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PM Kakar calls for countering all terrorists including Hindutva inspired extremists

Says Kashmir key to India-Pakistan peace, urges UN resolutions' implementation; underscores preservation of UN Charter of equality for global peace; Vows to ensure rapid economic recovery by mobilizing FDI, expanding domestic revenues; Pakistan shares women's rights concerns about Afghanistan. advocates humanitarian aid: Pakistan to continue working to strengthen multilateral institutions

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Friday called on the UN Security Council (UNSC) to secure the mplementation of its resolutions on Kashmir, which, he said, was the key to peace between Pakistan and India

"India has evaded implementation of the Security Council's resolutions which call for the 'final disposition' of Jammu and Kashmir to be decided by its people through UN-supervised plebiscite," he told the UN General Assembly in its iconic hall with several world leaders, top dip-lomats and officials in the audience

In his maiden address to the 193-member Assembly's high-level session, PM Kakar also focused on a range of issues, including the cross-border terrorist attacks against Pakistan by Afghanistanbased TTP; the Palestine tragedy; the threat posed by far-right groups like Hindutva-inspired extremists; Islamophobia; global economic crises stemming from Covid, conflict and climate change; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Pakistan's efforts to recover from its economic challenges, and the UNSC reform

"Development depends on peace," the prime minister said, adding, "Pakistan desires peaceful and productive relations with all our neighbours, including India.

Since August 5, 2019, PM Kakar said India, with 900,000 troops in the occupied Kashmir, imposed extended lockdowns and curfews; jailed all the genuine Kashmir leaders; violently suppressed peaceful protests; resorted to extrajudicial killings of innocent Kashmiris in fake "encounters" and so-called "cordon and search operations", and imposed collective punishments, destroying entire

villages "Access to occupied Kashmir, demanded by the UN High Commission for that neighbouring country. Human Rights and over a dozen Special Rapporteurs, has been denied by New Delhi," he told delegates from around the world.

In this regard, the Afghan girls and women are prime minister called for the the most vulnerable; as well reinforcement of the UN as revival of the Afghan Military Observer Group economy and implementafor India and Pakistan tion of the connectivity (UNMOGIP), stressing that global powers should convince New Delhi to ac- the cross- border terrorist cept Pakistan's offer of attacks against Pakistan by mutual restraint on strategic and conventional weap-

Pakistan, he said, ister said, adding, "We have shared the concerns of in-



the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

ternational community cooperation to prevent with respect to Afghanithese attacks. However, we stan, its first priority being are also taking necessary to prevent and counter all measures to end this exterterrorism from and within nally encouraged terrorism. "Yet," the prime min-

He told the internaister said, "we advocate tional community that continued humanitarian as-Pakistan's government was sistance to a destitute Afcommitted to rapid economic recovery — stabi-lize its foreign exchange reghan population in which serves and currency; expand domestic revenues and mobilize significant domestic and external investment.

projects with Central Asia. To that end, he said, Pakistan had established a "Pakistan condemns Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to expedite investment decithe TTP, Da'esh and other groups operating from Afsions, with 28 projects ghanistan," the prime minidentified in priority sectors - agriculture, mining, ensought Kabul's support and ergy and IT – for implemen-

tation in collaboration with the country's partners. The second phase of

the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), he said, had been initiated covering railway, infrastructure and manufacturing projects. Noting the far-reaching commitments made at

the SDG summit to implement the 17 anti-poverty goals, he called for ensuing implementation of the SDG Stimulus"; the rechannelling of unused Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) for development; expansion of concessional lending by the multilateral development banks; and the resolution of the debt problems of the 59 countries ecution

"keep alive" the goal of restricting global warming to .5 degrees centigrade. Pointing out that Pakistan is one of the countries worst affected by climate change, the prime minister said that the epic last summer's floods submerged a third of the country, killed 1700 and displaced over 8 million people, destroyed vital in

in debt distress.

Pakistan, he added,

also looked forward to the

fulfillment of the climate

change commitments made

at COP28 by the developed

world: to provide over \$100

billion in annual climate fi-

nance; allocate at least half

of such finance for adapta-

tion in developing countries;

operationalize the Fund

and funding arrangements for Loss and Damage; and

accelerate their carbon emis-

sion mitigation targets to

to its economy Gratified by the commitments of over \$10.5 billion for Pakistan' comprehensive plan for recovery, rehabilitation being submitted to ensure it timely funding and ex-

Kakar says the International Monetary Fund has appreciated Pakistan's crackdown against illegal currency trade, which ability of currency.

Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir KARACHI (APP): Care- fair, and transparent electaker Federal Minister for tions and providing facili-Information and Broadties to the media during the casting Murtaza Solangi

election process. The minister said that ernment will create a conconducting free, fair, and transparent elections was ducive environment for the common responsibility During a meeting with of the relevant institutions.

He said that media Sindh Justice (Retd) was part and parcel of vari-Maqbool Baqir, he said the ous stages of the election



Caretaker government to

create conducive environment

for elections: Solangi

Caretaker dispensation will perform

its duties according to the constitution

and no one will be discriminated says Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh

said on Friday that the gov-

Caretaker Chief Minister

general elections.

process as it acted as a bridge for the Election Commission of Pakistan. Authentic reporting in

elections was most important to ensure access to acdiscussed important issues curate information to the including conducting free, public, Solangi maintained.

Int'l financial institutions optimistic about Pakistan's economic stability: PM

NEW YORK (INP): Prime ing aid pledges to Pakistan Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said pledges of almost ten billion dollars were made in the aftermath of floods in the country. It will be ensured that these are converted into helped address artificial in- tangible resources to be used for rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood affected areas. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said Pakistan has deep rooted relations with China. He said Pakistan has also diversified its relations said this has developed with the United States and confidence in international other western countries. He financial institutions and said the West should know they are now optimistic that India which sits in its strategic lap to leverage about Pakistan's economic stability. The Prime Minagainst China, has trade ister said Pakistan and the ties with Beijing as well so it will be very unrealis-IMF are on the same page tic expectation from Pakivis à vis grant of subsidies to the underprivileged segstan to have its relations with one country at the

and reconstruction with resilience – the 4RF Plan – at the Geneva Conference last January, he said that specific projects were

unfair.

frastructure and caused over \$30 billion in damage nated

ing to the constitution and no one will be discrimi-In the meeting, they



bilateral ties

General Staff discuss

COAS, Saudi Chief of

RAWALPINDI APP): A high powered military delega-tion led by Chief of General Staff of Armed Forces of Saudi Arabia, General Fayyadh Bin Hamed Al Ruwaili, called on Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir in Rawalpindi on Friday.

During the meeting, both sides delib-



RAWALPINDI: Chief of General Staff of Armed Forces of Saudi Arabia, General Fayyadh Bin Hamed Al Ruwaili, meeting with Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir.

Sami asks ministries, divisions to expedite work on CPEC projects

other key areas.

as six mega infrastructure

including the Havelian-

Motorway, Hakla-D.I.Khan Motorway, Op-

more, on the western align-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Initiatives Special Muhammad Sami Saeed on Friday asked all the ministries and divisions to expedite work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The minister said this while chairing a meeting to review the progress made over the CPEC projects, a news release said. The meeting was attended by the Chief Economist of Pakistan and representatives of the various ministries and divisions.

