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ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Qazi Faez Isa presides over the hearing of petitions challenging the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023, held at Supreme Court of Pakistan Building in Islamabad.

## Govt. committed to putting national economy on sustainable growth trajectory: Sami tells WB

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami on Monday said the government was committed to putting the national economy on a path of sustainable growth. He expressed these views during a meeting with World Bank's Country Director to Pakistan Njay Benhassine, who called on him here, a news release said.

The WB country director was accompanied by his team including Gailius J. Draugelis (Operations Manager) for Pakistan at WB and Kamran Akbar, (Senior Social Development Specialist). While, the Planning Ministry officials including Chief Executive Officer CEO, P3A Board, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Member (Infrastructure & Regional Connectivity) at Planning Commission, Dr Waqas Anwar and Member (Social Sector & Devolution) Rafiullah Kakar were also present at the meeting.

The minister appreciated the role of the WB as one of the major development partners of Pakistan. Sami Saeed acknowledged the WB's decades-long assistance, which had been playing a vital role in the socioeconomic uplift of Pakistan.

Also appreciated the WB's continued support and commitment to the ongoing development projects in the country particularly for the flood-affected areas. "The Planning Ministry is committed to playing its constructive role in facilitating the WB for the implementation of development projects to make Pakistan climate resilient," Sami Saeed said, reiterating the government's resolve for the country's economic revival.

It is to be noted that last year, Pakistan faced unprecedented devastation due to torrential rains and flooding in most parts of the country, which affected 33 million people and caused economic losses worth \$30 billion.

The situation led the government to prepare the 4FR framework (Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Framework (4FR)).

The 4FR document suggested effective coordination and participation arrangements among the federal and provincial governments, development partners, donors, international and national NGOs, academia and private sectors.

The majority of the projects for the flood-affected areas are being executed by the provinces which have been already approved by the Central Development Working Party and ECNEC (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council).

## Excited to represent Pakistan in UN meeting



ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that he is excited to represent Pakistan in 78th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). In a statement released on social media website X,

**PM Kakar says:**  
"I will discuss global environmental challenges and engage with world leaders during visit. I will discuss with international media and top think tanks. It is pertinent to say that caretaker PM Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar had left for 5-day visit to America yesterday. Caretaker PM will participate in global climate change conference held in America and will meet world leaders. Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar will also meet representatives of international media."

## Reports of selling arms to Ukraine for IMF bailout package baseless: FO

Baloch says Islamabad maintains a policy of strict neutrality in the dispute between Ukraine and Russia

ISLAMABAD (INP): The foreign office on Monday vehemently rejected claims that Pakistan agreed to supply weapons to Ukraine in return for securing an International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout in July, saying the country maintained a "policy of strict neutrality." The rebuttal from the foreign office came after The Intercept, a US publication, claimed in its latest report that Pakistan supplied weapons to Ukraine via the United States in order to secure the IMF deal.

The publication backed its claims by two sources with knowledge of the arrangement, saying that internal documents from both the Pakistani and American governments confirm the development. "These arms sales were intended to supply the Ukrainian military, hence, forcing Pakistan to take a side in the Russia-Ukraine conflict," it claimed.

The standby agreement signed in July allowed Pakistan to avoid a potential default as its foreign reserves were depleting fast.

Responding to media queries on the latest Intercept story alleging sale of Pakistani weapons to Ukraine to get IMF bailout package for Pakistan, the Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, rejected the story as "baseless and fabricated".

"The IMF Standby Arrangement for Pakistan was successfully negotiated between Pakistan and the IMF to implement difficult but essential economic reforms. Giving any other colour to these negotiations is disingenuous."

## Govt requests SC to reject petitions against SC Practice and procedure act

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has requested the Supreme Court (SC) to reject the petitions against Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act 2023.

"The team of PTV News deserves appreciation for bringing a day-long live broadcast of a very important case (Practice and Procedure Act) of the Supreme Court to the public for the first time in the history of Pakistan," the minister said in a post on X.

The federal government has said in the reply that parliament can legislate under article 191 of the constitution. Article 191 of the constitution does not stop the parliament from legislating.

The independence of the judiciary is not affected by practice and procedure act.

The reply said no power of SC has been returned under practice and procedure act.

## Justice Qazi Faez Isa says Transferring suo motu powers to three-member committee not an attack on CJP rights

In historic first, the case proceedings were broadcast live

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Monday observed that parliament's SC (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 was not an attempt to clip the top judge's rights by devolving the suo motu powers to a three-member committee.

The new CJP passed the remarks during a full court hearing on the petitions challenging the SC (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023. The historic hearing, which was held almost throughout the day, has been adjourned till October 3.

The hearing was seen as historic because, for the first time in the country's judicial history, the Supreme Court allowed live telecast of proceedings on the petitions challenging the contentions law seeking to regulate suo motu powers of the country's top judge.

During the hearing, CJP Isa said arguments in the case will begin afresh because the new bench has been formed.

There were three applications to make a full court, which had been approved, CJP Isa observed.

Ahead of the hearing today, the Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan submitted the federal government's response in the matter, requesting the court to reject the petitions against the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act.

"Petitions against acts of parliament are inadmissible. [Therefore,] the petitions against the Practice and Procedure Act should be dismissed," the response submitted by the government contended.

Sources confirmed to Geo News that the decision was made in the full court meeting ahead of the proceedings. To this end, five cameras were installed in the courtroom number one. Four cameras were installed in the visitors' gallery and one was installed for the lawyers' rostrum in front of the judges' docks.

The full court was constituted by newly-appointed Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and includes Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Sayeed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Shahid Waheed and Justice Musarrat Hilali.



Federal Minister for Interior Sarfaraz Bugti received by Mayor Lianyungang on his arrival to attend 2023 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum.

## CJP refuses to receive guard of honor

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa reached Supreme Court and refused to receive guard of Honor.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa has directed the police to fulfill their duties wholeheartedly and refused to receive guard of honor.

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa was welcomed by staff on his arrival at Supreme Court.

Speaking to staff on this occasion Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) said that today I have many meetings and there is full court. I need your cooperation.

A guard of honor was to be presented to the Chief Justice by the Islamabad Police.

Police also gave guard of honor to former Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial.

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa reached Supreme Court without protocol.

According to media reports CJP Justice Qazi Faez Isa has refused to take protocol and car as Chief Justice. Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa reached Supreme Court in 18cc normal vehicle. Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) has been given same security as of fellow judges.

## Bilawal says PPP to consider political alliances once election schedule announced

OKARA (INP): PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday said the PPP would deliberate on forming political alliances once the election date is announced.

