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Faizabad verdict key to avoiding incidents like Jaranwala: CJP Isa

After IB and PEMRA, defence ministry, PTI and ECP seek to withdraw their pleas; hearing adjourned till Nov 1

ISLAMABAD (INP): If the Faizabad sit-in verdict was implemented, the Jaranwala incident could have been prevented, said Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on Thursday as the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing on a set of pleas challenging the judgment till November 1.

A three-member bench led by CJP Isa and comprising Justice Aminuddin Khan and Justice Athar Minallah was hearing a set of pleas challenging the top court's judgment in the Faizabad sit-in case,

wherein intelligence agencies were directed not to exceed their constitutional mandates.

As the outset of the hearing, the Ministry of Defence, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) filed applications to withdraw their pleas.

Similar, applications were earlier submitted by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra).

The CJP wondered as to why the review petitions

were being withdrawn. "It appears that an order was given to file review petitions," he observed.

CJP Isa remarked that there will be no future for Pakistan without accountability.

The truth will be set free, he said, asking "why is everyone scared of telling the truth about filing review petitions".

Online adds: Supreme Court (SC) has remarked why the decision on Faizabad Dharna case has not been implemented and all are so much fearful.

SC has sought imple-

mentation report from federal government on decision in Tehreek Labaik Pakistan (TLP) 2017 Dharna case while hearing review petition against the decision Thursday.

The court while adjourning the hearing of case till November 01 sought written replies from the lawyers of the respondents till October 27.

The court remarked all respondents were not present today. Another chance is given to respondents in connection with attendance.



MADINAH MUNAWRAH: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visited Masjid-e-Nabwi (the Prophet's Mosque) in Madinah and paid his respects at Roza-e-Rasool (SAWW).

President, British MPs call for an end to India's human rights abuses in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi and the members of the United Kingdom's parliament on Thursday expressed deep concern over the human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and the persecution of the minorities in India.

The matter was discussed as the Members of Parliament (MPs) and the representatives of the Pakistani and Kashmiri diaspora in the UK called on President Alvi here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

The delegation was led by Chairman of Labour Friends of Kashmir UK, Shadow Minister Andrew Gwynne.

The meeting high-

lighted the need for an action by the international community to put pressure on India to stop its human rights abuses in IIOJK.

President Alvi said India was involved in the genocide of Muslims, persecution and suppression of minorities, burning and destroying the churches in Manipur, and the extra-judicial killings of the leaders of minority communities regionally and internationally.

He said the psyche of India was changing as it had been influenced by the extremist Hindutva ideology which aimed to marginalize minorities, particularly the Muslims.

He mentioned that Pakistan was committed to safeguarding the

rights of its minorities, and took prompt action if any injustice was done to them.

The president highlighted that India was trying to change the demographic structure of the IIOJK to transform the Kashmiri people into a minority in their own land.

He urged the world to put pressure on India to reverse its illegal demographic changes in the occupied territory.

UK Shadow Minister Andrew Gwynne expressed grave concern over the human rights violations and denial of rights to the people of IIOJK. The torture and brutalities being committed by India are unacceptable, he added.

Law enforcement actions against illegal activities to continue with full force

Underscores the need for synergy among all relevant departments for gainful effects of the landmark initiatives

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir on Thursday said the law enforcement actions against a spectrum of illegal activities will continue with full force in collaboration with the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and the government departments concerned to rid the country of substantial economic losses it suffered persistently due to pilferage done by different methods.

The Army Chief visited Lahore and attended meeting of the Provincial Apex Committee along with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab, Mohsin Raza Naqvi. During the Apex Committee meeting, the COAS was briefed about overall security situation, including Law Enforcement Actions against electricity and gas theft, hoarding and foreign currency smuggling, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The forum was also briefed on measures taken for the protection of minorities and the progress of operations in the Kacha area. The forum also reviewed the repatriation of illegal foreign nationals.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with a delegation of the members of the British Parliament and the representatives of the Pakistani and Kashmiri diaspora in the UK, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Domki felicitates Muslims on auspicious occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW)

Rabi-ul-Awwal - auspicious month for Muslims: Governor Kakar

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has felicitated the Muslims on the auspicious occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW).

In a felicitation message issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that this day of 12th Rabiul Awwal is not only great for the Muslims but also for the whole universe and humanity when the Holy Prophet (PBUH) came in this world as beacon of light and ultimate success of the mankind.

He said that with His (PBUH), there was beginning of ending ignorance and darkness from the world.

The Chief Minister stressed the need to fully

follow the teachings and actions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and promote the spirit of tolerance and unity.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki also said that Eid Miladun Nabi (PBUH) has great importance for the Muslims and it is our good luck that we are the followers of the great Prophet.

Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar on Thursday said that the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal is a holy and auspicious month for all Muslims.

