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Government to come up with out-of-box solution on power sector for public relief: PM Kakar

Expresses hope that foreign investment projects worth \$25 billion each from Saudi Arabia and the Middle East would realize in a time span of two to five years

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday assured that his government was exploring realistic options to come up with out-of-box solutions to provide relief to electricity consumers.

The prime minister, in an interaction with foreign media representatives, said the government would make informed decisions to satisfy the masses on the issue of electricity bills without deviating from the country's commitments with the international financial institutions. Mentioning the issues of circular debt, power theft and taxes, the prime minister said the government would introduce short-term solutions to the issue without undermining the agitating people.

He assured that the

caretaker government was mandated to facilitate holding the general elections as early as possible while observing the constitutional obligations.

He said the Constitution called for carrying out the delimitation of constituencies following the population census.

Prime Minister Kakar said without redesigning the government structure, the interim setup was mainly focused on rearranging the fiscal and monetary policies to build an edifice for economic revival.

Calling the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) a strategy for economic revival, he said it focused on agriculture, mines and minerals, defence production and information technology. However, he also spelled

out the economic reform agenda of his government, saying that the imminent steps included the privatization of two or more power distribution companies.

He said the reforms needed in taxation and power sectors, and his government would level-level a basis for mid-level reforms.

Kakar said the government was pursuing a policy of doing the doable and providing a strategic direction to economic planning.

To a question, he said all the registered political parties would be provided a level playing field to contest the general elections without any discrimination.

However, he said in certain instances, political behaviour turned into vandalism and the country's

PM orders immediate action against power thieves, defaulters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday ordered immediate action against those involved in power theft in the country and asked relevant authorities to submit reports in this regard on the daily basis.

Chairing a meeting, the prime minister also directed to take swift action against electricity defaulters, saying there should not be any leniency towards electricity thieves and the defaulters.

During the meeting, the prime minister was briefed in detail about all sections of the energy sector.

The meeting was informed about the total installed capacity, actual generation and overall energy supply during various seasons.

The prime minister was also informed about the energy mix in power production.

law was already in vogue to deal with such conduct.

Talking about the terror attacks by the TTP, the prime minister drew attention to the leftover military equipment by the United States and allied forces back in Afghanistan, which, he viewed, were becoming a threat to peace thus necessitating a coordinated approach to deal with the challenge.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting regarding power sector in Islamabad

IMF rejects Pakistan's power relief plan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has turned down Pakistan government's proposal designed to provide relief to the impoverished for exorbitant electricity bills, sources in the Finance Department said Monday.

They said a consensus could not be achieved with the IMF over the relief plan.

In the proposal, the IMF was informed by the Pakistan government that relief provision would have an impact of less than Rs6.5 billion. The IMF, however, put the impact at about Rs15 billion, and dismissed the plan as a result.

The IMF has now reportedly sought a proposal on how Pakistan intends to

cover this fiscal gap of Rs.15 billion.

Once the new plan is shared with the global lender, the Finance Ministry and IMF authorities will head into talks again.

Pakistan has assured the IMF that providing relief for inflated power bills will not result in a budget deficit, sources added.

The IMF was requested to approve a plan seeking payment of electricity bills by consumers in installments over the course of four months.

The interim government devised a strategy to provide relief to power consumers on exorbitant electricity bills, with a reduction of Rs3000 for users consuming 300 units.

Reports suggest that

bills for power consumers using 300 units in September will be decreased by the aforementioned amount.

The government, a few days ago, shared a plan with the IMF seeking relief for the impoverished people in connection with electricity bills.

The government held out an assurance that none of the targets agreed upon by the previous government would be compromised.

Caretaker Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar said a team comprising Pakistani authorities met with IMF officials while she was not part of the team, she reiterated Pakistan's commitment to honour the IMF programme.

Pakistan-KSA joint exercise on counter terrorism concludes



RAWALPINDI (APP): The closing ceremony of Pakistan-KSA Joint Exercise in Counter Terrorism domain, AL BATTAR-1, was held at Cherat on Monday.

The two-week long exercise commenced on August 22 with the participation of Special Forces contingents from two brotherly countries, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Nawaf Saeed Al Malkiy along with senior military leadership, witnessed the final day activities of the exercise.

Combat Aviation along with the Special Forces of both countries, displayed their professional excellence. The Exercise concluded with the Fly Past.

The exercise was aimed at further harnessing the historic military-to-military relations between both brotherly countries, including nurturing of joint employment concept against counter-terrorism and identifying areas of mutual interest for future military collaborations.

