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bravely and repulsed the

attacks inflicting heavy ca-

sualties to the terrorists. During the fire exchange,

twelve terrorists were sent

to hell, while a large num-

ber has been critically injured," the ISPR said.

was being carried out to

eliminate any other terror-

kistan are determined to

eliminate the menace of ter-

rorism and such sacrifices

of our soldiers further

strengthen our resolve. The

brave people of Chitral also

stand firmly with the secu-

rity forces in not allowing

the terrorists to ruin the

peace of the area," the ISPR

ernment was expected to

fulfill its obligations and

deny the use of Afghan soil

by terrorists for perpetu-

ating acts of terrorism

Interim Afghan Gov-

ists found in the area.

Sanitization of the area

"Security forces of Pa-

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We owe martyrs, their families a great deal

#### Caretaker PM lauds martyrs' sacrifices for defence of motherland

Says nation stands with armed forces to thwart evil designs

ISLAMABAD Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq on Wednesday highly praised the sacrifices of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the defence of the country.

While addressing a ceremony held in connection with the Defence Day celebrations at the national monument Shakarparian, he threw light on the significance of martyrdom in Is-

"A Shaheed will desire to go to the world and wish to experience the same thing of being killed in the path of Allah again and again," he pointed out.

Our martyrs are the crown of our heads. We owe them and their families a great deal. The slightest thing we can do for them is respect the families of the martyrs," he said.

The prime minister also laid flowers at the national monument and also paid homage to the heroes of the freedom struggle.

APP adds: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday laid floral wreath here at Yadgar-e-Shuhada to pay homage and tribute to the valiant soldiers of the armed forces.

Speaking at a ceremony held here at Pakistan monument in connection with the Defence and Martyrs Day, the prime minister said "We come here to pay tribute to valiant sons of the soil who embraced 'Shahadat' while ensuring

the security of the nation" He said "our martyrs who embraced martyrdom for the sake of their people and the country can never be forgotten and will always remain in our hearts" The prime minister also specifically mentioned martyrs with great rever-

who in their respective times sacrificed their lives to safeguard their nation, country, people and laws had in fact offered their lives in the way of Allah

Almighty.

Referring to the moments of martyrdom of the valiant soldiers, the prime minister said "this is the moment that appears to be a death but actually it is the moment of meeting with the

He said the way the martyrs receive peace and blessings after death, they would have been longing for sacrificing their lives again



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister Prince Ali Ahmed Baloch meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

#### Jan Achakzai welcomes Caretaker PM's crackdown on sugar smuggling

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has welcomed Prime Minister Anwar Kakar's crackdown on sugar smuggling.

In a statement issued here, Jan Achakzai said the effort will help to reduce the price of sugar in the

Achakzai said that the

tion against sugar smugglers in Balochistan, impounding a large quantity of the commodity. He said the FC has become a focal agency to lead the efforts to curb sugar smuggling.

The information minister assured the people of Balochistan that the government will do everything in its power to control the menace of sugar smuggling Frontier Corps (FC) North and ensure that the price of sugar remains affordable.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging views with Admiral Erucment Tatlioglu, Commander Turkish Naval Forces during meeting held at Naval Headquarters in Islamabad.

#### **Cmdr Turkish Naval Force, Naval Chief discuss** bilateral naval collaboration

(INP): ISLAMABAD Commander Turkish Naval Forces, Admiral Ercüment TATLIO?LU on Wednesday paid visit to Naval Headquarters Islamabad and called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan

was received by Chief of the Naval Staff.

A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Navy presented Guard of Honour. Chief of Turkish Navy laid floral wreath at Shuhada Monument and afterwards was introduced to Principal Upon arrival at Naval
Headquarters, the dignitary
Headquarters.

#### JI Balochistan to stage dharna against inflation in front of **Governor House on 24th**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Jama'at-e-Islami (JI) Balochistan would stage protest sit-in (dharna) against inflation on September 24 in front of the Governor House,

The Ameer Jama'at-e-Islami Sirajul Haq would

lead the dharna in Quetta. This was announced by the provincial Ameer of JI Balochistan, Abdul Haq in the country.

Hashmi while addressing a press conference at the Quetta Press Club on Wednesday. He expressed deep concern over the increasing price hike in the country, which has made the life of common men mis-

He said that the recent increase in the petroleum prices and tariff of electricity has contributed a lot in the ever increasing inflation

#### CJCSC, Services Chiefs pay tribute to martyrs, families on 58th Defence Day

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) Services Chiefs and Armed Forces of the country paid rich tribute to martyrs, their families and war veterans on the 58th Defence and Martyrs' Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the country's military leadership in its message said that on 6th September 1965, it was yet again displayed that a smaller but righteous force overcame a numerically larger enemy with professionalism, determination and faith.

"Indeed this day and associated heroics and sacrifices continue to inspire our generations. The day exudes the spirit of unity and sacrifice in the defence of our motherland," the ISPR said.

'We owe our freedom and peace to the unprecedented sacrifices of our martyrs and veterans. Pakistan remain committed to ensuring the defence of the motherland against all internal and external

#### Ch Shujaat has sent me to PTI: Pervaiz Elahi

ISLAMABAD (Online) PTI president Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi has said Chaudhry Shujjat has sent him to PTI, therefore, he

is not leaving party.

He said this during an informal talks with media men in court room on Wednesday.

To a question from journalist chaudhry Sahb why are you not returning to your party he said Chaudhry Shujaat himself has sent him to PTI, therefore, he is not leaving

The journalist again questioned why Chaudhry Shujaat does not join PTI

Pervaiz Elahi said Chaudhry Shujaat would have joined PTI but he could not come due to his son Chaudhry Salik. He was very fond of becoming minister so he has fulfilled his desire



the Martyrs & Ghazis of the 1965 war, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar laying floral wreath and offering Dua at Pakistan Monument.

100 dams project be completed at the earliest:

#### Caretaker CM stresses need to increase capacity of water storage for promotion of agriculture

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has thorities to complete the meeting about the departproject of construction nof 100 dams in province at the earliest.

In addition to the conprojects of development of command areas should also project. be completed soon, maintained the caretaker Chief Minister while chairing a meeting about the departmental affairs of Provincial Irrigation department here on Wednesday. The Advisor to Chief project.

Minister for Irrigation, Mir Danish Langove, Chief

Secretary Finance and tion of agriculture in the other concerned high ups province. were in attendance at the He noted with concern

that we are consuming the

drinking water of next gen-

plete the ongoing projects

complete the projects of

development of command

area along with the dams

just because their (dams)

utilization would not be

possible without develop-

implementation on the

projects of dams in

continue to serve them in

better manner. In this re-

cerned departments would

solve the public issues. The Minister Home was speak-

ing to members of delega-

tions from different areas

for resolving certain issues.

egations thanked the Min-

thankful to the Minister

who gave patient hearing to

their issues related to law

and order, health, education,

communication, electricity

Domki pleased

over victory of

Pak team against

Bangladesh

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The caretakeı

Chief Minister Balochistan,

Mir Ali Mardan Khan

Domki expressed pleasure

over the victory of Pakistan

cricket team in the match

played against Bangladesh

in the Asia Cup cricket

issued here, the caretaker

Chief Minister greeted the

national cricket team, Paki-

stan Cricket Board and team

Management over the win against Bangladesh.

He said that the perfor-

mance of Pakistani team has been commendable in

the Asia Cup. He said that Pakistan

has demonstrated excellent

performance in all the

matches played so far. He

said that the team Pakistan

comprises international re-

puted talented players.
The Chief Minister

also said that the skipper

Babar Azam, Shaheen Afridi and other players

have always played impor-

tant role in securing victory for Pakistan.

In a felicitation message

and other social ones.

The members of del-

They said that they are

Moreover, the prompt

ing command area.

proposed

of dams immediately.

Mir Ali Mardan

He also directed to

riculture.

The Secretary Irrigaerations by utilizing the underground water for agtion Department Hafiz directed the concerned au- Abdul Majid briefed the mental affairs. The meeting was also Domki directed to com-

briefed about construction of dams, re-modelling of struction of dams, the Pat feeder canal and extension of Kachhi canal It was informed that

around 0.8 million acres more land would be brought under cultivation through re-modeling of the Pa feeder canal and extension of Kachhi canal Addressing the meet-

ing, caretaker Chief Min- Panjgur and Awaran Secretary, Shakil Qadir ister stressed the need to should also be ensured, Khan, Additional Chief increase the capacity of the caretaker Chief Min-Secretary development, water storage for promo- ister directed further.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for gard, meetings of the con-Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and caretaker Federal Minister for Power Muhammad be called especially to re-Ali addressing a press conference.

#### Govt announces crackdown across country to control electricity theft

Launches crackdown against dollar-smuggling, hoarding

ISLAMABAD (Online): theft. The federal government under the directives of the Prime Minister is going to launch crackdown across the country soon to control electricity theft.

Addressing a news conference flanked by Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Power and Energy Muhammad Ali said there are ten distribution companies in Pakistan which are facing a total loss of 589 billion rupees annu-

He said power theft and nonpayment of electricity bills are the major causes of this huge loss.

The Minister said the government has planned a comprehensive threepronged strategy to deal with the issue of power

He said under this strategy, technology interventions will be made in the areas where electricity theft is 15 to 30 percent Secondly, involvement of private sector will be ensure in the management where electricity theft is from 30 to 60 percent while enforcement will be ensured in the areas where power theft is more than 60 percent.

Giving details about the steps to be taken to power theft. Muhammad Ali said there is dire need of introducing reforms in the energy sector. He said the government is reviewing the perfor mance of the Board of Di rectors of power distribution companies and will bring change in their man



**OUETTA: Teachers and Students of Govt Elemen**tary College Jinnah Town Quetta experiencing gunshot at Shooting Range Quetta during their visit on the occasion of Defence Day.

#### 12 terrorists killed in heavily armed attack along Pak-Afghan border RAWALPINDI (APP): threat environment, the Pa-Four soldiers of Pakistan kistan Army posts were al-Army on Wednesday embraced martyrdom while valiant soldiers fought

Four soldiers martyred,

gallantly thwarting a heavily armed terrorists' attack on two military posts along Pak-Afghan border in Chitral, whereas 12 terrorists were killed and several critically injured amid intense exchange of

A large group of terror-ists equipped with the lat-est weapons attacked two Pakistani military posts located closer to the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in general area Kalash, District Chitral, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The military's media wing said the terrorists' movement and concentration in Gawardesh, Pitigal, Barg-e-Matel and Batash areas of Nuristan and Kunar provinces of Afghanistan had already been picked up and were timely shared with the Interim Afghan Government.



**QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Finance Minister** Amjad Rasheed meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

#### Governor calls for preparing comprehensive strategy to reduce economic sufferings of public

**Independent Report** OUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has directed the concerned authorities to remove the public complaints about the unsatisfactory situation of health and hygiene as well as the overbilling of gas and electricity consumers and their unannounced load shedding in Quetta city.

He said that the hardships of domestic consumers of gas and electricity have been increased due to the severe price hike.

who called on him sepa-rately on Wednesday. He Therefore, it is necesissued on the spot orders sary to prepare a comprehensive strategy to reduce the economic sufferings of the masses, maintained the ister for taking interest in resolving their issues. Governor while speaking to

different delegations who House on Wednesday. The members of delegations representing different segments apprised the Governor about their complaints.

The Governor said that people of Balochistan are suffering more issues than other provinces of the country. he said that the opportunities of jobs are limited due to the lack of factories in the province. He said that the people suffered from the world epidemic Corona and then the devastating floods. Under the given situation, it would be ensured to remove the public complaints by taking revolutionary steps for their welfare, he added.



Dr. Ameer Muhammad Jogezai meeting with Caretaker Minister for Information Jan Achakzai

#### **Pakistan Defence** Day celebrated with zeal in Balochistan QUETTA (APP): The Deemonies were held in vari-

fence and Martyrs Day of Pakistan was celebrated with enthusiasm in respec-tive areas of Balochistan on Wednesday... The day dawned with the recitation of the Holy

Quran and special prayers for the prosperity of Pakistan in all mosques through-

out the province.
Officers of Pak Army, Frontier Corps, Police and Levis Force while offering Fateha for the fallen heroes of the nation laid floral wreath at different Yadgare-Shuhada set up in various districts of the province.

Rallies were taken out in respective districts including Quetta to par rich tribute to martyrs on the

fence Day. leaus prepared in connection with the Defence Day. Defence Day.

ous districts including Panjgur, Killa Abdullah, Khuzdar, Kohlu, Pishin, Kharan, Nushki, Taftan, Gwadar, Naseerabad, Jafarrabad, Dera Bugti, Chaman, and other district to celebrate the Defence Day with enthusiasm.

Participants in the ceremonies paying homage to the martyrs and Ghazis highlighted the sacrifices rendered by the Armed forces. In the programs held in connection with the Defence Day different stalls were set up to portray army's role in defending the motherland and nation

Students of various schools also performed tabThe last two wickets

Pakistan and India

for Pakistan were taken by

qualified from Group A,

meanwhile, Bangladesh and

Sri Lanka booked place in

the Asia Cup Super 4 from

Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq,

Mohammad Rizwan (wk),

Agha Salman, Iftikhai Ahmed, Shadab Khan

Faheem Ashraf, Shaheen

Afridi, Naseem Shah, Haris

Azam

Group B.

Lineups:

Pakistan:

**Asia Cup 2023:** 

#### Pakistan cruise to victory against Bangladesh in Super 4 clash

cruised to victory against Bangladesh in Super 4 clash of Asia Cup 2023 on Wednesday, by chasing down the meagre 194-run target set by the opponents at the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore.

The stadium was a house full of spectators who were there to cheer up the national squad in their last match on the home ground as Men in Green played the last match of the Pakistan leg of the Asian tournament.

Pakistan lost three wickets during their comfortable run-chase, with opener Imam-ul-Haq being the top scorer for the winning team with his 78 off 84 which included nine boundaries.

He was followed by

posted 63 for his side.

Pakistan struggled a bit during the start of their innings when Fakhar Zaman was removed by Shoriful Islam for 20 runs.

After Zaman's wicket, skipper Babar Azam was bowled by Taskin Ahmed's low-bounced delivery.
Pakistan were 74-2

when Rizwan came to bat and built a much-needed 85-run partnership with Imam and guided Pakistan Pakistan will now play

arch-rivals India in their next Super Four match in Colombo on September 10 (Sunday). Earlier in the first inning, Bangladesh were all-

out for 193 runs thanks to an exceptional display by the Pakistani pacers. The home side was on top since the start of the

KARACHI: Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, Sena-

tor Rubina Khalid presiding over a meeting of standing committee on Maritime Affairs at the office of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC).

Furthermore, the sen-

On April 14, the fed-

The PDM coalition

government spent Rs 50

billion on parliamentarian

schemes till March 2023.

