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Gwadar port to be made operational as transit port soon, says caretaker CM

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the Gwadar port would be made operational as the transit port soon.

The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the media persons in Gwadar on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Muhammad Achakzai besides other concerned high ups.

The Chief Minister said that vessel monitoring system is going to be made effective for support of the coast guard and Navy.

He said that we are fully trying to prevent the illegal trawling.

Although, it is respon-

sibility of the provincial government to resolve the issue of illegal trawling, however, in this regard, the assistance of federal government would also be taken, he maintained.

The Chief Minister also said that the work is continued with full determination for completion of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) so as carry on the economic activities there.

To a question, he mentioned that the Election Commission has announced to hold general elections in the last week of January, however, the final date or schedule has not been announced yet.

We would start preparations for the elections as soon as the final date is announced, adding he announced.



GWADAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki talking with mediapersons at China Business Center

Balochistan's development depends on utilizing its mineral resource : Sarfaraz

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti on Tuesday said that full utilization of mineral resources was needed for the development of Balochistan and situation in the province could be improved by increasing political commitment and capacity.

Addressing a concluding ceremony of a seminar titled "Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment," the minister thanked European contributors on behalf of people of Pakistan for holding the event.

He asked the European union to continue its efforts for holding such informative seminars which could

help to sensitize people of the province living in remote areas.

The minister said that non-Balanced development was the problem of all developing countries and politics over this issue was not the solution to the problem.

He said that the country would have to focus on plan for development of our new generation.

The minister said that everyone should hold themselves accountable before pointing a finger at anyone.

"I belong to a rural area. When the state gave me an opportunity, I reached this position through hard work," he said.

Solangi for starting joint ventures with Russia in mass media

NANJING (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister of Information and Broadcasting Muratza Solangi emphasized to start joint production and training



programmes with Russia in the field of mass media.

During a meeting with Russian Deputy Minister for Information Bela Cherkasova both reiterated to promote cooperation in the fields of mass media. Muratza Solangi invited the Russian Deputy Information Minister to visit Pakistan which he accepted. The Russian Deputy Minister of Information also wished to extend cooperation with Pakistan in other spheres of life besides media. She said that Pakistani television dramas were very popular in Russia.

IB files petition in SC for withdrawing review petition in Faizabad Dharna case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Intelligence Bureau (IB) has filed miscellaneous petition in Supreme Court (SC) for withdrawing review petition in Faizabad Dharna case.

SC will take up Faizabad review case on Thursday.

The one-page miscellaneous petition has been filed by deputy director Asad Ullah Khan.

Two points have been discussed in the petition. It has been said that IB wants

to withdraw review petition against the decision. The miscellaneous petition be accepted and permission be accorded to withdraw review petition.

The petition has been filed through advocate on the record Ahmad Nawaz Chaudhry.

It is pertinent to mention here SC has fixed Faizabad Dharna review case on Thursday September 28. Notices have been issued to the respondents in this regard.



GWADAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a high level meeting regarding development projects

Illegal trawling not to be allowed at Balochistan coast: Domki directs to ensure timely completion of ongoing dev. projects of CPEC in Makran

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has directed the concerned authorities to ensure timely completion of the ongoing development projects in Makran division including Gwadar.

The Chief Minister asserted that every possible steps are being taken for development of the fisheries industry.

He said that illegal trawling would not be allowed at the coast of Balochistan.

The Chief Minister was speaking on occasion of the briefing conducted by the Commissioner Makran, Saeed Ahmed Umrani at Gwadar on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Chief Minister said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the projects associated with it for economic development of the country are very important.

Mr. Domki also directed to ensure timely completion of the ongoing development projects of CPEC maintaining good quality of work.

He said that our government is serious in reaching benefits of the development of Gwadar to the common men.

Earlier, the Commissioner briefed the Chief Minister about the pace of work on ongoing development projects and administrative structure.

He informed that source of income of 70 per-

cent people of Gwadar depends on the fishing while other 30 percent depend on other sectors and government jobs for livelihood.

He said that Gwadar is the focus of attention of the world because of 600 kilometer long coastal belt and unique strategic location.

He also told that new prospects and opportunities of development of the area are appearing in Gwadar and federal and provincial governments are taking extra ordinary steps for overall development of Gwadar.

Moreover, the Secretary Fisheries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir briefed the Chief Minister about the progress of welfare projects of fisheries and industries sectors.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presiding over 1st meeting of Senate of University of Gwadar

Development of blue economy can put an end to economic status-quo of whole region: Governor

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the development of blue economy in Balochistan can put an end to the economic status-quo of the whole region.

He believed that utilization of the marine resources in the long coastal belt and promotion of the associated economic activities would prove to be a new economic revolution in the province. In this context, the University of Gwadar and other public sector universities of the Makran belt should make the economic revenue

generation part of its strategic plan.

The Governor was presiding over the first meeting of senate of Gwadar University on Tuesday.

Those who were present on the occasion were the senior judge of high court, Mr Justice Hashim kakar, vice chancellor university of Gwadar, Professor Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir, secretary, Dostain Jamaldini, besides other concerned high ups.

The Governor on the occasion appreciated the vice chancellor of university and his team for making the university effective

and playing important role for higher education in the area.

He said that the basic purpose of a university is to promote modern education based on the research.

He said that we can make the province developed and self sufficient by decorating our new generation with ornament of modern scientific education.

He urged the vice chancellor to improve further performance of syndicate and university. Meanwhile, certain important decisions were made in light of the recommendations of the participants.

Sanjrani, Chinese envoy discuss bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zeidang discussed various matters of mutual interest, encompassing bilateral relations, economic collaboration, and coordination.

The determination to enhance bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors was reaffirmed, underlining the mutual benefits for both nations during the meeting, said a news release. Furthermore, the meeting underscored the imperative for joint endeavors aimed at promoting peace, prosperity, and development in the region.

While extending his congratulations to Ambassador Jiang Zeidang on his new role, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani expressed optimism that the ambassador's substantial skills would contribute to stabilizing and fortifying the Pakistan-China relationship.

He commended China's commitment to regional peace and highlighted the necessity of bolstering cooperation in multilateral domains.

The discussions also encompassed the advancement of collaboration in agriculture and mining sectors.

Chairman Senate expressed his intent to draw inspiration from China's experiences in the realms of agriculture and mining, culminating in the potential strengthening of a "Strategic Cooperation Partnership" that would further enhance Pakistan-China relations.



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong calling on Chairman Senate of Pakistan Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at the Parliament House.