Issue of missing persons more important than inflation: Article 6 should be applied on those responsible for delay in elections: Mengal

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companion.

Welcoming the new joiners in the party, Sardar Akhtar Mengal said that the party would be strengthened further with their joining.

Referring the issue of missing persons, the BNP president said that we have been raising the issue of missing persons since 2006, and we have talked about it at every forum since then.

QUETTA: The President Balochistan National Party (BNP), Sardar Akhtar Mengal has stated that no one is safe in the circumstances being created in the Balochistan province. He said that the issue of missing persons is more critical than the issue of price hike and law and order.



He also said that we have already described the present rulers as undertakers instead of caretakers.

This and similar other views were expressed by the BNP chief while addressing a scheduled press conference at his residence on Monday afternoon.

A lawyer Ibrahim Lehri Advocate announced to join the BNP along with his

Four sentenced to death in blasphemy case

RAWALPINDI (APP): The District and Sessions Court Rawalpindi on Monday sentenced four accused to death in a blasphemy case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Ahsan Mehmood Malik pronounced the verdict after recording evidence from the witnesses and final arguments from both sides.

The convicts Faizan Razaq, Amin Rais, Muhammad Rizwan and Wazir Gul were found guilty of blasphemy under Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

The court also gave seven years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 100,000 to another accused Usman Liaqat under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act.

President, PM, others express grief Three Pakistan Navy personnel martyred in Gwadar helicopter crash

ISLAMABAD (INP): Two Pakistan Navy officers and one soldier were martyred Monday in a helicopter crash in Balochistan's Gwadar, a spokesperson for the navy said.

According to media reports, the spokesperson said that the helicopter crashed during a training flight in Gwadar. "The helicopter crashed during the flight due to a possible technical fault," the spokesperson said. "As a result of the accident, two officers and one jawan of the Pakistan Navy lost their lives," the spokesperson added.

The spokesperson added that an investigation had been launched into the incident.

President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of precious lives in a helicopter crash in Gwadar.

He condoled the martyrdom of Pak Navy officers and Jawans in the helicopter crash, and prayed for elevation of ranks of their souls in paradise.

He also paid tributes to

the services rendered by the martyrs for their motherland.

The president expressed sympathies with the bereaved families and prayed for grant of courage to them to bear this loss with equanimity.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the tragic incident of navy helicopter crash in Gwadar.

Condoiling the martyrdom of three personnel of Pakistan Navy, the prime minister prayed to Allah Almighty to grant courage to the bereaved families to bear the loss with equanimity.

Interim Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti expressed grief and sorrow on the sad incident of Naval Helicopter Crash in Gwadar on Monday in which two officers and one soldier embraced martyrdom.

In his condolence message, the minister prayed for the departed souls and the bereaved families.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Industries Prince Ahmed Ali Baloch meeting with Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai

No issue in world, which has no solution: Governor

We have to make serious decisions for finding sustainable solution to the complex issues being confronted by the province

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has categorically stated that there's no issue in the world, which has no solution. However, we have to make serious decisions for finding sustainable solution to the complex issues being confronted by the province.

He said that he has true realization of the deprivations of basic facilities in Panjur. He said that the present government is determined to provide basic facilities to the masses at their doorstep in remote areas of the province.

The Governor was speaking to the district President of Balochistan National Party, Abdul Ghaffar Shahezaei and General Secretary Qadeer Baloch, who called on

him here at the Governor House on Monday.

During the course of meeting, the matters about border trade, poor state of roads and highways, law and order situation and issues of health and education were discussed.

The members of delegation also apprised the Governor about the issues and hardships of the people of Panjur and its adjoining areas.

They said that the people of Panjur are deprived of the basic facilities of life in the present developed era.

They demanded of the Governor to take steps for ensuring presence of doctors and teachers in their area.

The Governor gave patient hearing to the issues and assured them of his every possible cooperation to resolve them. The Governor also assured that he would visit Panjur very soon.

President calls for upholding supremacy of constitution

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday appreciated the statement made by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar that his government would abide by the Supreme Court's judgement on the matter of general elections.

The president said this in a meeting with Caretaker Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Ahmed Irfan Aslam, who called on him here.

The meeting discussed many issues related to the holding of general elections in the country.

President Alvi emphasized the need for upholding the supremacy of the Constitution, adding that decisions should be taken in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution.

