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Justice Qazi Faez Isa sworn in as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan

The Government and military officials including caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Army Chief General Asim Munir, Provincial Governors, Chief Ministers, senators and foreign ambassadors attended the ceremony

ISLAMABAD (INP): Justice Qazi Faez Isa has taken oath as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP). President Dr. Arif Alvi administered the oath. High-ranking government and military officials, caretaker Prime Minister, federal ministers, senators, foreign ambassadors, and other dignitaries witnessed the oath taking ceremony. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, following which the notification for Justice Isa's appointment was read out. The president then administered the oath to Justice Isa, whose wife Sarina Isa stood by his

side. Born in Quetta on October 26, 1959, Justice Qazi Faez Isa is the son of the late Qazi Mohammad Isa of Pishin, who was in the forefront of the Pakistan Movement and a close associate of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Justice Isa's father was the first person from the province to acquire the Bar-at-Law degree and helped establish the All India Muslim League in Balochistan after his return from London. His father had served as the only member on the Central Working Committee of the All India Muslim League from Balochistan.

CJP forms full court for SC Practice and Procedure Act hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Sunday constituted full court headed by him for hearing the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 on Monday (tomorrow). An eight-judge larger bench of the apex court headed by the former CJP Umar Ata Bandial, had suspended the enforcement of the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023 on April 13. Justice Qazi Faez Isa who sworn in as the 29th chief justice of Pakistan today, has constituted bench for the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act hearing. The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 — a bill that required the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance by a committee of three senior judges will be heard by a supreme court bench on Monday (tomorrow).



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Justice Qazi Faez Isa as Chief Justice of Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.



LAHORE: PML-N Senior Vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz presides over the party meeting at Model Town. Former chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz is also present.

Attempts at subtracting Nawaz Sharif from politics have failed: Maryam

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President and party's Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz said on Sunday that former prime minister and the PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif stood vindicated, and now it was time for Pakistan's triumph. Addressing meetings of different party wings as part of preparations for giving a warm reception to Nawaz on his homecoming next month, she said that every attempt to subtract former prime minister from politics failed. "By the grace of Almighty Allah, respect for Nawaz Sharif in people's hearts has increased," she claimed. Former Punjab Chief Minister and PML-N leader Hamza Shehbaz was also present in the meetings. Maryam was of the view that the people of Pakistan had to pay the price

for Nawaz's ouster. She expressed the hope that from today courts would do justice to the Sharif family. "I pray to the Almighty Allah that justice should be for all. She opined that prejudice against the party supremo was actually against the country and the nation. "What Pakistan needs is a fresh beginning," PML-N's chief organizer said, and stressed the need for ridding the country of politics of confrontation, violence and vengeance. She expressed the resolve that after coming to power, the party would develop all parts of the country, including Sindh. "Our war is against inflation, poverty and bad governance," she asserted. Maryam claimed that Nawaz and his comrades faced what she called 'injustices' with perseverance and courage.

Jazeela Aslam appointed 1st ever woman SC registrar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) has appointed Ms. Jazeela Aslam as Registrar Supreme Court (SC). Likewise, Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmed had been appointed as Secretary to the CJP while Abdul Sadiq is appointed as staff officer, said a press release issued here on Sunday. It said that before her appointment as Registrar SC, Jazeela Aslam was serving as the District and Sessions Judge Okara, and in the same position, she has served in Kasur and Sialkot. She is the senior most lady District and Sessions Judge in Punjab. It said that Jazeela Aslam had joined the judicial service as Civil Judge and judicial magistrate in 1994. She has also served as Deputy Solicitor and as an instructor at Federal Judicial Academy, besides serving as Director Academic in Punjab Judicial Academy.

Mushaal expresses concern for continued human rights violations in IIOJK valley

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Sunday expressed serious concern over the plight of illegally detained Hurriyat leaders in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir territory. Talking to a private news channel, she urged the United Nations to play an active role in their release and asked India to stop systematic human rights violations in IIOJK. She said changing the demography of the territory by granting voting rights to Indian citizens in the internationally recognized disputed territory is a big violation of international law. She said it is highly unfortunate that the Modi regime has closed doors of all peaceful means to resolve the long-pending Kashmir dispute by resorting to the worst kind of extremism and fascism and converting the occupied territory into a military garrison. She added it is the responsibility of the UN and all relevant Human rights

organizations to settle the Kashmir dispute by implementing its relevant resolutions to protect the lives of the people of IIOJK. Mushaal said the Indian government was prolonging the illegal detentions of Kashmiri political prisoners who have been put behind bars for peacefully struggling for the political resolution of the Kashmir dispute as guaranteed by the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The worsening situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir needs urgent international attention and the world community must act immediately to protect Kashmiris from Modi's onslaught. Kashmiri families, whose loved ones are in Indian jails, cannot think of any occasion of joy and happiness because they are worried about the health of their loved ones in filthy and congested Indian jails, she added. Replying to a question, she said Indian Army had a long history of gross human rights violations and fake encounters in the territory.

PM Kakar leaves for US to address 78th UNGA session

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday proceeded on a five-day official visit to attend the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78) in New York, United States. During his stay, the prime minister will hold meetings with the global leaders on the sidelines of the session, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The caretaker prime

minister will also attend an important conference on climate change. PM Kakar is also scheduled to interact with the international media and visit prominent US think tanks. During this high-level debate, he will engage in discussions concerning a range of pressing global issues. His address to the UNGA on September 22 is keenly anticipated and is expected to shed light on Pakistan's perspectives on the current global

landscape. Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani during this diplomatic mission, further reinforcing Pakistan's commitment to global cooperation and multilateralism. Sources privy to the matter said that on the sidelines of the UNGA session, Prime Minister Kakar is likely to engage in crucial meetings with the heads of state from several important nations, including China, the United Kingdom, and Saudi Arabia.



ISLAMABAD: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar and Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori participating in the dinner hosted by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

AML chief Sheikh Rashid arrested

ISLAMABAD (INP): Awami Muslim League (AML) leader and PTI ally, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, was arrested by Islamabad police on Sunday. As per details, Sheikh Rasheed's counsel Sardar Raziq has confirmed that the AML chief has been arrested by men in plain clothes from his residence. According to reports, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's two nephews namely Sheikh Raashid Shafique and Shaikh Umar were also arrested along with him from his house located at Bahria Town Phase - III Islamabad. His lawyer Sardar Raziq said that it is not known in which case Sheikh Rasheed has been arrested. However, he asserted that they will take the legal route. According to advocate, no single case has been registered against Sheikh Rashid in the Punjab province.

Governor KP hosts dinner for Sindh, Balochistan Governors

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali on Sunday hosted a prestigious dinner in honor of the Governors of Sindh and Balochistan. The dinner ceremony took place at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House in Islamabad which was participated by Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori and Governor Balochistan Abdul Wali Khan Kakar. During the dinner, the Governors engaged in discussions regarding the overall state of affairs, provincial administration, and financial matters of their respective regions. The event also served as an opportunity for the three Governors

to enhance bilateral relations and cooperation between their provinces. The meeting highlighted discussions on promoting economic activities, creating business opportunities, and strengthening trade ties to boost national economic stability. Additionally, they delved into the administrative and financial challenges faced by universities in providing quality higher education. The ceremony not only celebrated the cultural diversity and unity of Pakistan but also underlined the importance of collaboration and dialogue between provinces to address common challenges and foster development across the country.



