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MADINAH MUNAWRAH: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hag Kakar visited Masjid-e-Nabvi (the Prophet's Mosque) in Madinah and paid his respects at Roza-e-Rasool (SAWW).

Faizabad verdict key to avoiding incidents like Jaranwala: CJP Isa

After IB and PEMRA, defence ministry, PTI and ECP seek to withdraw their pleas; hearing adjourned till Nov 1

ISLAMABAD (INP): If wherein intelligence agen- were being withdrawn. "It mentation report from the Faizabad sit-in verdict cies were directed not to appears that an order was was implemented, the Jaranwala incident could have been prevented, said Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on Thursday as the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing on a set of pleas challenging the judgment till November 1.

A three-member bench led by CJP Isa and comprising Justice Aminuddin Khan and Justice Athar Minallah was hearing a set of pleas challenging the top court's judgment in the Faizabad sit-in case,

exceed their constitutional mandates.

As the outset of the hearing, the Ministry of Defence, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) filed applications to withdraw their pleas.

Similar, applications were earlier submitted by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra).

The CJP wondered as to why the review petitions

given to file review petitions," he observed. CJP Isa remarked that

Pakistan without account-The truth will be set free, he said, asking "why is everyone scared of tell-

there will be no future for

ing the truth about filing review petitions". Online adds: Supreme Court (SC) has remarked why the decision on Faizabad Dharna case has

not been implemented and

all are so much fearful. SC has sought imple-

federal government on Labaik Pakistan (TLP) 2017 Dharna case while hearing review petition against the decision Thursday.

The court while adjourning the hearing of case till November 01 sought written replies from the lawyers of the respondents till October 27.

The court remarked all respondents were not present today. Another chance is given to respondents in connection with

President, British MPs call for an end to India's human rights abuses in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi and the members of the United Kìngdom's parliament on Thursday expressed deep concern over the human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and the persecution of the minorities in In-

The matter was discussed as the Members of Parliament (MPs) and the representatives of the Pa-kistani and Kashmiri diaspora in the UK called on President Alvi here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The delegation was led by Chairman of Labour Friends of Kashmir UK, Shadow Minister tremist Hindutva ideology which aimed to marginalize of Labour Friends of Kash-

Andrew Gwynne. The meeting highlighted the need for an action by the international community to put pressure on India to stop its human rights abuses in IIOJK.

President Alvi said India was involved in the genocide of Muslims, persecution and suppression of minorities, burning and destroying the churches in Manipur, and the extra-judicial killings of the leaders of minority communities regionally and internation-

He said the psyche of reverse its illegal demo-India was changing as it had been influenced by the excupied territory.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) to be celebrated with great religious zeal, fervor today

ISLAMABAD (INP): Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) will be celebrated with great religious zeal and fervor across the country tomorrow Friday.

The day will dawn with thirty-one guns salute at the federal capital and twenty-one guns salute at all the provincial capitals.

Special conferences, events and Mehfil-e-Milad are being arranged to pay respect to the last messenger

whose life and teachings are beacon of light for the whole mankind. A two-day National Seerat-un-Nabi (Peace Be

in the Conference and threw light on various aspects of the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW).

Buildings, streets, roads, mosques and houses are with the auspicious occasion.



lights in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) celebrations.

PM Kakar pays respects at Roza-e-Rasool (SAW)

M A D I N A H MUNAWRAH (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visited Masjid-e-Nabvi (the Prophet's Mosque) in Madinah and paid his respects at Roza-e-Rasool

The prime minister offered nawafil at the Roza the Wednesday evening.

Afterwards, the caretaker Prime Minister visited the International Fair and Museum of the Prophet (SAW)'s Biography and Islamic Civilization, located adjacent to Masjad-e-

Dr Nasir Misfir Al-Zahrani, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Prophet (SAW)'s Museum, warmly welcomed the prime minister.

The prime minister was given a comprehensive briefing about the historical museum, which showcases the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as well as the Islamic civilization.

Pak-China ties to be stronger, more stable, says Solangi

BEIJING (APP): Care taker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi has expressed confidence that relations between Pakistan and China will further strengthen and become more stable.

In a conversation with China Media Group's Urdu service in Beijing before his return home from an official visit to China, Murtaza Solangi congratulated the Chinese government and people on the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initia-

He said that the BRI has provided new development opportunities to developing countries, including Paki-

COAS says

Law enforcement actions against illegal activities to continue with full force

Underscores the need for synergy among all relevant departments for gainful effects of the landmark initiatives

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir on Thursday said the law enforcement actions against a spectrum of illegal activities will continue with full force in collaboration with the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and the government departments concerned to rid the country of substantial economic losses it suffered persistently due to pilferage done by different meth-

The Army Chief visited Lahore and attended meeting of the Provincial Apex Committee along with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab, Mohsin Raza

Naqvi. During the Apex Committee meeting, the COAS was briefed about overall security situation, including Law Enforcement Actions against electricity and gas theft, hoarding and foreign currency smuggling, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The Forum was also briefed on measures taken for the protection of minorities and the progress of operations in the Kacha area. The forum also reviewed the repatriation of illegal foreign nationals.

The Forum was also apprised on progress on SIFC and Green Punjab ini-



LAHORE: Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir attending Punjab Apex Committee. Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Raza Naqvi is also

Govt. aiming to establish exemplary educational institutions for women: Jan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Muhammad Achakzai has stated that it is aim of the provincial government to establish exemplary educational institutions for women in all districts of province.

The caretaker Minister was speaking on occasion of the visit of Sheikha Fatima Binte Mubarak Girls Cadet College in Turbat on Thursday.

Also accompanied with him was the Dean of Law Faculty of University of Turbat, Dr Gul Hasan

Baloch. The Principal of Girls Cadet College, Brigadier Humayun Ajmal welcomed the Minister on his arrival

at the college. During the visit, Principal briefed the Minister

He informed that the cadet college established with cooperation of United Arab Emirates is the first

about different sections of

the college.

girls cadet college of the province and third of the He told that girl students from all over the country including Kech are

studying in the college. He said that excellent

academic environment and other necessary facilities have been provided to the students in college, Principal informed further. Jan Achakzai on the

occasion praised the coladministration lege headed by Brigadier Humayun and remarked that higher educational institutions are operating like this cadet college for girls thanks to their efforts.

Domki felicitates Muslims on auspicious occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW) Rabi-ul-Awwal - auspicious month for Muslims: Governor Kakar

minorities, particularly the

graphic structure of the

IIOJK to transform the

He urged the world to

Kashmiri people into a minority in their own land.

put pressure on India to

graphic changes in the oc-

Muslims.