With elections potentially just a few months away, Bilawal has been engaging in public gatherings and organising party meetings as part of the party's electoral preparations of late.

Responding to a question while addressing a press conference in Okara, Bilawal said: "Ask me what alliance I'm going for or not [with any other party] when the election schedule is announced."

The PPP chairman reiterated his request to the ECP to announce the date for the upcoming polls and their schedule. He added that such a move would address any concern of the PPP or any other party.

Bilawal also talked about the party's recent request to co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari to raise their complaints regarding an "uneven playing field" with all quarters concerned, and requested him to pull through with the responsibility he was given.

"Otherwise, I request Zardari sahib to not tie my hands," he added.



OKARA: Chairman Peoples Party Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons after visiting the party workers house in City.

## Pakistan can play an important role on UN platform, Munir Akram

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan permanent representative to United Nations Munir Akram said that Pakistan can play an important role on United Nations (UN) platform.

He said that caretaker Prime Minister (PM) will address United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

He has scheduled meetings with world leaders and various investment companies. Pakistan's Permanent representative to United Nations said that Pakistan is the country most affected by climate change. Share of Pakistan in carbon emissions is negligible.

He said that United Nations platform can provide best solution to tackle all the challenges. Investment is very important for social development and improvement of economy.

The peace of South Asia is linked Kashmir issue. We want solution for Kashmir issue according to resolutions of United Nations (UN).

In a statement Munir Akram said that world is currently facing many serious challenges such as food insecurity due to wars, increase in global warming, global pandemics and recessions.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed meets with delegation of World Bank led by its country Director Njay Benhassine at the Planning Ministry.

## LHC issues non-bailable arrest warrants for IGP Islamabad

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday issued non-bailable arrest warrants for inspector general of police (IGP) Islamabad on his non-appearance despite issuance of bailable arrest warrants, in a contempt proceedings over defiance of an order for production of former chief minister Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi.

The court also issued show cause notice to the superintendent police concerned for not executing bailable arrest warrants of the IG Islamabad.

Justice Mirza Viqas Rauf passed the orders while hearing a contempt petition filed by Qaisara Elahi, wife of Chaudhry Parvez Elahi.

During the proceedings, in response to a court query, a law officer ap-

## Solangi felicitates PTV News for live broadcast of SC proceedings

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday congratulated a team of PTV News which ensured live broadcast of a day-long proceedings of the apex court on a case related to the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023.

"The team of PTV News deserves appreciation for bringing a day-long live broadcast of a very important case (Practice and Procedure Act) of the Supreme Court to the public for the first time in the history of Pakistan," the minister said in a post on X.

## Ji stages sit-in outside KP Governor House against electricity, petrol tariffs hike

PESHAWAR (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) on Monday staged a sit-in outside the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Governor House in Peshawar against the increase in electricity and petroleum prices, as well as rising inflation.

The JI workers have also placed containers near a museum located near the Governor House for the party's three-day sit-in. JI's Amir, Sirajul Haq, has also arrived in Peshawar for the sit-in.

"Our protest movement is peaceful and not aimed at causing chaos; in-



PESHAWAR: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Siraj-ul-Haq along with other leaders joint hand with other leaders to express their solidarity during protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products, inflation price hiking and the highly inflated electricity bills, held near Governor House building in Peshawar.



## Daily Voice of Masses Independent

### ECP's 'bias'

The pressure is mounting on the ECP, with another major party expressing serious concerns over the political environment. Over the course of last week, several senior PPP leaders issued strong statements against the "absence of a level playing field" in the run-up to the polls.

The party's chairman publicly stated that he does not think political parties are free to function or campaign independently, and, on Thursday, the party's information secretary told the press that the PPP is concerned over the appointment of several PML-N 'loyalists' in the interim set-up.

"The concern among party members is that the PML-N is getting a kind of favour in the current caretaker set-ups in the federal and Punjab governments. And it's no more secret," she said.

The PTI, too, shared similar objections over the appointment in the caretaker government of several bureaucrats seen as being close to the Sharifs.

The two parties' concerns reflect rather poorly on the ECP: it is, after all, the commission's constitutional responsibility to ensure that elections are held in an environment which does not favour or jeopardise any political stakeholder's interests.

Interestingly, the commission seems to be tacitly acknowledging that the playing field is no longer level. It has written to the caretaker prime minister's secretary, advising him against inducting "persons of known political allegiance".

If the caretaker set-up has been infiltrated by politically inclined persons, which the ECP concedes, the fairness of any election conducted by it will invariably be brought into question.

It may be recalled that one of the excuses given by the ECP for not conducting the KP and Punjab elections earlier this year was that future elections held under the governments formed by political parties in these provinces would not be free or fair. The same logic ought to apply to party loyalists.

Not too long ago, it was only the PTI which seemed to have a problem with the manner in which the ECP was conducting itself.

But while the PTI and Mr Khan's criticism of the commission, its chief commissioner and their alleged 'bias' may initially have been a ploy to push them off the various legal actions they were pursuing, it has lately started seeming somewhat justified.

It may be recalled that in failing to challenge the state's attempts to thwart the PTI, which had wanted early elections in KP, the ECP has already violated the Constitution by failing to adhere to the prescribed 90-day timeline.

It is not only about to repeat that violation again, but it also does not seem committed to the positions it had taken earlier. This is morally and legally indefensible.

The commission must adhere to its constitutional responsibility and immediately address the concerns that are being raised.

## No easy solution



Huma Yusuf

Magic wand. Silver bullet. Miracle cure. Pick your idiom, and then forget about it. If there's one thing Pakistanis should learn from the turmoil of recent months it is that there is no quick fix for Pakistan's myriad, complex and increasingly insurmountable problems.

The dysfunctional dance of our institutions has highlighted that while we may cling to the idea of saviours — whether populist politicians or non-nonsense generals — it is not that easy. Checks and challenge are inherent in our system, and when our institutions do not work cooperatively they thwart each other. In the absence of a long-term strategic vision, recent developments, however dramatic, amount to sound and fury, signifying little.

The president and the ECP, the courts and the establishment, the people and their political representatives — even fathers and sons, if we tune into the mixed messaging from Sindh: they would all like to deliver the antidote to Pakistan's problems. Instead, they stumble over each other, criticise and contradict each other, emphasise each other's failings.

One topic seems to generate more consensus than others, and that is the need for economic stability. All the powers that be recognise that the size of the pie must increase so that all can feed off it. But as the era of 'get a bailout, chug along' ends, views on how the economy should be resuscitated also diverge. Some are banking on the top-down foreign-investor-

saviour, others are backing the bottom-up boost exports approach.

