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## PM for expanding cooperation with Turkiye in multiple sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 sectors.

He said in addition to having strong and time-tested bilateral relations, Pakistan and Turkiye shared convergence and close cooperation on a wide range of regional and multilateral issues, including efforts to combat

Islamophobia. 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 office.

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 steadfast support to Pakistan on the Jammu and Kashmir issue.

## Petrol price likely to increase by Rs20

ISLAMABAD (INP): The 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 petroleum products are proposed to be increased by Rs20 from September 16, sources say.

It suggests that the price of petrol would be raised by Rs20, high speed diesel Rs14 per liter, kerosene oil Rs10 and light diesel Rs9, the sources added.

It has also been proposed to increase the ex-refinery price of petrol by Rs13.5, the sources added, after which the ex-refinery price of petrol would rise from Rs228.59 to Rs242.10.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar exchanging views with Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador of Turkiye during meeting held in Islamabad.

## Domki for making sincere efforts to make law & order situation in Balochistan exemplary

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has underlined the need to make sincere efforts for making the law and order situation in the province exemplary keeping the bright traditions of the past alive.

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 here on Thursday.

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

Speaking to them, the

caretaker Chief Minister said that protection of life and property of the masses is our topmost priority for all available resources are being mobilized.

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

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 caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki handed over the modern software consisting of more than 60 features to

the Home Department here on Thursday.

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 reporting, etc.

While briefing about the software by the 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

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

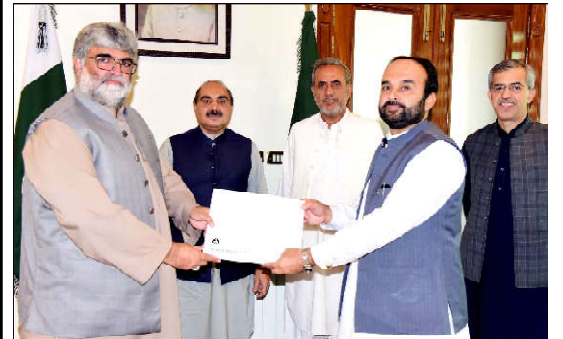
According to the sources of Police and district administration Mastung, the bomb blast occurred at the road side on main Quetta-Karachi highway in Mastung area when the vehicle of JUI leader Hafiz Hamdullah was passing through there. As the powerful device went off with a big bang, it caused damages 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 passers-byes 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.



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## ECP responsible to conduct elections: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information 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 process.

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.

Murtaza Solangi said 54 days will be provided to 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 Minister, 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 Ejaz Ahmed Baloch along with Controller Board Abida Kakar announcing annual result of FSc/FA.

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

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

Hafiza Mariam secured 1045 marks in the Intermediate examinations.

The student of Balochistan Residential College (BRC), Loralai, Shabbir Ahmed and student of Government Degree Girls College Khuzdar, Javeria Shabbir secured second and third positions respectively 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.



ISLAMABAD: Interim Interior Minister, Sarfraz Bugti called on Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at Parliament House.

## Information Ministry signs MOU with BKT to boost women and youth leadership in Balochistan

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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 missions.

The MoU was signed in the presence of a number of dignitaries, including representatives from the Balochistan government, ABKT, and the diplomatic community.

Speaking on the occasion, Jan Achakzai said that the MoU was 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 other partners to empower women and youth and create a more just and equitable society.

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



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

## Chairs conference of Commissioners & DCs: CS directs to expedite measures for improving public service delivery all over province

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QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has issued standing directives to all divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners to expedite measures for bringing improvement in the public service delivery working hard round the clock.

The Chief Secretary was chairing the conference of divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners here on Thursday morning.

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

(ECP). In this regard, all the deputy commissioners should follow the directives given by ECP, the Chief Secretary added directing them to complete necessary repair and construction of the polling stations in their respective districts.

Referring the health sector, Chief Secretary said that it is basic right of every human being in the society to get healthcare facilities.

He on the occasion stressed that we have to improve our infrastructure for providing better health facilities to the people.

However, he also stressed the need to adopt healthy lifestyle for laying foundation of a health society.

## 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 Qureshi in the cypher case registered under the Official Secrets Act.

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 Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain announced the verdict which he had reserved earlier after hearing arguments from the two sides.

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

## Bugti, Sanjrani discuss country's prevailing law & order situation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Interior Minister, Senator Sarfraz Bugti, called on Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, at the Parliament House and discussed with him the prevailing law and order situation in the country.

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 allowed to disturb the peace and security of the country under his watch.

Senator Sarfraz Bugti, emphasized the need for collaboration and unity among all stakeholders to address the pressing challenges Pakistan faces. Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani acknowledged the impor-

tance of a collective effort in ensuring a stable and prosperous Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani acknowledged the vital role of intra-institutional cooperation among government bodies and security agencies to effectively address Pakistan's challenges. He stressed that collaboration, information sharing, and coordination among institutions are paramount in maintaining national stability and ensuring the safety and security of citizens.

