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Terminates NAB amendments SC orders restoration of corruption cases against public office holders

Former president, former PMs, over 450 MPs, bureaucrats now to face NAB once again

ISLAMABAD (Online): sent. Supreme Court (SC) has annulled amendment to NAB laws declaring several of its clauses in conflict with law and constitution.

A three-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, announced the rerestored. served verdict on PTI chief's petition challenging the amendments to the law. It was the last day of CJP Bandial in office as he is Gillani. retiring today.

The bench announced the verdict by 2-1 majority with third member of the bench, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, writing a note of dis-

ence against speaker Na-SC has declared nine of tional Assembly Raja 10 clauses of the NAB Pervez Ashrafwas returned amendments null and void. which has now been re-Following annulment stored.

The cases against former PM Shehbaz Sharif, former PM Shaukat Aziz of NAB amendment by SC corruption cases abolished against several politicians under amended law stand and former finance minister Ishaq Dar have been re-

Toshakhana reference opened now. has been restored against Asif Ali Zardari, Nawaz The beneficiaries of NAB amendment are Farzana Raja, Yousuf Raza Sharif and Yousuf Raza Gillani, speaker Punjab As-sembly Sabtain Khan, LNG reference against

Anwar Majid, close aide to Asif Ali Zardari, son of former Prime Minister (PM) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was shifted from Anwar Majid, former PM Accountability Court Shaukat Aziz, Zafar (AC). Rental power refer-

Continued on page 2 **Govt hikes**

petrol price

by **Rs26**,

HSD by Rs17

Monitoring Desk

SLAMABAD: The care

taker government on

has said he does not believe

in small or big fish but he believes in the fish of law.

'Operation against hoard-

ers and smugglers will con-tinue indiscriminately. No

pressure in this regard will

be accepted. I am not a



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad as Caretaker Federal Minister, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Gwadar Port fully operational: Chinese Charge d'Affairs

Jan Achakzai welcomes news of port's full operationalization and expresses his gratitude to the Chinese govt for its support **Independent Report** airport is scheduled to be

added.

port's

Friday night pushed through another hike in Mughal emperor that I will the prices of petrol by Rs26.02 per litre and issue a decree of monarch that catch him and leave the high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs17.34 per litre. other. Whatever is done will be done as per law. Why should we do an illegal The increase brings the price of petrol to Rs331.38 per litre while HSD is Rs329.18 per litre, the Ministry of Fi-

nance said in a post on X (formerly Twitter) after midnighť. It added that the decision was taken owing to



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar addressing a Press conference after a meeting. Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan MirAli Mardan Khan Domki is also present

I don't believe in small or big fish, I believe in fish of law: PM

Announcing election date beyond caretaker govt's mandate; Says he will not support any unconstitutional step; Zero tolerance for those involved in the smuggling

ISLAMABAD (Online): using electricity upto 200

Care taker Prime Minister units soon. The installsecretaries, IGs and other (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar ments of the electricity bills senior authorities have parwill be allowed. Price conticipated in it.

trol committees are being reactivated to rein in infla-We are reviewing Su-

preme Court (SC) decision on annulment of NAB amendment. Care taker government will take its decision following the arrival of opinion of ministry of law, he said this while addressing a press conference in M House Friday.

work by announcing the PM held he has redate of election. This is viewed the operation against the hoarders, smugmandate of Election Comglers, power pilferers durmission (EC). Relief will be extended to the consumers ing the last one week. Pro-

tion.

ing and smuggling in the vincial chief ministers, chief province

He stated we are working within our prescribed

mandate. May be it PIA or any other institution what is our mandate with regard to its privatization is very clear.

We will do nothing if it does not fall in regulation. But all steps will be taken to remove the flaws.

He pointed out that operation is continuing against the power pilferers, hoarders, dollar mafia, sugar mafia and fertilizer

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Solangi says

Govt awaits

SC's detailed

verdict on NAB

amendments

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Caretaker Minister for In-

formation and Broadcasting

Murtaza Solangi on Friday

said the caretaker govern-

ment was waiting for the

Supreme Court to issue a

detailed judgment on a case

related to the amendments

in National Accountability

gal experts will review the

detailed judgment and fu-

ture course of action will be

announce in the light of their

opinion," the minister said

while addressing a news

conference along with Care-

taker Ministers for Fi-

nance and Energy Dr.

Shamshad Akhtar and

iterated the caretaker

government's commitment

to assist the Election Com-

mission of Pakistan (ECP)

in holding the general elec-

To a query, Solangi re-

Muhammad Ali.

"Law Ministry and le-

Bureau (NAB) laws.

