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PM Kakar says Task force to determine sizes of federal, provincial govts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Sunday said a task force headed by the finance minister would determine the sizes of federal and provincial governments, look at options to better manage pension funds, besides making efforts to rationalize public expenditure and increase revenue.

In an interview with a private television, he said, "We are convinced that there is a need to rationalise expenditure and increase the revenue of the government to create a viable state and lessen existential threats due to economic vulnerability." He said the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was attempting to help achieve appropriate governance and address the reasons for ill governance in the past.

The civil institutions were lax in their working in the past but now the army leadership with its organizational strength had increased the level of confidence of civil service which had renewed energy to implement policies and achieve goals, he added.

The prime minister said the government was optimistic about investment from Saudi Arabia in the backdrop of talks between Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Bin Salman and Pakistan's chief of army staff.

The government was planning for a visit of the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, adding the visit would be aimed at fully exploiting economic opportunities in the country.



A man carries belongings out of his damaged house, in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Moulay Brahim, Morocco

No country has recognized Kashmir as part of India: Jalil Abbas

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs Jalil Abbas Jilani has said that Kashmir is a disputed territory and no country of the world has recognized it as a part of India.

Jalil Abbas Jilani in a media interview said Pakistan wants a peaceful neighbourhood and peaceful relations with all its neighbours, including India.

He said for peaceful relations, India must create a conducive atmosphere, including withdrawing August 5 2019 actions in the occupied territory, release of all illegally detained Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders and activists languishing in different jails of India and the territory and withdrawal of troops from Kashmir.

To a question the foreign minister said the Kashmir dispute has been pending with the United Nations for the last several decades and legislation by India cannot affect its disputed status.

Biden administration not interfering in Pak politics: US senator

WASHINGTON (Online): Democratic Party Senator Chris Van Halen said that the Biden administration is not interfering in Pakistani politics.



The US was instrumental in getting the IMF to come forward with emergency economic relief in the case of Pakistan.

According to the details, the DMV chapter of the Pakistan Doctors' Organization was held in Washington in which US Senator Chris Van Halen participated as the chief guest.

Talking to the Pakistani media on this occasion, he said that he has been in contact with the Biden administration for a long time. I can say with full of my belief that US has not made any attempt to engineer anything in Pakistan's politics.

United States, other democracies and people of Pakistan are interested in ensuring that elections are free and fair.

Seven terrorists killed, six critically injured in Chitral fire exchange

RAWALPINDI (APP): As many as seven terrorists were killed while another six got critically injured during an intense fire exchange that took place between the security forces and terrorists in the general area Ursoon, Chitral District on Sunday.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the Army troops effectively engaged terrorists location.

The sanitization of the area was being carried out to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area.

The locals of the area appreciated the operation by the security forces and expressed their full support to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the country, the ISPR said.



Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti and Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi addressing a press conference in Islamabad.

Massive crackdown launched to combat power theft

ISLAMABAD (APP): A massive crackdown has been launched by the Caretaker Government to combat the alarming surge in power theft and to take stern actions against the culprits involved.

On the directives of the government, the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has expedited the drive against power pilferage and caught 105 meters and imposed fine of Rs 7.567 million for stealing electricity in various areas of the company in the current month. IESCO chief Dr Muhammad Amjad said that during the current crackdown against electricity thieves, the field formations checked 5,743 meters and found 105 meters of the electricity consumers involved in power theft through various means.

As many as 73 meters were found tampered while 22 were getting direct power supply, he said and added that a fine of Rs 7.567 million was imposed on the power pilferers while charging over 177,000 units.

He said on the directives of the Federal Minister for Energy, the IESCO launched the crackdown against electricity thieves and their facilitators in all circles including Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum and Chakwal circles.

All operation circles, including In-charge Executives and SDOs, were rigorously inspecting industrial, commercial, domestic and other tariff categories within their respective areas, the IESCO chief said.

He said that the local administration and police were also assisting the Company to carry out the operations. He expressed confidence in the success of this government-led campaign, with the full dedication of officers and staff.

He emphasized that electricity theft put extra burden on the public and government institutions adding that both the agencies and the public needed to work together to combat this menace.

