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## PM for expanding cooperation with Turkiye in multiple sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamophobia. Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday stressed the need to enhance bilateral cooperation with Turkiye in multiple sectors, including trade, agriculture, energy, mining, IT and defence. Talking to Ambassador of Turkiye in Pakistan Mehmet Pacaci, the prime minister said Pakistan was keen to attract foreign investors and the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) had been established to generate new and attractive investment opportunities in priority sec-

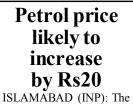
He said in addition to having strong and timetested bilateral relations, Pakistan and Turkiye shared convergence and close cooperation on a wide range of regional and multilateral issues, including efcombat mir issue.

He appreciated Turkiye's reconstruction efforts following the tragic earthquake of February 2023 and reiterated Pakistan's readiness to continue extending all possible support to the Turkish

people.

The prime minister thanked President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Turkish leadership for their warm messages of felicitations on his assumption of

He said the people of Pakistan enjoyed a historic, cultural and fraternal relationship with Turkiye. President Erdogan enjoyed the same popularity in Pakistan as in his own country. PM Kakar also praised Turkiye for its long-standing and steadon the Jammu and Kash-

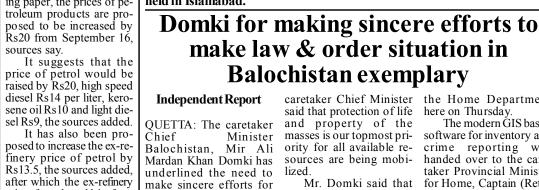


inflation-hit masses are all set to get another shock, as the prices of petroleum products are expected to see a staggering rise over the weekend.

A proposal prepared to increase the prices of petrol and diesel from September 16 has come to light. A working paper has been prepared for making changes in the prices of petroleum products.
According to the working paper, the prices of pe-

Rs20 from September 16, sources say It suggests that the price of petrol would be raised by Rs20, high speed diesel Rs14 per liter, kero-

sel Rs9, the sources added. It has also been proposed to increase the ex-refinery price of petrol by Rs13.5, the sources added, fast support to Pakistan on the Jammu and Kash-price of petrol would rise from Rs228.59 to Rs242.10.



exemplary keeping the bright traditions of the past The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali and Additional Chief Secretary Home, Saleh Muhammad Nasar who called on him

making the law and order

situation in the province

During the course of meeting, the matters about law and order situation, overall administrative affairs were discussed.

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Caretaker Interior Minis-

ter, Senator Sarfaraz Bugti,

called on Chairman Senate,

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani,

at the Parliament House and

discussed with him the pre-

vailing law and order situa-

During the meeting,

Senator Bugti assured

Chairman Senate that the

caretaker government was

committed to maintain

peace and stability in the

country. He emphasized

that no one would be al-

lowed to disturb the peace

and security of the country

emphasized the need for

collaboration and unity

among all stakeholders to

address the pressing chal-

lenges Pakistan faces.

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani acknowledged the impor-

Senator Sarfaraz Bugti,

under his watch.

Chairman

tion in the country.

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caretaker Chief Minister the Home Department said that protection of life here on Thursday.

Mr. Domki said that Balochistan is the custo-dian of peaceful traditions, patience and tolerance, and we need to make efforts with good intention to keep these traditions alive.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar exchang-

ing views with Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador of Turkiye during meeting

The Additional Chief Secretary Home briefed the caretaker Chief Minister about the steps being taken for restoration of peace in view of the regional situation in different areas of the province.

Meanwhile the care-Mardan Khan Domki handed over the modern software consisting of Speaking to them, the more than 60 features to

tance of a collective effort

in ensuring a stable and

sion, Chairman Senate

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani

acknowledged the vital role

of intra-institutional coop-

eration among government

bodies and security agencies

to effectively address

Pakistan's challenges. He

stressed that collaboration.

information sharing, and

coordination among institu-

tions are paramount in

maintaining national stabil-

ity and ensuring the safety

ers discussed steps taken to

restore peace and promote

development in the region of

Gilgit Baltistan. Senator Bugti

shared insights into the on-

going initiatives aimed at

enhancing security and im-

proving the socio-economic

conditions in the area.

Furthermore, the lead-

and security of citizens.

Speaking on the occa

osperous Pakistan.

The modern GIS based software for inventory and crime reporting was handed over to the caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali by the Chief Minister.

The software has been prepared by the Chief Minister Delivery Unit (CMDU) exclusively for the Balochistan Levies Force that has the features about the available arms and ammunition in the Levies thanas, other equipment and goods, attendance of the force, crime report-

While briefing about taker Chief Minister the software by the Balochistan, Mir Ali CMDU to Chief Minister, it was informed that the software has been developed on request of the Director General Levies.

#### Hafiz Hamdullah among 11 injured in road side bomb blast in Mastung Governor, Caretaker CM condemn attack; direct to bring culprits to justice **Independent Report**

QUETTA: In all 11 persons including senior leader and spokesman of Jamiat Ūlema-e-Islam (JUI), Hafiz Hamdullah were injured in a roadside bomb blast occurred in Mastung area on Thursday afternoon.

According to the sources of Police and disadministration Mastung, the bomb blast occurred at the road side on main Quetta-Karachi highway in Mastung area when the vehicle of JUI leader Hafiz Hamdullah was passing through there. As the powerful device went off with a big bang, it caused damages to the vehicle carrying the JUI leader and his other associates. As a result, Hafiz Hamdullah and four other persons riding in the vehicle

sustained injuries.

Some of the passersbyes were also injured in the blast, the reports suggested. However, the area police, Levies and local administration rushed towards the spot and shifted the injured to the Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Raisani Memorial Hospital where an emergency was already declared.

However, the injured were referred all the injured including Hafiz Hamdullah to Sandeman Provincial Hospital Quetta for further treatment.

All the injured were admitted in the Trauma center of hospital where they are being provided necessary treatment.

While the condition of all 10 injured is stated to be out of danger, but condition of one injured is stated to be precarious, the sources of Hospital informed.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki handing over the modern software consisting of more than 60 features to the caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali

#### here on Thursday. ISLAMABAD: Interim Interior Minister, Sarfraz Bugti called on Chairman Bugti, Sanjrani discuss Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at Parliament House. country's prevailing Information Ministry signs MOU with BKT to

boost women and youth leadership in Balochistan Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Executive Director of the Association for Behavior and Knowledge Transformation (ABKT), Ms. Shad Begum, on behalf of

the Balochistan Information Ministry on Thursday. The MoU aims to boost leadership and development among the incredible women and youth of Balochistan. The partnership covers a wide range of areas, from policy to community development, and aims to harness the untapped potential of Balochistan's people, with a special focus on women and youth.

Specifically, the MoU will focus on the following areas: Capacity building for women and youth leaders; Support for women and youth-led initiatives Advocacy for women and youth rights; Networking with international organizations and diplomatic

The MoU was signed in the presence of a number of dignitaries, including repre sentatives from the Balochistan government, ABKT, and the diplomatic community. Speaking on the occasion, Jan Achakzai said that the MoUwas a significant step towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Balochistan. He said that the Balochistan Information Ministry was committed to working with ABKT and

Shad Begum said that ABKT was excited to partner with the Balochistan Informa tion Ministry. She said that ABKT had a long history of working with women and youth in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and now extending it's efforts to Balochistan. This MoU would allow them to extend and scale up their work and achieve even greater results in

other partners to empower women and youth and create a more just and equitable



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai and Executive Director of ABKT Shad Begum signing a MoU

(ECP). In this regard, all

the deputy commissioners

should follow the direc-

tives given by ECP, the

said that it is basic right

of every human being in

the society to get

stressed that we have to

improve our infrastruc-

ture for providing better

health facilities to the

stressed the need to

adopt healthy lifestyle

for laying foundation of

a health society

However, he also

He on the occasion

healthcare facilities.

people.