LAHORE: Members of Tehreek e Labbaik Ya Muhammad S.A.W Pakistan are holding protest demonstration against the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2023, held at Lahore press club.

'Govt implementing zero tolerance policy against power theft mafia'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power, and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali Sunday reassured that the interim government was implementing a zero-tolerance policy against the power theft mafia in the country and would not spare any person who proved guilty of having connivance with electricity thieves. While talking to a private news channel, the minister said with strict di-

rectives IESCO had launched the crackdown against electricity thieves and their facilitators in all circles, adding that we are collaborating with all related departments and law enforcement agencies on the district level to ensure that the process is carried out swiftly. The crackdown will continue against the elements involved in electricity theft with the cooperation of the relevant departments, he added.

Pervaiz Elahi re-arrested on terror charges

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Pervaiz Elahi was re-arrested in a terrorism case shortly after the Lahore court discharged him in Master Plan case. Elahi was presented before the duty judicial magistrate today a day after he was detained by the ACE. Sources said that Elahi will be moved to Adiala jail from Lahore in the evening. On Saturday, the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab took Pervaiz Elahi into custody a day after ATC had granted him bail in the Federal Judicial Complex (FJC) attack case.

Jan Achakzai meets Deputy Ambassador of UAE's invites to visit Quetta

ISLAMABAD (Online): Speaker National Assembly and Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervez Ashraf extends warm felicitation to Chief Justice Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa for being sworn in as the 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan. In his congratulatory message, the Speaker said, "chief Justice Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa is a seasoned and most experienced legal expert. He expressed his hope that judiciary under his maverick and sagacious leadership, would dispense justice while upholding constitution and law of lands supreme. Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf also expressed that all organs of state including Parliament, Executive and judiciary should work in consonance to ameliorate the sufferings.



ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai met the Deputy Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Charge d' Affaires, Rashid Al Ali in UAE's Embassy, Islamabad. During the course of meeting, bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest were discussed between the Provincial Minister Information and Deputy Ambassa-

Ex TTP Swat commander killed in IBO

SWAT (INP): Former commander of banned TTP Swat Naik Muhammad alias Naiko was killed in intelligence based operation (IBO) of security forces. According to details, on an intelligence tip-off, Pakistan army and CTD conducted a successful operation at Fiazghat in Swat valley. The killed terrorist commander was close accomplice of former TTP Swat Chief Mullah Fazalullah. He was also the head of team which used to flog women in early days of militancy.

10 Afghan Daesh supporters held in Islamabad crackdown

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a crackdown on foreign immigrants staying illegally in Islamabad, a task force formed by intelligence agencies has rounded up 10 Afghan nationals. Sources said that those taken into custody were the supporters of a militant outfit, Daesh, and they were residing in different areas of the federal capital. They revealed that those arrested also had national identity cards (NICs) with them. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad most recently, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar said that an effective policy had been put in place to stop Afghans from entering Pakistan illegally. He clarified that the

policy would cover the Afghans without documents, and those who had created fake identities. He made it clear that illegal refugees would be sent back to their countries. "If someone wants to come to Pakistan, it should be through legal paths and through the issuance of visas," he said. Similarly, presiding over a meeting in Islamabad on Friday to review progress on the government's plan to crackdown on those involved in illegal practices, the prime minister said that the government would return all "illegal" Afghan immigrants to curb smuggling of goods and foreign currency so that the fast deteriorating country's economy could be revived.

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Hoping for supremacy of Constitution with new CJP

Finally Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa was sworn in as the 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan following the retirement of his predecessor Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial a day earlier.

President Dr Arif Alvi administered the oath with high-ranking government and military officials including caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Army Chief General Asim Munir, senators, foreign ambassadors, and other dignitaries in attendance during the ceremony held at the President House in Islamabad.

Justice Isa's tenure as the country's chief justice will be relatively brief, as he is slated to retire from the top judicial post on October 25, 2024.

He took the oath as the apex court's judge on September 5, 2014. Despite being the senior puisne judge, he was not assigned any constitutional case for the past three years following a presidential reference filed against him in 2019.

The newly-appointed top judge of the country was born on October 26, 1959, in Quetta. His father, late Qazi Mohammad Isa, was a prominent leader in the Pakistan Movement and a close associate of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

After completing his initial education in Quetta, Justice Isa pursued O and A levels studies from the Karachi Grammar School. He then moved to London to pursue his higher education in law to complete the bar professional examination at the Inns of Court School of Law.

He joined the Balochistan High Court on January 30, 1985, and became an advocate of the Supreme Court in March 1998. After an emergency was declared during the Pervez Musharraf era in November 3, 2007, Justice Isa decided not to appear before judges who took oath under the Provisional Constitutional Order (PCO).

At the same time, after the decision of November 3 was annulled by the Supreme Court, the Balochistan High Court judges resigned, while Justice Isa was directly appointed as the judge of the provincial high court on August 5, 2009.

He remained associated with the field of law for 27 years before being appointed as a judge in the Balochistan High Court and the Supreme Court. During this time, his assistance was sought in various important cases by different high courts and the Supreme Court, as well as for handling international arbitrations.

For the past five months, Justice Isa — who took the oath as an SC judge on September 5, 2014 — has engaged in chamber work only. As a form of protest following his disagreement with chief justice on suo motu powers, he has refrained from participating in any cases.

In March this year, Justice Isa and Justice Qazi Ameenuddin issued a ruling, stating that hearing of all cases under Article 184(3) should be suspended until the apex court first makes its rules with regards to the SC's Practice and Procedure Act.

With a 45-year-long career in the legal field, Justice Isa possesses a rich background. Prior to his judicial appointment, he contributed articles on various topics, such as the Constitution, law, Islam, and the environment, to Pakistan's leading English news publications.

He also co-authored a book, 'Mass Media Laws and Regulations in Pakistan', in 1997. Additionally, Justice Isa authored the report 'Balochistan: Case and Demand' published by the Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT) in 2007.

On his becoming new CJP, senior journalist Mazhar Abbas described the new chief justice's decision to form full court to hear the petition against the Practice and Procedure Act as the beginning of a new era.

In a statement, Mr. Abbas said that "finally the full court was formed to hear an important case of Practice and Procedure Act, the first headed by new Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Qazi Faez Isa on Monday. It was also termed as beginning of a new era and one hope to see rule of law and supremacy of the Constitution.

Needless to mention the CJP Justice Isa stood firm, fought the good fight and won despite pressures and malicious propaganda as Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed said despite pressures and malicious propaganda.

The nation expects him (CJP) to preserve, protect & promote Quaid's commitment to Rule of Law, constitutionalism, minority rights, since Pakistan itself is a product of democracy!