Circle being tightened around hoarders, smugglers: We are ever ready to tackle all challenges including artificial price-hike, vows CM

Around 10,956 metric tons of sugar and 10,647 metric tons of Urea recovered during last one month; stern action taken against govt. officials involved in smuggling and hoarding making

accountability process effective

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker stated so in a statement is-Chief Minister Balochistan, sued here on Friday. Referring the meeting chaired by Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the the caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar provincial government is not unaware of its constiheld the other day, the Chief tutional responsibility and Minister said that certain important decisions were as such we are ever ready to steer the general public made for prevention of the out of the storm of the artiinflation, hoarding and ficial inflation. The caretaker Chief

smuggling in the meeting. He said that it is a good Minister said that the circle to take concrete measures around the hoarders and with determination to resmugglers is being tight-ened. He appreciated the role of all institutions insolve the issues being faced by people. He also said that the

Mir Ali Mardan Domki

coordinated action is concluding forces, divisional and district administration tinued against those involved in the hoarding and in prevention of the hoard-

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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki meeting with Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar

Domki calls on PM Kakar: Caretaker PM assures GoB of every possible cooperation for

The ISLAMABAD: Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Ms. Pang Chunxue, has stated that the progress of the Gwadar Port is satisfactory and that it is now fully operational. She made the remarks during a meeting with caretaker Information and Public Relations Minister of Balochistan, Jan Achakzai on Friday.

Ms. Pang said that the port is nearing full capacity, with work on the free zone in its initial stages.

She added that the vocational training center has been handed over to the localcommunity, and that the

support. He said that the Gwadar Port will play a major role in the economic development of Balochistan and Pakistan, and that it will help to boost

ready by May 2024. The Gwadar hospital is

set to be completed by the

end of 2023, while the de-

salination plant is expected

to be finished this year, she

comed the news of the

operationalization and ex-

pressed his gratitude to the

Chinese government for its

Mr. Achakzai wel-

full

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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Information Minister of Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Charge d'Affaires of Chinese Embassy in Pakistan Ms. Pang Chunxue

PPP doubles down on demand for immediate announcement of poll date

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari reiterates concerns over lack of level-playing field, says "one party" tried to throw PPP out of Punjab but "paid the price" later.

LAHORE (INP): PPP stituencies after every census is officially published."

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday doubled down on the demand for the immediate announcement of a date and schedule for the general elections, stressing that only polls could take the country out of economic and political crises.

Concerns on the poll timing have arisen from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) ruling out elections this year. The electoral watchdog reasons its decision to push elections beyond November 9 on the basis of the notification of results of the new digital 2023 census and Section 17(2) of the Elections Act, which states: "The com-mission shall delimit con-

With elections poten tially just a few months away, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has been engaging in public gatherings and organising party meetings as part of the party's electoral preparations of late. One such highly-anticipated meeting of the PPP's Central Executive Committee was held today

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Bilawal said the announcement of an election date and schedule was the only way to dispel the "confusion and atmosphere of instability and insecurity" prevalent in

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the increasing trend petroleum prices in the international market. No revision was

specified in the rates of kerosene or light diesel oil. The price increase comes on the heels of an already massive hike on Sept 1, when the interim government raised fuel prices by up to Rs18 per litre. That jump in petro leum prices had come af ter similar hikes by the

interim government o Aug 15. The price hike i based on existing tax rates and import parity prices, mainly because of currency fluctuation and a slight inc-rease in international oil prices.

ATC grants bail to

Pervaiz Elahi ISLAMABAD (Online) Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad granted bail to former Chief Minis-(CM) Punjab ter

Chaudhry Pervez Elahi in Judicial Complex vandalism case. The bail petition of ister said while addressing Pervaiz Elahi came before Judge Abul Hasnat a press conference here. While deliberating

upon the indicators show-Muhammad Zulqarnain of ing positive development, ATC Islamabad Friday. the finance minister said the Babar Awan, Sardar Consumer Price Index Abdul Razzaq, counsels for (CPI) had shortly declined Pervaiz Elahi and prosecufrom over 38 per cent in tor Raja Navid appeared in

May to 27.2 per cent now the court. The prosecutor told (in September), adding that this was an important indithe court the record will reach a bit late. cator to show betterment. The judge remarked this is not the way. Court

holds the portfolio for Revenue, Economic Affairs and has started proceedings Privatisation, stated, "The and record has not reached caretaker setup inherited Start the arguments



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioners of Pishin, Killa Abdullah and Chaman meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Economy showing signs of recovery: **Finance Minister**

several challenges and tried ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister to deal with them one by for Finance Dr Shamshad one. Our strategy was to prudently manage these Akhtar said on Friday the country's economy was challenges, and make efforts to control the expenditures showing signs of recovery owing to the efforts made and enhance the revenues. by the interim government. She said the country had come out of some diffi-'If you view the mac-

roeconomic indicators, you culties, and the situation may find some betterment. would improve further as 'we move forward" There are some signs of economic recovery. Even if According to the minit is just starting," the minister, the production sectors

witnessed betterment, including the agriculture, which is expected to yield good output in both minor and major crops that will have a positive impact on the economic growth prospectus of the country. She said the industrial

sector was also showing improvement, notably in the cement industry, and added that as soon as the activity would pick up gradually, the industrial sector would also grow

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Dr Akhtar, who also

after Central Executive Committee meeting.

equal dev. of Balochistan **Caretaker Chief Minister appreciates** serious efforts being made by caretaker Premier for resolving public issues Independent Report the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan QUETTA: The caretaker Domki whom he called on

Prime Minister, Anwaarul at the Prime Minister Haq Kakar has reiterated his resolve to extend every possible cooperation to the provincial government to matters about anti-smugresolve the issues being faced by people of Balochistan and provide well as the ongoing development projects and other equal opportunities of development to the province. He believed that the cussed

The caretaker Chief people of Balochistan Minister appreciated the would surely get benefits of serious efforts of the care development. The caretaker Prime

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House on Friday.