#### chairs 11th meeting of **BUITEMS's Senate** Independent Report

Senate

**Governor Balochistan** 

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presided over the 11th meeting of Senate committee of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Manage-Sciences

(BUITEMS) here on Thursday.

Also present in the meeting were the caretaker Provincial Minister Education, Dr. Qadir Bakhsh Baloch, Vice Chancellor BUITEMS, Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Professor Sajida Noreen, Secretaries, Akbar Harifal and Abdul Hafeez Jamali, Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Ghilzai, Ad-

Mumtaz Langove, Director HEC, Dr. Zahoor Bazai and other members of the BUITEMS Senate.

Speaking on the occa

sion, the Governor said that he is pained while seeing the financial issues being faced by the public sector universities of the province. However, these hard-

ships can easily be overcome by preparing a comprehensive strategy, adding stressed.

He said that it is a fact that the campuses of university have been established in different districts under political pressure without taking correct view of the prevailing circumstances in the past.

This resulted in in creasing financial issues of the university campuses

#### **PM** directs to expedite privatization process of PIA

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar chaired a meeting on matters related to PIA to-day. The Prime Minister was briefed on the progress of privatization process of PIA.

The Prime Minister said that process needs to be expedited urgently so as to provide a reliable service to the users and to raise the standards of the national flag carrier to match the global airline standards.

He directed all the relevant stakeholders to find an immediate solution to the matters related privatization.

#### Caretaker CM inquires about health of Hamdullah **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki inquired about the health of JUI's leader Hafiz Hamdullah, injured in a bomb blast in Mastung, at the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital here on Thursday.

The caretaker Chief Minister reached the hospital where he visited the trauma center and inquired about health of the injured JUI

He also expressed best wishes for the early recovery of Hafiz Hamdullah.

He issued directives to the concerned authorities to shift Hafiz Hamdullah and other injured of blast to Karachi by special plane. Earlier, Mr. Domki was informed about the treatment of JUI leader and other in-

#### **ECP** responsible to conduct elections: Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP): Murtaza Solangi said

formation and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi says it is the prerogative of Election Commission of Pakistan to conduct elections in the country under Article 218 (3) of the Constitution.

Talking to the private channel, he said the job of caretaker government is to facilitate and assist the Commission in electoral

The Minister said the Election Commission is busy after the approval of census and it has asked to complete the constituencies by 30th of November.

The Minister expressed hope that Election Commission will release the election schedule after completing the constituencies.

all parties for election campaign and Election Act is very clear in this regard. He said that measures

against electricity theft will reduce electricity prices and Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Energy both are working on it. Meanwhile, the Minis-

ter, in a statement, expressed his deep grief over the sad demise of mother of Bol News senior reporter Umar Hayat Khan.

Expressing his condolences to Umar Hayat Khan and his family, Murtaza Solangi prayed to Allah Almighty to grant place to the deceased in Heaven and courage to the bereaved families to bear this loss.



QUETTA: BBISE's Chairman EjazAhmed Baloch along with Controller Board Abida Kakarannouncing annual result of FSc/FA.

#### Hafiza Mariam of Islamia College clinches first position in BISE Intermediate examinations

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The student of Islamia Girls College Quetta, Hafiza Mariam clinched first position in Intermediate's annual examinations of Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE).

Hafiza Mariam secured 1045 marks in the Intermediate examina-

The student of Balochistan Residential College (BRC), Loralai, Shabbir Ahmed and student of Government Degree Girls College KHuzdar, Iaveria Shabbir secured second and third positions re-spectively by obtaining 1044 and 1042 marks.

This was announced by the Controller BISE, Professor Abida Kakar

while addressing a hurriedly called press conference at the Board office on Thursday afternoon.

She declared the result of Intermediate examination for the year 2023 and announced that a total of 95,220 candidates had appeared in the examinations. Out of them, 88,732 candidates could pass the examinations showing pass percentage of 93.20 percent.

The Controller informed that 2780 candidates remained absent during papers of different subjects in the examinations. Moreover, the result of 38 candidates were cancelled because of using unfair means in the annual examinations, she maintained

jured of Mastung blast. ditional Secretary Finance, he added.

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presiding over 11th meeting of BUITEMS's Senate

#### retary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has Chief Secretary added directing them to complete issued standing directives necessary repair and conto all divisional commisstruction of the polling sioners and deputy comstations in their respective missioners to expedite measures for bringing Referring the health improvement in the sector, Chief Secretary

Chairs conference of Commissioners & DCs:

CS directs to expedite measures

for improving public service

delivery all over province

public service delivery working hard round the The Chief Secretary was chairing the conference of divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners here on Thurs-

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Sec-

day morning. While addressing the conference, Chief Secretary said that the process of delimitation of the constituencies has been started by Election Commission of Pakistan

#### No relief for Imran, Qureshi in cypher case

ISLAMABAD (APP): A special court on Thursday dismissed the post arrest bail petitions of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman and Vice Chairman Shah Mehmooq Qurishi in the cipher case registered under the Official Secrets

However, the court granted interim bail to PTI leader Asad Umar in the same case against surety bonds of Rs 50,000.

Special Court's Judge Abual Hasnat Zulqarnain announced the verdict which he had reserved earlier after hearing arguments from the two sides. At the outset of hear-

ing, the petitioner's lawyer Salman Safdar Advocate said that an officer of Interior Ministry was the complainant in the cipher case against the PTI chief.

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#### Nawaz's return

After living in London in selfexile for the last four years, PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif is finally set to return to Pakistan next month. This is welcome news.

This paper has time and again called on Mr Sharif to return and face political and legal realities and end the remote management of his party — both when the PML-N was in opposition and then in government.

That he is finally ready to return to the country and engage with his party and supporters face to face will come as a relief to his party's second-tier leadership that has spent the last year making too many trips to London to seek Mr Sharif's advice on several issues.

However, the country Mr Sharif is returning to is, in many ways, quite different to the one he left in 2019. The economy is in a historic mess and businesses are rapidly losing confidence. Households cannot pay their electricity and food bills.

The government is not generating enough revenue has stirred up new thinking to address any of these serious challenges, and there are their exams earlier this year no quick fixes to the November 2023 as offered country's woes. Terrorism, by the Cambridge Board, too, is on the rise. The state about their future, given of human rights in the country is dire. And political space is as narrow as ever.

In this grave situation, what message will Mr Sharif give to his supporters? How exam system through a difwill he explain the last 16 ferent lens. Some education months of the PML-N-1ed specialists believe that Cambridge has changed its exam bridge has changed its exam it more meaningful in difference to the control of the PDM government's confidence of the control of the pm on the control of the control PDM government's perfor-

How does he plan to this that requires greater too system undertaken by counter the enormous support base of the incarcerated Īmran Khan, who remains popular despite being pushed out of politics? Importantly, how will Mr Sharif proceed legally against the court cases against him?

The return of the elder Sharif has often been linked to the timing of general elections in the country by members of his party. Now that Pakistan holds an unusual he is returning, he must call pack of cards. It has no for timely elections — and kings. They have been either deposed, exiled, assasthen face the decisions of a smated, or hanged. It has no public that is angry and crushed by multiple economic burdens.

For many months after the ond Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was murdered on PDM government came to another's watch in 2007. power, it was speculated that the PML-N was afraid of elections because of how much opponents, or use spades political capital it had lost None sparkle like diamonds. during Mr Sharif's' prolonged absence, and later because of the PDM's inability to give relief to the public.