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has felicitated the Muslims on the auspicious

occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW). In a felicitation message issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that this day of 12th Rabiul Awwal is not only great for the Muslims but also for the whole universe and humanity when the Holy Prophet (PBUH) came in

mankind. He said that with His (PBUH), there was beginning of ending ignorance and darkness from the world.

this world as beacon of light

and ultimate success of the

follow the teachings and actions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and promote the spirit of tolerance and unity. Mir Ali Mardan Domki

also said that Eid Miladun Nabi (PBUH) has great importance for the Muslims and it is our good luck that we are the followers of the great Prophet. Balochistan Governor

Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar on Thursday said that the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal is a holy and auspicious month for all Mus-

In which the Holy Prophet came to this world as the Mercy of the Worlds and erased the darkness of ignorance and illuminated it

The Chief Minister with the light of faith, he



QUETTA: A delegation led by Senior Program Officer United States Educational Foundation Shehram Niazi meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Pak-Iran Joint Border Commission meets in Iranian city Mir Java

Independent Report QUETTA: The Pak-Iran Joint Border Commission's meeting was held in the Iranian city of Java on Thurs-

The Chief Collector Customs Balochistan, Abdul Qadir Memom led the Pakistani delegation while Iranian side was represented by the Director General Transit and International Transport, and Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Javed

Other concerned high ups of both the countries particularly related to the border trade and security matters participated in the meeting.

The Iranian delegation welcomed Pakistani authorities in Iran and hoped that the meeting would prove to be fruitful for the traders of both the coun-

During the course of meeting, the matters pertaining to Pak-Iran border trade, issues of transport at border, movement of the vehicles and people at the

Moreover, the participants also discussed the matters for increasing the limit of business and trade between the two countries

He mentioned that Pakistan was committed Special prayers for the unity of Muslim Ummah to safeguarding the and progress and prosperity of the country will be ofrights of its minorities, fered in the mosques after Fajr prayers. and took prompt action if any injustice was done to

The president highlighted that India was try-ing to change the demo-

Upon) is commencing in the federal capital in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). Prominent Ulema, Mashaikh and scholars will participate

being decorated with colourful lights in connection



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with a delegation of the members of the British Parliament and the representatives of the Pakistani and Kashmiri diaspora in the UK, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Noor Khetran assumes office of acting DGPR

Independent Report QUETTA: The Director Public Relations, Noor Muhammad Khetran has assumed she office of Director General Public Relations ((DGPR) on Thurs-

After assuming the charge, Mr Noor Khet started performing duties

as DGPR. It may be mentioned here that, Kamran Asad, serving as acting DGPR earlier, was posted as Di rector and Mr Noon Khetran was posted as the acting DGPR in his place.

PTI leader Farrukh Habib, brother, four others arrested

GWADAR(INP): Authorities have achieved yet another success in their ongoing crackdown on the PTI leaders and workers following the incidents of violence of May 9 as now they have succeeded in picking up a party stalwart and former federal minister Farrukh Habib, his brother and four others, who had gone into hiding, from Gwadar on

Pakistan's stance on Israel-**Palestine conflict remains Unchanged: FM Jilani**

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani has said that Pakistan's stance on Israel-Palestine conflict has always remained same and the issue should be resolved as per aspirations of the Pales-

Addressing a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, he expressed serious concern about the human rights violations occurring in Palestine, and underscored that Al-Quds should be recognised as the capital of Palestine.

Jalil Abbas Jilani further stated that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar had actively participated in several conferences during the United Nations General (UNGA). Assembly 'PM Kakar engaged in productive bilateral meetings with the presidents of Iran and Uzbekistan, and the vice-president of China during his visit to the United States.'

According to the for-

eign minister, the caretaker prime minist also had the opportunity to meet various prominent figures, including Bill Gates, the co-

founder of Microsoft.

FM Jilani disclosed that he himself engaged in approximately 20 bilateral meetings, took part in a conference focused on addressing damages caused by climate change, and joined a meeting of the US-Pakistani Business Council.

The minister highlighted his participation in various meetings such as the OIC Contact Group for Jammu and Kashmir. He noted that the OIC Contact Group for Kashmir had unequivocally expressed support for the Kashmiri people and condemned the aggression of Indian forces during the

meeting "The demand for the resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the United Nations resolutions was also put forward," added Jilani

Thursday Girls College

TURBAT: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai addressing students at Government Degree

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Accruing more debt

The government has issued new debt of over Rs2.5th during the first three months of the current financial year to finance its burgeoning fiscal deficit — the gap between its revenues and expenditures — according to new estimates of a Karachi-based brokerage firm. The new borrowing is nearly 57pc of the total debt of Rs4.4tr it had auctioned during FY23. The issuance of additional debt underlines the government's shrinking tax and other revenues, increased spending and growing reliance on domestic sources to fund its budgeted expenditures as external financing dries up. External financing shrank to its seven-month low of \$316m in August Cumulatively, Islamabad secured external financing of \$3.2bn in July and August, which also includes Saudi deposits of \$2bn and a guaranteed loan of \$508m for the PAF.

This shows that expectations that multilateral and bilateral partners would allow their coffers to flow to help Pakistan's distressed economy, following the IMF's nod to the Stand-by Arrangement, were very exaggerated.

The government is also facing difficulties in securing \$6bn through commercial loans and has dollar bond issues. Chances of achieving the budgeted external financing target of \$17.6bn for its expenditures and of meeting its foreign debt and other payments are slim. Last year, the government was able to obtain \$10.8bn in external financing and had to impose strict restrictions on imports and even on legitimate dollar outflows to avoid defaulting.

The centre has been running a large, unsustainable fiscal deficit of around 7pc of GDP for the last many years, which is the main reason for the accumulation of its huge domestic and foreign public debt, external sector fragility and inflation. The pace of debt accumulation has picked up in recent years. This is especially true for domestic public debt, which has grown to around Rs39tr from over Rs30tr a year ago, because of reduced external inflows. Successive governments have tried to justify the worsening fiscal imbalance on the basis of economic development targets. But these excuses are used only to mask the reality. The fact is that we are in the midst of the worst and longest economic crisis in our history because of the lavish lifestyles of powerful interests at the expense of the people and the well-being of the economy. The World Bank's country chief had alluded to this a few days back when he pointed fingers at the country's military, business and political elites for the economic mess we are struggling to resolve today.

Pakistan is facing an existential crisis that has severely impacted the majority of its citizens, especially the low- and middle-income segments and small businesses.

Mounting debt and dwindling foreign exchange reserves are two of our biggest challenges, which, without immediate fiscal reform, could lead to total economic collapse.