And that, frankly, is how it should be.

There is no silver bullet, no cure-all; not internally to clean our political mess, not externally to buy us out of our economic woes. Pakistanis must accept that our preoccupation with power games and saviour seeking has endured at the expense of policymaking, and we have argued amongst ourselves while problems have mounted. Any meaningful solutions now require time, strategising and holistic handling.

Let's consider an example from our critical textiles and IT sectors. A recent report from Cornell University's Global Labour Institute argues that garment manufacturing in the key markets of Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia and Vietnam can expect collective losses of \$65 billion in exports by 2030. This represents a 22 per cent downward, and the loss of one million new jobs in these economies. The forecast for 2050 is worse: a collective loss of 68.8pc of exports, and 8.64 million fewer jobs across the four countries.

The report attributes these losses to climate change-linked events, including high heat and flooding, that will disrupt production and supply chains and endanger workers' health, jeopardising productivity. The authors argue that while there is growing awareness in the garment sector around the need to cut emissions and reduce water wastage, countries and companies are not doing enough to implement climate adaptation strategies.

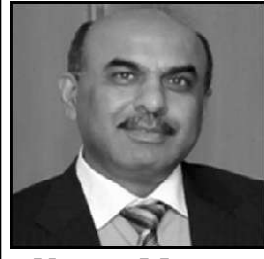
Turning to IT, while we are grounding PIA planes, India has landed a rover on the south pole of the moon. This is a reflection of India's science and technology ecosystem — the country accounts for

32pc of the world's STEM graduates (43pc of them women). It is currently adding over 2.5m software developers to its workforce each year, and will next year overtake the US in terms of its developer population. Not surprisingly, technology exports make up more than half of India's total services exports.

By contrast, a State Bank report published in May estimated that Pakistan adds 20,000 to 25,000 engineering and IT graduates to the workforce annually, but only 10pc are employable due to their lack of technical and soft skills such as critical thinking and English-language proficiency. These are hardly the indicators of a competitive IT-driven economy.

These examples are meant to illustrate the intractability of Pakistan's problems. Our desire to attract investment and revamp our export economy can only be met with a multifaceted policy push: overhaul of the education system, launch of integrated climate adaptation strategies, updating labour protection provisions, launching progressive data protection legislation, currency stabilisation, making the workforce more inclusive, etc. This is the work of government departments at both federal and provincial levels along with experts, academia, private sector and civil society. It will take time, determination, and a clear vision for the way forward. As I said, no magic wand, no silver bullet. For all their failings, democratic governments (when they are not plagued by paralyzing polarisation) are well set up to handle complexity, build consensus and mobilise holistic approaches, which are needed urgently. Let's have timely elections, and then enable elected representatives to get on with addressing our real problems. -- Courtesy Dawn

## Policy perspective



Naseer Memon

After vacillating for five years, Sindh has finally nailed a water policy. The document needs some editorial brushwork but is otherwise fairly comprehensive. The policy has tried to encapsulate the issues of irrigation, drinking water, the municipal uses of water, the sustainability of the natural ecosystem and water quality.

Due to the presence of multiple departments, the management of water resources has remained fragmented. The Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SID), the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA), water and sanitation agencies, the Local Government Department, the Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation (formerly KWSB), the Public Health Engineering Department, the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency and the Sindh Agriculture Department are the prominent bodies involved in water management in different domains.

The policy envisages the amalgamation of SID and SIDA to create a unified 'Sindh Water Resources Management Department'. Interestingly, SIDA was carved out of SID under institutional reforms introduced through the National Drainage Programme in 1998. SIDA was assigned the ambitious agenda of farmers-led participatory management of the canal systems, including the recovery of water cess and the judicious distribution of water. However, the experiment had little impact in terms of overhauling the irrigation system.

One is unsure how

the new entity will improve the efficiency and management of water resources. Its most critical challenge will be to address poor water governance. Today's faltering water governance system is their own fault and new inventions aren't needed to identify the causes and cure of the malaise.

Non-transparent and unfair water distribution, water theft, tampering with outlets, direct outlets from main canals to favour privileged landlords, artificial breaches and shoddy maintenance of channels are only a few among a long list of distortions that have blighted irrigation in Sindh. These problems are not just because of operational bottlenecks; they also emerge from politics in the province which is controlled by the feudal aristocracy. The irrigation bureaucracy has been installed mostly on the whims of the landed oligarchy. Both safeguard each other's interests. Hence the entire water distribution system has been ring-fenced, with both benefiting from its malfunctioning.

Inefficiency is another factor that has plagued Sindh's water-scape. The more than 60 per cent conveyance losses not only result in wastage but also reduce the soil's productivity due to waterlogging and salinity. Resultantly, the crop-rop ratio continues to plunge.

According to the water policy, 61pc of the cultivable area in Sindh is saline or sodic. The Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates irrigation water productivity in Pakistan at \$0.3 per cubic metre, much lower than the figure for other irrigation systems of comparable size. The acreage of water-thirsty crops rice and sugarcane is another major cause of imprudent water usage. These two crops consume about a third of the irrigation wa-

ter in Sindh.

The water requirement of these crops is three to five times higher than that of oilseeds and pulses. The policy alludes to the need to reduce water-intensive crops yet concedes, ironically, that over the last decade, the acreage of these two crops has increased by 30pc. Shifts in the cropping pattern is treacherous territory as this can lead to a collision with the troika of agriculturalists, industrialists and politicians. Most of the 32 sugar mills in Sindh are owned by political families, who also possess large parcels of cropland. Shifting the cropping pattern is desirable yet one cannot expect much from a spineless administration in the absence of political will.

Domestic water requirements are a snowballing challenge as the urban population grows rapidly. According to the latest census, 53.7pc of Sindh's population is urban. Unfortunately, the water and sanitation infrastructure and services are in a state of disarray in urban centres. The WASH [water, sanitation and hygiene] Sector Development Plan, 2016-26, estimated an annual investment of Rs100 billion till 2030 for the universal coverage of WASH services in the province. The policy prescribes making WASH management bodies autonomous entities that can efficiently generate resources and operate on the basis of competence. This prescription was tested by creating the North Sindh Urban Services Corporation in 2010 that, however, miserably failed due to persistent political intrusion. The policy stipulates several remedies to problems that have sapped the water sector for decades. A fundamental challenge will be its effective implementation through a structured approach that is not confined to perfunctory meetings and reports.

