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

**Junior Leaders are the backbone of Pakistan Army and are key to success in Conventional and Unconventional Warfare**

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

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

The Opening Ceremony of Multi-National Special Forces Exercise "Eternal Brotherhood-II" was held at Barotha. Special Forces contingents from Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Turkiye, and Uzbekistan are participating in a two-week long exercise, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR)

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

The exercise is aimed at further harnessing the historic military-to-military relations among the friendly countries, including nurturing of joint employment concept, while identifying areas of mutual interest for future military collaborations and benefiting from each other's experience against terrorism. Prior to visiting Barotha, the COAS also visited Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) Shinkari, which is the Center of Excellence for

training of Non Commissioned Officers. He laid floral wreath at Yadgaar e Shuhada (The Martyrs Monument) and addressed the participants of the Academy.

COAS remarked that "Junior Leaders are the backbone of Pakistan Army and are key to success in Conventional and Unconventional Warfare." On arrival at JLA and Brotha, COAS was received by Inspector General Training & Evaluation.

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

## President for collective efforts to tackle socio-economic challenges

KARACHI (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday emphasized for collective efforts to tackle challenges of unemployment, rising stress in society, improving access for differently-abled persons to opportunities, and enhanced female participation in businesses and jobs.

He also underscored the importance of volunteerism and active involvement of the chambers, banking sector, and civil society to overcome the socio-economic challenges in the meeting with a delegation of Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI).

The president urged the business community to play a pivotal role in advancing social sectors and fulfilling their corporate social responsibility by helping those in need. The collaborative endeavours by the public and private sectors could bring about a positive transformation in people's lives, particularly in the realm of social initiatives, he added.

The president stressed for the creation of an inclusive society that actively promoted female participation in socio-economic activities. He called upon the KCCI members to inspire and support women in becoming future entrepreneurs, fostering confidence and empowerment among them.

He also emphasized the importance of human development and advised the business community to create more employment opportunities for women and persons with disabilities.

President Alvi acknowledged the positive impact of information technology on facilitating bank account opening and financial transactions for women. He emphasized the business community's role in providing a conducive atmosphere for women at workplace.

He also called on the corporate sector to prioritize the welfare of workers and environmental protection, ensuring a better

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

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

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

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

Noting that President Raisi's policy of 'Neighborhood First' was fully aligned with Pakistan's vision for regional development and connectivity, he emphasized the importance for both countries to leverage their unique geographical location to promote shared objectives of regional peace and prosperity, through greater trade and enhanced regional connectivity. Pakistan-Iran relations are characterized by regular high-level exchanges, commonality of views on important regional and global issues and strengthened cooperation in all areas of mutual interest.



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

## World must accept India is rogue Hindutva terrorist state: Bilawal

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan's former Foreign Minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, has said it is the time for the international community to accept that India has become a "rogue Hindutva terrorist state".

He said, "Till when the international community, particularly our friends in the West, will continue to ignore such events involving India. It is time for the international community to accept that India has become a rogue Hindutva terrorist state." Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said, they (Indian government) have not only conducted terrorism in [occupied] Kashmir, not only we in Pakistan have caught their spies involved in terrorism in our country, but they have now been caught violating the sovereignty of a NATO-member state. "This is not only a violation of Canadian sovereignty."

Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari speaking to the media in Lahore, today,



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari inquires about health of Hafiz Hamdullah, Senior Leader Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), who was injured in a blast that took place in Mastung, at a private hospital in Karachi.

## SC orders to implement law regarding prisoners' release on probation

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the authorities concerned to immediately implement laws pertaining to the release of prisoners on probation.

The Supreme Court, in a five-page written decision authored by Justice Athar Minallah, also ordered the federal and provincial governments to ensure the release of prisoners eligible for release on probation. It observed that serious violations of human rights were taking place in prisons across the country.

The provision of constitutional rights to the prisoners in jail had become impossible due to overcrowding in prisons, it added, observing that the majority of the people who suffered from lack of facilities in prisons were poor, while the state was also not playing a role in providing cheap and quick justice to them. It further said that the criminal system allowed the exploitation of the weaker sections of society by the powerful.

The court said that such a condition of prisons was intolerable in a constitutional society.

It was the responsibility of the state to protect the fundamental rights of every prisoner.



KARACHI: President Dr Arif Alvi in a meeting with delegation of KCCI at Governor House.

## CM orders inquiry, audit of Qatar Hospital, expresses displeasure over Orangi SHO

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (ret'd) Maqbool Baqar during his surprise visit to the Sindh government Qatar Hospital ordered an overall inquiry and audit to ascertain the reasons behind the shortage of medicines, off-road ambulances, out of order some Lab machines and unsanitary conditions.

The CM on Tuesday morning paid a surprise visit to the Sindh government Qatar Hospital and went ward to ward, OPD, emergency, pharmacy, pediatric wards, and inspected ambulance.

He expressed his displeasure over the unsanitary condition of various wards where stretchers had dirty stained bed sheets and a stench smell was felt everywhere. The CM noticed

that the patients from two wards were ousted to clean them.

Baqar met with the patients and their attendants, and most complained about the non-availability of medicines.

He visited the medicine store where he was told that an order to purchase medicines had been placed on August 25, 2023, but delivery was yet to be received.

The CM personally checked the purchasing order and talked to the vendor on the phone about the provision of medicines within a week, otherwise, hold him that he [the vendor] would be blacklisted.

A woman met him in the pharmacy and told him she was making trips to the hospital for insulin, but it was unavailable.



KARACHI: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Law Umar Somro meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori.

## Minster for measures to encourage industrialization, resolving issues

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Minister for Revenue, Industries, and Commerce, Muhammad Younus Dagher, stressed on Tuesday the need for measures that help resolve issues faced by industries and encourage the establishment of new industrial units in the province.