No specific group will either be opposed or supported in election: Caretaker PM

Delimitation of constituencies is a constitutional demand, and we should abide by this regulation if we believe in supremacy of the constitution; Says slashed government expense, high revenue tops his agenda

ISLAMABAD/LONDON (Online): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said he assures

election process will be fully fair, transparent and free and no specific group will either be supported or opposed in the election.

In an exclusive interview with foreign media, he said we are entering into the electoral process and the time span, which has been given to the interim government, is according to the law and the constitution.

The Prime Minister said delimitation of constituencies is a constitutional demand, and we

should abide by this regulation if we believe in supremacy of the constitution.

To a question about 9th May incidents, he said people have the right to express their sentiments under prescribed law, but we can't allow vandalism in the name of protest or if people are going violent then that kind of situation is not acceptable under any democratic system.

Regarding alleged US involvement in PTI Chief's ousting from the power, he said PTI members have retrieved from that allegation.



Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

President for enhancing trade, economic, cultural cooperation with Jordan

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday asked Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan to work for further enhancing bilateral cooperation with the brotherly country in the areas of trade, economy, culture, and people-to-people contacts.

He said that Pakistan cherished its close, friendly and fraternal relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which were rooted in shared religion, culture and history.

Congratulating the Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan, Major General (r) Muhammad Ajmal Iqbal, the president said that Pakistan highly valued its ties with Jordan

and wanted to further improve bilateral trade, economic, political and cultural relations for the mutual interest of the two countries.

He expressed satisfaction over the current relations between the two countries, which were marked by warmth and commonality of views on both sides, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The president emphasized the need for regular high-level exchanges, including the exchange of parliamentary delegations, holding of Bilateral Political Consultations and Joint Ministerial Commissions to improve socio-political and economic ties.



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan, Major General (r) Muhammad Ajmal Iqbal, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Every person is bound to provide information based on facts regarding one's tax payment which needs no scrutiny: SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Justice Athar Minallah has remarked it is settled law with reference to taxable assets that any person is bound to provide information based on facts regarding his tax payment which needs not to be scrutinized.

He further remarked if the need arises to scrutinize the matters of any person then we should understand that the matter is not according to law. A 3-member bench of Supreme Court (SC) presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up tax related case for hearing Tuesday.

The petitioner told the court which record was sought by the court is not with me completely.

The CJP inquired no income tax officer has come with you.

The counsel said no

one has come with me. The CJP remarked we have said income tax case can run as long as the man of respective department is with you. Assistance is not provided to the court and then say there is stay of SC in the case valuing million and billion of rupees.

The court remarked we are issuing notice on it to respective authorities that they should present record of all the case in the court. Secondly we are warning other authorities that they should ensure in income tax and other tax matters that we will not hear any case without proper assistance. If any such case comes it will stand dismissed. We will not give any relief in it. It is beyond comprehension that we have said repeatedly that proper assistance be provided to us.

Three ANF jawans injured in encounter with drug smugglers

QUETTA (APP): Three Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) jawans have been injured in an encounter with drug smugglers in Quetta, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Tuesday.

He informed that a raid was conducted at a hotel near Western Bypass Quetta on a complaint against drug selling by local drug suppliers.

He said, the accused used to sell drugs under the guise of a hotel. During the operation, the accused opened fire on the ANF raiding party and three jawans were injured during the exchange of fire with the accused. A truck driver was also injured in the firing by the accused, he informed.

The accused managed to escape from the scene leaving behind a bag, he said adding, on checking, 4 kg hashish was recovered from the bag.

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Free and fair?

Is it possible to hold 'free and fair' elections with a widely popular political leader facing disqualification by the courts? Should such an election be morally acceptable? And can a government formed through such an election ever make a legitimate claim on the public's mandate?

In a country as full of internal contradictions as Pakistan, there are no easy answers to these questions.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar recently made a statement suggesting that 'free and fair' elections are possible even if former prime minister Imran Khan and other PTI leaders are not allowed to participate.

He argued that all politicians who violate the law must pay for their transgressions. In technical terms, he is correct, and if Pakistan were a country where institutions abided by the law, no one would disagree, since the continuity of the democratic process can never be dependent on the legal status of a handful of its leaders.

However, we are clearly not such a country, and, therefore, the PM's position needs greater debate.

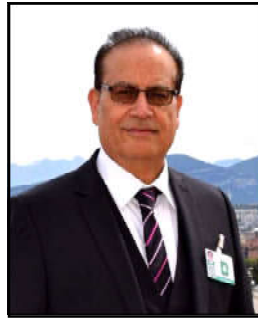
In recent months, the state has applied overwhelming force against Mr Khan, his party, its loyalist leaders, their supporters, and even some supporters' families.

From refusing to obey release orders, to outright disappearing people; from breaking into suspects' homes, to kidnapping their family members to forcing them to surrender — the authorities have ridden roughshod over fundamental rights and legal norms in their effort to cut the PTI to size.

Even the ECP has repeatedly violated the Constitution to deny the party the advantage of having public opinion on its side. This excessive action against the PTI has placed it at a considerable disadvantage compared to other parties.

It is therefore disingenuous, given this context, to suggest that the freeness and fairness of any eventual polling exercise should be considered without regard to all that has preceded it. The lesson that the establishment should have learnt by now from the suppression of the PPP in the Zia era, and PML-N's persecution in the Musharraf and Bajwa eras, is that thwarting the public will by artificial means only creates long-term instability in return for short-lived gains. Banning parties, disqualifying key leaders, forcing politicians to switch allegiances, restricting candidates from campaigning, and queering the pitch in other ways just to secure an electoral outcome that is favourable to a handful of powerful individuals has caused demonstrable and lasting harm to Pakistan's political structure.

One should, therefore, reasonably expect that removing Mr Khan from the political equation now will do as much good as removing Nawaz Sharif did for the country in 2017-18. Pakistan's precarious present condition should be warning enough against repeating these failed past experiments. If this cycle is not broken, we will be doomed to repeat it.



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

The Election Commission, under the weight of severe public outcry and the collective demand of all political parties (with the exception of PML(N)), has declared that the general elections will take place at the end of January 2024. This announcement, while arriving nearly 90 days later than constitutionally required, has been met with a relatively muted reaction from political parties. It appears that, rather than dwelling on the inordinate delay, political parties are content with the assurance that elections will indeed occur, dispelling earlier predictions of indefinite postponement by political pundits and analysts.

With the elections now just four months away, ideally, political parties will have ample time to refine and reconsider their manifestos, redefine their messaging and focal points, and offer the people of Pakistan a vision of a promising and inspiring future. This newfound clarity on the election date brings an opportunity for political renewal and the chance to inspire hope and dreams of a brighter tomorrow for the citizens of Pakistan.