In which the Holy Prophet came to this world as the Mercy of the Worlds and erased the darkness of ignorance and illuminated it with the light of faith, he added.



QUETTA: A delegation led by Senior Program Officer United States Educational Foundation Shehram Niaz meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Pak-Iran Joint Border Commission meets in Iranian city Mir Java

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QUETTA: The Pak-Iran Joint Border Commission's meeting was held in the Iranian city of Java on Thursday.

The Chief Collector Customs Balochistan, Abdul Qadir Memom led the Pakistani delegation while Iranian side was represented by the Director General Transit and International Transport, and Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Javed Hyderi.

Other concerned high ups of both the countries particularly related to the border trade and security matters participated in the meeting.

The Iranian delegation welcomed Pakistani authorities in Iran and hoped that the meeting would

prove to be fruitful for the traders of both the countries.

During the course of meeting, the matters pertaining to Pak-Iran border trade, issues of transport at border, movement of the vehicles and people at the border.

Moreover, the participants also discussed the matters for increasing the limit of business and trade between the two countries.

They particularly spoke at length about the prospects of bilateral trade between the Iranian province of Seistan and Balochistan and Pakistani province Balochistan.

It was hoped that the issues related to the bilateral trade and others would also be addressed amicably.

PM Kakar pays respects at Roza-e-Rasool (SAW)

MADINAH MUNAWRAH (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visited Masjid-e-Nabwi (the Prophet's Mosque) in Madinah and paid his respects at Roza-e-Rasool (SAW).

The prime minister offered nawafil at the Roza the Wednesday evening.

Afterwards, the caretaker Prime Minister visited the International Fair and Museum of the Prophet (SAW)'s Biography and Islamic Civilization, located adjacent to Masjid-e-Nabwi.

Dr Nasir Misfir Al-Zahrani, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Prophet (SAW)'s Museum, warmly welcomed the prime minister.

The prime minister was given a comprehensive briefing about the historical museum, which showcases the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as well as the Islamic civilization.

Pak-China ties to be stronger, more stable, says Solangi

BEIJING (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi has expressed confidence that relations between Pakistan and China will further strengthen and become more stable.

In a conversation with China Media Group's Urdu service in Beijing before his return home from an official visit to China, Murtaza Solangi congratulated the Chinese government and people on the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

He said that the BRI has provided new development opportunities to developing countries, including Pakistan.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) to be celebrated with great religious zeal, fervor today

ISLAMABAD (INP): Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW) will be celebrated with great religious zeal and fervor across the country tomorrow Friday.

The day will dawn with thirty-one guns salute at the federal capital and twenty-one guns salute at all the provincial capitals.

Special prayers for the unity of Muslim Ummah and progress and prosperity of the country will be offered in the mosques after Fajr prayers.

Special conferences, events and Mehfil-e-Milad are being arranged to pay respect to the last messenger whose life and teachings are beacon of light for the whole mankind.

A two-day National Seerat-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon) is commencing in the federal capital in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW). Prominent Ulema, Mashaikh and scholars will participate in the Conference and threw light on various aspects of the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW).

Buildings, streets, roads, mosques and houses are being decorated with colourful lights in connection with the auspicious occasion.

Govt. aiming to establish exemplary educational institutions for women: Jan

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Muhammad Achakzai has stated that it is aim of the provincial government to establish exemplary educational institutions for women in all districts of province.

The caretaker Minister was speaking on occasion of the visit of Sheikhha Fatima Binte Mubarak Girls Cadet College in Turbat on Thursday.

Also accompanied with him was the Dean of Law Faculty of University of Turbat, Dr Gul Hasan Baloch.

The Principal of Girls Cadet College, Brigadier

Humayun Ajmal welcomed the Minister on his arrival at the college.

During the visit, Principal briefed the Minister about different sections of the college.

He informed that the cadet college established with cooperation of United Arab Emirates is the first girls cadet college of the province and third of the country.

He told that girl students from all over the country including Kech are studying in the college.

He said that excellent academic environment and other necessary facilities have been provided to the students in college. Principal informed further.

PTI leader Farrukh Habib, brother, four others arrested

GWADAR (INP): Authorities have achieved yet another success in their ongoing crackdown on the PTI leaders and workers following the incidents of violence of May 9 as now they have succeeded in picking up a party stalwart and former federal minister Farrukh Habib, his brother and four others, who had gone into hiding, from Gwadar on Thursday.

According to reports, all six of them have been shifted to an undisclosed location.

Confirming the news, the party's spokesman has said that one man dressed in a police uniform and seven to eight men in plain clothes came to the place where Farrukh was staying along with five others and whisked them away without arrest warrants.

The spokesman has expressed the hope that all those taken into custody would be produced in a court of law as per law.