Absurd truths



F.S. Aijazuddin

'Well, he would, wouldn't he?" That remark by Mandy Rice-Davies (an English model) became famous in the 1960s. She and her call-girl friend Christine Keeler had become embroiled in the political scandal that brought down John Profumo, then a minister in prime minister Harold Macmillan's cabinet. Mandy had been asked by a reporter outside the Old Bailey why Profumo had denied allegations of sexual impropriety between him and Ms Keeler. She retorted tartly: "Well, he would, wouldn't he?" In an odd way, that

word 'denial' connects Mandy with Modi. His government denied any involvement in the murder of a Canadian citizen – Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of Khalistan Tiger Force. Nijjar was gunned down in June 2023 within the grounds of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in British Columbia, on Canadian soil. Earlier in May, the Khalistan Commando Force chief Paramjit Singh Panjwar was shot dead by some unidentified assailants in Lahore, on Pakistani soil. Both assassinations took place in Com-m-onwealth countries. The difference betw-een the two was that, unlike the Pakistanis, the Canadians reacted with unprecedented vehe-

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau confronted his Indian colleague with this blunt accusation: "Canadian security agencies have been actively pursuing credible allegations of a potential link between agents of the government of India and the killing of a tion arises: which area Canadian citizen, Hardeep

Singh Nijjar." Modi dismissed the allegations as "absurd"

Gone the previous bonhomie when Tru-d-eau could tease Modi that he had more Sikhs in his cabinet than Modi did. Gone the diplomatic niceties when Common-wealth members bickered behind closed doors. Gone the myth that the Sikh diaspora had assimilated themselves — indistinguishable except for their

turbans — into the corpus

by a subdivision of Sikhs

The repeated demand

of their host countries.

for Khalistan — a separate nation state — has ensured that it remains as potent and combustible a factor both within India and outside it. India has 16 million Sikhs in its Punjab and 2m within reach of it. Over 8m Sikhs live outside India—800,000 in Canada, 500,000 in the US, another half million in the UK, and the rest scattered across the globe. Khalistan is spoken of loosely as the area that is India's Punjab. The demand for it emanated first from within India, was fuelled from across the border by Pakistan's Gen Ziaul Hag and his like-minded successors. It is now a ral-

To the Sikhs, geography and history coincide. The kingdom of Punjab created by the Sikh Maharaja Ranjit Singh in the mid-19th century remained roughly intact until 1947, except at its fringes and earlier when in 1846 Kashmir was sold to Raja Gulab Singh of Jammu, making him maharaja of both. In August 1947 Cyril Radcliffe sliced Punjab into two. One-third (the less arable) went to Indian East Punjab and the larger more fertile became Pakistani Punjab. In 1966, Indian PM Indira Gandhi trifurcated her Puniab to cre-

lying call among an increas-

ingly affluent Sikh diaspora.

Punjab. So, today, the queswould comprise a hypo-

ate Haryana, Himachal

Pradesh, and a residual

thetical Khalistan? Only the present state of Indian Punjab? Or would it also include territory in modern Pakistan that contains shrines sacred to the Sikh faith (Nankana Sahib, Punja Sahib, Kartarpur,

Might any future government of a yet unborn Khalistan also demand offshore outposts in Canada, the US, and the UK? For example, the US has Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Vir-gin Islands. Britain still retains Gibral-tar, the Channel Islands, Tristan da Cunha, and the Falkland Islands. Greece and Turkey share the offshore island of Cyprus, divided since 1964 on ethnic lines.

The timing of PM Trudeau's disclosure is significant. It has taken the shine off PM Modi's selfcoronation as a leader of South Asia. Worse, it has dented India's ambition to secure a place as a permanent member of the UN Security Council

He is being reminded that defying UN resolutions consistently for the past 75 years are poor credentials for a seat at its round table. Deflecting an accusation made by a fellow Commonwealth prime minister (who flew over 11,000 kilometres to confront him with 'credible proof' of Indian involvement) is yet another unfortunate example of India's

brittle diplomacy. PM Modi is not inclined to listen to anyone connected with the word Congress, least of all Annie Besant, the first woman president in 1917 of the Indian National Congress. She had cautioned once: "Ref-us-ing to beli-e--ve until proof is given is a rational position; denial of all outside of our own ... experience is absurd." It will take time to repair the damage done by the Nijjar/ Pan-jwar murders to the carefully crafted murti of Mahatma Modi. Remember, though, Gandhi was the victim, not the assassin. --

Peca strikes again



Farieha Aziz

Muhammad Khalid Jamil. bureau chief ABN News Islamabad, was arrested and charged under Section 20 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (Peca) along with Section 505 of the Pakistan Penal Code. The complaint was made by a technical assistant at FIA Islamabad, accusing Jamil of disseminating an "antistate narrative by sharing false misleading and baseless information" through his social media posts on X (formerly Twitter).

Since 2017, journalists critical of state excesses and policies have routinely been targeted using Section 20. Jamil's case follows the same pattern. But what's alarming is the use of Section 20 in the ICT jurisdiction after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) struck down the "harm to reputation" portion of it and bound FIA to follow certain procedures, especially in cases against journalists.

The language of Section 20 requires the complainant to be a "natural person" who is the aggrieved party. However, in such cases, it is usually a law-enforcement (LEA) officer or random third party, who operationalises this section of the law. Despite it being a non-cognisable offence, Section 20 routinely features in FIRs against journalists. Peca Rule 7(5) requires an investigation officer to seek the permission of the competent court for investigation under Section 155 of the CrPC. While the FIA is required to do this for Section 20. it does not. Instead, FIRs are registered using cognisable sections alongside Section

Section 33 of Peca lays down the requirement for warrants to conduct search and seizure. Peca Rule 8 re-emphasises the requirement for warrants and for a proper chain of custody to be maintained. This too is not done. Instead, individuals are arrested, their devices are seized, they are coerced into providing their passwords — in breach of Article 13 of the Constitution which protects against self-incrimination — to

gain access to devices and

social media accounts.

And if passwords aren't divulged, then other ille-

gal methods are used to

pry entry. Section 34 of

Peca requires a warrant for the disclosure of content data. This also exists merely on paper. Not only is the letter of the law violated so blatantly, but the person implicated is then condemned to the motions of 'the law' even though the offence is not made out. Process is punishment. But this is not about the law, it's about impunity. By now the abuse under Peca is well documented. That the application of Section 20 is illegal stands established in jurispru-

impunity in the absence of rule of law and accountability. What also requires scrutiny is the judicial practice of remanding citizens into police —in this case, FIÂ — custody. What can't be investigated after the grant of bail? Aren't investigations conducted into noncognisable offences? Condemning people into LEA custody in what are blatantly politically motivated and illegal cases only serve as a pressure tactic to silence them and warn others. What is the purpose of seizing devices and conducting fo-

20, to gain powers to ar- tweet or remarks in the public domain? Especially when the person doesn't deny making the remarks or posting the content. The purpose then is simply to extract information coercively to use for leverage and blackmail.

Consistent today in political cases is the concealment of FIRs, arbitrary cancellation and postponement of bail hearings. When bail is granted, the same individuals are rearrested in fresh cases the minute they step out of jail. Protection orders are issued by high courts but violated with impunity. Con-t-e-mpt applications are filed but amount to little by way of deterrence or accountability. In the tr--ampling of fundamental rights, the writ of the courts also stands

challenged. While courts occasionally provide relief in the few odd cases before them, constitutional courts need to do more than just deal with the case at hand. They need to lay down precedents that extend broader protections and hold to account all those within the state apparatus, who abuse the law.