The funds for the parlia-

mentarian schemes were

schemes in the fiscal year

provided Rs 500 million to

the Members of the Na-

tional Assembly who voted

in the motion of no-confi-

lion was allocated for par-

liamentarian schemes in the

budget but it was increased

to Rs 87 billion and then

They also strongly

condemned the killing of in-

nocent people by Indian

troops in Indian illegally

occupied Jammu and Kash-

mir and said that India

would not succeed to sup-

press the Kashmiris' re-

solve for freedom through

brutal tactics. They pointed

out that peace and stability

in South Asia was linked to

the settlement of the Kash-

pated in the seminar in-

cluded Muhammad Farooq

Muhammad Safi, Syed

Yousuf Naseem, Mir Tahir

Hussain Khateeb, Altar

Ahmed Butt, Altaf Hussain

Wani, Advocate Parvaiz

Muhammad Yaqoob.

لوجتان ریونیواتحارثی میں برائے مزید کاروائی جمع کروا کیں۔

Those who partici-

Ghulam

Sheikh

Muhammad

mir dispute.

Rehmani,

Masood,

Ahmed.

گاڑیاں کرائے پرور کار ہیں

د جستان ربو نبوا قبار ٹی کواینے ذیلی دفاتر واقع حب، گوادر، تربت، پنجگور تفتان اور چمن کیلئے 4X4 ڈیل کیبن

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Rs 90 billion.

Furthermore, Rs 70 bil-

The government also

ate committee summoned

the details of advertisement

eral government approved

the release of funds for par-

liamentarians' schemes.

rates for all channels.

PDM govt spent billions

on media ads amid

economic crisis

It was revealed that Rs approved and Rs 90 billion

10 billion was spent on me-was allocated for these

**APHC-AJK** pays tributes

to martyrs of 1965 war

ISLAMABAD (INP): The ders of the country.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Movement (PDM) govern-

ment has spent billions on

media advertisements in the

midst of an economic cri-

retary information briefed

the senate standing commit-

tee on information on the

amount spent by the 13

parties coalition in a 16-

dia advertisement in the

PDM coalition government

tenure. The secretary told

the senate committee that

Rs 9.60 billion was spent

The previous government released Rs 3.50 bil-

lion in funds for print me-

dia, Rs 4.79 billion was

spent on electronic media

advertisement and Rs 1.23

billion on digital media ad-

All Parties Hurrivat Con-

ference Azad Jammu and

Kashmir (APHC-AJK)

chapter during a seminar at

its office in Islamabad has

paid glowing tributes to the

vener, Mehmood Ahmed

Saghar, who presided over

the seminar said, 6th Sep-

tember, the Pakistan's De-

fense day, is the tale of brav-

ery and heroism. He said,

during the war, the Paki-

stanination stood united as

one solid edifice to meet the

onslaught of the enemy

that chose the cover of dark-

ness to achieve its nefari-

event eulogized the services

of Pakistani armed forces

for safeguarding the ideo-

logical and territorial bor-

کمشنر رایج آن

The participants of the

ous designs.

The APHC-AJK Con-

martyrs of 1965 war.

on the advertisement.

month tenure.

As per details, the sec-

Democratic

first wicket on the seventh ball of the match.

After Shaheen Afridi bowled a maiden over, Naseem Shah removed Mehidy Hasan Miraz who scored an important hundred in the match against Afghanistan — on his first ball of the innings and gave the hosts an early breakthrough. The wickets continued to fall for the

Bengal Tigers and soon they

were 47/4 in just 9.1 overs.

After that, the experienced duo of Mushfiqur Rahim and Shakil Al Hasan built a 100-run partnership and took their side to a decent score. Hasan was removed by Faheem Ashraf for 53 runs. Rahim too was soon removed by Haris Rauf for 64.

Just after Rahim's dismissal, Rauf removed Taskin Ahmed on the very

Babar Azam

breaks another

Virat Kohli's

ODI record

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan skip-

per Babar Azam has be-

come the fastest captain to

complete 2,000 runs in

ODI. The celebrated bat-

ter achieved the milestone

in the Asia Cup 2023's Su-

per Four match against

Bangladesh at Gaddafi Sta-

dium, Lahore. He scored 17 off 22 in the ODI match

to add another feather to his

cap. The Pakistan skipper

completed the 2,000 runs in

31 innings, breaking the

record of former Indian

captain Virat Kohli, who

took 36 innings to reach the

became the fastest player in

the world to complete 19

ODI centuries in terms of

batter had achieved the

milestone in the opening match of the Asia Cup 2023

against Nepal at the Multan

**Senate Body on** 

info discusses

problems faced by

Cricket Stadium.

The World No 1 ODI

Earlier, Babar Azam

milestone.

media for

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has decided to invite foreign observers and media for the upcoming general elections.

invitation to foreign election

"The cards with special security features for foreign observers, have already been prepared," sources said. "Foreign observers and media will be given access to enter the polling stations," according to sources.

win clash against Nepal and

moved up to a career-high

rating of 750 rating points as a result and third place

on the ODI batter rankings

less than one month out

from the start of the ICC

"Kishan showed his

Men's Cricket World Cup.

class with a brilliant 82 dur-

ing India's match with Pa-

kistan in Pallekele and was

also rewarded with a new

career-best mark of 624 rat-

ing points and a 12-place

rise to 24th on the updated

Cup and showed just how

list for ODI batters.

#### **SAPM stresses on skill** partnerships between countries to promote legal migration

GUJAR KHAN: National Assembly Speaker, Raja Pervez Ashraf offering

Fateha at the grave of Sawar Muhammad Hussian Shaheed Nishan-e-Haider

on the occasion of Defence Day of Pakistan, in Mandara.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development Jawad Sohrab Malik on Wednesday emphasized the importance of skill partnerships between countries, legal pathways to Europe, and a rights-based approach.

Highlighting the evolving dynamics of migration, he stressed the "significance of aligning education and training systems with labour market demands for both sending and receiving countries.'

The SAPM Sohrab was speaking at the reception hosted by the International Centre for Migration Development (ICMPD) here to mark its three-decade journey as a migration management organization, focusing on re-'Babar has had just one search, policy developinnings thus far at the Asia ment, capacity building, and migration dialogues, a news

> casion was the official launch of the project "Improving Migration Management in Selected Silk Routes and Central Asian Countries," presented by ICMPD's Director Gen-

Dr. Michael IK's lawver

deplores pathetic

conditions at

Attock Jail

ISLAMABAD (INP): As-

sistant Advocate General

(AAG) Punjab told the

Ìslamabad High Court

(IHC) on Wednesday that

the issues former prime

minister and PTI Chairman

Imran Khan was confront-

ing in District Jail, Attock

Imran's petition for shift-

ing him from Attock to

Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi,

the AAG said that the PTI

chairman had been given

'Better Class' in the jail

since there was no B Class

the washroom of the cell in

which PTI chairman was

spending his prison term

also been provided a bed, a

set, and five newspapers in

the jail," he said, adding,

"Former prime minister is

doctors have also been ar-

ranged for him."

He told that walls of

During the hearing of

had been resolved.

release said. The highlight of the oc-

Spindelegger, said a press Dr. Spindelegger high-

lighted Pakistan's critical role as a long-standing partner for ICMPD, underscoring its strategic cooperation in labour migration, skills development, integrated border management, and combating irregular mi-

European Union funds the project. It expands the scope of the Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) in Pakistan and in South and

This expansion aims to strengthen awareness campaigns, offer timely and accurate information to potential migrants, and en-MRCs' sure sustainability.

Moreover, the project aims to support migration management and governance, ultimately enhancing global labour market competitiveness for Pakistanis while safeguarding their rights, well-being, and

Dr Riina Kionka, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Pakistan, emphasised the alignment of the project with the EU Pact on Migration and project's contribution to agement.

facilitating orderly, safe, regular, and responsible migration while addressing the root causes of migration and regional displacement cri-

The project builds on lessons from previous EUfunded initiatives and extends its scope to countries <sup>^</sup>Kazakh stan,

Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. UNODC also co-implements the PRO-TECT project, particularly the anti-trafficking in-person component.

The reception brought together a diverse array of stakeholders, including diplomats, policymakers, international organizations, and civil society representatives, promoting a rich environment for migration dialogue and exchange of ideas. Other than the PRO-TECT project, ICMPD also implements other initiatives in Pakistan on border management, policy development and capacity building. This is based on a cooperative agreement signed by ICMPD and the

government of Pakistan. Dr. Spindelegger is in Pakistan to discuss further cooperation with the gov-Asylum. She mentioned the ous areas of migration man-

### swing in Gwadar

vated by the solar donation drive launched by China in Gwadar in phases over the last few years that facilitates more than 4,000 locals and helps mitigate their power outage woes, the solarization of Gwadar is gaining momentum.

Three years back, these markets did not have solar panels, batteries, or operating systems, according to Gwadar Pro

had been raised. "He has After China unveiled chair, a 21-inch television also served meals of his choice. Furthermore, five IHC Chief Justice (CJ) Justice Aamer Farooq a key solution to power

heard the former prime

minister's petition. Imran, he went on to say, was given chicken and mutton cooked in desi ghee twice in a week.

Rebutting the AAG's statement, Sher Afzal Marwat, counsel for the PTI chairman, said that the government had kept his client in the Attock fail on the grounds that security was better there. "But truth of the matter is that he has been kept in the Attock jail only to forture him mentally. On the contrary, security arrangements at Adiala Jail are better; the jail also has a B class in it," he said, adding, "It is Imran's right to get B class in the Adiala Jail."

He said which jail was better security-wise was an open secret.

Advocate Marwat told the court that when Sardar Latif Khosa had gone to meet PTI chairman in the jail, he saw that the cell in which the latter had been kept was without roof, exposing him to rain. "Khosa had further said that Imran could not sleep all night since there were lot of flies there," he informed. Justice Farooq remarked if these were the conditions in the 'Better Class' what kind of agony ordinary prisoners would be going through in other classes of the jail.

Solarization in full

GWADAR (INP): Moti-

In the "Dashti market" and 'Airport Road market", two main electronic markets in Gwadar, there used to be a considerable rush of customers battered by long-hour power breakdowns since the onset of the sweltering season of sum-

the initiative of distributing solar systems among the most deserving groups in Gwadar that turned their electricity nightmares into pleasant life, awareness started gripping the people of Gwadar with insights that solar system is

According to an offi-

cial of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, sales of solar panels and systems are booming in Gwadar as residential and commercial buildings are being solarized.

Wasim Baloch, a trader of Dashti Electronic market, told Gwadar Pro that among his customers, 40 percent are interested in buying solar systems for homes or outlets.

When Muhammad, a customer at Airport Road Market, was asked about his reason for purchasing solar sets, he said that perpetual power failure has become a pain in the neck. Going solar is the sole solution for him to get rid of the load-shedding menace, he added.

Locals who are the beneficiaries of solar systems donated by China said, "Power breakdown is no problem now, we are rescued as China's solar systems continue to serve the unserved people of Gwadar," said Abdul Rashid, fisherman and resident of the Gazarwaan area near Masjid-e-Aqsa in Gwadar old City.



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Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of Tender Fee Rs.1000/-BPPRA GOB.

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 2,000,000 in Previous2 Turn over of at least 3,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List, Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 21 September, 2023 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 21 September, 2023 till 10:00 AM . Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under- signed at 11:00 AM Address: Directorate of Education

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**ECP to invite** foreign observers, General Elections

'All preparations for

observers and media, have been completed and a code of conduct has been finalized," election commission sources said. According to ECP sources, the foreign observers will be issued invitations as and when the election schedule will be announced. "The election commission will issue cards to election observers and the media with special security features," sources

B a n g l a d e s h Mohammad Naim, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Litton Das, Towhid Hridoy, Shakib Al Hasan ©, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Shamim Hossain, Afif Hossain, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Hasan

#### **ICC ODI rankings:** Shaheen, Naseem, Haris move up after India, Nepal matches 67\* during India's must

Sports Desk LAHORE: Pakistan star pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah improved their International Cricket Council (ICC) one-day international

(ODÍ) rankings. Pace spearhead Afridi jumped four places to fifth overall on this list courtesy of his six wickets from Pakistan's first two matches during the Asia Cup 2023.

Meanwhile, Rauf (up 14 to equal 29th) and Naseem Shah (up 13 to 68th) own new career-high ratings following their good performances.

Moreover, India's young guns Shubman Gill and Ishan Kishan have reached new career-high

ratings.
"While Babar still holds a significant lead at the top of the ODI batter rankings, both Shubman Gill and Ishan Kishan have made inroads on the Pakistan skipper following their impressive starts to the ongoing Asia Cup 2023," the ICC said in a press release.

destructive he can be with a superb 151 against Nepal and the inspirational Pakistan skipper still holds a commanding lead at the top of the ODI batter rankings with a total of 882 rating points." South Africa batter Rassie van der Dussen holds on to second place

narrowly, with 777 points. Sri Lanka's Charith Asalanka (up eight spots to 29th) also makes ground on the latest ODI rankings for



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaarul-Haq Kakar offering Fateha during condolence meeting with Cdr. (Retd) Abid Hussain Khan for his martyred son Lt. Cdr. Hamza Abid on the occasion of Defence Day of Pakistan, in Islamabad.

### national media

ISLAMABAD (INP) Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, Senator Fawzi Arshad chaired the meeting of the committee held here on Wednesday to address a range of vital issues concerning the nation's media landscape. During the meeting

Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi presented the report of the Senate Sub-committee specially constituted to investigate the utilization of Land and Assets of Radio Pakistan and its privatization. The report adopted by the Standing Committee, encompasses comprehensive recommendations and government re sponses on the matter.

stan Broadcasters Association (PBA) presented a compliance report, shedding light on the matter of pension and commutation for retired PBC employees on the occasion. The Committee was informed that pensions for the months of April, May, June, and July have been disbursed, but a substantial sum of Rs 1.25 billion for commutation remains pending.

Rejection of PTI chairman petitions in 9 cases: IHC issues notice to

#### respondents, seeks reply went to jail. It was our re ISLAMABAD (Online):

Islamabad High Court (IHC) while issuing notices to the respondents during the hearing of petition against rejection of PTI chairman petitions in 9 cases related to May 9 incidents being not persuaded has sought reply.

Suleman Safdar coun-

changed before decision.

during all hearings. Then he

convicted

Toshakhana case and he

The case came up for hearing before division bench of IHC comprising Chief Justice (CĴ) IHČ Justice Aamir Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Director General Paki Jahangiri Wednesday.

quest that Chairman PTI be presented in the court. Justice

Mehmood Jahangiri inquired has chairman PTI been arrested in these The counsel replied that as per his information

chairman PTI has not been arrested in these cases. Justice Tariq Jahangir inquired how it is possible

that bail has been rejected and arrest has not been He remarked we call

other respondent and sel for chairman PTI said ask was he arrested or bail was granted to Imran otherwise. If arrest has Khan in 5 cases having albeen made then bail aflegations of this nature. In ter arrest plea will have other 3 cases judge of anti to be filed. Îf arrest has not terrorism court was been made then you will give argument on your pe-The counsel said chairman PTI appeared in court

The court adjourned hearing of the case till next



held to commemorate the Defence Day at the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Tokyo.