But far from ideal, the political landscape remains complex and marred with uncertainties. The recent overturning of the amendment to the NAB (National Accountability Bureau) ordinance has dealt a significant

blow to the core objectives of the government formed by the constituent parties of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM). The leadership of both the PPP (Pakistan Peoples Party) and PML(N) now finds itself once more under the influence of the establishment, with the same formidable threat that PDM parties had previously managed to blunt now looming ominously over their heads.

Furthermore, the recent nullification of the Supreme Court Procedure and Practices Act by the outgoing Chief Justice has shattered the hopes of both Nawaz Sharif and Jehangir Tareen to participate in the 2024 elections. This legal development has created additional complications and uncertainties in an already intricate political landscape.

The PML(N) party appears to be in a weakened state when it comes to public popularity. After being in government for over 16 months, they have faced criticism for their handling of the economy, which has brought the country to the brink of financial collapse. Despite this, they continue to emphasize their efforts to save the country from default, without acknowledging the heavy burden this has placed on the people.

The consequences of their economic policies are evident in the form of hyperinflation, rising prices, a sharp increase in the exchange rate of the dollar, and one of the highest interest rates in the world, all of which have made essential goods and services unaffordable for the poor, middle-class, and even the upper-middle class. Millions of people have fallen below the poverty line, and unemployment rates have surged. As a result, many people are struggling to make ends meet, leading to widespread frustration and discontent among the public.

In this context, PML(N) and its allied parties have lost their narrative against price hikes, as many people view them as a major contributor to the inflation and economic hardships faced by the population.

Indeed, the perceived alignment of PML(N) with the establishment, their willingness to follow orders without question, their embrace of the Army chief's economic and financial revival doctrine aimed at attracting billions of dollars in investment and their support for laws granting unprecedented powers to the caretaker government in terms of entering into strategic agreements with foreign countries, traditionally the prerogative of the elected government, have all contributed to their image as being closely aligned with the military establishment.

Their perceived failure to protect media freedom and prevent media censorship, as well as their apparent inability to safeguard the rule of law and the principles of the constitution, their perceived failure to insulate the courts from external pressures and influence, as well as allegations of using aggressive means to influence judicial decisions, have further eroded public trust in their commitment to democratic principles. Their perceived alignment with the establishment and the actions taken in support of these policies have, in turn, diminished their ability to maintain a popular anti-establishment narrative.

Ultimately, these factors have contributed to a sense of frustration and disillusionment among the public, leading to skepticism about the ability of political parties to govern effectively and address the needs and aspirations of the people.

It is evident that the PTI party and its leadership are contending with substantial challenges, marked by persecution and harassment. A significant number of their leaders find themselves either in hiding or incarcerated. Notably, the Chairman's unwavering resolve and refusal to be deterred by these circumstances stand out. His ability to withstand immense pressure, maintain his determination, and remain resolute in the face of adversity serves as a testament to his unwavering courage and commitment.

The Chairman's steadfastness has the potential to inspire

loyalty among PTI members and supporters, while also becoming a symbol of resilience in the face of perceived political persecution.

In a decade-old interview, Mr. Imran Khan declared that he fears only Allah, cannot be influenced or silenced, and follows his own ideology. His philosophy revolves around obeying Allah's commands and giving back to society what he has received. His vision in government is to establish a welfare state where everyone is treated equally, irrespective of wealth or power, creating conditions for people to lead fulfilling lives in line with Islamic teachings.

He has backed these words with actions, even in the face of adversity, death threats, and assassination attempts. He hasn't sought clemency, freedom, or compromised his principles for a comfortable life abroad. His unwavering character, courage, and determination set him apart from politicians aligned with the establishment.

While in France, I observed several aspects of a welfare state. Citizens with incomes below €900 per month receive state stipends of €900. The state supports families with multiple children, cares for orphans, aids businesses affected by disasters without applications, and offers free quality education and healthcare to those in need.

Notwithstanding the popular support for PTI, in a recent interview with a foreign channel, the caretaker prime minister asserted that free and fair elections could proceed without the PTI leadership participating. He firmly stated that actions and consequences would persist for all individuals, regardless of age, gender, or profession, who were in any way linked to the events of May 9th.

The Army leadership, in their recent corps commander meeting, reiterated their commitment to pursuing those involved in the May 9th incident, promising further consequences and repercussions.

The exclusion of PTI from the electoral process

has the potential to unleash a cascade of repercussions, including severe political instability, economic turmoil, and widespread social unrest. PTI supporters have an array of avenues to channel their deep-seated discontent, and the situation demands prudent management to avert a full-blown crisis.

PTI supporters, alongside human rights organizations and legal fraternity, may orchestrate peaceful nationwide protests and demonstrations. Their collective outcry would serve as a resounding condemnation of sidelining the nation's largest and most popular party from the electoral landscape. This wave of public dissent could disrupt normal life, placing businesses, education, and essential services under strain, ushering in a period of social tumult and uncertainty.

The digital sphere, both within and outside Pakistan, stands as a potent realm for political activism. PTI supporters can harness platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to broadcast their grievances far and wide. Trending hashtags and viral campaigns can elevate awareness about their cause, fomenting a groundswell of support that transcends geographical boundaries.

PTI supporters facing exclusion from the electoral process may leverage international channels to garner support and seek intervention. They could engage in diplomatic efforts to rally foreign governments, international bodies, and human rights organizations to condemn this exclusion and demand a fair and transparent election. Additionally, they may explore legal remedies to challenge their exclusion, potentially by filing petitions in the judiciary. Such petitions could assert that their fundamental rights to participate in a democratic process are being infringed upon.

The exclusion of PTI from the electoral process would inflict severe damage on the credibility of the entire election system, threatening to plunge Pakistan into a maelstrom of political in-

stability. Such a move risks stoking polarization and fomenting tensions among various political factions, adding fuel to an already volatile situation. The ensuing political instability, sparked by PTI's exclusion, would cast a dark shadow over investor confidence, imperiling economic stability. Foreign and domestic investments, the lifeblood of economic growth, may wither, thrusting Pakistan into a daunting era of economic hardship.

Moreover, the repercussions may not be confined to Pakistan's borders. Its international relationships, built on trust and cooperation, could be strained as global observers and partners express grave concerns over the perceived injustice and lack of fairness in the electoral process. The ripple effect of such a crisis could resonate far beyond the nation's borders, painting a bleak picture of instability and uncertainty.

Now is the time for all stakeholders, including the government, election commission, judiciary, political parties, and institutions, to set aside personal and institutional vendettas. We must consider every citizen a patriot without casting doubt on their loyalty. Coercion and brute force should be replaced with love and affection to win true loyalty, as intimidation only begets obedience, not love.