-- Courtesy Dawn

## Commerce News

### SBP says: Banking sector showed steady performance and resilience during H1CY23

KARACHI (INP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has issued today the Mid-Year Performance Review (The Review) of the Banking Sector for 2023.

The review covers the performance and soundness of Pakistan's banking sector for the period January to June 2023 (H1CY23). It also briefly covers the performance of financial markets as well as the results of Systemic Risk Survey (which represents views of independent experts about key potential risks to financial stability).

The Review highlights that the macroeconomic environment continued to remain challenging during the first half of CY23. Domestic financial conditions tightened while the operating environment remained under stress due to elevated inflation and prolonged uncertainty.

Nonetheless, banking sector's balance sheet expanded by 14.0 percent during H1CY23. The expansion in asset base was mainly driven by investments in government securities. Besides strong inflow of deposits, banks'

reliance on borrowings remained noticeable during the period. The Review also notes that advances of banking sector recorded a muted growth during H1CY23; private sector advances contracted while public sector availed additional financing mainly for commodity finance operations.

Encouragingly, asset quality indicators improved: net non-performing loans (NPLs) to loans ratio lowered to 0.45 percent at end June-23 (0.68 percent in Jun-22) as banks set aside higher amount of provisioning from steady earnings.



FAISALABAD: Workers spreading the rice crop for drying at a rice warehouse.

### ICCI calls for ecosystem to promote entrepreneurs & startups

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that the government should take policy measures to create an ecosystem for entrepreneurship and startups that would help promote businesses and revive the economy. He said that Pakistan is a country of young population with over 60 percent share of youth in our total population.

Therefore, every possible effort should be

made to develop this huge pool of human capital by providing them business education so that they could be equipped with the right knowledge for business-startups and be enabled to play a more effective role in the economic development of the country. He said this while addressing as keynote speaker at Business Summit 23 organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry in collaboration with The Career Class in its auditorium.

### PFC to take part in Dusseldorf, Germany expo

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) will take part in the 4-day Dusseldorf-Germany Expo starting from November 13 to discover business opportunities and explore new market access for Pakistani products.

In a press statement, Chief Executive Officer PFC Mian Kashif Ashfaq said that PFC along with Chenone will be participating in this mega event.

He said Chenone will also exhibit its high-quality international standards products to capture their share in the global market.

He said it's an excellent opportunity to showcase Pak products and develop business deals with international buyers.

He said PFC and Chenone have already attended several international fairs in the US, China, Italy, Sri Lanka etc. and introduced their products which are in great demand. He hoped to get orders from foreign buyers. IDAP is facilitating the manufacturers of export products.



ISLAMABAD: Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Neil Hawkins called on Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs Dr. Shamsah Akhtar. The meeting served as a platform for fruitful discussion on bilateral relations, economic cooperation and regional issues of mutual interest.

### China's high-tech materials company to help renovate textile industry in Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): A Chinese leading manufacturer specialize in textiles auxiliaries and organic silicone products has joint hands with local partners to bring technological innovation support to the textile printing and dyeing industry in Pakistan.

"As the pillar industry of Pakistan, textile industry is currently facing two major constraints, namely energy and cotton yarn shortage.

More than 60 percent

of Pakistan's textile companies are concentrated in Punjab Province, and Faisalabad as the core textile industrial city here, with nearly 300 dyeing factories of all sizes. According to Xing, recently, his company joined hands with Pakistani agent FairChem International to hold a textile seminar in Faisalabad, in which China and Pakistan partners jointly discussed the future direction of local textile printing.

The fabric categories of some local printing and dyeing factories are gradually transitioning to a large proportion of polyester. Chinese chemical fiber suppliers can provide the most suitable chemical fiber raw materials for unique textile categories to match needs," said Xing Pingping, Overseas Sales Manager of Ningbo Runhe High-tech Materials Co., Ltd.

### Cutlery exports increase 1.55% in 2 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The country's cutlery exports witnessed an increase of 1.55 per cent during the first two months of the financial year 2023-24 as compared to the corresponding months of last year.

The country exported cutlery worth US \$9.485 million during July-August (2023-24) against the exports of US \$9.340 million during July-August (2022-23), showing growth of 1.55

per cent, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

Meanwhile, on a year-on-year basis, the cutlery exports also rose by 11.73 per cent during the month of August 2023 as compared to the same month of last year.

The PBS data revealed that the cutlery exports in August 2023 were recorded at \$5.161 million against the exports of \$4.619 million in August 2022.

### Global oil price surge raises concerns of soaring inflation worldwide

LONDON (INP): The rapid surge in oil prices in the global market triggered fear of an impending inflation crisis across the world.

The recent inflation wave has gripped nations worldwide with concerns mounting that further price increases may be on the horizon due to a surge in oil costs in the global market.

### Exports increase by 22.45% to Rs.1.27trln in two months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The exports from the country in the rupee term witnessed an increase of 22.45 percent during the first two months of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

Exports during July-August (2023-24) were recorded at Rs.1,276,238 million as against Rs.1,042,226 million during the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 22.45 percent, according to provisional data released by PBS. On a year-on-year basis, the exports during

August 2023 increased by 26.75 percent and were recorded at Rs.695,136 million compared to the exports of Rs. 548,440 million in August 2022.

On a month-on-month basis, the exports increased by 19.62 percent when compared to the exports of Rs. 581,102 million in July 2023.

The main commodities of exports during August 2023 were Knitwear (Rs. 117,892 million), readymade garments (Rs. 83,447 million), bedwear (Rs. 74,081 million), cotton cloth (Rs. 47,002 million), cotton yarn (Rs.30,793 million), towels (Rs.25,567 million).



MULTAN: Roadside vendor displaying colorful fancy dresses to attract customers.

### 3.93m cotton bales production a good omen for Pakistan economy

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan's cotton industry has experienced a remarkable surge in cotton bales production till September 15, 2023, as with the fresh arrival, Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA) has released yield figures, indicating a robust performance in the sector. The PCGA official sources told APP with figures that till September 15, 2023, cotton arrivals soared to 3.933 million bales, which is signifying a remarkable 79.87 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase, compared to the same time period last

year when arrivals stood at 2.187 million bales.

The substantial growth in cotton arrivals is a promising sign for Pakistan's cotton industry, which plays a pivotal role in the nation's economy. Cotton and textile exports have remained pillars of Pakistan's economy, the sources said. It is worth mentioning here that cotton arrivals from Sindh have increased by a staggering 2.15 times YoY, reaching 2.389 million bales. This surge reflects a growing focus on enhancing cotton production in the province, they said.



