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PM for action against elements spreading chaos in name of religion in Gilgit

Says concentration on self-dependence vital for country's economic revival

GILGIT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday directed the authorities concerned to

spreading chaos in the name strict action against them. The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss development projects and law and order situation in

Gilgit Baltistan, said the security of every citizen was the state's responsibility. In the meeting, the prime minister was briefed about the progress on projects in information technology, sectors, as well as the is- and establishment of smart

identify the elements sues He was told that steps of religion in Gilgit, and take had been taken to identify and address the problems confronting the education sector in all GB districts, particularly Diamer and

The measures taken for the promotion of education sector included the provision of food to the students, reconstruction of buildings and rehabilitation of dilapidated structures, profeshealth, education, and other sional training of teachers,

was also apprised of projects in the GB health sector including the estab-lishment of a 24-hour helpline to address the issue of mental health. Besides the performance of the environment and tourism sectors, the prime min-ister was also briefed about the sowing of wheat and subsidy on the crop, production and potential of hydel power in GB as well as the budget.

Prime Minister Kakar The prime minister directed the GB administration and leadership to assess the scope of the ongoing development projects and give a special focus on those of a crucial nature. Interim Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti, Interim Information and Broadcasting Minister Murtaza Solangi, Gilgit Baltistan Governor Syed Mehdi Shah, Chief Minister Gulbar Khan, GB chief secretary and IG Police, and senior officers attended the meeting.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over introductory meeting of Provincial Cabinet



review meeting in Gilgit about development in various sectors and situation of law & order in Gilgit-Baltistan

Launching of Governor's IT Initiative Programme:

Governor announces to conduct free courses of modern IT for unemployed youth of Balochistan

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Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar announced to conduct free courses of the modern information technology for the unemployed youth of the province. The youth of Balochistan would be learnt skills by the IT professional team coming from

The Governor was

QUETTA: The Governor programme at the Governor House on Tuesday.

The ceremony was also attended by the caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki, caretaker Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Chief Minister, senior government officials, secretaries of different provincial government departments, other dignitaries, faculty members and male and female



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar and Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki inaugurating IT Initia-

Level-playing field not

available to all political

parties: Bilawal

separate corruption cases.

and that is my objection,'

said the former foreign min-

on Tuesday.

Nawaz

receivable salary.

"There is not a level-

SUKKUR (INP): Pakistan

Peoples Party (PPP) Chair-

man Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari has demanded that

there should be a level-

playing field for all

political leaders, main-

taining that the political

leaders are deprived of

equal opportunities to con-

test the upcoming general

sponding to a question re-

garding the level-playing

field available to his party

as the two political bigwigs

Nawaz Sharif and PTI chief

Imran Khan — are currently ineligible to contest

PML-N supremo

He stated this while re-

that marked launching of students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor was appreciative the efforts of ÎT professional team from Karachi saying that their endeavours deserve com

mendation. He said that both the male and female youth can benefit from the IT programme. Malik Abdul Wali Kakar also said that the vouth of Balochistan are very talented and hard working., however, they can't utilize their potential just because of the lack of opportunities and facilities in the province, he main-

The Governor said that he is committed to make the youth of Balochistan skilled along with the degree holders

For the purpose, the necessary opportunities are being provided to them (youth) so that they are able to do well in the modern era he maintained.

The IT Initiative Programme is part of the initiatives being taken to provide skills to the youth. especially those are jobless, he mentioned.

Govt decides to dissolve BODs of power distribution companies

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker government playing field for everyone has decided to dissolve Board of Directors (BODs) of Power Distriister during his visit to slain bution Companies.

journalist Jan Muhammad Ministry of energy Mahar's house in Sukkur sources said that new members will be ap pointed in power compa been in self-imposed exile nies. These members will in London since November be technical, capable and 2019 owing to health reanon political. In this resons — was disqualified for spect new boards will be life in 2017 by the Supreme constituted for power dis-Court for not declaring a tribution companies and NTDC.

He is expected to return According to sources to Pakistan in October this the incumbent board year to lead the election members get Rs 60000 campaign of his party. compensation against

one day meeting.

Decision has been aken to abolish the existing procedure for participation in the meeting. Now companies board members will be honor-

On the other hand crackdown on power pilferers is underway across the country. Power stealing more than 80000 units was caught during 4 days crackdown. Fine to the tune of Rs 352 million was slapped on power pilfer-

Caretaker cabinet decides to retrieve official vehicles from former provincial Ministers Minister Information Jan Achakzai says interim

Govt. considering to register cases against those ministers who failed to return official vehicles vet; cabinet decides to limit expenses of provincial Govt.; says law and order budget to be reconsidered in next meeting

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QUETTA: The caretaker Balochistan cabinet has decided to retrieve the official vehicles from the former provincial ministers with

This was announced by the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai while addressing press conference soon after the meeting of provincial cabinet held at the Chief Minister's secretariat on Tuesday.

immediate effect.

Jan Achakzai said that the cabinet has made a decision to retrieve the official vehicles from the former ministers immediately.

He told that although

vehicles are with the former ministers.

The caretaker Minister Information said that the caretaker government is considering to register cases against those ministers who didn't return the vehicles

The interim cabinet has also decided to limit the expenditures of provincial government, Mr. Achakzai mentioned. Similarly, the cabinet

has also decided to limit the vehicles under use of the provincial secretaries, he announced. Moreover, the cabinet

approved to open a women police station in Naseerabad besides approving increase 45 official vehicles have the development expendibeen returned from the former ministers, still 25 tures of the Kharandam, he added.

Info Minister vows to resolve all genuine issues of Gilgit-Baltistan

GILGIT (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has expressed all-out support to Gilgit Baltistan government in addressing all genuine issues being faced by the re-

Talking to newsmen in Gilgit on Tuesday, he said Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has directed to resolve the issue of wheat subsidy, and the now matter has almost been ad-

dressed. The Information Min-

ister said during his tenure as Director General Radio Pakistan, he raised voice for the people of Gilgit Baltistan and worked hard for the promotion of local languages of the area.

Replying to a question about Prime Minister's visit to Gilgit, Murtaza Solangi said the Prime Minister today spent a very busy day in Gilgit, attended various meetings, interacted with the students reviewed law and order situation, and pace of work on various ongoing development projects



Minister, Jan Achakzai addresses to media persons during press conference

At least 2,300 dead in epic Libya floods as **10,000** missing

Monitoring Desk

LIBYA: At least 2,300 people have died, and 10,000 are missing after Storm Daniel dumped devastating rain on Libya's northeast, reportedly bursting two major dams and overflooding the already heavily inundated areas of

the country. Tamer Ramadan, head of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) delegation in Libya, stated that "the death toll is huge and around 10,000 are re-

ported missing. Othman Abduljalil, the health minister in Libya's eastern parliament-backed government, reported that as many as 6,000 people are missing in the city of Derna alone, describing parts of it as a "ghost town.

The floods have overwhelmed several cities in the country's northeast bordering the Mediterranean Sea, including Derna which has been hit particularly hard. Hichem Abu Chkiouat

the minister of civil aviation and a member of the emergency committee in the eastern region, painted a grim picture, stating, "The situation was cata-strophic... The bodies are still lying in many places.