Pakistan's stance on Israel-Palestine conflict remains Unchanged: FM Jilani

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani has said that Pakistan's stance on Israel-Palestine conflict has always remained same and the issue should be resolved as per aspirations of the Palestinians.

Addressing a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, he expressed serious concern about the human rights violations occurring in Palestine, and underscored that Al-Quds should be recognised as the capital of Palestine.

Jilil Abbas Jilani further stated that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar had actively participated in several conferences during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). "PM Kakar engaged in productive bilateral meetings with the presidents of Iran and Uzbekistan, and the vice-president of China during his visit to the United States."

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Noor Khetran assumes office of acting DGPR

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QUETTA: The Director Public Relations, Noor Muhammad Khetran has assumed the office of Director General Public Relations (DGPR) on Thursday.

After assuming the charge, Mr Noor Khet started performing duties as DGPR. It may be mentioned here that, Kamran Asad, serving as acting DGPR earlier, was posted as Director and Mr Noor Khetran was posted as the acting DGPR in his place.



TURBAT: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai addressing students at Government Degree Girls College

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Accruing more debt

The government has issued new debt of over Rs2.5tr during the first three months of the current financial year to finance its burgeoning fiscal deficit — the gap between its revenues and expenditures — according to new estimates of a Karachi-based brokerage firm.

This shows that expectations that multilateral and bilateral partners would allow their coffers to flow to help Pakistan's distressed economy, following the IMF's nod to the Stand-by Arrangement, were very exaggerated.

The government is also facing difficulties in securing \$6bn through commercial loans and has dollar bond issues. Chances of achieving the budgeted external financing target of \$17.6bn for its expenditures and of meeting its foreign debt and other payments are slim.

The centre has been running a large, unsustainable fiscal deficit of around 7pc of GDP for the last many years, which is the main reason for the accumulation of its huge domestic and foreign public debt, external sector fragility and inflation.

Pakistan is facing an existential crisis that has severely impacted the majority of its citizens, especially the low- and middle-income segments and small businesses.

Mounting debt and dwindling foreign exchange reserves are two of our biggest challenges, which, without immediate fiscal reform, could lead to total economic collapse.

Absurd truths



F.S. Aijazuddin

"Well, he would, wouldn't he?" That remark by Mandy Rice-Davies (an English model) became famous in the 1960s. She and her call-girl friend Christine Keeler had become embroiled in the political scandal that brought down John Profumo, then a minister in prime minister Harold Macmillan's cabinet.

In an odd way, that word 'denial' connects Mandy with Modi. His government denied any involvement in the murder of a Canadian citizen — Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of Khalistan Tiger Force. Nijjar was gunned down in June 2023 within the grounds of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in British Columbia, on Canadian soil.

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau confronted his Indian colleague with this blunt accusation: "Canadian security agencies have been actively pursuing credible allegations of a potential link between agents of the government of India and the killing of a Canadian citizen, Hardeep Singh Nijjar."

So, today, the question arises: which area would comprise a hypothetical Khalistan? Only the present state of Indian Punjab? Or would it also include territory in modern Pakistan that contains shrines sacred to the Sikh faith (Nankana Sahib, Panja Sahib, Kartarpur, etc)?

Gone the previous bonhomie when Tru-d-eau could tease Modi that he had more Sikhs in his cabinet than Modi did. Gone the diplomatic niceties when Common-wealth members bickered behind closed doors.

The repeated demand by a subdivision of Sikhs for Khalistan — a separate nation state — has ensured that it remains as potent and combustible a factor both within India and outside it. India has 16 million Sikhs in its Punjab and 2m within reach of it.

The timing of PM Trudeau's disclosure is significant. It has taken the shine off PM Modi's self-coronation as a leader of South Asia. Worse, it has denied India's ambition to secure a place as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

He is being reminded that defying UN resolutions consistently for the past 75 years are poor credentials for a seat at its round table. Deflecting an accusation made by a fellow Commonwealth prime minister (who flew over 11,000 kilometres to confront him with 'credible proof' of Indian involvement) is yet another unfortunate example of India's brittle diplomacy.

PM Modi is not inclined to listen to anyone connected with the word Congress, least of all Annie Besant, the first woman president in 1917 of the Indian National Congress. She had cautioned once: "Ref-us-ing to be-li-e-ve until proof is given is a rational position; denial of all outside of our own... experience is absurd." It will take time to repair the damage done by the Nijjar/Pan-jwar murders to the carefully crafted murti of Mahatma Modi. Remember, though, Gandhi was the victim, not the assassin. — Courtesy Dawn

Peca strikes again



Farieha Aziz

Muhammad Khalid Jamil, bureau chief ABN News Islamabad, was arrested and charged under Section 20 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (Peca) along with Section 505 of the Pakistan Penal Code. The complaint was made by a technical assistant at FIA Islamabad, accusing Jamil of disseminating an "anti-state narrative by sharing false misleading and baseless information" through his social media posts on X (formerly Twitter).