The government and institutions should emulate a caring mother, nurturing every citizen without subjecting them to humiliation. Releasing political prisoners is an act of magnanimity that honors the nation and empowers people to choose their true representatives.

The caretaker government, establishment, and election commission should prioritize fairness, transparency, and open dialogue with all political stakeholders. Upholding democratic principles and ensuring a level playing field for all parties is the path to maintaining stability and credibility in the electoral process. It's time to unite and build a stronger, more harmonious nation.

Elections Without PTI...

Commerce News

Jazz, NUST 5G innovation lab hosts Pak first 5G Hackathon

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jazz, Pakistan's largest digital operator is bringing Pakistan's first 5G Innovation Hackathon in close collaboration with the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), National Informational Technology Board (NITB), and Code for Pakistan (CfP).

The groundbreaking initiative which will be launched soon, aims to harness the immense potential of 5G technology and other cutting-edge innovations to address critical challenges in Pakistan's key sectors, including health, education, financial services, disaster management and climate

change, agri-tech, and Industry 4.0, said a news release here on Tuesday.

The 5G Innovation Hackathon underscores the critical importance of fostering innovation and talent in the realm of 5G technology. By bringing together bright minds, developers, and entrepreneurs, the hackathon serves as a breeding ground for groundbreaking ideas and solutions that will shape the future of telecommunications in Pakistan.

The event not only empowers local talent but also ensures that Pakistan remains at the forefront of the digital revolution,

paving the way for a more connected and innovative future.

Chief Regulatory Affairs Officer at Jazz Syed Fakhar Ahmed said solutions to the longstanding challenges that face developing countries like Pakistan lie in technology.

"We're proud to have developed the 5G innovation lab in collaboration with NUST, a tech hub that's now hosting the country's first 5G hackathon to help create viable solutions to key challenges while putting Pakistan on the global map of 5G innovation," the press release quoted him as saying.



Dr. Inayat Hussain, Deputy Governor State Bank, Aurangzeb Feroz, Director and Sponsor KT Bank of The City School Group, Riyan Labashar, Director KT Bank, Jameel Ahmed, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Ali Mukhtar, Sponsor KT Bank and Director Fatima Group, Senator Banker Munir Kamal and Toran Asif, Transaction Lead and nominated CEO KT Bank in a group photo on eve of getting State Bank approval to start digital banking service of KT Bank in Pakistan.

Senate body urges accountability of electricity crisis responsible

Dismayed over absence of Chairman NEPA in meeting

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ISLAMABAD: Official of Power Division told Senate Standing Committee on Energy that daily recovery reached 1 billion. If the campaign continues, 150 billion recovery will be made in three months. Electricity theft in Mardan and Mirpurkhas will be reduced to zero by the first week of October.

Members of Committee said that KEPCO has been granted the extension illegally. Senator Bahraman Tangi said that illegal extension of an IPP resulted in a loss of Rs 151 billion.

The Chairman of the

Standing Committee suggested the Power Division to write a letter to the President of the World Bank raising objection to the World Bank validating the Dasu Transmission Project contract.

Meanwhile, the Senate Standing Committee on Power met on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Senator Saifullah Abro here at Old Pips Hall, Parliament Lodges.

Over 7.886 mln tons wheat available for local consumption

ISLAMABAD (APP): Over 7.886 million metric tons of wheat stocks were available for local consumption as well as for keeping strategic reserves in order to maintain smooth demand and supply to ensure the supply of flour at affordable prices across the country. The carry-forward stocks of the grains in the country by September 25, 2023, were recorded at 1.610 million tons as compared to the

stocks of the same period of last year, said Food Security Commissioner in the Ministry of National Food Security and Research Imtiaz Ali Gopang.

Talking to APP here on Tuesday he said that the government had also procured about 5.889 million metric tons of wheat during the wheat procurement campaign to fulfil the local requirements as well as keep the strategic reserves in the country.

Footwear exports increase by 7.74% in August

ISLAMABAD (APP): The export of footwear products witnessed an increase of 7.74 percent during the Month of August 2023 as compared to the same month of last fiscal year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

Pakistan exported footwear products worth \$16.770 million during August 2023 as compared to the exports of \$15.565 million during August 2022.

CDA urged to resolve problems of businessmen of G-9 Markaz

ISLAMABAD (INP): President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has said that G-9 Markaz Karachi Company has grown into one of the largest commercial centres of the federal capital, but due to lack of better development, its traders are facing multiple problems.

He stressed that CDA should start the development works in G-9 Markaz on priority basis including carpeting of roads, construction of a parking plaza, repair of footpaths, construction of filtration plant & public toilets and restoration of streetlights. He said that the 40 years old sewerage system in G-9 Markaz has deteriorated and is leaking from various places. He urged that the CDA should replace the old sewerage system with a new one.

China-Pak business delegation visits RCCI

RAWALPINDI (APP): A delegation of the China-Pakistan Business Development Council headed by Council President Chen Jian Lu along with Chairman Shaifur Rehman visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) here on Monday.

They were also accompanied by Wang Xiaosan, Ms. Li Xin and Ms Lee Wong.

President KCCI for complete ban on import of recycled plastic

KARACHI (APP): President Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mohammed Tariq Yousuf, on Tuesday, suggested the import of recycled plastic under any description in the negative list or placing a complete ban on the item.

The KCCI president, in a statement issued here, argued that there was no need or logic to import recycled plastic in Pakistan because the country already generates its own massive volumes of plastic waste and scrap which is recycled by many units operating in Pakistan, hence, there was no point in buying other country's garbage.

Tariq Yousuf, in a letter to Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production Dr. Gohar Ejaz, also suggested carrying out a Forensic Audit of all recent imports of Plastics (Polyethylene) during the last four to six months and the importers should be asked to clarify how and through what channel the payments have been made to foreign suppliers for import from a neighbouring country.

Moreover, a massive volume of smuggled Plastics from neighbouring countries and misdeclaration in terms of value and quantity have caused losses of Rs10 to 12 billion in just three months on account of Customs Duty, Sales Tax, WHT and other levies, he added.

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KARACHI: An iron smiths are busy in their work at shop in Eid Gah area in Provincial Capital.

Work on 884-MW SK Hydropower project in full swing: Wang Huihua

ISLAMABAD (APP): Managing Director of China Energy International Group's Pakistan Wang Huihua on Tuesday said the construction work on the 884-megawatt Suki Kinari (SK) Hydropower Project was being carried out at a fast-track basis under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiatives.