#### AB No. 81/06-09-2023 بعدالت تیش ججانسداد دهشت گردی کورٹ II کوئٹہ ATC كيس نمبر: FIR 06/2023 مدر برناكي بجرم زير دفعه 385, 386, 387, 25-6.K يلي كرام ايك مزه مٰدکوره ہالا دفعات میں مقرر ہے مرتکب ہوا ہے۔ (یاان کے ارتکاب پرشبہ ہے )اوراز روئے کیفیت کا لرفقاری کے جو کہ پیطیق اس نالش کے جاری ہوا تھامعلوم ہوا کہ ہالاملزم فرار ہوگیا ہے۔ یااس نے وارنٹ کی تغییل ے گریز کرنے کے لیےائے تین رویوش کیاہے۔لہذااشتہار بذا کی روسے تھم دیا جاتا ہے کہ سمی ندکورہ کولازم ہے کہ وہ بتاریخ 13.09.2023 کو بمقام انسداد دہشت گردی کورٹ ہرنائی ناٹش نہ کورہ کی قلمبندی کے لیے حاضا

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#### President pays tribute to martyrs, Ghazis of Pakistan armed forces

President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday paying tribute to the martyrs and Ghazis said the 1965 War stood out in the history as a symbol of unwavering national resolve, preparedness, professionalism, patriotism and sacrifice. In his message in connection with the Defence and Martyrs Day, the president said the sons of soil fearlessly fought against the enemy and wrote a

shining chapter in history. We observe 6th of September as Defence & Martyrs Day to pay tribute to our martyrs and their families who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. On this day, 58 years ago, our Armed Forces and the entire Pakistani nation displayed extraordinary courage and indomitable spirit, and thwarted the evil designs of the enemy," he added. President Alvi saluted the martyrs who laid down their lives for the homeland, and also honour their families for setting examples of sacrificing their loved ones for country's

Model College for Girls F-6/2.

(DĈ) Islamabad from exer-

cising powers of 3-MPO.

The petition of PTI

leader Shehryar Afridi and

Shandana Gulzar against

their arrest under 3-MPO

came up for hearing in IHC

took up the case for hearing. IHC stopped DC Islamabad to use the pow-

ers under 3-MPO. The

court while addressing DC

remarked he will not pass

any order under 3-MPO till

next hearing. Justice Babar

Sattar inquired tell us you

are exercising this power

Justice Babar Sattar

Wednesday.

IHC stops DC Islamabad

from exercising powers

of 3-MPO

ISLAMABAD (Online): remarked DC Sahb you are

(IHC) has restrained The court declared the Deputy Commissioner reply of assistance counsel

Islamabad High Court understanding it.

'Our Ghazis deserve respect for giving a tit-fortat response to enemy's attacks on Lahore, Sialkot and other sectors. Our soldiers and the nation fought with passion in 1965 and they

continue to display the

same courage, commitment and professional excellence in all testing times. He said they had displayed the same spirit during the two-decade-long war against terrorism and extremism. "Our successes in this asymmetrical war are testimony to our Armed Forces' capacity to evolve into a unique force having the ability to match the modern-day combat requirements." The president reiterated Pakistan's com-

mitment to peace and its policy of peaceful coexist-'We are aware of our national as well as international obligations and are playing our part towards world peace under the banner of the United Nations. Our own region is awaiting the resolution of the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which prosperity."

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional

tableau during ceremony on the occasion of Pakistan Defence Day at Islamabad

Training Madad Ali Sindhi in a group photograph with students performing

The court declared the

The court extended its

order for not arresting

Shehr var Afridi and

Shandana Gulzar till next

hearing. It is pertinent to

mention here that court had

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The petition of Shehryar Afridi and

Shandana Gulzar earlier too

had come up for hearing in

IHC. Justice Babar Sattar

order till September 6 re-

The court extended its

heard the petition.

unsatisfactory.

He highlighted that this dispute had to be resolved as per the UN Security Council Resolutions for ensuring peace, security, and development in the region. The president also recalled the sacrifices of Kashmiri people, women and children, which they had rendered during the decades-long struggle for their right to self-determination. Pakistan will continue to extend its moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people's just struggle for their right to choose their own destiny he remarked. He said this day also called for keeping always first the sovereignty of state and integrity and honour of the motherland.

'Pakistan is the centre of our hopes. On this Defence & Martyrs Day we continue to honour and respect the sons and daughters of soil, who never hesitate in giving their own life for the defence of motherland, its development and

**Bugti pays** 

tribute to

Pakistan's

heroes on

**Defence Day** 

ISLAMABAD (APP): On

Day, Interior Minister

Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti on

Wednesday paid tribute to

the unwavering dedication

and valor exhibited by

to the nation, he highlighted

the historic achievements

of the nation's courageous

sons who fearlessly con-

fronted the adversary, etch-

ing a luminous chapter in

solemn salute to the mar-

tyrs who rendered the ulti-

mate sacrifice for the home

Pakistan currently faces

multifaceted challenges, in-

cluding the pressing issues

of extremism and terrorism.

shakable faith in Pakistan's

armed forces, emphasizing

their steadfast commitment

to safeguarding the nation from both internal and ex-

ANF seize

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drug, arrest 28

ternal threats.

The minister offered a

He acknowledged that

He conveyed his un-

In a message addressed

Pakistan's armed forces.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed chairs a meeting to review progress over 4RF policy framework at the Ministry.

#### Sami directs stakeholders to expedite projects under 4RF framework

The caretaker Minister for Planning, Development & Initiatives, Special Muhammad Sami Saeed, directed relevant stakeholders on Wednesday to expedite the development projects for flood-affected areas under the Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (4RF)

framework, which was launched after the 2022 The Minister issued these directives while chairing a meeting to review progress on the implementation status of the 4RF

Recovery Unity (RRU), Chief Economist, Joint Chief Economist, Member Infrastructure, Member Environment, and other relevant stakeholders. During the meeting,

the Minister received a detailed briefing on the implementation status of the 4RF framework, which encompasses various projects aimed at assisting flood-affected areas across the country. It is noteworthy that last year, Pakistan faced unprecedented devastation due to torrential rains and flooding in most parts framework. The meeting was attended by the Conmillion people and result-

worth \$30 billion. In response, the government devised the 4RF framework, which proposed effective coordination and participation arrangements among federal and provincial governments, development partners, donors, international and national NGOs, and academic and private sectors. In October of the same year, the Post-Damage Needs Assessment (PDNA), conducted jointly by the Government of Pakistan and its international development partners, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Union.

#### **British Council decides** to reduce examination fee

The British Council has decided to reduce the examination fee to redress the concerns of parents and students that arose after the release of AS and A Level examination results.

The Ministry of Education and Professional Training played a significant role that underscores its unwavering commitment to the well-being and concerns of students and parents across the country.

Caretaker Federal

Minister of Education, Madad Ali Sindhi, recently demonstrated exceptional leadership by taking proac-tive measures to address the distressing situation that arose following the release of the AS and A Level ex- ensuring that students were amination results on August 10, said a press release. Ending that students were provided with the support they deserved.

The unexpected confusion and dismay that enveloped students and parents nationwide prompted the minister to take immediate action. He convened a meeting with parents and students and initiated appropriate actions. Recognizing the magnitude of the concerns and the impact on student's future prospects, the minister penned a letter to address the matter directly with the British Council. In his letter, Sindhi expressed deep concern for the students and their families who were left in a state of uncertainty due to the AS and A Level examination results. His unwavering commitment to fostering a positive learning environment and

#### Govt to resolve Karachi trader's problems on

federal government would

Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori who called on him here.

about the administration matters and the overall law and order situation of the province.

about the power tariff prepared by Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) and the city's traders.



address problems of Karachi traders on priority. He was talking to

During the meeting, the governor Sindh briefed the prime minister in detail

The governor also presented the recommendation



Lt. Gen Ihsan ul Haq Ambassador of Uzbekistan Avbek Osmanov, and others cutting a cake to celebrate the 32nd Independence Day of Uzbekistan.

#### Mushaal says: Nation united alongside armed force to thwart

viser to the Prime Minister on Human Rights, Mushaal Mullick here on Wednesday said that nation stands united alongside armed forces to thwart 'evil de-

While paying rich trib-utes to the martyrs of the armed forces, she said that the entire nation stood united alongside the country's armed forces to thwart 'evil designs' against Pakistan's prosperity and

integrity. Addressing the participants after hockey match played at Shahnaz Sheikh Hockey Stadium Saidpur road, she said that the nation marked its 58th Defence Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the martyrs of 1965 war.

the martyrs who embraced shahadat for the sake of the country could never be forgotten and would always remain in the hearts of the motherland," she added.

people.
Pakistan Defense Day every year to pay homage to the martyrs, she said adding, the martyrs of 1965 war rendered supreme sacrifices for the defence of the country and the people.

The advisor said that

the Defence Day was a day to remember the sacrifices of the armed force which renewed the pledge to the sacrifices our lives for the defense of the motherland.

She said, "On September 6, 1965, our brave armed forces along with the entire nation crushed the evil intentions of the enemy and made a history by showcasing real patriotism, national unity and courage.

'September 6 is a historic day for the nation when our armed forces made it clear to the enemy that the Pakistani nation and its armed forces are al-



Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Jamal Shah cutting ribbon at the concluding ceremony of three-day exhibition organized in connection with Pakistan Defence Day at Lok Virsa Heritage Museum.

#### **AIOU** organizes seminar on climate change

one-day seminar was organized by the Faculty of Sciences at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) to raise awareness on "Significance of Bilateral Relations: Forging Sustainable Partnerships for Climate Action between Africa and Paki-

The speakers highlighted the urgent need to tackle climate change at the international level as Africa and Pakistan were among the region's most severely affected by it, a news release said on Wednesday.

They also emphasized that Pakistan and Africa had had a long-standing relationship since the independence movement.

#### Police arrest 3 snatchers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Following a directive from Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPÓ) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan to intensify efforts in eliminating crime, Margalla police arrested three members of a notorious snatching gang on Wednesday.

The arrested individuals, identified as Nadeem Hussain, Ansar, and Ali Raza, are part of a snatcher gang implicated in numerous criminal activities across various areas of the city. During the operation, the police team successfully recovered four stolen motorbikes, along with spare parts, a mobile phone, and weapons with ammunition commonly used in their criminal activi-

#### Aneeq assures fair rental rates for vacant **ETPB** properties

LAHORE (APP): Care- lighted the importance of taker Minister for Keligious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed on Wednesday announced that the rental rates for vacant ETPB properties would be set in line with market de-During his visit to the

Head Office of Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), he said the Board would take immediate action to reclaim properties from illegal occupants and stressed the need for dialogue at all levels to resolve ongoing issues within the Board. Minister Aneeq emphasized the importance of addressing the increasing number of Hindu and Sikh pilgrims coming from India. He stated that discussions would be held with relevant authorities to facilitate their

He said in a bid to improve scholarships opporunities for non-Muslim students, the Board would undertake swift measures.

The minister also high-

ism and ensuring comfortable facilities for non-Muslim pilgrims visiting Pakistan. He emphasized that Pakistan should have a positive international im-"I am the minister for

all religions in Pakistan. Some elements are trying to tarnish Pakistan's image, but their efforts will not succeed," he remarked. Earlier, ETPB Chair-

man Syed Atta ur Rehman briefed the minister about the Board's objectives and activities. He mentioned that the department was responsible for the management and collection of revenue of over 109,000 acres of agricultural and non-agricultural lands throughout the country.

He mentioned that under its administration, there were 11,495 residential and commercial units and 19 plazas adding that geo-tagging was complete for 99% of properties.



ISLAMABAD: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

#### **UNDP** holds media sensitization workshop on HIV/AIDS

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Program Management Unit at United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has conducted a two-day interactive work-shop and consultation session to sensitize media professionals about HIV/ AIDS. The participants

address by National Program Specialist at UNDP, Dr. Nashmia Mahmood. Dr. Nashmia Mahmood stressed the crucial role that the media played in shaping societal perspectives on HIV/AIDS. "Media is not iust a mirror reflecting reality, but a powerful tool capable of shaping it. Ethical and sensitive reporting on HIV/AIDS is not just an option, it's a responsibility," she said.

She emphasized that the workshop was more tronic Media Regulatory than just a training session.

"It is an opportunity to redefine the media's role in disseminating accurate, compassionate information about a topic that has long been marred by stigma and misunderstanding," she added. Breaking down the subject's complexities, the first session, "Understanding HIV/AIDS and Overfrom over 30 media organizations attended the event.

The workshop commenced with an inaugural menced with a men ceived notions and stigmas about HIV/AIDS head-on, making it a point to elucidate the facts. "We cannot let ignorance dictate the narrative. Knowledge is the

> barriers of stigma," Akram asserted during the session. The moral compass for media reporting on the subject was established in the second session, spearheaded by Absar Alam, a senior journalist and former Chairman of Pakistan Elec-

first step to breaking down



ISLAMABAD: Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins calls on Caretaker Federal Minister for National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Dr. Nadeem Jan.

#### **Senator** Fawzia convenes senate standing committee on Info & broadcasting

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, chaired by Senator Fawzia Arshad, convened a meeting to address a range of vital issues concerning the nation's media landscape.

During the meeting, Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi presented the report of the Senate Sub-committee, specially constituted to investigate the utilization of Land and Assets of Radio Pakistan and privatization. The report, adopted

by the Standing Committee, encompasses comprehensive recommendations and government responses on the matter.

During the meeting, DG PBC (Pakistan Broadcaster Association) provided a compliance report, shedding light on the matter of pension and commutation for retired PBC employees. The Committee was informed that pensions been disbursed, but a sub- 31, 2023

stantial sum of Rs 1.25 billion for commutation remains pending.

DG Radio and Secre-

tary Information and Broadcasting briefed the Committee on the ongoing discussions regarding leasing Radio Pakistan's land across the country. Talks with the SBP are underway, and rates are yet to be finalized. The Committee stressed the importance of sharing the terms and conditions of the forthcoming agreement, location details of the land to be leased, and rates in an upcoming meeting. It was emphasized that this would be a Government-to-Government agreement. The officials also outlined various avenues they are exploring to meet Radio Pakistan's financial requirements.

The Committee was presented with detailed insights into the federal government's advertising expenditures, covering electronic, print, digital, and for the months of April, outdoor spending from May, June, and July have March 1, 2022, to August

#### from where in law. garding suspension of MPO besides ordering not The court sought legal assistance about the powto arrest both of these leaders related to 3-MPO. ers till September 6 in any Justice Babar Sattar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for State for Tourism, Syed Wasi Ahmad Fatimi (Wasi Shah) addressing during the celebration 2023 as the Pakistan China Year of Tourism Exchanges organized by the Pakistan China Friendship Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter at KP House.

#### Traders of F-6 Markaz met **CPO Safe City to discuss** security improvements ISLAMABAD (APP): ticulated their desire for the

The traders of F-6 Markaz met with the Capital Police Officer (CPO) Safe City/ Traffic on Wednesday to discuss ways to improve security in the market.

The meeting was held at the Safe City Islamabad headquarters and was attended by a delegation of traders led by President F-6 Markaz Traders Association, Malik Iftikhar Ahmed.