US dollar reaches Rs. 330 in open market

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a relentless surge, the value of the US dollar against the Pakistani rupee continued to rise, reaching an unprecedented high of Rs330 in the open market on Monday.

On the first day of the business week, the interbank market saw the dollar's value increase by 53 paise, while in the open market, it surged by 2 rupees. The staggering climb to Rs330 in the open market is a new record that has left traders and the public grappling with the implications. Last week had witnessed a slight dip in the dollar's value in the interbank market, as it had depreciated by 7 paise, closing at Rs305.47 according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over meeting of Secretaries Committee



QUETTA: General Secretary Balochistan National Party Jahanzeb Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Pak Navy's helicopter crash in Gwadar: Governor, CM pay rich tributes to martyrs sacrificing their lives in line of duty

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has expressed deep grief and sorrow over martyrdom of two officers and a jawan in the helicopter crash took place in Gwadar.

In a condolence statement issued here on Monday, the Governor prayed for the departed souls of the Navy officers and jawan in the helicopter mishap.

He also prayed that may Allah Almighty give enough strength and patience to the bereaved families to bear the tragic loss of their dear ones.

It may be mentioned here that two officers and a jawan of Pak Navy embraced martyrdom in the crash of helicopter in Gwadar on Monday morning.

The Pilot of helicopter Lt. Commander Jawad, assistant pilot Hasnain and Technician Jamal were martyred in the helicopter crash.

The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Zubair Jamali and caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani has expressed grief and sorrow over the crash of helicopter in Gwadar claiming lives of two Pak Navy officers and a jawan.

Punjab Governor says: Vast opportunities for Pakistani businessmen to export in ASEAN countries

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LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended the Trade and Tourism Conference on ASEAN at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry today as a special guest. Ambassadors of ASEAN countries, President Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kashif Anwar, and officials and executive committee members of the Chamber were present in the conference. Addressing the conference, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that there are vast opportunities for Pakistani businessmen to export in ASEAN countries. Similarly, businessmen from ASEAN countries can invest in Pakistan in various sectors. He said that the government has taken various measures to provide facilities to foreign investors. ASEAN member countries can benefit from these facilities, he added. He said that he warmly welcomes the honourable ambassadors of ASEAN countries present in the conference and expressed hope that this conference will play a significant role in the promotion of trade and tourism relations between Pakistan and ASEAN countries. He said that Pakistan has vast business opportunities for ASEAN countries in various sectors including tourism, agriculture, and export of halal products. He said that Pakistan has a unique position in the world in terms of its natural scenery, cultural heritage, and hospitality. He said that the landscapes of our country have all the features, adding that investment and proper promotion can make Pakistan the centre of tourism. Punjab Governor emphasized that the expertise of ASEAN countries should be utilized for the development of Pakistan's tourism sector and with their support and guidance, better policies should be formulated to improve basic infrastructure and attract foreign tourists. He further said that new avenues of trade and economic cooperation can be explored within the ASEAN region. He said our presence here today reflects the importance we attach to fostering robust relationship and creating synergies that can pave the way for mutual growth and prosperity.



GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan Addressing a press conference.

Principal's indecent viral video Minister directs to seal unregistered school

KARACHI (APP): Private Institutions on the directives of the provincial minister, has written a letter to Deputy Commissioner Malir to seal the building of the unregistered private school until the matter is investigated. The district administration has been directed to take legal action on the incident in the unregistered school. The private school is located in Gulshan e Hadeed area of the city. The Directorate of

Ghazanfar says: IRD launched at regional office of Federal Ombudsman

FAISALABAD (APP): Federal Ombudsman was making strenuous efforts to facilitate the masses and in this connection, the regional office had focused on Informal Resolution of Disputes (IRD) to pass on benefits to the grieved sectors of the economy, said Incharge Regional Secretariat of Federal Ombudsman Faisalabad Syed Ghazanfar Mehdi. Talking to APP during an exclusive meeting here, he said that Federal Ombudsman had launched IRD program during April 2022 which had provided tangible results. Therefore, this mechanism was also introduced in regional secretariat Faisalabad so that the people could be provided speedy and free justice. He said that regional office had so far received four complaints under IRD. The IRD had no need of fee payment to any pleader or bear the brunt of litigation or face long judicial procedure rather this program helped in resolving the dispute through an arbiter at preliminary stage, he added. He said that Federal Ombudsman had so far resolved more than 2275 disputes under IRD whereas 127 cases were under progress across the country.