The minister, while presiding over a meeting here, emphasized that the Department of Industries and Commerce could play a very important role in the development of Pakistan, especially the province of Sindh.

Provincial Secretary Industries and Commerce Rashid Solangi, MD SITE Ghazafar Ali Qadri, and officers of the department

and Sindh Government Printing Press, as well as contractors, attended the meeting.

The minister was given a detailed briefing regarding the performance of various organizations and sections of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Younus Dagher urged the officers to work with dedication and honesty to solve the problems of existing industries in Sindh and promote new industries. The caretaker government intended to complete the ongoing projects of the industries and commerce department at an accelerated pace so that a better line of action could be provided to the incoming government, he maintained.

## Superintendent, Central Jail Karachi calls on Governor

KARACHI (APP): Superintendent of Central Jail Karachi Hasan Sahito here on Tuesday called on Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori.

The Superintendent invited the governor to a painting exhibition by prisoners at Arts Council Karachi on September 23.

The governor said that the purchase of paintings would encourage the work of prisoners.

## Caretaker PM attends 78th UNGA opening session

NEW YORK (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday attended the 78th opening session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78).

The prime minister will present Pakistan at the high level moot on Global Development Initiative and would address the participants, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Besides, he will also attend and address a high level meeting on Sustainable Development Goals.

PM Kakar is expected to meet Iranian President Sayyid Ebrahim Raisi and President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the session.

## Shahbaz reaches Lahore

LAHORE (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shahbaz Sharif has reached Lahore from London.

President PML-N has returned to Lahore after his one month stay in London. Shahbaz Sharif held several important meetings with PML-N Quaid during his stay in London besides making announcement of Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan.

Shahbaz Sharif participated in several party meetings in London.

According to sources Shahbaz Sharif will now review the preparations in connection with reference to Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan. He will make consultations with other party leaders in connection with reception of Nawaz Sharif.



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister, Justice (Ret'd) Maqbool Baqar being briefed by officials during his inspection visit to Sindh Government Qatar Hospital at Orangi Town area in Karachi.

## Home Minister says: Criminals will not be pardoned under any circumstances

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Home Minister Brigadier (ret'd) Harris Nawaz on Tuesday said criminals involved in robberies and kidnappings will not be pardoned under any circumstances and there was no political pressure, if we have to arrest a chief of any tribe, we will arrest him.

He stated this during his visit to Kot Shahu, a village on the outskirts of Shikarpur, along with Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh Riffat Mukhtar.

Harris Nawaz said criminal elements will be eradicated in two months. Rangers and the Pakistan Army would also be in the

operations against criminals. Modern weapons and equipment would be used in the operations.

Strict actions besides, the minister said, will also be taken against the facilitators and helpers of criminals.

The caretaker government will rid the riverine areas of criminals during its tenure, he said.

He said a separate allowance would be given to the policemen performing duties in Katcha Areas.

Deputy IGP Larkana Javed Jiskani briefed the minister and IGP Sindh to about the operation against criminals, on the occasion.



KARACHI: Leaders and supporters of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are holding protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products, inflation price hiking and the highly inflated electricity bills, held at Shahrah-e-Faisal road in Karachi.

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

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

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

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

## SHC imposes fine of Rs 10000 on secretary local bodies

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) has imposed fine of Rs 10000 on secretary local bodies.

The petition on controlling price of essential commodities came up for hearing in SHC Tuesday.

Justice Irfan Saadat remarked if secretary bodies does not appear on next hearing then we will issue warrant as well.

The court remarked the federal and provincial governments should tell what progress has been made on establishment of pricing courts.

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The Isa epoch

In a ceremony marked by constitutional gravitas as well as what some might term rightful vindication, Justice Qazi Faez Isa assumed the mantle of the chief justice of Pakistan on Sunday, heralding what the nation hopes will be a period of judicial prudence and wisdom...

The new chief justice jumped right into action and constituted a full court to preside over his inaugural hearing as chief justice, one that aims to resolve nine challenges to a law that, among other things, requires the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance...

In a first for the country, he also ordered the proceedings to be broadcast live to the public. The constitution of a full court — a rarity in the court of the previous Supreme Court chief justice — and the live telecast of the hearing, can be viewed as a promising start, a sign that Chief Justice Isa is keen to chart a path firmly rooted in jurisprudential integrity rather than the shifting sands of populism that marred his predecessor's tenure...

Former chief justice Umar Ata Bandial was at one point lambasted by fellow members of the judiciary for having begun to run a "one-man" show, and so his time in office saw more controversy than judicious stewardship of the nation's highest legal office.

Justice Isa takes charge at a time when the judiciary faces a myriad of challenges, from more than 50,000 cases pending before the apex court out of some 2.2m to be decided overall, to the critical task of restoring the public's confidence in the justice system...

Some of the more pressing concerns, however, include the delay in general elections, the trial of civilians in military court, and pending references against the chief justice's colleague Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi. It is precisely these challenges that lend the new chief justice the opportunity to carve out a legacy of robust judicial leadership, guided by a moral compass that remains unswayed by the tempestuous winds of political expedience...

A New Era, with new Leadership



By Qamar Bashir Former Press Secretary to the President; Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC

These truly are remarkable times in Pakistan, marked by an unprecedented alignment of leadership in all three pillars of the state, with each being helmed by individuals from Balochistan. It signifies a historical shift in governance and vision for the nation.

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjarani, the Chairman of the Senate since his oath-taking on March 12, 2018, possesses a kind, straightforward, and affable demeanor. He excels at building friendships and is often the go-to negotiator to mediate between political factions...