Muhammad Amir Rana

The US is cautiously rebuilding its relationship with Pakistan, focusing on critical areas and communities considered vulnerable. The recent visit by US Ambassador Donald Blome to Gwadar is an indication of how the US is strategically approaching its ties with Pakistan. This development is likely to raise concerns in Beijing, which has significant regional economic and strategic investments.

If this visit is part of a broader US regional strategy, it could foster mistrust in Beijing regarding Pakistan's state institutions. When Saudi Arabia revealed its plans to construct an oil refinery near Gwadar, Chinese analysts viewed it as a US manoeuvre to gain a strategic foothold in the area

through one of its reliable Gulf partners, thereby countering China's initiatives.

In October last year, the US ambassador visited Azad Jammu and Kashmir, which stirred concerns in India. His recent trip to Gwadar is also likely to have caught Beijing's attention. According to a press release from the US embassy in Islamabad, the Gwadar visit aimed to explore trade and development opportunities. During his meeting with the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Blome discussed the potential for US trade and investment in various sectors. The statement emphasised America's long-standing partnership with Balochistan, including providing aid during the floods that occurred last year.

The US embassy further highlighted its comprehensive assistance to Pakistan — from restoring cultural heritage sites and providing humanitarian relief after the 2005 Kashmir earthquake to most recently offering "over \$66 million in cash, food, and health assistance" as devastating floods swept through the country. Many see these developments in the context of

PTI head Imran Khan's exploitation of the cipher saga; however, the US strategy in the region was crafted long before. The US is also investing in cultural and educational initiatives, ranging from Muzaffarabad to Gwadar as the US presser says that in the educational sector, American support is bolstering programmes at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences and the Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University. Additionally, the US empowers the next generation by developing literacy and educational materials in Balochi and various local languages.

Nations in crises often become sensitive about their identity and culture, adopting a mindset of victimhood. They may feel oppressed due to their religious, cultural, racial or linguistic identity. US diplomacy and aid appear to be focused on these sensitivities, targeting specific areas and communities for engagement. In contrast, China's approach is centred mainly on development, opting to collaborate primarily with secure sectors and with public sector involvement.

China has constructed schools in Gwadar and initiated several other welfare projects. However, US development efforts tend to receive more attention due to their extensive partnerships with NGOs. This is a weak point in China's development model, one from which they could learn from both the US and European nations, although such engagement would likely entail higher costs.

The US appears to be effectively intervening and enhancing its reputation in areas where China faces security challenges and a negative public perception. This suggests that the geopolitical competition between the two nations will likely intensify in the coming months and years. Amid this unfolding dynamic, two critical points must be addressed concerning the impact and role of state institutions.

Pakistan faces a complex set of economic and strategic challenges, making it essential for the country to balance its relations with both the US and China. However, state institutions must carefully assess and evaluate the risks associated with failing to maintain this

equilibrium.

Pakistan has long been concerned about America's strategic and geo-economic partnership with India. It aims for a moderate level of engagement with the US, largely because of its dependence on defence and textile exports, but also because of the need for geopolitical balance. While Islamabad's policy makers generally favour closer ties with the US, this preference raises concerns for China. Nonetheless, the partnership between the US and Pakistan is mutually beneficial and entails minimal costs — financial, trade-related, strategic or political.

Pakistan seeks to avoid an armed conflict with India, a stance that aligns well with US interests. The US has often played a role in defusing tensions between the two nations, leading Pakistan to trust America's capacity for diplomatic intervention in complex issues with India more than it trusts any other country. While China has been a mediator in other regional tensions, such as between Saudi Arabia and Iran, its ability to act impartially in the intricate relationship between Pakistan and India is ques-

tionable.

There may be legitimate concerns about US neutrality, but Washington derives significant leverage from its political optics. For example, its involvement in Azad Jammu and Kashmir pleased Rawalpindi, while its visit to Gwadar was well-received in India. Such diplomatic manoeuvres highlight perceived weaknesses in Pakistan's state institutions.

Although America's strategic interests are increasingly aligning with India's, many observers in New Delhi view Washington's partnership with Pakistan not only through a historical lens but also as a strategic move to counterbalance India. Concurrently, CPEC has altered the dynamics of the Sino-Pakistan relationship, significantly influencing bilateral US-Pakistan ties. The US is trying to create a balance by investing more in public diplomacy, which is impacting China's image in Pakistan. Finally, the Chinese ambassador in town may have brought a new strategy for public diplomacy. -- Courtesy Dawn

Stay hungry, stay foolish



Ghazi Salahuddin

There was this 'gentleman' in the Moliere play who was delighted to learn that he had been speaking in 'prose' all his life without knowing it, in the context of the literary distinction between poetry and prose. In any case, we too utter or read or hear — words all the time. But some words stand out and may speak, in a sense, louder than action. The point I am making is that words matter. Words have the power to move people and inspire action and, even, change the course of individual lives and collective behaviour.

I had to dabble with these thoughts, though not with much academic finesse, in a presentation on the 'power of words' in a session of the Second National Media Fellowship workshop on Wednesday in Karachi. This project is

sponsored by the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), in collaboration with UNFPA and CEJ-IBA.

Obviously, media professionals need to have a certain level of proficiency in using words — in fact, language — to meaningfully engage with their readers, viewers or listeners. This becomes a challenge in a society where the reading culture is nearly extinct and educational standards are very poor. On this subject, I become rather emotional while expressing my dismay over our intellectual deprivations.

But on this occasion, I am using my encounter with the media workshop only as a peg to underline a few references that I had made while speaking on the 'power of words'. Otherwise, there are scores of examples of how leaders and writers and media professionals have used words to create an impact and raise the emotions and spirits of the people.

As for the importance and the value of words in the world of communications, I was reminded of the title of Jean Paul Sartre's biography — which is, simply, 'The Words'. Half of

it is on reading and the other half on writing.

One of my favourite aphorisms about journalism is that it is literature in haste. There is usually a literary flavour in reports, comments and headlines that communicate a story or an idea in an effective manner. Then, there are words that become songs and slogans and catchphrases.

There are words that live in the minds and hearts of the people. There have been speeches made by leaders at a critical moment in the lives of their nation that have changed history. What a fascinating subject this is, and one can think of numerous examples from recent times. There are headlines that became memorable and quotations from speeches that became a part of the vocabulary of the common people.

One example I cited were the three words that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had used to generate popular enthusiasm for the cause of Pakistan: 'Unity-Faith-Discipline'. Actually, I referred to this slogan to underline the fact of how the sanctity of words can be violated and the message of

the Quaid can be distorted.

During Zia's time, they arbitrarily changed the order of the words and put Faith before Unity and Discipline, translating Faith as Eman. During the Quaid's lifetime, the standard Urdu translation of the three words was: Ittehad-Yaqeen-e-Mohkam-Tanzeem. This is how it is indelibly sketched on the postage stamp released by the Pakistan Postal Service on the first death anniversary of the Quaid on September 11, 1949. The postage stamp was valued at three annas.

The original order of words and their Urdu translation was also inscribed on the 'Teen Talwar' monument in Karachi — though the words are now nearly erased. However, the slogan in its distorted form is formally used, particularly within military precincts and nobody seems to mind it, which is another measure of our collective apathy and lack of respect for truth and incontrovertible facts of history.