SIALKOT: Deputy Commissioner Adnan Mehmood Awan is addressing the convention of District Numberdars titled "Ab Gaon Chamkein Gay".

Special measures being taken to improve cleanliness: Sec LG South

MULTAN (APP): Local Government South Punjab, Amin Owaisi, said that special measures were being taken to improve cleanliness of city of Saints. He expressed these views during visit to Multan Waste Management Company (MVMC) office here on Monday. Chief Executive Officer MVMC Shahid Yaqub gave briefing on sanitation situation. New board of directors has been formed for the improvement of the company's affairs and capacity of the company will also increase. Amin Owaisi directed officials to place containers and dust bins at central places of the city in order to provide pleasant environment to citizens. Company was performing well despite limited resources. He also ordered to fix place for new landfill sites and transfer stations. Earlier, CEO Shahid Yaqub said that merit policy was implemented to improve the performance of the company.

CM extends sympathies to heirs of martyrs

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the Pak Navy helicopter crash in Gwadar. In a message, he extended heartfelt sympathies to the heirs of two officers and a jawan who embraced martyrdom.

LHC orders to produce Parvez Elahi on Sept 5

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday ordered district and sessions judge Attock to recover former chief minister Punjab Parvez Elahi from Attock jail and produce him tomorrow (Tuesday). The court also issued a notice to the inspector general of police Islamabad for September 8 and sought explanation over the arrest of Parvez Elahi. Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafiq passed the orders while hearing two separate petitions filed by Qaisara Elahi, wife of Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, for the production of her husband and contempt proceedings against Punjab police officials. The court heard the petitions at different intervals during the day.

Under-training police officers delegation visits PSCA

LAHORE (APP): A delegation comprising police officers, undergoing training at the Chung Training Centre, visited the Punjab Safe Cities Authority here on Monday. The delegation was briefed by the Safe Cities officers about working of the authority. The visitors were informed about the operations and monitoring centre, 15 emergency help centres, call dispatch control centre and also briefed about the e-challenging system. The delegation was told that the PSCA electronic data analysis centre has provided digital evidence in more than 20,000 cases. The police officers said the Safe City cameras were providing full support in police operations and investigations. The plan is very important for guiding law-enforcement agencies. For that, the scope of the Safe Cities project would be extended to the whole of Punjab.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing the Trade and Tourism Conference on ASEAN at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Inspects development projects in city Naqvi directs acceleration of work on Nawaz Sharif interchange underpass project CM Punjab overflies Ring Road Southern Loop-III project for inspection

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LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the Shadara flyovers and the Nawaz Sharif Interchange Bedian Road underpass projects to assess the progress. The Shadara flyovers project is approximately 84 percent complete, while the Nawaz Sharif interchange Bedian Road underpass project has seen about 40 percent of its work finished. During his visit to the Shadara flyovers, Mohsin Naqvi closely examined the construction of protective walls and met with the project workers, urging them to continue their hard work diligently. He expressed satisfaction with the progress and instructed the creation of an alternative service road to facilitate traffic flow from Gujranwala. He emphasized the need to elevate the service road to improve traffic management and provided necessary directives to the Director General Lahore Development Authority (LDA) and the contractor to ensure timely completion of both projects within the specified time frame. This project would permanently resolve traffic issues at entry and exit points of the provincial metropolis, he noted. Commissioner/ DG LDA Mohammad Ali Randhawa, chief engineer LDA and contractor briefed that work on the Shadara flyovers projects continues round the clock to achieve timely completion, which will significantly improve daily traffic flow for 300,000 vehicles.

Situation in GB is completely peaceful

GILGIT (APP): The situation in Gilgit-Baltistan is completely peaceful. Business life is going on as normal in commercial centres and bazaars. According to a statement issued by the Information Department of Gilgit-Baltistan, thousands of tourists from home and abroad are coming to enjoy the natural environment of Gilgit-Baltistan. According to the statement, anti-national and evil elements are trying to give a negative colour to the peaceful protest by some religious parties in Gilgit-Baltistan on social media and are busy misleading public opinion through fake news and propaganda. In any places in Gilgit-Baltistan, no shots were fired and no damage was done to private or government property during the peaceful protest against religious and communal response. According to the statement, the Gilgit-Baltistan government is implementing coordinated measures with the cooperation of all stakeholders for the development and development of the region, religious tolerance and co-existence.