Caretaker CM urges ministers to improve performance & governance of respective departments, submit report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has urged the members of his cabinet to improve performance and governance of their respective departments and submit him the reports on regular basis.

He was chairing the introductory meeting of the caretaker provincial ministers here at the CM secre-

tariat on Tuesday. Minister welcomed the

ministers and said that it's matter of immense pleasure and satisfaction that the people like them are part ity of the Services and Gentive departments. Fawad appointed

as caretaker Federal Minister

ISLAMABAD (Online). President Dr Arif Alvi has appointed Fawad Hassan Fawad as Caretaker Federal Minister. President has appointed Fawad Hassan Fawad on the advice of Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar Haq Kakar.

SC directs LHC to decide within 30 days case against fixation of

sugar price
ISLAMABAD (Online):
Supreme Court (SC) has directed Lahore High Court (LHC) to decide within 30 days case against fixation of price of sugar.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan took up the case for hearing Tues-

The court maintained the matter is fixed for September 20 in high court. High Court should hear the case on day to day basis and give decision within 30 days. Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan remarked this case is against the interim order of high court. Final decision has not come as yet. Case is fixed in high court on September 20. Additional Attorney General said SC had ordered sugar mills to deposit the difference of prices in the

of his cabinet.

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He said that it's our joint responsibility to perform as per the mandate given. He said on one hand, it's our responsibility to any undue demand to the conduct free and fair elec- department which may tions in peaceful manner, have negative impact. but at the same time it is also our mandate to im- interim ministers should prove governance in the departments.

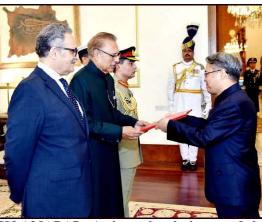
would perform our responsibilities in befitting manner together.

The caretaker Chief stitutional obligation to perform according to the lar basis. He also directed constitution.

He said it's responsibil-

eral administration department to provide offices, vehicles and accommodation to the ministers, however they should not make

In addition to this, the also ensure return of vehicles and other things from He stressed that we the former ministers, adding he stressed. He also urged the cabinet members to reduce the expenditures He said that it is con- of the departments working in their offices on regumandate given to us by the the ministers to ensure punctuality of their staff and officers in their respec-



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador-designate of the People's Republic of China Mr. Jiang Zaidong, presenting his diplomatic credentials to President Dr. ArifAlvi atAiwan-e-Sadr

President for enhanced cooperation with China, Venezuela, Colombia

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday called for more robust cooperation with the People's Republic of China in the areas of trade, economy, culture and de-

He said that China was a reliable and tested friend, and Pakistan wanted to further strengthen the strategic relations for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

The president made these remarks during his meetings with the ambassadors-designate of the People's Republic of China and Venezuela (Non-resident), as well as the Republic of Colombia (Non-resident), who presented their kistan.

diplomatic credentials and separately called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

Welcoming Ambassa-

dor-designate of China to

Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the president said that Pakistan highly valued its ties with China as it had always stood by it at difficult times. He said that Pakistan would continue to support

China on all core issues. Highlighting the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic (CPEC), the president said that CPEC would greatly contribute to the socio-eco-

nomic development of Pa-

Visits Gwadar:

Donald Blome assures US assistance for development of Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The United

States (US) Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Donald Blome visited the port city of Gwadar on Tuesday. During the course of visit, the US ambassador

reviewed the opportunities to enrich development, trade, and commercial ties, building on the successful outcomes that underpin the robust U.S.- Pakistan bilateral relationship.

The visit was aimed at underscoring the United States' commitment to the people of Balochistan, a partnership that remains steadfast and robust.

The United States and Balochistan have a strong history of successful col-



laboration. In the face of last year's devastating floods, the United States helped 661,000 individuals, providing both food and much-needed cash assistance. And nearly 90,000 children were given nourishing meals to combat the threat of starvation. Over the past year, with U.S. support, 41 health fa-

cilities were successfully renovated. In the field of education, U.S. support is strengthening programs at BUITEMS and Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, and empowering the next generation of vouth by developing literacy and education materials in Balochi and various local languages

SUKKUR: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons after condolence with Shaheed journalist Jaan

Muhammad Mahar brothers at his residence

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G20 summit

Several noteworthy developments occurred at the just concluded G20 summit in New Delhi, reflecting the rapid state of flux the international order is experiencing. The grouping of the world's 19 top economies, along with the EU, just admitted the African Union, while Xi Jinping was conspicuous by his absence, sending an unsubtle message to the host nation as well as Western members of the bloc. Vladimir Putin also stayed away. Though the official declaration denounced the use of force and violation of the territorial sovereignty of any state, there was no express criticism of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a compromise solution that was reportedly reached to bridge the wide geopolitical differences between members of the grouping.

Another major announcement was the launch of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, a massive scheme described as a modern 'Spice Route' designed to link India with Europe, via the Arabian Peninsula.

Termed a "real big deal" by Joe Biden, the project is being seen as a rival to China's Belt and Road Initiative that involves transcontinental transportation, energy and data linkages.

From the aforesaid details, it appears that the G20, as well as the G7, are trying to transform themselves from West-led old boys' clubs to more 'inclusive' organisations ready to intend the Sunday mass at
Delhi's British-era Savite more states from the Glo- cred Heart Cathedral May 2024 general elec- another matter the over-BRICS and the SCO may have played a role in these changed

Church. After all, according to a worrying new survey last week, two-played a role in these changed

Church. After all, according to a worrying new survey last week, two-the back for hosting a powerful summit not-powerful summi priorities, which is why the AU has been courted as a partner. Geo-economics and geopolitics are also at play, with the Spice Route taking an aim at the BRI and the Russia-led International North-South Transport Corridor.

Despite being a G20 member, Beijing was not invited to join the new project linking India and Europe. The scheme will also come in handy by connecting Israel with the Arab states.

The building of multiple transcontinental energy and trade corridors is not necessarily a bad thing, as competition can be healthy, while developing states can prosper by attracting investment and serving as conduits in these expansive networks.

Where Pakistan is concerned, due to our internal issues, we are largely spectators rather than active players in these transnational geo-economic networks.

Unfortunately, we have not nated society, it is not faeven fully utilised the potential that CPEC, a BRI project, was supposed to bring.

Pakistan must also realise that despite India's atrocious human rights record in held Kashmir, the West, as well as and making their mark in leadership roles. Despite our Muslim brothers, seem facing several challenges, least concerned and are eager to do business with Delhi. The sad reality is that in the international arena, economic heft overshadows morality.

Therefore, if we want to be part of these global trade networks, and if we want our voice led the group supporting heard where issues such as Kashmir are concerned, we need to first address our internal inadequacies.

Family at high noon



Arifa Noor

uphill battle.

found an answer. Instead,

it is struggling with much

more. First, there is little

qabooliyat. If they are true

Free of the burden of defending and explaining government policies and actions, Khawaja Asif spoke candidly about his own party. In a recent interview, he agreed the senior leadership of the PML-N — the Sharif brothers — needed to be in Pakistan.

Once ministries are not weighing down our politicians, they are more attuned to the mood of the street, than when they have cabinet meetings to attend.