Though Mr Sharif's key rival has been removed from the political battlefield for now, the matter of the PML-N's bruised support remains. How he will galvanise his ebrate independence on Aug 15 rather than the unlucky party, and persuade voters remains to be seen, but his later the name India to the archaic Bharat or emotive party seems to think the Hindustan? 'Nawaz Sharif effect' itself will yield some positive re- their countrymen both the

When he returns, Mr Sharif preferred the former, and will not only have to explain why he left and stayed away from the country for four years, but also what his party plans to do to address the serious internal challenges the southern tip of Cape Comorin — as a contigucountry is facing.

# Understanding this crisis



Sakib Sherani

Pakistan is experiencing its most severe economic crisis in recent history. However, as I have argued previously, this crisis is "a crisis like no other" (Dawn, May 2022). It is not just an economic meltdown, but a confluence of myriad and complex challenges in the political, governance and environment domains.

With regards to the economy, the current episode is comparable in many ways to the economic crises that have devastated countries such as Argentina, Mexico, Greece and Lebanon, etc in the past. Public commentators as well as policymakers appear to have been slow to recognise the magnitude and complexity of the crisis. Partly due to a lack of appreciation, and largely due to political

considerations, the policy response since last year has course of the next few also been slow, behind the curve and, now, deeply flawed More recent plans for-

mulated to respond to the perennial crisis via attracting investment in a handful of sectors of the economy are overly optimistic as well as simplistic, reducing the country's myriad and complex problems that hinder capital formation, the creation of an entrepreneurial ecosystem, the development of a vibrant export sector, etc. down to a mere shortage of dollar liquidity. For these reasons, it is important to understand why the crisis Pakistan is currently experiencing is so different than the past.

First, this one is unprecedented in its severity as well as its complexity since it has emanated from a confluence of multiple shocks. A large terms of trade shock since 2021 coincided with the impact of a 'sudden stop' in external capital availability caused by the aggressive monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve. In addition, the country is in a fullblown public debt crisis, with the need for a very large

years, one that could total around three to four per cent of GDP — by far the highest the country has ever undertaken.

Along with the fiscal adjustment, Pakistan also needs a degree of orderly (ie negotiated) sovereign debt restructuring or re-profiling, without which its debt repayment capacity will remain unsustainable. To compound the situation, the crisis could also envelope the country's banking sector at some later stage, despite substantial capital and liquidity buffers at present (more on this later). Second, the sense of

a polycrisis is accentuated by the fact that the country is facing a political and constitutional crisis since April 2022. Political uncertainty and institutional gridlock are complicating policy responses and whole-of-nation' approaches that are required for an early resolution. Third, the current

economic crisis is accompanied by a crisis of confidence — not just with regard to the prospects of evitable under this scethe economy or the rupee nario.

in the short term, but more fundamentally, by a lack of confidence in how the country is run, and in the ability as well as willingness of the elites responsible to change course. Investors, economic agents as well as the country's youth are voting with their feet via capital flight, dollar-isation and brain drain. Of all the problems afflicting us, the vaporisation of confidence in Pakistan's long-run

prospects is perhaps the

most pernicious — and

unrecognised.

Fourth, the country's banking sector could experience heightened stress in the months ahead, unlike in previous episodes. There are two potential channels: 1) the government, the banking system's largest borrower, is under increasing fiscal duress, with its fiscal position now clearly unsustainable; 2) any restructuring of sovereign external debt could include domestic public debt with bank credit to government the largest component. A significant hair-

challenging environment, prospects the Pakistan's economy for the next three to four years appear less than sanguine, despite the relative optimism surrounding the securing of a nine-month Stand-By Arrangement from the IMF. While the near-term risk of a sovereign default has been averted for the interim, contingent on continued implementation of IMF conditionality. stabilisation and austerity policies will need to remain in place beyond the current SBA as the country undertakes a debt workout, one that could include domestic debt as mentioned above. Economic growth will remain suppressed and financial conditions restrictive,

In this complex and

formal sector. These difficult conditions are likely to lead to industry and business closures, many permanently, in economic 'scarring'.

while the overall business

environment will be chal-

lenging, especially for the

Macroeconomic risks are likely to remain elcompounded by the risk Courtesy Dawn

of political instability. Climate-related shocks are grey rhinos (slow-moving, probable risks with high impacts) that can precipitate at any time over the forecast horizon. Vulnerability to external shocks will remain high until 'break out' conditions

prevail. Each of the conditions above is necessary though not sufficient on its own. Ultimately, the surest guarantee of finding a path to recovery and durable prosperity is for all stakeholders to view the current crisis as an opportunity for wide-ranging, deep and credible reform.

Tailpiece: Unfortunately, another IMF programme appears inevitable, simply because despite the populist talk, there is no credible and workable alternative plan that anyone has crafted or presented. The glib talk on the media about living without the IMF is, unfortunately, without any basis, and is designed to play to the gallery. Pakistan needs to have its external debt rescheduled, and an IMF programme is necesevated, which could be sary for this process. --

## Fix the education system



Kamila Hyat

The recent controversy over A-level results in Pakistan on education. While most Alevel students who sat for others are more worried how the grades affect students' chances of scoring admission in top-ranking institutions. It is not just students but their parents, teachers and others from various spheres of life who are also now looking at the format to some degree this ent ways. At present, espeyear – a shift from a mainly cially at the FSc and FA levrote-based system to somethinking and ability to put most students in the counfascinating. Teams of young

It is unclear if this is truly the case, but those who have been teaching at schools offering O- and Alevel education for years do agree that just like the FSc and matric exams, these exams now promote rote learning; they are now less intellectually demanding of students whose creativity and talent is tested in this. This is something that

people are wondering about. There are now other exams available in the country which can be seen as an alternative to A-level and appear to provide students a greater opportunity to use critical thinking mind and come up with original thought. The idea of education should be to develop in students the ability to think for themselves and go forward from that point on, instead of encouraging them to memorize page after page of text and repeat it verbatim on answer sheets.

Moving away from els – which is the examina-

high dependence on rote learning. The fact that teachers are not trained to teach. but only to make students learn all lessons by heart. simply exacerbates the problem. We need to move away from this.

In recent months, there

has been much discussion over the national curriculum and how to improve it. This can be achieved by simply altering the examination system and setting it up in a way that requires students to think as individuals and not repeat long passages of text as if they were some form of robots, or as 'parrots'. This is essential to creating capacities which many parents and even teachers do not believe students possess. It is essential then to move away from this system.

The ability of young children to think and come up with answers to complex questions was exhibited earlier this year at a session this could in fact be the criti-cal step needed to alter our group which offered winners a chance to visit NASA in the US. Students from low-income schools were asked to develop a scientific object of their choice and on their own. The results were forward arguments clearly. try – we have an extremely girls and boys worked to-

gether and came up with interesting inventions, including making paper from chicken feathers. The winning teams visited NASA in Houston and gained an experience which would not have been available to them had it not been for this effort. Besides this, we have also seen plenty of other examples of students performing extraordinarily well in other tasks at school when they are given a chance to think and come up with

original ideas This would of course mean some major steps within the educational system, beginning at schools and ideally moving on to higher education perhaps in one or two years at the time. In the first place, teachers will need to be trained to educate children as intelligent beings and not as objects capable of rote learning like a recording machine. To do so, they need to undergo new courses and a new curriculum for government-school teachers as well as a compulsory criterion that teachers at private schools have proper certification.