The run-of-the-Kunhar-river hydropower project would create over 4,250 employment opportunities besides contributing significant electricity to the national grid, he said while talking to APP.

Wang Huihua expressed confidence the SK hydropower project was expected to complete by the end of the current year or mid of 2024 as its powerhouse and reservoir section were in the final phases of completion.

However, he said the 24-kilometer-long Hades Tunnel was the most challenging part of the project due to difficult terrain, harsh weather conditions during winter and water drainage problems.



HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) President, Adeel Siddiqui presenting shield to Tariq Razaq Dherejo, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Hyderabad during a ceremony held in HCCI in Hyderabad.

Punjab Governor says: PEC is playing an important role in national development

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LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended the STEM Ambassador Program under the auspices of Pakistan Engineering Council at Lahore College for Women University as a special guest. Vice Chancellor Lahore College for Women University Dr. Shagufta Naz, Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council Najeeb Haroon, Convener Pakistan

Engineering Council Development Committee Engineer Mir Masood Rashid, Former Member Provincial Assembly Sania Kamran, Deans, academicians and a large number of students were present. Addressing the ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan Engineering Council is playing an important role in national

development. He said that the Pakistan Engineering Council's Graduate Internship Program is providing students with quality work experience, which is not only an investment in the future but also a valuable contribution to the development of the engineering sector. The Punjab Governor said that the importance of science and technology is a vital factor in modern world. While appreciating

the STEM initiative of PEC, he said that arranging activities in various educational institutions for the promotion of scientific studies among the youth under STEM is commendable. He said that this program will help universities and schools to work together and impart science education to the children. It will definitely help in increasing the trend of STEM education, he added.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with Vice Chancellor and others during a ceremony of Stem Ambassador Program at Lahore College for Women University.



PESHAWAR: Ambassador of Poland in Pakistan Maciej Pisarski meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

Minister conveys condolences to Sikh Community

PESHAWAR (Online): Caretaker Provincial Minister for Law and Human Rights, Auqaf, and Minority Affairs, Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, alongside Auqaf Secretary Dr. Asad Ali, paid a visit to Gurdwara Bhai Joga Singh Namak Mandi in Peshawar. During this solemn occasion, they expressed their heartfelt sympathy and

condolences to the Sikh community in the wake of Hardeep Singh's tragic killing by India's RAW agency in Canada. The leaders of the Sikh community expressed their gratitude to Justice Retired Syed Arshad Hussain Shah for his visit to the Gurdwara. Speaking to the media during this visit, the caretaker provincial minister extended his condolences to the Sikh community.

Caretaker CM chairs meeting on Foreign Funded Projects

PESHAWAR (Online): An important meeting to discuss and review progress on Foreign Funded Development Projects in the province including newly merged areas was held here on Tuesday with the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in the chair. Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary Zubair Asghar Quraishi, administrative secretaries of the concerned departments and other high ups attended the meeting. The participants were

given detailed briefing about the progress made so far on the foreign funded development projects and other related matters. It was told that under the foreign funded development portfolio, a total of 66 development projects worth Rs. 849 billion were reflected in the Annual Development Program of the current financial year adding that Rs. 114 billion have been allocated for the aforementioned projects in the current fiscal year, out of which Rs. 10.9 billion have been released so far. Briefing about the details of development

projects in the various sectors, it was informed that five projects were reflected in Agriculture sector, three in Public Health Engineering, four projects in the Elementary & Secondary Education and seven projects in the sector of Power & Energy, four projects in the Health, three projects in Local Government, five in Road Communication, two in Tourism, three projects in Irrigation, one project each in Forests, Home, Industries and Labour whereas nineteen in multi-sectoral development sector.

Anti-corruption seminar at PINS Moral and professional Dis-honesty is also a form of corruption

Independent Report
LAHORE: Executive Director of Punjab Institute of Neurosciences (PINS) and renowned Neurosurgeon Prof. Asif Bashir has said that collective efforts are required to eliminate corruption and malpractices from the society and for this purpose all the stakeholders should start sincere efforts and a concrete struggle to get rid of this menace. He further said that apart from financial corruption, moral decline and professional negligence have also spread in our society because not

performing one's duties honestly and lack of interest in office hours is also corruption. These views were expressed by ED PINS Prof. Asif Bashir while addressing the corruption awareness seminar organized by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at Bashir Auditorium "PINS". A large number of Professors, young doctors, nurses and medical staff participated in the seminar. Addressing the seminar, Director NAB Imran Sohail said that the main reason for the economic and financial problems that Pakistan is

facing today are hurdles like corruption, nepotism, bribery and favoritism, due to which a lot of national resources and income have been lost. A large portion is wasted, resulting in Governments looking to external aid and financial institutions to run the country, he added. Imran Sohail further said that Pakistan can move forward only if all the institutions and the people work together to eliminate corruption and make serious efforts. Director NAB said that the National Accountability Bureau is advancing this struggle

according to its mandate and many seminars are being organized in various institutions and Government Departments to raise awareness about corruption while this seminar organized in the Neuro Institute is part of this same struggle. ED PINS Prof. Asif Bashir while appreciating the efforts of NAB officials to eradicate corruption said that this campaign will help to raise awareness among people against corruption and we all should be mentally alert about it. They will be willing to carry out their affairs

according to the rules and regulations, not to fall into any kind of temptation to give undue concessions to anyone, by which someone else's rights will be destroyed, the affairs of the offices will be deteriorating and our national resources are wasted. Prof. Asif Bashir expressed his determination that Punjab Institute of Neurosciences will provide its platform for all the issues included in the national stream and such positive activities will continue to be encouraged in the future as well.

Jan chairs meeting on key infrastructure projects KP

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Communication & Works and Irrigation Ahmad Jan Khan, recently led a meeting in Peshawar to discuss significant infrastructure projects within the Communication & Works Department. During the meeting, progress on the province's flagship mega projects and their completion timelines were assessed.

Murad presides over an online minerals cadastre portal review meeting

Independent Report
LAHORE: Under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Mines and Minerals, Ibrahim Murad, an online Minerals Cadastre Portal review meeting was convened. The meeting was also attended by the Director-General of Mines and Minerals and the Chief Executive Officer of Punjab Board Of Investment and

Trade (PBIT). During the meeting, the Mines and Minerals Department provided a detailed briefing to the Provincial Minister regarding the design and data of the department's web portal. A suggestion from PBIT proposed further translation of the Mines and Minerals Department's website into two additional international languages.