Silently many of his party members would perhaps agree. For the party seems to be in limbo, while other parties such as the PPP and JUI-F are kicking off political activities, despite the shrinking political space. The PTI is doing little because it is struggling to survive the state's onslaught, and the PML-N seems equally paralysed but without good reason. All the latter seems to

have for the moment is a slogan which harks back to the past: Nawaz Sharif as prime minister and the glorious era that was the 2013-2018 term. For obvious reasons, the party doesn't want to own the past 16 months but convincing the people of this remains an If this were the only challenge the PML-N faced, it may still have

clarity or belief in Nawaz Sharif's return, despite the party's promises and announcements about the date. And even if he does, his future remains far from While his campaigning is a necessary condition for the party's performance in the coming election, few are confident he can become prime minister again. For the whispers (similar to the proclamations about the PTI) are that the elder Sharif may have the magboolivat but not necessarily the ment in 2022

then the conclusion is the is divided between those pace; the party brought age on.

young brother is likely to find the doors to the prime minister's house open and not the elder one.

And ordinary mortals have heard these rumours as has the family itself; loud pronouncements from the likes of Javed Latifand Asif Kirmani about how only Nawaz Sharif will be the party's leader and prime minister testify to this. Hence, one is forced to wonder why he would return simply to win the election and hand over government to whoever is in charge, once Shehbaz Sharif is prime minister.

Along with this comes

the challenge of winning an election. By all accounts, the PML-N is not in a strong position in Punjab and even with Nawaz Sharif's presence, is counting on 'help' to win the election. But this help is also said to be aiming for a coalition government — if we get to elections. So once again, why would the senior Sharif get his hands dirty? He already considers himself as separate from his party which entered the coalition govern-

who want the pragmatic Shehbaz Sharif to be in power, allowing them to stay on the right side of the 'help' and those who believe only Nawaz Sharif can run the party and government. What these divisions will mean for the party in case the distance within the family grows is anyone's

> But there is more to the N's woes than just sibling rivalry. And for this fourth challenge, a slice of boring recent history must be recounted. The PML-N journey

since its inception has seen many twists and turns. The right-wing party which first emerged to challenge the PPP's domination of Punjab worked hard to burnish its image post-2008. Obviously, the party wanted to put its 1997 term behind it, when its government picked fights with the judiciary and media and attempted to push through the amirul momineen law.

The principled decision to support the judiciary in 2009 as well as woo liberal sections of society (especially in Lahore) were the beginning. By 2013, Third, the party itself these efforts picked up

forth many parha likha (educated) types, while it also kept the more traditional politicians close. As Maryam Nawaz began playing a role in the party, many women came to the fore. There were other meaningful gestures to try and cultivate this new im-

Nawaz Sharif, as prime minister, celebrated Holi and director Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy's film on honour killings was shown at the PM House. Such efforts helped it win over those who once saw the PPP as a progressive op-

But then came the twist which spares no popular prime minister; Nawaz Sharif was sent home. As in 1999, this was a difficult time for the party: allegations, investigations and prison time for its stalwarts. Opposition time is difficult for the PML-N for other reasons

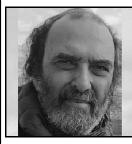
All this led to a vote of no-confidence and the PDM government. But a compromised tenure led to regression on the very issues the Noonies had been at pains to craft a new im-

The party's image as one which cared about human rights, freedom of expression and other liberal values took a beating as it owned up to the excesses committed during these past 16 months.

This was brought home when the information minister responded to a question about Imran Riaz's disappearance by arguing he wasn't a journalist and when the interior minister justified arrests and the use of force against protesters. Then came the bulldozing of legislation in parliament

This, too, disillusioned a number of the supporters the PML-N had won over since 2008. Indeed, these past 16 months have ensured the PML-N's face is the Sharif family, along with people such as Rana Sana and Javed Latif, instead of, say, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi or younger, educated people. Eventually, this reversal will prove the hardest to address in a country full of young people looking for change. Especially as the Sharifs seem to think the existential challenge for the party and the family has the same answer. -- Cour-

G20 with a hope and a prayer



Jawed Naqvi

The inveterate Hindu in him spurred the British prime minister to take time off from the G20 summit to offer prayers at Delhi's riverside Akshardham temple. In so doing, he picked up a politically handy applause from the hosts even if the trade pact both eyed has appar-

ently hit the doldrums. Rishi Sunak could have more usefully nudged his Catholic friend from the US to at-Democrats don't want Joe Biden as their presidential candidate next year. It could be his age, the fumbling in Vietnam, or his son's legal troubles.

More astutely, it could be the war in be aware that his probable would-be rival is promising the geographically blinkered American electorate an end to the brutal conflict with the snap of his fin-

gers. Clearly, Biden was in greater need of divine help if anyone was among the leaders gathered in Delhi. Whatever his reasons for flaunting his religious preference, Rishi Sunak bucked a quaint trend in his country where more and more people are turning away from religion, that too without excessively troubling the Anglican

Where seeking divine help is concerned, Narendra Modi would perhaps need to work harder on propitiating hoping to inaugurate the could become withstanding.
A clutch of by-polls

in key states, crucially including Uttar Pradesh, found the minister's party trailing behind the newly minted 'INDIA' alliance. Of the view supported by the seven seats up for grabs, Saudis, but the act also ceived by these leaders

so much in. He can't not alliance while only three remained with the BJP.

In the multicultural killers jamboree the G20 was the crown prince of Saudi Arabia played it spiritually safe. As the leaders were being escorted to a guided tour of Mahatma Gandhi's shrine, Mohammed bin Salman it seems followed the rule of his forebears and dodged the Indian protocol for visiting dignitaries. The late King Abdullah was the chief guest at Delhi's Republic Day military parade in 2006, after a diplomatic hiatus of 50 years, when he decided to forgo the mandatory visit to Gandhi Samadhi, citing religious reserva-

Fellow Muslim Pervez Musharraf had the divine hand. Merely not quite seen it that way, so he visited the Ram temple before the shrine in July 2001. It's ture did not eventually of Gandhi had grieved when he was killed by a Hindu Musharraf, by offering flowers at Gandhiji's shrine not only dis-

assassin. agreed with the puritan

lowers who revile Gandhi and hero-worship his

That said, the two more visible issues that stood out at the G20 summit require a closer look. The inclusion of the African Union into the fold is laudable but needs discussion. And the concern expressed on the Ukraine war appeared to be acceptable to everyone except Ukraine. Let's examine both decisions closely. The quest to include the African Union as a G20 member found Mr Modi positioning himself as the voice for the Global A few weeks earlier,

the BRICS summit in South Africa had also extended the membership to a wider representation While Mr Modi

wheel, his claim of inclu-Jawaharlal Nehru had always positioned India's foreign policy. Nehru saw Kenneth Kaunda, Julius Nyerere and Gamal Abdel Nasser among the revered African leaders as India's close com-

The Non-Aligned Movement was con-

continued exploitation of their countries by the industrial West, their former colonisers.

ter. He saw Asia as the lynchpin of his embrace of the Third World, and it saw him flying ace pilot Biju Patnaik to secretly rescue Indonesian president Sukarno from the colonial plot that toppled him. He saw South Asia as an oasis fellowship

postcolonial societies, and he spoke of a South Asian confederation ahead of the EU. Mr Modi, on the other hand, has single-

handedly subverted the fellowship by undermining Saarc, mostly, it is suspected, to pander to oping nations and currently includes 130 adrepresent members from and a host of Asian nations. The G77 members are having their summit M.K. in Cuba on Sept 15-16. headed after taking the

reject big power loyal-ties; it also opposed the the priority for the Modi administration evidently. The Indian foreign minister backed out from the Cuba meeting at the last Nehru did one bet- minute. According to reports, a special session of the Indian parliament starting on Sept 18 was given as the reason for India not to send the foreign minister to Havana. The undisclosed agenda has kept the foreign minister from travelling to a Global South event.

