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Meets Iranian president PM reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to further strengthen ties with Iran

Kakar attends 78th UNGA opening session; Calls for adequate financing, actions in key areas to achieve SDGs

NEW YORK (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday held a bilateral meeting with the President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi wherein he reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further strengthen and deepen ties with Iran, with particular focus on enhancing cooperation in the economic domain.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Underscoring the close fraternal relations between the two neighboring coun-

tries, the prime minister stressed that steps including the recent inauguration of the Mand-Border border marketplace, would not only contribute to the economic uplift of the border areas but also serve as a tangible manifestation of the collective commitment to work for the betterment of the two peoples.

Noting that President Raisi's policy of 'Neighborhood First' was fully aligned with Pakistan's vision for regional development and connectivity, he emphasised the importance for both countries to lever-

age their unique geographical location to promote shared objectives of regional peace and prosperity, through greater trade and enhanced regional connectivity. Pakistan-Iran relations are characterized by regular high-level exchanges, commonality of views on important regional and global issues and strengthened cooperation in all areas of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday, expressing Pakistan's support for the Global Development Initiative (GDI),

highlighted the need for adequate financing and called for action in key areas to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The prime minister, addressing the High Level Meeting on Global Development Initiative (GDI) Cooperation Outcomes, urged for action in five key areas including food production, infrastructure investment, industrialization, resilient healthcare systems and the bridging digital divide.

He highlighted the necessity of adequate and appropriate finance at all levels of the development pro-

cess and welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping's announcement of setting up another fund of \$10 billion dedicated to the implementation of the GDI.

The prime minister highlighted that progress towards achieving the SDGs had suffered a serious setback due to the poly crises of COVID-19, conflict and climate change.

He expressed Pakistan's support for the GDI and commended the milestones achieved in its implementation, the most recent being the successful launch of the Inter-Agency Task Force on GDI.



NEW YORK: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a meeting with meeting with the President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi.

Maternal mortality rate highest in Balochistan than other provinces: Domki

Mir Ali Mardan Domki emphasizes on controlling critical situation with mutual cooperation; vows to make effort to achieve targets of routine immunization; says it's a challenge to provide health facilities to scattered population

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed his concern over the highest maternal mortality ratio during delivery process in the province than other provinces.

He noted with concern that the ratio of maternal mortality is highest in the province than other provinces of the country.

He said that it is no less than a big challenge to provide healthcare facilities to the population, which is otherwise scattered in the vast area of province.

The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the representative of World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Palitha Mahila who called on him here at the Chief Minister's secretariat on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, caretaker Chief Minister appreciated cooperation of the WHO in health sector in the province saying that it (WHO) has always cooperated to the provincial government in health sector, which is appreciable.

He said that the facts and figures show that ratio of maternal mortality is highest in Balochistan as compared to other prov-

inces. He stressed that we have to control the situation with mutual cooperation.

He said that the approval would be taken from the cabinet after seeking opinion of the Law department for reporting of material mortality rate during delivery.

In addition to this, the caretaker Chief Minister vowed to make every possible efforts to achieve the target of routine immunization in the province.

He assured that provincial government would extend every possible cooperation to WHO in its programmes.



ATTOCK: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir interacts with participants during Opening Ceremony of Multi-National Special Forces Exercise "Eternal Brotherhood-II" at Barotha Garrison in Attock.

Our standard of professionalism, leadership par excellence to world's any modern army: COAS

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff, General Syed Asim Munir on Tuesday said the Pakistan Army's standard of professionalism and leadership was par excellence compared to any modern army of the world.

However, the Junior leaders of the Pakistan Army have proven their mettle in the fields of training, operations, and world-class competitions across the world", the COAS said.

The Opening Ceremony of Multi-National Special Forces Exercise "Eternal Brotherhood-II" was held at Barotha. Special Forces contingents from Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Turkiye, and

Uzbekistan are participating in a two-week long exercise, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The Army Chief visited Barotha Garrison and interacted with the exercising participants. He was briefed on the scope and conduct of the exercise by the General officer Commanding Special Service Group.

The exercise is aimed at further harnessing the historic military-to-military relations among the friendly countries, including nurturing of joint employment concept, while identifying areas of mutual interest for future military collaborations

IMF seeks report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products

ISLAMABAD (Online): IMF has sought report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products.