Following special instructions from Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), a meeting was convened at Safe City Islamabad, led by CPO Safe City/Traffic and SSP Safe City, engaging local traders from F-6 Markaz, as reported by a public relations

During this meeting, the F-6 Markaz traders arenhancement of existing surveillance cameras in the market, in collaboration with the technical team of Islamabad Capital Police. They also sought rec-

ommendations for improved parking facilities and traffic management, seeking cooperation from the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Islamabad Capital Police.

CPO Safe City/Traffic assured the traders of Islamabad Capital Police's technical team's collaboration for maintaining the current security infrastructure, with a commitment to enhance camera surveillance.

In addition to these discussions, the traders had the opportunity to tour various police facilities, including the Police Opera-

drug peddlers ISLAMABAD (APP) The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized a staggering \$179.275 million worth

of drugs, chemicals, and illicit substances during a nationwide crackdown. According to a spokesperson of ANF, the extensive law enforcement initiative led to the apprehension of 28 individuals, including a foreign national and a woman, and the confiscation of a total of 1,975.374 kilograms of narcotics, alongside significant quantities of chemicals used in drug production. The seized drugs included 42.100 kilograms of opium, 15.395 kilograms of heroin, 200.110 kilograms of hashish, 5 kilograms of crystal heroin, 383.100 kilograms of methamphetamine (Ice), 1,329 kilograms of ephedrine, as well as smaller quantities of weed and ecstasy tablets. Additionally, the ANF impounded 12 vehicles that

The extensive operation spanned 37 counternarcotics missions con ducted throughout the country, with each region make ing significant contribution Center, Data Hub Unit. | tions to the overall success

were believed to be con-

nected to the drug trade.

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# 'evil designs' against Pak RAWALPINDI (INP): Adpeople.

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She further said that

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#### **Unreal expectations**

Though the nation is going through a painful cost-of-living crisis, the civilian and military leaderships are of the view that better days are just around the corner. They base their optimism on the hope that our are over, with billions of friends in the Gulf are ready to pour in tens of billions of dol- the country that would lars into Pakistan in the shape of deposits as well as investments. While speaking on Monday, interim Prime Minister the next five years, while Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that the army chief is reported to have reassured a group Saudi Arabia and other Middle of businessmen that Paki-Eastern states were likely to invest \$25bn in the country over the next two to five years. Similar comments were reportedly made by the army chief while meeting business tycoons in Karachi recently.

As reported, the COAS told businessmen he had asked the Saudis and Emiratis to deposit \$10bn each to help shore up Pakistan's dwindling foreign exchange reserves. Moreover, the army chief is reported to have said that between \$75bn-100bn could be invested in the country by the Gulf states.

While Pakistan needs all the investment it can get, we must ask how realistic these projections are.

For example, the country went through an excruciating period of uncertainty — when default seemed to be staring us in the face —before the IMF approved a mere \$1.2bn in July, the first tranche of a \$3bn bail-

What guarantee do we have that our friends and benefactors will be willing to shower us with dollars — amounts of an art form or a craft that powers important admay be a victim of gross useful if the executive or the much larger than the bailout — vances in the constitutional injustice – the order is bindwhen we were made to jump and legal history or a country. Ideally, the constitution through multiple hoops for s a multipurpose gripping device that holds the counterpart of the executive and its content to the judiciary – or of any \$1.2bn?

The fact is that even our trusted partners, including the Gulf states and China, sent notso-subtle messages that unless we comply with IMF demands, they were unlikely to help. Quite clearly, the age of the free lunch is over.

The international community, including our traditional allies, expects us to address the fundamentals of our sputtering I worked on a number of economy, as well as political large community infrastrucinstability, before they put more money into Pakistan. Mr Kakar had also alluded to this, when sponsors dubbed them as best practices. The reahe mentioned that reforms were needed in taxation and the the same: an absence of copower sector.

Questions also arise about the caretakers' intentions their long-term plans are puzzling in view of their constitutionally limited stay. The interim set-up should only focus on keeping the economy stable, ensure timely polls, and then other and within each pillar call it a day.

Long-term policymaking is the responsibility of the next elected government, that should not feel the need to rely on input from the security establishment.

Without doubt, this country has ample resources and a hardworking populace. Yet unless we fix our fundamentals — taxing the untaxed, curbing corruption, reining in wasteful spending — this potential will remain unutilised. Moreover, those who put money in Paki- time because of an absence stan will expect decent returns of coordination. Buses carrying passengers have accion their investments, which dents killing tens of people can only be achieved through every time and trucks and tankers overturn into the rule of law, political stabil- ditches and collapsed roads, ity and democratic continuity. The same of the same of

#### A state of illusions



Zahid Hussain

We are living in a world of illusions. While the country is fast hurtling towards an economic meltdown, we are told that our bad days dollars in investment soon expected to be pouring into change our fortunes.

The caretaker prime minister says that Saudi Arabia will be investing \$25bn in the country over the army chief is reported stan has the potential to attract up to \$100bn in investments from countries such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait and others to alleviate the suffering of the Pakistani people.

There is a sense that the army leadership is on a

mission to steer the country towards a new era of economic prosperity, by fixing everything — from containing the dollar to stopping smuggling and eradicating corruption in the next few months

It believes that the recently formed Special Investment Facilitation Council will be able to bring in investments in the energy, IT, minerals, defence and agriculture sectors. The SIFC structure, which includes the COAS as well as other military representatives in key roles, aims to take a "unified approach" to get the country out of the current state of economic turmoil in which it finds itself. However, it appears

to be part of the game of illusions long played by our ruling elite. For a number of years, it was the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor that was supposed to be a game changer for the country. But after tens of billions of dollars of Chinese investment, the country's economic plight has continued to slide. The promise of change never materialised, despite the and military leadership massive inflow of finances over the years

looking at a country riven by multiple crises as a lucrative investment destination. Notwithstanding some of them acquiring interests in certain stateowned ventures being offered for disinvestment, there is no tangible commitment to invest in new projects.But our caretaker prime minister is euphoric about the prospect of \$25bn in Saudi investment coming in various sectors, particularly in mining, agriculture and information technology, in the next two to three years. One can only wait to see such a wonder happening that could change the fortunes of a country struggling to keep itself afloat amid a

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den stagflation. looming

While the CPEC mineral resources. Their project at least has somelatest estimate is that the thing to show for it in terms country is sitting on preof some infrastructure and cious minerals valued up to \$6 trillion. One former minister in the previous ment is a pipe dream, espegovernment got very excited during a TV talk cially as there is no indication so far that the Gulf show, claiming that the sheikhdoms have started amount was only the value of the 'dust' and the real worth of the untapped minerals was far more. There is no limit to such absurdities that come in plenty, even at a time of extreme gloom.

It was not surprising that the pep talk delivered to the select group of businessmen leaked to the media has evoked a mixed response. Some elements in the media were quick to eulogise the COAS for 'leading from the front' in a bid to take the country to economic recovery. However, past expe-

rience has taught us that it has been a norm under successive hybrid set-ups for the military leadership to be involved in matters ranging from governance to economic policies. The latest example is the SIFC, mentioned earlier, with considerable military repernment as a one-window operation to facilitate foreign investment in the

Indeed, we have seen such involvement in the economic policymaking process quite a few times. The hybrid administration under former prime minister Imran Kĥan in 2019 had established the National Development Council with the aim to spur economic growth. One of its members was the then army chief Gen Qamar Bajwa. Very little was heard of the body that had hardly anything to show for the revival of the economy.

But the current military leadership's involvement in matters of economic and investment policymaking process under the interim administration has reinforced apprehensions about the establishment's long-term agenda. There is no ambiguity left now about who is in charge.

The most worrying aspect, though, is the misplaced expectation of massive inflows of foreign investment. One cannot deny the importance of a unified approach and the tesy Dawn

removal of bureaucratic hurdles in order to facilitate much-needed foreign investments in the country. But far more is reguired to create an atmosphere to give foreign investors some confidence in conditions here.

Foreign investment will come when the economic fundamentals are in place and security for investment is guaranteed. It's not enough to have a 'unified approach". With the prevailing political and economic uncertainty, there is hardly any hope of any kind of investment flowing in. The biggest obstacle in the way of foreign investment is the deteriorating law-and-order situation, particularly in the regions which are believed to have the major deposits of minerals.

Surely, we badly need investments to make the country stand up on its feet. But for that, we need to emerge from our state of illusion and confront the reality. There is no magic wand the security establishment has to fix our chronic problems within months. -- Cour-

#### lice towards none



Dr Naazir Mahmood

No judiciary can afford an undeniably partisan appearance and antics that betray an agenda. It has been nearly 15 years that we have seen judges trying to become the darlings of social media, which is much easier in our day and age.Of course, it is a challenging task for the judiciary to be both adaptable and tough the two qualities deemed critical for its smooth functioning. But all such crude attempts made while deciding on or discussing cases to defend one's opinion make the entire exercise questionable.

Jurisprudence is more and legal history of a country together. In Pakistan, cemed officers refuse to lis- other organ of the state – is

the most recent discussions and observations in and outside courtrooms have created some controversies. In many countries, ju-

dicial review is a standard

practice but ideally it applies to the most exceptional cases. In Pakistan, for the last 15 years at least, the judiciary has been using three devices to assert its authority and to some extent cripple other organs of the state: contempt of court, judicial reviews, and suo motu notices. These three devices were put in place for exceptional situations, especially when fundamental rights of the people are under threat. Society expects that the apex courts exercise their powers with utmost care and diligence and not to forward some agenda of selective justice.

'Contempt of court' is a useful tool to enhance accountability in society so that no official violates court orders. If a judge delivers an order – mostly in ing. All concerned must fol-

ten, it may cause a complete breakdown of the judiciary in society. The judiciary must have the authority to use contempt of court to punish any officer who refuses to implement the

court orders. Unfortunately, in Pakistan, there have been many instances when judges used contempt of court to settle personal scores, target an undesirable individual, or satisfy an inflated ego. There have been examples in which contempt of court had nothing to do with protecting fun-damental rights or a victim. The case in which the apex court punished an elected prime minister - Yusuf Raza Gilani - and sent him packing was not worthy of such harsh punishment. But nobody could question the honourable chief justice. neither was there any mechanism to challenge

The second device that has both curative and deadly potentials is judicial government approves laws that go against fundamenlow and implement those tal and human rights. The

that decision.

to facilitate and protect its

If the legislature or the executive embarks on a journev to target people - or any particular individual – through discriminatory acts and amendments, it is the judiciary that uses judicial review to assert people's rights. This device is for the people and not for the judiciary itself.

For any such review of the legislation, there should be at least two criteria: first, the criterion of fundamental and human rights, and second, the number and seniority of judges who do sit to review any piece of legislation that parliament has passed. Ideally, if the legislation has nothing to do with people's fundamental and human rights, there is perhaps no need to review it. Parliament should have absolute authority over such matters of legislation. If the apex court decides to take up the case of a judicial review, ideally the full bench should hear the case.

Here two examples may be of use to clear the point. The Kesavananda Bharati case of 1973 in India was a prominent case in which the Supreme Court of India delivered a land-

mark decision to protect people's rights. With a razor-thin majority of 7:6, the court held that the Indian parliament could amend any provision of the constitution to fulfil its 'socioeconomic obligations'. The Indian constitution's preamble says "provided that such amendments did not change the constitution's basic structure" with regard to people's rights that all organs of the state must

protect. The Indian court held that the 24th Amendment was entirely valid but found that the first part of the 25th Amendment was intra vires (inside the powers) and the second part of the same ultra vires (outside the powers). The second example is from our past when in August 2015, the Supreme Court of Pakistan delivered another landmark judgment. It was chief justice Nasirul Mulk who ensured that the full bench of 17 judges hear the case in which applicants had challenged the 18th and 21st

17-member bench dismissed the petitions chal-

Killing democracy

amendments.

dismiss the pleas and six in favour. The apex court also rejected the petitions challenging the 18th Amendment by a 14-3 vote. Chief justice Nasirul Mulk adhered to the two criteria: one, the legislations and petitions did involve fundamental rights, and two, the full bench heard the case.

Lastly, the power of suo motu has also become controversial as many such notices in the past 15 years have vielded verdicts that lack fairness and transparency. This nation has experienced judicial activism in the shape of suo motu notices that had no proper justification.

It has resulted in the trivialization of jurisprudence at the highest level. The apex court must keep itself above petty issues and frivolous matters. The dignity and respect of the judiciary depends on its behaviour. Contempt of court, judicial review, and suo-motu notices are useful tools to protect fundamental and human rights There were 35 identiand ensure the implemencal applications against the tation of verdicts. The jutwo amendments and the diciary must use them sparingly and only in favour of public interest, lenging the 21st Amendment with 11 judges voting to - Courtesy TheNews

### **Coordination** is key



Arif Hasan

ture development projects in the 1990s, some of which were disastrous but whose sons for the problems with these projects were always ordination between the agencies involved in the project concept, planning and implementation and the blaming of each other for their problems. The situation is not very different in the Pakistan of today.

Our country is in the midst of a major civil-civil war. All the pillars of state are in conflict with each there are conflicts as well. If there was coordination economic between them and within them then the continued killing of security personnel would be considerably lower and people would not disappear, as they do without a trace. There would be better control on inflation and our relations with our neighbours (except perhaps for India) would also be better. Evictions and arbitrary arrests would not take place, and bureaucrats who take decisions on govemance issues would not be

changed every second day. Then there are other serious coordination-related issues too. Railway accidents happen all the

responsible for this. Facto- makes nepotism possible ries, commercial and residential buildings catch fire in which hundreds of persons get burned just because the implementation of existing building by-laws are not followed and as soon as that happens, agencies start blaming each other. Similarly, in violation

of all zoning regulations, real estate 'entrepreneurs' acquire land destroying the ecology of the regions where the cities are located, making them ungovernable. Many of the persons involved in this, work closely with what we call mafias. There are also con-

flicts between the police and the local administration, creating huge traffic jams that make things ungovernable and resulting in car parking issues that are managed by private mafias in league with sections of the police and local government. Billboards collapse as they are built in violation of local government rules and directions of the judiciary as no link between the two exists. Buildings collapse since they have never been checked for structural quality, and so do walls, killing a large number of people all over Pakistan. Almost daily children disappear into manholes, which have no covers, and

The most serious of all coordination issues is related to the judiciary where in recent history it has failed to reach a consensus on how to deal with major constitutional issues. Cases of rape and abduction also remain unresolved for years, and because of a lack of faith in the system, most are unreported, unpursued and eventually forgotten making a mockery of justice

and exposing the misogyny of those in power. This absence of coordination and internal strive promotes corruption, negligence and delays, and a lack of accountability and transparency. This in turn

giving power to politicians at all levels to appoint their preferred individuals in positions of prominence, where commissions and other financial benefits are possible.