Incidentally, the 75th death anniversary of the Founder of the Nation was observed at the Quaid-e-Azam House Museum in Karachi on Monday and a

number of speeches were made on the man and his mission. But there was certainly no mention of how his iconic exhortation that has a definite message has been violated.

Anyhow, one of the speeches I invoked was made in Washington DC on August 28, 1963 — 60 years ago. Its refrain were four words that had a bearing on the civil rights movement in the United States. You guessed it: it was Martin Luther King Jr who stood before a gathering of 250,000 people and roared: "I have a dream". Imagine the power and the reach of these four words.

Finally, I felt happy to talk about the speech that the late Steve Jobs, then CEO of Apple Computer, made at Stanford University in 2005. It is perhaps the best and most admired commencement speech made in America. I urged the young participants to Google it and imbibe its message in earnest. The entire speech is quotable, particularly his counsel to the young that "you've got to find what you love".

Here, I have to focus on the most famous line with which he closed his

address: "Stay hungry. Stay foolish". What does this mean? Steve Jobs spoke about a magazine that he loved in his youth. When it stopped publication, there was a photograph on the back cover of the final issue, depicting an early morning country road. Beneath it were the words: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish".

It was their farewell message as they signed off. Said Steve Jobs: "And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you". So, he signed off: "Stay hungry. Stay foolish".

These two sentences or four words are seen to have meant that we should never stop learning and should always try new things.

We cannot be sure that our young people, being who they are in this chaotic and unjust society, have the confidence as well as the capacity to chart their own path to success and glory. Yet, Steve Jobs would still whisper in their ears: "Stay hungry. Stay foolish". -- Courtesy TheNews

What's the point?



Muna Khan

One of my favourite parts about teaching is learning from students. Whether it's something inane like who is Ducky Bhai to important issues like climate change and all things related to gender, I think teaching has helped me understand what urban youngsters care about. In the last few weeks, I've learned the news industry isn't on their care list, neither is any political party — including the PTI.

Let me help you place these students. When shown his official portrait, they did not recognise Asim Munir and when told it's the army chief, only one student correctly guessed his name. They could not believe Altaf Hussain had the power to shut down a city over a phone call. That too rotary because they have only known mobile phones as a normal form of communication. They did not know the reference to Pink Floyd in the great headline by the Hindu on the launch of Chandrayaan 3: "India lights up the dark side of the moon." They rarely watch TV and many could not remember when they last held a physical newspaper. Their trust in most institutions is broken. They are not hopeful.

Please do not mistake this as an attempt to mock or worse, disrespect them. They are some of the brightest students I've taught and, also, more compassionate in their approach to hypothetical issues I make them address as if they were employed in a newsroom. They ask thoughtful questions and so

far, always side with the victim, the oppressed, the underdog. While they may dislike the current state of the media, they want it to improve because they understand just how big a threat disinformation poses to society. We'd be lucky to employ any of them in our newsrooms. But most of them want to leave Pakistan.

Although it is a media literacy class, I try to link things back to democracy — for example, how access to fair and diverse reporting benefits audiences and allows them to make better informed decisions when it comes to voting. I remind them they are a large demographic and have the power to influence policies with their vote. But the other day in class, when I suggested everyone vote even if just for the experience, one student asked: what is the point?

I had no answer. All the pundits tell us that deals have been set and preparations are underway for the PML-N to return to power. It explains other parties' posturing on holding elections as soon as possible because they know they've lost a seat at a table decided by others and are preparing strategies to save face.

I invite any of their leaders to my class to convince my students to vote, let alone for them. There is a huge disconnect between parties and this youth bulge which free laptops will not fix.

Despite the growth in the global voter population and the number of countries that hold elections, the global average voter turnout has decreased significantly since the early 1990s, according to a report by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. Interestingly, that decline "has occurred in parallel with the emergence of many negative voices about the state of democracy

around the world". Low turnout figures aren't limited to developing countries. "Plummeting voter turnout in Europe", which has the largest number of established democracies, "is a worrying phenomenon" it adds.

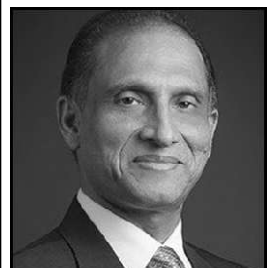
There are 'significant' gender differences in voter turnout; female participation was lowest in Pakistan. To remind, women were banned from voting in KP's constituency PK-23 in Shangla in the last election.

One of the reasons for low turnout is "economic hardship (which) can result in voter apathy and lead people to withdraw from politics and focus on meeting their basic needs". At the rate fuel prices are rising in Pakistan, folks may not even be able to afford commuting to their polling stations.

Many countries have mandated compulsory voting which will of course result in higher turnout. I'd like to once again use this space to call for the inclusion of 'None of the Above' as an option. In January I wrote: "NOTA is a vote bank, they send a message to the political establishment and can mobilise change." NOTA will be less bloody. At some point, the injustice of social and economic divides will turn violent. History tells us this.

In the last election, Pakistan had the largest percentage of young people ever recorded in its history, according to a UNDP report. Their votes matter but if you speak to lots of young folks, they think it's a sham.

I believe NOTA's inclusion in the next election will give the disenfranchised an opportunity to send a resounding message to the establishment and their civilian political party enablers. Listen to young people, most of whom are literally dying to leave this country. -- Courtesy Dawn



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Life in developed countries pivots around the rule of law. Every citizen is subjected to the same laws, and no one is above the law. However, despite full consensus on the validity of the rule of law, there are always implementation gaps.

Take the US, whose founding fathers stressed on equality of all men, freedom and liberty, human rights and the rule of law. Even so, slavery and racial discrimination continued in the US for a long time. American society struggled for two centuries to fill the gap between theory and practice of the rule of law, including a civil war in the 1860s and a civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King in the 1960s.

Europe's case is no different. Centuries ago, voices were raised questioning the divine rights of kings. The 17th-century political theorist John Locke argued that every person has natural rights to life, liberty and property. For its time, this was a revolutionary idea; ever since, many European thinkers have contributed to liberalism and enlightenment with strong support for the rule of law. Europeans from various walks of life struggled hard against tyranny and discrimination for centuries before they succeeded in establishing the European Union, which holds together diverse societies through adherence to universal human rights and the rule of law.

Another example is that of China, which has

The rule of law

attained rapid economic progress, thanks mainly to meritocracy and strict enforcement of the laws through a complex web of local people's congresses overseen by the Communist Party.

In sharp contrast, a disturbing international trend worth recognising is that unilateralism is on the rise and multilateralism on the retreat. When big powers violated international law with impunity, such as the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the Russian invasion of Crimea in 2014, international law was undermined. This trend is proving deleterious for the rule of law both at the international and national levels.

India, which started its independent life as a pluralistic, secular and democratic country, has changed gears, with Modi's administration seeking to create a Hindu state that has constricting space for minorities. Non-Hindu citizens are likely to resist this blatant discrimination on the basis of religion, which in turn could lead to significant commotion in Indian society.