Since 2017, journalists critical of state excesses and policies have routinely been targeted using Section 20. Jamil's case follows the same pattern. But what's alarming is the use of Section 20 in the ICT jurisdiction after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) struck down the "harm to reputation" portion of it and bound FIA to follow certain procedures, especially in cases against journalists.

The language of Section 20 requires the complainant to be a "natural person" who is the aggrieved party. However, in such cases, it is usually a law-enforcement (LEA) officer or random third party, who operationalises this section of the law.

Despite it being a non-cognisable offence, Section 20 routinely features in FIRs against journalists. Peca Rule 7(5) requires an investigation officer to seek the permission of the competent court for investigation under Section 155 of the CrPc. While the FIA is required to do this for Section 20, it does not. Instead, FIRs are registered using cognisable sections alongside Section 20, to gain powers to arrest.

Section 33 of Peca lays down the requirement for warrants to conduct search and seizure. Peca Rule 8 re-emphasises the requirement for warrants and for a proper chain of custody to be maintained.

This too is not done. Instead, individuals are arrested, their devices are seized, they are coerced into providing their passwords — in breach of Article 13 of the Constitution which protects against self-incrimination — to gain access to devices and social media accounts. And if passwords aren't divulged, then other illegal methods are used to pry entry. Section 34 of Peca requires a warrant for the disclosure of content data. This also exists merely on paper.

Not only is the letter of the law violated so blatantly, but the person implicated is then condemned to the motions of 'the law' even though the offence is not made out. Process is punishment. But this is not about the law, it's about impunity. By now the abuse under Peca is well documented. That the application of Section 20 is illegal stands established in jurisprudence. Yet LEAs are able to repeat their illegal acts as there exists complete impunity in the absence of rule of law and accountability.

What also requires scrutiny is the judicial practice of remanding citizens into police — in this case, FIA — custody. What can't be investigated after the grant of bail? Aren't investigations conducted into non-cognisable offences? Condemning people into LEA custody in what are blatantly politically motivated and illegal cases only serve as a pressure tactic to silence them and warn others. What is the purpose of seizing devices and conducting forensics when the basis of booking someone is a tweet or remarks in the public domain? Especially when the person doesn't deny making the remarks or posting the content. The purpose then is simply to extract information coercively to use for leverage and blackmail.

Consistent today in political cases is the concealment of FIRs, arbitrary cancellation and postponement of bail hearings. When bail is granted, the same individuals are rearrested in fresh cases the minute they step out of jail. Protection orders are issued by high courts but violated with impunity. Con-t-e-mpt applications are filed but amount to little by way of deterrence or accountability. In the tr-ampling of fundamental rights, the writ of the courts also stands challenged.

While courts occasionally provide relief in the few odd cases before them, constitutional courts need to do more than just deal with the case at hand. They need to lay down precedents that extend broader protections and hold to account all those within the state apparatus, who abuse the law.

The Islamabad High Court struck down the PTI ordinance expanding the ambit of Section 20 and the "harm to reputation" part of the 2016 version of the law introduced by the PML-N, but the "false information" portion was left intact. Separately, the Lahore High Court declared all of Section 20 to be constitutional. An appeal against the LHC order was filed before the Supreme Court (SC) and proceedings in the case were stayed. The case has yet to proceed further. Now is the time to turn to the SC to settle the Section 20 question and, along with it, the wider abuse under Peca and the consistent infringement of due process and freedom of expression. — Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Pakistan's economy performs well on external, internal sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Finance Ministry on Thursday said that since the beginning of FY2024, Pakistan's economy stepped up on the recovery path and Pakistan's economy performed well on the external and internal sectors. In August FY2024, month-on-month exports increased by 14.2 percent while imports grew by 2.1 percent for the same period, according to the monthly economic update and outlooks report issued by the Ministry of Finance.



Caretaker Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik is addressing a workshop on Climate-Resilient High Yielding and Quality Rice Development at National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad.

FCCI president says: Economic diversification vital for sustained growth

FAISALABAD (APP): President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) Dr. Khurram Tariq has said that economic diversification is vital for sustained growth of economy. He was addressing a function of Association of Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA) as the chief guest. He stressed the need for diversification of economy and said that it was meant for having a diverse range of industries

the report said. Similarly, fiscal performance remains satisfactory at the start of FY2024. It is expected that the economic revival plan and prudent actions - policies including SIFC and IT policy - will attract new investments to create a multiplier effect in the economy for higher and inclusive economic growth in FY2024 and further in the medium term. According to the report, recent administrative measures aimed at improving the availability of essential food commodities and expected ease in supply constraints has improved the inflation outlook.