The Islamabad High dence. Yet LEAs are able to repeat their illegal acts Court struck down the PTI ordinance expanding the as there exists complete ambit of Section 20 and the "harm to reputation" part of the 2016 version of the law introduced by the PML-N, but the "false information" portion was left intact. Separately, the Lahore High Court declared all of Section 20 to be constitutional. An appeal against the LHC order was filed before the Supreme Court (SC) and proceedings in the case were stayed. The case has yet to proceed further. Now is the time to turn to the SC to settle the Section 20 question and, along with it, the wider abuse under Peca and the consistent infringement of due process rensics when the basis of and freedom of expression. booking someone is a -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Courtesy Dawn

Pakistan's economy performs well on external, internal sector

The Finance Ministry on Thursday said that since the beginning of FY2024, Pakistan's economy stepped up on the recovery path and Pakistan's economy performed well on the external and internal sectors. In August FY2024, month-on-month exports increased by 14.2 percent while imports grew by 2.1 percent for the same period, according to the monthly economic update and outlooks report issued by the Ministry of

On the external front, the current account deficit and aligned indicators are some

Similarly,

performance remains satisfactory at the start of FY2024. It is expected that the economic revival plan and prudent actions policies including SIFC and IT policy- will attract new investments to create a multiplier effect in the economy for higher and inclusive economic growth in FY2024 and further in the medium term.

According to the recent administrative measures aimed at improving the availability of essential food commodities and expected ease in supply constraints has improved the inflation outlook.

Moreover fiscal administrative an administrative and regulative action for curbing illegal activities in the foreign exchange market have started to yield desired dividends and narrowing the gap between interbank and open market exchange rates.

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Caretaker Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik is addressing a workshop on Climate-Resilient High Yielding and Quality Rice Development at National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad.

FCCI president says: Economic diversification vital for sustained growth

President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & industry (FCCI) Dr. Khurram Tariq has said that economic diversification is vital for sustained growth of economy.

He was addressing a function of Association of Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA) as the chief guest. He stressed the need for diversification of economy and said that it was meant for having a training and education diverse range of industries

and businesses, as well as a mix of large and small businesses. "A diversified economy is less likely to be severely impacted by a downturn in a particular sector," he added. He also underlined the need for skilled workforce, adding that a well-educated and well-trained workforce is essential for economic growth and resilience. He said that governments and businesses should invest in

programs to ensure that

Furniture designers meet **PFC** chief

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Chief Executive Officer Mian Kashif Ashfaq said on Thursday that artificial Intelligence (AI) was transforming the fashion world but the fast growing technology would never be a replacement for designers' "original creativity", Talking to a delegation of furniture designers

manufacturers led by Ms Nida Ejaz, he said Fashion innovator Calvin Wong had developed the Interactive Design Assistant for Fashion (AiDA).

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar chaired the Cabinet Committee on State-owned Enterprises (CCoSOE) held at Finance Division in Islamabad. **Agriculture machinery** imports reduced 27.49%

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of agriculture machinery and implements during the first two months of the current financial year reduced by 27.49 per cent as compared to the imports reduced by 15.48 per cent of the corresponding period of last year.

During the period from July-August 2023 agriculture machinery and implements valued at imported as compared to the imports of \$11.830 million of the same period data of Pakistan Bureau of last year

of Statistics.Meanwhile, agriculture and other chemicals group imports into the country during the first two months of the current financial year as compared to the imports of the imports of the corresponding period of last year.

During the period from July-August 2023, \$8.878 million were agricultural chemicals costing \$1.439 billion were imported as against the imports of \$1.702 last year, according to the billion in the same period

Need urged for exploiting potential of biogas production

Chairman Pakistan Hitech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA) Shahzad Ali Malik Thursday stressed the need to exploit the potential of biogas to overcome energy issues and enhance dependency on environmental fuel production in the country.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Talking to a delegation of industrialists he said that the use of biogas offers a multitude of economic benefits, including cost savings and enhanced energy security, said a press release.

He said It also aligns with our commitment to sustainability and can alleviate unemployment serve as a catalyst for

economic growth as well as enhance energy security by reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels.

This independence

can shield our economy from the volatility of global energy markets and geopolitical tensions, he said adding that the significant potential of biogas as a sustainable energy source can play a pivotal role in improving our economy as it's not only environmentally friendly alternative but also a valuable resource for job

He said the growth of the biogas industry can and boost local economies.

Dollar falls by Rs 1.05 KARACHI (Online):

Rupee has gained stable position in the face of persistent fall in the value of dollar. Dollar lost price by

Rs 1.05 as greenback was traded for Rs 287.90during early interbank trading on Thursday.

Dollar was closed at Rs 288.75 in inter bank.on Wednesday. Trading took a positive start in stock market

Pakistan Stock Exchange bench mark KSE100 shares index gained 99 points to close at 46464 points.

Pakistan's total liquid foreign reserves reach **\$13.16** billion

KARACHI (APP): The total liquid foreign reserves of Pakistan reach US\$ 13,161.8 million while reserves held by the central bank stood at \$ 7,636.7

The State Bank of Pakistan, in a statement issued here on Thursday, informed that SBP's reserves decreased by 59 million to US\$ 7,636.7 million on account of debt repayments during the week ended on September 22, 2023. Meanwhile,

foreign reserves held by commercial banks stood at \$ 5,525.1 million, it added.

Total liquid foreign reserves held by the

Enhanced trade, export volume must for economic stability: President

volume of the country's exports to ensure economic progress.

Industrial Association (IIA) led by Muhammad Ahmed, here at the Aiwan-traders and businessmen.

ISLAMABAD (APP): e-Sadr. President Alvi said President Dr Arif Alvi investment in information Thursday stressed the need technology and boosting its technology and boosting its for increasing trade exports would prove activity and enhancing helpful in attaining the goals of development and

He expressed these views in a meeting with a delegation of the Islamabad promoting exports of the president of the contribution of IIA in promoting exports of the country. It also highlighted the challenges faced by the

SAPM says: Pakistan assures ILO, EU to fulfill commitments regarding labour standars

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Jawad Sohrab Malik Thursday assured International Labour Organization (ILO) and European Union (EU) that Pakistan would fulfill commitments regarding compliance of fundamental labour standards including elimination child and forced labour, freedom of association

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and gender discrimination. He was speaking as a chief guest at launch of National Report on the General Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+)' organized by the ministry, countries.

The SAPM reiterated that Pakistan was cognizant of the challenges regarding labour rights and committed to overcoming them.Pakistan was on a journey to becoming an ethical and responsive global partner and the GSP+ was a critical part of that journey, he added. He also emphasized the need of close cooperation and coordination amongst all partners to comply with international convention of labour rights successfully for uninterrupted benefits from the GSP+ status which was imperative for

export of goods to EU

said a press release here.

Pakistan has to progress and Pakistan will progress InshaAllah: CM Naqvi

Says we all make a claim of love with the Holy Prophet (SAW) but do not act upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW).

Independent Report LAHORE: Provincial

Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference under the auspices of Augaf Department Punjab was organized at Alhamra Hall

today.