During the meeting, the

gling, crackdown against

hoarding, law and order as

related matters were dis-



QUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Capt (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali enquiring about health of JUI leader Hafiz Hamdullah who was injured in Mastung bomb blast

Information Ministry of Balochistan to sign MoUs with five Radio **Stations and PTV Bolan** Independent Report

Pakistan Information Service Academy.

He also promised new transportation for the PTV Ouetta Centre. He agreed to repurpose part of buildings in Balochistan for computer and digital training centers in Balochistan, which will benefit digital media training centers by saving on rent.

He also informed that a federal digital hub is being established very soon and through this hub, Balochistan PTV producers and officers will be trained and given more exposure to digital skills. Murtaza Solangi, in

He also promised to have a bulletin for the Mr. Solangi also agreed Hazaragi language to reflect the rich diversity of Balochistan.

mation Ministry of Balochistan will sign memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with five radio stations and PTV

Wali Tangi Quetta. During fire exchange, 3x terrorists were sent to hell. Subedar Qaiser Raheem while fighting valiantly embraced shahadat in the line of duty whereas 1x soldier is seriously in-

kistan will continue to thwart efforts of the enemies of peace and prosperity in the country.

kill three ISLAMABAD: The Infor-Wali Tangi

September 2023, at 1830 Bolan to highlight the government's positive activities through the federal ministry's media platforms. This was agreed upon

by caretaker Minister for Information and Public Relations Balochistan, Jan Achazkai and caretaker Federal Information and Communication Minister,

Security Forces of Pa-Islamabad on Friday. to train information officers of the Information Ministry of Balochistan by the

terrorists near QUETTA (Online): On 14 hours, terrorists attacked a

post of security forces near

jured

tion in the country. **Security forces**



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Miscellaneous

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan skip-

per Babar Azam has

raised the possibility that

pacer Naseem Shah may miss some of the matches

Naseem was ruled out

of the Asia Cup 2023 af-

ter he injured his right

shoulder during the Su-

per 4 match against In-

dia. The pacer has been

panel to rest before the

World Cup 2023.

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QUETTA: A view of rally in connection with Jashne Eid Milad un Nabi (SAWW)

SC orders

restoration of...

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Friday

ness.

Interim Interior Minster condemns attack on security forces in Ouetta

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti strongly condemned an attack on security forces in Tangi Quetta by the terrorists on Friday.

In his message, the minister appreciated the valiant forces who killed three terrorists in an ambush.

The minister reiterated the government's resolve to eliminate terrorism from the

PPP doubles...

litical mistake"

Reiterating

Continued from page 1 the country. Reading out the resolution passed

during the CEC meeting, the PPP chairman said: "The party had an extensive discussion on constitutional matters, including the urgent need for dampening the cycle of chronic political instability which will only settle down with the announcement of an election date and schedule.

"The party's lawyers also briefed the leadership on the responsibility of the ECP to announce an election date and schedule immediately as per the constitutional requirement."

Bilawal reiterated concerns regarding the lack of a "level-playing field" in the current political landscape, saying that his complaint was connected to "one party'

In this context, he said PPP co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari was empowered by not within the 90-day conthe party's apex committee stitutional limit.

Gondal, Sadiq Imrani, country and said that these Nawab Aslam Raesani terrorists do not deserve Lashkari Raesani, Asfand any kind of clemency. Yar Kakar, Arbab Alamgir He prayed for the Asma Arbab Alamgir and

martyred Subedar Qaiser Sher Azam Wazir. Raheem who sacrificed his In the perspective of life in a fight with bravery this decision over 450 against terrorists. former parliamentarians He said the entire naserving and retired officers tion salutes to Oaiser

and some private business Saleem and his family while men have come on the rapraying for quick recovery dar of NAB. Almost 1800 referof injured jawans. ences, investigations, in-

quiries and complaints have been reopened in the light to raise these concerns at of this decision. "appropriate forums" and Cases of 7 former Prime address them.

ministers, 14 chief minis-In an apparent reference ters, 78 ministers, 176 MP to PML-N, Bilawal also reand 114 officers have been called that "one party" had reopened due to this deciconspired in 2013 to "throw

PPP out from Punjab". But SC has ordered to rehe said that the party "paid open thousands of corrupthe price" itself for the "potion cases of Rs 7000 billion, investigation and in-

During a CEC meeting a quiries day earlier, the PPP had ex-This is to mention that pressed concerns over the SC like this had abolished inclusion of pro-PML-N former president Gen men in the caretaker cabinet, (Retd) Pervez Musharraf NRO and the ban slapped on development projects in Sindh by reopened 8000 corruption the election watchdog, as well as the delay in the an-The SC in its Friday nouncement of a date for general elections.

decision has declared Chairman PTI petition maintain its chairman's earlier gripe of an

SC said that the petiuneven playing field in the tion is maintainable under lead-up to the polls, the PPP article 25,9,14,19, 24 of the had urged the Election constitution. The cases of Commission of Pakistan all public office holders are (ECP) to hold general elecrestored

tions as soon as possible, if SC held 53 hearing on Chairman PTI petition.