Dr. Khan appealed to the consumers to demonstrate their national and moral responsibility by reporting electricity theft and facilitators to the Anti-Power Theft focal person at mobile number 03195991304 or to the Complaint and Monitoring Cell at numbers 0519252933.

Meanwhile, the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has taken strict action against eight officers; five Executive Engineers (XENs), two Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs) and a Line Superintendent (LS) for conniving in electricity theft and giving new power connection to a dead defaulter, the LESCO spokesman disclosed.

He said LESCO Director (Customer Services) Rai Mohammad Asghar took action against those officers after they were proved guilty in their respective departmental inquiries. Sharing the details, the spokesman said that Mehmood Alam Qureshi, Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Qila Sattar Shah area has been removed from service for conniving in the electricity theft, and on the similar charges, an Executive Engineer (XEN) of Sheikhpura Rashid Soolmro will not be considered for promotion in the next grade for two years and he will stick in Grade-18 during this period.

He stated that the government has taken a tough stance on terrorism, adding all resources were being utilized to purge the menace of the country.

Regarding the Chitral attack, Bugti commended the Pakistan Army's swift response and the people's resilience against terrorism.

He stressed that the government would not allow anyone to impose their agenda through force and will defend every inch of the territory.

Interior Minister expressed hope that the Afghan government would uphold its Doha agreement, ensuring that Afghan soil was not used against anyone.

Furthermore, Bugti mentioned ongoing efforts to address illegal immigration, with plans to repatriate illegal immigrants in the near future.

Sarfraz Bugti says No mercy for smugglers, vows to eliminate terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti said on Sunday that the government has adopted zero tolerance policy to curb smuggling of US dollars, sugar, fertiliser and petroleum products.

"The federal government has started action by registering cases against the elements involved in illegal activities," said Bugti while addressing a press conference here.

The interior minister said law will take its course if anyone found guilty in crimes like, Hundi, Hawala, Smuggling of sugar, wheat, fertilizers and other illegal activities.

It is prime responsibility of the people to keep a vigilant eye in their surroundings, said Bugti urging the masses to report such activities for timely action.



HYDERABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto addressing the inauguration ceremony of 10 MGD Water Filter Plant Hussainabad.

Allies may be running away from elections: Bilawal Bhutto

HYDERABAD (Online): PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said on Sunday it may be the case that his party's allies in the erstwhile Pakistan Democratic Movement-led ruling coalition were "scared" and "running away from elections".

"I have been telling my allies for the past 18 months that if you get scared, you die [in politics]. Unfortunately, the rest of our political allies have been scared. They are afraid. They run away from by-elections and local government elections, and maybe, they now want to run away from general elections," he said while addressing the public at the inauguration ceremony of Hussainabad Water Filtration Plant in Hyderabad.

His statement appeared to be a criticism of the PPP's allies for prioritising delimitation over holding elections within the constitutionally mandated 90-day period following the dissolution of assemblies.

The PPP was one of the major allies in the coalition, which also included the PML-N and Jamiat Ulema-Islam (Fazl), that came to power after ousting former prime minister Imran Khan through a no-confidence motion in April last year.

The coalition's term in the government ended on August 9 with the premature dissolution of the National Assembly, three days ahead of its constitutionally mandated period.

According to Article 224 of the Constitution, elections should be held within 90 days — by November 9 in this case — of the premature dissolution of the NA.

However, the Election Commission of Pakistan has ruled out elections being held this year, citing the need to conduct fresh delimitation of constituencies after the notification of new 2023 digital census results.

Hawala Hundi, Iranian oil smuggling: Details of officials, politicians and dealers submitted to PM House

ISLAMABAD (Online): Details of officers, politicians and dealers involved in hundi business and Iranian oil smuggling have been provided to Prime Minister House.

Sources said that this report has been submitted by the government agency, according to the report, 722 currency dealers in Pakistan are involved in hundi business.

The highest number of hawala hundi dealers are 205 in Punjab, 183 dealers in KP and 176 dealers in Sindh doing hundi business, 104 dealers in Baluchistan and 37 dealers in Azad Kashmir involved in hundi, 17 dealers doing hundi business in Federal Capital Islamabad.