## Naqvi enhances Sino-Pak ties at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ningxia Friendship Forum

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi Monday actively participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ningxia International Friendship Cities Forum, held at the Yuehai Convention Center in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia Province, China.

Upon his arrival at the Yuhai Convention Center, he was warmly welcomed by Ningxia Communist Party Chairman/Governor, Zhang Yupu, and Secretary General/Chief Minister Liang Yanshun, along with the government delegation. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi held the distinguished position of being the chief guest at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ningxia International Friendship Cities Forum.

In honor of his presence, a welcoming lunch was graciously hosted by the International Friendship Cities Forum.

Addressing the gathering, Mohsin Naqvi expressed his deep sense of honor for the people of Punjab in being part of the Ningxia International Friendship Cities Forum.

He highlighted the enduring and amiable nature of China's relationship with Pakistan, underscoring President Xi Jinping's genuine fondness for Pakistan and its people.

Mohsin Naqvi emphasized Punjab's vast potential, housing a population of 140 million, and described it as a province teeming with countless opportunities for development. He also envisioned new avenues of collaboration and growth blossoming in Ningxia.

The chief minister underscored that the primary objective of Punjab's official delegation visit to China was to engage with experts from diverse fields, and he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to tap into collective wisdom through the International Friendship Cities Forum.

Zhang Yupu, the Ningxia Communist Party Chairman/Governor, extended a warm and open-hearted welcome to Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi and the Punjab delegation.

Likewise, Ningxia Communist Party Secretary General/Chief Minister Liang Yanshun extended a warm welcome, emphasizing their duty to cooperate for the development and prosperity of the people of Punjab.

In a gesture of hospitality, a dinner was hosted in honor of Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi and the official delegation of Punjab. The occasion was graced by the presence of Provincial Ministers SM Tanveer, Ibrahim Hassan Murad, Chief Secretary Zahid Zaman Akhtar, and senior officials from the Ningxia Communist Party of China.



LAHORE: Participants of Foreign Diplomatic Course from ASEAN member states led by Director General of Foreign Service Academy, Muhammad Mazhar Javed in a group photo with Governor Punjab, Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

## HESCO's anti-power theft drive, 122 transformers removed for non-payment

HYDERABAD (APP): The Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) has continued its crackdown against electricity theft and non-payment of dues in the region on Monday.

According to the HESCO spokesperson, fines of more than Rs. 87.08 million were imposed since the commencement of these actions in the entire region, while 122 transformers were removed due to non-payment of dues. During these operations, 39 transformers were removed in Circle Hyderabad, with outstanding dues of more than Rs. 30.7 million, 47 transformers were removed in Laar Circle with dues around Rs. 43.7 million. He informed that, 30 transformers were removed in limits of Nawabshah circle, where dues amount was touched to Rs. 4.7 million and in the Mirpurkhas circle six transformers were removed, with dues amounting to Rs 13.1 million. According to HESCO authorities, during these actions more than 28.6 million rupees were recovered from amount of fines.

In total, during these operations, recoveries exceeding Rs. 642.9 million were made from defaulters, and there have been 296 cases were registered against electricity theft in the region.

## Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with ASEAN member states

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: The participants of Foreign Diplomatic Course from ASEAN member states led by Director General of Foreign Service Academy, Muhammad Mazhar Javed called on Governor Punjab, Muhammad Balighur Rehman today here at Governor House Lahore. The delegation comprised 22 diplomats from eight ASEAN member countries. On this occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman welcomed the foreign diplomats from various ASEAN countries to the Governor House. He said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with ASEAN member states.

He said that Pakistan has pleasant and friendly relations with ASEAN countries and is committed to further strengthening and deepening its ties with ASEAN countries. He said that the Foreign Service Academy is a premier institution with global reach. It has trained over three thousand diplomats, half of which are foreign diplomats. The Punjab Governor expressed hope that this course at Foreign Service Academy would immensely help them to hone their diplomatic skills.

He said that people to people connections play an important role in improving relations between countries. Governor Punjab said that there are vast opportunities to promote trade relations with ASEAN countries.

He further stated that Pakistan exports high-quality textile products to international markets, adding that ASEAN.



LAHORE: Interim State Minister of Tourism/Chairman PTDC, Poet, Syed Wasi Shah addressing a press conference at College of Tourism and Hotel Management (COTHM).

## KU, Japanese Plus W Inc. signs MoU to provide IT training to computer science students

KARACHI (APP): The University of Karachi and Plus W Inc., the global recruiting company based in Japan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide training to the students of the KU computer science department so that they could be prepared for the Japanese IT market. KU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Khalid Mahmood Inqilabi and the Executive Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer of Plus W Takashi Horiuchi inked the MoU documents at the VC Secretary's office on Monday.

Head of Global Business and Pakistan Business Hirokyu Shiono, the Deputy Head of Global Business and Pakistan Business Hafiz Muhammad Umair Munir, and the Associate of Global Business Division Muhammad Talha Munir participated in the meeting while the KU Registrar Professor Dr Abdul Waheed, faculty of computer science department and the Director of Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization were present on this occasion. As per the MoU, Plus W would give three months of short-course certification in Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Blockchain, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, and other technologies. Besides, offering the latest IT course the Plus W would also engage KU students in business Japanese language classes so that they could easily communicate with the Japanese business community.



KARACHI: Construction works of new development projects for extending road is underway under the supervision of local government department, as slow pace of construction work is creating problems for commuters due to traffic jam and they demand to concerned department to complete work as soon as possible, located on Shahrah-e-Faisal road in Karachi.

# International News

## US-Iran ties remain adversarial but door for nuclear diplomacy remains open, US says

**Monitoring Desk**  
NEW YORK: A detainee swap that secured the release of five Americans held in Iran on Monday does not change Washington's adversarial relationship with Tehran, although the door remains open for diplomacy over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program, a senior administration official said.

The United States and Iran, after months of Qatar-mediated talks, have struck a deal in which Tehran released five U.S. dual nationals who were imprisoned in Iran in exchange for five Iranians held in the United States.

Speaking to reporters late on Sunday, senior Biden administration officials said Washington would keep up the pressure on Tehran by imposing fresh sanctions on Iran's ministry of intelligence and former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for their involvement in the detention of U.S. citizens. The U.S. had also increased its interdiction posture in the region to deter Iranian arms shipments into Yemen. Even so, they said the door for diplomacy over Iran's nuclear program was not entirely shut. "If we see an opportunity, we will explore it but right now, I've really nothing to talk about," the senior administration official said on condition of anonymity.