This leads to a different understanding of the Delhi summit Remember that the Davos Economic Forum was a platform for global capitalism and spoke generally for G7 countries. Its critics set up the World Social Forum that prescribed an equitable and his narrow political con- sustainable economic stituency at home. One order that shared little moved to reinvent the can be certain that G77, with private profit. G20 which was founded in seeks to blur the contra-

As for the Ukraine war, the G20's accepherents, continues to tance of the compromise was anticipated by ana-Africa, Latin America, lysts well ahead of the summit. Among them, former Indian diplomat Bhadrakumar pointed this out in an That's where Brazilian analysis for NewsClick President Lula was on Sept 8. It was titled, 'Ice-cracking sounds on Ukraine he has invested four were wrested by the critiqued Mr Modi's fol- as a platform to not only G20 gavel from Mr Modi. frozen lake of US-Russia

Balochistan's trailblazing women: Breaking barriers and leading the way



By Hamza Shahzad

When it comes to gender equality Pakistan's Gender Index is the lowest, it is 241 out of 142. We cannot avoid the fact the gender equality indicator of Pakistan is the lowest. Being part of an ultra-religious and male-domivorable for women to grasp at an executive level. Balochistan, a region known for its rich cultural heritage and wonderful landscapes, is also home to irrepressible and trailblazing women who have been gradually breaking barriers including cultural norms and socio-economic differwomen Balochistan are resisting the odds and evolving as lead-

Historically, women of Balochistan have played a crucial role in wars. The most iconic name is MirzadiBanadi Rind, who the Mughals against the Afghans in the battle of Chunsa back in the 16th century. In the mid-17th century, Mai Chaagli ruled Lasbela, she ruled Lasbela for decades. In arts and

ers in various sectors.

their part in the best way possible. If we look in literature we find, RabiaKhuzdari, who captivates the people with her poetic approach. It is clear that there are

significant challenges facing women in Balochistan when it comes to education and empowerment. The male-dominated approachand cultural obstructions have hindered female participation in society and prevented girls from receiving education. is lack of education leads to a lack of economic opportunities, as well as issues such as child marriages and maternal mortalities. However, there are women in Balochistan who are leading the way in promoting female education and making efforts to provide quality and skilled education to

DrQuratulainBakhtiyari ,Razia Sultana Baloch, Zubaida Jalal, Rahima Jalal, and DrShadhidaJaffery are just a few of the inspiring women working to ensure that girls in Balochistan have access to education. These women understand the importance of education in empowering women and bringing about positive change in society. They serve as role models and inspiration for others in Balochistan, and beyond. By advocating for female education, these women are

Balochistan. women have been gradually dismantling historical gender constraints, actively

working towards a future

where women can lead and

alter societies for the bet-

music, women also played participating in politics, and challenging traditional norms. Historically, they were marginalized in political affairs, excluded from decision-making roles, and absent from key positions during the region's governance under Khan's rule. Over time, they made incremental progress, securing limited political roles in state affairs. However, male dominance persisted within political parties, limiting female involvement. A turning point arrived in 1971 when FazilaAliyani became the first woman elected to the Balochistan assembly and later served as the first female minister for health. This milestone inspired other women to enter politics, despite obstacles posed by tribal and cultural norms. Today, women are

increasingly visible in various political parties, integrating into the heart of regional politics. Today, the landscape is rapidly changing, with women becoming members of various political parties. Their active participation is integrating them into the core of regional politics. DurroshumAyesha's election as Naseerabad's firstever chairperson in the 2023 local body elections marked a significant achievement in a region known for its challenges for women. Other remarkable female politicians from the Naseerabad division, including RubabaBuledi and RahatJamali, are also challenging stereotypes.Baloch

women, once deprived of

cal rights, now share equal

status with men. National-

economic, social, and politi-

ist political parties have region's economy. established women's wings to address their concerns and empower them politically, leading to progress in addressing women's issues in Balochistan. The Makran region stands out with higher female representation, likely due to its higher literacy rate. Influential figures like Zubaida Jalal. MahjabeenSheran, and MeenaMajeed have paved the way for other women, demonstrating their capacity to be potent agents of change in a predominantly patriarchal society. These women have pursued political office, championed women's rights, and worked toward greater representation in decisionmaking bodies

Women in Balochistan are making significant strides across various fields. Ayesha Zehri broke barriers as the first female deputy commissioner in Balochistan's bureaucracy. Sana Mahjabeen Umrani assumed the role of the first female additional deputy commissioner revenue in Gwadar. BatoolAsadi, hailing from the Hazara Community, became the first Assistant Commissioner in Quetta and is now serving as DC Naseerabad. Minorities are also represented, with Maria Shamoon being the first female Assistant Commissioner from the Christian community. Balochistan's women are driving entrepreneurship and economic development, with leaders like DeedarMengal, Roshan Khursheed Barocha, Hamida Ali Hazara, and Lubana Farooq creating

jobs and boosting the

Women in Balochistan are breaking gender barriers across diverse fields, including law enforcement.

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Balochistan's first female

Assistant Superintendent

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of Police (ASP) in Quetta, exemplifies this trend. Lt. ZakiaJamali, hailing from Usta Muhammad, achieved the distinction of becoming the first commissioned female Naval officer from the region, overcoming challenges of her underdeveloped hometown. IrumKakar, a commando in the female anti-riot force of Balochistan, followed in the footsteps of her Shaheed elder brother, who served in Quetta's Anti-Terrorist Force and martyred in 2013. These 48 lady commandos in the ARF's first batch defy societal norms, redefining perceptions of Balochistan women and showcasing their determi-

nation and courage. These remarkable women deserve recognition for their inspiring achievements, serving as ideals of empowerment and motivation. Hamna Malik, a devoted media practitioner, leads an NGO that empowers Balochistan's youth. NimraPirkani, a fervent youth activist, energies positive change

Anita Jalil Baloch. Balochistan's first female vlogger, triumphed over challenges to become a top vlogger in Pakistan. Nahida Khan represents the Pakistan Women's Cricket Team, breaking barriers in sports. KalsoomHazara, Shahida Abbasi, and Nargis Hazara are gold medalists in Karate, setting an empowerment

example for aspiring ath-JalilaHaider, an outspoken women's rights advocate, was honored as an International Woman of Courage by the US Secretary of State. MansooraKakar and Roz Bakht, female football players. champion women's sports in their Pashtun community, serving as role models for aspiring athletes. Despite facing intense cyber trolling and societal pressure, these shining stars defy stereotypes and soar to new heights.