Ambassadordesignate to **Russia calls on President Alvi**

> ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to the Russian Federation Muhammad Khalid Jamali called on President Dr Arif Alvi here on Friday.

during the upcoming ICC During the meeting, the president hoped that the ambassador-designate would play active role in strengthening bi-lateral relations with Russia. Muhammad advised by the medical

Khalid Jamali assured his determination to reinforce the bilateral ties.

The ICC World Cup is scheduled to take place in India and will start next Imran assumes charge of month

World Cup.

Meanwhile, fast bowler Haris Rauf was not allowed to bowl against India as a precaution on the reserve day. The rightarm pacer has a side strain and is rapidly improving.

"Haris Rauf is not bad. He's just got a little bit of a side strain, but he's recovering before the World Cup. Naseem Shah also... they have a couple of missed matches, I don't know [how long] the re-

covery [is], but in my opinion, Naseem Shah

also [will be] in the World vised target of 252 in the Cup later on. But let's 42-overs-a-side contest in see," Babar said during a Colombo. The home side post-match press conferachieved the target with Asalanka playing the winning shot on the last ball

The skipper also remained coy about backup at 1:07am local time. plans in case the duo However, the result didn't recover in time for broke the hearts of milthe mega event. lions of fans who were ea-"I'll tell you later," he

Babar Azam says

Naseem Shah may miss a

couple of World Cup matches

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Plan B now."

Haris

low his right shoulder.

ger for an India-Pakistan said. "Not telling you our final in the event, a prelude to next month's ODI Naseem is currently in World Cup.

left-handed Dubai undergoing scans The for the muscle injury be-Asalanka stayed calm under pressure despite The Pakistan Cricket Shaheen Shah Afridi's two Board (PCB) called up wickets in two balls in the Zaman Khan and penultimate over and the Shahnawaz Dahani as first four balls from backups for Naseem and Zaman Khan giving away just two runs and a wicket

It must be noted that in the 42nd over. Sri Lanka defeated Paki-Mendis put Sri Lanka stan by two wickets in a on the path to victory virtual semi-final of the with a 100-run thirdwicket partnership with ongoing Asia Cup 2023 at the R Premadasa Stadium Sadeera Samarawickrama, in Colombo last night. who made 48, but Kusal Mendis' 91 and Asalanka took it on

an unbeaten 49 by Charith Asalanka helped Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by two wickets in a thrilling clash in the Asia Cup.

himself after their departure. The final of the Asia Cup 2023 will now be played between Sri Lanka required Sri Lanka and India on eight from the final over Sunday, September 17, in

ence and expertise to his new role, making him wellequipped to lead the Directorate General Information & Public Relations towards greater efficiency and effective-

DG Information & PR KPK

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: Muhammad Imran Kĥan, a BPS-19 officer

within the Directorate General Information & Public Re-

lations, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has offi-

cially taken up the position of Director General Informa-

tion & Public Relations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, effective

approval on September 13, 2023 subsequently, the Gov-

ernment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Establishment Depart-

ment issued an official notification on Thursday, formally

The Election Commission of Pakistan, granted his

Economy showing signs....

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was a very vibrant sector and had been linked with every other sector. In addition, the State

Bank of Pakistan (SBP) kept the interest rate stagnant that will also help improve situation by reducing cost of borrowing by the industry and help its revival," added the finance minister, joined by Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali.

Dr Akhtar said the gov ernment had also held talks with donors, and expresed the hope that in addition to the normal flows from them, funding in some areas would be fast-tracked.

She said the govern-

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GoB government under the

leadership of CM

Balochistan Mir Ali

Mardan Domki is commit-

ted to working closely with

the Chinese government on

various projects, including

the development of the

Ambassador to Pakistan to

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

He invited the Chinese

Gwadar Free Zone.

the region.

trade and investment in

\$2 billion assistance on a fast-track basis, adding, "The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected to keep its funding under Revitalizing Informal Settlements and their Environ-

ments (RISE) on fasttrack." The finance minister said the government was focusing on reforms of those sectors which were beneficial for people and would help build confidence of investors to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). She said the govern ment was working on different initiatives to improve the FDI and ensure selfsustaining growth.

the two countries.

zone

standing

mitted to working with the

Balochistan government to

promote the development

of the Gwadar and the free

For remittances, Dr Akhtar said, Rs80 billion had been allocated for the purpose of improving remittances through formal channels, adding that Rs20 billion out of this amount



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on measures against electricity theft and hoarding, in Federal Capital.

Caretaker PM assures GoB...

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taker PM and special attention given by him on the development projects and other matters of the province.

We are ever ready to...

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smuggling on directives of the federal government. In this regard, police, Levies, Frontier Corps and other concerned agencies by the Police, Levies, FC have been issued directives and district administration during last one month.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki also said that 10956 metric tons of sugar and 10647 metric tons of Urea have been recovered during different actions taken

entrusting Muhammad Imran Khan with the responsibilities of Director General Information & Public Rela tions, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Muhammad Imran Khan brings a wealth of experi-



QUETTA: Former Federal Minister Mir Hashim Notezai meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

I don't believe in small or big....