Anwar ul Haq Kakar, our Prime Minister, has captivated the nation with his clear objectives. He is resolute in following the constitution and upholding the rule of law under all circumstances. His commitment extends to establishing the government's authority and the state's writ at any cost, prioritizing the interests of the people...

He advocates for truthfulness, shunning false promises and providing the public with an honest view of the nation's economic and political landscape, even when it may appear unsettling. He is resolute about not interfering with the workings and mandates of constitutional bodies. Anwar ul Haq Kakar seeks to build upon the positive policies of previous governments, maintain equitable relationships with neighbors and international powers...

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Esa achieved a significant milestone by allowing the live telecast of court proceedings. This decision unequivocally communicates the judiciary's commitment to deciding cases based solely on merit and in strict adherence to constitutional provisions.

Crucially, gray areas in legislation that were intentionally created to circumvent the law and the constitution are poised to be addressed, potentially quashed or nullified to reinstate the constitution's supremacy and the rule of law.

The question arises: why can Mr. Anwar Kakar take bold decisions despite being a politician? Why can he crack down on unscrupulous elements stealing electricity, burdening those who pay bills on time, and depriving the national exchequer of revenue?

Why were illegal exchange companies, Hundi, and Hawala dealers allowed to siphon off precious foreign exchange, devaluing the Rupee? The Rupee, at times, even lost value against the Afghan Afghani, not due to economic weakness, but because of the smuggling of Pakistan's foreign exchange to Afghanistan...

Why could Mr. Kakar crackdown on sugar, flour, petrol, and manure mafias that deprived our people of essential goods while smuggling them to Afghanistan and Central Asia, causing hardship and even death to many Pakistanis? Why can Sadiq Sanjarani effectively lead the Senate, and why could Qazi Faez Esa unite a previously divided Supreme Court and allow live telecasts without hesitation?

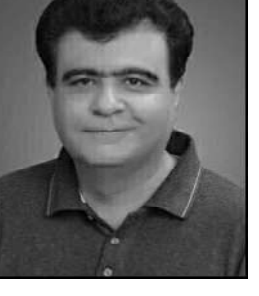
The answers to these questions lie in the core values of individuals, families, and tribes that prioritize truthfulness, loyalty, dignity, and honor, even at great personal sacrifice. They remain steadfastly sincere to themselves, their families, tribes, and the nation, always ready to defend their honor and dignity. They extend helping hands to the needy without expecting rewards or appreciation, and they possess an innate ability to sacrifice personal wealth and even life for the greater good of their family, tribe, and nation.

Another answer lies in the fact that these prominent Balochistan figures who rose to power lack vested interests in large businesses or industrial conglomerates. They don't own sprawling business empires, sugar mills, flour mills, or vast agricultural lands. Their desires are modest, their greed is limited, their needs are humble, and they find contentment and immense satisfaction in what they have.

Furthermore, these traits align seamlessly with the philosophy and approach of the current Army Chief. With his support, the crackdown on deeply entrenched mafias becomes more feasible. During their tenure in power, these leaders are likely to challenge and restrain them into dormancy or compelling them to find alternative ways to resurface.

In the near future, Pakistan may benefit from a harmonious alignment of government, Senate, judiciary, and the military—a formidable force that aims to combat entrenched mafias and steer the nation toward justice and prosperity.

Three Pakistans



Dr Niaz Murtaza

Our 75-year history contains three eras of about 25 years, each starting and ending in a crisis, marked by lengthy army rule, hybrid regimes and debatable progress. This torrid history came from four huge prenatal gaps, which made the new state vulnerable to multiple problems, all oddly starting with an 'E'.

Perhaps only unstable Lebanon and South Sudan globally lacked at birth both historical statehood and natural nationhood. Our freedom drive was uniquely pre-emptive, faith-based and elitist — based more on the Muslim elite's fears about their interests under Hindu rule rather than the abuses of the masses. It thus lacked mass politics in its western half. Finally, the country largely received India's poorest areas. So, at birth, it faced the huge task of creating a state, nation, polity and an economy under an inept coterie. Oddly, 75 years later, it faces the same four tasks and inept coterie, any progress soon reversing itself. Elitist Pakistan (1947-71): This era started with the blood-soaked Partition. The elite-headed freedom drive soon generated its first three 'E' issues: elitist economy, establishment sway and ethnic gripes. A fourth — enmity — emerged soon with India on Kashmir. The four 'E's' mix led to the second tragic partition.

Extremist Pakistan (1972-98): This era started with the 1971 trauma and ended with huge economic, political and external crises due to the nuclear tests and another army coup. The

four 'Es' soon led to other 'E' issues. To deal with enmity and ethnicity, the establishment stoked extremism, this era's lasting legacy. The economy, which earlier at least had efficiency if not equity, lacked both now to become another major 'E' issue. Finally, the nuclear tests and coup triggered external exclusion and isolation. Excluded Pakistan (1999-2023): This era started and ended with huge economic and political crises and external exclusion. But the two ends hide eras of progress based on deep ties with the US and China, which were weakened due to the legacies of several 'E's' — elitism, establishment and extremism. Other 'E's' rose soon. Educationally, we have the world's second highest number of illiterate children. Globally, we have had three mega emergencies since the 2005 earthquake and the 2010 and 2022 floods, plus many smaller ones. Electorally, the establishment is again ignoring the Constitution and is seen to delay the polls. Ecologically, we are one of the states most vulnerable to climate change, which is forcing eviction and emigration. Exclusion globally is back as we shun the world socially due to extremist xenophobia, while it shuns us politically and economically, as in the case of the new meandering India-Europe corridor that the G20 chose over the straight India-Pakistan-Iran-Turkey-Europe route due to our tense ties with India and the US. To this long list of existential 'E' threats, one can add some 'D's' — demography, despotism and despondency. Today, we face possible collapse in almost all realms — institutional, constitutional, judicial, political, economic, social, security, ecological and external — all deeper variants of the original pre-1947 gaps in state, nation, polity and economy that persist even after 75 years.