The media for the last few years has been talking mainly about constitutional issues in a vocabulary which even 'educated' individuals in the country do not under-

A common man has not been explained as to what a constitution is; I doubt if even the experts who are brought to discuss it on TV know the niceties of it. They spend most of their time, day after day, talking to each other, from the same point of view which are of little relevance to the daily life of a common man. In addition, all the channels have the same news and international news, much of which concerns Pakistan, is missing. Concerns of daily life are touched upon but they do not form the most important of news on the news chan-

All this and much more is because of an absence of coordination between the pillars of state and the disputes within them because of which even existing laws of the country are not followed. In the meetings of bureaucrats, it is common that some representing a particular agency do not turn up, or are called away by a senior bureaucrat or politician. Minutes sometimes do not reflect the discussions that have taken place.

For any public-sector reform, coordination between different agencies and their mid-level staff has to be guaranteed so that existing rules, regulations, and procedures can be followed making the implementation of some very progressive laws possible. -- Courtesy Dawn

Mahir Ali

The US has never officially been willing to concede that recent history encompasses not one but two 9/11s. There's the one 22 years ago that everyone is supposed to remember, overlooking the disastrous consequences of the US reaction that continues to bedevil several nations.

There's even more to overlook, though, in what happened in Santiago on Sept 11, 1973, when Chilean armed forces thwarted a democratic experiment in socioeconomic justice. That's because the US was inextricably implicated in the military coup it had been seeking to instigate for over three years. The intervention had

begun even before the Sept 4, 1970, election that potentially elevated Salvador Allende to the presidency after decades of effort. The Socialist Party candidate was prone to joke in preceding years that his epitaph would read: "Here lies ... the future president of Chile."

Even before the election, there were indications which way the wind of change was blowing. "I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist due to the irresponsibility of its people," declared Henry Kissinger, foreign policy head honcho in the Nixon administration.

Once the voters gave Allende a plurality, UŠ efforts were dedicated to ensuring that the Chilean parliament did not support his presidency. The

coup, but army chief René Schneider was a constitu- aim. tionalist. A CIA-assisted attempt to kidnap him resulted in his assassination by far right elements, and in October the Chilean congress endorsed Allende

Washington's worst nightmare was unfolding in what it considered as its backyard. The next step was to strangle its economy, especially after Allende lived up to his reputation with programme

nationalisation and expropriation aimed at exploitative multinationals and privately owned latifundias.

Vast US corporations notably ITT, Dow Chemicals and Anaconda were dedicated to exploiting Chile's natural resources and its infrastructure for profits. As far as neocolonial interests go, the Chilean example was worse than the revolutionary variant in Cuba a decade earlier. Socialism achieved via elections could inspire voters not only across Latin America but far beyond.

It helped Allende's Popular Unity government turned out to be dysfunctional in some ways, given the coalition stretched from radical forces to the left of the Communist Party to the social democratic faction of the Christian Democrats. Yet its ambitious agenda captured the popular imagination as reflected in the results of subsequent municipal and parliamentary polls.

But as far as the threatened vested interests within Chile and their foreign collaborators were concerned, this only underlined the urgent need to halt the experiment. In their eyes, its potential success posed a monumental threat. The Nixon administration had vowed to "make the economy

best bet was a military scream", and it had the weapons to facilitate this

There was never a dull moment between the inauguration of Allende's administration and its brutal demise less than three years later, with all manner of strikes, demonstrations and violence thrown into the mix. Yet the government survived. Dislodging required military action, and just days before 9/11 in 1973, the newly inaugurated chief of divided military of switched sides.

Thereafter, Augusto Pinochet would pursue his new aims with the perverse passion of a convert, seeking to obliterate all vestiges of the recent past. That involved mass murder, preceded by rape and other forms of torture. The remains of a substantial proportion of his junta's thousands of victims are still being sought 50 years later.

In his final address to Chileans that morning, Allende declared he wasn't inclined towards martyrdom, but would resist to the end. Which is what he did, wearing a helmet and clutching an automatic rifle — a gift from Fidel Castro, who had advised him a couple of years earlier to arm his supporters. But Allende believed in the peaceful, parliamentary road to so-

In the short term, it appeared he had been proved wrong as much of the continent lapsed into US-backed military rule, with Chile a leading participant in the genocidal Operation Condor. But on the cusp of the 21st century, intriguing alternatives to the neocolonial and neoliberal order emerged, and there's still hope that Allende's audacity will serve as a more powerful example than Pinochet's perversity, not least in Chile itself. --Courtesy Dawn

#### KP's caretaker cabinet approves raise in minimum wages of laborers to Rs. 32000

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker cabinet, chaired book purchases, uniforms by Chief Minister, Azam Khan here Wednesday, accorded approval for raising the minimum wage for laborers in the province from Rs.25000 to Rs.32000.

The meeting was attended by caretaker ministers, advisors, special assistants, chief secretary and other senior officials.

The caretaker cabinet meeting discussed the agenda including matters relating to Auqaf, Local and Population Welfare Department. The cabinet also deliberated on addi-The cabinet recognized the need for supplementary fi-

and stipends for the year 2022-23 in these schools approving additional grant-in-aid to alleviate financial constraints.Cabinet meeting also approved the transfer of 3 kanals of land owned by Health Department in Dir Lower to Emergency Rescue Services KP. The transfer would help the establishment of Rescue 1122 station in Adanzai Tehsil of Dir Lower District. In a bid to expedite Government, Agriculture compensation disbursement for damages to land, property and buildings in Miran Shah Bazar, the cabitional grant-in-aid for net approved a supplemenschools under Workers tary grant under the ongo-Children Education Board. ing AIP project for affected property owners in North Waziristan district.



MUZAFFERABAD: Lieutenant General Shahid Imtiaz offering dua after laying floral wrath at monument of Martyrs during ceremony to mark the "Defense Day" in the Capital of AJK

#### Army makes Pakistan invincible: Minister

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Law & Parliamentary Affairs Punjab Kanwer Muhammad Dilshad said that Pak army had made Pakistan invincible by defending its all boundaries.

He was addressing a seminar on "Allama Iqbal's Thoughts and Pakistan's Defence" organized by University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) in collaboration with Majlis Rumi & Iqbal to mark Pakistan's Defence Day

here on Wednesday. He said that Pakistan was achieved after many sacrifices. "Now it is our responsibility to play our role for development and Igba

he added. "We should inculcate the thoughts of Iqbal in the young generation so that they can become Shaheen of Allama Iqbal", UAF Vice Chancellor

Prof Dr. Igrar Ahmad Khan said that the sacrifices of martyrs would be remembered always.

He said that all possible efforts were being made to make the young generation enlightened with Allama Iqbal's thoughts so that they could pave new ways of development.

Senator Waleed Iqbal urged the people to understand the message of Allama



SIALKOT: Former Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif offering Fateha after laying

#### tion with Pakistan Defence Day at Governor House Our brave armed forces defeated enemy by power of faith, courage: Baligh

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing ceremony organized in connec-

Independent Report

September 6

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KARAČHI (APP): Paki-

stan People's Party leader

and former provincial min-

'This day renews national

enthusiasm, unity, faith,

Sharjeel Memon said

The nation cannot forget

the eternal sacrifices of our

martyrs, and we salute the

martyrs who defeated the

enemy's ambitions by sac-

rificing their lives in the

future generations will con-

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MULTAN (APP): Paki

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Senator, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, said that the Armed

Forces defending our bor-

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fence Day issued here on

Wednesday, he said it was

a day of renewed pledge to

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September 1965 war".

ister Sharjeel Inam Memon, has said that September 6 Muhammad Punjab is the day of our national Balighur Rehman attended unity, solidarity, and paa ceremony organized in triotism here on Tuesday. connection with Pakistan In his message on the Defence Day at Governor occasion of Defence Day House Lahore today. the former minister said

Addressing the ceremony, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that this day reminds us of the indomitable courage of ghazis and unparalleled sacrifices of martyrs rendered for defending the mother-

He said that our brave armed forces defeated an enemy many times bigger than them by the power of faith and courage. The enemy was big in number and resources, but the courage

Punjab said that on September 6, 1965, valiant armed forces and nation foiled the nefarious designs of the army. He said we should renew the pledge on this historic day to remain united and defend the motherland against all odds.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that all nations in the world respect and honour their martyrs, adding that some red lines are not allowed to be crossed all over the world.

However, it is a national tragedy that some people instilled so much hatred in the youth by hate speeches that they desecrated the memorials of

of our nation and army was great, he added. Governor urged that academia has to play its role to prevent such incidents in future. He said that the soldiers and officers of armed forces are embracing martyrdom in war against terrorism.

He said that the nation

holds the sacrifices of the martyrs rendered for defending the homeland in high esteem.

President of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Ulema Mashaikh Wing, Dr. Mufti Intikhab Ahmad Noori, Rector of Garrison University, Major General Shahzad Sikandar ®, Brigadier Liaquat Ali Toor (Ghazi), Dr. Raghib Naimi and Ghazis and families of martyrs of 1965 War were present in the ceremony.

in Malir area during which

93 suspected persons were

checked and their data was

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City police station for fur-

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**Decisions** 

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based phase-wise search FAISALABAD: Caretaker Provincial Minister for According to spokes-man for CTD Sindh, the Law & Parliamentary Affairs Punjab Kanwer Muhammad Dilshad is addressing a seminar on CTD along with the con-"Allama Iqbal Thoughts & Pakistan's Defence" cerned police station conarrange by University of Agriculture Faisalabad ducted a search operation

#### CM visits Allama Iqbal Memorial teaching hospital, **Rangpura Police Station** 91

hospital.

(UAF) to mark Pakistan Defense Day.

defend our motherland, and SIALKOT (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi visited they would not hesitate in The former Prime Allama Iqbal Memorial Minister informed that the Teaching Hospital, Rangpura Police Station Armed Forces, with the backing of the nation, reand Sialkot Sambrial Road, pulsed the attack on Lahore, late at last night.
The Chief Minister Sialkot, and desert areas of

made a detailed visit to the entire hospital including emergency, CT scan room, baby ward, medical ward, surgical ward, ENT ward, nephrology ward and oth-

He expressed deep concern over the condition of the hospital. Dirty and blood-stained bed sheets and insects were found in the different wards of the hospital, cockroach and insects were seen crawling in the wards and found the washrooms in a bad condi-

He inquired the patients under treatment and reviewed the medical facilities provided to them in the lance

Provincial Minister for Pri-

mary and Secondary Health and Population Welfare

Punjab Dr Jamal Nasir on

Wednesday said that the

World Health Organization

(WHO) had played a key

role in eradicating the Polio

virus from Pakistan and

with the support of WHO,

Pakistan would be declared

a Polio-free country soon.

augurating the Anti-Polio drive field office at the Dis-

trict Health Authority

Rawalpindi building along

with WHO representative

in Pakistan Dr. Pleetha

WHO was playing a crucial role in eliminating the

crippling disease and the

establishment of a Polio

Eradication Initiative (PEI)

field office will further

strengthen the anti-polio

that a case response anti-

polio drive had been

launched in two districts of

the province Lahore and

Rawalpindi on September

4 after the detection of the

virus in the environmental

He said that around

The minister informed

Dr Jamal said that

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He said this while in-

On this occasion, the patients and the doctors complained about the misbehavior of the hospital guards, while the patients and the attendants also complained about conducting some tests from outside

the hospital.
Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi expressed his anger on the lack of facilities and the bad situation in the hospital and warned the principal and

The CM directed that the situation of the hospital should be improved immediately and the complaints of the patients should be resolved in a timely manner.

He directed to immediately shift the 4-year-old girl Haya Fatima, who was being treated in the child ward, to the Children's Hospital in a special ambu-

years of age would be vac-

office aimed to make Paki-

stan free from the Polio vi-

being eradicated due to

WHO's exemplary actions

which 1.01 million were

case of polio was reported

in Rawalpindi district in

2010, while a case response

campaign was underway

following poor environ-

Minister Punjab Dr Ansar

Ishaq, CEO of District

Rawalpindi Dr Ijaz Ahmed,

DHO Dr Ehsan Ghani, Co-

ordinator of WHO District

Rawalpindi Dr Shumaila

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Coordinator to Health

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He said that Polio was

WHO played vital role

in eradicating Polio in

country: Dr Jamal Nasir

#### of 97 accused including Khadija Shah LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has re-served its decision on re-

quests for release of 97 accused including Khadija Shah and Aliya Hamza arrested in 9th May incidents.

Justice Miss Alia Neelam and Justice Asjad Javed of Lahore High Court (LHC) heard the bail applications of Khadija Shah and others.

Special prosecutor Farhad Shah opposed the bail applications of the ac-RAWALPINDI (APP): 787,000 children under five cused and said that new cinated against Polio in Rawalpindi during the camprovisions have been made in the case. Most of the accused are on remands.

> The lawyers of acrepresentative Dr Pleetha cused took stand that we Mahipala said that the escondemn the incidents of tablishment of the PEI field 9th May.

#### Youth kills fiancé in Swabi

PESHAWAR (APP): A The official of the disyouth with the help of his trict health authority on the brother in Jahangira tehsil occasion briefed that of Swabi district killed his Rawalpindi's population fiancé and dumped her body was about 6.2 million, of near River Indus, police informed on Wednesday.

Police said the incident occurred in the vicinity of Tor Dher police station where a youth named Kamran along with his brothers, Imran and Arshad killed his fiancé and threw her body in Belajaat of River Indus in Moza

Police said the brother of the deceased girl told police that his would be brother-in-law Kamran along with brothers came to their house and took along his sister for a domestic

#### LHC gives 13 days to IG Punjab for recovery of senior journalist Imran

given 13 days to IG Punjab in connection with recovery of senior journalist and anchor person Imran Riaz.

The petition filed by father of Imran Riaz came up for hearing before Chief Justice (CJ) LHC Justice Muhammad Amir Bhatti

IG Punjab Dr Usman Anwar and other senior officers appeared before the court during the hearing of

IG police Punjab told headway has been made in connection with the recovery of Imran Riaz. We will give you good news within ing of the case.

AHORE (Online): Lahore next 10 or 15 days. It is re-High Court (LHC) has quested court should give

> more time is being sought. IG Punjab requested that " we should be given time of 10 days more. we will give good news.

The CJ LHC Muhammad Amir Bhatti remarked there should be some progress.

The counsel for Imran Riaz said during the hearing of the case IG Punjab should give time for one hour meeting.
The CJ LHC while di-

the court much positive recting IG Punjab to hold meeting with father of Imran Riaz and legal team at 5 pm adjourned the hear-



Khalil George talking to media persons during the opening ceremony of "2nd cycle of National Media Fellowship on gender based violation and child marriage" at IBA city campus Karachi.

#### LHC remands bail petitions of 97 PTI workers to trial court

LAHORE (APP): The court for bail after investi-Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday announced verdict on post-arrest bail petitions filed by 97 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf workers, including fashion designer Khadija Shah, Aalia Hamza, Sanam Javed, in May-9 violence cases, including attack on Jinnah House (the corps commander residence in

The court, through a short order, remanded the bail petitions to the trial court, adding that the reasons would be recorded in

Lahore).

detailed judgement. The court observed

that since new offences had been added in the cases,

therefore, the accused

Neelum, heard the post-arrest bail petitions of the PTI workers. Earlier, Special Pros-ecutor Farhad Ali Shah op-

gations in connection with

headed by Justice Aalia

The division bench,

new offences.

posed the bail petitions of the PTI workers before the bench. He submitted that new offences had been added in the cases and investigations were in progress from the accused, adding that some of the accused were on remand. He submitted that the petitioners should again approach the trial court in this situation after completion of investigations from them



PESHAWAR: Former caretaker Minister for Commerce and Chairman KEFAdnan Jalil and MD Bank of Khyber Muhammad Ali Gulfarazin a group photo with other officials during BoK delegation visit to Khyber Eye Foundation.