Heavy quantity of 'Gutka' seized

FAISALABAD (APP): The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) seized a heavy quantity of 'Gutka' (betel quid) and imposed fine on shopkeepers over violation of the laws. A PFA spokesman said here on Monday that a team conducted checking of a grocery store and cold drinks corner near Novelty Bridge Dijkot Road and found 1,100 packets of prohibited 'Gutka' (Rattan and One2One). Both shopkeepers had stored the prohibited item at secret places of their shops. The PFA team imposed fine on the shopkeepers and warned that they would be sent behind bars.



KARACHI: Women supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami participate in a rally to mark International Hijab Day in Provincial Capital.

CM's aide says: Govt to utilize all resources for supplying clean drinking water

PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to KP Caretaker Chief Minister on Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Communications & Works, Dr. Syed Sarfaraz Ali Shah Monday said all resources will be utilized for uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water to the people across the province. He expressed these views during a briefing regarding the monitoring system of the ongoing development projects and their completion within the stipulated time period. Director Technical Waseem Marwat while giving a briefing said that there are 7991 water supply schemes in the settled districts of Khyber.

Latest screening system installed at Lahore airport

LAHORE (APP): In an important development in connection with the start of flights from Pakistan to the UK and the European Union (EU) countries, a state-of-the-art screening system has been installed at Allama Iqbal International Airport. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) sources told APP on Monday that the system has been installed with the cooperation of the UK government. Last month, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) had passed an initial audit by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), bringing the national flag carrier one step closer to resuming flights to the UK. The UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy officials handing over the sized Narcotics to ANF officials.

KP CM, US CG discuss collaboration for regional development

PESHAWAR (APP): behind in development for decades. He also highlighted the special need to focus on building basic infrastructure in these war-torn regions and placed particular emphasis on road infrastructure development. He further noted that improving the police infrastructure in the merged districts was essential to ensure peace and security. The promotion of girls' education was among the provincial government's top priorities, the chief minister said. He expressed the willingness of the KP provincial government to welcome American cooperation in these sectors and provide any necessary assistance. Shante Moore, assured that the US government would continue to work closely with the provincial government and the public to carry on the work of public welfare. PESHAWAR: US Consul General Mr. Shante Moore meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali at Governor House.



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Minister performs ground breaking of 'Isolation Hospital' at Lahore airport

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan and this was for the first time that this kind of international conference was being arranged in Pakistan in which public health experts from all over the world would participate. He recalled that it was a matter of prestige that Pakistan would host such international conference. He was of the view that by organising such international conference in Pakistan, it would pave the way for improvement, modernisation and development in the health sector of the country. Meanwhile, a delegation of pharma exporters called on Health Minister Dr Nadeem Jan in Lahore and discussed various issues related to pharma sector. The meeting decided to create a comprehensive strategy to increase exports of pharma drugs as Pakistan's pharma sector had lot of potential. The health minister emphasised the need for quality of medicines as per international standards in order to increase exports. LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr Nadeem Jan said on Monday that integrated strategy had been formulated to protect people from diseases and epidemics. He was addressing the ground-breaking ceremony of the 'Isolation Hospital' at Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore. The minister said that the government was determined to strengthen the border health services to deal with any sudden outbreaks as epidemics had no borders limits, adding that surveillance mechanism at international airports of the country were being improved to tackle the situation. Dr Nadeem Jan said that the government was ensuring implementation of international health recommendations. He announced that a conference on Global Health Security Agenda was going to be held in



HYDERABAD: Civil society, different political and nationalist parties activists, advocates and people from different walks of life block bypass against kidnapping of Hindu businessmen and children in Kashmir.

KP CS orders IBO against smuggling of essential commodities

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PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary on Monday directed intelligence-based operations against smuggling and hoarding of essential commodities. He gave the instruction while presiding over a meeting of the provincial task force on anti-smuggling and hoarding of essential commodities and other items. The Chief Secretary said that, constituted on the direction of the Prime Minister, the task force would ensure that smuggling and hoarding of essential commodities are halted and strict action is taken against violators as per law. The forum was apprised that sufficient stock of sugar was available in the province, which would last until the start of the sugar crushing season in mid-November, provided that smuggling and hoarding of the commodity was controlled. To stop currency smuggling, scanning and full body searches at airports and border points are standard procedures. It was further informed that 21 provincial joint check posts had been established in border districts, manned by officials of the agriculture and food department, the police, and the district administration. The Chief Secretary stressed upon the authorities to work in close coordination to tackle the sugar crisis.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Ahmed Irfan Aslam called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

PM for promoting PPP to reduce govt expenditures, improve performance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said promoting public private partnership in the country could curtail government expenditures and improve performance of the projects.