Commerce News

Commerce minister lauds Malaysian economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production Dr. Gohar Ejaz on Tuesday commended Malaysia's outstanding economic growth, noting its impressive 6.5 percent annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth over the past half-century, which led to the establishment of a robust \$400 billion economy. He expressed these views as a chief guest at a ceremony held to mark Malaysia's 66th national day and 90th Armed Forces day here, hosted by Malaysian Ambassador to Pakistan Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, a news release said.

Among others, the event was attended by diplomats, government officials, and representatives from both countries.

Minister Dr Gohar Ejaz and Ambassador Azhar Mazlan shared insights on the flourishing relations between Pakistan and Malaysia, highlighting the immense potential for cooperation and collaboration in various sectors.

Their remarks shed light on the impressive progress Malaysia achieved over the years, emphasizing the importance of strengthening economic and diplomatic ties between the two nations. Both leaders highlighted their shared commitment and cooperation on international issues.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries & Production, Dr. Gohar Ejaz chairing a meeting with representatives from the Pakistan Business Council (PBC) at the Ministry of Commerce.

Renewable energy potential can offset expensive fossil fuel import: Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ambassador of Denmark, Jacob Lencolf on Tuesday said Pakistan's renewable energy potential amid the growing climate crisis was immense and could help the country offset its expensive fossil fuel imports and limit its carbon emissions alongside sustainable resource management. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised a high-level policy dialogue on COP-28 and Beyond: Strengthening Climate Action through Public-Private Partnerships that convened the Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates and Denmark alongside key civil society, government and private sector officials.

Ambassador Lincolf commended the SDPI for holding important seminars on pertinent agendas and getting the right people on board for dialogue. The population of Denmark was 5.5 million and that of Pakistan was 240 million, an enormous challenge to be met. He said, "The resources in Pakistan are immense like the wind corridors of Sindh and Balochistan, the sun for solar and hydropower potential is abundant to embrace ambitious renewable energy solutions. It can go green if it dares to."

Asians are expected to grow by 3.0% this year, said the Paris-based organization in its September global economic outlook report. This was 0.3 percentage point upward from the previous projection in June.

Groundnut promotion important to meet edible oil demand locally: Saqib

MULTAN (APP): Groundnut, known for its exceptional oil content ranging from 44 to 56 percent, holds the key to meeting the edible requirements of the people, said Secretary of Agriculture, South Punjab, Saqib Ateeq.

Speaking from a lush groundnut field sprawling over 25 acres in Chak No. 379/WB Duniyapur, Ateeq highlighted a path to economic prosperity that could help save an astounding Rs 350 billion annually incurred upon the import of edible oil. Traditionally, Pakistan has been heavily reliant on edible oil imports to meet its demand. However, Saqib pointed out an alternative solution that could not only make Pakistan self-sufficient but also reduce its dependence on costly imports. He emphasized the crucial role played by high-quality groundnut seeds in boosting production. During the visit, progressive farmer Asif Awan provided a comprehensive overview of various groundnut varieties. With optimism, Awan projected a remarkable production yield of 30 maunds per acre, a testament to the tremendous potential of groundnut farming.

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HYDERABAD: Women farmers are carrying cotton bags on their head moving towards their destination after farming, at Hatri Bypass in Hyderabad.

Gold imports increase by 44.13% in two months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of gold witnessed an increase of 44.13 percent during the first two months of current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. Pakistan imported gold worth \$4.971 million during July-August (2023-23) as compared to \$3.449 million during July-August (2022-23), a positive growth of 44.13 percent, according to PBS data. In terms of quantity, the gold imports increased by 56.33 percent during the period under review by going up from 65 kilogram last year. Meanwhile, on year-on-year basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 23.02 percent to \$2.985 million as compared to the imports of \$2.426 million in August 2022. In terms of quantity, Pakistan imported 52 kilograms of gold during the month under review as compared to the imports of 49 kilograms in August last year, showing growth of 6.12 percent. On month-on-month basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 50.30 percent when compared to the imports of \$1.986 million in July 2023.

OECD increases global GDP growth forecast for 2023

ANKARA (APP): The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday raised its world economic growth forecast for 2023, but lowered it for 2024. The world economy is expected to grow by 3.0% this year, said the Paris-based organization in its September global economic outlook report. This was 0.3 percentage point upward from the previous projection in June.

Asian markets drop ahead of Fed decision, oil prices push higher

HONG KONG (APP): Asian stocks sank on Tuesday following a sedate performance on Wall Street as investors nervously await the Federal Reserve's policy decision later in the week, while inflation worries were exacerbated by oil's push towards \$100. The meeting comes during a crucial week for markets, with the Bank of England, expected to unveil what could be its last interest rate hike of this cycle, while the Bank of

Energy minister directs to redress grievances of PBC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali held a comprehensive meeting with a delegation of Pakistan Business Council here Tuesday and issues related to the industrial tariff and green energy options came under discussion. The minister acknowledged the fact that the industry is the backbone of the country and to enhance its potential, the issues need to be addressed on a war footing, said a press release.