According to the report, more than 2 billion 81 million liters of oil is smuggled from Iran to Pakistan annually.

The coming from Iranian oil smuggling are used by terrorists, 76 dealers are involved in oil smuggling in the areas adjacent to the border. 995 pumps sell Iranian oil across the country, 90 government officials are involved in Iranian oil smuggling, 29 politicians are also involved in Iranian oil business, PSO vehicles are also involved in the transportation of Iranian oil from Iran.

Oil comes to Pakistan smuggled in Iranian vehicles, Iranian oil smuggling vehicles are called Zam Yad.

Nation observes death anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam today

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistani nation will observe death anniversary of the founder of nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah today.

Various organizations will hold ceremonies to pay tribute to the father of nation and political and social leaders will address these ceremonies.

Newspapers will publish additional additions and PTV and other national and regional channels will broadcast special programs to honor the founder of nation.

Bugti expresses deep grief over martyrdom of Police Constable Adeel Zafar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed his deepest grief over the martyrdom of police constable Adeel Zafar, who was martyred in an encounter with robbers in Rawat on Sunday.

He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the two injured constables, Asher and Adil and also appreciated their bravery for putting their lives in the line of duty.

The home minister said that the police personnel fought the robbers with utmost bravery and killed three of them.

Health research critical to achieve targets: Dr Nadeem

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday said that promoting and prioritizing health research was of critical importance in achieving goals in the health sector.

Presiding over the closing session of two day national health research conference, the minister said that no one could deny the importance of research for the promotion of health sector. While addressing top experts from the health sector and heads of organizations hailing from across the country who participated in this conference, Dr. Nadeem said the conference afforded deep confluence of knowledge, expertise and dedication.

He appreciated the keynote speakers, invited talks and thought-provoking panel discussions, all of which have contributed to enriching the insights of health research in Pakistan.

The conference has helped develop a better understanding of challenges and in comprehending the framework of health research, the minister remarked. Dr. Nadeem Jan said we have collectively contributed to share knowledge that has the potential to reshape our nation's health landscape.

The minister appreciated Health Research Institute-National Institute of Health, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Pakistan Science Foundation and Pakistan Academy of Sciences for organizing this landmark conference.

The two-day moot had discussions around emerging areas of research, delving into pharmaceutical research and drug development showcasing the pivotal role of innovation in transforming healthcare delivery and outcomes, knowledge exchanged, collaborations established and ideas germinated.

These activities aim to serve as the foundation upon which we build a stronger foundation for health research in Pakistan.

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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Health Minister, Dr. Nadeem Jan addresses during the National Health Research Conference.

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KARACHI: Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy Ali Muhammad Charing a meeting with officers of K electric.

20 injured in Zhob bus, truck collision

ZHOB (INP): At least 20 people including women and children were injured in collision between passenger bus and a truck at D.I Khan National Highway on Sunday.

According to details, a Zhob bound passenger bus coming from Peshawar got out of control of driver due to failure of brakes and rammed into a onion laden truck near Sarah Khawara area of Zhob. As a result of accident, 20 people including four women and eight children were injured. The injured were shifted to hospital where condition of some wounded people was stated to be critical.

Interim CM Punjab will consider upgrading major hospitals with support of Muslim Hands Pak

LAHORE (Online): It has been decided in principle to hand over the management of 1000 schools of Punjab from Muslim Hands Pakistan.

A 6-member delegation of Muslim Hands Pakistan met the Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, Chairman of Muslim Hands Pakistan Syed Lakht Hasnain gave a briefing about welfare activities.

The Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab was informed in the briefing that Muslim Hands Pakistan is running 117 schools in Punjab, health and education welfare projects are being run in various districts of South Punjab, market-based IT to guide the youth towards self-reliance.

18 schools of excellence and 35 model schools are being run in Punjab.

On this occasion, it was decided in principle to entrust the management of 1,000 schools of Muslim Hands Pakistan to Pakistan.

The Secretary Schools Education was directed to fix the rules and regulations with Muslim Hands Pakistan and to settle the issues regarding the MoU between the Government of Punjab and Muslim Hands Pakistan within a week.