In addition, parents and children would also need to become accustomed to the new mode of learning and understand that it does

indeed constitute education and not just games as many parents believe to be true of exam systems which demand the child lead the way in the educational process. The fact that children everywhere are able to think is a well-established fact, but the problem lies in our failure to allow them the opportunity to do so or to move forward through their wit rather than through memorization.

Indeed the fact that our exam system is based on memorization may be the most basic flaw in our exam system. We do not need a single curriculum: we need a curriculum that has a basic point on which all students must come through - such as standards in Urdu. Maths and ideally the native language of students as well as English at a later point in their education. We also need an education system which has the capacity to introduce tests and exam papers which force students to think and develop their ideas or thoughts, instead of relying on borrowed ones from exam guidebooks, still widely available at all educational stores and at roadside markets everywhere in big cities

Altering the education Courtesy The News

system in this manner could be of enormous benefit to children everywhere and also help them develop the skills they would need in the outside world as well as from high learning. It is imperative that we begin putting in place such a system block by block and keep building it up. The results of the A-level exam should act as a reminder of what we need to do. It is hard to believe that the results were affected entirely because exams were suspended in parts of the country by political protests. It seems far more likely that at least a large number of candidates do not have the skills Cam-

bridge seeks in its students. Our examination and teaching system needs to change so that our students at all levels can move forward and not be held back by our focus on rote learning and the many flaws it brings with it. This has to be our first priority in the education sector so that young people can learn how to think, and we can produce thinkers like Dr Abdus Salam and others, who once made their way to the world's top centres of research while starting from our government schools. --

## What's in a name?

saffron-tinted lenses.

demonstrated his electoral

authority by redefining

borders, revoking Article

contested area of Jammu &

Kashmir. He now wants

Nehru's secular India to

Hindutva Bharat, and

Gandhi's charkha or spin-

ning wheel to be replaced

by Shiva's trishulor trident.

could not have been better.

He had an audience of

world leaders in New Delhi

at the G20 summit. Two

leaders to whom this change

of name will make no dif-

ference are deliberate absen-

tees from the G20 conclave:

Russia's Vladimir Putin. To

them, India by any other

name still smells of regional

such prominence. In 1982,

Mrs Índira Gandhi hosted

the Asian Games. She com-

missioned a talented young

designer called Rajeev Sethi

to refurbish the tired city.

He began with the airport

where he hung cylindrical

cloth tubes stamped with

vivid colours drawn from a

Rajasthani palette. India's

welcome swung gaily above

the heads of arriving visi-

surprised to drive along

four-lane highways rather

than having to compete, as

ambassador J.K. Galbraith

put it, with 5,000 years of

transport. Seventy-six

years later, while India/

Bharat is oscillating be-

tween names, we in Paki-

stan are still trying to

achieve a cohesive identity

and secure our place in the

step of BRICS and watched

We stood on the door-

comity of nations.

Outside, they were

Once before New

PM Modi's timing

convert into BJP's

370 and appropriating the



F.S. Aijazuddin

kings. They have been eiqueens. One potential qualifier Miss Fatima Jinnah was defeated by an armed dictator using rigged polls in 1965, and the sec-

It has no jacks. They have either lost heart, swipe clubs against their to dig each other's graves. All that Pakistan has left is a full deck of jokers.

Each day, we Pakistanis wake up to a false dawn, hoping that each new today will have forgotten yesterday. Each night, we sleep and dream of a utopia where gas and electricity flow like milk and honey. Were astrologers right

when they advised Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to cel-

Those who wrote the Indian constitution gave anglicised India and Sanskritised Bharat. Nehru not because it could increase the sales of his book The Discovery of India.

His feel for the flow of history was too strong. He saw the vast subcontinent — from the top of the northern Himalayas to the ous cultural, ethnic, spiri- Ethiopia slip past us

tual whole. Not, as the Brit- through the door. We peered ish had done, as a colony over the fence like some inconsisting of princely states quisitive neighbour while New Delhi celebrated its marooned in a sea of vanquished territories. Nor, as success at the G20 summit his successor PM Modi by admitting the 55 memsees their country, through ber states of the African Union (including Ethiopia) PM Modi has already into its fold.

If we are honest with ourselves, we would accept that no one is genuinely fond of us. Who would befriend an importuning beggar whose survival depends on handouts?

Applying the maxim 'jam yesterday, jam tomorrow, but no jam today' yesterday, the Saudis, the UAE and China shored up our forex reserves with billions of dollars as deposits that cannot be spent and will have to be returned. We are assured that tomorrow, friendly Arab countries will commit \$100 billion to revivify our economy. Meanwhile today, an insecure in-China's Xi Jinping and terim government tries to convince lenders that we are still a bankable bet.

Without wishing to di-

lute the nation's optimism, would any country (how-Delhi was propelled into ever cash-heavy) be prepared to lend endlessly to an impecunious bankrupt, whose problems are painfully short-term and their solutions even more painfully long-term, but refuses to tackle either? Political parties demand elections, whenever. The PPP is ready and wants them within 90 days. Others prefer a longer gestation period. How can they assure voters, though, that the next parliament will be better than its predecessors? Or will it be the same rancid water poured in new bottles? Thousands of our educated and skilled citizens are not waiting for the next elections to cast their votes. They are voting with their feet, by migrating to whichever country will admit them — even Ethiopia. Our bankruptcy is not only fiscal. It is intellectual. We have 'an expenditure of words with-

out an income of ideas'.

Courtesy Dawn

**Arif Azad** 

Next week, the UN is convening three high-level meetings on universal health coverage (UHC), tuberculosis (TB) and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR) at its 78<sup>th</sup> General Assembly session.

These meetings are set to review the progress made on these intersecting global hea-lth challenges as they are tied to the Sustain-able Development Goals (SDGs) and the cha-nged global pandemic architecture. They give heads of states and governments a chance to revisit the post-Covid global health landscape and recommit themselves to sustained action on the commitments en--shrined in the political declarations on TB and UHC made in 2018 and

2019 respectively.
The 2019 declarations on UHC-SDG 3.8 set a target of reaching an additional one billion people by 2023 and reversing trends in medical impoverishment caused by out-of-pocket expenses. Yet the latest UĤC commitment review's key findings suggest that progress on UHC has stalled and in some cases reversed. This state of play on the follow-up underscores the need for expedited action on delivering on political commitments on TB-SDG 3.3 which are way off track. Covid has blown these goals off track.

The theme of the 2023 high-level meeting on TB is "advancing science, finance and innovation, and their benefits, to urgently

epidemic, in particular, by ensuring equitable access to prevention, testing, treatment and care". At the 2023 meeting, progress on the targets set and achieved so far will be reviewed and a future action plan framed.

In the run-up to the 2023 high-level meeting, civil society groups voiced their expectations of the meeting in May in New York. The key policy asks which emerged out of the civil society consultation focused on reinforcing commitment to reaching all people affected by TB, accelerating research and development in new TB vaccine, drugs and diagnostic services, enhancing funding for TB programmes and prioritising TB across UHC, primary healthcare, pandemic prevention, preand anti-microbial resistance.

The first UN high-

level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response has assumed special urgency against the backdrop of the devastating impact of Covid-19 on health systems, SDGs, and pre-existing health inequalities. PPPR is especially important in relation to serious threats which future pandemics pose to the realisation of the SDGs, UHC and TB as demonstrated by the Covid pandemic. The Pandemic Action Network of civil society groups has called on heads of states for vigorous international action on pandemic preparedness in health and beyond health sectors in whole-of-system approach, as well as increasing ownership and accountability of pandemic preparedness and response plans, while ensuring the widest possible participation of civil society and others in these efforts.