According to media reports IMF has expressed concern over smuggling of 120000 tons petroleum products monthly.

According to FBR sources IMF has sought report from ministry of finance and FBR on smuggling of petroleum products. Report on the steps taken so far to curb this smuggling has also been summoned.

Sources said smuggling is causing loss of over Rs 10 billion under head of custom and levy.

IMF has demanded that smuggling of 143 million liters petroleum products per month be stopped. There will be a revenue short fall due to decrease in imports bill in the face of rise in smuggling of petroleum products. IMF has directed FBR and ministry of finance to take steps to enhance revenue.

Earlier IMF had sought written agreement from ministry of finance on tough conditionalities to provide relief in electricity bills.



NEW YORK: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar is attending the opening session of the General Debate of 78th UNGA session at the UN headquarters.

US will continue to support democracy in Pakistan: says Elizabeth Horst

NEW YORK (Online): Elizabeth Horst, the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Pakistan has said US government will continue to support democracy in Pakistan but it does not support any specific person or party.

Addressing a seminar in New York she said credible election are included in support for democracy.

She held US will continue to support such credible election in Pakistan which are free from violence and they allow the people to decide who rules them.

She urged Pakistan to continue implement reforms proposed by IMF because it is the only way of solidifying its weak economy.

She clarified US troops pull out from Afghanistan gave opportunity to US to look at bilateral ties with Pakistan. The important aspects like economic security and political situation have been encompassed in these relations.

Addressing the political aspect of this relationship she said US is supporter of democracy in Pakistan but it does not support any specific person or party. We support people of Pakistan who has right to elect their next government, she said.

Ambassador (Donald) Blome has delivered this message to all institutions and all parties, and I have delivered the same message."

ANP's leader Arbab Ghulam M. Kasi dead in Kuchlak

QUETTA: The leader of Awami National Party (ANP), Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi Advocate was shot dead by unknown persons here on Tuesday.

The police said that the body of deceased ANP leader was found from the jurisdiction of New Kuchlak police station.

The killer (s) threw body of Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi in an abandoned area in Kuchlak and fled from the scene.

The body was removed to the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital for legal formalities including postmortem. In the meantime, the hunt has been started for the accused in the murder of ANP leader.

PM Kakar expected to visit China next month

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar is expected to pay official visit to China next month.

The premier will attend 10-year celebrations of CPEC and hold meetings with Chinese leadership.

Matters pertaining to mutual interests would come under discussion in the meeting.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar is currently in New York to lead Pakistan's delegation at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which opens today, with nearly 150 world leaders set to attend the annual event.

He was received at John F. Kennedy International Airport by Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN, Mumir Akram



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting a shield to WHO country head in Pakistan Dr. Palitha Mahipala

Arrangements to be finalized to launch health card programme soon: CM

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki on Tuesday said that all arrangements should be finalized to launch the health card programme soon.

He directed all the stakeholders to ensure transparency and expedite the process to finalize the panel hospitals across the country.

The chief minister while presiding a meeting regarding the issuance of health cards in the province, directed the State Life Insurance Corporation and NADRA to finalize their respective affairs.

He said out-of-pocket health spending led to increased poverty as expensive treatments are beyond the reach of poor people, so it is important to immediately provide free-of-cost treatment facilities to the masses.

Pakistan, Norwegian FM agree to strengthen bilateral cooperation

NEW YORK (APP): Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani and his Norwegian counterpart Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt have agreed to work towards the enhancement of bilateral cooperation. In a meeting held on the margins of the 78th UNGA Session in New York, both sides appreciated 75 years of Pakistan-Norway friendship. Both foreign ministers expressed satisfaction on the exchange of ministerial visits between both countries during the first half of 2023 and emphasized increasing the volume of exchange of visits and regular interactions. The two foreign ministers discussed regional and international issues of mutual concern including risks to global peace, and agreed on the importance of multilateralism and a rule-based approach to address regional and global challenges.

Importance of Civil defence volunteers' increased further, says Zubair Jamali

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali has stated that the importance of civil defence volunteers has been increased further in the present circumstances.

The caretaker Provincial Minister Home was visiting the Directorate of Civil Defence here on Tuesday.

During the visit, the Minister was briefed about the overall functioning and performance of the Civil defence.

He assured that every possible cooperation would be extended to make the civil defence directorate more effective.

He recalled that the civil defence was formed in

Britain after the first world war. He said that the civil defence can't be ignored anyway.