In the meeting, the proposal to entrust the management of orphanages and Darul Aman to Muslim Hands Pakistan was also reviewed. Caretaker CM said that with the cooperation of private

sector and welfare organizations, the standard of education in government schools will be raised, with the cooperation of Muslim Hands Pakistan, consideration will be given to upgrade the emergency rooms of major hospitals.

This will encourage private organizations to improve the education and health sectors.

Chairman Muslim Hands Pakistan Syed Lakht Hasnain has said that they are ready to work together with the Punjab government to serve the people. Provincial Caretaker Information Minister Aamir Mir, Program Director Khalid Mehmood Qureshi, Syed Javed Jilani, Mian Umar Farooq, Rana Umar, Raja Arsalan Nusrat were present on the occasion.



MUZAFFARABAD: Deserving women showing their Rashan cards as stands in a queue for collecting free food package distributing from Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Global Initiatives.

Crackdown on illegal sugar hoarding launched in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): The district administration has launched crackdown on illegal storage of sugar in the revenue limits of Faisalabad to check its artificial shortage and sale in black.

A spokesman for the local administration said here on Sunday that sugar was an essential commodity for human consumption, but some elements created its artificial shortage to mint money. Therefore, the district administration had launched a vigorous drive against hoarding of sugar so as to ensure its availability in the market in addition to its sale on government fixed rate.

He said that Assistant Commissioner (AC) Samundri Suleman Mansha conducted surprise raid at a godown near Salooni Jhal and recovered more than 300 bags of sugar. These bags were stored illegal to sell them in the black for profiteering.

The AC sealed premises of the godown while further action against sugar-dealer was under progress, he added.

He further said that district administration on other hand also started negotiation with the management of sugar mills and business community so that this commodity could be sold out to the general public at government-fixed rate.

The first round of the negotiation remained successful and it was hoped that this commodity would be available easily for the people in Faisalabad on its fixed rate very soon, he added.

RDA lodges FIR against owners of 'Ruden Enclave'

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has lodged a FIR in Saddar Baroni police station against the owners of an illegal housing scheme named 'Ruden Enclave.'

According to a RDA spokesman, Metropolitan Planning and Traffic Engineering Directorate (MP&TE), RDA on the directives of the Director General Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa lodged FIR No. 1260/2023 in Saddar Baroni police station against the owners namely Rahimuddin and Usman Shahid.

He informed that the sponsors were also warned to immediately stop marketing of illegal housing scheme.

The owners of the illegal housing were illegally advertising the project which was not approved. The housing society was also running a social media campaign for publicity of the project, using pictures of a meeting with Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, he said adding, the RDA enforcement squad was sent for an operation against the housing scheme but, the representatives of the illegal housing scheme presented a stay order.

He said that the illegal housing scheme was misleading the general public as it's not an approval project.

The spokesman said that the RDA on the special instructions of the DG had advised the citizens not to invest in illegal and unauthorized housing schemes.



PESHAWAR: Safety wall of Faqirabad Bridge seen broken that may cause any accident and also inviting authorities to draw their attention towards issue, in Peshawar.



HYDERABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with Kashif Ali Shoro, Mayor Hyderabad offering Dua after unveiling the plaque during the inauguration ceremony of 6 MGD Water Filter Plant, at Hussainabad in Hyderabad.

Pakistan leadership urged to go along global changes with competence, unity

LAHORE (APP): International Human Rights Movement Central Chairman Muhammad Nasir Iqbal Khan has stressed the need for Pakistan's leadership to address the profound global shifts currently under way.

In a statement, issued here on Sunday, he highlighted the importance of eradicating incompetence and establishing a distinctive national position through wisdom and competence.

He pointed out that influential global powers, including the United States, have shown evident inclinations concerning Pakistan and India. He urged Pakistan's leadership to abandon complacency and naivety, urging immediate action.

He stressed the necessity for political and defence leaders to reevaluate their strategies in light of recent developments in neighboring countries.

Khan underlined the importance of ending retaliatory politics and fostering unity within Pakistan. He called for swift organisation, strategic planning, and correct prioritisation to reshape the nation's destiny.