During the meeting, the minister was apprised about the progress of the CPEC projects particularly after the 12th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting held in July 2023. The CPEC agreement was signed between Pakistan and China on July 5, 2013. The representatives of various ministries and divisions gave a detailed briefing on the (JWGs) on (Infrastructure) implementation status of their respective projects in review the projects.

erated upon various areas of mutual interest, bilateral cooperation including defence and security matters. Earlier, the Saudi military delega-

general elections. tion also called Chairman on Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza at Joint Staff

Addressing a news conference alongside Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, the minister assured impartial treatment to any political group during the election campaign. Headquarters.

Solangi said the caretaker government's tenure was extended a little bit due to the approval of fresh census results by the Council of Common Interest.

KARACHI (APP): Care-

taker Minister for Informa-

tion and Broadcasting

Murtaza Solangi Friday

reiterated the caretaker

government's commitment

for providing a level-play-

ing field to all registered

political parties during the

He pointed to Article 51 (5) of the Constitution, stating that elections would be held in line with the recently approved census after delimitation of the constituencies. The minister dis-

their election campaign. closed that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was actively engaged in the delimitation process and announced that preliminary results of the pro-

Emergency nor martial law can be imposed, Khursheed

different sectors like Energy, ISLAMABAD (Online): Infrastructure, Information Senior Leader of PPP Syed Technology, Gwadar Inter-Khursheed Shah said that national Airport, Special Economic Zone (SEZs) and Election Commission (EC) should have given only a date for elections. Neither In the early harvest Emergency nor martial law projects of CPEC, as many

can be imposed in current situation projects were completed While talking to media PPP PPP Leader Syed Khursheed Shah said that Thakot section of KKH, Multan-Sukkur (M-5) when the last week of Janu-Haklaary was given then one of the 6 days of last week tical Fiber Cable, Eastbay should have been given. Expressway and Orange This is constitutional mat-Line Metro Train. Furtherter where constitution is being violated. The responment of CPEC, work on sibility of judiciary is there.

different sections is under PPP Leader further implementation which said that it does not matter would be completed by how many years the care-2024. Since most of these taker governments plan. We highways pass through the have become affiliated with far-flung areas of Pakistan, a decease which can only it has opened those areas be cured in a democratic and for business which would parliamentary system. If bring prosperity. During the they don't hold elections meeting, it was further inthen what will they do formed that the meeting of when senate is over?

Joint Working Groups **Election Commission** (EC) may have given the will be held next week to last week of January due to fear of judiciary.



All political parties to be provided

level-playing field for elections: Solangi

the

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi addressing the Press Conference at Governor House Karachi. Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori also present on the occasion.

vember 30.

cess would be announced on taker government. November 27, with the fi-As regards the criti-

nal results set for release on cisms of Fawad Hassan Fawad, who served in the In accordance with the civil service for over 35 Election Act, he said the years, the minister high-ECP would have to give 54 lighted that Fawad had worked with various gov days to political parties for ernments.

He stressed that Solangi welcomed the announcement by the ECP civil servants had no power over choosing that elections would take place in the first week of their assignments, and January, which ended prothat unfounded criticism paganda against the care- of someone who had been

Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz **Umar Farooq released** after 4-year house arrest

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Top Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has been re-

mosque in Srinagar.

tested region.

The decision to release Mirwaiz was conveyed to him by senior police officials, who visited his lows his detention in 2019 residence and informed him when India revoked of the authorities' decision to end his house detention Kashmir's special status, and permit him to attend plunging the region into political turmoil. After his re-Friday prayers at Jamia lease, Mirwaiz was allowed Masjid, a significant mosque in Srinagar. to lead Friday prayers in

Srinagar, the principal city This development comes shortly after the of the disputed territory. government released two Mirwaiz, aged 50, was visibly emotional as he adother prominent religious leaders, Moulana Mushtaq dressed the congregation Veeri and Moulana from the pulpit of a historic Dawoodi, from detention His return to public under the Public Safety Act, a law that allows for

life was met with tears of detentions without trial for joy from numerous supup to six months.While porters who had awaited his release. During his years Mirwaiz's release marks a of confinement, Mirwaiz positive step, many played a pivotal role in or-Kashmiri separatist leaders, several of whom remain chestrating protests against Indian governance in the conunder house arrest or in police custody, remain His arrest coincided committed to their cause.

with India's decision to strip Kashmir of its statehood separate constitution, and longstanding land and job

Chairman of Benazir Income Support Program. The President ap-

proved the appointment under Section 5(III) of the Benazir Income Support Program Act, 2010.

PPP suspends lawyer Latif Khosa's party

membership ISLAMABAD (IÑP) The PPP on Friday suspended the party membership of disgruntled leader Sardar Latif Khosa and also ousted him from its central executive committee (CEC).

PPP Secretary General Nayyar Bukhari confirmed the development to a private TV channel

In an interview with unjustly imprisoned was PTV News in New York,

Solangi also clarified he said government's rethat Fawad Hassan Fawad form agenda includes increasing tax net, had no political affiliaprivatization as well as tions power sector reforms. He

Responding to a query, the minister expressed his commitment to pursuing justice in the Jan Muhammad Mahar murder case, noting that he had personally raised the matter with the interim chief minister of Sindh.

Solangi said the care taker government had nothing to do with Nawaz ments of the society. Sharif's matter, adding his cases were in the court, and it was inappropriate to speculate on the issue.

He stressed that all citizens in the country were entitled to their fundamental rights, highlighting the importance of student organizations as a pillar of democracy.



approved the appointment of Dr. Amjad Saqib as the

dent Asif Ali Zardari. The investigation officer of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) submitted record of 14 more references this day in light of the orders of top court. The bureau had shared a list of 80 references out of which record of 44 had been submitted so far. The bureau submitted

ministers

To a question regard- cost of the other.

NAB submits record of references against Nawaz, Asif Zardari

ISLAMABAD (APP): The record of toshakhana refer-National Accountability Buence against Nawaz Sharif, reau (NAB) on Friday sub-Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and mitted the record of several Asif Ali Zardari while the references to accountability record of Rental Power refcourt against former prime erence against Raja Pervaiz including Ashraf was also filed in ac-Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, countability court-III. Simi-Yousaf Raza Gilani, Raja larly, record of reference Pervaiz Ashraf and ex-presiagainst former president Asif Zardari pertaining to suspicious transaction worth Rs8 billion was also submitted to the same court.

It may be mentioned here that the top court had terminated the amendments in NAB law and ordered to restore the all reference which were returned under changes in law



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi along with Admiral Lisa M. Franchetti, US Chief of Naval Operation during the 25th International Seapower Symposium held in USA.



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Lawless city

A grim milestone has just been passed in Karachi. The recent death of a teenage robbery victim brings the number of people killed in street crime incidents in the city between January and September 2023 to 100. To put things in perspective, the total number of people to have died in incidents of terrorism across Sindh during the first six months of the current year is 19. This once again underscores the unsettling fact that Karachi is a deadly city for its people, where armed killers have complete freedom to take citizens' lives. From posh neighbourhoods to teeming slums, no area of this forsaken metropolis is safe. Muggers strike whenever they can and are ready to kill their victims at the slightest resistance. Figures compiled by the Citizens-Police Liaison Committee illustrate just how large the epidemic of street crime is. According to the CPLC, over the past nine months, some 60,000 incidents of street crime have taken place in Karachi. The figure for all of 2022 was 85,000. Police say between 50 to 60 gangs are active in this deadly business, while mobile-snatching and motorbike-lifting top the list of crimes.