Furthermore, the leaders discussed steps taken to restore peace and promote development in the region of Gilgit Baltistan. Senator Bugti shared insights into the ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing security and improving the socio-economic conditions in the area.

## Governor Balochistan chairs 11th meeting of BUISTEMS's Senate

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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 Management Sciences (BUISTEMS) here on Thursday.

Also present in the meeting were the caretaker Provincial Minister Education, Dr. Qadir Bakhsh Baloch, Vice Chancellor BUISTEMS, 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, Additional Secretary Finance,

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

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that he is pained while seeing the financial issues being faced by the public sector universities of the province.

However, these hardships can easily be overcome by preparing a comprehensive strategy, adding he 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 increasing financial issues of the university campuses, he added.



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

## 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 today. 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 to this privatization.

## Caretaker CM inquires about health of Hamdullah

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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 leader.

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 injured of Mastung blast.



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

FAISALABAD (APP): The leaders from various religious and political groups, 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 Ulama Council (PUC) Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Bishop Dr Riaz Rahmat, Allama Tahir Al Hasan, Mufti Nasrullah, Mufti Hanif Bhatti, Maulana Asmatullah Muawiyah, 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.

Chairman PUP Hafiz Muhammad Tahir

Mahmood Ashrafi announced the 'Seerat 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 Anwar 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 the fundamental right of every Pakistani.



PESHAWAR: A delegation from PK-72 Peshawar tribal elites meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

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

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh 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 people.

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

The cabinet also accorded approval for

extension of Rangers stay for another 6 months in Sindh from September 14, 2023 to February 2024.

The Inspector General of Police Sindh Rifat 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 still under the captivity of the kidnappers, the IG

told the meeting and said 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 Kashmir and Shahid and Jabbar from Sukkur, Soomar from Qasimabad Hyderabad and Farhan and Shahid were made hostage by dacoits from Nausheero Feroze.

The Caretaker Chief

Minister Justice @ 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 of the province.

## Steps taken to protect lives, property of minority communities: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): 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 ceremony that was organized by Provincial Auqaf Department and Churches Association of Hazara.

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

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

He said that minorities were safe and enjoying their rights in the country and added that certain forces were fomenting strife and trying to wedge difference between majority and minority.

He said the 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 of minorities.

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



LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman chaired 40th meeting of the Senate of the University of Engineering and Technology Lahore.

## Sindh Finance Minister for expediting public welfare, rehabilitation works

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development Muhammad Younus Dagha on Thursday directed to expedite work on public welfare projects and rehabilitation of flood 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 Flood Assistance programme. The caretaker minister, on the occasion, stressed the need to take practical and result-oriented measures instead of spending more time and cost on the paper work so

that the projects could be made operational at the earliest.

The meeting was briefed that in the first phase of the rehabilitation work, the construction and repair of roads and the improvement of canals was being carried out.

It was further informed that the canal system would be improved by using modern engineering methods to prevent wastage of water.

It was told that emergency Rescue 1122 stations were being set up in the flood affected districts and the same were being handed over to the Department of 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, Secretary agriculture Rafiq Shaikh, Secretary works 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

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief 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 special secretaries from Planning and Development (P&D), Health, Education, Home and Mineral.

The primary aim of the working group is to

ensure speedy execution of development projects 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 the importance of capitalizing on opportunities within tourism, minerals, mining, agriculture, livestock, and other sectors.

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

## Chinese CG calls on Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Consul General of China in Karachi Yang Yundong Thursday called on Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab in KMC head office on Thursday and discussed matters of mutual interest.

On this occasion, China's Vice Consul Xie Shuyue and M. Zheng Chao, Assistant Consul Chen Weilong were also present.

Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab welcomed the Consul General of China and the accompanying guests on their visit to KMC.

He said that Pakistan and China have good neighboring relations, China has helped Pakistan in every tough time, China's cooperation with Pakistan in various fields is a great example of friendship.

Mayor Karachi 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 were being done in different areas of the city.

Along with residential areas, industrial zones are also being developed. Karachi is the commercial hub of Pakistan and the center of industrial and commercial activities.

## 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 1,034 locations. She personally reviewed anti-dengue 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 area.

Separately, in UC-72 Anarkali, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Adnan Rashid warned the DDH about duty delays.

Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner Finance and Planning Umar Maqbool assessed anti-dengue activities in UC-115 Samanabad.

## Tourist places should be promoted: Governor Sindh

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

KARACHI (APP): 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 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.

Steps to promote tourism in the province, provision of better facilities for tourists, minimizing affects of climate change and protecting natural

environment were discussed in detail on the occasion.