Caretaker Chief

Mohsin Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi was the chief guest. Ulema-e-Karam and Mashaikh from all schools of thought, leaders of Christians, Sikhs, Hindus and other religions participated in the Provincial Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi while addressing the Provincial Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference said that we all make a claim of love with the Holy Prophet

Kashmore, in Kashmore.

occasion of World Tourism

Day, wonderful programs

were conducted in Chitral,

with the day being celebrated

with great enthusiasm, and

a walk was organized on this

occasion in which a large

number of people related to

Students from schools

representing civil society program.

tourism participated.

(SAW) but we do not act themselves distracted and upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW). If we act upon the

teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW) then our lives will be transformed. It is the endeavour of the whole team that whatever time is available we should vigorously serve the masses. We are the believers of the Holy Prophet (SAW) and will not be disappointed ever.

Pakistan will take off. A lot of atrocities were perpetrated on our beloved Holy Prophet (SAW). Conspiracies were hatched but the Holy Prophet never disappointed.

Mohsin Naqvi said that those thinking of disaster of the country are

KASHMORE: Participants of awareness walk in

connection of Polio Eradication Campaign led by Farukh Shahzad Qureshi, Deputy Commissioner

World Tourism Day

celebrated in Chitral

CHITRAL (APP): On the participated in the walk. The

and government officials the World Tourism Day

of Chitral.

driven away from the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW).

If we are true believers of the Holy Prophet (SAW) then for the sake of Allah Almighty should disappointment. Pakistar has to progress and Pakistan will progress InshaAllah. Pakistan is built to move forward and the sacred homeland will definitely move forward.

If we all put our part in the progress of our country then Pakistan will move forward quite ahead of other countries.. The foundation of both Riasat-e-Tayyaba and Pakistan was laid on 27 Ramazan-ul-Mubarak.

PIMPD trainee officers visit Safe Cities office

LAHORE (APP): The officers, undergoing training as part of the 12th induction training course at the Punjab Institute of Management Professional Development

(PIMPD), visited the Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) as part of their orientation programme. The delegation consisted of 40 officers.

Director Public Relations Tauseef Sabil Gondal told the delegation the PSCA's mandate has been extended across the Punjab province.

He emphasised that a modern infrastructure like Safe Cities is essential for modern policing. Tauseef Sabih, along with DSP Agha Nasir, provided the delegation with a briefing on functioning of the organisation. delegation visited various departments.



Professional Training awarding degrees to successful students during 22nd convocation of Government College University at Government College

Anwaar Ul Haq says:

AJK to announce mega development package for Poonch Division soon

MIRPUR (AJK) (INP): attended and addressed by Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that a mega development package for Poonch would be Division announced soon.

While addressing a public gathering at Hajeera in Poonch division on Thursday the PM said that the issue of inflated electricity bills and shortage of subsidized flour has been resolved amicably.

The function was notification and withdrew

Federal Investigation

Agency (FIA) Commercial

Banking Circle team seized

four luxury vehicles in a

trade-based money launder-

the FIA continues to inves-

ers in order to catch 'trade-

based' money laundering in

FIA team raided a car show-

room at Khalid bin Waleed

road and seized four luxury

vehicles including, Land

Cruiser, Audi and others.

According to details,

In the latest action,

ing case on Thursday.

senior Minister Colonel (Rtd) Waqar Noor and Government other

Ministers including Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Sardar Mir Akbar and Sardar Saud Sadiq and others. Speaking on the occasion, the PM said that

the government was giving a subsidy of about 1500 rupees on a 20 kg bag of flour. He said it was for the first time that the government suspended the

proof of import of the ve-

said that the car showroom

owner was asked multiple

times to appear before the

FIA team, but he did not.

said notice has been issued

to the owners of Karachi's

thirteen car showrooms.

cials raided the residence of

a businessman Aziz Seekha

in Karachi in which they re-

covered a huge amount of

foreign and Pakistani cur-

The officials further

The agency further

Earlier, the FIA offi-

additional taxes imposed on the electricity bills.

The PM said that the

incumbent coalition government had increased the salaries of government employees despite facing financial constraints.

He said that the government bore a burden of 19 billion rupees in this

Regarding the appointment of an ADC in the area, the PM said that a formal notification to fill the vacancy will be issued in a couple of days.

FIA seizes luxury vehicles CTO Lahore intensifies anti smog campaign LAHORE (APP): Chief Traffic Officer (CTO)

Captain (retd) Mustansar ordered Feroze owner failed to present crackdown on smokeemitting vehicles, on Thursday. In a statement, he said that environmental and air pollution causes viral diseases. Therefore, transporters should run their vehicles on roads only after proper repair and checkup. The violators will be taken to task, he warned.

> The Lahore Traffic Police have mobilised all efforts to eliminate potential smog and environmental pollution. According to an order of the Lahore High Court (LHC).

Minister attends GCU's convocation, praises its role in education development

LAHORE (INP): The Asghar Zaidi. Government College University (GCU) Lahore commenced its 22nd convocation ceremony on Thursday, attended specially by Federal attended Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi, former chief justice of Pakistan Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, former deputy speaker of Bahrain Dr. Adil Bin Abdul Rahman, and eminent religious scholar Qari Sohaib Ahmad Meer Muhammadi.

The two-day event is academic achievements of its distinguished graduates. The convocation activities

Speaking at the first session, Madad Ali Sindhi expressed his pride in addressing the students of an institution where Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal once taught and praised the dedication of Vice Chancellor Dr. Zaidi. He emphasised the need for quality education in Pakistan, and said that no nation could make progress without educational skills in its youth.

He also commended the efforts of historical being held to celebrate the GCU in the field of education. Vice Chancellor Dr. Asghar Zaidi highlighted the recent are being led by GCU Vice developments at the Chancellor Professor Dr. university.



KARACHI: Members of Insaf Lawyers Forum are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of police department, held at Insaf House in Karachi.

Chiniot mines reference: Court summons PA speaker, others

LAHORE (APP): An Ordinance (NAO), set accountability court on Thursday summoned eight accused, including Punjab Assembly Speaker Sibtain Khan, for October 7 in the Chiniot mines and minerals reference. Accountability Court

Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani issued the orders on the reference, submitted by National the Accountability Bureau (NAB).NAB approached the court for reopening of the reference, closed under the defunct amendments to the the accused in the

aside by the Supreme

An accountability court on October 6, 2022, had returned the Chiniot mines and minerals reference to NAB with an observation that it lacked jurisdiction to proceed further in the case after the amendments introduced to the NAO.

Besides Sibtain Khan, Salman Ghani, Muhammad Aslam, Abdul Sattar Mian, Imtiaz Ahmad Cheema and others had been named as National Accountability reference.

