test of skilled persons

Martyred soldier laid to

rest with military honour

RAWALPINDI (APP): The funeral prayers of, Shaheed, Sepoy Shakeel Shafqat who shafqat who military honours, an Inter

terrorists in Mir Ali area of ficials, relatives of the mar-North Waziristan, were of- tyr and people from differfered on Sunday in his native village Kabirwala of ent walks of life attended the funeral prayer, it said.

that whole districts of Killa

while six union councils of scheduled to start in Killa Pishin district would be tricts and six union coun- paign that would remain According to the along with other fix and transit points teams have been

> to be started all over the province from October 2,

polio vaccine, the Vitamin A drops would also be administered to the children, the EOC sources informed. This national cam-

In addition to the anti-

paign would also remain continued for seven days