When we look at Pakistan, it also suffers from large gaps in theory and practice of the rule of law. Fortunately, the theory itself is sound. Islam, the majority faith in Pakistan, enjoins harmony. The life of the Prophet (PBUH) illustrated the values of peaceful coexistence of faith-based communities and tolerance. The Constitution also grants the right of freedom of religion to every Pakistani citizen under Articles 20 and 36. Jinnah's speech on Aug 11, 1947, made it clear that every citizen of Pakistan, whether Muslim, Hindu or Christian, would be free to go to their places of worship.

Yet, we see elements within our own society that consistently challenge the rule of law. Sadly, sometimes they even take

false pride in breaking the law. From self-serving feudal lords to corrupt public office holders to religious extremists, some segments of Pakistani society have developed a flawed sense of entitlement over and above the rule of law. If Pakistan is to become a developed state, governed by the rule of law, all citizens must be treated as equal before the law, regardless of ethnicity, faith, race or cultural disposition. Our leaders should act as role models by giving up overt displays of entitlement around public offices.

Our governance model should embrace a genuine separation of powers between branches of the government (legislative, executive and judicial) for effective checks and balances. The French political philosopher Montesquieu had postulated in the 18th century that uniting these powers could lead to authoritarianism, as amply witnessed by Pakistan in its short history.

We also need an independent judiciary that can withstand the political winds and restore people's confidence in the rule of law; and an education system that teaches children at an early stage about their civic rights and responsibilities as equal citizens of Pakistan.

One caveat to all that is said above is that the law itself must be clear, universal in application, consistent across equivalent cases, easily knowable to the people, formulated after consultations and due diligence, and without retroactive effects.

Applying law inconsistently and using it to harass political opponents undermines public faith in the rule of law. As Montesquieu said, there is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetuated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice. -- Courtesy Dawn

Naqvi reviews measures for elimination of smog

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, during a meeting held at his office on Sunday, reviewed measures being taken for elimination of smog.

The meeting decided to make the urban roads dust-free for eradication of smog and roads would be washed for the prevention of smog. A task had been assigned to Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) to wash the roads of Lahore while

Deputy Commissioners have been directed to launch a crackdown against those involved in selling substandard fuel.

The meeting was informed that financial assistance will be provided with the collaboration of World Bank so as to make the industries environment friendly. The CM ordered to ensure implementation of Smog Prevention & Control Rules 2023 and sought a comprehensive plan from all departments concerned to bring down

smog at the lowest level. He directed to seal the institutions for two months on committing frequent violation of anti smog policy. An advance affidavit should be taken from the farmers to prevent them from burning the residue of rice and other fields. Mohsin Naqvi directed that Vehicle Inspection and Certification System (VICS) and other relevant institutions should ensure issuance of Transport Fitness Certificate.

Environment experts

put forth their proposals and recommendations in the meeting. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed Ahmad Principal College of Earth Environmental Sciences Punjab University said that motorcycle rickshaw was the main cause of environmental pollution. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed stressed that a long term policy was essential for the elimination of smog. Kilns should be transferred to agricultural waste instead of coals.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi offering Dua after inaugurating extension project of Police Helpline Centre at Liberty.



PESHAWAR: Advisor to CM on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar addressing a meeting during his visit to Khyber Eye Foundation.

CM aide visits Khyber Eye Foundation

PESHAWAR (Online): Special Assistant to Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar on Sunday visited Khyber Eye Foundation and expressed satisfaction over the healthcare initiatives.

Chairman Muhammad Adnan Jalil and esteemed board directors and administrators, welcomed Dr. Riaz Anwar and all accompanying guests.

During the visit, all guests were given a tour of the Khyber Eye Foundation and received a detailed presentation about the hospital's operations.

Chairman Muhammad Adnan Jalil briefly expressed his thoughts, emphasizing the foundation's importance as a charitable institution and its provision of free healthcare services to the underprivileged and needy individuals in the region.

Dr. Riaz Anwar, the Special Assistant Health

expressed his satisfaction with the hospital's performance, noting that he had heard numerous commendations about the facility from his acquaintances.

He stated, "I am now convinced that Khyber Eye Foundation is a reputable brand, and it serves as a beacon of hope for the less fortunate."

He further added, "This hospital is a testament to your hard work and dedication, and I assure you that I am always available to contribute to the progress of this institution. Whenever there is a challenge, I will be here to address it."

At the end of the visit, Dr. Riaz Anwar was honored with a shield as a token of appreciation. Additionally, former Chairman Mr. Muhammad Ghayur Sethi, who played a significant role in the foundation's growth, received a shield for his relentless efforts.

DC orders PHA to beautify city

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh has directed the Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) to evolve a comprehensive planning for city beautification.

During his visit to PHA Complex, he said that the government was contemplating to make Faisalabad a model city. Therefore, the city should be made attractive from all aspects, he said and directed the PHA officials to ensure plantation in a scientific manner in green belts and parks of the city.

He said that main roads of the city including canal road should be beautified by using all available resources for rehabilitation and renovation of its green belts and intersections.

Director General PHA Zameer Hussain and others were also present on the occasion.

KP leads the way in sustainable land use planning, building control

PESHAWAR (Online): In a significant stride towards responsible land management and sustainable development, the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has achieved a milestone by introducing the first-ever Land Use Plans for six districts. These districts include Peshawar, Charsadda, Mardan, Nowshera, Abbottabad, and Swabi, all of which have been grappling with rapid urbanization and development challenges. This groundbreaking initiative is in line with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Land Use and Building Control Act 2021 and aims to ensure the judicious utilization of land and its invaluable resources.

The primary objective of these Land Use Plans is to prioritize the responsible use of land resources. By doing so, the government seeks to promote sustainable growth and development within the region. The plans have experienced

rigorous evaluations and have received approval from the Land Use and Building Control Council, underlining their importance and alignment with regulatory standards.

To ensure the effective implementation of these plans in their true spirit, the Provincial Land Use Plan Project (PLUP), Urban Policy & Planning Unit, Planning & Development Department in collaboration with the World Bank sponsored Khyber Pass Economic Corridor Project (KPEC) of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, organized a comprehensive two-day event. This event served as a platform to unite all key stakeholders who will play pivotal roles in the successful execution of the Land Use Plans and the Land Use and Building Control Act 2021. These stakeholders include members of the Provincial Land Use and Building Control Council, the Planning and Development Department.

Four illegal wagon, bus stands sealed

MULTAN (APP): District administration sealed four illegal wagons and bus stands during an operation conducted at Vehari Chowk.

According to official sources, the illegal wagon and bus stands including Rajput Travels, Madeenah Flying Coach, Wains Transport and Hussain Travels were sealed by the officials of the district administration.

In response to directives from Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, the officials district administration took swift action against illegal bus stands established at Vehari Chowk.

A coordinated effort involving the police, civil defence, and district administration teams resulted in the sealing of unauthorized bus stands.

The operation was led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Faizan Ahmad Riaz, with the support of Secretary RTA Rana Mohsin and Assistant Commissioner Headquarters Abid Shabbir Laghari.