However, he stressed the need to take more steps to review the civil defence directorate afresh. He said that the civil defence force would be merged as the emerging professional force in time to come.

The caretaker Minister appreciated the martyrs of civil defence including Shaheed Abdul Razzaq, who embraced martyrdom during the duty.

On the occasion also emphasized that every citizen should attain training of civil defence in the present circumstances, and a contingent of volunteers can be prepared by imparting training of civil defence to the students.



QUETTA: Inspector General National Highways, Motorway Police Sultan Ali Khawaja meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

30 students to be included in first phase of training.

Digital Media training arranged for youth of Balochistan: Jan Achakzai

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the digital media training has been arranged by Information department for youth of the province in collaboration with the private sector.

In first phase of the training programme, 30 male and female students would be included. Jan Achakzai mentioned adding that the selected stu-

dents would be imparted training in IT, E-commerce, amazon, digital marketing and social media marketing, he Information Minister said that the basic objective behind the training programme is to impart training and skills to the youth in sector of information technology.

he training programme is also aimed at enabling the talented youth of Balochistan through respectable livelihood, he added.



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai and others addressing participants of a ceremony organized by Aurat Foundation

KP Governor urges Business community to work for strengthening country's economy

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali here on Tuesday urged the business and traders community to work in liaison and strengthen the economic condition of the country. He was talking to a 30-member delegation of the Hazara Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry that was led by its president and former MPA, Khurshid Azam Jadoon.

Talking to the delegation, the KP governor said that efforts and dedication of the business community are needed to make Pakistan a

leading economy in the region. He said that the business community and stakeholders should adopt a common strategy to make the country prosperous and economically strong adding they would be provided with needed facilities and help.

The delegation apprised the Governor about their problems and said that steps are needed to facilitate tourists to recreation places of Poona and Ambraila waterfalls in Hazara Division.

They also demanded a reduction in land transfer fees and restoration of

agricultural land transfer to benefit the common man.

The Governor assured the delegation resolution of their problems and highlighted steps taken by the government for the facilitation and benefits of the business community.

Haji Ghulam Ali also urged the business community to work in unison and counter conspiracies being hatched against state institutions.

He said that those who are fomenting distrust and chaos are enemies of the state that must be stopped.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of Traders from Hazara Division led by Khurshid Azam meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

Murtaza Bhutto murder case: SHC orders respondents to prepare paper book in 3 days

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while ordering the respondents of Murtaza Bhutto murder case to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarked if the order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

The appeal pleas against the acquittal of accused involved in Murtaza Bhutto brother of former Prime Minister (PM) Benazir Bhutto came up for hearing before SHC Tuesday.

Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto took up the case for hearing.

PHC fines KP CM, CS, Law Sec, Advocate General

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-member bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday expressed resentment over the provincial government for not submitting a reply to the court order.

During a hearing in a case against the removal and appointment of new law officers, the bench comprising Justice Attiq Shah, Justice Waqar, and Justice Shakeel imposed a Rs 100,000 fine on each KP Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Law Secretary, and Advocate General.

CM emphasizes unbreakable bond of friendship between Pakistan and China

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to the Communist Party Secretary Office in Yinchuan, the capital of China's Ningxia province.

Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun extended a warm welcome to CM Mohsin Naqvi and the accompanying delegation, said a handout issued here.

During their official meeting, the CM and Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun discussed the development of Ningxia and the implementation of a streamlined one-window operation. They mutually agreed to leverage China's expertise in meat production, dairy development, Information Technology, and drip irrigation systems.

Furthermore, it was decided in principle to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as sister cities of Wuzheng and Zhang Wei in Nangxia.

Mohsin Naqvi extended a written invitation to Secretary Nangxia Communist Party, Liang Yanshun, to visit Punjab, which was graciously accepted. Additionally, both parties concurred on the revival of the 17-year-old sister province agreement between Nangxia and Punjab.



KARACHI: Residents of Mahmoudabad block road as they are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity and sui-gas load shedding in their area, held at Baloch Colony road in Karachi.

Ex MPA among three part ways with PTI over May 09, riots

BUREWALA (INP): Former MPA among three party leaders on Tuesday condemning the May 09, violence announced to part ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Those who quit PTI included former MPA Chaudhry Irshad Arain, former Tehsil Nazim Usman Ahmed Warraich and District Senior Vice President Chaudhry Imran Irshad.