However, the draft of the political declaration has been described by health press and advocates as long on words and short on com-

mitments and lacking in ambition. Specific actions have been kicked down the line to 2026 when the UN will convene another highlevel meeting to further deliberate on the state of pandemic preparedness. Three years is too long a period when it comes to pandemics, particularly when existing pandemic preparedness and response mechanisms have been

found wanting in the Covid

response.

More importantly, the publicly released draft of the political declaration does not include any specific financing targets for global and domestic health spending on pandemic preparedness and response. An even earl-ier proposal re---la--ted to the establishment of an independent monitoring body to assess paredness and response member-state co--m--pliance with the pandemic treaty and spending commitment has been done away with in the draft declaration. UHC, the elimination

of TB and new pandemic preparedness and response mechanisms are key to achieving the SDG goals, intersecting and interlinked with nature as they are. Therefore, the convening of three high-level meetings on these global health issues is a rare opportunity for world leaders and member states to tackle global health challenges in a synchronised and integrated way. Pakistan's caretaker government should show leadership and commitment to the broader idea of ensuring that no one is left behind in UHC drives and in accessing new TB vaccine and drugs and that the future pandemic response is robust, equitable and well financed. All this will require careful preparation, nimble-footed health diplomacy and political will at these important high-level meetings in September. Like other member states. Pakistan too should step up. -- Courtesy Dawn

# Healthy opportunity

#### Religious, political leaders unite for interfaith harmony, urge justice for Jaranwala

FAISALABAD (APP): The leaders from various religious and political representing diverse faiths and beliefs, on Thursday emphasized that Pakistan belonged to all its citizens and no individual, group or organization had the right to use religion as a pretext to take the law into their own hands.

The leaders including Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Hafiz Muhammad Mahmood Ashrafi, Bishop Dr Riaz Rahmat, Allama Tahir Al Hasan, Mufti Nasrullah, Mufti Hanif Asmatullah Muawiya, Maulana Aminul Haque Ashrafi said this while addressing an interfaith

harmony conference. Addressing the recent tragic incidents in Jaranwala and Sargodha, they had called for swift justice against the culprits and demanded that the facts be laid bare before the nation. They stressed the importance of adhering to the principles of justice and the rule of law.

Mahmood Ashrafi announced the 'Secrat Rehmat-ul-Alameen Conference' to be held across the country from the first to the end of Rabi-ul-Awwal to educate the public about the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) regarding the rights of minorities, women and humanity as a whole.

Furthermore, he said the PUC and Christian leadership would host joint Seerat Conferences in Lahore and Islamabad to facilitate dialogue and collaboration between Muslim and Christian leaders on matters of shared concern. He said Chief of

Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar had jointly called for stringent actions against hoarders of dollars, flour, sugar, and those involved in electricity and gas theft. They emphasized that individuals responsible for exacerbating artificial economic crises should not be granted any leniency, he added. Ashrafi underscored Chairman PUP Hafiz the fundamental right of

meeting of the Senate of the University of Engineering and Technology Lahore.

**Sindh Finance Minister for** 

expediting public welfare,

rehabilitation works

KARACHI (APP): Sindh that the projects could be

Caretaker Minister for made operational at the

and Development The meeting was Muhammad Younus Dagha briefed that in the first

on Thursday directed to expedite work on public work, the construction and

welfare projects and repair of roads and the rehabilitation of flood improvement of canals was

being carried out.

It was

using

informed that the canal

system would be improved

engineering methods to

prevent wastage of water.

emergency Rescue 1122

stations were being set up

in the flood affected

districts and the same were

being handed over to the

Rehabilitation, which

would be responsible for

their operation and

maintenance. The meeting

was attended by Chairman

P&D, Shakeel Ahmed

Mangnejo, Secretary Irrigation Niaz Abbasi,

Department

It was told that

modern

Finance, Revenue, Planning earliest.

affected infrastructure.

He was chairing a

meeting regarding projects for the welfare of victims

and the rehabilitation of

infrastructure affected by

the catastrophic floods of

2022 in Sindh. The projects included Sindh flood

emergency rehabilitation

project, the World Bank

assisted Sindh Water and

Agriculture

Transformation (SWAT)

project and the Asian Development Bank

supported Emergency

programme. The caretaker

minister, on the occasion,

stressed the need to take

practical and result-

oriented measures instead

Assistance



PESHAWAR: A delegation from PK-72 Peshawar tribal elites meeting with Governor Khyber

## Sindh cabinet decides to launch military operation against dacoits, drug mafia

KARACHI (INP): The extension of Rangers stay told the meeting and said Caretaker Government has decided to launch massive operation against dacoits in Sindh's Katcha area with the help of Pakistan Army, Police and the Rangers to eliminate menace of kidnapping of the innocent

The decision was made in a cabinet meeting held here at Chief Minister House on Thursday with Caretaker Chief Minister Justice ® Maqbool Bagar in the chair.

accorded approval for the kidnappers, the IG

Chinese CG

calls on Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Čonsul

General of China in Karachi

Yang Yundong Thursday

called on Mayor Karachi

Barrister Murtaza Wahab

in KMC head office on

matters of mutual interest.

China's Vice Consul Xie

Shuye and M. Zheng Chao.

Assistant Consul Chen

Weilong were also present.

Barrister Murtaza Wahab

welcomed the Consul

General of China and the

accompanying guests on

and China have good

neighborly relations, China

has helped Pakistan in

every tough time, China's

cooperation with Pakistan

in various fields is a great

Barrister Murtaza Wahab

said that the Karachi

Metropolitan Corporation

was trying to provide

quality civic facilities to the

citizens and for this

purpose, development

works was being done in

Along with residentia

different areas of the city.

areas, industrial zones are

also being developed

Karachi is the commercial

hub of Pakistan and the

center of industrial and

commercial activities.

example of friendship.

Mayor

He said that Pakistan

their visit to KMC

On this occasion,

for another 6 months in Sindh from September 14, 2023 to February 2024.

Inspector

General Police Sindh Riffat Mukhtar briefed the Cabinet about overall law and order situation in the province with special reference to kidnapping for ransom cases and informed that during current year 2023, as many as 218 people had been kidnapped out of them 207 have so far been recovered.

There are 11 people The cabinet also still under the captivity of

of these 11 people seven were from Larkana, 3 from Shaheed Benazirabad and one from Sukkur districts.

The IG told the cabinet that Naveed Lashari were kidnap ped from Jacobabad, Sagar Kumar from Garhi Yaseen, Qadeer, Zaheer, Gulbahar from Kashmore and Shahid and Jabbar from Sukkur, Soomar from Qasimabad Hyderabad and Farhan and Shahid were made hostage by dacoits from Naushehro

The Caretaker Chief

Maqbool Baqar asked the IG Police and other law enforcement agencies for early release of all remaining hostages from their captors.

Justice Baqar also asked the IGP to keep in touch with the family members of the hostages and make them aware about the efforts being made for their release.

The Caretaker CM also directed concerned authorities for immediate suspension of internet services in the Katcha area

# lives, property of minority communities: Minister

Steps taken to protect

PESHAWAR Provincial Caretaker Minister for Law and Religious Affairs, Justice Retired, Syed Arshad Shah Thursday said that steps had been taken to protect lives and property of minorities as ensuring all the rights to minority community members was among priorities of provincial government.

He was addressing a organized by Provincial Auqaf Department and Churches Association of

The ceremony that was aimed to promote interfaith harmony was held in Saint Lucas Čhurch Abbottabad.

expressed satisfaction over of mutual coexistence in Hazara and said that provincial and federal government was committed to protect minorities and their

minorities were safe and enjoying their rights in the fomenting strife and trying to wedge difference between majority and minority.

government was fully aware of these activities and resources were being utilized to wipe out enemies that were hidden.