Task Force accelerates operation against illegal housing societies

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Task Force formed on the special directives of Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chhatta to take action against illegal housing societies has accelerated its ongoing operations against those violating the rules.

According to an RDA spokesman, the district administration, local police, and Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) had jointly launched a grand operation against illegal housing societies, criminals hiding

there, weapons, and their private guards allegedly involved in criminal activities. The Task Force was also taking action against those who had illegal arms and recruited guards without the permission of local police.

The four-member task force, comprising RDA Director General as chairman and Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue, Superintendent of Police Sadder, and Chief Officer District Council as members, was formed last week, he informed.



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.

Federal health dept for combating dengue in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): The Federal Health Minister has commended the exemplary efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in combating dengue and has directed other provinces to undertake similar actions.

In a high-level meeting, Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadim Jan praised the effective and timely efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in controlling dengue, according to a handout issued here on Sunday.

He also emphasized the importance of other provinces adopting measures against dengue similar to those implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

All Provincial Health

Ministers, Secretaries, the Director-General of Health Services, and senior health officials of their respective health departments participated online in the meeting to discuss various critical healthcare topics.

However, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Advisor on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar, Secretary Health Mahmood Aslam Wazir, Director-General Health Services Dr. Shaukat Ali, and other officials participated.

In accordance with statistics provided at the meeting, Balochistan reported the most dengue cases—2,627—followed by Punjab (1,961), Sindh (1,014), and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (234 instances).



MULTAN: Head Muhammad Road is currently undergoing expansion to ensure smoother traffic flow. This vital route connects several cities in South Punjab, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK).

LDA organises family cycling event

LAHORE (APP): To provide with healthy activities to citizens, the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) organised a grand family cycling event, here on Sunday.

The event was organised on the directions of Commissioner Lahore Muhammad Ali Randhawa by the LDA with the help of private sector.

The cycling event was held to combat smog, to promote a healthy environment and encourage positive civic activities, said Commissioner Lahore and DG LDA. He said the family cycling event started from Liberty Chowk, passing through Main Boulevard Gulberg, Zahoor Elahi Road and concluded back at Liberty Chowk.

Commissioner

Randhawa led the ride and completed the track. Cycling groups, families, children, a large number of citizens and media houses also participated in the event. Officers from the LDA, MCL, district administration, police, PHA, LWMC, and Rescue-1122 also participated in the family cycling event.

The commissioner said that the purpose of the event was to raise awareness about environmental pollution in the city. "Lahore is our home and citizens should come forward to promote a healthy environment," the commissioner said.

He stated that a green line has been designated for bicyclists from Liberty Roundabout to Zahoor Elahi Road. Cycling events will be included in the city's annual calendar.

US diplomat underscores strong partnership between US, people of Sindh

KARACHI (APP): United States Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer's visit to Karachi underscored the strong partnership between the United States and the people of Sindh. He explored opportunities to enrich development, trade and commercial ties and showcased the strength of our people-to-people relationships, the cornerstone of our bilateral relationship.

As co-host of the second Green Shipping Roundtable, Schofer underscored the crucial role of sustainable shipping

practices in mitigating the impact of climate change. The Green Shipping roundtable stakeholders discussed opportunities to reduce carbon emissions in the port, shipping and logistics sectors in Pakistan.

Port authorities, industry, and other key actors in the ports and shipping value chain discussed how to promote environmentally friendly and sustainable shipping practices and ways to support the Green Shipping Challenge at COP28. Andrew Schofer stated, "Through events

like the one today, we are encouraging bilateral dialogue on climate action and exploring innovative solutions to strengthen Pakistan's climate resilience." He praised the attendees' commitment and engagement to support a sector-wide transition to more sustainable shipping practices.

The visit included a stop at Lincoln Corner Karachi, where Schofer met with students, entrepreneurs, and volunteers, applauding their dedication and creativity.

He highlighted the

22 bags of banned gutka recovered from car

MIRPURKHAS (APP): A team of CIA police found 22 bags of banned gutka locally called safina betel nut in a car Mirpurkhas on Sunday.

According to officials, on the instructions of SSP Mirpurkhas Adil Memon, CIA Police led by in-charge CIA Inayat Ali Zardari, raided the area of Kot Ghulam Muhammad Police Station late at night and recovered 22 bags of banned gutka safina from the car. Police arrested Abdul Waheed Brohi, a resident of Quetta and Amir Khan Brohi.

PU inks MoU with DRAP on research, training

LAHORE (APP): To enhance mutual cooperation for research and training in the relevant field and to promote mutually beneficial relations, the Punjab University and Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood and Chief Executive Officer DRAP Asim Rauf signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the PU. Principal PU College of Pharmacy Prof Dr Syed Atif Raza, eminent dignitaries from

pharmaceutical industry, secretary Provincial Quality Control Board (PQCB) Punjab, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical consultant, regulators and faculty members were present.

According to the MoU, the collaboration would allow the academia to share its research in the field of pharmaceutical sciences, for its appropriate utilisation by the regulator and other organisations. The main objectives of this collaboration are to support research activities.



KARACHI: Sunni Tehreek (PST) Chief, Sarwat Ijaz Qadri addresses during ceremony in connection of the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday anniversary celebration of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) held at Qadri House in Karachi.

SPLA seeks representation in steering committee

HYDERABAD (APP): A meeting of the Provincial Executive Council of Sindh Professors and Lecturers Association (SPLA) Sunday demanded representation of the association in the steering committee to institute reforms in the education system.

The meeting, chaired by the association's President Prof Munawar Abbass, discussed the issues of the five-tier service structure, revision of the SNEs, seniority list and conduct of the board exams before the onset of the hot summer season.

The meeting welcomed the caretaker Sindh Education Minister Rana Hussain and Secretary Education Sadaf Anees Shaikh on assuming the charge.

The office bearers and the council's members of SPLA at the meeting expressed hope that the incumbent government would considerably address their issues.

They also called for conducting the exams of matric and intermediate classes by the month of April to spare the students and the teachers from the conduct of the exams in the hot summer season which set off from the month of May.

Workers union demand payment of salaries

HYDERABAD (APP): Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA) Mehran Workers Union has deplored that eight employees of HDA's subsidiary Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) have died in the current year without being paid their salaries.

A meeting of the union, chaired by its President Muhammad Azam Rajput in Latifabad here on Sunday, said thousands of workers of WASA, which was responsible for water supply and drainage, had not received their salaries

for the last 8 to 9 months. Rajput said WASA had adopted a practice of not releasing salaries to its workforce until it received some bailout package from the Sindh government once or twice a year.

The Union's General Secretary Muhammad Aslam Abbasi said they demanded that the authorities should put an end to mismanagement which had marred the agency.

He requested the Sindh Government to pay the water and drainage bills which were owed by its government departments.

101 new dengue infections reported in 24 hours

LAHORE (APP): Punjab is grappling with a concerning upswing in dengue fever cases, as the latest report from the Health Department revealed a staggering total of 2,858 confirmed cases across 36 districts this year.