Various factors are fuelling high street crime rates, including inflation, joblessness, and the lure of easy money. People often resist parting with their hard-earned cash or valuables, with the result that they end up paying with their lives. However, addressing the underlying factors behind crime is a long-term project; the immediate need is to quell the deadly wave of killings. Here, the Sindh government has failed miserably. The PPP, which has been ruling the province since 2008, has much to answer for where law and order goes. The caretaker government can only do so much, and it is hoped that the next elected government that takes power in Sindh has solid proposals to beat crime. Otherwise, precious lives will continue to be snuffed out by trigger-happy criminals.

Double standards

invasion of Iraq in 2003 were clear examples of the violation of the UN Charter In the sphere of in-



The US-led West does not such institutions as the tire of telling the rest of the IMF and World Bank to impose its own choices world to abide by the soand preferences on ecocalled rules-based world order. But while doing so, nomically weaker nations. It is also ironic that Western countries convethe US, which used to niently omit explaining that this order was estabchampion the cause of free trade, has now lished in the aftermath of started imposing eco-World War II primarily for legitimising and maintainnomic and technological ing their own global hesanctions against China to slow down the latter's gemony. The architecture economic and technoof the political, security logical progress, espeand economic institutions cially in such fields as established under the UN or under the Bretton semiconductors, AI, and quantum computing. But Woods system to regulate the post-World War this is nothing new. As II international security pointed out by Kishore Mahbubani in his book, and economic system was, in the ultimate analy-Has China won?, in the face of the tough comsis, aimed at securing this petition given by the overarching goal of the West. This is particularly true about the UN Secu-Japanese automakers to their American counterparts, "President Ronald rity Council as well as the IMF and World Bank Reagan had to twist the where no decision can be arms of the Japanese to taken without the apagree to a voluntary exproval of the US and its port restraint. Western allies.

Before World War II, there were numerous cou-ntries are also exexamples of Western countries blatantly flouting recognised principles of international law, or interpreting them to suit their convenience. This was particularly true during the colonial era, which witnessed the cruel subjugation of the people of existent even though occupied lands and the colonial rule is the very ruthless exploitation of their resources. Even the establish-

ment of the post-World War II global order did not prevent predatory Western nations from violating the recognised rules of interstate conduct to impose their will on the weaker nations. The invasion of Egypt by Great Britain and

France in 1956 in league tion of UN resolutions with Israel, and the US are generally ignored by the US-led West. The same conclu-

cultivate India as an emerging Great Power and build it up as a bulwark against China. Taiwan is recognised by the international community, including even the US, as part of China. But that has not prevented Washington from offering political and military support to adm-inistration to encourage separatist tendencies in the territory, even though it is internationally recognised as an integral part of China. Repeated calls by the US-led West on China and others to abide by the rules of the global order established by it in the aftermath of World War II are aimed at protecting its own security and economic interests. Therefore, whenever these rules come into

national interests, they have no hesitation in ig-The double stannoring them. Logically, dards of the Western China and other emergposed by their positions ing major powers can be on such subjects as the expected to insist on resituation in Hong Kong, writing these rules to make them equitable for Palestine, occupied Kashmir and Taiwan. global security and eco-When Hong Kong was nomic progress, rather being governed by the UK, Western concerns than solely promoting Western interests. about democratic values in the territory were non-

In light of the foregoing, the coming decades will witness growing tensions between the estabanti-thesis of a truly replished and the emerging resentative form of govmajor powers. Pakistan ernment. But this issue and other countries of the became a major source of Global South need to navigate carefully in the unconcern for the West once Hong Kong refolding turbulent global scenario. This scenario is verted to Chi-n-ese sovereignty. Since Israel is a marked by multipolarity virtual Western outpost and by the primacy of nain the Middle East, its extional power recognised principles of cesses against the national rights of the Palinterstate conduct.

sion applies to the treatment of the UNrecognised right of selfdetermination of the Kashmiri people by the Western countries because of their desire to Zubeida Mustafa

Earlier this year, the St Joseph's Convent School, Karachi, celebrated 160 years of its glorious existence. Those of us who had some kind of connection with this institution — mainly as students — felt a proud sense of ownership for our alma mater on this august occasion. I don't think any other girls' school in Pakistan can claim equal longevity combined with excellence.

I attended the alumni event held rec-e-ntly which became a poignant journey down memory lane. I have a double connection with SJC. Both my daughters also studied there and it was a pleasure meeting their teachers -Nilofer Minhas and Faiza Kazi — to whom I will be eternally grateful for providing my girls that extra love and support the children of working mothers need. This link, as well my own childhood school experience, makes SJC special to me.

Though sturdy stone Italian architecture and its playgrounds stretching over a vast expanse made a profound impression on my mind when I came here first as a child, an institution needs more than brick and mortar to establish its greatness. It needs teachers of substance who impart knowledge, moral

strength and integrity to their students. For SJC, this came from the nuns clad in their white habit. They were the builders of the SJC value system. Times have changed, as has the apparel of the

over nuns, the academic environs of the school and the

Going strong at 160

where country founders — a batch of five communities, when they Belgian nuns from the have the same right to life Daughters of the Cross and liberty as anyone else Institute, Liege — landed. It was Kurrachee that played host to them and where the SJC was founded in 1862. What has remained unchanged is the tradition of "relentless service to humanity", "sustained educational pursuits", "arduous struggles", "modest cour-tesy" and a "sense of duty". Above all, the aim not, in spite of its military of education as spelt out by the founders has been further strengthened. In a ring. nutshell, it seeks to develop the full potential of every student while inculcating in them the judgement to distinguish be-

tween right and wrong against the Christian comand fostering the desire to become lifelong learners. The magnitude of the school's achievements as expressed by the principal (now designated as the head of St Joseph's College) is enormous. Sister Elizabeth Niamet, succinctly described the role of SJC as the pioneer of quality education for the girl child. It turned out "refined and headstrong young ladies who have shown amazing aptitudes in various fields". Today, Josephines — thousands of them — are spread all over the world. There are 2,200 students on the school rolls. In 1862, there were 10.

I marvel at the nuns and staff at St Joseph's. I admire their dedication to the cause of education a thankless task in a country where neither state nor society really values a child's education or considers it important for human development and the country's own progress. Had this been the case, the largest non-Muslim community, that is, the Christians, would have received more appreciation for its services — not just in the education but also the health sector.

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SJC's

the also other non-Muslim under the Constitution. In fact, Islam, which we claim underpins Pakistan's political-legal structure, enjoins treating non-Muslims with compassion and giving due respect to their beliefs. Had that principle been followed, would Jaranwala have taken might, prevent this heinous incident from occur-

More importantly, this failure is not res-tricted to a single incident. Our trajectory is replete with similarly shameful crimes committed munity. Remember Shanti Nagar (1997), Sangla Hill (2005), Gojra (2009), Joseph Colony (2013), the Peshawar church attack (2013) and the attack on Ouetta churches (2017)? Even Muslim religious leaders in the country have not stood up in defence of those they should protect; they have not exhorted their followers to be respectful of other religious communities. The Christian community has suffered discrimination in all walks of life and the possibility of unverified blasphemy accusations against them continues to hang over their heads like the sword of Damocles. One has to recall the Aasiya Bibi case. The poor woman was on death row for years before she was acquitted and smuggled out of Pakistan to another country, even before the judgement was made public. In spite of this hatred displayed by those who hold extremist and bigoted views, the community, in light of their religious beliefs, continues to demonstrate the values of forgiveness, compassion and kindness. This should offer some food for thought to a section of the Muslim commu-Worse is the failure nity that prefers obscurantism. -- Courtesv

Taiwan's

conflict with the Western countries' own narrow



KARACHI: Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce Industries & Production Dr. Gohar Ejaz is being presented with memento during his visit to Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industries KCCI.