International News

The vehicles were rency and prize bonds.

owned by showroom

owner in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): The seized as the showroom

Jens Stoltenberg meets with Zelenskyy to discuss battlefield & ammunition needs in Ukraine

participants carried placards

inscribed with promoting

tourism and maintaining

peace in the beautiful valley

Commissioner Chitral

Muhammad Ali and DPO

Chitral Ikramullah Khan

were the special guests of

Monitoring Desk KYIV: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to discuss the status of the war and needs of troops on Thursday, the day after Russia accused Ukraine's Western allies of helping plan and conduct last week's missile strike on the Black Sea Fleet's headquarters on the annexed Crimean

Zelenskyy said that Stoltenberg agreed to make efforts to get NATO members to help provide additional air defense systems to protect Ukraine's power plants and energy infrastruc-

ture that were badly damaged in relentless and deadly attacks by Russia last winter. He also reminded the secretary-general of the persistent attacks that often strike civilian areas, including 40 drone attacks overnight. "In the face of such intense attacks against Ukrainians, against our cities, our ports, which are crucial for global food security, we need a corresponding intensity of pressure on Russia and a strengthening of our air defense," Zelenskyy said.

The world must see how Russia is losing dearly so that our shared values ultimately prevail.

Stoltenberg said that NATO has contracts for 2.4 billion euros (\$2.5 billion) in ammunition for Ukraine, including 155 mm Howitzer shells, anti-tank guided missiles and tank ammuni-

becomes, the closer we become to ending Russia's aggression," Stoltenberg said. "Russia could lay down arms and end its war

be no peace at all.



German Federal Minister of Defense Boris Pistorius receives his Israeli counterpart Joav Galant with military honors in Berlin, Germany.

Germany and Israel sign an agreement for Berlin to buy a US-Israeli missile defense system

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany and Israel on Thursday signed an agreement for Berlin to buy the sophisticated Arrow 3 missile defense system, designed to intercept longrange ballistic missiles. The development is the latest step in Berlin's bid to strengthen its air defenses following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Germany aims to integrate the system into wider NATO air defense efforts. Last year, Berlin launched the European Sky Shield Initiative, which now includes 19 countries. Israel secured U.S.

approval in August for the \$3.5 billion deal, which was needed because the system was jointly developed with

the United States.

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius and his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant signed a memorandum of understanding in Berlin on Thursday for the purchase of Ar-

"It is, without exaggerating, a historic day for both our countries, Pistorius told reporters, describing Arrow as "one of the best systems, if not

"The stronger Ukraine

Ukraine doesn't have

that option. Ukraine's surrender would not mean peace. It would mean brutal Russian occupation. Peace at any price would

Israeli settlements 'systematically erode' viability of Palestinian state, savs UN envoy

Monitoring Desk Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Wennesland has expressed deep concern over the relentless expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

During the last three months, more than 10,000 housing units were advanced, he told the UN Security Council in New York on Wednesday. "Settlements fur-

ther entrench the occupation, fuel violence impede Palestinian access to their land and resources, and systematically erode the viability of a Palestinian state as part of a two-state solution," the senior UN envoy said.
"I call on the gov

ernment of Israel to cease all settlement activity and dismantle outposts immediately, in line with its obligations under international law," he added.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy attend their press conference in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Macron proposes limited autonomy for France's Mediterranean island of Corsica

Monitoring Desk PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron proposed granting limited autonomy for Corsica on Thursday in a modest step toward nationalist sentiment

on the Mediterranean island. In a speech he described as "an outstretched hand," Macron said: "Let us have the audacity to build a Corsican autonomy

"It won't be an autonomy that is against the state nor autonomy without the state, but an autonomy for Corsica and bombs planted in cars or

within the republic."

within the republic," he said buildings overnight, when in his address to the island's local elected assembly.

The island is home to more than 340,000 people and has been part of France since 1768. But Corsica has also seen pro-independence violence and has an influential nationalist movement. In 1998, in an assassination that stunned the country, pro-independence activists shot dead France's top official on the island, Claude Érignac. Other vio-

no one is inside. Macron didn't go into

great detail about what powers might be transferred from Paris to a more autonomous Corsica. He said that he favors changing the French Constitution to recognize "the specificities" of Corsica's island community. A constitutional change would require French parliamentary approval "This is how we will

turn a page that was marked lence has been mostly lowby somber hours and be able to open another." level, often involving

India imposes curfew in strife-hit areas of Manipur state **Monitoring Desk Monitoring Desk**

NEW DELHI: India imposed a curfew in the capital and some areas of its restive state of Manipur on Thursday, after scores of students

were injured in violence following protests against the alleged abducprotests tion and murder of two students, authorities said.

Ethnic violence has plunged the northeastern state bordering Myanmar into what many security nymity.

experts describe as an intense civil war fought over land, jobs and political clout between its two largest local groups. "Indefinite curfew had to be implemented in Imphal and in some other districts," L. Kailun, a senior police official based in the state capital, told Reuters.

More than 80 students were injured in Wednesday's clashes, another police official said on condition of ano-

3 people die in a crash involving 4 vehicles in New Hampshire

HOOKSETT: Three people have died following a crash involving four vehicles in New Hampshire, police said. An SUV side-swiped

two vehicles on a road and rear-ended a third on Route 3 before it crossed the road and hit a tree stump on Wednesday afternoon, police said in a news release. The SUV driver and

two passengers were taken to a hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

Warehouse blast near Tashkent airport kills one, injures over 160

Monitoring Desk TASHKENT: An overnight explosion at a warehouse near the airport in Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent, killed one person and injured more than a hundred, authorities in the

on Thursday. "A teenager born in 2006 died," the Uzbek health ministry said on Telegram, adding that a fur-

Central Asian country said

ther 162 had been injured. The emergency situations ministry said powerful lightning had caused which is still burning" in a warehouse in the airport

Of those hurt in the nessed

accident, 138 sustained minor injuries and a further 24 were still in hospital in a more serious condition, the health ministry said.

Videos circulating

on social media showed a column of flames and smoke rising into the night sky.

The blast blew out the windows of several houses in the surrounding area and damaged their interiors.

Explosions continued to ring out in the hours after the blaze broke out as emergency crews tackled "an explosion, then a fire, the fire and ambulance staff worked to evacuate those injured, an AFP journalist at the scene wit-



French President Emmanuel Macron addresses the Corsican Assembly in Ajaccio, as part of a three days visit in the southern French island of Corsica.

China, Germany resume high-level financial talks after COVID-19

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China and Germany will co-host a third financial dialogue in Germany on Oct. 1, the Chinese foreign ministry said on Thursday, resuming high-level talks that had stalled for several years due to COVID-19.

Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng will co-chair the dialogue with German Finance Minister Christian Lindner, ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said at a regular news conference.

In the last round of talks in January 2019. China and Germany signed agree-

ments to strengthen coordination in banking, finance and capital markets, and pledged to further open market access and deepen cooperation to broaden economic ties. Since then, the European Union, including Germany, has expressed concerns about being too economically dependent on China. Last week, Germany said it was planning to force telecoms operators to slash the use of equipment from Huawei and ZTE in their 5G networks after a review highlighted an overreliance on these Chinese



Ismail Sattar signing MoU for projects on Thursday.

President greets nation, Ummah on blessed day of Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

PM urges nation to follow Prophet (SAWW)'s teachings of compassion, unity

President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday felicitated the Pakistani nation and the Muslim Ummah on the blessed day of Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him).