The Governor Sindh said that there were many tourist spots in the province, including Gorakh Hill, which need effective publicity. He asked the caretaker minister to activate Sindh Tourism Development Cooperation (STDC) for highlighting the places of interest of Tourists.

Especially, trained guides should also be assigned Moen-Jo-Daro and Makli graveyards to inform the visitors about their historic importance, the Governor added.

Meanwhile, Governor Kamran Khan Tessori has said that projects of UNICEF are helping

children of the province in getting better health and education facilities.

This he said while talking with UNICEF Professional Team Chief Prem Bahadur Chand at Governor House here Thursday.

UNICEF projects, provision of better health 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 said that UNICEF cooperation in the fields of health and education is commendable and steps are being taken with the help of UNICEF to provide better facilities to children.



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

## RDA launches grand operation against illegal housing societies

RAWALPINDI (APP): 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 Chhatta launched a grand operation and took action in accordance with the law against the rules violators.

He informed that the

society offices, gates, billboards and other infrastructure of Rawal Enclave, Haider 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 City Extension were demolished. The Task Force headed by Director General, RDA, Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa conducted raids in different areas and demolished illegal constructions besides.

## Female swindler held with fake currency notes

FAISALABAD (APP): Sadar Samundri police have arrested a female swindler along with huge quantity of counterfeit currency notes.

A police spokesman 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 red-handed.

The male accused managed to escape from the scene whereas the police arrested the female swindler and recovered counterfeit currency notes worth Rs 150,000.

## AKF organizes mass wedding ceremony for 21 destitute couples

PESHAWAR (INP): Al-Khidmat Foundation (AKF) organized a mass 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 Riway 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

Walima ceremony. So far 497 families have benefited from the mass wedding 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 workshop.

## 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 Zaid Akhtar Zaman, the senior member board of revenue, additional chief secretary, additional chief secretary (home) and administrative secretaries of all the departments attended the condolence reference while all divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners participated through video link. The condolence reference began with the

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 be 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 offered for late Abdullah Khan Sumbal.



KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) Deputy Convener, Farooq Sattar exchanging views with Maulana Rashid Soomro, Leader Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JU-I) during meeting held at Bahadurabad Markaz in Karachi.



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

## 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**

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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 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.

During the meeting, Dr. Ramesh informed the caretaker Chief Minister

about the details of proposed Gandhara Corridor project. He told that the ancient archeological sites of Gandhara civilization are located in all the four provinces and Gilgit Baltistan.

Out of them, five archeological locations are present in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 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 mentioned.

Moreover, he informed that the ancient caves situated in Gondrani city Roghan had also been built by the Budhas' followers in the 7th centuries. However, only 500 out of around 1500 ancient caves are present in good condition.

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

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** 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.

The speaker said the 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. Zulfiqar 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 are discussing the development challenges which they 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 closer to the people and the local governments that we serve, said Julien Hameis,



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

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

**QUETTA (APP)** Central leader of Pakistan Alliance of Private Schools Associations (PAPSA), Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti, Vice Chairman of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Pindarani Thursday demanded to Caretaker federal and provincial governments would take practical steps to provide relief to private education sector.

They said that private schools were facing difficulties due to inflation and the huge increase in electricity prices.

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 Associations. The delegation included central leader Amanullah Tareen, Muhammad Zaman Yusufzai, Haji Abdul

## 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, 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 Pakistan, being the fifth largest country in the world did not need any charity but the trade with the international world.

He said Pakistan desired the developed world to share its expertise in information 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 that as artificial intelligence was impacting human decision-making, it required timely efforts to tackle the 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 one-window facility.

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QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hanzha Shafqat and Deputy Commissioner 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 accepted.

According to notification issued by Law Ministry, Law Ministry has issued the notification of approval.

Asghar Haider's resignation is accepted from September 15.

## PPP serves 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 attend 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 assisting 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 terminated," 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 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 administration 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 other commodities have been reduced considerably.



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 identify and apprehend the foreign elements complicit in the attack.

He also said that Balochistan's peace and harmony would not be allowed 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 road side in Mastung area on Thursday afternoon.

## ECP will release election schedule by Nov: Kanwar

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** 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 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 that the next elections.



QUETTA: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Secretary General, Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Hyder addresses to media persons during press conference.

## Lab on Wheel at UoT inaugurated in collaboration with VU

**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.

## CPEC transforms Pak social economic landscape: Ambassador Haque

**BEIJING (APP):** 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 its people.

He said that the BRI paved with the principles of peaceful coexistence, good neighborliness, and win-win cooperation has also brought nations together in harmony, transcending differences and working towards shared prosperity.

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

**QUETTA (APP):** The 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 cross-border learning of its team

members so that there is 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 merit-driven process. The graduates selected come from 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 has hired from are Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Renewable Energy and Geology.

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



QUETTA: Additional Chief Secretary Home Saleh Muhammad Nassar presiding over a meeting of Provincial Task Force for prevention of electricity theft