He also directed to construct damaged wall of Saint Lucas Church and assured steps to protect religious places minorities.

The minister said that matters would be reviewed about protection of temples and illegal allotment cases.

The ceremony was also attended by minority community religious figures, deputy commissioner, District Khateeb and pastors of all the churches of Hazara.



FAISALABAD: Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council & President International Faith Harmony Council Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi is addressing to the "Interfaith Harmony Conference" at Razaabad.

#### SCCI, Zamung Kor sign MoU for welfare & education of orphan children

PESHAWAR (APP): Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) and Model Institute of State Children Zamung Kor' have signed memorandum of understanding aiming to support the education and

responsibility Memorandum

Model Institute of State Children on Thursday.
On the occasion, the

department, training of orphan children officials from Zamung Kor under its social corporate and the Social Welfare collaborate in common According to the interest initiatives.

Understanding (MoU) was academia and industry signed by SCCI acting linkages along with joint president Ijaz Khan Afridi training sessions and and Zamung Kor Director collective efforts for Naja Mus Sahar during a education of orphan ceremony held at the children.

secretary social welfare

government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ziaul Haq, the Secretary General of the chamber Sajjad Aziz, and Department were present. In this regard, a formal will promote activities of of mutual interests, building of

#### **AKF organizes mass** wedding ceremony for 21 destitute couples

PESHAWAR (INP): Al-Khidmat Foundation (AKF) organized a mass from the mass wedding wedding ceremony for 21 destitute couples of the five districts of Malakand division. The mass wedding ceremony of the orphans and destitute couples was organized in Riwaj Wedding Hall at Thana town of district Malakand, said a press release issued here on Thursday. More than 800 guests including the relatives

of the couples attended the

facility under the auspices of the foundation. Provincial president, AKF KP, Khalid Waqas presided over the ceremony while Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan (JIP) Siraj-ul-Haq was chief guest on the occasion. Prominent among those who attended the Walima of mass wedding ceremony were included vice president AKF Pakistan, Zakirullah Mujahid.



HYDERABAD: A view of sewerage water accumulated on the road outside railway work shop.

#### **Sumbal remembered** in condolence reference at Secretariat

LAHORE (APP): A condolence reference for former federal interior secretary (late) Abdullah Khan Sumbal was held at the Civil Secretariat here on Thursday.

Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman, the senior member of revenue, additional chief secretary, additional chief secretary (home) and administrative secretaries of all the departments attended the condolence reference while divisional

commissioners participated through video reference began with the Khan Sumbal.

commissioners and deputy

recitation of the Holy Quran. The Administrative Secretaries' Committee paid tribute to Abdullah Khan Sumbal for his services in civil service.

The Chief Secretary Punjab said that Abdullah Khan Sumbal was a hardworking and capable officer as well as a very good human being and his services in civil service would always remembered. He remarked that the sudden death of Abdullah Khan Sumbal is a great loss for his family and the civil service.

At the end of the reference, Fateha was link. The condolence offered for late Abdullah

# Tourist places should be promoted: Governor Sindh

Chief of UNICEF's professional team also calls on Sindh Governor

discussed in detail on the

said that there were many

tourist spots in the

The Governor Sindh

were

environment

occasion.

KARACHI Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori has stressed the need for proper projection of tourist places in the province so as to attract local as well as LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman chaired 40th foreign tourists to such sites, which would generate employment for the people living there.

This he said while talking with caretaker Provincial Minister for Tourism, Environment and Climate Change Arshad Wali Mohammad at Governor House here on Thursday. Thursday and discussed

Steps to promote tourism in the province, provision of better facilities for tourists, minimizing affects of climate change and said that projects of of UNICEF to provide

protecting

places of interest of Tourists Especially, trained guides should also be assigned Moen-Jo-Daro

(STDC) for highlighting the

and Makli graveyards to inform the visitors about their historic importance, the Governor added.

Meanwhile, Governor nran Khan Tessori has

province, including Gorakh Hill, which need effective publicity. He asked the caretaker minister to activate Sindh Tourism Development Cooperation

Professional Team Chief Prem Bahadur Chand at Governor House here UNICEF projects, provision of better health

children of the province in getting better health and

talking with UNICEF

This he said while

education facilities.

and education facilities to children, training of teachers and health professionals and other matters of mutual interests were discussed in detail on the occasion. The Governor Sindh

that UNICEF cooperation in the fields of health and education is commendable and steps are being taken with the help

held with fake

currency notes

FAISALABAD (APP): Sadar Sammundri police

have arrested a female

swindler along with huge quantity of counterfeit

said on Thursday that a

couple was busy in purchase of gold jewellery

and other items from

people in Chak No 447-GB

against bogus currency

notes of 1000 and 5000

denomination when the

area people caught them

managed to escape from the

scene whereas the police

arrested the female

swindler and recovered

The male accused

A police spokesman

currency notes.

red-handed.



LAHORE: Members of Insaf Lawyer Forum (ILF) are holding protest rally for demanding General Elections after the dissolution of the National Assembly, outside Punjab Assembly in Lahore. Female swindler

### **RDA** launches grand operation against illegal housing societies

Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) while conducting a grand operation against illegal constructions here on Thursday demolished encroachments and illegal constructions of 11 illegal housing societies.

According to a RDA spokesman, the RDA Task Force formed on the special directives of Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chatta launched a grand operation and took action in accordance with the law against the rules violators.

billboards and other infrastructure of Rawal Enclave, Residencia, Park Zameen Town, Al-Haram city Danyal Al-Haram Block Tameer Garden, Khan Builders, Manan City, Multi Gardens Phase-II Faisal Town Phase-II and Capital Smart Extension demolished.The Force headed by Director General, Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa conducted raids in

different areas and

illegal



Convener, Farooq Sattar exchanging views with Maulana Rashid Soomro, Leader Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) during meeting held at Bahadurabad Markaz in Karachi.

# Secretary agriculture Rafiq Shaikh, Secretary works of spending more time and cost on the paper work so and services. KARACHI: Workers of KMC are spraying Anti

Dengue spray in the streets of Sultanabad area to decrease the rising ratio of Dengue patients in Provincial Capital.

#### **Meeting discusses measures** to expedite development process in merged districts

Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry and Caretaker Provincial Minister for Merged Districts Amir Abdullah here on Thursday chaired a meeting to ponder over measures needed to expedite development initiatives and stimulate growth in merged district. The meeting formed a

working group with caretaker minister as its chairperson and members including including special secretaries from Planning and Development (P&D), Health, Education, Home

The primary aim of the working group is to

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary Khyber development projects Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem within the merged districts, bolster investment across various sectors and address critical issues.

On the occasion, the chief secretary reiterated provincial government's commitment to develop merged districts. He underscored importance of capitalizing on opportunities within tourism, minerals, mining, agriculture, livestock, and

He also directed secretaries of relevant departments to brief caretaker minister regarding both ongoing and proposed projects within the merged districts.

other sectors.

31 new cases of dengue in city LAHORE (APP): As many as 31 new cases of

dengue were reported in the city during the last 24 hours and anti-dengue efforts have also been ramped up. Deputy Commissioner Rafia Haider came to field besides gathering data from locations.She personally reviewed antidengue operations in Defense Phase III.

Two houses were identified with dengue larvae and promptly treated, including surrounding areas with spray. Rafia engaged with residents to discuss performance of dengue teams and assessed their micro-plans and tally sheets. She also emphasized the importance

of clearing weeds and grass from vacant plots in the Separately, in UC-72 Anarkali, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Adnan Rashid warned the DDH about

warned the duty delays.