He stressed the need to further promote public private partnership with respect to the construction of motorways and highways across the country.

Chairing a high level meeting of Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA), the prime minister said with infrastructure development, the connectivity of different areas of the

country would be improved, thus strengthening the national integration.

He directed the relevant authorities to present a comprehensive plan with respect to the East-West connectivity to provide better access between Western and Eastern areas of the country. He said additional opportunities were required with respect to the promotion of public private partnership.

During the meeting, it was informed that projects worth Rs 646 billion were launched in the last two years under public private partnership.

Direct savings of Rs

150 billion were ensured in terms of government subsidies through the approved projects of public private partnership, the meeting was told.

The meeting was further informed that Sialkot-Kharian Motorway, Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway, Kharian-Rawalpindi Motorway, Karachi Circular Railways and outsourcing of Islamabad International Airport were among the top Public Private Partnership Authority projects. "Education, information technology and export sectors are also among the priorities," it was added.

Quran to guide human mind until end of time: Aneeq

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed on Monday said the Quran would continue to serve as the guiding light for the human mind throughout eternity.

In a briefing held at the Ministry's Research and Reference Department, he made a significant announcement and also issued directives regarding the upcoming Seerat Conference.

During the briefing, the minister expressed the belief that Islam was a comprehensive and all-encompassing religion.

He stressed the im-

portance of addressing contemporary issues and modern challenges while remaining firmly rooted in the teachings of Islam. He stated that their love for religion was unwavering, but to provide guidance to the world, they must harness the knowledge found within the Quranic sciences.

Furthermore, Minister Aneeq highlighted the need for greater Muslim involvement in the fields of modern science and ongoing research. He expressed concern that the Quranic perspective on cosmic control seems distant from the Muslim community in today's world.

Pakistan Navy seized 9.5 tons of narcotics at sea

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Navy and Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in an intelligence-based joint counter-narcotics operation on Monday seized 9.5 tons of narcotics and over 10 thousand bottles of liquor at sea. The apprehended drugs were stowed in hidden compartments of a fishing boat that was successfully intercepted by a Pakistan Navy Ship, a Pakistan Navy news release said. The estimated value of seized narcotics is US \$ 112 million in the international market. The seized drugs were subsequently handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Force for further legal proceedings.



QUETTA: President Civil Secretariat Officer Association Balochistan Abdul Malik Kakar meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Perform duties of Anti-Rape Crisis Cells 18 districts get police surgeons & medical legal officers

QUETTA: In all 34 police surgeons and medical legal officers have been posted in the government hospitals of 18 districts of Balochistan province.

This was announced in an official notification issued here by the Provincial Health Department, Government of Balochistan.

According to the notification, the police sur-

geons and MLOs would perform their duties of Anti-Rape Crisis Cells under Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act 2021, with immediate effect and until further orders.

The doctors would also be responsible to prepare reports on medical legal investigations in the crimes, accidents and post-mortem, adding the notification mentioned.

Admiral (ret'd) Asif Sandila calls on PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Admiral (Retd.) Muhammad Asif Sandila called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday and discussed matters relating to mutual interests.

Asif Sandila congratulated the prime minister on assuming the charge of his office and expressed best wishes for him.

PM Kakar appreciated the services of 'Moawin Foundation', which was working for the welfare of marginalized segments of rural areas under the leadership of Asif Sandila.

SCBA to host farewell dinner in honour of outgoing CJP on Sept 13

ISLAMABAD, (INP): The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) will host a farewell dinner in honour of outgoing Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Umar Ata Bandial on September 13.

The valedictory dinner will be attended by the Supreme Court judges, retired judges, and senior lawyers.

Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial is retiring on September 16.

Speakers says Chaghi, Panjgur potential to produce thousands of MW renewable electricity

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan's Chaghi and Panjgur districts have the potential to produce thousands of megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity (RE) from wind and solar energy but financial, administrative and political problems are hampering this potential from becoming a reality. These views were expressed by speakers while addressing a consultative conference held in Quetta on Monday.

They highlighted various electricity problems faced by the people of Balochistan, such as low levels of access to electricity, high electricity costs and long hours of load-shedding, and said that the most effective option to address these problems is to produce electricity from renewable sources close to where people need it.

They also underscored the fact that Balochistan-based electricity projects in general and renewable energy projects being planned in the province, in particular, get neglected because of the fragile law and order

situation, lack of policy preparation and policy planning at the provincial level and the absence of coordination between the provincial and federal authorities.