Minister says: Work on Pak-Iran gas pipeline initiated

LAHORE Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy, Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali said on Friday that work on Pak-Iran gas pipeline has been initiated. He was talking to the media after inaugurating Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) first Model Customer Service Centre Refinery was refining here at its Regional Office on Gurumangat Road. The minister said that 20 per times higher. cent natural gas has been decreased as compared to last year, while the meet the demand, he added. government would try to manage gas load-shedding in winter; however, he Russian oil, resolving the added the government refinery issues, and making

cheaper rates, after maximum relief to people. purchasing at higher rates. The minister said that The minister said that People would have to use taxpayers are feeding only the natural fuel wisely, he 9 per cent to GDP of added. Muhammad Ali, Pakistan, which is one of responding to a query the lowest in the world; about Russian oil, said that people would get relief only one cargo had arrived only if tax collection on trial basis, but the improves. problem was to refine it.

As many as 14 Only the Pakistan Oil counters have been set up at the Model Customer 46,000 tons of oil monthly, Service Centre, which while demand was many included applications for The new connection, change of government was trying to ownership, re-connection, engage private refineries to business development counter, billing counter, violation checking counter, The government is

working on importing more billing office counter, accounts/treasury counter business development could not provide gas on efforts to provide process counter.

State Bank to timely conduct biometrics ISLAMABAD (APP): All was against the policy. Pakistan

APPA urges Governor

Pensioners Tanuli said blocking the Association (APPA) pension account of a Secretary pensioner on this basis was Aurangzeb Tanuli Friday illegal and this issue should appealed to the Governor be resolved immediately so State Bank of Pakistan to that the problems of the oblige the management of pensioners could be all banks to conduct timely resolved. The general secretary biometrics of all pensioners

LESCO receives

in March and September as pointed out the important issue and said that there In a statement here, were clear orders from the the Association General State Bank and the Finance that all Secretary said it was not Minister possible for pensioners to pensioners were required to get their biometrics done in submit biometrics along with life and no marriage March and September certificate together, which every year.

Shamshad Akhtar, the Federal Minister for these reforms. Finance and Revenue on Minister The Friday said that the formally inaugurated the securities market can play Centralized Gateway vital role in the

Finance Minister suggests listing

of govt debt securities at PSX

development of debt market through the listing onboard investors and customers in the securities market, the NBFC sector, and the insurance industry. The CGP also offers

inauguration ceremony of the Centralized Gateway Portal, Dr Akhtar said that the issuance securities through public auctions at PSX will facilitate retail participation, provide greater transparency, channelize savings and promote debt market in Pakistan, Said a press release issued by SECP here. The SECP, PSX and other stakeholders need to extend of liquidity which is markets.

Rupee gains **Rs1.01** against **US Dollar**

of Government debt

securities on Pakistan

Speaking at the

Stock Exchange (PSX).

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistani Rupee on Friday witnessed the 14th consecutive recovery session as it gained Rs 1.01 against the US dollar in the of Rs292.77.

> to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 292.1 and Rs 295 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by Rs1.37 to close at Rs 310.61 against the last day's closing of Rs 311.98, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

Circle, traded at Rs 357.92 as compared to the last

the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal declined by 28 and 27 paisa to close at Rs79.43 and Rs77.78 respectively.

efficient implementation of

Portal, a unique financial initiative simultaneously

standardized, one-time KYC requirements across different asset classes. The SECP Chairman, Akif Saeed and Badiuddin Akber, Chief Executive Officer at CDC also spoke to the launching ceremony. She highlighted that one of the key issues undermining the growth of transforming the landscape

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr. concerted efforts to enable directly attributable to the small number of investors. She believes that the Centralized Gateway Portal can provide the impetus for the muchneeded growth of our investor base.

Dawn

Shamshad Dr appreciated that the CGP provide immense opportunities to investors and great convenience to market intermediaries by removing duplications and streamlining the customer onboarding process.

She appreciated SECP for its efforts and constructive reforms for facilitating investors' onboarding, with having the potential capital markets is the lack of Pakistan's capital



LAHORE: Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Moghaddam attends the session of Chamber of Commerce and Industry at LCCI in Provincial Capital.

SBP launches 'Diamond' category of Sohni Dharti **Remittance** Program

KARACHI (APP): In a bid remitters accumulate reward to further encourage remittances through formal channels, the State Bank of Pakistan, Friday, launched a new 'Diamond' category of the Sohni Dharti Program Remittance (SDRP) that offers enhanced points and additional benefits to remitters.

22, 2023, in addition to existing three- Green, Gold and Platinum- categories of SDRP that is a point-based loyalty program in which

points by remittances through formal channels of SBP regulated The category will be effective from September

entities, said a statement issued here.Former Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in his budget speech for FY24 had announced the addition of Diamond category with enhanced reward points and provision of other benefits like arms license of nonprohibited bore, preferential treatment at Pakistan embassies and airports and gratis passport to the Diamond Category holders.

sending

PASSCO declared public body under RTI Act, 2017

that Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation,' which led to Corporation (PASSCO) is a the Commission issuing a public body under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. According to the order clarifies that PASSCO, press release, this decision even though it holds the emphasizes the dedication to transparency and the commercial entity as a Public fundamental right of citizens to access essential information. The ruling

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) has ruled Vs Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation,' which led to comprehensive judgment"

> **Banking Finance Companies** (Establishment status of a corporate Regulations) Rules, 2003. The amendments, which Limited Company with have been introduced after a 75% of its capital held by comprehensive stakeholder commercial banks and 25% consultation process

SECP notifies amendments to **NBFC Rules** 2003

collaboration ISLAMABAD (APP) Tehsildars (Recovery), has The Securities and Exchange Commission of recovered Rs 61.31 million from 1,126 chronic defaulters in all its circles Pakistan (SECP), with the approval of the federal on the tenth day of its recovery campaign. government, has notified A spokesman told the amendments to the Non-

General

per the policy.

media here on Friday that Chief Engineer Ó&M and (T&G) Zafar Iqbal, with the support of Tehsildar City Mujahid Zia and Tehsildar Shalimar Noreez Humayun, recovered

Rs 61.31m on 10th day of recovery campaign LAHORE (APP): The outstanding dues of Rs Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in defaulters in Northern 4.29 million from 129 with Circle and Rs 35.62 million from 117 defaulters in Eastern respectively. Similarly, LESCO Manager (Material Disposal) Engineer Anwar

Wattoo, along with Tehsildar Model Town Rana Arsal and Tehsildar Cantt Sajjad Qureshi, recovered Rs 3.75 million from 129 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 1.64 million from 68 defaulters

in South Circle

(SBP). The Japanese Yen came down by 01 paisa to close at Rs1.96, whereas a decrease of Rs2.31 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which

closing of Rs 360.23. The exchange rates of

interbank trading and closed at Rs291.76 against the previous day's closing

However, according

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A wonderful work

was been done with regard

to medical research and the

Punjab government would

also raise the standard of

medical education in the

province in partnership

Guru Nanak's life teaches world to live with peace & prosperity. Khalil George

KARTARPUR (Online): create relationships of There is an urgent need to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Devji. Guru Nanak's life teaches us how to live with peace and prosperity. These views were expressed by the Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George during his visit to Kartarpur on the occasion of Guru Nanak Devji's death anniversary.