Meanwhile,
Deputy Commissioner Finance and Planning Umar Maqbool assessed anti-dengue activities in UC-113 Samanabad.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing the Annual Ambassadors' Dinner, organized by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

posed Gandhara Corridor

project. He told that the

ancient archeological sites

of Gandhara civilization are

located in all the four prov-

inces and Gilgit Baltistan. Out of them, five ar-

cheological locations are

present in Khyber

Pakhtunkhaw, one each in Sindh and Balochistan, 10

in Punjab and four in GB.

adding he mentioned. While

the area of Islamabad was

also important part of the

Gandhara, adding he men-

formed that the ancient

caves situated in Gondrani

city Roghan had also been

built by the Budhas' fol-

lowers in the 7th centuries.

Moreover, he in-

#### Chairman PM Task Force for Gandhara meets Domki: **Steps taken for preservation of places** of ancient civilizations being made more effective: caretaker CM

Dr. Ramesh Kumar opines Gandhara civilization can be helpful in promoting national solidarity among federating units of country

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the civilization of Gandhara has key importance in the international recognition of Pakistan and the steps taken for preservation of the places having ancient civilization are being made more effective and fruitful.

In this context, the ongoing efforts would also be improved after reviewing the recommendations of the Prime Minister Task Force for Gandhara.

The caretaker Chief Minister stated so while speaking to the caretaker Federal Minister and Chairman PM Task Force for Gandhara, Dr. Ramesh Kumar who called on him here on Thursday.

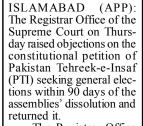
The caretaker Chief about the details of pro-Minister said that comprehensive planning is being made for making the steps of improvement in communication network, easy access and provision of basic facilities sustainable.

He said that it is endeavor of the government to adopt such a comprehensive and coordinated strategy, which has sustainable results, he maintained.

Mardan Ali Domki on the occasion termed the ancient Gandhara civilization as reflection of the tolerance, harmony and brotherhood and appreciated the stance of Dr. Ramesh that the civilization can be helpful in promoting national solidarity among all federating units of the country.

caretaker Chief Minister





The Registrar Office objected that the petitioner had not approached the relevant forums before filling

It also raised the objection on naming President Arif Alvi as respondent observing that the head of the state could not be made a part of the petition under Article 248.

Moreover, it was also not mentioned which fundamental right of the petitioner was violated, the Registrar Office added The petition also did not meet the requirements seeking the apex court's proceedings under Article 184/

#### **Pakistani** pilgrims facing difficulties at Iraqi border

ISLAMABAD (Online) Millions of Pakistani pil grims entered Iraq through Iran on the occasion of Arbaeen Hussaini Returning Pakistani pilgrims are facing difficul-ties at the Chazabeh bor-

According to sources, the pilgrims are short of food and water in the heat of 46 degrees Celsius. Women and children are facing very difficult situation in extreme heat neither water nor food nor phone signals are there.

Pilgrims have ap pealed for help from the Pakistani embassy ir Iraq. On the other hand 18 Pakistani pilgrims are stuck at Baghdad Airport and are not getting return

## QUETTA: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Secretary General, Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Hyderiaddresses to media persons during press conference Lab on Wheel at

**UoT** inaugurated in

conaboration with V L **Independent Report** TURBAT: The Mobile Laboratory, also known as the 'Lab on Wheels,' was operationalized at the University of Turbat (UoT). This initiative was launched by the University of Turbat in collaboration with the Virtual University (VU) of Pakistan to enhance academic excellence and research advancement at UoT. The purpose of this Mobile Lab is to engage the students of the Natural and Basic Sciences and Chemistry Department of UoT in hands-on scientific laboratory activities, bridging the gap between theory and practical knowledge in their

respective fields. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, knowledge.

rated the Mobile Laboratory in the presence of representatives from Virtual University, UoT's Registrar, Deans, Directors, Heads of various Departments, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Students of UoT. PVC requested the Registrar of the Virtual University to extend this handson practical opportunity to UoT's science students every semester. Speaking on the occasion, the PVC stated that this pioneering initiative would provide science students at UoT with ample opportunities to apply their theoretical

Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC)

of UoT along with Dr. Gul

Hasan, Dean of the Faculty

of Legal Education inaugu-

### **CPEC transforms Pak** social economic landscape: **Ambassador Haque**

BEIJING Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of the Belt and Road (BRI), has transformed Pakistan's socioeconomic landscape and brought tangible benefits to

coexistence, good neighbor- tries, including Laos.

(APP): liness, and win-win cooperation has also brought nations together in harmony, transcending differences and working towards shared prosperity," he told local media during his visit to the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's its people. top political advisory body. The ambassadors and the principles of peaceful diplomats from 18 coun-

## Nine students selected from **Balochistan for Reko Diq** 'Int'l Graduate Programme'

highly-coveted RDMC (Barrick) International Graduate Program launched in July this year culminated with the selection of nine young graduates from across Balochistan on Thursday. The primary goal is to cultivate a cadre of future experts and leaders who will not only fill the void in the region's skill landscape but also champion the Reko Diq Mining Company along with their province. Being a global company, Barrick has its presence in 19 countries and seeks to facilitate crossborder learning of its team

members so that there is ates selected come from opportunity to transfer knowledge and skill and enhance in-country capability. For Pakistan this program is an investment to build national human resource capacity for the mining sector. The International Graduate Program has a term of two years after which employees usually return to their country of origin to work for the Barrick business there.

The nine individuals, four of whom are women, belong to various parts of the province and were selected through a meritdriven process. The gradu-

across the province of Balochistan from districts such as Panjgur, Gwadar, Quetta, Loralai, Khuzdar, Pishin and the RDMC district of operations Chagai Disciplines that RDMC (Barrick) has hired from are Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Renewable Energy and Geology. RDMC made a con-

scious effort to find Baloch students since opportunities for employment and training have historically been limited in the province RDMC approached various educational institutions.

#### **Democracy** in Pak owes a lot to sacrifices offered by SZAB, Benazir: Raja

Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf Thursday said that democracy had rendered itself as best form of government across the world. He said that the countries which cherished and implemented the democratic values had touched the height of prosperity and development.

Raja Pervez said "Pakistan has been blessed with energetic and talented youth bulge which will lead Pakistan on the path of development and progress,' he expressed these views in his message on the International day of Democracy.

nation would always remain indebted to Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto for their historic struggle and sacrifices for ensuring democracy in the country.

He expressed that they firmly believed that all powers to determine the destiny of the nation rest with people and it was well documented in the annals of the history that they never compromised on it. Zulfigar Ali Bhutto was the one who bestowed this nation with first democratic and unanimous Constitution.



Chairman PM's Taskforce on Gandhara Tourism Minister of State Dr Ramesh Kumar Vankwani in a meeting with caretaker CM Balochistan Ali Mardan Khan Domki at CM House, Quetta.

### UN organizes eight of 12 dialogues about sustainable development in Quetta

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Today the eighth of a series of 12 dialogues on sustainable development was held in Quetta, Balochistan, by the United Nations and the district administration.

In total, more than 1,000 local leaders living in 12 major cities across six provinces and territories face, and how they impede economic and social progress in their districts. The dialogues are being held in the different languages spoken across Pakistan.

"These dialogues bring the United Nations local governments that we

UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan. "We are actively listening to their concerns and their ideas. They will work together, and with us, on accelerating progress to bridge inequalities and reduce poverty. We will share their suggestions with the federal Government as we focus on returning to sustainable developare discussing the develop- ment." In Quetta, the disment challenges which they cussions focused on four topics chosen by the participants ahead of the event: governance, digital transformation, youth employment and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Nearly 100 local leaders-women and men, closer to the people and the including youth—participated together with senior



RAWALPINDI: H.E. Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador to Turkiva called on Minister for Defence Lt. Gen. Anwar Åli Hyder (Retd) in Ministry of Defence.