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mafia all over the country and it will continue.

But saying this that immediate relief is provided to the people and inflation goes down in consequence of these operations then perhaps it will not happen so soon. Because who were before us they did what in this regard. This question should be asked from them. We have come since one month. We are endeavoring during one month that relief is provided to people.

To a question he said relief will be provided in the form of installments to the consumers consuming electricity upto 200 units. Announcement will be made soon in this regard.

He went on to say that we have to look to international market with reference to dip in the oil prices. We are bound to several international agreements.

He indicated Pak-Afghan transit trade has been looked into afresh. No work will be done in illegal way. Smuggling will not be allowed. Operation will be carried out against Afghan refugees who are settled in Pakistan illegally. But a modus operandi is being worked out in this regard so that there should be a difference between registered refugees and illegal refugees.

He indicated that several countries have assured to make investment in Pakistan under SIFC. He cannot tell about the amount but it is an important step. Under this institution for-

brought in Pakistan. To a question he said he believes in freedom of expression and no advice is being issued to any media

house. Media should criticize government and identify our mistakes. We rectify it too. Now digital media is developing on fast track basis.

We realize that people are facing multiple problems including inflation. We are striving people get rid of these difficulties soon.

Regarding the general election he said whatever EC seeks cooperation from us for holding transparent and fair election we will provide.

Command has to take decision for conducting operation against dacoits in Kuchcha area, he stated.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said that actions against electricity theft, hoarders and sugar smugglers are underway systematically across coun-

He expressed his views while addressing ceremony organized for electricity theft, hoarders and prevention of smuggling.

He said that we are facing many problems including inflation. Strategy was necessary to solve the problems and important steps are being taken for this

He said that Federal government will decide the strategy together with the provinces. He said that the campaign against electricity thieves and hoarders is going on vigorously.

The Director Agriculture (Economics & Marketing) Balochistan Quetta invites sealed tender/bid from Eligible Bidders for the Outsourcing of rights of market fee collection for Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur & Usta Muhammad Districts for the period 1st October, 2023 to 30th June, 2024 (9 months) based on Highest-Cost Selection Method, from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below. Earnest Money 5%, Tender Fee Rs.3000/- and Time Limit 30.06.2024:

S. No. Name of work 1.

Outsourcing of rights of market fee collection for Naseerabad, Rs.43.550.000/-Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur & Usta Muhammad Districts for the period

1st October, 2023 to 30th June, 2024

Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any Procuring Agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Active Registration is required . The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work in last 3 years . Turnover of bidder/firm should be at least 43,550,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Power of Attorney for lead member of consortium (Power of attorney on stamp paper Rs.1000/- dully attested by notary public). Correctness of information (stamp paper of Rs.100/- dully attested by notary public) Complete and colour profile of the firm. PEC Registration Active with up to date renewal. Original CDR. Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.3000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture, C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. (Technical and Financial Proposals). Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 5% specified above in the name of the Chairman Market Committee Naseerabad from a Scheduled Bank Tender/Bidding Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained from the address mentioned below on production of Green Challan form of an amount of Rs.3000/- (Non-refundable) for said work deposited in the head of account: C03-Miscellaneous Receipt, C031-Economic Services Receipt-Food & Agriculture, C03199-Agriculture Services Others through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan during working hours from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The documents if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be borne by the applicant, however, under no circumstances, the procurement agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the document so mailed. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled bank. Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be obtained from undersigned office from the date of publication of NIT to 27th September, 2023 during office hours on working days Last Date of Bid submission: Bid can only be submitted the Bidding Document (Technical and financial proposals) duly filled, signed and attached with copies of supporting documents in sealed one envelope clearly marked with work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before latest by 27th September, 2023 till 01:00 PM Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:00 PM Terms & Conditions: Successful Bidder must deposit 10% advance of bid amount, advance amount equal to two month installments and also provide Bank Guarantee of equal to two month installments to the Market Committee. Successful Bidder must deposit 10% Income Tax as per Government Rules at the time of award of contract into Government Account and receipt may be provided to Market Committee. Successful bidder must sign an agreement on judicial stamp paper at the rate of 0.25% of total value of award of contract. Successful Bidder is bound to collect Market Fee as per Schedule of Balochistan Agricultural Produce Market General Rules, 1995 (amended 2023) through established collection centers of Market Committee. The Market Committee is not responsible for any kind of strikes, natural disasters such as flood, earth quick, unfavourable weather and other conditions beyond the human control. The tender committee reserved the rights to reject or accept any offer/bid for its convenience.

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Mr. Domki said that ment was expecting around for this purpose. the federal departments are heading towards comple-Gwadar Port fully operational...

tion of the pending matters of the province thanks to visit Ouetta to discuss fur the special interest and atther cooperation between tention taken by the Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Ms. Pang said that the He also said that the Chinese Embassy is com-

Kakar. He said that the provincial government is ensuring progress on the sustainable practical measures for welfare of the masses with cooperation of the federation.