#### We will soon inaugurate 22 roads in SITE Industrial Area: Mayor Karachi

quet of people who speak

every language and it talked

about humanity. "I will

contest election from Gizri,

to the requirement of the

prevailing local government

law, he had decided to con-

test the elections from three

UCs, including Gizri,

Ibrahim Hydari and

Mauripur. I am the repre-

sentative of the city and

whatever can be done to

serve the city will be done

definitely, he added. Leader

of PPP and former Mem-

ber of National Assembly

Shahida Rahmani, Town

Chairman Nawaz Brohi,

Mayor Karachi Represen-

tative for Political Affairs

Karamullah Waqasi, Presi-

He said that according

Ibrahim Haidari

Mauripur", he said.

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said we will soon inaugurate 22 roads in the industrial area of the SITE where we have constructed 31 roads. The establishment of a football stadium in Manghopir was a long-standing demand of the people of the area, which has been fulfilled by the Sindh government, he said while addressing the ceremony held after the inauguration of the football stadium in Manghopir on Wednesday.

He said that the Mayor of PPP represented the entire city and the people of Karachi needed a person who could work.

He said that the philosophy of PPP was to serve the people as dent of District Central Dil People's Party was a bou- Muhammad and others.

GILGIT: Advisor Information to Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan, Eman Shah addressing a press conference regarding current law and order situ-

ation in Gilgit-Baltistan.

#### traordinary steps for the wreath on the grave of Army Martyrs at Chawinda. | forces in its regimes. First Lady for raising awareness about early symptoms of breast cancer, self-examination

Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi on Wednesday, emphasizing the diagnosis and curability of breast cancer in early stage, has called for raising awareness about the initial symptoms of breast cancer to control the fatal disease, besides educating women to adopt the habit of 5-minute self-examination every month.

Speaking at a seminar on "Breast Cancer, Mental Health and Facilitation of Persons with Disabilities" jointly organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and University of Lahore (UOL), she stressed that healthy women are vital for a prosperous Paki-

Begum Samina Arif Alvi urged women to learn about self-examination and conduct 5-minute self-ex-

aminations every month to detect breast cancer at early stages and seek medical advice in case of any abnormalities. Highlighting that women make up almost 50 percent of the population, she emphasized the importance of broadcasting messages related to breast cancer and mental health through various media chan-

nels, including TV, radio, dramas and newspapers. The First Lady also advocated for individuals with disabilities, calling for

their job quotas in both the public and private sectors. She applauded the progress made in spreading awareness about breast cancer over the past five years, resulting in a higher number of cases being diagnosed at stages 1 or 2,

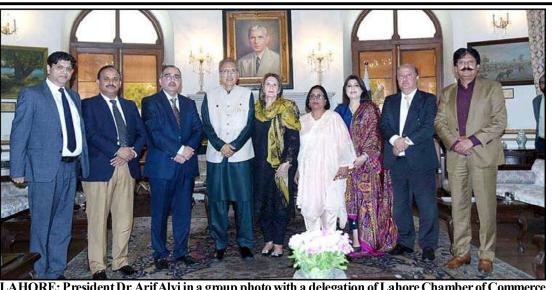
tinued collaborative efforts between organizations like WHO, civil society and cancer hospitals to further combat this disease.

Begum Samina Alvi expressed satisfaction with University of Lahore's dedication to cancer and mental health research. She highlighted the shortage of trained psychologists compared to the population and emphasized that increased awareness is essential to control breast cancer.

In her closing remarks. the First Lady urged for messages about breast cancer prevention to be communicated in multiple languages. She reiterated the importance of creating a supportive work environment for individuals with disabilities in both governwhich are curable. She ment and private institustressed the need for con- tions.



MUZAFFERABAD: Students of different Schools and Colleges shouting slogans in the favor Pak Army and Pakistan during demonstrations to mark the "Defense Day" in the Capital of AJK.



LAHORE: President Dr. ArifAlvi in a group photo with a delegation of Lahore Chamber of Commerce

#### President for 30-35 percent women's participation in business sector

LAHORE (APP): President Dr. Arif Alvi on Wednesday emphasized the importance of women's empowerment and called for increasing their participation in business sector by 30-35 percent for economic revival. He urged the business community to create a conducive and harassment-free environment for women professionals, highlighting government's efforts in this area and encouraging both

the public and private secto collaborate.

SIFC urges businessmen

to act as its ambassadors

to attract investment

SBP introduces fundamental

reforms in the sector of

exchange companies

During a meeting with the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry the IT sector. (LCCI) delegation here at Governor House, President Dr. Arif Alvi accompanied by First Lady Samina Alvi discussed the need for tangible surveys, seminars, awareness sessions and other initiatives to promote women's active involvement in various business sectors. He also encouraged the LCCI delegation to take measures for economic revival and social welfare projects, stressing that business community cooperation could attract foreign investment, particularly in

Talking about the issue of education, President Alvi said, more than 25 million Pakistani children still not attending schools despite extraordinary efforts which was a deplorable. He stressed the need for using thousands of schools and Mosques for classes, and extra shifts in schools to address the challenge.

Furthermore, President Alvi emphasized the importance of individual efforts in educating domestic workers, and called on cial organs to 100,000 the business community to

support people with disabilities, mental illnesses, and breast cancer patients. He commended the Lahore Chamber for achieving its target of providing 25 percent jobs to women. LCCI President Kashif Anwar informed the President Alvi about LABARD (Lahore Businessmen Association for Rehabilitation of the Disabled), a non-profit organization works under the patronage of Lahore Chamber's management, which had provided artifi-



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a briefing by Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Industries and Production.

#### ISLAMABAD (APP): the best opportunities for The Special Investment Fainvestors in Pakistan's key sectors of agriculture, livestock, IT, minerals and en-Apart from this, efforts at the policy level through the SIFC Forum to

cilitation Council (SIFC), in an important meeting with the business community and economic experts of Lahore, urged the businessmen to act as its ambassador to attract investment for the country. After Karachi, the

SIFC had held a special meeting with the business community and economic experts of Lahore on Wednesday, an official source said. The SIFC team gave a

comprehensive briefing on a positive outlook on in-

KARACHI (Online):

State Bank of Pakistan has

decided to introduce fun-

damental reforms in the

sector of exchange compa-

that leading banks dealing in foreign exchange will be

able to set up proprietary

exchange companies to

meet the legitimate foreign

exchange needs of the pub-

merged into a single cat-

These reforms include

which provided an opportunity for the business community to exchange The meeting identified ideas on investment.

private investors.

improve the overall invest-

ment climate were also high-

lighted. The business com-

munity was taken into con-

fidence and were assured of

all support and facilitation

to fulfill such efforts from

with an interactive session,

The event concluded

Further, the mini-

mum capital requirement

for exchange companies

has been increased from

Rs 200 million to Rs 500

million. The following are

offered for conversion of

'B' category exchange companies (EC-B) and

franchise branches of ex-

change companies into

full-fledged exchange com-

change company after ful-

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Category 'B' ex-

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#### **Ambassador Blome highlights** benefits of U.S. Private Sector Investment, bilateral relations

ISLAMABAD (APP): U.S. Ambassador Donald Blome visited Lahore September 4-6 to promote U.S.-Pakistan trade and economic ties, broaden and deepen cooperation with the people and government of Punjab.

He also discussed the importance of protecting and respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, said a press release issued here on Wednesday by the U.S. **Embassy** 

During his visit to PepsiCo's FritoLay Snack plant and NetSol Technologies Ltd, Ambassador Blome and Consul General Hawkins reaffirmed the United States' commitment to trade, investment, and development with and through

**SECP** issues

Shariah

compliance

certificate to

**NBFC** 

ISLAMABAD (NNI):

The Securities and Ex-

change Commission of Pa-

kistan (SECP) has issued a

Shariah compliance certifi-

cate to a licensed non-bank-

ing finance company (NBFC) offering Buy Now

Pay Later (BNPL) services

on the Shariah principle of

Musawamah, whereby profit margin is included in

the sale price of the com-

The certificate has been granted to Qist Bazaar

(Private) Limited under the

Shariah Governance Regu-

lations, 2018. The regula-

tions provide an enabling

regulatory framework for the

certification of Shariah-

compliant companies and

Shariah-compliant securi-

ties. Qistbazaar (Private)

Limited, an NBFC provid-

ing investment finance ser-

vices, has engaged the ser-

vices of a Shariah advisor to

structure their products and

services in accordance with Shariah regulations. It is ex-

pected that more players in

the non-bank financial sector will choose to serve Is-

lamic financial products and

pliance certificate for a

BNPL platform is a signifi-

cant milestone, promoting

Shariah-compliant financial products and enabling new

business models for tech-

based entrepreneurs

The first Shariah com-

services in the country.

modity.

investment and showcased the significant role U.S. companies play creating jobs and giving back to local communities through corporate social responsibility initiatives that promote education, health, disaster relief, women's empowerment, and skills development. 'Pakistan has tremen-

dous economic potential. The United States is working every day to help Pakistan make progress on economic reforms that will make it more competitive and better prepared to meet future challenges.

That includes our cooperation to build more reliable energy systems, strengthen and improve infrastructure, increase capacity for regional trade. and ensure that Pakistanis nies with a defined scope. censes will be cancelled. benefits of U.S. trade and tury," Ambassador Blome doms for all.

While in Lahore, Ambassador Blome and Consul General Hawkins also met with caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi. The leaders discussed opportuni-ties to expand U.S.-Pakistan economic ties, the importance of protecting the human rights and fundamental freedoms of religious minorities, and respect for democracy and rule of law.

In his meetings with representatives of religious groups, the Ambassador and Consul General Hawkins reiterated U.S. condemnation of recent attacks on Christian churches and homes, emphasized U.S. commitment to protect and promote religious freedom, and underscored the the private sector in have the skills and training importance of protecting Punjab. Ambassador needed to compete and and respecting human Blome highlighted the succeed in the 21st cen-rights and fundamental free

#### **2023 CIFTIS:** Pakistani companies attract large number of visitors

BEIJING (APP): :As 2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque noted that the Government of Pakistan is stepping up to facilitate the exchanges and cooperation between both countries.

This year, at the ongoing 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (2023 CIFTIS) - one of the world's largest and most comprehensive fairs for trade in services - companies from Pakistan's secondary and tertiary industries such as finance, logistics, aviation and artificial intelligence attracted many visitors. The 2023 CIFTIS

merchants. Many of them attended exhibitions in China for the first time, showcasing Pakistan's service industry to visitors from all over the world.

Prestige International, which launched Pakistan's first National Pavilion on JD.com (Jingdong), China's famous e-commerce platform, set up a booth to showcase Pakistani products including tea, biscuits and rice. A manager in charge of international trade told China Economic Net that the products they selected were of good quality and at fair prices. Coupled with the help of boosting e-commerce in China, they are confident about the future of these Made-in-Pakistan prod-

witnessed the flourishing business of these Pakistani Corporation (NLC), one of

### FDI increases by

ISLAMABAD (APP): ing first month of current financial year (2023-24) witnessed about 17.3 percent growth as compared to

By the month of July 2023, the FDI reached \$87.7 million against the investment of \$74.8 million in same period of the last year, which was up by 17.3 percent, according to the 'Monthly Economic Update & Outlook August 2023', said in the report released by the Ministry of

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Exports in Services during July FY2024 increased by 2.3 percent to \$ 538 million as against \$ 526 million. The imports in

services increased by 45.3 percent to \$ 811 million as compared to \$ 558 million same period last year. The trade deficit in services stood at \$ 273 million as against \$ 32 million

#### PM directs framing of industrial policy to spur economic growth

ISLAMABAD Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Wednesday directed that a national industrial policy should be formulated as soon as possible to spur economic growth and in-crease industrial produc-

He issued the directive during a briefing on the performance and targets of Ministry of Commerce, and Ministry of Industries and Production.

The prime minister asked the relevant officers to increase the contribution of industries in the gross domestic product of Pakistan from the present 12 percent to optimum capacity through formula-

tion of an effective strat-

ISLAMABAD: Laborers are unloading the sugar

sacks from truck at Fruit and Vegetables Market

at Sector I-11 as traders are expected the decrease

of sugar prices after receiving such more trucks,

to make their business profitable across country.

PCJCCI suggests promoting

tissue-culture labs to

increase potatoes export

LAHORE (APP): Paki- production soared to 7.937

President Moazzam the initial cost of po-

Korean delegation calls

on Caretaker KP Minister

for Energy and Power

PESHAWAR (Online): A cabinet. During the meeting,

2022-23 from 5.873 mil-

lion tonnes in the FY 2021-

22, up by 35 percent as

floods did not hit Punjab

which is a hub of potato

continued, Pakistan im-

ports 20,000 tons of

potato seeds every year

and most of the potato

seeds in Pakistan highly

depend on imports and

tato production is high

because 35 to 40 percent

of the cost goes to

seeds, and there is a dire

need to make it cost-ef-

fective for the low-in-

tual cooperation of Korean

companies in the energy

sector of the province is

very important for the de-

velopment of this sector.

He said that our province

has a lot of potential for

foreign investment in the

development of the hydro-

power sector, and we will

try to develop this sector.

He further said that Korean

investment in this sector is

a positive initiative for the

bilateral ties between Ko-

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held here at PCJCCI Sec-

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on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Caretaker Minister for En-

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Peshawar. On this occasion,

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cussed matters of mutual in-

terest with the caretaker min-

ister, with a special empha-

sis on mutual cooperation in

hydropower development

also congratulated the care-

The Korean delegation

projects in the province.

The joint chamber's

domestic use.

(PCJCCI)

He said Pakistan should be made a hub of trade, transportation and transhipment by taking advantage of its unique geo-

graphical location. He instructed that a training programme should be held for the business community and the logistics companies to make them aware about the international road transport

system. The PM said the process of privatisation of the loss making state-owned enterprises should be expedited. He was told about the performance of the officers posted abroad for enhancing trade and investment of

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economic partnership with

the Central Asian states

would be part of the strat-

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holders for the establish-

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pects of the recently ap-

proved policy for local manufacturing of mobile

handsets. It was informed

that in the next two years

four million handsets would

be locally manufactured

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The meeting was also

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ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed a bullish trend on Wednesday as it gained 316.09 points and closed at 45,807.57points against 45,491.48 of the previous trading day, showing an in-

crease 0.69 per cent.
A total of 74,236,686 shares were traded during the day as compared to the last day's 55,028,384, whereas the trading value of shares was recorded at Rs3.047 billion on the last

As many as 304 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, out of which 181 gained and 99 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 24 companies remained unchanged.