Women in leadership

roles in Balochistan face

obstinate challenges, including resource limitations, cultural restrictions, and political obstacles. However, their determination remains unwavering. In October 2020, the provincial cabinet approved the Balochistan Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (2020-2024). This initiative, coupled with the Governance and Policy Project Balochistan. seeks to enhance gender integration in the public sector. With increasing access to education and opportunities, Balochistan's women are poised for significant contributions to various fields. They are not just leaders; they are trailblazers reshaping their communities and region, evident in their achievements across politics, education, and entrepreneurship. Celebrating and supporting these accomplishments can foster Balochistan's progress and

Public School's new Principal David Dowdles

will bring more improvements in the

institution. Governor

Punjab, while presiding over

the meeting of the Board of

Governors, categorically rejected the proposed

increase in fees by more than

20 percent, saying that

people are suffering from

financial problems due to

the economic problems of

the country, adding that

increase in fees may affect

many students and may

deprive them of studying

in the institution.

Governor emphasizes to

provide financial aid, scholarships

to the deserving students

Sadiq Public School is a prestigious institution

Punjab

Independent Report

Governor, Muhammad

Balighur Rehman presided

over the meeting of the

Board of Governors of

Sadiq Public School

Bahawalpur was held here

today at the Governor

House. In the meeting, the

Board of Governors

approved the annual

budget of Sadiq Public

School 2023-24. A 5-year

financial plan was also

approved in the meeting. Speaking on the

occasion, Governor Punjab

Muhammad Balighur

various fields.

Induction of quality faculty in AJK-run medical colleges ordered

Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq on Tuesday directed for the to fix the salaries and other immediate formation of a allowances of the faculty

committee for the recruitment of quality academic staff in AJKpublic-sector medical colleges in the light of the recommendations of the UHSL (University of Health Sciences Lahore)

He was chairing an extraordinary meeting of the Governing Body of state-run Medical Colleges in AJK held here in the State metropolis.

In order to improve the quality and standard of education in the medical colleges of AJK, it was decided that a team of the University of Health Sciences Lahore (UHSL) after a detailed visit to all the three medical colleges of Azad Jammu Kashmir shall submit its

recommendations to the

Executive Committee Secretary was constituted recruitment and staff members of the medical colleges.

Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister said that the college authorities should focus on increasing the revenue of medical colleges and reducing expenses." Every

institution or state entity has to justify its existence", the PM said, adding that no one would be allowed to play with the future of students.

He said that violation of merit won't be tolerated under any circumstances. The PM said that the UHSL team must prepare a detailed report vis a vis improving the quality of education and resolving other issues of key

The prime minister directed that transport, Chairman Governing Body. theaters, and other

KARACHI: Sindh Governor, Kamran Khan Tessori briefs detail about the aims and objectives of the bell to Punjab Governor, Muhammad Baligh-ur

At this, the chief

are strengthening them so

that they can work in the

Monday and urged them to

took up the issue of illegal

instructions for their

constructed ward within

the jail premises, which

functions as a hospital.

Additionally,

The Chief Justice

He paid visits to ailing

the newly

The Jamaat delegation

improve their system.

Rehman during meeting held at Governor House in Karachi.

Interim CM Sindh meets

Jamaat Islami delegation

(JI) led by its Emir of minister said that he was

Karachi Hafiz Naeemur taking necessary measures

Rehman called on to strengthen local bodies Caretaker Sindh Chief all over the province. "We

function in the public construction in the city.

CJ PHC visits Central

Jail, issues release orders

for 115 prisoners

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief by female prisoners and

issued

toured

said

delegation of Jamaat Íslami

Minister Justice (retd)

Magbool Bagar and

discussed the issues of

local bodies, water board,

and illegal construction in

Saifuddin, Saleem Azhar,

Sadruddin, and Zahid

that the transition period

of newly elected local

bodies has come to an end

officially but even then, the

elected bodies have not

been given power to

Court (PHC) Muhammad

Ibrahim Khan on Tuesday

visited Central Jail

Peshawar and issued

immediate release orders

for 115 different categories

by Caretaker Provincial

Law Minister Justice

retired Irshad Qaiser,

District and Sessions Judge

Peshawar, Ashfaq Taj, and

IG Prison Usman Mehsud

Usman Mehsud, Jail

Superintendent along with

the Women's Barracks,

where he applauded the

provision of video-link

Chief Justice visited

for female

other judicial officials.

facilities

He was accompanied

of prisoners.

Hafiz Naeem said

delegation

the city.

Askari.

The

provided to the medical students studying in Azad

He said that stern action would be taken against the head of the institution in case merit was violated anywhere. The VC UHSL assured the PM that a team of experts and academia would very soon conduct a visit to al the medical colleges of Azad Kashmir in this regard. The meeting was attended among others by AJK Chief Secretary Dawood Muhammad Barich, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Fayyaz

Ali Abbasi, Secretary Finance Ismatullah Shah, Vice Chancellor University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Professor Dr. Kaleem Abbasi, Additional Secretary Public Health Abdul Sattar Khan and others. Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences Lahore Professor Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore participated in the meeting from Lahore via video link



views with Gulbar Khan, Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan during

CM distributes 32 plots allotments letters among police martyred families

Independent Report MULTAN: Punjab Interim Chief Minister, Mohsin Naqvi, disbursed 32 allotment letters of plots among the families of police martyred at South

Punjab Secretariat here on Tuesday. He announced not to charge possession and transfer fees from the families in this connection. He met the heirs of the police martyr and consoled

Speaking on the occasion the CM termed armed forces and police martyred heroes saying that alive nations never forget their heroes. He commended the services of

maintaining law and order in the province adding that the force had acted with gallantry for eradicating dacoits from the Kacha

Provincial Minister, Azfar Ali Nasir, IGP, Dr Punjab, Saqib Zaffar, Addl Division, Aamir IG South Punjab, Khattak, RPO, Sohail Maqsood ul Hassan, Chaudhary and other Commissioner Multan officials were present.

Naqvi for completion of Civil Secretariat by Dec

He expressed these views during a visit to the under-construction building of the Civil Secretariat here on Tuesday. Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab,

the construction quality in the Secretariat and inquired about the road network and landscaping plan. He said that the government wants to inaugurate the Civil Secretariat by December. CS Punjab further said that the establishment of a separate secretariat was a long-

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar exchanging

MULTAN (APP): Chief Secretary Punjab, Zahid Akhtar Zaman, has given a deadline to complete the Civil Secretariat building by December this year.

Capt. ® Saqib Zafar, was also accompanied by him. Secretary Finance Punjab Mujahid Sher Dil,

Secretary Services South Punjab Amjad Shoaib Tareen, Commissioner Aamir Khattak, DC Umar Jahangir, and CEO IDAP Sohail Ashraf were also present. Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman inspected

standing dream of the people of South Punjab.
Shifting the offices of the departments to the Civil

Secretariat will accelerate the pace of development in the region. Chief Secretary Punjab directed to plant mango trees in the Civil Secretariat as mangoes were the identity of South Punjab.