### PAPSA's leaders demand govt to provide relief to private schools

QUETTA (APP) Central Wahab Khan Kakar, Ali leader of Pakistan Alliance of Private Schools Associations Alliance (PAPSA), Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti, Vice Chairman of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Pindarani on Thursday demanded to Caretaker federal and provincial governments would take practical steps to provide relief to private education sectors. They said that private schools were facing difficulties due to inflation and the huge increase in electric-

It is also feared that the number of schools closed due to inflation will be more than the number of private schools closed during the corona epidemic, they said.

They expressed these views while talking to the delegation of Pakistan Alliance of Private Schools As-Amanullah Muhammad

sociations,. The delegation included central leader Tareen, Zaman Yousafzai, Haji Abdul of fees by parents, an alarm

Ahmad Baloch, Abdul Qahar Khan Kakar, Madam Shazia Ali, Zia-ul-Rehman Bangluzai, Kaleemullah Khan Achakzai, Mirwais Khan Khilji and others. Sajjad Masood

private educational institutions that charge low fees have faced severe financial crisis due to inflation. In particular, the increase in electricity bills has made it difficult for private

educational institutions. which bear sixty percent of the country's educational burden, to survive. At present, the majority of the population of the country is falling under the mill of inflation, in such a

situation, private educational institutions have been affected even more, he said.

He said that due to the rental buildings of private schools, increase in teachers' salaries and on the other hand due to non-payment

## Peace, equitable development inevitable to attract trade, stop brain drain: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday while calling the international responsibility for peace a foundation for trade, urged the world to ensure equitable development across the world to address the issue of brain drain from developing countries. The president, adtries. The president, addressing the Annual LCCI Ambassadors' Dinner 2023, exemplified Europe saying that by enhancing mutual trade, the world had moved towards peace but it required enhanced efforts to create an enabling atmosphere all around. He said sphere all around. He said Pakistan, being the fifth largest country in the world did not need any charity but the trade with the in-ternational world.

He said Pakistan de-

sired the developed world to share its expertise in in-formation technology with Pakistan as pursuing the ideals of "one humanity" they should spend their resources for the betterment of the people outside their borders too. President Alvi said the brain drain made the nations lose competent individuals despite having spent huge resources on their education.

The provision of equitable development would help such individuals to contribute to their own countries. Recounting Europe's journey to get rid of war, the president said women and children had always been the major casualties of conflicts, and the establishment of peace reguired the elimination of exploitation. Highlighting the double standards, the president said the signing of peace conventions and their violations could not go on

simultaneously. He said the world must focus on enhancing cooperation for the betterment of the next generations as all the world religions preached human service. President Alvi said that as artificial intelligence was impacting human decisionmaking, it required timely efforts to tacklethe challenge before it got out of control. He urged the diplomats to persuade their respective business communities to take advantage of Pakistan's renewed commitment to attract investment with a particular focus on a few sectors through a onewindow facility.



missioner Lt (Retd) Saad bin Asad meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

#### Resignation of Prosecutor **General NAB** accepted

ISLAMABAD (Online): The resignation of Prosecutor General NAB Justice ® Asghar Haider has been ac-

According to notifica-tion issued by Law Ministry, Law Ministry has issued the notification of ap-

Asghar Haider's resignation is accepted from September 15.

#### **PPP** serves show cause

notice to Latif ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has issued a show cause notice to Sardar Latif Khosa, its Central Executive Committee (CEC) member and senior lawyer on Thursday

Latif Khosa and Aitzaz Ahsan, have been at odds with the party leadership over their support to former prime minister Imran Khan in his legal troubles.

Earlier, both senior lawyers were invited to at-tend the CEC meeting in Lahore on September 14

(today).
"Latif Khosa has been a member of the People's Party's CEC but without informing the party assist-ing the head of another party in legal cases, who has been convicted under corruption charges," according to the show cause

notice.

"You have criticized the state over cipher in lawyers' convention.

"Deliver your reply of this show cause notice within 7 days, in case of no-reply, action will be taken as per the rules and your basic membership of the party can be termi-nated," Khosa has been warned.

The PPP's secretary general Nayyar Bukhari has issued the show cause notice to Latif Khosa.

#### **Bugti condemns** attack on JUI Chishti said that Pakistan's leader Hafiz Hamdullah

ISLAMABAD (APP): Interim interior minister Sarfraz Bugti strongly condemned the attack on Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) leader Hafiz Hamdullah on Thursday in Mastung, Balochistan. The minister prayed for the quick recovery of the JUI leader and others injured in the blast.

He said, the entire nation is united in war against terrorism and will never allow terrorist to succeed in their nefarious designs. 'Terrorists want to spread anarchy in the country,' said the minister adding that the government will not spare the enemies of the country's development and peace.

#### **Prevention of smuggling** Jan Achakzai appreciates measures of administration

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has appreciated the measures taken by administra-

tion for prevention of smuggling in the province.

In an official statement issued here on Thursday, Jan Achakzai termed the anti-smuggling measures as satisfactory and remarked that the network of smuggling has been exposed because of the measures taken recently by the provincial administration.

He observed that better coordination is being witnessed among administration of all the districts. Due to the timely intervention, prices of sugar and he maintained

Jan Achakzai said that the smuggling is being eliminated through the best assistance of all law enforcement agencies. He asserted that Balochistan would no longer be a safe place for smuggling of any thing. In addition to this, the

action has also been taken against creating artificial shortage of the dollars for district administration and other concerned departments deserve appreciation, he said. The caretaker Provincial Minister said that it is

our utmost endeavour to provide maximum relief to the masses by taking steps in their larger interest for the provincial administration other commodities have has demonstrated excellent



QUETTA: Caretaker Minister for Sports and Culture Nawabzada Jamal Raisani meeting with DG Levies Naseebullah Kakar

#### Jan slams attack on Hamdullah: Govt. determined to identify & apprehend foreign elements complicit in attack

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has strongly condemned the attack on senior leader of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), Hafiz Hamdullah in Mastung on Thursday. In a condemnation

statement issued here, the Provincial Minister Information said that the government is determined to ideneign elements complicit in on Thursday afternoon.

the attack. He also said that Balochistan's peace and harmony would not be al-

lowed to be destroyed. Jan Achakzai said that an investigation has been initiated to bring the culprits involved in the attack to justice. It may be mentioned here that in all 11 persons including Hafiz Hamdullah were injured in a bomb blast occurred on the tify and apprehend the for- road side in Mastung area

#### **ECP** will release election schedule by Nov: Kanwar

Kanwar Dilshad, former chief secretary of the election commission on Thursday said that the ECP will release election schedule by November. He said the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has currently been engaged in fresh delimitation exercise that could be concluded by November 20. "The constitution says the election should be held within 90 days after dissolution of assemblies,' former ECP official said. "A turmoil being created referring the 90 days' condition repeatedly," he added.

Commenting on the President's role, Dilshad said that he could only give that the next elections.

(INP): his suggestion to the election commission.

Kanwar Dilshad earlier said he did not see the next general elections to be held before February 15, 2024, after the Council of Common Interest (CCI) approval of the Digital Census 2023. Talking to a private Tv news channel, the former ECP secretary pointed out that a fresh delimitation exercise, which takes around four to six months, would make it impossible to conduct the general polls due before October 12 this year. He said that the ECP is legally bound to hold a fresh delimitation exercise, noting