Asked if there would be any indirect talks with the Iranians this week in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, the official said: "You asked if there's any talks planned this week, absolutely not."

It was unclear if the official meant to deny any indirect talks, or if he was deliberately leaving the door open for them.



Siamak Namazi, Morad Tahbaz and Emad Shargi, who were released during a prisoner swap deal between U.S. and Iran, arrive at Doha International Airport, Qatar.

## Russia lashes Ukraine at top UN court in 'genocide' case

**Monitoring Desk**  
MOSCOW: Russia hit out at Ukraine at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Monday, as the two warring countries squared off in a legal case over Moscow's claim that "genocide" in eastern Ukraine was a pretext for last year's invasion.

Moscow's representative, Gennady Kuzmin, said Ukraine's case that Russia "abused" the United Nations Genocide Convention as a reason to launch its war against its neighbour in February 2022 "couldn't be further from the truth".

When Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion on February 24 last year, part of his reasoning was that pro-Russian people in eastern Ukraine had been "subjected to bullying and genocide by the Kyiv regime".

Two days into the invasion, Ukraine filed a suit at the ICJ, "emphatically denying" this and arguing that Russia's use of "genocide" as a pretext went against the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.

Mere "statements" about genocide are not admissible under international law including the Genocide Convention.

## Ukraine hits Moscow, Crimea with drones

**Monitoring Desk**  
MOSCOW: Russia said it had thwarted a coordinated Ukrainian attack on Crimea early on Sunday, while drones also targeted Moscow, disrupting air traffic in the capital, and caused a fire at an oil depot in the southwest of the country.

Attacks deep inside Russia, far from the front lines, have also increased, with Moscow's mayor saying at least two drones were shot down in the region of the capital early on Sunday.

In an opinion piece late on Saturday, Olexiy Danilov, the secretary of Ukraine's Security Council, urged Kyiv's allies to speed up the delivery of weapons, saying this was the only way to end the war.

"For example, the complete or partial elimination of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, which is a double task, should significantly accelerate the process of Russia's search for a way out of the ongoing war," Danilov wrote on the Ukrainska Pravda news site.

## 5-year-old girl killed as Italian military jet crashes during exercise

**Monitoring Desk**  
TURIN: An Italian military jet crashed during an exercise in Turin, hitting a car in which an entire family was travelling and killing a five-year-old girl, Defence Minister Guido Crosetto said on Saturday.

Italian news agency AGI reported that the victim's nine-year-old brother was seriously injured, while the two parents and the jet's pilot were not in life-threatening danger.

## Poland, Hungary, Slovakia to introduce bans on Ukraine grains

**Monitoring Desk**  
BRUSSELS: Poland, Slovakia and Hungary announced their own restrictions on Ukrainian grain imports after the European Commission decided not to extend its ban on imports into Ukraine's five EU neighbours.

Ukraine was one of the world's top grain exporters before Russia's 2022 invasion reduced its ability to ship agricultural produce to global markets. Ukrainian farmers have relied on grain exports through neighbouring countries since the conflict began as it has been unable to use the favoured routes through Black Sea ports.

**Ukraine says it will sue Poland, Hungary and Slovakia over food import bans**

**Monitoring Desk**  
KYIV: Ukraine plans to sue Poland, Hungary and Slovakia in the World Trade Organization over bans on Ukrainian agricultural products, Ukrainian officials said on Monday. The appeal could be sent "in the near future", a senior official said and followed a decision by the three countries bordering Ukraine to ban imports of the country's key export commodities. Politico had earlier on Monday quoted Ukrainian Trade Representative Taras Kachka as saying in an interview that Kyiv planned to sue the three countries.



People stand looking at the site where an Embraer EMB-110 aircraft of the Manaus Aerotaxi airline crashed, causing the deaths of 14 people during the plane's landing the previous day at Barcelos airport, about 400 km from Manaus, Amazonas state, Brazil.



Members of the World Court listen as Russia begins presenting its objections against the jurisdiction of the World Court in a genocide case brought by Ukraine which claims Moscow falsely applied genocide law to justify its February 24, 2022 invasion, in The Hague, Netherlands.

## US national security adviser meets Chinese FM

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Malta this weekend, Beijing and Washington said on Sunday, as the world's two largest economies seek to stabilise troubled relations.

Both sides held "candid, substantive and constructive" talks during multiple meetings held Sept 16-17, according to separate statements from the White House and the Chinese foreign ministry published on Sunday.

Sullivan's meeting with Wang was the latest in a series of high-level discussions between US and Chinese officials that could lay the groundwork for a meeting of US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping later this year. Sullivan last met Wang in Vienna in May. China's foreign ministry said both sides agreed to maintain high-level exchanges and hold bilateral consultations on Asia-Pacific affairs, maritime affairs and foreign policy.

## Canada to give C\$33 million to help buy air defenses for Ukraine

**Monitoring Desk**  
OTTAWA: Canada will contribute C\$33 million (\$24.5 million) to a British-led partnership that is buying air defense equipment for Ukraine to help it fend off Russian missile and drone attacks, Defence Minister Bill Blair said on Sunday. In a statement, Blair said the contribution was part of the C\$500 million worth of military aid for Kyiv that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced in June.

## China flies 103 military planes toward Taiwan in new high in activity island calls harassment

**Monitoring Desk**  
TAIPEI: China's military sent 103 warplanes toward Taiwan in a 24-hour period in what the island's defense ministry called a recent new high.

The planes were detected between 6 a.m. on Sunday and 6 a.m. on Monday, the ministry said. As is customary, they turned back before reaching Taiwan. Chinese warplanes fly toward the self-governing island on a near-daily basis but typically in smaller numbers. The Taiwan ministry didn't explain what time period it meant by a "recent" high.

China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory, has conducted increasingly large military drills in the air and waters around Taiwan as tensions have grown between the two and with the United States. The U.S. is Taiwan's main supplier of arms and opposes any attempt to change Taiwan's status by force.

The Chinese government would prefer that Taiwan come under its control voluntarily and last week unveiled a plan for an integrated development demonstration zone in Fujian province, trying to entice Taiwanese even as it threatens the island militarily in what experts say is China's long-running carrot.



## 48th Int'l Seerat-un-Nabi Conference helps to promote religious harmony, eco wisdom

ISLAMABAD, September 18 (APP): The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony is all set to host the 48th two-day International Seerat-un-Nabi (Life of the Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH) conference on the of Rabi-ul-Awwal 11 and 12 (September, 28 and 29) in the federal capital.

This conference will feature the distribution of awards for Seerat-related articles and books. The theme of this year's competition for articles and books is "Practical Wisdom for Economic Prosperity in the Light of the Life of the Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him."