He also emphasised the significance of Pakistan's economic independence from the dollar as a harbinger of a new era for the national economy.

Regarding external pressures and threats, he asserted that Pakistan must make independent decisions about its future without compromising its sovereignty. He highlighted the pivotal role of the Pakistan Army in countering external pressures and economic hostilities. Addressing critics of the Pakistani military, Khan warned that those who fail to recognise reality would be seen as remnants of ignorance. He emphasised that political and economic stability of Pakistan relies on the strength of the Pakistan Army.

ANF recovers 10 kg drugs in 5 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting five operations across the country managed to recover 10 kg drugs and arrested two accused including a woman.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, 60 grams of weed was recovered from two parcels confiscated from a courier office in Rawalpindi.

Both the parcels were booked from the UK for Azad Kashmir.

In another operation, Ice drug was recovered from a parcel booked for Australia at a courier office in Gulberg, Lahore.

1550 grams of Ice drug was concealed in sheets, bags and other items.

A woman resident of Lahore and a Nigerian national who booked the parcel were arrested.

In the fourth operation, 1 kg hashish was recovered from a parcel booked for Karachi at Lahore Airport. In the fifth operation, 8320 grams of hashish concealed for smuggling were recovered from Zakhra Khel area of Khyber. Separate cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act were registered against the accused while further investigations are under process.



MULTAN: Members of Punjab Teachers Union are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Multan press club.

Bid to smuggle non-custom paid goods foiled; worth Rs 519mln goods seized

PESHAWAR (APP): The Customs Collectorate Enforcement Team, in cooperation with DI Khan police on Friday conducted a successful operation and foiled a bid to smuggle non-custom paid goods worth Rs 519 million to different parts of the country.

The spokesman of the customs collectorate, Sohail said that three trucks and five containers were also seized in the Darazinda area of district DI Khan.

He said that the trucks and containers were full of smuggled goods, including imported cloth, electronic gadgets, black tea, and other precious items, adding that the local police and customs authorities were jointly investigating the seized goods. He said that the value of smuggled goods, including vehicles, was estimated at Rs 519 million, including goods worth Rs 389 million and trucks and containers worth Rs 130 million.

Sohail said this was one of the biggest cases made by customs.

Factory owners, citizens warned against burning of trash

LAHORE (APP): Environmental experts have issued a stern warning to both factory owners and citizens, urging them to refrain from burning trash due to its detrimental impact on human and animal health. The Deputy Commissioner's office had previously imposed a ban on the incineration of various materials, including trash, tires, shoes, plastic, and raw wood in all brick kilns throughout the district.

According to environmentalist Mahmood Khalid Qamar, the combustion of prohibited materials, such as trash, plastic, and treated wood, poses a grave threat to the environment. These substances release toxic chemicals into the atmosphere, resulting in air pollution. This polluted air, when inhaled by both humans and animals, gives rise to severe health risks and leaves deposits in the soil, surface water, and on plants. Qamar emphasizes that open burning, in general, poses a significant risk to the environment and public health.

Director General Mazhar Zaheer Abbas Malik, in a recent statement to the media, issued a stern warning to factory owners, cautioning against the use of plastic and shoes as fuel sources in combustion.

He emphasized that strict actions would be taken against those who fail to comply. Additionally, he urged farmers to refrain from burning rice crop residues, as this practice leads to soil, groundwater, lake, river, and stream pollution. Furthermore, outdoor burning of crop residues carries the risk of sparking wildfires. Malik stressed the importance of burning only approved materials and adhering to state regulations to mitigate these harmful effects.

Naseem-ur-Rehman Shah, the Director of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), pointed out that burning trash not only results in the production of polluted ash and smoke but can also release hexachlorobenzene (HCB) into the environment. HCB is a highly persistent toxin that degrades slowly in the air, enabling it to travel long distances in the atmosphere.

Shah noted that any violation of garbage burning regulations would lead to immediate consequences, including the sealing of the unit or kiln, imprisonment, fines of up to Rs100,000, and the initiation of legal proceedings against industrial unit or kiln owners. Furthermore, he emphasized that brick manufacturing is only permitted using the new eco-friendly zigzag technology.