Federal The Minister visited the shrine of Guru Nanak Devji.Guru Nanak Ji, the founder of Sikhism, always taught peace and harmony to the world. In today's violent society, administration during his there is an urgent need to

The Caretaker Federal Minister further said that today's leaders who are involved in petty power politics and selfinterest need to pay attention to the message of peace. We need leaders

our youth.



FAISALABAD: Religious Scholar Allah Wasaya addressing during the 16th Khatme Nabuwwat conference along the Satyana road in city.

PPP for specific date for general elections in country

DI KHAN (INP): Central the month of January for Information Secretary of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Faisal Karim Kundi has underlined the need for the Election Commission Party had always

to announce a cut-off date adopted a principled for general elections to put position that elections a permanent end to the uncertainty surrounding accordance with the the electoral process in the country.

He expressed these views while talking to the Election Commission of media at Kundi Model Pakistan (ECP). Farm here Friday.

He said that the had also expressed its formal announcement of willingness about the election schedule and its election to be held in 60 date was a part of the days and while respecting constitutional procedure, the but the ECP had neither consultation of the given any schedule for the coalition parties, we agreed election nor announced its to hold the election within date. Merely announcing 90 days.

mutual respect and love among all communities. Which he always taught in his teachings. We all have to work for peace in our personal and public life.

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori presiding over a meeting of Ulema at Governor House AJK PM for quality cell phone who can be role models for

Meanwhile, Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George commended the Kot Lakhpat jail visit to jail on Friday.

the election is not enough,

he added.

service, improved network coverage in remote areas MIRPUR (INP): Vice service quality to the important for the benefit of the President Telenor Pakistan, satisfaction of its

customers in AJK. Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi was called on AJK Prime He said that the Minister Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq at Jammu company should take immediate measures to and Kashmir House here improve the network

Friday and discussed the coverage in remote areas. issues of mutual interest with special reference to the cellular phone services operated by the Telenor company in the State. regard.

Speaking on the asion, Chaudhry occasion, Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq said that Telenor should improve its

I do not feel good due to Jail food,

Parvez Elahi

Faisal Karim Kundi AHORE (Online): said that the People's Former Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhary Parvez Elahi said that Jail food is being given which is not good for health. should be held in Earlier there was a doctor's Constitution and this facility but now they have crucial requirement created problems in it too. should be fulfilled by the While talking informally to journalists in

Anti-terrorism Court He said that the party (ATC), former Chief Minister said that Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif are both brothers who are responsible for high cost of electricity. Today, middle and class has also affected due to inflation. The system has stopped due to not holding general elections. on human rights issues province and the difficulties faced by the Directorate General in carrying out its human rights-related responsibilities. The team emphasized the urgent need to establish regional divisions within the Directorate The

General to ensure the and Human Rights.

Minister was given a detailed presentation on the current violations.

prime minister the people. He also regarding the service-stressed the need for quality of Telenor network providing the Easy Paisa in Azad Kashmir and the facility to get the Zakat provision of facilities money delivered to the offered to the customers by people of Azad Kashmir. the company. He said that Telenor,

being one of the largest mobile networks, has been providing quality service to its customers living in remote areas. He said that Telenor has installed 450 towers in Azad Kashmir to Raza Zulfigar Nagvi provide quality services to customers.

Railways to shut down Shalimar

Express

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Railways has decided to shut down Shalimar Express once again due to financial crunch.

According to media reports, the railway's administration was facing a loss of about Rs2 million daily. The Shalimar Express plies between Lahore to Karachi.

In May 2023, the Pakistan Railways had revived the high-speed Shalimar Express passenger train after eight months. To enhance the facilities for the high-speed train, its 19 coaches had been reconditioned at Mughalpura Workshop.

CM visits Ningxia Medical University

LAHORE (APP): Punjab education, saying that Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited hour. Medical Ningxia

University in Yangchuan capital of Ningxia province of China where he was briefed about the education and research facilities by the vice chancellor at

senior faculty members. During the visit, the CM visited different with Ningxia Medical University, he added. Visiting China is not a sections including research routine visit but the bilateral cooperation and development facilities would be exploited to and held meetings with better serve the people, he faculty members as well as the Pakistani students said enrolled in the university, said a handout issued here on Friday. The CM appreciated

the innovative approach

Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Pakistan embassy officials and senior officials of the Ningxia government were with regard to medical also present.



LAHORE: Pakistan Messiah Millat Party Chairman Aslam Pervez Sahotra addressing press conference along with others at press club in Provincial Capital.

Crackdown against counterfeit drugs leads to significant seizures

Independent Report PESHÂWAR: Abbas, has announced a significant crackdown on counterfeit and fraudulent medicines in the province. This operation has led to substantial seizures and actions taken against those responsible.

Dr. Abbas disclosed information, the Drug Control Peshawar successfully intercepted a large quantity of counterfeit drugs being transported via illegal medications were analysis.

enroute from Karachi to The Peshawar through Daewoo Director General of Drugs cargo services. The seized and Pharmacy Services, Dr. contraband includes a staggering 37,000 counterfeit tablets and medicines, supposedly procured by the Sindh government. Investigations are underway to trace the origin of these fake drugs within Peshawar. In the Namak Mandi area, that, based on confidential numerous drug supplier stores underwent rigorous inspections. During these checks, samples of suspected fraudulent drugs were collected and sent to Daewoo Cargo. These the drug lab for thorough

The PM said that the He said that the world cellular companies, which had now become a global village and cellular companies had played an have been earning huge revenue from Azad Kashmir, should also important role in this spend money on CSR projects for the citizens of The PM said that the Azad Kashmir.

Easy Paisa facility offered by Telenor was also very gave a detailed briefing to **Minister vows action**

Independent Report PESHAWAR: A meeting was convened at the office of Mr. Syed Arshad Husain Shah, the caretaker minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, and Human Rights in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. purpose of the meeting was

protection of fundamental to discuss the state of human rights in the rights at the local level. The province and the necessary Minister assured that this matter would be promptly measures needed to enhance and fortify the addressed with the relevant authorities. Furthermore, the human rights framework within the region. Present Minister stated his intention at the meeting were to convene a meeting with the representatives from the Police and Revenue Directorate General of Law departments as soon as possible to enhance coordination

During the meeting, the between departments when investigating human rights

International News

human rights situation in the

Leaders of Syria and China announce strategic partnership as part of Asian Games diplomacy

wishes

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China and Syria announced the formation of a strategic partnership on Friday as Chinese leader Xi Jinping kicked off a series of diplomatic meetings ahead of the upcoming Asian Games. Xi met Syrian President Bashar Assad in the southern Chinese city of Hangzhou, which is hosting the 15-day sports

competition. "In the face of the unstable and uncertain international situation, China is willing to work with Syria to firmly support each other ... and jointly safeguard international fairness and justice," Xi said in a video clip posted online by

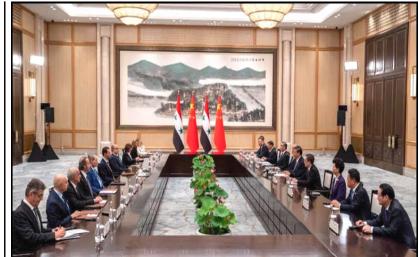
state broadcaster CCTV. Assad's visit parallels in some ways that of Russian President Vladimir Putin last year for the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics. Both leaders are virtual pariahs in the West but welcomed by China as it tries to expand its global influence and promote an alternative to the U.S.-led international order. The Syrian leader will

attend the Asian Games opening ceremony on Saturday night along with the king of Cambodia, the crown prince of Kuwait and the prime ministers of Nepal, East Timor and South Korea, China's Foreign Ministry has said.