She said that the em-He said that we hope bassy will also collaborate that these measures taken with the Information Minfor public interest would istry on various proposals prove to be helpful for resoto promote more underlution of the public issues.

to take strict measures against the hoarders.

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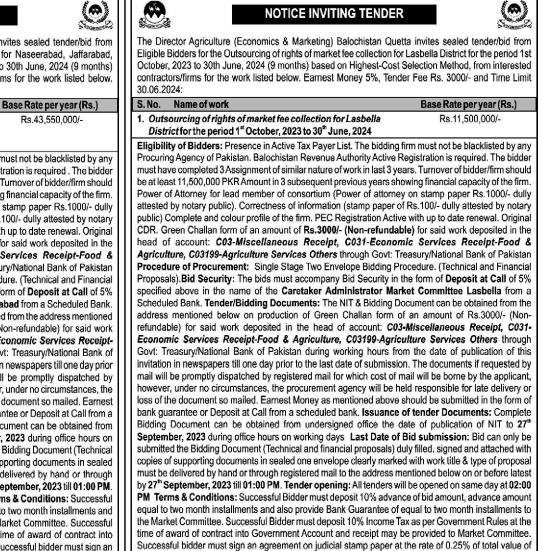
Moreover, stern ac-He mentioned that tion has been taken against anti-smuggling task force the government officials inhas been set up at the provolved in the smuggling vincial level while commitand hoarding making the accountability process eftees are also working under leadership of Deputy fective, he maintained. Commissioners to control While on the other hand, the prices of edibles at the several godowns were district level. sealed, several persons ar-

The caretaker Chief rested and charged fines in Minister also referred the different areas crackdown against smug-Balochistan. gling saying that thousands of metric tons of sugar and other items have been recovered in the light of de-

sharply.

He said that it is because of the anti-smuggling initiatives that prices of sugar and other edibles cisions made during differhave been reduced

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Govt handed the petition to protect disability rights

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Government of Pakistan has received a petition with thousands of signatures calling for action to protect disability rights ahead of a major UN summit on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) this month. The petition was handed to Rafiullah Kakar, Member Social Sector, Planning Commission by Munazza Gillani, Country Director Sightsavers. It was signed by thousands of

people. Signatories include people from different walks of life and prominent per-sonalities like Nadia Jamil, TV actress, Shabnam Baloch, Eminent Humanitarian worker, Saqib President Rafique, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and many others.

Community-Based Inclusive Development, National Forum of Women With Disabilities and Sightsavers' Equal World campaign jointly organised

the 'Promise in Peril' petition.

The campaign is calling on world leaders to keep the SDG promise of leaving no one behind and ensure disability is specifically addressed in discussions on the SDGs. Rafiullah Kakar,

peril. Member Social Sector, Planning Commission endorsed and appreciated Sightsavers' efforts towards ensuring the inclu-sion of persons with disabilities in the development process. The government of Pakistan will join other member states at the SDG Summit in New York on 18-19 September, to make new commitments and assess progress on the global goals. The outcome of the sumties mit will be a political declaration and global and na-

tional commitments made by UN member states. According to Munazza Gillani, Country Director of Sightsavers Pa-

way point of the 2030 deadline, progress on the SDGs has derailed – they are completely off-track. People with disabilities are being hit hardest by the lack of progress on poverty and inequality. The promise to leave no one behind is in

The call follows a new UN report which shows that the SDGs cannot be achieved unless urgent action is taken to include marginalised groups, including people with disabilities, but that they are being left furthest behind in global progress. For ex-ample, globally people with disabilities are up to twice as likely to be in poverty as those without disabili-Asim Zafar, Secretary Coordinator of Community

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Air Force (PAF) is Developmen Based (CBID-Network) added carrying out two large scale flying exercises from two We're calling on all world different locations across leaders to speed up action the globe, marking a signifion the SDGs and make sure kistan Office, "As the they are inclusive of people world arrives at the half- with disabilities.

cant milestone in its commitment to enhancing its aerial prowess and was a strengthening international ment According to Spokes-person of Pakistan Air modernisation at Force Friday, the participation includes PAF's J-10

Army Air Force in China,

C and JF-17 lead fighter Ahmed Baber Sidhu pre-aircraft, Combat Pilots, mised on smart inductions Air Defence Controllers, and indegenisation. and technical ground crew in the Shaheen-X bilateral Air Exercise hosted by the People's Liberation

Egypt. The successful induction and operationalisation of the J-10C fighter jets in PAF's fighter fleet and their participation in an international exercise in an unprecedented short span of time was a remarkable achieve-

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to the Russian Federation,

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Jamali calls on President Dr. ArifAlvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

PAF carrying out large scale

flying exercises from different

locations across globe

Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu prefocused

The participation of these fighter jets in Exercise Shaheen-X marks a significant milestone in PAF's as well as the Bright Star journey towards a techno-logically advanced and for-tries. Air Exercise held in

The rapid acquisition and operationalisation of these advanced aircraft showcases PAF's dedica-

tion to maintaining a cut-ting-edge force, capable of meeting evolving challenges and defending Pakistan's airspace with utmost pro-As the Sino-Pak Joint Annual Air Exercise Shaheen-X is in full swing in in the Jiuquan and

midable air force

Yinchuan cities of North-west China, the excep-tional event highlights the dedication and capabilities of the Pakistan Air

Force, demonstrating its commitment to fostering mutual learning and collaboration with allied coun-

Solangi terms Namira's upcoming space journey sign of Pak growing presence in space exploration

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Friday that Namira Saleem's upcoming journey to space was a sign of Pakistan's growing presence in space exploration and a major achievement for the nation.