Moreover, administrative and regulatory action for curbing illegal activities in the foreign exchange market have started to yield desired dividends and narrowing the gap between interbank and open market exchange rates. Similarly, fiscal performance remains satisfactory at the start of FY2024. It is expected that the economic revival plan and prudent actions - policies including SIFC and IT policy - will attract new investments to create a multiplier effect in the economy for higher and inclusive economic growth in FY2024 and further in the medium term.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar chaired the Cabinet Committee on State-owned Enterprises (CCSOE) held at Finance Division in Islamabad.

Agriculture machinery imports reduced 27.49%

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of agriculture machinery and implements during the first two months of the current financial year reduced by 27.49 per cent as compared to the imports of the corresponding period of last year. During the period from July-August 2023 agriculture machinery and implements valued at \$8.878 million were imported as compared to the imports of \$11.830 million of the same period last year, according to the data of Pakistan Bureau

of Statistics. Meanwhile, agriculture and other chemicals group imports into the country during the first two months of the current financial year reduced by 15.48 per cent as compared to the imports of the corresponding period of last year. During the period from July-August 2023, agricultural chemicals costing \$1.439 billion were imported as against the imports of \$1.702 billion in the same period of last year.

Need urged for exploiting potential of biogas production

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Hitech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA) Shahzad Ali Malik Thursday stressed the need to exploit the potential of biogas to overcome energy issues and enhance dependency on environmental fuel production in the country. Talking to a delegation of industrialists he said that the use of biogas offers a multitude of economic benefits, including cost savings and enhanced energy security, said a press release. He said it also aligns with our commitment to sustainability and can serve as a catalyst for

Dollar falls by Rs 1.05

KARACHI (Online): Rupee has gained stable position in the face of persistent fall in the value of dollar. Dollar lost price by Rs 1.05 as greenback was traded for Rs 287.90 during early interbank trading on Thursday. Dollar was closed at Rs 288.75 in inter bank on Wednesday. Trading took a positive start in stock market. Pakistan Stock Exchange benchmark KSE100 shares index gained 99 points to close at 46464 points.

Enhanced trade, export volume must for economic stability: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi Thursday stressed the need for increasing trade activity and enhancing volume of the country's exports to ensure economic stability. He expressed these views in a meeting with a delegation of the Islamabad Industrial Association (IIA) led by Muhammad Ahmed, here at the Aiwan-

e-Sadr. President Alvi said investment in information technology and boosting its exports would prove helpful in attaining the goals of development and progress. The delegation apprised the president of the contribution of IIA in promoting exports of the country. It also highlighted the challenges faced by the traders and businessmen.

SAPM says: Pakistan assures ILO, EU to fulfill commitments regarding labour standards

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Jawad Sohrab Malik Thursday assured International Labour Organization (ILO) and European Union (EU) that Pakistan would fulfill commitments regarding compliance of fundamental labour standards including elimination child and forced labour, freedom of association and gender discrimination. He was speaking as a chief guest at launch of "National Report on the General Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+)" organized by the ministry,

said a press release here. The SAPM reiterated that Pakistan was cognizant of the challenges regarding labour rights and committed to overcoming them. Pakistan was on a journey to becoming an ethical and responsive global partner and the GSP+ was a critical part of that journey, he added. He also emphasized the need of close cooperation and coordination amongst all partners to comply with international convention of labour rights successfully for uninterrupted benefits from the GSP+ status which was imperative for export of goods to EU countries.

Pakistan has to progress and Pakistan will progress InshaAllah: CM Naqvi

Says we all make a claim of love with the Holy Prophet (SAW) but do not act upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW).

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LAHORE: Provincial Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference under the auspices of Auqaf Department Punjab was organized at Alhamra Hall today.
Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi was the chief guest. Ulema-e-Karam and Mashaiikh from all schools of thought, leaders of Christians, Sikhs, Hindus and other religions participated in the Provincial Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi while addressing the Provincial Rehmat-tul-lil-Aalameen (SAW) Conference said that we all make a claim of love with the Holy Prophet

(SAW) but we do not act upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW).
If we act upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW) then our lives will be transformed. It is the endeavour of the whole team that whatever time is available we should vigorously serve the masses. We are the believers of the Holy Prophet (SAW) and will not be disappointed ever.
Pakistan will take off. A lot of atrocities were perpetrated on our beloved Holy Prophet (SAW). Conspiracies were hatched but the Holy Prophet (SAW) never got disappointed.
Mohsin Naqvi said that those thinking of disaster of the country are

themselves distracted and driven away from the teachings of the Holy Prophet (SAW).
If we are true believers of the Holy Prophet (SAW) then for the sake of Allah Almighty we should shun disappointment. Pakistan has to progress and Pakistan will progress InshaAllah. Pakistan is built to move forward and the sacred homeland will definitely move forward.
If we all put our part in the progress of our country then Pakistan will move forward quite ahead of other countries. The foundation of both Riasat-e-Tayyaba and Pakistan was laid on 27th Ramazan-ul-Mubarak.