Xi also met Kuwait Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah on Friday and said he would work with him to take bilateral relations to a new level, CCTV reported. Both meetings took

place at a state guest house at West Lake, a scenic tourist destination in Hangzhou that has inspired Chinese painters for centuries.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni arrived Friday at the airport in Hangzhou. CCTV video posted online showed him walking down the stairs from his plane to the tarmac for a red carpet welcome that included the Asian Games mascots.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Syria's President Bashar al-Assad and other officials in eastern Hangzhou city, China.

Zelenskyy asks Congress for more Ukraine aid. Vance says he didn't attend 'farce' meeting doubt lies on President

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Ukrai-nian President Volodymyr US pledges new

sion

aid for Haiti **Monitoring Desk** EW YORK: The United States on Friday unveiled \$65 million more in help for Haiti's police and urged the U.N. Security Council to formally back the deployment of a multinational se-

curity mission to help the Caribbean country battle crippling gang violence. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Speaking at a meeting

Ukraine Zelenskyy's stop in Washington, which included in New York to address the security situation in Haiti, U.S. Secretary of State a bipartisan meeting with a Antony Blinken said the

Sudan's military leader warns mission, led by Kenya, could deploy "within months.""We really have no time to lose," Blinken said. Haiti last year asked for

help to combat violent gangs that have largely overrun the capital Port-au-Prince. The council could vote as soon as next week, diplomats said, on a U.S.-drafted resolution supporting a multinational police deployment.

While not providing any troops, Blinken said the Biden administration will work with the U.S. Congress to provide \$100 million to back the multinational mission with logistical and financial assistance. This could include intelli gence support, airlift, communications and medical

downed a total of five missiles, the ministry said

group of House lawmakers and an all-senators meeting, noticeably lacked the fan-Zelenskyy on Thursday made his second visit to fare he saw when he addressed a joint meeting of Congress last December. Capitol Hill in another pitch to U.S. lawmakers to President Joe Biden in

continue supporting his August requested lawmakembattled nation's war efers to approve another \$24 fort against Russia's invabillion in additional aid related to Ukraine. But on the surface, his

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who appearance looks to have done little to change the has expressed reluctance to hearts and minds of lawinclude Ukraine aid in a spending package to fund makers skeptical of providthe government, declined to ing additional assistance to commit to putting Biden's ask on the House floor on

Thursday. "I think a lot of this

Mikhail Razvozhayev, said

the attack had caused a fire

and people were being

urged to avoid the city cen-

tre where the navy build-

ing is located, with

firefighters working and

some roads closed.

Razvozhayev said there

were no civilian casualties or

damage to civilian infrastruc-

Ukraine in 2014.

He hasn't made the case to the American public, what is victory? What does it take to be able to

win?" McCarthy said. "But I believe when we're looking at where we're going right now, Zelenskky has answered a lot of questions for me.

Ahead of Zelenskyy visit, a coalition of 28 GOP lawmakers from the Senate and House signed a letter opposing Biden's request arguing the White House has not done enough to persuade Congress on the war's progress.

More than 50 arrested in latest Italy raid Monitoring Desk

MILAN: Over 50 people have been arrested in a new police raid against the 'Ndrangheta mafia in Italy, Carabinieri police said in a statement on Fri day.

Deploying more than 400 personnel, the opera-tion, named 'Karpanthos', was led by Prosecutor Nicola Gratteri, one of Italy's best-known anti-Mafia investigators.

ture in his report on the inci-Police said 38 people dent on the Telegram messaghave been jailed, six put ing app. Crimea, which Rusunder house arrest and eight given orders not to leave sia seized and annexed from their hometowns.

Saudi ties with Israel will betray Palestinians, fears Raisi Monitoring Desk

UNITED NATIONS: Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has accused regional rival Saudi Arabia of betraying the Palestinians by seeking to normalise relations with Israel.

"We believe that a relationship between regional countries and the Zionist regime would be a stab in the back of the Palestinian people and of the resistance of the Palestinians," he said. "The initiation of a re-

lationship between the Zionist regime and any country in the region, if it is with the aim to bring security for the Zionist regime, will certainly not do so," Raisi told

news conference on Wednesday as he attended the UN General Assembly. Saudi Arabia and Israel have bonded in part over shared hostility to Iran's clerical state, although Riyadh has moved to ease tensions with Tehran through talks brokered by China. US President Joe Biden is hoping to transform the Middle East — and score an election-year diplomatic victory by securing recognition of the Jewish state by Saudi Arabia. On Wednesday, Biden met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.



Abdel-Fattah Al-Burhan Abdelrahman Al-Burhan, President of the Transitional Sovereign Council of Sudan, addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

North Korea's Kim sets forth steps to boost Russia ties as US & Seoul warn about weapons deals while they are engaged in **Monitoring Desk**

separate confrontations SEOUL: North Korean with the West. leader Kim Jong Un ordered unspecified steps to meeting on Wednesday, further develop relations with Russia after his rebe done on further develcent visit to the country oping bilateral ties at "a as his foreign rivals warn new high level at the practhat any cooperation on tical stage" to consolidate military weapons would be dangerous and bring sia trip, the official Koconsequences.

rean Central News Agency Experts speculated said Friday. North Korea and Russia likely discussed banned need to expand bilateral coarms transfer deals and other cooperation measures during Kim's six-day trip last week. They say the two coun-

operation in every field, making a substantial contribution to the promotion of the well-being of tries are serious about the people of the two countries, KCNA said. sharply boosting their ties

During a Politburo

Kim arranged for work to

'the success" of his Rus-

Kim underscored the

Monitoring Desk ABUJA: The war in Sudan could spread beyond the northeast African country's borders if it is not stopped, Sudan's army chief told the United Nations General Assembly, while urging world leaders to designate the rival paramilitary force as a terrorist group.

his wife Olena Zelenska, left, meet with Governor

General Mary Simon and her husband Whit

the war in his country could

"The nature of this war is now a threat to regional and international eace and security. ... This is like the spark of war, a war that will spill over to other countries in the region," Sudan army chief U.N. envoy in the country.

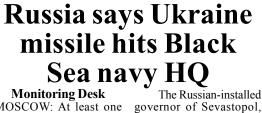
Fraser in Ottawa.

spread beyond its borders Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan told world leaders late Thursday. Sudan plunged into conflict in April when long-simmering tensions escalated between the military, led by Burhan, and the rival Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo. They had joined forces in 2021 to seize power in a coup that

cast aside Sudan's pro-democracy movement. The conflict has killed at least 5,000 people and wounded 12.000 others, according to Volker Perthes, the support, he said.

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: At least one Ukrainian missile struck the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea navy in the Crimean port of Sevastopol

on Friday, and a major cyberattack interrupted internet services on the peninsula, Russian-installed officials said. Russia's defence ministry said one serviceman was missing after the attack, revising its earlier statement that the serviceman had been killed. Air defences had



Caretaker Sindh CM launches drive to purge govt depts of corruption

The anti-corruption campaign will start from SBCA and KWSB

Independent Report KARACHI: Following reports of widespread corruption within Sindh government departments, Caretaker Chief Minister Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqar has taken decisive action, starting with the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and the Karachi Water and Sanitation Board (KWSB). He has called on local government officials to activate various departments and root out corruption.