#### **RCCI Cairo Business** Conference to begin on September, 7

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan- Egypt Business Opportunities Conference being organized by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) will commence in Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday. RCCI President Saqib

Rafiq in a statement informed that on the side-lines of the Business Opportunity Conference, Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings would provide an exclusive platform for delegates to estabtwo-member representative the caretaker minister lish meaningful connecthanked the Korean delegations and nurture potential pany LSG Hydro Power tion and said that the mu-

partnerships.

He said that the trade volume between Pakistan and Egypt was close to \$400 million which could be increased to one billion dollars in a couple of years and added that by enhancing trade cooperation with Egypt, Pakistan could get easy access to many African markets including Libya, Morocco, Sudan and

of Finance and Revenue on Saqib Rafiq said that with participation from esteemed Egyptian businessmen, the event was primed to set a new precedent in fostering bilateral economic



ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in a meeting with High-Level Japanese Delegation at PM Secretariat.

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### China warns against 'new Cold War' at **Asean summit**

**Monitoring Desk** 

JAKARTA: Chinese Premier Li Qiang said on Wednesday it is important to avoid a "new Cold War" when dealing with conflicts between countries as world leaders gathered in Indonesia amid sharpening geopolitical rivalries across the Indo-Pacific region.

Speaking at an annual summit involving members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and China, Japan and South Korea, Li said countries needed to "appropriately handle differences and dis-

"At present, it is very important to oppose taking sides, bloc confronta-tion and a new Cold War," Li told the meeting.
Asean, which has

warned of the danger of getting dragged into major powers' disputes, is also

holding wider talks with with Li, US Vice President Kamala Harris, and leaders of various partner countries including Japan, South Korea, Australia, and India. Neither US President

Joe Biden nor his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, is attending the summit.

High on the agenda at

the gatherings in the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, is concern about China's increasingly assertive activity in the South China Sea, an important trade corridor in which several Asean members have claims that conflict with China's.

Asean this week discussed with China accelerating negotiations on a longdiscussed code of conduct for the waterway, said Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi of the Asean chair,

The issue also came actions.

up during an Asean-Japan summit where leaders "expressed the importance of keeping situations in the region conducive, especially in the Korean Peninsula and also the South China Sea" she said.

The United States and its allies have echoed Asean's calls for freedom of navigation and overflight and to refrain from building a physical presence in dis puted waters.

China has built vari ous facilities, including runways, on tiny outcrops in the sea.

"The vice president will underscore the United States' and Asean's shared interest in upholding the rules-based international order, including in the South China Sea, in the face of China's unlawful maritime claims and provocative

**UN** slams

alarm on Tuesday at the

Muhammad Yunus.

of civil society leaders, hu-

man rights defenders and

other dissenting voices, is a

worrying sign for civic and

democratic space in Bangladesh," UN rights of-

fice spokeswoman Ravina

Shamdasani told reporters in

Geneva. "These cases also

represent an important test

for the independence of the

National elections are due in

Bangladesh by the end of

January, but rights groups

and foreign governments

have long raised concerns

Africa calls for

new taxes to

fund climate

change

Monitoring Desk

NAIROBI: African leaders

on Wednesday proposed

new global taxes and re-

forms to international fi-

over efforts.

judiciary in Bangladesh.'



Thailand's Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and his cabinet members take the oath of allegiance in front of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn and Queen Suthida at the Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### US targets deputy leader of Sudan's RSF over rights abuses

**Monitoring Desk** 

N'DJAMENA: United States is imposing sanctions on the deputy leader of Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) over human rights abuses, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations announced during a trip to sanctioned since the start of Chad's border with Sudan the war. Reuters first reon Wednesday.

The move to target Abdelrahim Dagalo brother of RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti - is the highest profile use of sanctions since conflict between the RSF and Sudan's army broke out in mid-April and an apparent response to the dramatic violence seen in West Darfur, which the RSF is accused of perpetrating

along with allied militias.

The RSF has denied

Bangladesh over 'harassment' of **Nobel laureate** Muhammad Yunus **Monitoring Desk** The monitors, rights groups GENEVA: The UN voiced and witnesses that it is be-

> to be involved would be brought to justice. Dagalo is the first official on either side to be ported the move. Previous sanctions, levied on compa-

hind the violence, while say-

ing any of its soldiers found

nies, also targeted the army. Today, the United States is taking action to hold bad actors accountable," U.S. envoy Linda Thomas-Greenfield told re-

Dagalo is being targeted "for his connection to abuses by the RSF against civilians in Sudan, including conflict-related sexual violence and killings based on ethnicity," Thomas-Greenfield said.

#### Blinken visit and deadly market attack in Ukraine

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: A reported Russian

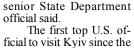
attack on a city in eastern Ukraine that killed at least 16 people overshadowed a visit on Wednesday by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to offer Kyiv support for its counteroffensive against Russia's invasion forces. President Volodymyr

Zelenskiy condemned the attack, which hit a market, shops and a pharmacy in the city of Kostiantynivka, close to the battlefield. He said a child was among the 16 or more dead, and many people were wounded.

'This Russian evil must be defeated as soon as possible," Zelenskiy said. Blinken is expected to announce a new package of U.S. wartime assistance worth more than \$1 billion during his two-day visit, a senior State Department

due to meet Zelenskiy.

ing alongside Kuleba.



ficial to visit Kyiv since the counteroffensive began in early June, Biden had talks with Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and was

'We want to make sure that Ukraine has what it needs, not only to succeed in the counteroffensive but has what it needs for the long term, to make sure that it has a strong deterrent," Blinken said stand-

U.S. media reports have cited unidentified U.S. officials as saying the Ukrainian counteroffensive has been too slow and hindered by poor tactics - criticism that angered Ukrainian officials and prompted Kuleba to tell critics to "shut up"



South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol arrives to the ASEAN-South Korea Summit at the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia.



istry Budi Gunadi Sadikin, walk upon her arrival at the Soekarno Hatta International airport, amid the 43rd ASEAN Summit, in Tangerang near Jakarta, Indonesia.

#### World losing race to meet climate goals, says COP28 president stocktake", an assessment ing from some of the most

**Monitoring Desk** NAIROBI: The world is losing the race to meet its

climate change goals, the president of the upcoming COP28 summit said on Tuesday, as African leaders called for changes to what they say is an unfair international climate finance

The grim assessment by Sultan Al Jaber, who will preside over the summit in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in late November, came three days before the United Nations publishes its first "global

of how nations are doing in their efforts to tackle climate change.

"We are not delivering the results that we need in the time that we need them," Jaber, who also heads the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, told delegates at the inaugural Africa Climate Summit in Kenya's capital, Nairobi. The summit, which opened on Monday, is focused on mobilising financing for Africa's response to climate

change.
While Africa is suffer-

severe impacts of climate change, the continent only receives about 12 per cent of the financing it needs to cope, according to researchers.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of investments in sustainable development projects were announced on Monday, and on Tuesday Jaber announced the UAE was pledging \$4.5 billion dollars to develop 15 GW of clean power in Africa by 2030. Africa currently has about 60 GW of installed renewables capacity.

#### Thai king swears in PM and cabinet

**Monitoring Desk** BANGKOK: Thai King

Maha Vajiralongkorn swore in Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and cabinet ministers in a coalition government made up of 11 parties on Tuesday Srettha, whose Pheu

Thai party leads the coalition, and 33 cabinet ministers pledged their loyalty to the monarchy during the ceremony at the Dusit Palace in Bangkok. The government will deliver its policy statement to parliament on Monday. Srettha, a 61-year-old

use of legal proceedings in Bangladesh to intimidate U.S.-educated billionaire and harass rights advocates and former president of and civil society leaders, luxury property developer including Nobel laureate Sansiri, said that his adminand micro-credit pioneer

istration will focus on addressing people's needs. "This government is a

people's government... we are all here as representatives of the people," he said in a televised address after being sworn-in.

There are many problems so we will work tirelessly every day... we will address the demands of the people." Srettha, who is also the country's finance minister, said he will hold a cabinet meeting on Wednesday and travel to north-eastern provinces of Khon Kaen, Udon Thani and Nongkhai on Friday to meet communities and find out more about their problems.

French ex-spy chief to face trial for influence peddling **Monitoring Desk** 

PARIS: France's former domestic spy chief Bernard Squarcini will face trial in Paris on suspicion of influence peddling, largely for luxury giant LVMH, sources close to the case said on Tuesday. As well as the charge that he used his connections to benefit private interests, Squarcini will be tried for misuse of public funds and compromising national security secrets, judges decided according to a court document. Ten more people will stand trial, including a former judge, a prefect (se-



Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba greets US Secretary of StateAntony Blinken before a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kyiv, Ukraine.

India," he told ANI, in

which Reuters has a minor-

ity stake, when asked if

the summit because they

cision they make, I mean

they would know best. But

I would not at all see it the

way you would suggest,"

would affect building a con-

sensus and producing a dec-

laration at the end of the

'We are negotiating right

now...the clock did not

summit, Jaishankar said:

Asked if their absence

"I think whatever de-

are miffed with India.

#### Xi, Putin missing G20 summit not unusual, India's foreign minister says

Monitoring Desk nancial institutions to help fund climate change action NEW DELHI: China's in a declaration that will President Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin form the basis of their negotiating position at skipping this week's G20 November's COP28 sumsummit in New Delhi is mit. The Nairobi Declaranot unusual and has nothtion capped the three-day ing to do with India, In-Africa Climate Summit in dian Foreign Minister Kenya, which was domi-Subrahmanyam nated by discussions of Jaishankar told the ANI how to mobilise financing news agency.
Sherpas of the G20 to adapt to increasingly ex-

treme weather, conserve countries are negotiating to natural resources and debuild a consensus and arvelop renewable energy. rive at a declaration at the Despite suffering from some of the worst impacts of climate change Africa only receives about on Wednesday. 12% of the nearly \$300 billion in annual financing

Sept. 9-10 summit in New Delhi, Jaishankar said in the

interview, which was aired 'No, no. I do not think start ticking yesterday.'

#### Christie says DeSantis put 'politics ahead of his job' by not seeing Biden during hurricane visit

CHARLOTTE: Republican presidential hopeful Chris Christie says Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had put "poli-tics ahead of his job" by de-clining to meet with Presi-dent Joe Biden during the Democrat's weekend visit to survey Hurricane Idalia's

damage in DeSantis' state. Your job as governor is to be the tour guide for the president, is to make sure the president sees your people, sees the damage, sees the suffering, what's going on and what needs to be done to rebuild it.' Christie said about his rival

for the 2024 nomination in an interview Tuesday on Fox News Radio's "The Brian Kilmeade Show."

"You're doing your job. And unfortunately, he put politics ahead of his job," Christie said. "That was his choice." No one knows better than Christie how such a sticky political situation can create an enduring image. Photos of then New Jersey Gov. Christie giving a warm greeting to Democratic President Barack Obama during a visit after Superstorm Sandy in 2012 earned Christie scorn among national Republicans.

#### Japan, China bigwigs talk about radioactive water release **Monitoring Desk**

TOKYO: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Wednesday he explained Japan's stance on Putin and Xi are skipping the release of treated radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear plant to Chinese Premier Li Qiang on the sidelines of a regional meeting in Indonesia.

Japan started releasing the water from the wrecked plant into the ocean last month, drawing strong criticism from China. In retaliation, China has imposed a blanket ban on all aquatic imports from Japan. A massive earthquake

and tsunami in 2011 triggered a nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl 25 years earlier. Kishida told reporters

he spoke briefly with Li ahead of a session at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in

"During the chat, I explained Japan's position on the treated water to Premier Li," Kishida said. He refused to say how Li had responded. Kishida avoided commenting directly on whether he had sought the ban on aquatic imports to be lifted during his talk with Li, repeating that he had explained Japan's position. He added nothing had been decided on whether he would talk with Li again on the sidelines of the Group of 20 (G20) summit later this week.

### ensure stable energy market - Kremlin

**Putin, Saudi's prince:** 

oil supply cuts

**Monitoring Desk** 

MOSCOW: The Kremlin on Wednesday said that President Vladimir Putin had spoken by phone with Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and that recent agreements on supply cuts had ensured stability on global energy markets.
The global leaders

in oil production, Saudi Arabia and Russia, on extension of voluntary oil supply cuts to the end of the year, despite a rally in the oil market and analyst expectations of tight supply in the fourth

exports by 300,000 barrels per day, while Saudi Arabia will extend its voluntary oil output cut of 1 million bpd.

Kremlin said the leaders had been highly satisfied with cooperation between their countries within the framework of the OPEC+ group of leading oil producers.

"It was noted that the agreements reached Tuesday announced the on reducing oil production, combined with voluntary commitments to limit the supply of the commodity, make it possible to ensure the stability of the global energy market," the Krem-Russia will roll over lin said in a readout of

its decision to reduce oil the call.

#### South Korea's Yoon says any military cooperation with North Korea must stop

**Monitoring Desk** 

SEOUL: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said on Wednesday any attempt to cooperate with North Korea on military affairs in a way that damages international peace must immediately halt.

Yoon made the comment at a summit meeting with Southeast Asia's ASEAN bloc countries in Jakarta, Indonesia, his of-

The office did not elaborate but his comment comes amid reports that arms negotiations between North Korea and Russia are actively advancing and that the North's leader, Kim Jong Un, plans to visit Russia soon to meet President Vladimir Putin.

"Attempt at military cooperation with North Korea that harms international peace must immediately halt," Yoon's office improving ties.

quoted him as saying at a meeting with the leaders of ASEAN countries.

North Korea and Russia have denied they were in arms negotiations.

A visit by Kim later this month to Russia's fareastern port city of Vladivostok is partly to discuss supplying Moscow with weapons for the war in Ukraine, the New York Times reported this week.

Russia's defence minister, Sergei Shoigu, said earlier the two countries planned to conduct joint military exercises. At a later meeting with

ASEAN leaders, together with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Yoon said South Korea would work closely with the two Asian neighbours with the goal of resuming their three-way talks on

#### Kim Jong Un's possible trip to Russia could be like his 2019 journey. 20 hours on his armored train

**Monitoring Desk** 

Jong Un may travel to Russia soon have drawn attention to the traditional method of travel for North Korean leaders: luxury, armored trains that have long been a part of the dynasty's lore and are symbols of its deep isolation. In what would be his

first foreign travel since the start of the pandemic, Kim may visit Russia this month for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a U.S. official has said, possibly to discuss North Korean arms sales to refill Russian reserves drained by its war on Ukraine. According to U.S. reports, the two leaders could meet in the eastern city of Vladivostok, the site of their first get-together in April 2019, when Kim took his green-and-yellow train. Putin is expected in the city for the annual Eastern Economic Forum that runs from Sunday to Wednesday.

The reports come at a time when the leaders' interests are aligning in the face of their deepening, separate confrontations with the United States. Whether Kim could the leader.

again make the rattling 20hour journey by rail is a focus of media attention, as is the reportedly luxurious train, which stands in sharp contrast to the grinding poverty of daily life for most North Koreans.

Kim's famously flight-averse father, Kim Jong II, made about a dozen trips abroad during his 17year rule, almost all to China and all by train. North Korea's state media said that the elder Kim died of a heart attack during a train trip in 2011.