LAHORE: Madad Ali Sindhi, Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training awarding degrees to successful students during 22nd convocation of Government College University at Government College University.

Anwaar Ul Haq says: AJK to announce mega development package for Poonch Division soon

MIRPUR (AJK) (INP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that a mega development package for Poonch Division would be announced soon.
While addressing a public gathering at Hajera in Poonch division on Thursday the PM said that the issue of inflated electricity bills and shortage of subsidized flour has been resolved amicably.
The function was

attended and addressed by senior Minister Colonel (Rtd) Waqar Noor and other Government Ministers including Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Sardar Mir Akbar and Sardar Saud Sadiq and others.
Speaking on the occasion, the PM said that the government was giving a subsidy of about 1500 rupees on a 20 kg bag of flour. He said it was for the first time that the government suspended the notification and withdrew



KASHMIRE: Participants of awareness walk in connection of Polio Eradication Campaign led by Farukh Shahzad Qureshi, Deputy Commissioner Kashmir, in Kashmir.

World Tourism Day celebrated in Chitral

CHITRAL (APP): On the occasion of World Tourism Day, wonderful programs were conducted in Chitral, with the day being celebrated with great enthusiasm, and a walk was organized on this occasion in which a large number of people related to tourism participated.
Students from schools and government officials representing civil society

PIMPD trainee officers visit Safe Cities office

LAHORE (APP): The officers, undergoing training as part of the 12th induction training course at the Punjab Institute of Management and Professional Development (PIMPD), visited the Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) as part of their orientation programme. The delegation consisted of 40 officers.
Director Public Relations Tauseef Sabih Gondal told the delegation the PSCA's mandate has been extended across the Punjab province.
He emphasised that a modern infrastructure like Safe Cities is essential for modern policing. Tauseef Sabih, along with DSP Agha Nasir, provided the delegation with a briefing on functioning of the organisation. The delegation visited various departments.

FIA seizes luxury vehicles owned by showroom owner in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Commercial Banking Circle team seized four luxury vehicles in a trade-based money laundering case on Thursday.
According to details, the FIA continues to investigate car showroom owners in order to catch 'trade-based' money laundering in Karachi.
In the latest action, FIA team raided a car showroom at Khalid bin Waleed road and seized four luxury vehicles including, Land Cruiser, Audi and others. The vehicles were

CTO Lahore intensifies anti smog campaign

LAHORE (APP): Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Captain (Rtd) Mustansar Feroze ordered a crackdown on smoke-emitting vehicles, on Thursday. In a statement, he said that environmental and air pollution causes viral diseases. Therefore, transporters should run their vehicles on roads only after proper repair and checkup. The violators will be taken to task, he warned.
The Lahore Traffic Police have mobilised all efforts to eliminate potential smog and environmental pollution. According to an order of the Lahore High Court (LHC).

Minister attends GCU's convocation, praises its role in education development

LAHORE (INP): The Government College University (GCU) Lahore commenced its 22nd convocation ceremony on Thursday, attended specially by Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi, former chief justice of Pakistan Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, former deputy speaker of Bahrain Dr. Adil Bin Abdul Rahman, and eminent religious scholar Qari Sohaib Ahmad Meer Muhammad.
He also commended the efforts of historical GCU in the field of education. Vice Chancellor Dr. Asghar Zaidi highlighted the recent developments at the university.
Speaking at the first session, Madad Ali Sindhi expressed his pride in addressing the students of an institution where Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal once taught and praised the dedication of Vice Chancellor Dr. Zaidi. He emphasised the need for quality education in Pakistan, and said that no nation could make progress without instilling educational skills in its youth.
The two-day event is being held to celebrate the academic achievements of its distinguished graduates. The convocation activities are being led by GCU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr.



KARACHI: Members of Insaaf Lawyers Forum are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of police department, held at Insaaf House in Karachi.

Chiniot mines reference: Court summons PA speaker, others

LAHORE (APP): An Ordinance (NAO), set aside by the Supreme Court.
An accountability court on October 6, 2022, had returned the Chiniot mines and minerals reference to NAB with an observation that it lacked jurisdiction to proceed further in the case after the amendments introduced to the NAO.
Besides Sibtain Khan, Salman Ghani, Muhammad Aslam, Abdul Sattar Mian, Imtiaz Ahmad Cheema and others had been named as the accused in the reference.
Accountability court on Thursday summoned eight accused, including Punjab Assembly Speaker Sibtain Khan, for October 7 in the Chiniot mines and minerals reference.
Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani issued the orders on the reference, submitted by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB). NAB had approached the court for reopening of the reference, closed under the defunct amendments to the National Accountability