AJK begins brisk preparations to celebrate Eid Milad un Nabi (SAW)

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, brisk preparations have been started with great enthusiasm, religious zeal, and fervor to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him), the birth day of the last Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), on the sanctified day of Rabi ul Awwal, falling on September 29.

In all 10 districts of the liberated territory, the cities and towns' streets and roads, including bazars and shopping centers, are being beautifully decorated

CM orders line depts to remain alert during rain

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has ordered Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rescue 1122 and local administration, from China, to remain alert on reports of heavy rain in Lahore and other cities.

In his statement issued here, the CM directed the administration and other officers concerned to reach the field immediately.

ANF seizes over 4166 kg drugs in 35 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized 4166.009 kg of drugs and 480 liters of imported alcohol worth US\$ 277.174 million internationally, arrested 32 accused, and impounded eight vehicles while conducting 35 counter-narcotics operations throughout the country last week, said its spokesman on Tuesday.

He informed that the seized drugs comprised 51.6 Kg Opium, 279.26 kg heroin, 3096.442 kg hashish, 541.68 kg methamphetamine (Ice), 10 kg morphine, 187 Kg ketamine, 24 grams of weed, and 0.003 grams of ecstasy Tabs (5 Tablets).

ANF Balochistan recovered 2496.5 kg of drugs in seven operations arrested the accused involved in drug smuggling and impounded 2 vehicles.

The seized drugs comprised 30 kg of Opium, 0.75 kg of Heroin, 2453 Kg of Hashish, 2.75 kg of Methamphetamine, and 10 kg of Morphine.

ANF Sindh recovered 1006.875 kg of drugs and 480 liters of Imported alcohol and arrested 12 accused besides impounding a vehicle.

Fishing maps distributed among fishermen to ensure safety

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Navy on Tuesday distributed indigenously developed fishing map among the local fishermen for supporting them in safe conduct of fishing activities.

The ceremony regarding distributing fishing maps was held Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre in Karachi.

The fishing map includes vital information such as the precise positions of ghost nets which is a significant threat to marine life and vessels of fishermen, said a press release issued by Pakistan Navy.

Moreover, it will enable fishermen to avoid areas unsuitable for fishing activity and reduce the risk of breakdowns of boats at sea.

KP Election Commission for awareness regarding postal ballot facility

PESHAWAR (INP): Provincial Election Commission Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to formulate a strategy to run a special awareness campaign regarding the facility of postal ballot paper in the upcoming general elections for registered persons with disabilities in collaboration with the member's organization of the Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group.

It was decided by the Gender and Disability Working Group, said the spokesman for Provincial Election Commissioner Sohail Ahmed on Tuesday.

Spokesman Sohail Ahmed, Assistant Director GSI Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi, Assistant Director NADRA Shahid Ali, Pakistan Women's Zahid and Ibrahim, Arshad Peyman, Hamid Ali PEDO, Abid Khan URDO, Farid Gul, and Zafar Ali Shah participated.

The meeting was told that persons with disabilities are not aware of the facility of postal ballot paper and they face difficulties regarding the procedure of filling and submitting the relevant forms.

International News

UN General Assembly, climate moots kick off in NYC today

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: The high-level debate of the 78th UN General Assembly begins in New York on Tuesday, with the schedule of speakers indicating that caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar, who arrived here in New York on Monday, will deliver his speech on Friday.

Coinciding with the start of the UNGA, the annual UN's Climate Action Summit will set the stage for countries to reverse backsliding on Paris climate agreement goals and to encourage governments to

adopt serious new actions to combat climate change.

According to the schedule for UNGA, the "General Debate" (as it is formally known) will kick off today (Tuesday) with an address from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, followed by the address by UNGA President Dennis Francis, a diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, who will preside from the General Assembly dais for the entire week.

As per longstanding tradition, Brazil will deliver the first address from a national delegation and the second one will be by the host country of the United Nations, i.e. the United States.

But, in a departure from tradition, four out of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council have chosen to skip the 78th General Assembly.

French President Emmanuel Macron will be busy in Paris, welcoming Britain's King Charles III on his inaugural visit to France as monarch on Sept. 20. And on Sept. 22, he is meeting Pope Francis.



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres delivers a statement during the opening of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit at UN headquarters in New York City.