This he said during a meeting with Pakistan's first female astronaut Namira Saleem who met him here.

Namira Salim briefed the caretaker minister about the preparations for her space ourney on October 5 this year.

Namira Saleem expressed her determination to raise the Pakistani flag in space. Solangi congratulated Namira Saleem on behalf of the Government of Pakistan, the Prime Minister and the people for starting the space journey and expressed good wishes for her success

Terming Namira Saleem a role model for all women, Murtaza Solangi said the young generation can raise the name of Pakistan in the world in various fields of life. "This effort of Namira Saleem will highlight the positive image of Pakistan as a

peace-loving and progressive country," Murtaza Solangi maintained.



ISLAMABAD (APP): The National University of He not only reiterated Science and Technology S&P Global's resolute dedi-(NUST) Placement Office cation to recruiting highly skilled candidates but also and S&P Global Pakistan have entered into a stratehighlighted the additional gic partnership to reshape benefits this collaboration research, industrial connecwill bring. tivity, training, and employment prospects for both

institutions.

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Placement Office team.

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This includes offering cutting-edge Final Year Project (FYP) opportuni-This groundbreaking ties for students thus propartnership between NUST and S&P Global was viding a unique platform for practical application of solidified through a Memo-randum of Understanding knowledge.

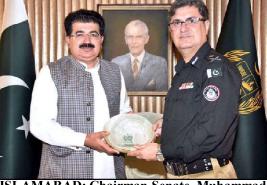
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Furthermore, the part-(MoU) signed at the nership will serve as a nur-NUST Campus. Pro-Recturing ground for identifytor NUST Research, Innoing and cultivating extraordinary talent, equipping vation and Commercialization (RIC), Dr Rizwan them with essential real-Riaz and Managing Direc-tor S&P Global Pakistan world skills that go beyond conventional academic Mujeeb Zahur signed the teachings MoU in a ceremony held

Dr Rizwan Riaz not only commended S&P The ceremony was at-tended by the HR, Market-Global's visionary approach but also showcased ing and Operations team of the exceptional strengths of NUST.

S&P Global and the NUST He emphasized NUST's unwavering dedi-Mujeeb Zahur emphasized the pivotal role of rocation to not only nurturbust industry-academia aling but also arming students liances in providing stu- with the skills to become dents and graduates with the favored choice of eminvaluable hands-on expe- ployers.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani presenting souvenir to Inspector General Sindh, Riffat Mukhtar Raja at Parliament House.

MQM-Purges caretaker govt to ensure fair, transparent polls

ISLAMABAD (INP): senior leader Faisal Karim Muttahida Qaumi Move-Kundihad reiterated the dement-Pakistan (MQM-P) convener Khalid Maqbool mand for holding the elections within 90 days Siddiqui on Friday urged the

Expressing his caretaker government to thoughts, Mr Kundi said, "The elections should be held on time The PPP

ISLAMABAD: The High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, Mohammad Azhar Mazlan enjoying the Malaysian foods along with others during Malaysian Food Festival entitled "Flavors of Malaysia" at local hotel.

PPP has strong faith in democracy: Zardari

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former President of Pakistan and President Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians, Asif Ali Zardari in his message on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy has said that the Pakistan Peoples Party has strong faith in democ-

"The sacrifices made Mohtarma

and take a dignified place in Islamabad the society. The focus of the politics of Chairman PPP is on

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Capital police on the directions of caretaker In-terior Minister Sarfraz the downtrodden population of Pakistan. Bilawal has the philosophy of his ma-Bugti arrested 25 illegal imternal grandfather, Quaidmigrants from different loe-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar cations in Islamabad Ali Bhutto, and the pas-

The authorities, under s, Shaheed Benazir far shifted 57 illegal immision of his mother, Shaheed grants to Adyala jail and

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by the leadership and workers of the party in the struggle for democracy are unprecedented in the politi-cal history of the world," said President Asif Ali Zardari. Every time the sun of democracy has risen in Pakistan, it is because of the martyrs in the graveyard of Garhi Khuda Bakhsh.

President Zardari said that today is the era of youth and Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is a young fered whipping on their politician. He knows best how to provide opportunities to the youth to advance democracy



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Mr. Jawad Sohrab Malik in meeting with Japan Ambassador to Pakistan H.E Wada Mitsushiro.