International News

Jens Stoltenberg meets with Zelenskyy to discuss battlefield & ammunition needs in Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to discuss the status of the war and needs of troops on Thursday, the day after Russia accused Ukraine's Western allies of helping plan and conduct last week's missile strike on the Black Sea Fleet's headquarters on the annexed Crimean Peninsula.
Zelenskyy said that Stoltenberg agreed to make efforts to get NATO members to help provide additional air defense systems to protect Ukraine's power plants and energy infrastruc-

ture that were badly damaged in relentless and deadly attacks by Russia last winter. He also reminded the secretary-general of the persistent attacks that often strike civilian areas, including 40 drone attacks overnight. "In the face of such intense attacks against Ukrainians, against our cities, our ports, which are crucial for global food security, we need a corresponding intensity of pressure on Russia and a strengthening of our air defense," Zelenskyy said.
"The world must see how Russia is losing dearly so that our shared values ultimately prevail."



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attend their press conference in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Macron proposes limited autonomy for France's Mediterranean island of Corsica

Monitoring Desk
PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron proposed granting limited autonomy for Corsica on Thursday in a modest step toward nationalist sentiment on the Mediterranean island.
In a speech he described as "an outstretched hand," Macron said: "Let us have the audacity to build a Corsican autonomy within the republic."
"It won't be an autonomy that is against the state nor autonomy without the state, but an autonomy for Corsica and within the republic," he said in his address to the island's local elected assembly.
The island is home to more than 340,000 people and has been part of France since 1768. But Corsica has also seen pro-independence violence and has an influential nationalist movement. In 1998, in an assassination that stunned the country, pro-independence activists shot dead France's top official on the island, Claude Erignac. Other violence has been mostly low-level, often involving bombs planted in cars or buildings overnight, when no one is inside.
Macron didn't go into great detail about what powers might be transferred from Paris to a more autonomous Corsica. He said that he favors changing the French Constitution to recognize "the specificities" of Corsica's island community. A constitutional change would require French parliamentary approval.
"This is how we will turn a page that was marked by somber hours and be able to open another."

Warehouse blast near Tashkent airport kills one, injures over 160

Monitoring Desk
TASHKENT: An overnight explosion at a warehouse near the airport in Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent, killed one person and injured more than a hundred, authorities in the Central Asian country said on Thursday.
"A teenager born in 2006 died," the Uzbek health ministry said on Telegram, adding that a further 162 had been injured.
The emergency situations ministry said powerful lightning had caused "an explosion, then a fire, which is still burning" in a warehouse in the airport zone.
Of those hurt in the accident, 138 sustained minor injuries and a further 24 were still in hospital in a more serious condition, the health ministry said.
Videos circulating on social media showed a column of flames and smoke rising into the night sky.
The blast blew out the windows of several houses in the surrounding area and damaged their interiors.
Explosions continued to ring out in the hours after the blaze broke out as emergency crews tackled the fire and ambulance staff worked to evacuate those injured, an AFP journalist at the scene witnessed.



German Federal Minister of Defense Boris Pistorius receives his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant with military honors in Berlin, Germany.

Germany and Israel sign an agreement for Berlin to buy a US-Israeli missile defense system

Monitoring Desk
BERLIN: Germany and Israel on Thursday signed an agreement for Berlin to buy the sophisticated Arrow 3 missile defense system, designed to intercept long-range ballistic missiles. The development is the latest step in Berlin's bid to strengthen its air defenses following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
Germany aims to integrate the system into wider NATO air defense efforts. Last year, Berlin launched the European Sky Shield Initiative, which now includes 19 countries.
Israel secured U.S.

Israeli settlements 'systematically erode' viability of Palestinian state, says UN envoy

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland has expressed deep concern over the relentless expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
During the last three months, more than 10,000 housing units were advanced, he told the UN Security Council in New York on Wednesday.
"Settlements further entrench the occupation, fuel violence, impede Palestinian access to their land and resources, and systematically erode the viability of a Palestinian state as part of a two-state solution," the senior UN envoy said.
"I call on the government of Israel to cease all settlement activity and dismantle outposts immediately, in line with its obligations under international law," he added.

India imposes curfew in strife-hit areas of Manipur state

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: India imposed a curfew in the capital and some areas of its restive state of Manipur on Thursday, after scores of students were injured in violence following protests against the alleged abduction and murder of two students, authorities said.
Ethnic violence has plunged the northeastern state bordering Myanmar into what many security

3 people die in a crash involving 4 vehicles in New Hampshire

Monitoring Desk
HOOKSETT: Three people have died following a crash involving four vehicles in New Hampshire, police said.
An SUV side-swiped two vehicles on a road and rear-ended a third on Route 3 before it crossed the road and hit a tree stump on Wednesday afternoon, police said in a news release.
The SUV driver and two passengers were taken to a hospital, where they were pronounced dead.