Lahore leads with 1,088 cases, followed by Rawalpindi with 592, Multan with 318, and Gujranwala with 106. In the last 24 hours alone, Lahore reported 31 new cases, Rawalpindi 39, Multan 12, Gujranwala 11, and Toba Tek Singh 2. One

new case each was reported in Attock, Narowal, Nankana Sahib, Okara, Sargodha and Jhang.

Currently, 100 dengue patients are receiving treatment in various hospitals throughout Punjab, with 56 of them in Lahore. Fortunately, there have been no dengue-related fatalities reported this year. Secretary Health Punjab Ali Jan Khan emphasised the importance of maintaining clean and dry surroundings as a preventive measure and urged citizens to cooperate with health department.



HYDERABAD: Members of Jeay Sindh Mahaz are holding protest demonstration for demanding expelling Afghan refugees from province, held in Hyderabad.

World leaders to address Global South's concern over poverty, Inflation, debt at UNGA session

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan's Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq, will join nearly 150 world leaders in next week's UN General Assembly to deliberate about key international peace and security issues as well as Global South's concerns over growing poverty, inflation and debt burden.

With the high-level segment of the 193-member Assembly's 78th session beginning Sept 19, hundreds of New York Police Department (NYPD) personnel on Sunday began erecting roadblocks and check points around UN Headquarters in Manhattan to turn the area into a high security zone to protect the visiting world leaders.

PM Kakar is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow at the head of the Pakistan delegation to UNGA. He will address the Assembly on Sept 22, the first Pakistani caretaker premier to do so. Caretaker Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar will also be here.

In his address, the prime minister will outline Pakistan's perspective on a range of regional and general issues of concern, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He will also elaborate on the significant measures taken by his caretaker administration to consolidate the country's economic recovery and efforts to mobilize domestic and external investment.

In addition, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with counterparts from various countries as well as with the heads of international organizations, philanthropic organizations and corporate leaders. He also has a number of media engagements. US President Joe Biden, as leader of the host country, will be the second speaker on Tuesday, the opening day of the annual gathering of world leaders who take the pulse of the planet and tackle global challenges. The list of speakers indicates the presence of 145 Heads of State and Government, 4 Vice Presidents, 4 Deputy Prime Ministers and 38 Ministers or Chiefs of Delegations—a total of 196.

This year's theme is "restoring trust and reigniting global solidarity", but the credibility of the UN is currently being undermined by geopolitical conflicts, divisions and paralysis at the Security Council, as economic, humanitarian and climate-related crises continue.

In an interview with

APP, Pakistan's UN Ambassador, Munir Akram, underscored the need for a plan to counter the grim challenges facing the world.

"The 78th session of the General Assembly is meeting in a complex international environment, marked by conflicts, especially in Europe and Africa, growing great power tensions in Asia, a slowing global economy, 60 developing countries in financial distress, and as yet no clear strategy on how to address these challenges," Ambassador Akram said. Russia's war in Ukraine, well into its second year, will again be a focus of the debate with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attending in person for the first time since the conflict started. The war is exacerbating food price inflation in emerging markets and developing economies and adversely impacts some of the poorest and most vulnerable countries. Several top-level meetings are happening during the General Assembly focus on priorities of developing countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia: climate, health, financing for development, and how to get the Sustainable Development Goals—a global "to do" list created in 2015—on track.

BJP gov't can carry out false flag operation to win elections: Sultan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mehmoed Chaudhry has said that the fascist Indian government led by Narendra Modi can carry out any false flag operation like in the past to win the general elections next year.

Barrister Sultan Mehmoed Chaudhry expressed these views during a conversation with the Chairman of the Self-Determination Movement International, Raja Najabat Hussain, who met him today at Kashmir House, Islamabad.

Barrister Sultan said that the violation of human rights by around one million Indian forces' personnel is on the rise in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He maintained that the international community should play its role to stop the ongoing Indian state terrorism in the occupied territory.



ISLAMABAD: Students of Christen Community hold national flags in their hands during a rally stands in front of closed gate at Agha Khan road, for attending in oath taking ceremony of new chief justice of Pakistan (CJP), in Federal Capital.

Somalia launches National ID system with Pakistan's Help, A milestone ID4Africa

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Republic of Somalia has launched a national identification system with the support of NADRA Pakistan, a milestone for the ID4Africa movement, which aims to provide all Africans with a digital identity by 2030.

H.E. Somali Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre inaugurated the Somalia National ID on September 16, 2023, during the first National ID conference held by NIRA Somalia in Mogadishu. The event was attended by Somalia's development partners, including Pakistan, the EU, the World Bank Group, the UK, the USA, Gulf countries, ID4Africa, diplomats, and UN agencies, a press

release said on Sunday. The Prime Minister of Somalia expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister of Pakistan and NADRA for their support in implementing the Somali National ID system. He also thanked them for their assistance in capacity building for NIRA Somalia.

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Other dignitaries at the event, including the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Catriona Laing, and the British Ambassador to Somalia, Mike Nithavrianakis, appreciated NADRA's robust systems and congratulated the governments of Pakistan and

Somalia on this successful accomplishment. The Somalia National ID System is part of a multi-million dollar grant extended by the Government of Pakistan to Somalia. It will enable NIRA and the Ministry of Interior Somalia to implement their mandate of enhancing the country's governance, security, and socio-economic development by providing citizens of Somalia with a secure and universally recognized form of identification.

The system will also facilitate more efficient public service delivery, including social welfare programs, healthcare services, and electoral processes, leading to improved governance. It has the potential to streamline the distribution of humanitarian aid, ensuring it reaches those who need it most promptly. The identity system shall also promote financial inclusion in Somalia by enabling citizens to access banking and financial services easily, fostering economic growth.

Chairman NADRA Asad Rehman Gilani said, "NADRA takes immense pride in the successful execution and launch of Somalia's National Identification System, a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation. This achievement reinforces Pakistan's vision for a more secure and prosperous Somalia."



ISLAMABAD: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar distributing awards under organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ICCI Business Role Model Awards ceremony: Kakar calls for preparing comprehensive strategy to boost economic system

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has underlined the need to prepare comprehensive strategy for strengthening economic system and increasing national yield by grooming effective human resource and accommodate them at the national and provincial level.

The Governor noted with pleasure that Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan and Balochistan with best human resources, therefore, it is necessary to put into action the policy of taking all along so as to take new strides of national development soon.

The Governor was addressing the award distribution ceremony held under the auspices of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the federal capital on Sunday. Also present on the occasion were the President ICCI, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawri, Chairman Founder Group, Khalid Iqbal Malik and former President, Zafar Bakhtawri and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that the ceremony of the people associated with the commerce and trade organized by ICCI in view of the present political and economic circumstances of the country is well-timed and appropriate.

He said that this is a fact that Balochistan has immense importance because of its strategic location and there is a very important role of the province in development and prosperity of the country.

Balochistan province has great prospects of profitable investment as such it is necessary for the investors to fully benefit from these opportunities.

In this regard, we would have to provide all necessary facilities and opportunities to the investors and industrialists to make investment in the province, adding he stressed.

Bilawal pays tribute to Murtaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has paid glowing tribute to Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto on his 69th birth anniversary.