According to an account published in 2002 by Konstantin Pulikovsky, a Russian official who accompanied Kim Jong ll on a three-week trip to Moscow, the train carried cases of expensive French wine and passengers could feast on fresh lobster and pork barbeque. The train's most important feature, however, is security. According to South Korean media reports, North Korea has 90 special carriages in total and operates three trains in tandem when a leader is traveling — an advance train to check the rails, the train with

#### 4 exceptionally preserved Roman swords discovered in a Dead Sea cave in Israel

**Monitoring Desk** JERUSALEM: Four Ro-

man-era swords, their wooden and leather hilts and scabbards and steel blades exquisitely preserved after 1,900 years in a desert cave, surfaced in a recent excavation by Israeli archaeologists near the Dead Sea. the Israel Antiquities Authority announced Wednes-

The cache of exceptionally intact artifacts was found about two months ago and tells a story of empire and rebellion, of longdistance conquest and local insurrection

Researchers, who published the preliminary findings in a newly released book, propose that the arms — four swords and the head of a javelin, known as a pilum — were stashed in the remote cavern by Jewish rebels during an uprising against the Roman Empire in the 130s.

The swords were dated based on their typology, and have not yet un-

dergone radiocarbon dating. The find was part of the antiquities authority's Judean Desert Survey, which aims to document and excavate caves near the Dead Sea and secure scrolls and other precious artifacts before looters have a chance to plunder them. The cool, arid and stable climate of the desert

tional preservation of organic remains, including hundreds of ancient parchment fragments known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Those Jewish texts. discovered last century and dated to the first centuries

caves has allowed excep-

BCE and CE, contain the earliest known versions of the Hebrew Bible, as well an assortment of esoteric writings. Archaeologists returned to this particular cave near the desert oasis of Ein Gedi to document an inscription found decades earlier. "At the back of the cave, in one of the deepest part of it, inside a



#### Ali Mardan Domki says: Interim provincial Govt performing responsibilities as per mandate

Caretaker Chief Minister maintains it is our endeavor to take all segments along during short span of time of our tenure

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the interim provincial government is discharging responsibili-ties remaining in its given mandate, and it is our endeavour to take all segments of the society

along in short span of

Muhammad Shaheed in

Gujar Khan on the occasion

the people of Gujar Khan,

a land of Martyrs, would

continue to sacrifice their

lives to protect Pakistan.

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would prove an unbreak-

able wall to defend our

motherland from any nefari-

ous designs of enemies.

While denouncing the 9th

May vandalism he said,

any action to create a chasm

between people of Pakistan

and its Armed Forces

The speaker said that

He said, "We are a na-

of Defense Day.

**People, Armed Forces** 

intertwined in unbreakable

bond: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): to the tomb of Shaheed

Speaker National Assem-

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Wednesday said that people and Pakistan's

armed forces are inter-

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kistan is bound to progress and develop as it is blessed

expressed these views

with patriotic people.

He also said that Pa-

Raja Pervez Ashraf

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Wednesday. Mr. Domki on the occasion mentioned that establishing law and or-

Minister was speaking to

delegation

Balochistan Bar Council

who called on him under

leadership of its leader

and senior lawyer, Rahib

Khan Buledi here at the

CM's secretariat on

topmost priority and responsibility. He said that the problems of common men can be resolved by ensuring justice in the society.

The caretaker Chief and fair elections is our

He said that there's an important role in pro- ment would extend vision of justice to the people. and active and efficient role of lawyers reflects the healthy soder and conducting free ciety. Meanwhile, dur- the province.

ing the course of meeting, the cooperation of provincial government for vocation training of the lawyers was also discussed. On this, the caretaker Chief Minister assure that the governwholehearted cooperation for welfare and capacity building of the lawyers' community in



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on Federal Board of Revenue and Privatisation.

#### India's bid to undo UNSC's reform process to prove 'counterproductive': Pakistan

(APP): Without naming India, Pakistan told the UN Security Council that "one State" appeared bent on destroying the long-running Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) process aimed at expanding the 15-member body, stressing: "This will prove counterproduc-

"To serve its misplaced ambitions, one 'State' appears willing to destroy the IGN process, which was established by the consensus support of the entire UN membership," Ambassador Munir Akram said, as he called for an improvement in the Security Council's working method, the subject of

Tuesday's debate. Since 2009, India, along with Brazil, Germany and Japan—known as G-4 — has been pushing for a opportunity." permanent seat on the U.N.'s high table, a bid strongly opposed by the Italy/Pakistan-led Uniting for Consensus (UfC) group which opposes any additional permanent members.

Instead, UfC has proposed a new category of members—not permanent members — with longer duration in terms and a possibility to get re-elected.

The Security Council is currently composed of five permanent members— Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—and 10 non-permanent members elected to two-year term.

In June, when the General Assembly rolled over the Security Council reform to the 78th session, India lashed out at the

Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj went on to warn that India was "looking beyond the IGN ... as the only viable pathway to a future UN Security Council that would better reflect the world of today" At the same June

meeting, Ambassador Akram, the Pakistani envoy, defended the IGN pro-Despite the divergent

positions, he said, the process is the "best avenue" to accomplish a reformed

"It is only through patient exchanges, mutual accommodation and compromise that we can broaden the areas of convergence and reduce the points of divergence and thus evolve a 'model' for the move, calling it a "wasted reform that can be accepted

different roads being completed under the Quetta

Package in Quetta city on

of development on the roads under Quetta Pack-

sion, Commissioner di-

He reviewed the pace

Speaking on the occa-

#### **Commissioner fixes deadline** of 2-months for completion various roads projects in Qta was on visit of the sites of

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Shafqaat has fixed deadline of two months for completing the projects of different roads under Quetta development Pack-

He directed the concerned high ups to ensure completion of Sariab road, Sabzal road, Anscomb road, Link Badini road and link Radio Pakistan road within two months time.

rected the concerned departments and high ups to

take steps on war footing grounds to expedite the work on the roads projects and resolve the public is-

Wednesday.



LANDIKOTAL: People are facing inconvenience after Torkham border closed due to an exchange of gunfire between Afghan and Pakistani forces, in Torkham Border.

#### E-gates to be installed at New Gwadar Int'l Airport soon

GWADAR (INP): New obtained from different na-Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) is soon to be equipped with Electronic Gates (E-gates) in line with

international high-tech standards for the facilitation of etc. passengers. This is part of the project of Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) to make installa-

tion of e-gates across Pakistan in phases. Other airports that will have e-gates include Islamabad, Allama Iqbal, and Jinnah International Airport.

This project will be completed under the supervision of the Aviation ticket. Secretary and the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority (DGCAA).

suggestions have also been metric chip.

tional institutions including the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA),

Meanwhile, tenders will be sought for the E-gate project, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Wednesday.

The installation of Egates will eliminate the hassle for travelers as they don't need to wait in queue to get boarding pass and can obtain their boarding cards through the E-gate by scanning their passport and

The sources within CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) mentioned that the E-gate uses the data embed-Sources indicate that ded in the Passport's bio-

#### PM for widening tax net, swift privatisation of loss-making SOEs

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday, reiterating his government's priority to widen the tax net, instructed all the relevant departments to work collectively for bringing in tax re-The prime minister,

chairing a meeting to discuss the matters pertaining to the Federal Board of Revenue and Privatisation Division, emphasised the need to improve coordination between federal and provincial governments to carry out tax documentation. He said that the FBR

was an important component of the government machinery.

He instructed the authorities concerned to fulfill the legal obligations to accelerate the privatisation of loss-making state-owned enterprises and asked all the

ISLAMABAD (APP): federal ministries to cooperate with the Privatisation Division.

> In the briefing, the prime minister was told that the FBR was determined to achieve the tax collection target of Rs 9,415 billion. The Board had collected Rs 538 billion in July this year against the target of Rs 534 billion, and Rs 669 billion in August against the target of Rs 648

It was told that the domestic tax collection had witnessed an increase of 38.7 percent during 2023-24 comparing the previous

The prime minister was told that digital tools were also being used to enhance the tax-to-GDP ratio and the FBR's database was also being linked with other departments.

The FBR was also striving to achieve the tar-

get of including another one million taxpayers in the tax net as 182,000 new taxpayers had already been added this year.

The prime minister was told that the scope of Point of Sales system was being expanded to more cities and retailers.

The efforts are being made to add another 20,000 new retailers in the PoS this year, besides formulating a strategy on Transit Trade Management System.

It was told that work Customs the digitalisation was underway and Pakistan Single Window system was being linked with more govern ment institutions.

while talking to media rep-The Privatisation Diresentatives during his visit would never succeed." vision was working to im-prove working and service delivery of government corporations by utilising the

#### capabilities of the private Interior Secretary Abdullah Sumbal passes away due

to cardiac arrest ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Interior Secretary Abdullah Khan Sumbal died due to cardiac arrest on Wednesday. According to details. Sambal was seriously ill for the last four days and was under treatment at hospital. His demise occurred in Lahore while he was being transferred to the hospital due to deteriorating health

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PM, CNS visit

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ISLAMABAD (APP)

Caretaker Prime Minister

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on

Wednesday visited the fam-

ily of Lt. Commander

Hamza Abid of the Pakistan

Navy who was martyred in

a helicopter crash in

Gwadar. Accompanied by

Chief of Naval Staff Admi-

ral Muhammad Amjad

Khan Niazi, the prime min-

ister expressed condolences

to the parents and family

members of the martyred

naval officer. The father of

the martyred officer had

also served in the Pakistan

indebted to the martyrs,

the prime minister wrote or

X, formerly Twitter.

"We as a nation are

back to March 18.

districts meet CM Domki **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chairman

Chairman of Zakat

**Committees of various** 

of Zakat Committees and representatives of Usher committees of different districts of the province called on caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki here on Wednesday.

During the course of meeting, the Zakat and Usher committees' chairman and representatives apprised the caretaker Chief Minister about the issues including delay in

Those included in the Ziarat, Saadullah Dotani, Chairman Zakat Committee Ouetta, Zainul Abdeen. Chairman Zakat Committee Pishin, Saadullah Kakar. Chairman Zakat Committee Kalat, Abdul Nabi and Chairman Zakat Committee, Killa

and other related problems. Speaking on the occasion, Mir Ali Mardan Domki assured to resolve the issues as raised by the members of delegation. delegation were included: Chairman Zakat committee

### Abdullah, Malik Nadir Khan. release of the Zakat fund QUETTA: A delegation led by former Provincial Minister Noor Muhammad Dummar meeting with

Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

#### City administration to auction parking plazas, motorcycle stands

QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports

Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani meeting with Care-

taker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan

QUETTA (APP): The city administration has decided to auction the designed parking plazas and motorcycle stands in the city to generate more revenue.

Talking to APP, Commissioner, Hamza Shafqat on Wednesday said that the city administration had formulated a comprehensive plan to raise enough money from its own resources to ensure civic facilities to the

He said the authority would auctioned around 100 parking spots transparently and enhanced tax collection to generate more revenue from its resources which would be spent on The government had established parking plaza aimed to overcome roadside problems and provide safe parking places for the com-

Hamza Shafqat said the Balochistan government was providing only 30 percent fund and Quetta Metropolitan Corporation (QMC) had generated 20 percent amount from its own resources of its total expenditure.

The QMC was facing 50 percent deficit of its monthly expenditure, due to which, the situation was deteriorating with every passing day,



**QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Muhammad** Hamza Shafqaat giving away file to owner of a private hostel during inauguration ceremony of Brand

#### Senator Samina says: Pakistan's history made up of sacrifices

QUETTA (APP): Central Force and nation re-Vice President Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on Wednesday said that the history of Pakistan was made up of sacrifices since the creation of Pakistan till today our brave Armed Forces have made eternal sacrifices for the protection of the country on Septem-

She said, in a message on the occasion of Defence Day, that the 1965 war was a great and historic event not only for our brave Armed Forces but also for the Indian forces.

She said in the 1965 war the whole nation bewas impossible to defeat.

sion on every front. Pakistani Armed Forces did not allow the enemy to take even an inch of the motherland, for which the entire nation paid tribute to the Pakistani armed Forces.

By showing courage and bravery, our Armed Forces sacrificed their lives to protect Pakistan and uprooted the enemy's feet and became invincible for the defense of the mother-

land, she noted. Senator Mumtaz Zehri said, "Today we have to renew our pledge that we would not let the sacrifices of our great came like a leaden wall that martyrs go in vain and we could always maintain the same spirit of faith.

#### Kisan Ittehad Pakistan takes out rally to celebrate **Defence Day in Quetta**

another case QUETTA (APP): The rally they said. was taken out under the ISLAMABAD (INP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) leadership of Kisan Ittehad in Islamabad gave Islamabad Pakistan Chairman Khalid Police a two-day physical remand of PTI President Hussain Bat from Toor Khan Nasir Gate to cel-Chaudhary Parvez Elahi in ebrate Defence Day on a case pertaining to an attack on the Judicial Com-Wednesday.

The participants of the rally reached B, A Mall The PTI leader was Askari Park after marching taken into custody by the Counter-Terrorism Departdifferent highways to show solidarity with the soldiers of Pakistan Army.

> While addressing the participants of the rally, Chairman of Kisan Ittihad Pakistan Khalid Hussain Bat, Asmatullah Dummar, Mir Attaullah Long Advocate, Malik Farooq Mehtarzai, Abdul Raziq Sarangzai and others said that the great sons of the country who fought the enemy without caring for protection of the lives of the

The nation is proud of its brave forces, the defense of the country is in strong hands, in the presence of Pakistani forces, the enemy cannot dare to look at Paki-

stan with a lecherous eye,

QUETTA: Members of Pak Civil Soldier Organization are holding celebration demonstration to pay homage to the Ghazis and Shuhada of 06 September 1965 Indo-Pak War on the occasion of Defence Day of Pakistan, at Quetta press club.

#### **Another Congo** virus patient admitted at hospital

QUETTA (IÑP): Another Congo virus patient has been admitted at a hospital On Defense Day, paying tribute to the sacrifices here, sources in hospital of the martyrs and ghazis administration said on of the September 1965 Wednesday. Indo-Pak war, they said

"Naimatullah 25, was brought to the hospital and found positive in test for Congo virus," Fatima Jinnah Hospital officials said.

"Naimatullah has been an Afghan national from Kandahar."

'This year 31 Congo viral fever patients have been reported in Balochistan till now," officials shared.

This is not the first instance that an epidemic of Congo virus fever has breaks out in Balochistan. In late 80s and mid-90s dozens of people had died of the disease, health sources said.

#### Three women among four shot dead over property in Jhelum

JHELUM (INP): Four people including three women were shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Jhelum on Wednesday, police said. A heavy contingent of police led by district police officer (DPO) rushed to the spot and launched an investigation into the multiple murders. The unknown attack-

ers sprayed bullets on a sleeping couple and the women's two sisters.

cated that the slain had a dispute with close relatives over the possession of a two-marla house.

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the history of the courage

and bravery shown by the

Pakistani forces in the

1965 India-Pakistan war.

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