Home minister terms Safe City project pivotal for safety of citizens

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Aijaz Shaikh; Director IT caretaker Minister for CPO, Tabasum Abid and a Home and Prisons Brig. ® Haris Nawaz, on Tuesday, observed that the Safe City ® Raheel. Project would enhance law enforcement capabilities, improve emergency response times and deter

criminal activities. The minister, while presiding over a high-level meeting regarding Karachi Safe City Project, termed safety and well-being of citizens as the top priority and said that the authorities concerned must remain steadfast in pursuit

successful its implementation. The meeting was attended by Home Secretary Sindh, Muhammed Igbal Memon: IGP Sindh, Riffat Mukhtar; DIGP Special Branch, Asif

10-member delegation of

The meeting was informed that the Karachi Safe City Project envisaged the installation of a network of latest closedcircuit television cameras in the city for digital surveillance while the project involved all the law-enforcement and emergency services' agencies in the metropolis for a quick and adequate response to tackle any law and order situation.

The National Radio and Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC) official informed the meeting that under the project.

Sindh University extends last date for online examforms submission

HYDERABAD (APP): The Controller of Annual Examination University of Sindh Jamshoro has informed that the varsity management has extended last date for submission of online examination forms for annual examination of M.Com., M.Sc. and MA (Previous and Final) of affiliated colleges up to September 15, 2023.

According announcement, candidates can submit online examination forms for annual examination of M.Com. M.Sc., MA Previous (Failure) and MA Final (Fresh and Failure) up to September 15, 2023 with late fee of Rs. 10,000/-.

Governor Punjab Rhman said that Sadiq emphasized to provide financial aid and scholarships to the Public School is a prestigious institution. Students who graduated from this institution are deserving students. He rendering outstanding services for the country in added that five (05) per cent of the school's revenue should be allocated for He hoped that Sadiq such scholarships.

PESHAWAR: Iran's Consul General in Peshawar, Ali Banafshekhah meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Haji Ghulam Ali.

Askari Tower case: ATC starts process of declaring 4 PTI leaders proclaimed offenders

Tuesday started the process of declaring four Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders including Mian Aslam Iqbal and Mussarat Cheema, as violence.

newspapers for the not on October 13.

terrorism court (ATC) on Gul Khan initiated the process on an application filed by the police for the purpose. The investigation officer of Gulberg Police

Station had filed the proclaimed offenders in a application with a plea to case of attacking Askari start the process of Tower, during May-9 declaring Mian Aslam Iqbal, Jamshaid Cheema, The court directed Mussarat Cheema and the prosecution to publish Ghulam Abbas as a proclamation in the proclaimed offenders for ioining appearance of the suspects investigation and judicial proceedings.



KARACHI: Commuters are facing inconvenience during traffic jam due to construction works of new development projects on University road.

Dengue; five KP districts declared high risk zones

PESHAWAR (APP): In the wake of a surge in dengue fever cases, the dengue fever cases are denough for the dengue fever cases. authorities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday declared five districts as high-risk zones.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, five districts Department including Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Charsadda and Battagram were among the risky zones with regard to dengue fever spread.

The number of people affected with dengue virus has reached to 165 in the cases of dengue virus province.

Charsadda 14 cases and Battagram with 12 dengue cases. Till date, the authorities said the cases According to the authorities in the Health reported from 20 districts the Pakhtunkhwa. A few cases of dengue in some of the districts including Bannu,

Hangu, Lakki Marwat. Khyber, Tor Ghar and Haripur were also reported in the last couple of days. The caretaker advisor

for health province, the health Pakhtunkhwa has directed authorities said adding that stern preventive measures in Peshawar district 38 in sensitive districts of the

IUB delegation visits China, signs MoU with various institutions

BAHAWALPUR (APP): A delegation from the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, comprising Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Principal UCCM, Director Pak-China Cooperation Center (Focal Person) Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Asif, Assist Prof. UCCM Dr. Khalil Ahmed, Lecturers UCCM Hafiz Abdul Sattar, and Rabia Zahid, visited China on an official invitation from TANG International Education China and other Chinese Institutes.

The delegation was President International Education, Mr. Li Jinsong, along with his other team members. The delegation members visited the top-ranked institutes in China.

The tour remained highly successful in terms of achieving win-win cooperation in education, innovation, informatization strengthening the cooperation of higher education, exchanges.



LAHORE: Members of All Pakistan Clerics Association holds protest outside press club against the unbearable inflation in Country.

Governor Mehdi Shah calls on Caretaker PM

GILGIT (APP): Governor Gilgit Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah on Tuesday called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

During the meeting interest of the people," he the governor apprised the prime minister of the Naeem administrative affairs and complained against KE and law and order situation in said that neither they have Gilgit Baltistan, PM Office comprised Monem Zafar, controlled power theft nor Media Wing said in a press made investments to release. The governor also improve the generation and thanked the prime minister distribution system. for visiting Ġilgit Baltistan At this, the CM said and his special interest in that he held a meeting with the development of the the KE authorities on region.

23 more dengue cases surface in 24hrs

RAWALPINDI (APP): As many as 23 more dengue cases were reported in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 438

in the district. District Coordinator **Epidemics Prevention and** Control (DCEPC), Dr Sajjad Mehmood, Tuesday said that, among the new cases,15 cases had arrived from Potohar town urban, five from Chaklala Cantonment, and one each Municipal from

inmates and ensured their Corporation and Rawalpindi Cantonment area.He said 97 patients visited a factory within the were admitted to district jail where prisoners were hospitals of which 52 were involved in leatherwork, confirmed cases while 386 shoemaking, and stitching, imparting valuable were discharged after treatment. Dr Sajjad informed that the district administration registered 53 FIRs, issued tickets to 16, sealed eight

imparting vocational skills. Furthermore, Chief Justice attended a handicraft and painting class within the jail premises, and a fine of Rs 43,500 was imposed Addressing against the violations of officers of the jail, the dengue SOPs during the

KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar exchanges views with Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman during meeting held at CM House in Karachi. Walk held in Swat to raise awareness about conservation of butterfly

(APP): PESHAWAR Pakistan Butterfly Society on Tuesday organized a walk in Swat district to raise awareness about the conservation of butterflies and their ecological importance. The walk, attended

students of different educational institutions, was led by a representative of the Pakistan Butterfly Society and a student of the Zoology Department of Jehanzeb College, Azan

Pakistan Butterfly Society has organized a number of events and walks to be held in different cities of the country in connection with participation in the ongoing regionally observed Butterfly Month.

'This is the first time

that Pakistan is taking part in Butterfly Month to be observed in the South Asian region in the month of September and will help in the promotion of butterfly monitoring through the capture of pictures in the country.

Participants in the walk were holding play cards inscribed with wording in connection with the conservation of butterflies.

Talking to newsmen, Azan Khan said the objective of the walk was to educate people about the importance of butterflies.

We also demand that the government give legal status to butterflies and their habitats. He said the government has given legal protection to different species.

beefed up PESHAWAR (APP): The City Capital Police on

Tuesday beefed up security measures across the provincial capital following the special instructions of CCPO Peshawar Syed Ashfaq Anwar Ashfaq Anwar urged

people to cooperate with the police and security forces at pickets and during snap-checking to maintain

other units were deployed to monitor the checking process at the blockades, and police officials were directed to indiscriminate action against the use of tinted glasses in vehicles, unregistered vehicles, and pillion riding.He said that

Security in Peshawar

peace in the city.