"I regret to say that no being approved without bribery, and illegal hydrants have become a lucrative source of income. This is unacceptable," the CM emphasised.

He expressed concern that corruption within the SBCA has tarnished the government's reputation. Every approval granted by the SBCA comes at a cost, and no layout plan gets approval without under-the-table payments," he lamented and pointed out that this corruption has

of illegal construction in the tivities. He also voiced his city.

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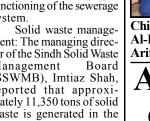
the SBCA.

displeasure at overflowing CM Bagar warned the gutters damaging the city's SBCA to become an effiroads and instructed the honest, and KWSB to ensure the proper hardworking organisation functioning of the sewerage committed to promoting system

quality construction in the city. He added that strict ment: The managing direcactions would be taken, if tor of the Sindh Solid Waste necessary. He instructed the Management Board (SSWMB), Imtiaz Shah, interim Local Government Minister Mubin Jumani to reported that approxieliminate corruption within mately 11,350 tons of solid waste is generated in the city. He noted progress in door-to-door waste collecbuilding layout plans are at illegal hydrants in the tion in various districts and vowed to improve sweeping, trash collection, and road cleaning. The CM said that he might personally

money-making ventures. Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab informed the interim CM about the crackdown initiated against illegal hydrants, which yielded the arrest of 70 individuals and the impounding of 17 water tankers. CM Baqar directed the

Local Government Department to expedite operations against illegal hydrants and contributed to the problem prevent such unlawful ac- terest of people.



The caretaker CM also expressed his concerns city, which were originally established to temporarily water supply to colonies but have now become inspect the city's cleanli ness. Local Councils: Local Government Secretary Manzoor Shaikh briefed the

CM on the structure of local councils in Karachi and their transition period. The CM directed the Local Government Department to complete the transition by

October 1, 2023, enabling local councils to begin their operations in the best in-

Chief of General Staff of the Saudi Armed Forces, General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili, along with the members of his delegation, called on President Dr Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Alvi for enhanced Pak-Saudi cooperation in economic, defence sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on culture, information tech-Friday said Pakistan highly nology, energy and mining. valued its relations with In this regard, a Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has been set Saudi Arabia and was committed to enhancing bilateral economic, investment up to serve as a one-win-

dow platform to fast-track Talking to the visiting decision-making and facili-Chief of General Staff of tate foreign direct investthe Saudi Armed Forces ment. Expressing satisfac-General Fayyadh bin tion at the existing level of Pak-Saudi bilateral coop-Hamed Al-Ruwaili, who led a delegation here at the eration, the president said Aiwan-e-Sadr, he said Pathat the high-level exkistan was looking for inchanges of military leadervestment from Saudi Arabia ship of the two countries would further boost deand other countries in diverse fields. President Alvi fence cooperation. Alvi said mentioned that Pakistan he was highly impressed by had huge potential in four the vision of Saudi Crown

key sectors including agri- Prince Mohammad bin Salman that led to the normalisation of relations between the Kingdom and Iran, which he said, was essential to bring peace and prosperity to the region.

He said Saudi Arabia always supported Pakistan at difficult times and emphasized that the brotherly countries enjoyed excellent relations in various field and had commonality of views on various regional and international issues.

He thanked the Saudi leadership for providing financial support to Pakistan to help it deal with its economic challenges

Husband kills wife on suspicion of infidelity

KARACHI (INP): A mai gunned down his wife or suspicion of infidelity in North Nazamabad, Karachi on Friday.

According to police, the accused, Abdul Ghani, suspected that his wife, Gulreeza, had relations with another man in the locality, which she repeatedly denied.

Some hours before the incident, the couple had a brief altercation, which led to Ghani killing Gulreeza. After killing his wife,

Ghani fled the scene. Police sent Gulreeza's body for an autopsy and launched an investigation

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Pakistan looks forward to fulfillment of COP28 climate change commitments: PM

Saturday September 23, 2023

UNITED NATIONS nance challenge was a (APP): Caretaker Prime prime illustration of (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said that Pakistan looked forward to the fulfillment of the climate change commit-ments made at COP28 by the developed world including the provision of over \$100 billion in annual climate finance.

in his address at the 78th

session of the United Na-

tions General Assembly,

said the developed coun-

He said the devel-oped world had also

pledged to accelerate their

carbon emission mitiga-

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the impacts of COVID-19, conflicts and climate on developing countries. Prime Minister

Kakar said Pakistan was one of the worst affected countries from the impacts of climate change.

The epic floods of The prime minister, last summer, he added, submerged a third of the country, killed 1700 and displaced over eight million people, destroyed vitries had committed to altal infrastructure and caused over \$30 billion in locate at least half of clidamage to Pakistan's mate finance for adaptation in developing couneconomy operationalising the Fund and funding arrangements for Loss and Damage.

He said Pakistan was gratified by the commitments of over \$10.5 billion for its comprehensive plan for recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction with resilience – the 4RF Plan – at the Geneva Conference last January.

'Specific projects are being submitted to ensure timely funding and execution of the 4RF Plan. I hope our development partners will accord priority to allocation (release) of funds for our "resilient" recovery Plan He told the world which has been costed at leaders that Pakistan's \$13 billion," the prime triple food, fuel and fi- minister remarked.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani exchanging views with Jemal Beker Abdula, Ambassador of the Ethiopia during meeting held at Parliament House in Islamabad.

Pakistan, OIC to propose further steps to combat Islamophobia: PM Kakar

NATIONS Islamophobia. (APP): Caretaker Prime

Earlier this year, the Human Rights Council adopted an **OIC** resolution submitted by Pakistan, urging the states to outlaw the burning of the Holy Quran and similar provocations, he added.

bat Islamophobia, including the appointment of a spe-He also welcomed the cial envoy, creation of an legislation initiated by Den-Islamophobia data centre, mark and contemplated by legal assistance to victims Sweden towards that end.

NEW YORK: A delegation of Association of Physicians of Pakistani -descent of North America called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Ambassador of Ethiopia, **Chairman Senate discuss** strengthening bilateral ties

Pillion riding banned across Sindh KARACHI (INP): The Sindh government imposed on Friday a ban on pillion

Naval Chief attends Int'l Seapower Symposium in USA

SLAMABAD (PR): Twenty fifth International Seapower Symposium-2023 (ISS-25) was held at US Naval War College Newport in Rhode Island.

and defence ties.

The event involved banel discussions on issues related to common maritime challenges and opportunities to enhance international maritime security cooperation. A Large number of Heads of World Navies or their senior representatives attended ISS-25

During ISS, Naval Chief Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niaz held bi- ronment in the region.



Maritime Perspective of Pakistan with special focus on its contributions to regional maritime security. He said Pakistan Navy's initiative of Regional Maritime Security Patrol, which is aimed to shoulder interna-

tional obligations for safe and secure maritime enviinto the murder.

ISLAMABAD (Online): ests, and mutual support Ambassador of Ethiopía to Pakistan, Jemal Beker Abdula called on Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani here at the Parliament House today. The meeting focused on reinforcing the longstanding and friendly relationship between Pa-

kistan and Ethiopia, concentrating on enhancing trade, parliamentary coop-eration, and matters of mutual interest.