Notably, all submitted articles and books are rigorously reviewed by a committee consisting of at least three experts, including professors with Ph.D. degrees.

Subsequently, their reports are handed over to a high-level apex committee, which makes the final decision on which publications deserve recognition.

This year, a total of 137 books and 94 articles on Seerat were received, resulting in 31 individuals receiving awards for books and 35 for articles.

The 66 fortunate recipients will be honored with shields, certificates, and cash prizes.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony plans to print and provide standard articles to libraries in universities across the country, as well as research institutions focusing on Seerat-un-Nabi Peace Be Upon Him.

The International Seerat-un-Nabi Conference will consist of two main sessions.

In the first session, awards will be presented to authors and poets who have participated in the Seerat-related competition.

The second session will explore various aspects of the Prophet's life, with scholars and orators discussing topics related to economic concepts in light of Seerat-un-Nabi.

The conference aims to bring together renowned religious scholars, both national and international, to bridge intellectual gaps and promote understanding among scholars.

It is expected to have a positive impact on religious harmony and moral values.

Additionally, a Naat (eulogy) gathering will be held to celebrate the beloved Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, during the opening session of the conference.

The second day of the conference will feature the illumination of various facets of the Prophet's life, with scholars and orators discussing topics such as economic stability, state's role, charity, and women's participation in economic growth, all in the light of Seerat-un-Nabi Peace Be Upon Him.

This event promises to be a significant platform for exchanging ideas and promoting a harmonious society based on the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkmenistan H.E. Atadjan Movlamov called on Interim Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah.

## India, violator of global laws in Kashmir, waging propaganda against Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): India in violation of all international laws and conventions, is using chemical weapons along with its latest war technology during violent cordon and search operations to suppress the Kashmiris' demand for resolution of the Kashmir dispute in line with the UN-acknowledged right to self-determination.

According to Kashmir Media Service, India is using its army, paramilitary and police, shielded under draconian law Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) to kill Kashmiri youth in fake encounters and arrest them under Public Safety Act (PSA) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the territory.

The Hindutva-inspired BJP government revoked Kashmir's special status in flagrant violation of international laws in August 2019 and settled non-Kashmiris in the territory against the United Nations resolutions. As

part of snatching the Kashmiris' identity, India granted tens of thousands of domicile status to non-Kashmiris. Experts believe the ongoing struggle in occupied Jammu and Kashmir is indigenous, and India is waywardly waging propaganda against Pakistan. The fact is, India has no justification for its state-sponsored terrorism in IIOJK, where its huge armed forces terrorize, torment, extra-judicially kill and torture innocent Kashmiris with impunity.

## IHC seeks report from education ministry on Quran teaching

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court on Monday sought a report from the Ministry of Education secretary regarding the curriculum and teaching of the Quran and other Islamic books in schools.

The hearing was held in response to a petition concerning the compulsory teaching of nazra (recitation) and translation of the Holy Quran in educational institutions.

The petitioner raised the point of not implementing the Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Act 2017 in Islamabad, which was enforced in Punjab. The petitioner's

lawyer argued that the law had not been fully enforced by the federal government.

Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq noted that Islamic subjects such as Sharia, Islamiat and Nazra were already being taught in educational institutions.

The Ministry of Education representative confirmed that Quranic recitation and translation were being taught in both public and private schools.

The court later sought a detailed report from the Ministry of Education on what was being taught in each class and adjourned the hearing until Nov 14.

## More rain-wind, thundershowers expected in coming days

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast more rain-wind/thundershowers for various parts of the country in the coming days with occasional gaps that would turn the weather pleasant by reducing temperatures.

According to the PMD, few heavy or isolated very heavy falls are expected in Thatta, Badin, Sajawal, Umerkot, Tharparkar and Mirpurkhas. The synoptic situation has revealed that a low pressure area (LPA) was located over Southeast of Rajasthan (India) and likely to move south westwards during next 48 hours.

## Pakistan, Azerbaijan express desire to boost relations in art, culture

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov called on Caretaker Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah in Islamabad.

During the meeting, both discussed issues of mutual interest, particularly enhancing cultural relations between the two countries.

Speaking on this occasion, the Minister said Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoy excellent relations rooted deep in shared faith.

Jamal Shah said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan would enhance their relations in the field of art,

culture, film and other fields. He said that Azerbaijan would be specially invited to be part of second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor Cultural Caravan.

Azerbaijan Ambassador Khazar Farhadov said that Azerbaijan also values its relations with Pakistan. Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov also spoke about Azerbaijan-Pakistan relations based on deep historical roots.

He said that the 14th-century Multani Caravan-serai in Baku, Azerbaijan is a clear example of our historical relations.



KARACHI: Amir Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Maulana Fazlur Rehman enquiring about health of Hafiz Hamdullah who was injured in Mastung blast.

## MDCAT exams Medical community stunned as hi-tech cheating unveiled

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a shocking turn of events, the recent Medical and Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) has left the medical community in Pakistan reeling from shock, as the use of advanced technology for cheating during the national examination sent shockwaves through the education system.

The exam, which took place on September 10, saw over 180,000 candidates participating, but reports of rampant cheating, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), have raised grave concerns.

It has been alleged that students resorted to the use of Bluetooth devices and

other high-tech tools to manipulate their test results, raising questions about the integrity of the examination process. The revelations have prompted authorities to vow strict action against those responsible.

Health Minister Dr Nadeem Jan expressed his dismay at the exploitation of advanced technology for cheating, emphasizing the critical need for a thorough investigation. In response, a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) has been formed to identify and apprehend the culprits behind this elaborate cheating scheme, with suspects pointing towards influential educational

## IHC adjourns Al-Qadir Trust case against Imran, Bushra for indefinite period

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday adjourned the Al-Qadir Trust registration case against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi for an indefinite period.

IHC judge Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case. Talib Hussain Advocate appeared before the court on behalf of the petitioner while Hazrat Younis appeared on behalf of the State Council. "Some documents are incomplete in registration un-

der new rules," the State Council's lawyer told the court. "If we are told which items or documents are incomplete, we will complete them," the petitioner's lawyer stated.

"Tell him all the things that are incomplete," the court directed the State Council's lawyer to tell the petitioner's lawyer about all things that are incomplete. "The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has been summoned Bushra Bibi, sometimes for voice matching and sometimes for other reasons."



ISLAMABAD: Brazilian Ambassador to Pakistan Olyntho Vieira talking to media persons regarding the event entitled "Brazilian Flavours" at local hotel in Federal Capital.