At UN General Assembly, Biden asks world to stand with Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
NEW YORK: U.S. President Joe Biden appealed to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday to stand with Ukraine against Russian invaders, hoping Republicans in Congress will also take notice.

"Russia believes that the world will grow weary and allow it to brutalize Ukraine without consequence," Biden said in his speech to UNGA. "If we allow Ukraine to be carved up, is the independence of any nation secure?"

Biden drew applause when saying that the United States and its allies would stand with Ukraine's fight for freedom. "Russia alone bears responsibility for this war," the president said. "Russia alone has the power to end this war immediately."

Biden's address at the annual gathering was the centerpiece event of his three-day visit to New York, which will include meetings with the heads of five Central Asian nations, and the leaders of Israel and Brazil.

Biden, a Democrat, has made rallying U.S. allies to support Ukraine a leading component of U.S. foreign policy, arguing the world must send a clear signal to

Brazil's Lula warns United Nations of coup risk in Guatemala

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva warned world leaders at the United Nations on Tuesday of the prospect of a coup in Guatemala, echoing U.S. concerns about risks to democracy in the Central American country after last month's election.

"In Guatemala, there is a risk of a coup, which would impede the inauguration of the winner of democratic elections," Lula told the U.N. General Assembly.

Last week, the top prosecutor's office in Guatemala raided electoral facilities and opened sealed ballots from the election, in which anti-graft President-elect Bernardo Arevalo and his Semilla Party overwhelmingly came out on top. Prosecutors allege irregularities in the registration of Semilla members ahead of the vote, which the party has denied.

The U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, Francisco Mora, urged Guatemalan authorities on Monday to end their "intimidation efforts" targeting election officials and members of Arevalo's party.

UN meet to look for ways to help world's poorest

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: World leaders met on Monday at the United Nations in a bid to salvage ambitious promises to lift the planet's poorest, at a time when vulnerable nations are facing a volley of crises. But the development summit, on the eve of the annual UN General Assembly that opens on Tuesday, threatens to be eclipsed by growing geopol-

Four killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russia carried out new air strikes and shelling in Ukraine overnight and early on Monday, killing at least four people, Ukrainian officials said.

A man aged 72 and an elderly woman were killed, and three others were wounded, in an overnight attack on the southern region of Kherson, regional governor Oleksandr Prokudin said.

Ronaldo gets warm welcome on arrival in Tehran

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Al-Nassr captain Cristiano Ronaldo received a warm reception in Iran on Monday, in the first visit of a Saudi team to Iran since 2016 ahead of the beginning of the group stage of the Asian Champions League.

Al-Nassr face Iranian side Persepolis in Group E on Tuesday, while Qatari side Al-Duhail play Istiklol Dushanbe of Tajikistan.

The streets were crowded with fans who raised welcome banners and pictures of Ronaldo upon the arrival of the Saudi Arabian team in Iran after the restoration of relations between the two countries.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that matches between Saudi and Iranian teams would be held on a home-and-away basis after the agreement of the two local federations.

Supporters invaded the team's hotel, despite attempts by security personnel to prevent them.

Taiwan alleges over 100 Chinese planes flew near its airspace

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan's defence ministry urged China on Monday to stop "destructive, unilateral action" after reporting a sharp rise in Chinese military activities near the island.

The ministry said that since Sunday it had spotted 103 Chinese military aircraft over the sea, a number it called a "recent high". Its map of Chinese activities over the past 24 hours showed fighter jets crossing the median line of the strait which serves as an unofficial barrier between the two sides.



Saudi football club Al Nassr's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (centre) being presented with a Persian rug as a gift upon arrival at Imam Khomeini International Airport, a day before a match against Iran's Persepolis club.