The conference, titled Balochistan's Renewable Energy Journey: Making accessible, affordable and sustainable power in the Province, was organized by the Institute for Development Studies and Practices (IDSP), a non-governmental organization working in Balochistan since 1998.

It was held in this endeavour by two Islamabad-based think tanks, Renewables First and Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED).

Rabia Mirani and Zubair Khan, two young researchers working with ISDP on a draft renewable energy policy for Balochistan, told the participants of the conference that the governments as well as the private sector are highly reluctant to invest in the province's electricity sector.

"This reluctance owes to many factors including extremely low recovery of electricity bills, especially from the owners of agricultural tube-wells, and the requirement to lay very long transmission and distribution networks to take electricity to the highly dispersed and sparse provincial population," they said.

Ammar Qaseem, a researcher associated with Renewables First, briefed the conference on how the federal government's planning document for the energy sector, Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP), is made and how its low focus on renewable energy is hurting Balochistan's interests.

"Not a single renewable energy project from Balochistan has been included in the latest edition of IGCEP. This means that no renewable energy project will be installed in Balochistan in the next ten years unless the makers of IGCEP change their policy focus and prioritize renewable energy over other sources of energy," he said.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on Public Private Partnership Authority.

Introductory meeting with high ups: Jamali directs to make short & long term plans for effective policing

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd.) Zubair Jamali has stressed the need to make short and long term planning for successful and effective policing.

He said that it is requirement of the present era to ensure information technology based policing in the province so as to achieve the desired goals of law and order. He stressed adding moreover, we would also have to take steps for welfare of the masses and make the police their friendly.

The caretaker Minister Home was in an introductory meeting with the Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Superintendents of Police here on Monday.

Also present on the occasion were the Additional Chief Secretary Home, Saleh Muhammad

Nasar, Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafiqat, Special Secretary Home, Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Additional Secretary Home and other concerned high ups. The meeting was briefed about the law and order situation in different areas of the province. In addition to this, the meeting was also briefed about the special steps taken and being taken on chehlum of Hazra Imran Hussain (RA).

Addressing the meeting, the Minister said that we have to deliver the services to the masses. He exhorted the law enforcement agencies to perform their duties as service.

In order to bring improvement in the policing, we have to use modern techniques of modern era, he stressed adding moreover, we would also have to take steps for welfare of the masses and make the police their friendly.

Jan Jamali saddened over loss of precious lives in heli crash

QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali has expressed sorrow over the loss of precious lives in helicopter crash in Gwadar.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the Speaker expressed heartfelt condolence and sympathy with the bereaved families of the martyrs.

He prayed for the departed souls and the heirs that may Allah Almighty give them patience to bear the tragic loss of lives of their dear ones.

Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali said that the country is surviving just because of the sacrifices of the brave soldiers of the nation.

CG Japan, President PJCA condole demise of former judge

QUETTA (APP): Consul General of Japan Syed Nadeem Alam Shah and President of Pakistan Japan Cultural Association Quetta Syed Feroze Alam Shah on Monday condole the demise of former Judge International Court of Law Hague, Justice (retired) Ali Nawaz Chauhan.

Expressing deep grief and sorrow over the death of the former judge, they said Pakistan has lost an expert jurist, thinker and patriot.



QUETTA: Quetta Administrator, Jabbar Baloch addresses to members of Metropolitan Corporation Tazemee Ittehad after successful negotiations with them during their protest, in Quetta.

Sardar Ejaz Jaffar exhorts PHE officers to ensure supply of clean water to people

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE), Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar has emphasized that it is responsibility of the concerned officers of department to ensure supply of clean water to the masses with good intention and honesty.

He said that the officers would perform their duties with honesty would be respectable to him and honourable. No relaxation would be given to the officers to be indulged in illegal and negative acts at all.

The caretaker Minister was speaking during the briefing about performance of the PHE and other related matters.

The Secretary PHE, Saleh Muhammad Baloch briefed the Minister in detail.

Also present on the occasion were the Additional Secretary PHE, Abdul Qadeer, Chief Engineer and other senior officials of the department.

Sardar Ejaz Jaffar said that he has served as Secretary of the department, so he knew well all affairs of the department.

He announced to visit to the water supply

schemes of the department on and off. He asserted that if he found element of personal interest of the officers in the projects of water supply, action would be taken against them.