## CDA, ICT admin attacked during action against qabza mafia in Chontra

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) with the assistance of ICT administration and Islamabad Police on Monday initiated anti-encroachment operations against the land mafia without any discrimination, where the enforcement teams were attacked by the non-locals who opened fire under the guise of the genuine affectees.

In this regard, CDA, district administration and Islamabad Police conducted a joint operation against the qabza mafia (encroachment mafia) in Meraberi area of Chontra.

During the operation, qabza mafia opened fired and pelted stones on officers and officials of CDA and Islamabad Capital Territory Police, a news release said.

It was pertinent to mention here that negotiations were also held with

the genuine affectees of the area to demolish the houses constructed after 2004. After the negotiations, the operation was started by the CDA Enforcement, Land and Rehabilitation, and Islamabad Police teams with the support of the administration. During the operation, five houses were demolished and the miscreants started firing which resulted in injuring one of the protestors on the spot.

The land award of Meraberi (Chontra) was announced in 1969. Rehabilitation benefits and compensations have been paid to affectees in lieu of acquired land. According to the 1985 SUPARCO map, there were a total of 30 houses. In 2004, when this land was handed over by the CDA to the concerned department for further use, there were 342 houses at that time.

## Renowned architect Abdur Rahman Hye remembered

ISLAMABAD (APP): Renowned architect Abdur Rahman Hye popularly known as A.R. Hye was remembered on Monday on the occasion of his death anniversary. He is considered as pioneer of institutional architecture in Pakistan. Born on December 17, 1919 Abdur Rahman Hye graduated from Sir J.J. College of Architecture, Bombay and then traveled to the United Kingdom.

He completed his architecture degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1951 and was awarded a membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Hye specialized in tropical architecture at the Architectural Association School of Architecture.



ISLAMABAD: Volunteers are distributing foods among the deserving people at Sector F-7 in Federal Capital.

## IHC summons Ali Wazir's investigation officer

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court Monday summoned investigation officer of former Lawmaker Ali Wazir, whose case was registered at Tarnool Police Station.

Justice Mian Gul Hasan Aurangzeb heard Ali Wazir's petition regarding his protective bail and the details of all cases registered against him. Attaulah Kundi appeared in the court on behalf of the petitioner Ali Wazir.

## 274,994 registered doctors provide medical care to patients: PMDC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) Friday said that so far 274,994 doctors were registered with the council to serve patients in the country.

According to an official of PMDC, the Pakistan Medical Council right after assuming the charge and in a very short span of time started working dedicatedly for doctors, students, and relevant stakeholders and took all necessary steps to

## PIMS allocates additional beds for dengue patients

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has allocated 10 additional beds in medical ward-II keeping in view the sudden increase in the number of dengue patients. According to PIMS ED spokesperson Dr Mubashir Mushtaq Doha, a total of seven dengue patients were admitted to the hospital. He said that the Executive Director of PIMS Prof. Dr Rana Imran Sikandar has made all necessary arrangements.



ISLAMABAD: Models are walking on ramp along with Blind and handicapped artists of special Education School during Fashion Show, "Beyond Labels" with the slogan of "Runway for All" at local hotel in Federal Capital.

## 19 outlaws arrested; drugs, liquor and weapons recovered

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 19 outlaws during the last 24 hours from different areas of the city and recovered liquor, drugs and weapons with their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that, 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.

Following these directives, the Aabpara police team arrested an accused namely Alyoun Masih and recovered 2070 gram heroin from his possession. The Sec-

retariat police team arrested an accused namely Majid Hussain and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from his possession. Likewise, the Karachi Company police team arrested an accused namely Hamza and recovered 271 gram heroin from his possession.

The Sumbal police team arrested two accused namely Zahid Hussain and Waqar and recovered 223 bore rifles and one 444 bore gun from their possession. Similarly, the Tarnool police team arrested two accused namely Aamir Nazir and Izhar Khalil and recovered 340 gram heroin and 560 gram hashish from their possession. The Sangiani police team arrested two accused namely Shafi Ullah and Abdullah.

## Pak must switch from suggestions to actions mode: IPS forum

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan faces deeply ingrained governance challenges that require moving beyond suggestions to concrete and sustained actions. The knowing-doing gap necessitates a proactive stance where solutions are implemented in the form of tangible actions to address the challenges faced by the nation.

The country urgently needs to address major concerns such as poor governance, internal strife, corruption, a flawed education system, moral turpitude, environmental challenges, and healthcare difficulties. This requires consistency in government policies, addressing disparities, utilizing youth as a resource, building narrative and national emotions, and pushing constructive change through research.

This was observed by prominent intellectuals, academics, technocrats, and religious scholars at the annual meeting of the National Academic Council of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). The yearly gathering aims to garner intellectual input from a cross-section of veteran practitioners for IPS' research activities and realistic ideas regarding national issues.

Chaired by IPS' Chairman Khalid Rahman, the meeting was addressed by Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Riphah International University; Vice Admiral@ Iftikhar Ahmed Rao, special assistant to the PM on maritime affairs; Prof. Dr. Qibla Ayaz, chairman, Islamic Ideology Council of Pakistan; Dr. Syed Mohammad Anwer, Justice, Federal Shariat Court; Razia Sultana, member, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Service

Commission; Ambassador@ Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS; Dr. Anwar-ul-Hasan Gilani, Chairman, Pakistan Council for Science and Technology; Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal cabinet secretary; Mohammad Bashir Jan Mohammad, chairman, Westbury Group of Companies, Karachi; Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, water and power; Dr. Syed Tahir Hijazi, former vice-chancellor, Muslim Youth University; Saima Hamid, vice chancellor, Fatima Jinnah University, Rawalpindi; Syed Irfan Hyder, vice chancellor, Ziauddin University, Karachi; Dr. Syed Junaid Zaidi, former rector COMSATS; Dr. Masood Mahmood Khan, Curtin University, Australia; Dr. Shahida Wizarat, dean, College of Economics and Social

### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

Bank Alfalah (Plaintiff)  
Versus  
(1) Muhammad Waris Khan S/o Muhammad Banaras R/o Kamil Pur Post Office Rehana Tehsil & District Haripur (Defendant)

Whereas the Bank Alfalah has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 459898/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial Institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (22-08-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 27-09-2023

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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

Bank Alfalah (Plaintiff)  
Versus  
(1) Riaz Muhammad S/o Dost Muhammad R/o Post Office Oghi Chandrian Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra (Defendant)

Whereas the Bank Alfalah has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 848671/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial Institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (22-08-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

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