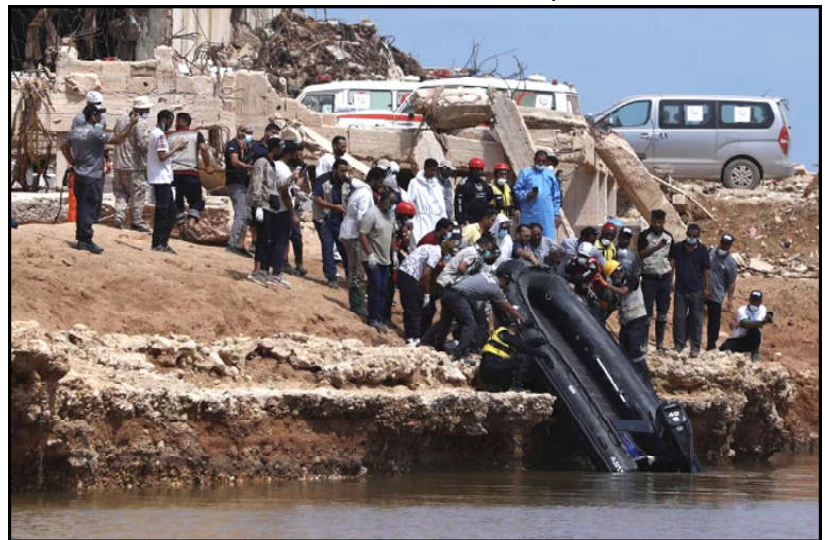
Southeast Asia nations hold first joint navy drills near disputed South China Sea

Monitoring Desk
JAKARTA: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations began its first joint naval exercise on Tuesday at a time when several member countries are responding more strongly to increasing Chinese assertiveness in the area.

The non-combat drills, named ASEAN Solidarity Exercise, include joint maritime patrol operations, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian and disaster relief, Indonesian military chief Adm. Yudo Margono said.

He said the five-day exercise in Indonesia's Natuna waters aims to boost military ties among the ASEAN nations and enhance interoperability. The drills also involve civilian groups involved in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention.

ASEAN nations have taken part in naval exercises before with other countries — including both the United States and China — but this week's drills are the first involving just the bloc and are being led by many as a signal to China. The line also overlaps with a section of Indonesia's exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna Islands.



United Arab Emirates search and rescue personnel drop in a boat to carry out a search mission for dead bodies stranded at sea following floods in Derna, Libya.

Pakistan to roll out first ever MRV system for monitoring GHG emissions

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan, in its concerted and active effort to tackle the crisis of climate change has achieved another milestone of establishing its first ever measurement, reporting and verification and monitoring and evaluation (MRV&ME) system for monitoring its greenhouse gas emissions.

The system will be an information technology-based solution that will help collate scientific evidence

from across the country on its carbon emissions causing environmental degradation for informed policy making and course setting to achieve internationally pledged commitments and targets. The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) organized a three-day forum titled 'Transparency Platform for Pakistan (RISQ): A Climate Transparency:

Knowledge Sharing, the Climate Transparency project in Pakistan.' In his opening remarks, Head-Agriculture and Coordination, GCISC, Arif Goheer said the vagaries of climate change were evident and demanded a concerted and continuous effort to overcome the challenges posed by climate-induced disasters. "Scientific evidence clearly indicates that climate action should be effective and robust which is

known as transparency in the jargon of climate science. In Paris Agreement, Enhanced Transparency Framework was conceived to clearly monitor GHG emissions and measures taken to cope with it and resources deployed for climate action," he added. Goheer said in Pakistan MRV concept was started late whereas the former Director General Environment of Climate Change Ministry, Irfan Tariq and German Intl Development.



QUETTA: Representative of Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Muhammad bin Zaid Al Naheyan Ahmed Atta Baloch, Mir Dawood Shahwani, Malik Shehryar and Mir Bebarg Shahwani meeting with Caretaker Provincial Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki



QUETTA: Provincial Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali inspecting equipment of BD van

Opportunities of livelihood can be provided to youth by conducting free IT, AI courses, says Governor

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is clear that the government can't provide government jobs to thousands of unemployed youngsters, however, it can surely create opportunities of livelihood for millions of people by conducting free Information technology and artificial intelligence courses for youth and ensuring invest-

ment and public-private partnership. In this context, the students graduated from the universities can earn better livelihood in the IT sector after benefiting from the modern technology and learning modern skills. The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of Dean and Director of NUST Balochistan campus, Brigadier Dr. Waseem Khaliq here at the Govern-

nor House on Tuesday. The Governor said that we have announced to conduct free course of IT/AI for the unemployed youth of the province. In first phase of the programme, in all 10,000 youngsters would be learnt modern skills free of cost. In this regard, the Governor urged all responsible persons and IT experts to extend full cooperation and guidance to make the Governor's IT initiative programme successful.

Govt committed to promote sports activities: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said the caretaker government was committed to promoting sports activities in order to bring about positive change in the society.

The minister expressed the resolve during a meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Zaka Ashraf.