Ukraine complains to WTO about Hungary, Poland banning its farm products

GENEVA: Ukraine is filing a complaint at the World Trade Organization against Hungary, Poland and Slovakia after they banned grain and other food products coming from the war-torn country, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Tuesday. It lays bare a widening rift with the three members of the European Union, which has been a pivotal backer of Kyiv as it works to fight off Russia's invasion. In a break with the wider EU, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia have announced bans on grain and other food from Ukraine, a major agricultural supplier to parts of the world where people are going hungry. The 27-nation bloc last week lifted restrictions on Ukraine's exports to five member states, also including Romania and Bulgaria. Farmers in eastern Europe have rallied against the imports from Ukraine, saying grain has gotten stuck inside their borders and driven down prices for local growers.



KARACHI: A large number of the Oil Tankers are parked at Shireen Jinnah Colony after the Call of Strike by Oil Tankers Association, till to acceptance of their demands.

**KP Governor urges**

# Business community to work for strengthening country's economy

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

leading economy in the region. He said that the business community and stakeholders should adopt a common strategy to make the country prosperous and economically strong adding they would be provided with needed facilities and help. The delegation apprised the Governor about their problems and said that steps are needed to facilitate tourists to recreation places of Poona and Ambraila waterfalls in Hazara Division. They also demanded a reduction in land transfer fees and restoration of

agricultural land transfer to benefit the common man. The Governor assured the delegation resolution of their problems and highlighted steps taken by the government for the facilitation and benefits of the business community. Haji Ghulam Ali also urged the business community to work in unison and counter conspiracies being hatched against state institutions. He said that those who are fomenting distrust and chaos are enemies of the state that must be stopped.



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

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

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while ordering the respondents of Murtaza Bhutto murder case to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarked if the order is not implemented then strict order will be issued. The court inquired from the state counsel the order for preparing the paper book of the case was given when. The counsel told court had given order for preparing paper book of appeals in 2011. The court while expressing annoyance remarked the order has not been implemented despite passage of such long period. The court ordered the respondents to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarking if order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-member bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday expressed resentment over the provincial government for not submitting a reply to the court order. During a hearing in a case against the removal and appointment of new law officers, the bench comprising Justice Attiq Shah, Justice Waqar, and Justice Shakeel imposed a Rs 100,000 fine on each KP Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Law Secretary, and Advocate General.

## Fishing maps distributed among fishermen to ensure safety

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Navy on Tuesday distributed indigenously developed fishing map among the local fishermen for supporting them in safe conduct of fishing activities. The ceremony regarding distributing fishing maps was held at Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre in Karachi. The fishing map includes vital information such as the precise positions of ghost nets which is a significant threat to marine life and vessels of fishermen, said a press release issued by Pakistan Navy. Moreover, it will enable fishermen to avoid areas unsuitable for fishing activity and reduce the risk of breakdowns of boats at sea.

## CM emphasizes unbreakable bond of friendship between Pakistan and China

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to the Communist Party Secretary Office in Yinchuan, the capital of China's Ningxia province. Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun extended a warm welcome to CM Mohsin Naqvi and the accompanying delegation, said a handout issued here. During their official meeting, the CM and Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun discussed the development of Ningxia and the implementation of a streamlined one-window operation. They mutually agreed to leverage China's expertise in meat production, dairy development, Information Technology, and drip irrigation systems. Furthermore, it was decided in principle to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as sister cities of Wuzheng and Zhang Wei in Nangxia. Mohsin Naqvi extended a written invitation to Secretary Nangxia Communist Party, Liang Yanshun, to visit Punjab, which was graciously accepted. Additionally, both parties concurred on the revival of the 17-year-old sister province agreement between Nangxia and Punjab.

## KP Election Commission for awareness regarding postal ballot facility

PESHAWAR (INP): Provincial Election Commission Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to formulate a strategy to run a special awareness campaign regarding the facility of postal ballot paper in the upcoming general elections for registered persons with disabilities in collaboration with the member's organization of the Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group. It was decided by the Gender and Disability Working Group, said the spokesman for Provincial Election Commissioner Sohail Ahmed on Tuesday. Spokesman Sohail Ahmed, Assistant Director GSI Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi, Assistant Director NADRA Shahid Ali, Pakistan Women's Zaid and Ibrahim, Arshad Peyman, Hamid Ali PEDO, Abid Khan URDO, Farid Gul, and Zafar Ali Shah participated. The meeting was told that persons with disabilities are not aware of the facility of postal ballot paper and they face difficulties regarding the procedure of filling and submitting the relevant forms.



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

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

BUREWALA (INP): Former MPA among three party leaders on Tuesday condemning the May 09, violence announced to part ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Those who quit PTI included former MPA Chaudhry Irshad Arain, former Tehsil Nazim Usman Ahmed Warraich and District Senior Vice President Chaudhry Imran Irshad. CM orders line depts to remain alert during rain

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

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, brisk preparations have been started with great enthusiasm, religious zeal, and fervor to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him), the birth day of the last Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), on the sanctified day of Rabi ul Awwal, falling on September 29. In all 10 districts of the liberated territory, the cities and towns' streets and roads, including bazars and shopping centers, are being beautifully decorated

## CM orders line depts to remain alert during rain

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has ordered Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rescue 1122 and local administration, from China, to remain alert on reports of heavy rain in Lahore and other cities. In his statement issued here, the CM directed the administration and other officers concerned to reach the field immediately.

## ANF seizes over 4166 kg drugs in 35 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized 4166.009 kg of drugs and 480 liters of imported alcohol worth US\$ 277.174 million internationally, arrested 32 accused, and impounded eight vehicles while conducting 35 counter-narcotics operations throughout the country last week, said its spokesman on Tuesday. He informed that the seized drugs comprised 51.6 Kg Opium, 279.26 kg heroin, 3096.442 kg hashish, 541.68 kg methamphetamine (Ice), 10 kg morphine, 187 Kg ketamine, 24 grams of weed, and 0.003 grams of ecstasy Tabs (5 Tablets). ANF Balochistan recovered 2496.5 kg of drugs in seven operations arrested the accused involved in drug smuggling and impounded 2 vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 30 kg of Opium, 0.75 kg of Heroin, 2453 Kg of Hashish, 2.75 kg of Methamphetamine, and 10 kg of Morphine. ANF Sindh recovered 1006.875 kg of drugs and 480 liters of imported alcohol and arrested 12 accused besides impounding a vehicle.