In a message on the occasion of 12 Rabiul Awal, he said the arrival of Prophet (SAWW) was good tidings for relieving the suffering of humanity adding that the arrival of the Holy prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) was the greatest and the most blessed event in history.

The president said due to Holy Prophet (SAWW), the humanity was honoured with the reward of guidance and mercy from Allah Almighty. He said Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) was brought to this world as the 'mercy for all the worlds'.

He said the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) was an embodiment of obedience to Allah Almighty, justice, compassion, and love

Sarfaraz Bugti

visits FF Steel

PESHAWAR (APP): Care-

taker Federal Minister for

the Interior, Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti paid a visit

to FF Steel's head office

with an aim to revitalize and

fortify the economic pros-

stability, massive currency

depreciation and shortage

sions between Sarfaraz

Ahmad Bugti and former

Senator Nauman Wazir.

Chairman FF Steel con-

cluded in an agreement that

industries are the enablers of

Subsequent discus-

of raw materials.

towards human beings.

He said Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s teachings are universal and undying source of guidance for the mankind and present solutions to uncountable challenges being faced today and to be faced till the doomsday. "In the whole life of Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWW), we find a perfect model not only for faith and worship, but also for all aspects of life." President Alvi said teachings of the Holy

gard to the oneness of Allah Almighty, social justice, human rights, gender equality and welfare of the poor reflected the comprehensiveness and universality of the message of Islam. He said Pakistan was a country with different cultures and religious diversity. "We should give importance to this diversity and should work diligently for the promotion of unity and better

Govt takes proactive measures to stabilize economy: Shamshad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister of Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs Division, Dr Shamshad Akhtar on Thursday said the caretaker government has taken proactive measures to stabilize the economy and build market confidence.

The government's stabilization efforts are anchored around the IMF stabilization package, he said in a briefing to the Senate Committee on Faience and Revenue which met in the Parliament House, said a press release issue here.

The Minister said that the IMF disbursed \$ 1.2 billion in July 2023.

She said this has also led to the disbursement of \$ 3bn in bilateral assistance (KSA \$ 2bn, UAE \$ 1bn). million repatriated during Jul-Aug, an increase of 74

Independent Report

Traffic Police launched the

FM Radio 88.6 Service in

the provincial metropolis

eral of Police Balochistan,

Abdul Khaliq Sheikh for-

mally launched the FM Ser-

sion, the IGP said that the

traffic in Quetta city.

He said that FM radio

The IGP said that ra-

and defaulters

moved in different areas of

The spokesman informed that in all 339 FIRs

have been lodged against

those involved in the power

ity pilferers have also been

arrested so far from differ-

have been charged fine on

account of the power theft,

the QESCO spokesman in-

over Rs. 75 million have so

far been collected, he men-

mittee Senator Kauda

Babar offered legislative

support if needed for the

production of data. The of-

ficial of the Ministry

stressed the need for estab-

lishing the Computer Emer-

gency Response Team

(CERT) to combat cyber

threats and called for pub-

formed further.

At least 127 electric-

Over Rs. 110 million

Out of the total fine,

the province.

service is being started from

dio service is very neces-

Independent Report

QUETTA: In all 306 elec-

tricity connections of the

pilferers and defaulters

were suspended as the ex-

tensive crackdown is con-

tinued by the Quetta Elec-

tric supply company (QESCO) all over the prov-

According to the spokesman of QESCO, ap-

plications were submitted

to the concerned police sta-

tions for action against 42

electricity thieves in the

formers of the defaulters

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Senate Standing Com-

mittee on Information

Technology and Telecom-

munication Thursday ex-

pressed concerns about the

sale of Pakistani public data

on the Dark web and in-

structed the safeguarding of

public data, including

Moreover, 34 trans-

and pilferers were also re- tioned.

Senate body expresses

concerns about sale

data on dark web

ince including Quetta.

sary in the traffic police.

The Inspector Gen-

Speaking on the occa-

As a result, the SBP FX reserves have increased to \$ 7.6bn (1.5 months of import cover) in September, from \$ 4.5bn (0.9 months of import) in June

She said the government has normalized trade and investment flows.

We have removed the import ban that badly impacted the availability of raw materials for the industry. The government has relaxed import restrictions, leading to the opening of L/ Cs for imports and the backlog of import payments (Jan-Jul) has now been

Similarly, foreign investors have been allowed to repatriate profits (withheld since 2022), with \$49.2

had been launched by Sindh

police 10 years ago. He

noted that the launch of

Radio Service was delayed

due to the lack of resources

and remoteness of the ar-

started Radio service in the

Traffic police, adding he

ers would be able to know

Despite all odds, we

He said that the listen-

Quetta Traffic Police

FM Radio Service

88.6 launched

The caretaker government has taken appropriate actions to stabilize the volatility and speculation in the exchange rate market. Actions taken by SBI

on exchange companies and crackdown against illegal transactions have helped to reduce the spreads between interbank and open market. she said.

As a result, the PKR has strengthened to 289 against the US\$ in the interbank market, an appreciation of 6.4 percent from 307.1 (05th Sep). In the open market, PKR has strengthened 13 percent by

\$563 million

received

under PERP

NEW YORK (Online)

Pakistan's Permanent Rep-

resentative to United Na-

tions, Munir Akram said

that immediately after the

flood, an urgent appeal of

\$816 million was made un-

der the Pakistan Emer-

gency Response Plan but

\$563 million has been re-

billion dollars from its local

resources for the comple-

tion of various projects.

Pakistan allocated 2.

In the United Nations

She said the spread between the interbank and open market has declined to less than 1 percent (from over 9 percent).

PMDC signs MoU with Hub Salt, Geological survey of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): As vironmental assessments a part of building the mineral-driven economy by the Government of Pakistan, the Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) under the control of the Ministry of Energy signed a MoU with Hub Salt and Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP).

Engr. Asad Ahmad, Managing Director, PMDC along with Dr. Sajjad Ahmad, Director General, GSP, and CEO Hub Salt Ismail Sattar signed the agreement, said a news re-

Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP) would provide support to PMDC in mineral exploration, encompassing assessment, identification, grading, mineral and rock evaluation, re-

both Parties will jointly organize training programs, workshops, conferences. seminars, and events related to research, innovation, and commercialization, especially in the field of Geological Sciences. The MoU with Hub

Salt envisions the establishment of a state-of-the-art Pink Rock Salt Crushing and Packaging facility for export purposes under the theme of "Pink Prosper-The Pink Rock Salt

facility is exclusively dedicated to export salt base products to international markets which will contribute substantially to Pakistan's foreign revenue. This endeavor is expected to not only bolster eco-



Assembly Malik Sikandar Advocate and former Federal Minister Prince Essa Jan meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Sub-Committee reviews initiatives taken by oil &

public and private sectors concerning corporate so-cial responsibility (CSR) in Balochistan.

Convener of the subcommittee, Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai emphasized that efforts should not be confined solely to Balochistan but should encompass the entire nation of Pakistan. He also stressed the imperative presence of all Pakistan's oil and gas companies in the

ishing impact of these expenditures over the years, despite the significant sums allocated to their policies.