According to the press release issued by Media Cell Bilawal House on Sunday, he said in his message on the birth anniversary of Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto, that Mir was a brave and bold personality.

Nawaz Sharif remedy for sufferings of Pakistani people: Hamza Shehbaz

LAHORE (INP): Former Chief Minister of Punjab and Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Sharif (PML-N) Hamza Shehbaz has said Nawaz Sharif is the cure for the sufferings of Pakistan and the people.

Addressing the meeting of party organisational wings, Punjab former chief minister Hamza Shehbaz said whenever the people made Nawaz Sharif the prime minister, the people got relief.

"Nawaz Sharif is the cure for the sufferings of Pakistan and the people as

Nawaz Sharif always worked for Pakistan," he said.

The PML-N vice president said Nawaz Sharif was the sure solution to all the problems of Pakistan.

"The plan of honor, exaltation and development of Pakistan lay only with Nawaz Sharif. Nawaz Sharif is the name of service, honor and honesty," he said.

He further said the people were not making Nawaz Sharif the prime minister but they were ensuring their own happiness.

Conference fostering dialogue opened avenues for innovative and proactive thinking

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), through its Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA) program, successfully concluded its 3rd RASTA conference at the Gun & Country Club in Islamabad.

The conference encompassed a wide array of research themes, including Urban Development and Industry, Law and Judiciary, Human Capital and Opportunities, Sludge and Dead Capital, Education and Technology, and Public Finance Management and Financial Inclusion. These sessions provided an extensive and multifaceted examination of their respective topics, thereby contributing significantly to a deeper comprehension of the pertinent issues.

Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, Vice-Chancellor of PIDE and Chairman of the RASTA Research Advisory Committee (RAC), stated, "We have only buildings without Professors. We cannot call them Universities that don't have Professors."

This thought-provoking observation highlights the need for a robust educational infrastructure, including qualified faculty, to develop true centres of higher learning.

Furthermore, Dr. Haque pointed out that universities need to focus on conducting quality research that can contribute to the progress of the country. "Universities are not conducting quality research, which may benefit the country," he noted, underlining the role of academic institutions in shaping the nation's future.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Haque stressed the significance of innovative and creative thinking as a cornerstone of national prosperity. He stated, "Innovative and creative thinking is crucial for prosperity," emphasizing that such thinking is essential for addressing the challenges of the modern world and driving economic development.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) contingent concluded its successful participation in the multinational tri-services air exercise, Bright Star 2023, held at Mohammed Naguib Military Base in Egypt.

This two-week-long exercise brought together a total of 30 countries, including prominent participants such as Pakistan, United States, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Greece and Qatar, said a PAF press release issued here Sunday.

The exercise showcased the exemplary performance of PAF's contingent and its state-of-the-art JF-17 Thunder fighter jets.

PAF contingent concludes participation in multinational air exercise Bright Star-2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): This participation not only highlighted PAF's commitment to regional and international cooperation but also underscored its capabilities and prowess to operate in diverse and challenging environments.

Since its inception in 1977 as a bilateral training event between the United States and Egypt, the Bright Star Exercise has grown into a remarkable multinational initiative, promoting combined force interoperability and shared learning among participating nations to counter regional hybrid threats.

Pakistan Air Force, with its commitment to regional stability and international cooperation, actively

immersed in this exercise, emphasizing the profound strategic significance of this collaborative endeavor.

The PAF contingent, comprising dedicated air and ground crews, demonstrated exceptional capabilities during the exercise, highlighting the prowess of the pride of Pakistan, the JF-17 Thunder aircraft. Through rigorous training and realistic aerial warfare scenarios, PAF reaffirmed its operational readiness and its commitment to tackling contemporary strategic challenges. The PAF's distinguished engagement in this prestigious event stands as a testament to its resolute dedication to the cause of global peace.



KARACHI: Senior Deputy Convener MQM-P Syed Mustafa Kamal addressing the general workers convention.

Islamabad Police arrest 13 outlaws, recover drugs, liquor and weapons

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police (ICP) apprehended 13 outlaws during the last 24 hours from different areas of the city and recovered liquor, drugs and weapons with ammunition from their possession.

Following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city, a public relations officer said on Sunday.

Acting on the directives, the Karachi Company police team arrested an accused named Zeeshan Muhammad and recovered 1100 grams heroin from his possession. The Sumbal police team arrested an accused named Javed Khan and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from his possession. Likewise, the Iarnol police team arrested two accused named Adnan Ali and Sajid and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition and 560 gram hashish from their possession.

2 students killed as speeding ruck rams motorbike

ISLAMABAD (APP): At least two students of a private university were killed when a rashly driven truck ramed into their motorbike on the National Highway, near the Halanaka area in the wee hours of Sunday.

According to details, rescue sources, the victims identified as Hasnain, 19, and Samiullah, were on their way on a bike when the truck ramed into their two-wheeler, killing Hasnain on the spot, and injuring Samiullah, a private news channel reported.

Critically injured was admitted to hospital, where he could not survive and died of his injuries.

The truck driver fled the scene, leaving his truck on the road. Police reached the scene and took the truck in custody, and started investigation.



PESHAWAR: Members of Quami Watan Party (QWP Women Wing) are holding protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products, inflation price hiking and the highly inflated electricity bills, held at Peshawar press club

PMDC issues full registration to 13,888 doctors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has issued full registration to further 13,888 doctors, who completed their house jobs successfully. According to an official of PMDC, the council has issued 2,806 registrations to doctors with additional postgraduate qualifications. He said that the Licensing Department of the council during last nine months issued more than 41,004 renewals, and 13,208 provisional registrations to new graduates. He said that around 9,440 good standing certificates were issued to doctors who intended to proceed to work abroad.

Dinner hosted to pay tribute to services of media persons

ISLAMABAD (APP): A dinner reception to acknowledge the services of the print, electronic, social, and digital media persons was held here in a local hotel the other day.

According to details, a dinner gathering of professional journalists and media persons was held to honor their services in the field of journalism. One of the prominent political, social, and business personalities of Murree the PML-N leader Asmar Ahmed Abbas graced the occasion as a host.

Editor of Roznama Ausaf and news channel

ABN Mehtab Khan and Senior journalists Javed Saddique and Tikka Khan were the chief guests on the occasion.

Speaking on occasion, PML-N leader Asmar Ahmed Abbas while thanking the participants said, "The pen is a powerful weapon to raise a voice against social injustices and inequality occurring in society through writing. It's a true asset of any professional journalist."

He said, "In my view, the journalist is the one who follows all the journalistic ethics before reporting a story."

Railways Police arrest around 3,720 accused over violations

ISLAMABAD (APP): Division, 537 in Rawalpindi, 1,023 in Lahore, 307 in Mughalpura workshops, 378 in Multan, 197 in Sukkur, 337 in Karachi, and 62 in Quetta Division," official sources in the Ministry told APP on Sunday. They said that the Railways Police Help Desks had been estab-

lished at all the major railway stations across the country and the performance of Railways Police is quite satisfactory during the last year. "The Railways Police has handed over 193 missing boys and 68 girls to their heirs and 263 boys, 154 girls and 43 women who ran away from home to their parents."