International News

Turkey to ratify Sweden's NATO bid if US approves F-16 sales to Ankara

Monitoring Desk
ANKARA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that the Turkish parliament would ratify Sweden's accession to NATO if the U.S. approves the sale of its F-16 fighter jets to Ankara, Reuters reported on Sept. 26. Erdogan told reporters on his flight back from Azerbaijan that Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan discussed the issue of Sweden's NATO aspirations with U.S. State Secretary Antony Blinken in New York last week. According to the Turkish president, the

Biden administration is linking the F-16 sales to Ankara's approval of the Swedish NATO bid. "If they (the U.S.) keep their promises, our parliament will keep its own promise as well. Turkish parliament will have the final say on Sweden's NATO membership," Erdogan said. Both Sweden and Finland applied to join the Alliance in May 2022 due to Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Turkey initially blocked both of their bids but gave the green light to Helsinki in March. Erdogan seemingly conceded to back Sweden's

bid and forward it to the Turkish parliament on July 10 after meeting NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. A day after the announcement, the Biden administration said that it would move forward with the sale of F-16s to Turkey. Ankara requested to buy \$20 billion of F-16 aircraft and nearly 80 modernization kits for its existing warplanes from the U.S. in October 2021. Since then, neither the ratification of Sweden's NATO bid nor the sale of the jets have been finalized.



KHANKENDI: In this videograb released by the Russian Defence Ministry, Russian peacekeepers help evacuate refugees from this town, also called Stepanakert.

Taliban weigh using US mass surveillance plan, met with China's Huawei

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: The Taliban are creating a large-scale camera surveillance network for Afghan cities that could involve repurposing a plan crafted by the Americans before their 2021 pull-out, an interior ministry spokesman told Reuters, as authorities seek to supplement thousands of cameras already across the capital, Kabul. The Taliban administration

which has publicly said it is focused on restoring security and clamping down on Islamic State, which has claimed many major attacks in Afghan cities, has also consulted Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei about potential cooperation, the spokesman said. Preventing attacks by international militant groups - including prominent organisations,

Swedish police open arson case after mosque fire

Monitoring Desk
SWEDEN: Swedish police said on Tuesday that they were investigating whether a fire that reduced a mosque to rubble the previous day in central Sweden was arson. "The investigation into the fire is continuing. Police will question witnesses and verify whether there were security cameras in the area," the police said in a statement on their website. The fire broke out on Monday around noon in Eskilstuna, a town of 108,000 people 150 kilometres (93 miles) west of Stockholm, causing no injuries, a police spokesman told AFP. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made. "The mosque is almost completely destroyed, nothing can be saved," mosque spokesman Anas Deneche told AFP. Deneche said the mosque had been the target of several acts of violence in the past year and his family had been threatened.



Belarus Foreign Minister Sergei Aleinik addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Belarus' top diplomat says he can't imagine his nation entering the war in Ukraine alongside Russia

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: The foreign minister of Belarus, which has a strategic partnership with Russia, says he cannot envision a situation where his country would enter the war in Ukraine alongside Russian forces. Sergei Aleinik said in an interview with The Associated Press that he also can't imagine a situation where Russia would order his country to use the tactical nuclear weapons it recently deployed in Belarus. "I don't see such an

option because it is an instrument of defense primarily," he said of the missiles. But if Belarus was invaded, "I will not exclude any instruments to be used to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country," he said. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has relied on Russian subsidies and political support to rule the ex-Soviet nation with an iron hand for nearly three decades, allowed the Kremlin to use Belarusian terri-

tory to send troops into Ukraine in February 2022 at the start of the invasion. But Lukashenko has opposed joining the fighting. Aleinik said the stationing of tactical nuclear missiles in Belarus is a response to "the very big militarization" along its western border. The Polish military, for example, is planning to double its armed forces and bring more heavy weapons to the border, backed by a growing presence of U.S. and other NATO forces, he said.

Serbia demands that NATO take over policing of northern Kosovo after a deadly shootout

Monitoring Desk
BELGRADE: Serbia's president demanded Tuesday to have a NATO-led peacekeeping force take over for the national law enforcement agency in northern Kosovo after a daylong shootout between armed Serbs and Kosovar police left one officer and three gunmen dead. In one of the worst confrontations since Kosovo declared independence from Serbia in 2008, about 30 masked

men opened fire on a police patrol near the village of Banjska early Sunday then broke down the gates of a Serbian Orthodox monastery and barricaded themselves with the priests and visiting pilgrims. The violence further raised tensions in the Balkan region at a time when European Union and U.S. mediators have been pushing for a deal that would normalize ties between former wartime foes Serbia and Kosovo.

Saudi Arabia plans tougher IAEA checks

Monitoring Desk
VIENNA: Saudi Arabia said on Monday it has decided to end light-touch oversight of its nuclear activities by the UN atomic watchdog and switch to full-blown safeguards, a change the agency has been demanding for years. Saudi Arabia has a nascent nuclear programme that it wants to expand to eventually include activities like proliferation-sensitive uranium enrichment. It is unclear where its ambitions end, since Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has said for years.

EU commissioner calls for more balanced trade with China & warns that Ukraine could divide them

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: The European Union's trade commissioner called for a more balanced economic relationship with China on Monday, noting an EU trade deficit of nearly 400 billion euros (\$425 billion), while also warning that China's position on the war in Ukraine could endanger its relationship with Europe. Valdis Dombrovskis, in a speech at China's prestigious Tsinghua University, said that the EU and China face significant political and economic headwinds that could cause them to drift apart. "The strongest, yet

not the only, headwind is Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and how China positions itself on this issue," he said. Dombrovskis spoke before high-level economic and trade talks with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng. EU leaders have expressed concern about the bloc's growing trade deficit with China, which reached 396 billion euros last year. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen recently announced an investigation into Chinese subsidies to electric vehicle makers, saying a flood of cheaper Chinese cars is distorting the European market.



Kosovo police members of Special Intervention Unit escort one of the arrested Serb gunman out of the court after the Kosovo shootout in capital Pristina.

Taiwan expects to deploy two new submarines by 2027, security adviser says

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan hopes to deploy at least two new, domestically developed submarines by 2027, and possibly equip later models with missiles, to strengthen deterrence against the Chinese navy and protect key supply lines, the head of the program said. Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has made the indigenous sub program a key part of an ambitious project to modernise its armed forces as Beijing stages almost daily military exercises to assert its sovereignty. President Tsai Ing-

wen, who initiated the programme when she took office in 2016, is expected to launch the first of eight new submarines on Thursday under a plan that has drawn on expertise and technology from several countries - a breakthrough for diplomatically isolated Taiwan. Admiral Huang Shu-kuang, Tsai's security adviser, who is leading the program, said a fleet of 10 submarines - which includes two Dutch-made submarines commissioned in the 1980s - will make it harder for the Chinese navy to project power into the Pacific.