The Ministry for Energy (Petroleum Division) explained that these funds are administered by the social welfare committee, chaired by a nominated official, and executed by the district government. It was emphasized that this falls outside their jurisdiction, and political factors often hinder their operational



QUETTA: Former Opposition leader in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, here on Thursday highlighted the importance of strengthening parliamentary ties between Pakistan and the United Kingdom to facilitate mutual learning and collaboration.

The chairman expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation from the British Parliament.

The delegation included Shadow Minister and MP Naz Shah, Sam Terry MP, Andrew Gwynne MP, and Raja Najabat Hussain, Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Self Determination Movement International (JKSDMI).

During the meeting, both parties engaged in constructive discussions regarding a range of topics aimed at strengthening bilateral relations.

Money laundering: FIA seizes vehicles

Commercial Banking Circle team of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) continues investigations into trade-based money laundering case and seized four luxurious vehicles here on Thursday. According to details, investigations by FIA against car showroom owners, in order to catch 'tradebased' money laundering in Karachi was in progress.

There should be any difference between dacoits, state: SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa expressed annoyance over Additional Advocate General (AAG) Punjab Sana Ullah Zahid and government officers in the matter of land compensation.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a group

photo with British parliamentary delegation at Parliament house

Sana Úllah Zahid expressed intention to tender resignation over court's attitude.

Justice Minallah controlled the matter remarking government officers don't work and AG Punjab despite being a good lawyer became disturbed due to them.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up the case for hearing Thursday.

During the hearing of court had issued order one Bibi.

The CJP remarked we and you are paid salaries out of people pockets. Our performance is nil. There should be some difference between the dacoits and

Minallah remarked we are being told after one year the process of payment of compensation is underway.
The CJP remarked there should be transparent

Justice

attitude with the courts. Joking with justice system should stop. The court said the court issued order on November 17, 2022. The counsel for Punjab government

said a miscellaneous appli-

cation has been filed. Reply from member board of revenue Punjab was filed. Punjab governthe case Justice Athar ment accepted the owner-Minallah remarked the ship of land by Bashiran



UTHAL: Caretaker Provincial Advisor Irrigation Mir Danish Lango talking with mediamen

Minister urges govt servants to serve public diligently

taker Local Government Minister Mehmood Al Hasan Mandokhel, on Thursday said government officers are the servants of the people urging them to serve public diligently. He expressed these views during his visit to Zhob campus of University of Balochistan and addressing a meeting held at DC office

The minister inspected various departments of the IT section. He said that the students should pay attention to the acquisition of knowledge. He said that the importance present.

in the modern era cannot be denied. The architects of the future should work harder to acquire modern knowledge. Prior to this, Profes-

sor Abdul Salam Lodhi briefed the minister on the issues facing the university. The minister assured to solve the problems faced by the university. Mehboob Ahmad Achakzai, DC Zhob, Naseer Mandukhel, Vice Chairman District Council Maulvi Ibrahim, Engineer Mandukhel, Muhammad Asif Mandukhel were also

BTTN held seminar on occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN) organized an in-house seminar at its Conference Hall on the occasion of Eid- Milad-ul-Nabi (SAW).

BTTN head Brig Agha Ahmad Gul ® said the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is full of guidance. One can learn a lot from him. Common amnesty at the time of the Conquest of Mecca is a great act of forgiveness, teaching us to also learn to forgive.

Hudaibiya where he

peacefully the next year rather than warring with the Quraysh is what speaks volumes of his leadership statesmanship characterism, said a press Earlier, Asadullah

Raisani formally began the

event by quoting one of the famous Hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), "An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also, a White has no Also, the wisdom he superiority over a Black showed at the place of nor a Black has any superiority over a White exreached a treaty with the cept by piety and good ac-

NADRA and banks. lic awareness on the cyber security in Pakistan. the concerned authorities. Balochistan Quraysh to perform Hajj

Traffic FM service has been about the flow of traffic in General Assembly, an inforcontributing to long-term ecostarted by Traffic Police in specific areas. mal meeting was held in nomic growth and FF Steel He urged the people to gas companies in Balochistan order to improve flow of Pakistan last year on the eagerly anticipates collaboratdisastrous floods of 2022, ing to bolster Pakistan's under Dennis Francis, ISLAMABAD (INP): ergy (Petroleum Division) economic stability. President of United Na-Chaired by Senator Prince provided a comprehensive Pak condemns Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai, overview of its operations Sanjrani stresses the Sub-Committee of the in the province of strengthening Senate Standing Committee Balochistan, highlighting terrorist attack on Petroleum meticuthe substantial funds allo-Pakistan-UK lously reviewed the initiacated for the province's beton Bahrain tives and endeavors unterment. Senator Saadia parliamentary ties dertaken by oil and gas Abbasi expressed reservadefense force companies in both the tions regarding the dimin-SLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan on Thursday confully benefit from the Traffic Radio service while moving on the roads. Moreover, the IGP also talked about the action taken against noncustoms paid vehicles be-He recalled that Traf- sides the vehicles parked fic police FM Radio service wrongly. 306 more connections disconnected **Crackdown continues**

demned the terrorist attack on Bahrain Defense Force position on the Southern border of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which resulted in the martyrdom of two Bahraini personnel and injured others. "We extend deepest condolences to the Kingdom of Bahrain, its brotherly people and families of the martyrs. We pray for full recovery of the injured members of the against power pilferers Bahrain Defense Force.

committee meeting.



QUETTA: Members Board expressing their views during emergency meeting of QESCO Board of Directors

ECP's service desks to remain open on weekends

ISLAMABAD (APP): Facilitation Desks and Representation Receiving Centers, established at the Election Commission Secretariat in Islamabad to facilitate the public, will continue to operate during the public holidays on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, namely the 29th, 30th, and 1st of October, 2023.

According to a state-ment from an ECP spokesperson, the Representation Receiving Center has been established at the ECP Secretariat with the purpose of receiving objections related to constituency delimitation from concerned individuals. These centers will remain in operation without any interruptions until the deadline for objection submissions on October 27, 2023.

Jan Achakzai says: Services of Mubarak Qazi for Balochi literature to be written in golden words **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the services rendered by renowned poet Mubarak Qazi for promotion of Balochi language and literature would be written in golden words.

He paid tributes to the Balochi poet while addressing a ceremony held in his memory at the Government Degree Girls College Turbat on Thursday.

He said that our poets and writers have played important role in creating consciousness and awareness among the people in

On the occasion, he announced to give Scholarshis and 60 laptops to the students of the col-He also assured to

help conversion of the existing electricity system in the college on the solar sys-Earlier, the Principal of Girls College, Professor

Gul Baloch received the Minister upon reaching col-She apprised the

Minister about the issue of lack of funds for fuel being faced by the college. He assured to resolve the matter by speaking to

four luxurious KARACHI (INP): The

The FIA in the latest

action raided a car showroom at Khalid bin Waleed road and seized four luxury vehicles including, Land Cruiser, Audi and others. The vehicles were seized as the showroom owner failed to present proof of import of the vehicles.