Chairman Sanjrani emphasized the importance of the existing strong bond between the two nations, rooted in shared history, common inter-

ISLAMABAD: The Former Chief Economist DFID,

Mr Stefan Dercon called on Pakistan's Caretaker

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Af-

fair Dr. Shamshad Akhtar at the Finance Division.

FBR has neither imposed Tax

penalty nor issued any recovery

letter: Spokesperson

KARACHI (INP): The tax exempted from deduc-

taxes

Civil Aviation Authority

(CAA) on Friday clarified

that allegations leveled in a letter from Civil Aviation

Officers Association are

based on malafide intention

CAA spokesperson viewed that FBR has nei-

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at international platforms. He stressed the need to foster trade and economic ties, highlighting the facilitation and improvement of contacts between Pakistani and Ethiopian busi-

nessmen In the discussion. both sides accentuated the augmentation of bilateral trade volume and applauded the resumption of flights between Pakistan and Ethiopia. Chairman

Sanjrani Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani lauded the initiative, stating that it would enhance connectivity not only within Africa but also with Pakistan.

riding in the province as part of security arrangements for Rabiul Awal 12. According to a notification issued by the home department, a ban has been

imposed on pillion riding in all cities on the 11th and 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal The home department further added that the ban won't apply to women, children below the age of 12 vears, senior citizens, per-

sonnel of law enforcement agencies/security agencies in uniform employees of essential services and journalists subject to showing their press card/service card.

Rangers arrests two street criminals

KARACHI (INP): The Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police, in a joint intelligencebased operation in the Orangi Town area, arrested two alleged street criminals and recovered arms used in the crimes from their possession

According to a Rangers spokesman on Friday, the arrested were identified as Noor Hayat and Zakariya. The arrested, along with their other ac-

on Friday. complices, committed a During the meeting, Vice Chancellor Dr. Niaz robbery on February 14th this year in a clinic located Akhtar presented a detailed in Muslimabad, during overview of the university's which they snatched six key achievements and ongomobile phones and cash worth Rs. 60,000. They ing challenges. Among the challenges discussed were could be easily identified in the CCTV footage. They pending issues related to land grabbing, which have confessed to committing been a source of concern for more than 50 robberies in the university. Chief Justice areas including Orangi Qazi Faez Isa showed deep Town, Nazimabad, and concern for the longstanding

As a consequence of constitutional amendment. the Province of Sindh reothers. Raids were being pealed the Trust Act 1882 lacking true facts. In a press release the Trust Act 2020 later conducted to apprehend their other accomplices.

> (Amendment) Act 2021. FBR revoked registration of CAA Employees Pension Fund and require the Pension Fund to be re-registered under the Sindh

tion of income/withholding

Employees Pension Fund Trust Act 2021. FBR commenced defined Benefit plan for the duction of taxes on investbenefit of eligible employment income generated by ees of CAA under trust deed dated 18-08-2000 in the fund however, CAA Pension Fund approached accordance with rule 01 of relevant banks and propart III of the sixth schedvided stay order granted in favor of CAA Pension Fund ule of Income Tax Ordiby the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in suite

In compliance to ap-plicable laws FBR treated against provision of tax exthe investment income emption certificate by exearned by pension fund as empted entities.

nizing the gravity of the situamended as Sindh Trust

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori alongwith Amir JI Karachi Hafiz Naeemur Rehman talking with mediemn. CJ Qazi Faez Isa

participates in QAU syndicate meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): ation, he has instructed to The Quaid-e-Azam Uniprioritize and expedite the versity convened its Synresolution of these land-redicate meeting yesterday, lated challenges. The agenda bringing together all memalso encompassed deliberations on the recommenda-tions put forth by the Selecbers, including the distinguished presence of Chief Justice of Pakistan, Qazi tion Board. Chief Justice Faez Isa. The meeting, Qazi Faez Isa, emphasized chaired by University's the paramount importance Vice Chancellor, Dr. Niaz of strict adherence to Rules Akhtar, said a press release and Regulations to maintain the integrity of the institu-

tion The Syndicate members discussed the issue of engaging students for positive and healthy activities. Waseem Ajmal Chaudhary, Secretary Federal Education, expressed his opinion in favor of students' union, but he lamented that it was banned in 1984.

Faez Isa said that the said land issues plaguing Quaid-Martial Law Order was rei-Azam University. Recogpealed by an Act of Parliament in 1989



Laghari in group photo with participants of Saudi Émergency Medical Services Conference.

ported on Friday.

ers in these areas have been faced with great trouble as their crops, spread over millions of acres of land, are drying up in the attack.

Farmers said that all the pesticides were fake as none of them had been producing any results.

Another female faces sexual harassment in

broad daylight KARACHI (INP): Karachi reported yet another distressing incident of a man sexually harassing a female on the street in broad daylight on Friday.

According to the police officials, an unknown motorcyclist harassed the female in the locality of North Karachi, Sector 11-B, and fled the scene.

The CCTV footage that emerged from the nearby residence captured the culprit's face clearly, showing him sexually harassing the woman.

In the recent past, team. On the occasion of the visit of the team of Sindh several cases of harassing females in broad daylight Food Authority, the cleanliness situation in the prohave occurred across the duction part of the comcountry especially in Pakistan

and an accountability process to punish Islamophobic crimes.

Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

Kakar on Friday said that

Pakistan and the Organiza-

tion of Islamic Cooperation

(OIC) countries would pro-

pose further steps to com-

UNITED

78th UN General Assembly session, the prime minister said that last year, the Assembly adopted a resolution, proposed by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC, declaring March 15 as the International Day to Combat Kakar observed.

While Islamophobia is an age-old phenomenon; however, after the 9/11 ter-In his address at the rorist attacks, it has assumed epidemic proportions, as manifested in the negative profiling of Muslims; and attacks on Islamic sites and symbols, such as the recent public burnings of the Holy Quran," PM

Kashmir issue should be resolved as per **UN resolutions: FM**

NEW YORK (Online): involved in brazen violations of human rights Caretaker Foreign Minister (FM) Jalil Abbas Jillani has therein said Kashmir is very vital He reiterated Pakistan issue and it should be re-

will continue to support Kashmiris at every forum. Palestine issue should also be addressed on prior-

tions. "All the outstanding issues between Pakistan ity basis for establishment and India can come to end of peace in Middle East. only if Kashmir issue is re-He remarked Pakistan solved, he said in an interis among most affected view to Al-Jazeera TV here. countries by climate

He went on to say rechange. During the flood solving Kashmir issue as last year standing crops on per UN resolutions is very million acres land and infrastructure was destroyed. Over 7 lac Indian

He held UN Secretary armed troops are there in General extended full sup-Occupied Kashmir. While port to Pakistan in this trying time. Indian security forces are

Visits Naurus Company SFA imposed fine of **Rs. 4 lakh for poor** sanitation

Independent Report KARACHI: Director General Sindh Food Authority in the chemical drums. The Agha Fakhar Hussain along with his team has paid a

Company. On this occa-

sion, Deputy Director

Kemari Muhammad Bashir

Khan was also with the

important.

unsanitary. Pickles and other food items were kept team of Sindh Food Authority imposed a fine of Rs. 4



surprise visit to Naurus lac. The company's production house has been temporarily closed. Talking on this occasion; Director General Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhar Hussain has said that all establishments manufacturing food and beverages should follow the rules of pany was found to be very Sindh Food Authority.

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drying up in an attack of the "leaf curler" insect as the fake and expensive pesticides are ineffective in curtailing the damage, re-Farmers and landown-

Chief Justice Qazi