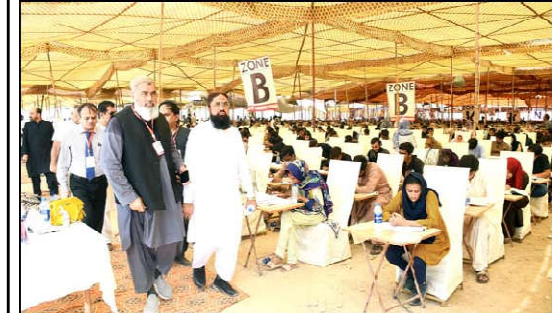
Transport Minister inquires after those injured in metro bus accident

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Caretaker Minister Transport Ibrahim Murad conducted a visit to the emergency department of Ganga Ram Hospital, here on Sunday.

He inquired about the wellbeing of individuals injured in the metro bus accident and assessed the available medical facilities. The minister directed the hospital administration to provide the best medical facilities to the injured.

During the visit, Minister Ibrahim Murad stated that as a result of the incident, 10 individuals were injured, and the hospital was currently providing the best medical treatment to the patients. An order has been issued to initiate an investigation into the incident. Action would be taken against those responsible for negligence in the metro bus incident, he warned.

Ibrahim Murad emphasised that the Punjab government would bear all expenses for the treatment and care of the injured citizens. He also mentioned that comprehensive planning and necessary measures would be taken in the future to prevent such incidents. "May Allah grant a speedy recovery to all the injured individuals in this incident," he prayed.



JAMSHORO: VC LUMHS Prof. Dr Ikram Din Ujjan visiting during the entry test for admission held at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) in Jamshoro.

HEC invites applications for London Commonwealth scholarship programme

LAHORE (APP): The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has invited applications for the London Commonwealth Scholarship Programme, in Masters and PhD disciplines.

The HES local chapter sources told APP on Sunday that the Commonwealth Scholarships are funded by the Commonwealth and Development Office in London. Out of 30,000 scholarships, 26 programmes are available for Masters and 30 programmes for PhD. Application deadline for the current HEC Commonwealth Masters and PhD scholarships is October 17, and applications must be submitted on both the HEC and Commonwealth portals.

Moreover, the Government of Switzerland, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), has also announced an 'Excellence Scholarship Programme' for Pakistani students for the upcoming academic year 2024-25.

The HEC sources further told APP that one-year post-masters research, three-year post-masters, PhD and one-year Post-Doctoral Programmes (PDP) have been announced for the aspiring candidates.

The last date for submission of applications with the Swiss embassy is September 30.

More details are available on the official website, the HEC local sources told APP. The main purpose of the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships.

Best possible security arrangements made for Chehlu: CPO

RAWALPINDI (APP): Best possible arrangements including security were made for the Chehlu of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), said City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Syed Khalid Mehmood Hamdani.

The CPO said that over 4,000 well-equipped cops and officers were deployed to ensure security foolproof.

Similarly, 250 traffic wardens and officers were also deployed for the smooth flow of traffic on city roads and to facilitate the mourners, he informed.

Monitoring of the main procession was ensured with the help of CCTV cameras besides aerial surveillance.

Police personnel were also deployed on top of high-rise buildings on the route of the Chehlu procession, he mentioned.

The CPO also appreciated the efforts of the cops to maintain peace and order on the Chehlu.

The processions of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) Chehlu, taken out from different localities of the city after passing through their traditional routes culminated peacefully on Thursday night.

The main 'Zuljinnah' procession was taken out from Imambargah Ashiq Hussain. It passed through its traditional routes.



KARACHI: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference held at Idara-e-Noor-ul-Haq in Karachi.

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Mushaal asks G20 to focus on ending HR abuses in IOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick has urged the G20 countries to use the opportunity to force the worst human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and ensure a lasting solution to the Kashmir dispute.

that the G-20 countries should make all political and social relations with India subject to the end of ongoing human rights violations in the occupied valley.

ism and the world powers were well-aware of the fact that the occupied valley was turned into a largest open prisoner and torture cell.