Sustainable development of Balochistan linked with education & modern skills training: CM

Visits Indus Hospital Gwadar; says no negligence to be tolerated in availability of medicines, facilities in hospitals

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the sustainable development of the province is linked with the education and training of modern skills.

He said that he has started implementation on the 100-day short term action plan for promotion of educational development and increasing literacy ratio in the province. This plan would yield positive results, maintained the caretaker Chief Minister while speaking on occasion of his visit to the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) school on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai, Director General GDA, Mujeeb Rehman Qambrani, Commissioner Makran Division, Saeed Ahmed Umrani and other concerned high ups.

The caretaker Chief Minister visited different sections of the GDA school

and witnessed the academic process in the classrooms.

He also inspected the facilities made available at the GDA school.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki also inaugurated the new building of primary schools of the school.

On the occasion, Chief Engineer, Syed Muhammad briefed the caretaker Chief Minister in detail.

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the overall academic environment in the GDA school.

He also assured wholehearted cooperation on behalf of the interim provincial government.

Meanwhile, Mr. Domki planted a sapling in the GDA school.

Meanwhile The caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visited the Indus Hospital established in Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) on Tuesday.

During the course of visit, the Chief Minister inspected emergency department, out patient de-

partment, laboratory and other sections of the Indus Hospital.

He also reviewed the situation of cleanliness and facilities being provided to the patients at the Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, caretaker Chief Minister directed the concerned authorities to provide every possible healthcare facilities to the patients at the Hospital. He said that the government is providing substantial funds to the hospital for free medical treatment of the patients.

He said that the trust of people has been increased on the public sector hospitals after increase in the healthcare facilities there.

He asserted that no negligence would be tolerated in availability of the medicines and other facilities in the hospitals.

Earlier, HOC of Indus Hospital Brigadier Dr. Aftab briefed the caretaker Chief Minister about the services and overall functioning of the Hospital.



QUETTA: Members of Milad Committee hold rally in connection with 12 Rabi Ul Awwal.

PM lauds British Pakistani diaspora for their contributions

LONDON (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday commended the dynamic British Pakistani diaspora for their significant contributions to both countries' development and urged them to consider the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a valuable platform for investments in key sectors.

The prime minister attended a dinner reception hosted in his honour by Lord Zameer Choudhry at the House of Lords, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The event

was attended by a large number of British parliamentarians from various parties and a select group of prominent members from the Pakistani community.

In his address, the caretaker prime minister assured the audience of Pakistan's resilience in the face of economic and political challenges, emphasizing the nation's strategic importance and youthful population.

Regarding Pakistan's democratic process, he reaffirmed the nation's commitment to democratic ideals, emphasizing the impor-

ance of an inclusive, free, and transparent election process. The caretaker prime minister expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and underscored the enduring Pakistan-UK relationship grounded in shared values and aspirations.

The reception ended with a Q&A session, during which Prime Minister Kakar gave insightful replies to the questions from the British parliamentarians.

The event offered a great opportunity for a constructive dialogue on issues of shared interests.



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi presenting souvenir to former First Sea Lord Admiral Alan West of Royal Navy during transfer agreement signing ceremony of Ex Pakistan Navy Ship TARIQ to UK.

Pakistan Navy Ship TARIQ gifted to UK as goodwill

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Navy have gifted its PNS TARIQ to the United Kingdom as a goodwill gesture that will serve as a symbol of maritime heritage for navies of both countries in the future.

The Transfer Agreement Signing Ceremony for the ex-Pakistan Navy Ship TARIQ to Falls of Clyde International (FOCI) of United Kingdom was organized at Pakistan High Commission in London, said Pakistan Navy news release on Tuesday.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi was the Chief Guest at the ceremony. Former First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff Royal British Navy, Admiral Lord Alan

West attended the ceremony as Guest of Honour. Ex PNS TARIQ was formerly decommissioned by Pakistan Navy on 4 Aug 23 and has been gifted by the Government of Pakistan to a UK based firm Falls of Clyde International (FOCI) that plans to convert the ship into a floating museum.

The ship will be on static display at Clyde Maritime Heritage Centre in Glasgow as a symbol of common naval heritage of the Royal and Pakistan navies. Speaking on the occasion, Admiral Lord Alan West said that the close relationship between the navies and nations of Pakistan and UK are clearly shown by the historic agreement focused on one ship that served both each countries over many years.

Zubair Jamali pays tributes to martyrs of Harnai helicopter crash

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali paid rich tributes to six jawans of the security forces who were martyred in a helicopter crash occurred in Harnai last year.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, the caretaker Provincial Minister said that Pak army is guarantor of the national stability and security.

He said that the Pak army soldiers have rendered sacrifice of their lives for the sake of peace, and their sacrifices would not go wasted.

Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali said that the sacrifices of martyrs would be written in golden words.

PPP's victory in the upcoming elections is certain: Hassan Zehri

HUB (APP): Senior leader of Pakistan People's Party and President of Hub district, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri has said that Pakistan People's Party is the strongest political party in Hub district and the credit of this success goes to the zealous people here. He said that we are grateful to the people of Hub for trusting us. He said that the victory of the People's Party is certain due to the votes of confidence of the people in the upcoming elections. While he addressing in the party a given by Engineer Saeed Ahmed Mengal. On this occasion, there was a detailed discussion on the plan of action regarding the upcoming elections including political and social issues. On this occasion, Amir Saeed Ahmed Mengal, Mir Ghauram Khan Mengal, Mir Masood Khan Mengal, Muhammad Arif Mengal, Master Shah Nazar Mengal,

Muhammad Amir Khan Mengal, Salim Mengal, Yaqub Zehri, Dost Muhammad Mengal, Sharif Palari, Muhammad Usman Koh Baloch, Haji Anwar Ronjhu, Sardarzada Naeem Buledi Muhammad Jan Marri Mir Ali Akbar Zehri and other officials of People's Party District Hub were also present. Meanwhile, in another function, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri congratulated all the youth of the area including Ms. Dur Bibi Bizenjo who joined the party and hoisted the party flag. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri welcomed the guests of this event held at Zehri House Hub. Speaking on this occasion, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that People's Party has always worked to serve the people and solve problems. He said that the People's Party has always done principled politics and has not hesitated to make any sacrifice for the protection of public interests.

Bugti says: My statement about Nawaz given political color out of context

ISLAMABAD (Online): Care taker interior minister Sarfaraz Bugti while clarifying his statement with reference to arrest of PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif has said his statement has been given political color out of context. "Caretaker government has no political agenda. It is good omen that Nawaz Sharif wants to return to politics of Pakistan," he added.