Different matters including cooperation between Pakistan Television (PTV) Sports and PCB

were discussed in the meeting.

Solangi said the PTV Sports had been playing a pivotal role to promote the sports culture and it had gained huge popularity among the viewers across the country.

He reaffirmed the caretaker government's resolve and support for promoting the sports, especially cricket.

The minister acknowledged the role of PCB in promoting cricket in the country.



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi in a group photo with Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Zaka Ashraf and other officials

Netting corrupt: AJK PM announces to execute accountability in State soon

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister (PM) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has announced to execute indiscriminate accountability all across the state soon.

Addressing the members of the District Bar Association Mirpur and Mirpur Protection Forum at the Jammu and Kashmir House in the federal metropolis late Monday the PM said that across-the-board accountability would

be ensured and no one would be exempted from accountability.

Referring to the ongoing AJK-wide heated issue of the inflated electricity bills, the PM said, "Since the government has decided to suspend all additional charges on electricity, the billing will be made on the old tariff rates".

The PM said that no penalty or additional surcharges would be slapped on consumers.

Senate body on delegated legislation meets

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation was held here at the Parliament House under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

The Senate Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on June 15, 2023 and the committee also approved the reports for September to December 2022, January to March 2023 and April to June 2023.

The Committee meeting discussed the issue sent by the Chairman Senate regarding the establishment of Engineering Development Board through SRO in detail. The Chief Executive

Officer Engineering Development Board briefed the committee about the establishment of the institution, working procedures and said that the institution was established in 1995 under a resolution approved by the Federal Cabinet. Chairman Committee Senator Mian Raza Rabbani said that despite the passage of so many years, this institution has not yet been enacted. It is working under the Chief Executive Order of 2002. What is its legal status and where are the rules and regulations.

In reply to that, the committee was told that the Board of this institution has approved its rules but the approval has not been taken from the government.

PBF urges authorities to open transit trade via 250 boarder Iran being shortest route

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) President Turbat, Maqbool Alam Noori, said on Tuesday that it is the right time to open transit trade via the 250 Border Iran, as it is the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia.

He expressed these views in a statement issued here, saying that opening the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would be a beneficial move. It would provide a number of benefits and the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia, which would reduce time and costs for businesses and consumers in both regions.

Central Asia is a landlocked region that is bordered by Pakistan to the south, Russia to the north, China to the east, and the Caspian Sea to the west. The region is home to a number of countries, including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. Central Asia is a rich region in terms of natural resources, but it is also underdeveloped, he said.

A PBF official said the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would provide a number of benefits for both Pakistan and Central Asia. For Pakistan, it would increase trade revenue and economic activity.

It would also create jobs and boost development in Balochistan, which is one of the poorest provinces in Pakistan. For Central Asia, it would provide a shorter and more efficient route to access world markets. It would also reduce dependence on Russia and China for trade.

CM directs to prepare plan for permanent operationalization of Traffic Bureau

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has directed the concerned authorities to prepare comprehensive plan for permanent operationalization of the Traffic Engineering Bureau.

Mr. Domki was chairing the meeting of board of Balochistan Traffic Engineering Bureau held here on Tuesday.

Those who attended the meeting were included Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary Finance, Secretary Transport, Commissioner Quetta, DIG Police, Director General Traffic Engineering Bureau, Administrator Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and other concerned high ups.

The board meeting formed sub-committee of Finance department for review of the administrative and financial matters of Traffic Engineering Bureau.

The caretaker Chief Minister on the occasion directed to present the proposed service rules of the Traffic Bureau officers and staff in the next board meeting after reviewing the same.

PM to highlight Pak core issues in his address to UNGA on Sept 22: Munir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to UN Munir Akram on Monday said Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar would highlight the country's core issues including Kashmir, Islamophobia and the economic situation in his address to the United Nations General Assembly on September 22.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Qadir Bakhsh Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

CM Domki directs secretaries to take steps to provide relief to masses

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki exhorted all the administrative secretaries of provincial government departments to ensure implementation on the rules and policies in departmental matters. In addition to this, they (secretaries) should also take practical steps for provision of maximum facilities to the masses resolving their issues at the district level.

The Secretary Livestock, Arshad Ali Bugti, Secretary Agriculture, Muhammad Tayab Lehri, Secretary Fisheries and Coastal Development, Hafiz Tahir Ali, Secretary Forests, Noor Muhammad Pirkan and Secretary Communications, Ali Akbar Baloch briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments.