# International News

## UN General Assembly, climate moots kick off in NYC today

**Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: The high-level debate of the 78th UN General Assembly begins in New York on Tuesday, with the schedule of speakers indicating that caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar, who arrived here in New York on Monday, will deliver his speech on Friday. Coinciding with the start of the UNGA, the annual UN's Climate Action Summit will set the stage for countries to reverse backsliding on Paris climate agreement goals and to encourage governments to adopt serious new actions to combat climate change. According to the schedule for UNGA, the "General Debate" (as it is formally known) will kick off today (Tuesday) with an address from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, followed by the address by UNGA President Dennis Francis, a diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, who will preside from the General Assembly dais for the entire week. As per longstanding tradition, Brazil will deliver the first address from a na-



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

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

**Monitoring Desk** NEW YORK: U.S. President Joe Biden appealed to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday to stand with Ukraine against Russian invaders, hoping Republicans in Congress will also take notice. "Russia believes that the world will grow weary and allow it to brutalize Ukraine without consequence," Biden said in his speech to UNGA. "If we allow Ukraine to be carved up, is the independence of any nation secure?" Biden drew applause when saying that the United States and its allies would stand with Ukraine's fight for freedom. "Russia alone bears responsibility for this war," the president said. "Russia alone has the power to end this war immediately." Biden's address at the annual gathering was the centerpiece event of his three-day visit to New York, which will include meetings with the heads of five Central Asian nations, and the leaders of Israel and Brazil. Biden, a Democrat, has made rallying U.S. allies to support Ukraine a leading component of U.S. foreign policy, arguing the world must send a clear signal to

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

**Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva warned world leaders at the United Nations on Tuesday of the prospect of a coup in Guatemala, echoing U.S. concerns about risks to democracy in the Central American country after last month's election. "In Guatemala, there is a risk of a coup, which would impede the inauguration of the winner of democratic elections," Lula told the U.N. General Assembly. Last week, the top prosecutor's office in Guatemala raided electoral facilities and opened sealed ballots from the election, in which anti-graft President-elect Bernardo Arevalo and his Semilla Party overwhelmingly came out on top. Prosecutors allege irregularities in the registration of Semilla members ahead of the vote, which the party has denied. The U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, Francisco Mora, urged Guatemalan authorities on Monday to end their "intimidation efforts" targeting election officials and members of Arevalo's party.

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

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

## Four killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: Russia carried out new air strikes and shelling in Ukraine overnight and early on Monday, killing at least four people, Ukrainian officials said. A man aged 72 and an elderly woman were killed, and three others were wounded, in an overnight attack on the southern region of Kherson, regional governor Olexsandr Prokudin said.

## Ronaldo gets warm welcome on arrival in Tehran

**Monitoring Desk** TEHRAN: Al-Nassr captain Cristiano Ronaldo received a warm reception in Iran on Monday, in the first visit of a Saudi team to Iran since 2016 ahead of the beginning of the group stage of the Asian Champions League. Al-Nassr face Iranian side Persepolis in Group E on Tuesday, while Qatar side Al-Duhail play Istiklol Dushanbe of Tajikistan. The streets were crowded with fans who raised welcome banners and pictures of Ronaldo upon the arrival of the Saudi Arabian team in Iran after the restoration of relations between the two countries. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that matches between Saudi and Iranian teams would be held on a home-and-away basis after the agreement of the two local federations. Supporters invaded the team's hotel, despite attempts by security personnel to prevent them.

## Taiwan alleges over 100 Chinese planes flew near its airspace

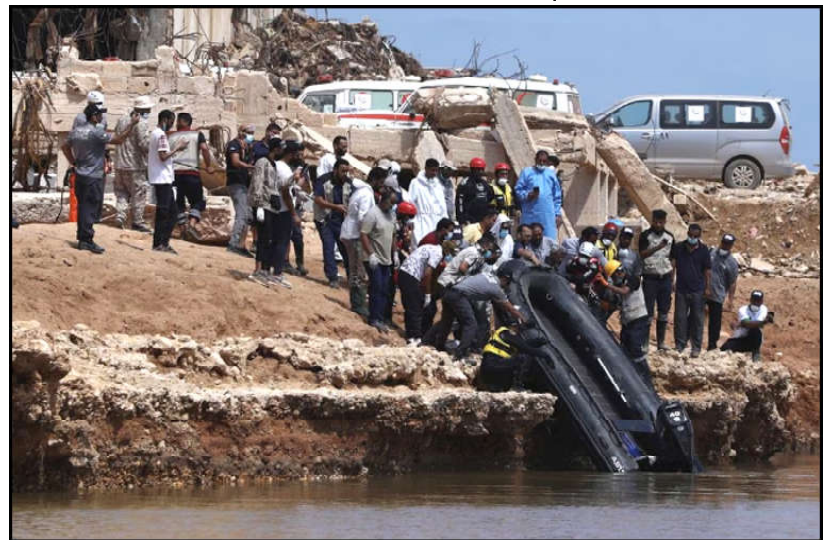
**Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: Taiwan's defence ministry urged China on Monday to stop "destructive, unilateral action" after reporting a sharp rise in Chinese military activities near the island. The ministry said that since Sunday it had spotted 103 Chinese military aircraft over the sea, a number it called a "recent high". Its map of Chinese activities over the past 24 hours showed fighter jets crossing the median line of the strait which serves as an unofficial barrier between the two sides.