He on the occasion directed to ensure supply of water to the Lehri Khairwah and other adjoining areas besides providing water to Bakhtiarabad and Bhag from Pat Feeder canal under the Phase-I of Kachhi canal.

He also directed to enforce billing and collection system immediately so as to ensure maximum recovery.

Sindhi for enhancing Pak-Turkiye cooperation in education, culture

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi Monday emphasized enhancing cooperation between Pakistan and Turkiye in the fields of culture and education. He was speaking during the event titled 'One Hundred Years of Magnitude: Pak-Turk Affinity,' organized by the National Institute for Historical and Cultural Research (NIHCR), Quaid-i-Azam University, and the Yunus Emre Institute, Turkish Cultural Center.

The minister stated that the fraternal relations between Pakistan and Turkiye were an unprecedented manifestation of brotherhood and love, which cannot be compared.

He said that the Muslims of the subcontinent actively participated in the Khilafat Movement and added that the new generation should be aware of their cultural identity.

"We are proud that our region is home to the great civilizations of the

world. Thousands of years ago, when the world was plunged into darkness, the civilization of Mohenjo Daro and Harappa were the cradles of knowledge and wisdom" he said.

Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Jamal Shah while addressing the event said that a talented and creative mind was the hallmark of any nation. It is through the promotion of literature and art that nations come closer to each other and the intimacy between them increases.

The guest of honor, Ambassador of Turkiye, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Picaci said that Turkiye values and respects the evergreen relationship with Pakistan. In every field of life, both of them have supported each other wholeheartedly.

He said, "We should increase cooperation in education, health, tourism, and other matters of mutual interest so that the effectiveness and recognition of this relationship may become deeper and stronger."

Advisor for Irrigation vows to play role to resolve problems of masses

QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Irrigation, Mir Danish Langove has assured that he would play wholehearted role for resolving the basic issues of general public taking deep interest.

He said that he and other members of the interim cabinet are well aware of the issues being faced by the people, and as such he is committed to play their part in resolving them.

This and similar other views were expressed by the Advisor to Chief Minister while speaking to different delegations who called on him here at his office on Monday.

The members of delegations greeted Mir Danish Langove on becoming Advisor to the interim Chief Minister.

He said that although the duration of interim government is brief, however, he is firm to resolve the issues of common men remaining in the mandate given.

The Advisor further said that development of irrigation has priority in production sector. He said that he doesn't claim to bring revolution in the Irrigation department, but assure that he would play his role in maintaining quality of work in all development projects, he maintained.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Qadir Bakhsh meeting with Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai

Raids dairy farms; Quetta administration recovers adulterated milk and 50 bottles of oxytocin

QUETTA: The Quetta district administration launched crackdown against the adulterated milk at the dairy farms located in various parts of the city.

The Assistant Commissioner Sadar F. Lieutenant (Retd) Khalid Shams raised different dairy farms along with the high ups of Balochistan Food Authority (BFA).

During the raids, the

team seized around 100 liters powdered milk and discarded it, around 50 bottles of prohibited chemical oxytocin were also recovered. A person using the same was arrested and Rs. 50 fine was also charged.

Meanwhile, the administration and BFA team also visited different areas to check the plantation of different vegetables and crops through use of contaminated sewer water.



QUETTA: Senator Danesh Kumar meeting with Caretaker Finance Minister Amjad Rasheed and Advisor to Chief Minister Danish Lango

Finance Minister chairs ECNEC meeting

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatisation Dr. Shamsah Akhtar chaired the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC), today. Mr. Sami Saeed, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar, Minister for Communications, Maritime Affairs & Railways, Mr. Muhammad Ali, Minister for Power & Petroleum, Mr. Ahmad Rasool Bangash Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Excise & Taxation KPK, Mr. Muhammad Younas Dhaga Minister for Finance, Revenue Sindh Government, Mr. Amjad Rasheed, Minister for Finance & Revenue

Balochistan, Federal Secretaries and other senior officers from Federal Ministries and Provincial departments participated in the meeting. The ECNEC considered and approved project of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination titled "Emergency Plan for Polio Eradication (3rd revised)" at a cost of USD 1784.93 million including grant from GPEI partners of USD 1197.93 million, Islamic Development Bank loan of USD 552 million and AFD loan of USD 35 million. The project will supply polio eradication vaccines all over Pakistan and will be executed by WHO and UNICEF. The ECNEC after discussion extended the duration of umbrella PC-1 of the project to three years.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Ahmed Jaffar being briefed by Secretary PHE Saleh Muhammad Baloch about departmental affairs