The caretaker Chief Minister was addressing the meeting of different departments here on Tuesday. The secretaries of Livestock, communications and Forests briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments.



QUETTA: Chief Collector Customs Balochistan Abdul Qadir Memon meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

PML-N to take part in general & local body elections of Quetta: Jafar

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Balochistan President Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel on Tuesday said that the PML-N would participate in the general elections and local body elections of Quetta and achieve success.

Kakar, senior leaders Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan, Naseer Khan Achakzai, Zahir Khan Kakar, Attaullah Muhammad Zai, Naseem Rehman, Advocacy Tariq Butt, Jahangir Kharuti,

In the meeting, the party leaders informed the provincial president of the party about their recommendations regarding the local body elections and assured that all party members will keep their differences aside and abide by the party's discipline for the upcoming local body elections.

There are no groupings in the party and if anyone deviates from the party decisions the basic membership will be terminated, he added.

Addressing the meeting of the party, he said that Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan and Ashraf Javed Kurd were responsible for hosting and coordinating the meeting.

The party will work hard day and night for the success of the candidates whom the party will give tickets.

Action continues against illegal fishing trawlers, says DG Fisheries

Independent Report
QUETTA: The action is continued against the illegal fishing trawlers in the sea waters of Balochistan.

This was stated by the Director General Fisheries Balochistan, Mir Saifullah Khetran while speaking to local media persons on Tuesday.

The DG Fisheries said that an illegal trawler was impounded from Pashi and seized the fish stored at the trawler. Moreover, the fishing staff was also

arrested, he maintained.

The DG said that the wholehearted action is continued by the fisheries patrolling team against the trawlers illegally engaged in the fishing.

He said that the fisheries department is ever ready to take action against the illegal fishing.

While steps are being taken to improve the exports of fish, the local fishermen would also have to join hands with us to stop illegal fishing, he informed.



QUETTA: Provincial Caretaker Minister for Excise and Taxation Prince Ahmed Ali and Inspector General of Police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh presiding over a meeting regarding prevention of narcotics and traffic laws

PPP to adopt Bilawal's policy over election date

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on Tuesday decided to adopt the policy suggested by PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on the matter for timely elections.

According to the PPP sources, a meeting of the PPP Central Executive Committee (CEC) was held on the matter of timely elections where the participants reached a consensus to adopt Bilawal Bhutto's policy.

As per reports, during the CEC meeting, the participants consulted the policies of PPP co-chairman Asif Zardari and his son Bilawal.

The senior members of the committee recommended to adopt Asif Zardari's conciliatory policy, as Asif Ali Zardari was tended to save the economy through his policy.

PTA conducts successful raids against Illegal Internet

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) conducted two successful raids in Gojra City, in collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA).

The raids against illegal internet service providers were conducted at Adeb Plaza Main Bazaar, Wala Bazar and Mehdi Shah Bazar. One person was arrested and illegal ISPs equipment was also confiscated said a news release issued here on Tuesday.

The successful raids against illegal ISPs were made possible through PTA's continuous monitoring, commitment, and persistent efforts to combat the menace of illegal internet services, thus reducing losses to the national exchequer resulting from tax evasion and misreporting of revenues.



QUETTA: Dr Palitha Gunaratna Mahipala, WHO Country head in Pakistan giving health equipment to Secretary Health Asfand Yar Kakar during a ceremony.

All Pak CM Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament begins

Independent Report
QUETTA: The 4th All Pakistan Chief Minister Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament got underway in Quetta on Tuesday.

The caretaker Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports and Culture, Jamal Raisani inaugurated the tournament with formal kick at the football ground of Ayub Stadium.

There that 52 teams from different provinces and departments are taking part in the tournament, which would remain continued for two weeks.

Speaking at the inauguration, Jamal Raisani said that we are giving message to the peace enemies through sports that people of Balochistan are peace and sports loving and hospitable.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary Sports, Ishaq Jamali, Director General Sports, Durra Baloch, Director Sports, Asif Langove and others.

It may be mentioned

He said that although six footballers were kidnapped from Dera Bugti, but still our moral are high. We would not be sparing the kidnappers at all, adding he asserted.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat presiding over a meeting regarding Karachi Bus Terminal Hazarganji