According to SP Cantt Waqas Rafiq, the divisional SPs along with Ababeel Squad and officials of City Patrolling.

Caretaker CM assures acting Afghan CG: GoB to fully cooperate with Afghan Consulate to resolve issues as per law & policy of federal Govt.

Acting Afghan CG Maulvi Gul Hasan conveys to caretaker CM newly formed Afghan government believes in strong and pleasant relations with Pakistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The acting Consul General of Afghanistan based in Quetta, Maulvi Gul Hasan has stated that the newly formed Afghan government believes in strong and pleasant relations with Pakistan and it is also it's preferred policy to promote mutual relations with Pakistan.

The Afghan Consul General was speaking to the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki whom he called here at the CM secretariat on Tuesday.

During the course of meeting, the issues related to the Pak-Afghan relations as well as problems of Afghan refugees and others were discussed

During the meeting,

both were agreed on the point that the religion, language and culture of the people of bordering areas of both the countries are similar and they have longstanding relations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Afghan envoy said that purpose of meeting with the Chief Minister was to discuss border matters besides promotion of trade and highlight the issues of Afghan refugees.

He thanked the government and people of Pakistan on hosting the refugees for long time.

He on the occasion reuested to the caretaker Chief Minister to resolve the issues of Afghan inhabitants imprisoned in differ-

The caretaker Chief Minister said that the relations between people of Afghanistan and Pakistan especially Balochistan are based on centuries.

He said that it's our duty to look after the Afghan refugees being Musns and the neighbors. He assured that the

issues raised by the Af ghan Consul General including those related to the prisoners would be taken up with the federal govern-He also assured that

the caretaker provincial government would extend full cooperation to the Afghan Consulate for resolving all the issues as per the laws and policy of federal



DALLAS TEXAS: Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, Masood Khan meeting with Congressman Keith Self

IHC reserves judgment on chairman PTI plea against hearing of cipher case

(IHC) has reserved judgment on chairman PTI plea against hearing of cipher case in Attock Jail./

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamir Farooq took up the case for hearing Tuesday. Sher Afzal Marwat counsel for chairman PTI appeared in the court.

Sher Afzal Marwat read out ministry of law no-

and powers. How can the trial be transferred from Islamabad to Punjab. Only Supreme Court (SC) can transfer the trial to other province legally. It is not in the powers of chief commissioner or interior secretary to shift the trial to other

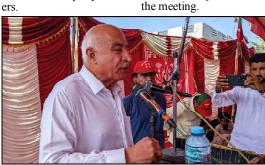
He argued if trial was to be changed then they were to ask from trial judge

Zardari to camp in Lahore for elections strategy

LAHORE (INP): Former president and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari will reach Lahore tomorrow (Wednesday) to focus on the party's affairs in Punjab. The former president will participate in party's Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting In Lahore scheduled for September. PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will also reach Lahore from

Multan tomorrow. The former foreign minister will stay in Lahore for 4 days where the latter will meet with party work-

It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has convened a meeting of its Central Executive Committee (CEC) to mull over the upcoming general election date. The meeting will discuss the country's current political situation and plan for future political developments. The CEC will also review its stance on general elections. The invitations have been sent to all the CEC members which will take place at 3 p.m. on September 14 in Bilawal House Lahore and PPP chairman Bilawal will preside over



PASNI: Central President National Party Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch addressing a public gathering

Conspiracy to topple Benazir govt: SC rejects appeal pleas of retired army officers

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has upheld sentences of two retired army officers involved in the conspiracy to topple government of former Prime Minister

(PM) Benazir Bhutto. Proceedings was initiated against both of the army officers under the charges of their involvement in conspiracy to topple Benazir government in

The appeal plea against the sentences of Colonel ® Azad Minhas and Colonel ® Inayatullah. Both former army officers came up for hearing before of SC read out the judgment which was reserved on

The court dismissed the appeal pleas of Colonel ® Azad Minhas and Colonel ® Inayatullah against

It is pertinent to mention here the petitioners had resorted to SC in 2016 after their petitions were rejected by Lahore High

The Field Court Martial had sentenced Azad Minhas to two-year and Inayatullah to four-year imprisonment, with hard labor. They were also dis-

Alvi condoles over destruction by floods, am collapse Libya

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday expressed condolence over the massive destruction caused by the floods in Libya which also led a dam to collapse.

The president ex-pressed grief over the loss of lives and properties in the Libyan city of Derna and assured that Pakistan stood with the people and the State of Libya in that

hour of calamity. The sympathies of the people and the Government of Pakistan go to the people of Libya in this difdent said and urged the international community to extend humanitarian assistance to the country.

CM GB briefs PM about development projects

GILGIT (APP):Chief Min-ister Gilgit Baltistan Gulbar Khan on Tuesday called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and apprised him of the progress on the ongoing uplift projects.

The chief minister also briefed the prime minister about the public welfare projects, particularly in education and health sectors, PM Office Media

Wing said in a press release. The prime minister was given a briefing on the development of tourism

sector in Gilgit Baltistan. On the occasion, the chief minister presented the traditional tunic and a cap of Gilgit Baltistan to the caretaker prime minister.

Al-Qadir Trust case Rashid refuses to appear before NAB team

RAWALPINDI (INP): Former federal interior minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Tuesday refused to appear before the NAB (National Accountability Bureau) investigation team in the £190 million scandal.

Rashid sent a letter to the NAB investigation team showing his inability to oblige it. The former federal minister wrote in his letter that he had no knowledge or any information about the Al-Qadir Trust and the £190 million case. Moreover, he was not a witness in the Al-Qadir Trust case. He wrote that the "NAB summons asking him to appear before the investigation team is illegal

QUETTA: A delegation of Drug Inspector meeting with caretaker Provincial Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Jogezai

against minorities ISLAMABAD (Online): habilitation of the destruc-The Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights

adopted the recommendation to constitute a National Coordination Committee within the Ministry of Human Rights which would include representatives of all Provinces, Police Departments and draft SOP's for effective control on issues that cause suffering to the minorities. The Senate Human

Rights Committee on Tuesday while condemning the recent incident of vandalism of churches/homes in Jaranwala deliberated upon

during the devastating incificient collaboration beers, including the police deand minority representaby IGPs.

Hassan calls on Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki.

US does not support any political party or candidate in Pakistan, State Dept

US State Department not take a position on the Matthew Miller said that US insists on free elections in Pakistan but does not support any political party or candidate. In the routine news

Matthew Miller said that I will contact embassy for specific comments about this meeting. But I will repeat what I have said



Muhammad Hassani meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports Nawabzada Jamal

Permanent Representative of Pakistan to OIC calls on OIC Secretary General

JEDDAH (Online): Perma- Committee on Scientific nent Representative of Pakistan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Ambassador Syed Mohammad Fawad Sher called on the OIC Secretary General, H.E. Hissein Brahim Taha at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, today. A wide range of issues were discussed during the meeting.