French President Emmanuel Macron addresses the Corsican Assembly in Ajaccio, as part of a three days visit in the southern French island of Corsica.

China, Germany resume high-level financial talks after COVID-19

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: China and Germany will co-host a third financial dialogue in Germany on Oct. 1, the Chinese foreign ministry said on Thursday, resuming high-level talks that had stalled for several years due to COVID-19.
Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng will co-chair the dialogue with German Finance Minister Christian Lindner, ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said at a regular news conference.
In the last round of talks in January 2019, China and Germany signed agree-

PMDC signs MoU with Hub Salt, Geological survey of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): As a part of building the mineral-driven economy by the Government of Pakistan, the Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) under the control of the Ministry of Energy signed a MoU with Hub Salt and Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP).



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a group photo with British parliamentary delegation at Parliament house

There should be any difference between dacoits, state: SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa expressed annoyance over Additional Advocate General (AAG) Punjab Sana Ullah Zahid and government officers in the matter of land compensation.



UTHAL: Caretaker Provincial Advisor Irrigation Mir Danish Lango talking with mediame

Minister urges govt servants to serve public diligently

QUETTA (APP): Caretaker Local Government Minister Mehmood Al Hasan Mandokhel, on Thursday said government officers are the servants of the people urging them to serve public diligently.

BTTN held seminar on occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi(SAWW)

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN) organized an in-house seminar at its Conference Hall on the occasion of Eid-Milad-ul-Nabi (SAW).



QUETTA: Officers and officials of Directorate of Public Relations greet Muhammad Noor Khetran on assuming charge of Director General Public Relations



ISLAMABAD: MD Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation Engr Asad Ahmad and CEO Hub Salt Ismail Sattar signing MoU for projects on Thursday.

President greets nation, Ummah on blessed day of Milad-un-Nabi (SAWW)

PM urges nation to follow Prophet (SAWW)'s teachings of compassion, unity

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday felicitated the Pakistani nation and the Muslim Ummah on the blessed day of Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him).

Sarfraz Bugti visits FF Steel

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for the Interior, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti paid a visit to FF Steel's head office with an aim to revitalize and fortify the economic prospects of the steel sector.

Sanjrani stresses strengthening Pakistan-UK parliamentary ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, here on Thursday highlighted the importance of strengthening parliamentary ties between Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

Jan Achakzai says: Services of Mubarak Qazi for Balochi literature to be written in golden words

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the services rendered by renowned poet Mubarak Qazi for promotion of Balochi language and literature would be written in golden words.

Money laundering: FIA seizes four luxurious vehicles

KARACHI (INP): The Commercial Banking Circle team of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) continues investigations into trade-based money laundering case and seized four luxurious vehicles here on Thursday.

Govt takes proactive measures to stabilize economy: Shamshad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister of Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs Division, Dr Shamshad Akhtar on Thursday said the caretaker government has taken proactive measures to stabilize the economy and build market confidence.

Bilawal honors party workers on their death anniversary

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has paid glowing tribute to the 16 workers of the party on their 40th martyrdom anniversary who, during the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), were brutally killed by General Zia Regime on September 29, 1983.

Quetta Traffic Police FM Radio Service 88.6 launched

QUETTA: The Quetta Traffic Police launched the FM Radio 88.6 Service in the provincial metropolis on Thursday.

Pak condemns terrorist attack on Bahrain defense force

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Thursday condemned the terrorist attack on Bahrain Defense Force position on the Southern border of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which resulted in the martyrdom of two Bahraini personnel and injured others.

306 more connections disconnected Crackdown continues against power pilferers and defaulters

QUETTA: In all 306 electricity connections of the pilferers and defaulters were suspended as the extensive crackdown is continued by the Quetta Electric supply company (QESCO) all over the province including Quetta.

Senate body expresses concerns about sale data on dark web

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication Thursday expressed concerns about the sale of Pakistani public data on the Dark web and instructed the safeguarding of public data.

\$563 million received under PERP

NEW YORK (Online): Pakistan's Permanent Representative to United Nations, Munir Akram said that immediately after the flood, an urgent appeal of \$816 million was made under the Pakistan Emergency Response Plan but \$563 million has been received.

Sub-Committee reviews initiatives taken by oil & gas companies in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chaired by Senator Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai, the Sub-Committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum meticulously reviewed the initiatives and endeavors undertaken by oil and gas companies in both the public and private sectors concerning corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Balochistan.

ECP's service desks to remain open on weekends

ISLAMABAD (APP): Facilitation Desks and Representation Receiving Centers, established at the Election Commission Secretariat in Islamabad to facilitate the public, will continue to operate during the public holidays on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, namely the 29th, 30th, and 1st of October, 2023.