BAHAWALPUR: Rescue personnel evacuate people on a boat from a flooded Ahmedpur Sharqia area.



ISLAMABAD: A view of Afghan refugees installed solar panel system outside their tent house on a green belt outside Press Club in Federal Capital.

Pakistan-Kyrgyzstan to collaborate in healthcare sector: Dr Zhumaliev

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr Zhumaliev, Member of Kyrgyz Republic Parliament and leader of the delegation currently visiting Pakistan on Sunday said that his visit signified demonstrating the highest degree of mutual interest between both countries in further strengthening bilateral trade relations, particularly in the healthcare sector.

research projects, and student exchanges", he remarked.

Speaking at a reception hosted in his honour by Chairman of Kyrgyzstan Trade House Meher Kashif Younis, he said the promotion of trade and industry between the two countries holds significant potential, said a news release issued here.

He said, "By identifying areas of common interest and fostering partnerships, we can pave the way for increased economic cooperation and growth", he added.

China, Pakistan to establish 'Joint Research Center on Earth Sciences' in October

ISLAMABAD (INP): Its establishment also involves CAS-affiliated institutes and other Chinese research institutions, as well as universities in Pakistan, such as the University of Peshawar.

The center will carry out joint research in four areas: natural disaster and risk management; geological structures and tectonic activities; climate change and environmental effects; and resources, environment, and green development.

Hong Tianhua, an official in charge of the center's preparatory work addressing the 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services said, "China-Pakistan Joint Research Center on Earth Sciences will be established in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, in October as a high-level scientific and technological innovation platform between the two countries to promote sci-tech cooperation and talent cultivation."

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ISLAMABAD: A view of deserted Constitution Avenue in Federal Capital, due to Asia Cup 2023 super four one-day international (ODI) cricket match between India and Pakistan.

AC seals five shops for selling sugar at exorbitant prices

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a crackdown on profiteers, Assistant Commissioner Pothohar Nahel Hafiz on Sunday sealed five shops, and seized 100 KG sugar for selling at exorbitant prices in H-13, Golra Morr and Jhangli Syedan localities. He visited shops along with a team of officials from the Food Department. He checked the prices of sugar and found that they were much higher than the government-set rates.

Motorway Police recovers stolen car from Swabi

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) on Friday recovered a car stolen from Rawalpindi near Swabi.

Walk held to sheds light on illiteracy crisis

ISLAMABAD (APP): SOS Foundation on Friday organized an awareness walk to mark World Literacy Day here. Children from various schools, educationists, social workers, and individuals from all walks of life have participated in the walk to share a common goal for eradicating illiteracy in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Macro Policy Lab recently hosted the "Fixing Fiscal Policy" Round Table Conference in Islamabad. The event addressed the persistent challenge of fiscal indiscipline in Pakistan and sought to chart a visionary path for the nation's fiscal policy.

Sardar Attique says: Pak defence, accession of Kashmir part of Kashmiris' faith

ISLAMABAD (APP): The former prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Muslim Conference chief Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has said that geographic and ideological defence of Pakistan and accession of Kashmir to Pakistan are part of Kashmiris' faith.

Nilofer for proactive role of media to mitigate GBV issue

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) Nilofer Bakhtiar said media can significantly contribute towards change by raising the awareness about the societal norms surrounding Gender Based Violence (GBV) and its reshaping.



KARACHI: Members of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat are holding Azmat-e-Sahaba and Ahlebait rally, at Shahrah-e-Quaideen in Karachi.

5-days training workshop on productivity assessment concludes

ISLAMABAD (APP): A 5-day international training workshop for assessors of the productivity specialist's certification programme concluded here, the other day.

Distinction b/w filer and non-filer must be abolished: PIDE Conference

This includes how to collect taxes, how to spend them, and where to allocate funds. Lastly, debt management is also an important aspect that requires attention.

IESCO detects 105 meters, imposes Rs 7.567 mln fine on power pilferers

ISLAMABAD (APP): On the directives of the government, the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has expedite drive against power pilferage and caught 105 meters and imposed fine of Rs 7.567 million for stealing electricity in various areas of the company in the current month.

Maj Bhati's martyrdom's day to observe on Sep 12

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