Ambassador and the Secretary General exchanged views on issues slated for discussion during the forthcoming OIC Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) and the Islamic Summit including, inter alia, the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, Palestine, Afghanistan, Islamophobia incidents of desecration of the Ouran and

and Technological Cooperation), etc. Ambassador Fawad Sher noted that Pakistan maintained a firm position and has traditionally played an active role in steering OIC's response to all important issues.

He thanked the Secretary General for OIC's unwavering support to the Jammu and Kashmir cause and urged for the complete implementation of the OIC Plan of Action on Jammu and Kashmir adopted by the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Islamabad. On Islamophobia and the repeated incidents of desecration of the Holy Quran, he reiterated Pakistan's strong condem-COMSTECH Islamabad nation of these despicable (OIC's Ministerial Standing incidents.

22,000kg narcotics set ablaze in Pishin

Independent Report QUETTA: The Levies

force recovered around 22,000 kilogram of narcotics during a successful raid conducted in Pishin area on Tuesday. The Levies force led by Assistant Commissioner Pishin, Arsalan Chaudhary raided two godowns in Pishin area from where some 22,000 KG narcotics was recovered. Both the godowns were demolished and the narcotics recovered from there was burnt by the concerned Levies team.

Needless to mention

here is that the operation was conducted by the Assistant Commissioner Pishin on directives of the Muhammad Pishin and other districts of

Commissioner Quetta, Shafqaat and Deputy Commissioner Pishin, Captain (Reyd) Jamil Ahmed Baloch. Meanwhile, the Commissioner also appreciated performance of the Pishin administration about seizure of huge quantity of narcotics. He said that the anti-narcotics operation would remain continued in

He shared these views while chairing meeting regarding the increasing traffic problems and their possible solutions in Quetta Ouetta division



poration, Cantonment Board and other related departments. In the meeting, it was decided that all the relevant organizations should take

steps to improve the traf-

fic system in the city, Lo-

vided with temporary stops under Coala Phatak and Saryab Bridge. All the warehouse from the city where goods

are brought by trucks should be shifted to Hazarganji while the Metropolitan Corporation, District Administration and ODA should take action against those doing business and occupying space under the Sariab Bridge. All bus terminals and their booking offices should be shifted to Hazarganji Terminal as soon as possible, said in the

In the meeting said that in this regard, all relevant organizations should submit a comprehensive report in one week to solve the traffic problems in the light of which steps will be

Addressing the meeting, Commissioner Ouetta Division Hamza Shafagat said that Quetta is a rap-

idly growing city and the

city's infrastructure including roads due to which there is a problem in the flow of traffic saying that in addition, there are encroachments on major roads which further restrict the flow of traffic

is a big problem in the city, therefore, a grand operation against illegal parking and encroachment has become inevitable.

solutions to traffic problems in Quetta, construction of new roads and widening of existing roads and improvement of condition is very important and all possible steps should be taken to eliminate encroachment on major roads and provide more parking

He said that steps would be taken to make the citizens strictly implement the traffic rules and raise awareness about traffic

Senate body constitutes **NCC** to control issues

tion of buildings and people dent. The Secretary Human Rights argued that since the enactment of the 18th amendment the implementation on safeguards and protection of the minorities have devolved to the provinces although the Human Rights Ministry has a very crucial role to play in the matter and should have eftween relevant stake holdpartment religious leaders tives for formulating SOPs



OUETTA: Acting Afghan Counsel Mulavi Gul

WASHINGTON (Online): many times that US does

briefing of US State Department on Monday, when asked about the meeting of ambassador to Islamabad, Donald Blome, with the head of the Election Commission (EC) in Pakistan, he advised the journalist to contact US Embassy in Islamabad.

outcomes of elections in Pakistan. US Ambassador Donald Blome met Chief Election Commissioner on August 24. Earlier Election Commission (EC) had organized an important meeting regarding general elections in country. In response to a question about the dollar exchange rate in Afghanistan being four times higher than the dollar exchange rate in Pakistan, the spokesperson of the US State Department said that we have talked on several occasions about supporting the reforms that will help economy in Pakistan and will allow for improvement



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Advisor Umair

control list missioner (DC) Hub Munir Ahmed Musiani on Tues-

DC holds

meeting for

implementation

of price

day presided over a meeting of the district Price Control Committee to ensure the provision of facilities to people in the Assistant Commissioner Hub Captain Retd Hamza Anjum, Tehsil

Dargul Nawaz Ánjuman Tajiran Hub, Flour Dealers Association, Hotels Association and wholesalers dealing in vegetables participated in the

Deputy Commis-sioner while addressing the meeting, said that as an administrative officer would give relief to the people during inflation.

QUETTA (APP)- Com-

missioner Quetta Division

Hamza Shafqat on Tuesday

said that all possible steps

should be taken to elimi-

nate encroachment on ma-

ior roads and provide

more parking spaces in

order to ensure smooth

traffic in provincial capi-

GILGIT: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar interacts with school students at the display stalls of various science, technology and artistic projects, at Chief Minister Secretariat in Gilgit. Health Card being launched soon; 100 pc people to get facility, announces Dr Jogezai

Steps taken to provide free medicines for hospitalized patients: Health minister

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Balochistan, Dr Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai has announced that the Health Cards are being launched in the province Under the programme, 100 percent people of the province would get the Health Card all over the province. Actually, the Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) would be considered as the Health Card. With this, Balochistan

the facility. This was announced by the caretaker Minister Health while chairing a meeting of all the stakehold-

where every person/family having CNICs would get

day. Also present on the occasion were the Secretary Health, other senior officers, Medical superintendents and Chiefs of all the government hospitals and institutions besides other concerned were in attendance. The Secretary Health briefed the meeting about the related issues besides the steps being taken for improving the state of health affairs in the province. The caretaker Minister said that it is very necessary to continue the prowould be the only province cess of reforms in the health

> He directed to all concerned to ensure medicines and other necessary health facilities at the hospitals so that the people must get

ers of Health here on Tues- APP adds: Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Health Muhammad Jogaizai on Tuesday said that steps were being taken to provide free medicines for hospitalized patients.

He said this while chairing a meeting of all departments concerned to improve the provision of medical facilities in the hospitals of the province.

Secretary Health, officers of Balochistan Health Department, MSs of teaching hospitals, heads of various departments, chief executive of institutes, Young Doctor Association, Bolan Medical and Teaching Association, Pakistan Medical Association, Young Consultant Association participated in the meeting



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JI to approach SC to ensure elections within 90 days: Siraj DIR LOWER (INP): He underscored that Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) the recent successful shut-

Supreme Court to ensure that elections are held within the constitutionally mandated period of 90

Addressing a press conference in Dir Lower on Tuesday, he also conveyed his desire to engage with other political parties in order to establish a consensus on the date for the general elections

Sirajul Haq emphasized that the government must address the public demand to reduce the power tariff; otherwise, the JI would consider resorting to options such as organizing a long-march to Islamabad or wheel-jam

party would approach the message to the government that the masses were unwilling to bear the burden of exorbitant electricity bills. The strike, he said, has also provided the government with an opportunity to initiate renegotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and the International Monetary

> costly agreements. The JI chief urged the government to combat power theft and reduce power sector losses, while also ending the practice of providing free electricity to government employees, which burdens the less privileged. He criticized the government's inability to justify the inclusion of over

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He said that possible