He held a major part of people of Pakistan is engaged in preparations for welcoming Nawaz Sharif. Nawaz Sharif will be treated as per law on his return to Pakistan. The matters will have to be seen through mirror of reality with coming out of presumptions and whispers.

He underlined caretaker government will work as per its mandate.



GWADAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki inspecting different sections of ship Dasht at Gwadar Port.

Senate parliamentary body calls for holding election within 90 days

ISLAMABAD (Online): Senate Parliamentary Committee while calling for holding general election within constitutional period of 90 days has recommended Election Commission (EC) to shorten process of delimitation of constituencies.

Secretary Election Commission (EC) has said next general election will take place in last week of January. No political party is favorite of EC at present. We will discharge our constitutional obligations for

holding transparent election in the country.

Committee met here under chairman Senator Taj Muhammad in Parliament house Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by members of committee, secretary parliamentary affairs, secretary EC, Special secretary, DG IT and other officers.

Chairman committee said as per constitution it is must that general election should be held within 90 days of dissolution of assembly.

CM Domki condoles death of Abdullah Jan in Gwadar

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki visited the residence of Mir Sajid Ishaq Dashti in Gwadar. During the visit, the Chief Minister condoled death of Abdullah Jan with Mir Sajid Ishaq and offered feteiha for the departed soul.

Also accompanied with Mr. Domki were the caretaker Chief Minister, Jan Achakzai, Commissioner Makran, Saeed Ahmed Umrani.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafiqat presiding over a meeting regarding gas pressure in the city.

Works of flood damaged dams with cost of 387mn continue: Danish Lango

QUETTA (APP): Interim Provincial Adviser to Chief Minister for Irrigation, Mir Danish Jan Lango on Tuesday was briefed that National Disaster & Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) has started work for restoration of flood damaged dams at a cost of 387 million to reduce losses during natural calamities.

He was briefed about the progress works of flood damaged dams when he was inspecting works of the restoration of Spinkariz Dam and Hanna Flood Irrigation Scheme.

The Adviser also expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing work of the restoration of Spinkariz Dam and Hanna Flood Irrigation Scheme saying that there would be no compromise on the quality of the work. The department should monitor the ongoing work on the irrigation dams and maintain the quality at all times, he said. On this occasion, Xen Irrigation Nadeem Dehwar gave a detailed briefing about the projects to Provincial Adviser Mir Danish Jan

Longove and said that Spinkariz Dam was built in 1945 while the length of which was 2500 feet and the height was 50 feet.

He said that in the year 2022, the body of the dam was damaged and the spillway was completely destroyed due to heavy rains and floods in the dam. After which the NDRMF has started work for the restoration of the dam at a cost of 387 million to reduce the losses during natural calamities.

He said that with the cooperation of Pakistan Army, NDRMF and Irrigation Department, the work on the restoration of the dam body and spillway was going on rapidly. While giving a briefing about the Hanna Flood Irrigation Scheme, he said that work was also underway on the project to divert the water from the mountain railways coming from the Hana mountains to the Hanna lake saying that by which a large part of the flood water coming during the flood would be avoided and public losses from floods could also be reduced.

Cipher missing case Judicial remand of Imran, Shah extended till Oct 10

ISLAMABAD (Online): Official Secret Act Court has extended judicial remand of PTI chairman Imran Khan and vice chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi till October 10 in cipher missing case.

The case came up for hearing before the court Tuesday. Shah Mehmood Qureshi was presented in the court on completion of his judicial remand. The court staff marked his attendance.

Earlier it was said in a notification issued by law ministry that the ministry has no objection over holding hearing of this case in Attock Jail due to security concerns. A day before Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) Aamir Farooq had ordered to shift chairman PTI from Attock jail to Adiala jail.

Sher Afzal Marwat counsel for Imran Khan had tweeted that Imran Khan has been shifted to Adiala jail. He has been kept in such a room where the facility of wash room and other amenities are available.

Water Commission formed on SC directives meets: WAPDA high ups to be approached to increase sharing of water for supply from Hub dam

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Water Commission formed on the directives of Supreme Court was met with its chairman and caretaker Provincial Minister for Law and Prosecution, Amanullah Kanrani in the chair at Hub on Tuesday. The concerned authorities and members of the Water Commission participated in the meeting. It was also attended by the Managing Director Lasbela Industrial Estate Develop-

ment Authority, industrialists and other concerned officials were also in attendance. The meeting decided to approach the WAPDA high ups for increase in the sharing of water for supply from Hub dam. The Deputy Project Director of Winder dam, Abdul Jabbar Zehri informed the meeting that feasibility of water supply from Winder dam to Tehsil Winder.

The Irrigation department is providing water to

Public Health Engineering and Irrigation industrial zone from Hub dam.

However, there is no capacity of storage of water due to silting issue, it was informed further.

Moreover, some industrial units located in urban areas are getting water from the Irrigation while the feasibility study of maintenance and expansion project of Lasbela canal is in final stages of completion.

Info Minister calls for strengthening cooperation among SCO countries

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has invited the media organizations of SCO countries to partner with Pakistan in joint production and other projects.

Addressing Shanghai Cooperation Organization TV Festival in Nanjing, China, he said the SCO member countries can benefit from each other's experiences and advanced technologies.

He noted that joint productions will help promote culture and tourism in

the member countries.

The Information Minister said the media organizations of SCO need to increase cooperation in various fields including joint production and documentaries to promote cultural affinity.

He said being a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Pakistan is committed to promoting media cooperation.

Murtaza Solangi said collaboration in mainstream media and social media is very important to foster people to people contacts.



GWADAR: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information Jan Achakzai visiting different sections of Gwadar university during his visit.

India involved in state sponsored terrorist activities in various countries: Sultan

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry has said that India was not only involved in terrorist activities in the Indian-occupied Jammu & Kashmir but also in other countries. The AJK president said this while speaking to a delegation of British Members of Parliament at Jammu Kashmir House in the federal metropolis on Tuesday. The delegation was comprised of British MP and Chairman of Labor Friends of Kashmir UK Andrew Gwynne, Naz Shah, Sam Terry, and others.

Referring to the killing of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada by the agents of Indian spy agency RAW, he said, "The incident has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that India is a terrorist state that uses terrorism as a tool to achieve its objectives."

He said that the cold-blooded murder of the Sikh leader evoked widespread condemnations. He said that many countries of the world, including the United States, Britain, and Europe have voiced their anguish over the killing and demanded an independent investigation into the incident.

He said that the Pak army soldiers have rendered sacrifice of their lives for the sake of peace, and their sacrifices would not go wasted.

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