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

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

**Monitoring Desk** JAKARTA: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations began its first joint naval exercise on Tuesday at a time when several member countries are responding more strongly to increasing Chinese assertiveness in the area. The non-combat drills, named ASEAN Solidarity Exercise, include joint maritime patrol operations, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian and disaster relief. Indonesian military chief Adm. Yudo Margono said. He said the five-day exercise in Indonesia's Natuna waters aims to boost military ties among the ASEAN nations and enhance interoperability. The drills also involve civilian groups involved in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention. ASEAN nations have taken part in naval exercises before with other countries — including both the United States and China — but this week's drills are the first involving just the bloc and are being read by many as a signal to China. The line also overlaps with a section of Indonesia's exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna Islands.



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

## Interim CM for completion of K-IV, KB Feeder projects

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (ret'd) Maqbool Baqar has directed the Planning & Development Department to work in close coordination with WAPDA so that the K-IV project can be completed.

He said that he wanted to improve the overall security through the Safe City project and the lining of KB Feeder and supply of an additional 65 water would quench the thirst of this water-starved city of Karachi to some extent.

This he said while presiding over a meeting of the P&D department here at CM House.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhre Alam, Chairman P&D Shakeel Manginjo, PSCM Hassan Naqvi, Secretary Finance Kazim Jatoi, Secretary Rehabilitation Parvez Sihar, DG PDMA Salman Shah, and others.

Chairman P&D told the CM that the K-IV Phase-1 for 260 MGD to cost around Rs126 billion and the WAPDA authorities were executing it. He added that the federal government has allocated Rs15 billion in its PSDP.

The CM said that the P&D must play its role so

that the amount allocated in the PSDP could not only be released but utilized by carrying out quality work, otherwise, the project would linger on further. The Chairman of P&D Shakeel Manginjo said that he would remain in close coordination with the K-IV project team of WAPDA to keep work on the project could be sped up by removing its bottleneck, if any.

The CM said that the K-IV was the most important project for the city and it must be completed as soon as possible.

Another federal PSDP project that came under discussion was the Improvement of the KB Feeder System and the extension of Keenjhar Lake. The CM was told that the allocation of Rs50 million for the current financial year was not enough. He added that more funds could be managed if the work was accelerated.

The CM directed P&D to coordinate with the water board to expedite the work on the 65 MGD additional water supply scheme.

The lining of the KB Feeder is again an important project that would reduce line losses of the water being provided to the city through the feeder.

Chairman P&D told the CM that the Safe City Project has been launched with a cost of Rs10,000 million for which this year Rs4500 million have been allocated. At this, the CM said that the Safe City project would be most important in the resolution of criminal cases and in maintaining law and order in the city. He directed the P&D to monitor its execution and speed it up so that it could be completed.

Another project that came under discussion was the provision of 65 MGD additional water supply (Phase-1) to Karachi for Rs9146.4 million. The CM said that the allocation of Rs50 million for the current financial year was not enough. He added that more funds could be managed if the work was accelerated.

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KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori offering Dua after laying foundation stone of Jeffko Ground.

## Sino-Pak mutually beneficial cooperation to benefit all Pakistani people: Nong Rong

BEIJING (APP): Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Nong Rong has said that China and Pakistan should engage in mutually beneficial cooperation which will benefit all Pakistani people, including those in the Balochistan province.

During a meeting with the visiting Press Corps from the Balochistan, he said China and Pakistan, as "ironclad friends", had always supported each other and stood together in times of difficulty. He said, "China attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor and is willing to deepen industrial cooperation with Pakistan and accelerate the implementation of livelihood projects."

In recent years, Nong Rong said, the Gwadar Port had witnessed rapid development, and its achievements had benefited the local people. "The media are welcome to report more on these developments," he added. Both sides needed to jointly create a secure and predictable business environment to achieve a benign cycle of development and security, he added.

## Commissioner urges Swift Feasibility Report for Agriculture Projects in Mirpurkhas

MIRPURKHAS (APP): Commissioner Mirpurkhas Faisal Ahmed Uqaili on Tuesday emphasized the urgency of preparing a feasibility report for agricultural projects in Mirpurkhas Division. According to the DC office, during a meeting held at the commissioner committee hall, officials from the Sindh government and the Mirpurkhas district administration convened to explore diverse agricultural initiatives.

These projects aim to harness the region's agricultural potential, providing a significant boost to local farmers while simultaneously generating employment opportunities and facilitating the expansion of agricultural product exports.

Several projects were discussed, including setting up a mango pulping unit to preserve mango varieties, cultivating cotton with saline water, processing camel milk for employment, promoting cluster bean and date palm production, activating the canola market, and operationalizing the chili plant in Kunri. Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas Dr. Rasheed Masood, Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar Abdul Halim Jagrani, Additional Commissioner Umerkot Sohail Ahmed Soomro, Director General Pakistan Research Council Zakir Hussain Dahri, Deputy Directors from Livestock and Forest Departments.



ISLAMABAD: Ex-Federal Minister and Secretary General PPP Dr. Ghulam Hussain in a meeting with Chief Editor Independent Group of Newspapers Syed Farooq Shah.

## SFA team imposes fine on Patel hospital. 40 kg expired meat recovered

Independent Report

KARACHI: On the special instructions of Director General Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhkar Hussain, a team of SFA has conducted a joint operation at Patel Hospital Gulshan Iqbal Karachi. The canteen in the hospital was found to be in very poor condition and almost 40 kilo-



gram expired meat was found. Due to this situation, the kitchen operation of the hospital was suspended and the meat was wasted while a fine of rupees two lakhs was also imposed.

Meanwhile Director General Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhkar Hussain, in a statement issued here on Tuesday, has warned the kitchen/canteen owners of public and private hospitals across Sindh to maintain the quality of their respective kitchens/canteens in accordance with health principles and follow Sindh Food Authority's rules, otherwise they will not only be fined but strict legal action will also be taken against them.



KARACHI: Group photo of Director JMICC with maritime stakeholders during brief at Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre (JMICC).

## Govt committed to promote sports activities: Solangi

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

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

Different matters including cooperation between Pakistan Television (PTV) Sports and PCB were discussed in the meeting.

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

## 14 arrested in operation in interior Sindh

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police in a joint intelligence-based operation in the village Ogahi, Kandhkot, arrested 14 alleged robbers including one in injured condition.

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

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

## Two youth shot dead in North Nazimabad

KARACHI (INP): Unidentified armed men gunned down two youth in North Nazimabad Karachi on Tuesday and fled the scene.

According to details, the incident took place near Shipowner College where unknown culprits sprayed bullets at two youth.

Both youngsters aged between 20 to 25 years, whose identity was not ascertained till filing of report, were killed on the spot while attackers fled the scene.

Police reached the scene of crime, collected the evidences and shifted the bodies to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for postmortem.

A case into the incident was registered at Shahrah-e-Noor Jehan police station and investigations were kicked off.

## Robber killed, passerby injured in encounter

KARACHI (INP): A robber was killed while a passerby injured in exchange of fire with police in Site Area of Karachi on Tuesday.

According to details, the police approached a two-member gang of robbers looting citizens near Habib Bank Chowrang.

Upon sight of police, the robbers started firing injuring a passerby. In retaliatory firing of police, one robber identified as Maroof was killed while his accomplice managed to escape.

Arms were recovered from possession of killed robber.

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

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

The system will be an information technology-based solution that will help collate scientific evidence from across the country on its carbon emissions causing environmental degradation for informed policy making and course setting to achieve internationally pledged commitments and targets.

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) organized a three-day forum titled "Transparency Platform for Pakistan (RISQ): A Climate Transparency: Knowledge Sharing, the Climate Transparency project in Pakistan."

In his opening remarks, Head-Agriculture and Coordination, GCISC, Arif Goheer said the vagaries of climate change were evident and demanded a concerted and continuous effort to overcome the challenges posed by climate-induced disasters.

"Scientific evidence clearly indicates that climate action should be effective and robust which is known as transparency in the jargon of climate science. In Paris Agreement, Enhanced Transparency Framework was conceived to clearly monitor GHG emissions and measures taken to cope with it and resources deployed for climate action," he added.



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

## PPP to adopt Bilawal's policy over election date

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

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

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

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

## DG Liu Jinsong meets Gwadar based delegation in Beijing

KARACHI (APP): Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry of China, Liu Jinsong met with a visiting delegation from Pakistan's Gwadar region, headed by Vice Chancellor of the University of Gwadar Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir.

Liu welcomed Sabir and the delegation to China and engaged in discussions and interactions with each member of the delegation.

According to the communiqué issued here on Tuesday by the Chinese Consulate, Liu emphasized that over the past decade since the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with the joint efforts of both China



LARKANA: Employees of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Larkana press club.

## Deputy Mayor vows to better facilities at graveyards of Sukkur

SUKKUR (INP): Deputy Mayor Sukkur, Dr Arshad Mughal on Tuesday directed the concerned department to arrange cleaning and lighting in all graveyards of Sukkur to facilitate the people who visit there to offer prayer on the occasion of Eid-

## PkMAP demands LEAs halt harassing Afghan refugees and Pakistani Pashtuns in the name of Afghan refugees crackdown

Independent Report  
KARACHI: Showing their concerns over the increasing incidents of Pashtun harassment amid the ongoing crackdown on Afghan refugees in Karachi, Sindh

constitution and laws, every citizen possesses fundamental rights to live, work, engage in trade, and earn a livelihood anywhere within the country.

leaders of the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), on Tuesday urged the caretaker federal and provincial governments to immediately halt this inhumane, unconstitutional, and unjust practice.

Saleem Khan Tareen, the PkMAP Sindh president, along with other party leaders, convened a press conference at the Karachi Press Club to address the issue.

Tareen stressed that in accordance with Pakistan's

He voiced his dismay at the fact that, despite these constitutional guarantees, law enforcement agencies in Karachi have been detaining and mistreating Pashtuns, particularly those belonging to Pashtun districts in Balochistan, under the pretext of cracking down on Afghan refugees.

"They are experiencing harassment at Quetta bus stops and in the city's bustling markets, where they earn their livelihoods.



KARACHI: Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party leader, Saleem Khan Tareen addresses to media persons during press conference held at Karachi press club.

## Provincial Threat Assessment Committee meets

Independent Report  
KARACHI: The Provincial Threat Assessment Committee (PTAC) met here under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Home and Prisons Brig. Haris Nawaz at Home Department, Government of Sindh, in conformity to the instructions of ECP for effective overseeing of the forthcoming general elections, in a peaceful manner; and to ensuring grand operation against the street criminals, drug dealers, illegal immigrants, dacoits and smugglers in the province.

meeting decided to withdraw all over-deployed police force for conclusive operation against the law breakers.

The committee assessed properly the level of security threats being faced by prominent persons and places, and to decide how stringent security cover is required from law enforcement agencies to counter them. The chair stressed upon fair rationalization in this regard and to cut down the "excessive deployment" on security protocol. The PTAC issued directives to the Divisional Threat Assessment Committees to revisit/recommend the need of security and the extent of security to be provided to prominent people under threat.

Divisional Threat Assessment Committees are headed by the respective Divisional Commissioner as the body's chairman.