Bnutto Asif Ali Zardari said making all arrangements to that a dignified and civilized repatriate them to their society is a light that shows home countries, said the the way to the goals of depress note on Thursday. velopment.

ships of the prison and suf-

The ministry also de-The leadership and cided to take action against workers of the party sacrithose Pakistanis who supficed their lives while acported illegal immigrants to cepting the gallows and stay illegally in Pakistan becrossing the landmines in cause the stay in Pakistan is the way to a democratic only possible in accordance dispensation in the country. with the law of the land. They endured the hard-

IHC removes

bodies but did not back objection over down from the struggle for **Imran** petition seeking dismissal

> of cipher case SLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has removed objection from PTI chairman petition seeking dismissal of cipher case. The PTI chairman pe-

tition seeking dismissal of cipher case came up for hearing before Chief Justice (CJ) of IHC Justice Aamir Farooq Friday. Latif Khosa advocate

counsel for PTI chairman occupied Jammu and Kashappeared before the court mir their democratic right The CJ IHC directed to choose their political futhe staff to mark diary ture number on the petition filed

for amendment. **FBISE** partners with HK **Exam Assessment Authority** to expand education scope

power of education.

Chairman Oaiser Alam.

ment.

ISLAMABAD (APP): portance of Urdu but also step toward creating a Federal Board of Interme- gives Hong Kong students brighter, more connected diate and Secondary Education(FBISE) has signed an important rich in history and culture. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hong Kong Examination Assessment Authority to expand the scope of education.

This unprecedented initiative by the Federal Education Board aims to promote education standards globally and strengthen intercultural relations, according to a press release on Friday.

According to the details, the core of this historic agreement is FBISE's commitment to conduct examinations in Urdu as an international language for

students in Hong Kong. This monumental collaboration not only elthrough this collaboration, evates the international im- we are taking an important ment.

brighter, more connected an opportunity to further future for our students. As themselves in a language the world becomes more interconnected, so such The collaboration becollaborations play an tween FBISE and the Hong important role in prepar-Kong Examinations Asing students to become

sessment Authority echoes global citizens, equipped the shared vision of tranwith knowledge, underscending traditional borstanding and appreciation ders through the dynamic for different cultures" he added This initiative also Both parties are ex-

cited about the potential impact of this collaboramarks an important step towards promoting a diverse educational environtion and are eager to begin the initial stages of the pro-Today's agreement

is more than an academic However, more departnership; it is a statetails about the exam schedment of unity and shared ule, syllabus, and registragoals," says Federal Board tion process will be released in the coming 'We are committed to weeks. This initiative also marks an important step providing knowledge that bridges cultural gaps, and towards promoting a di-

verse educational environ-

nalism

ISLAMABAD: A view of newly constructed Yadgar Shohda in Bagh-i-Shuhada at Fatima Jinnah Park.

Real face of so-called Indian democracy is daily witnessed in IIOJK'

ISLAMABAD (APP): As termination with its milithe world is observing Intary might.

ternational Day of Democ-racy, today, Narendra It said that death of India's so-called democracy Modi-led Indian govern-ment continues to deny the was daily witnessed in the killing fields of Kashmir, people of Indian illegally adding the situation worsened further since 5th August 2019 when the Modi regime illegally revoked the special status of the occupied terri-

A report released by Kashmir Media Service, tory. today, said India is violat-The report pointed ing all democratic norms in IIOJK which continues to simmer under a brutal siege by the Indian military. It maintained that India had proved itself a fake democracy by crushing reached its logical conclu-Kashmiris' right to self-de- sion.

Mahnoor Qureshi says: Academia must update syllabus to keep pace with changing journalism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Re- to stay up with the rapid nowned broadcast journalist Mahnoor Qureshi has emphasized that the academic world needs to regularly update itself to keep pace with the rapidly changing landscape of jour-

Talking to APP on Friday, she explained that due to the gradual speed of change, a generation gap used to appear every five years. However, with the recent rapid progress of technology, the landscape is

moving considerably faster. She explained that in order cial media content.

changes in the media realms, it is now essential to update the curriculum every year. She emphasized that annual reviews of the syllabus are required to thrive in the transforming information era. "Journalists and academics alike need to continuously acquire new skills and adapt to remain relevant in the rapidly evolving media landscape" she added. Mahnoor acknowledged

that the media industry is currently in a transitional phase due to uncurbed so

his Exnre

youth leadership in Karachi. We have started our preparations in line with the elections. In some of the constituencies, the party has also decided the

expected candidates". Mr Siddiqui asserted that the MQM-P will not leave any of the "better

view that it was the right of candidates" in frustration. every political leader to run the election campaign for

Islamabad Police strikes on criminals, arrests wanted snatcher gang member

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a volved in numerous snatchbreakthrough, ing incidents in various maior Islamabad Police have arparts of the city. Police rerested a wanted member of covered snatched mobile a notorious snatcher gang, phones, cash, a motorbike. recovering a cache of valuand a weapon from his possession. The accused Abbas ables and weapons from his possession. has confessed to his in-

The arrest comes as volvement in the snatching gang, and further investigapart of a sustained crackdown against criminal eletions are underway. ments in the city, under the direct supervision of Nasir Khan has directed all Islamabad Ĉapital City Posenior officials to continue lice officer (ÎCCPO) Dr. the crackdown against Akbar Nasir Khan, a pubcriminal elements and enlic relations officer said.

sure the safety of the lives and property of citizens. The accused, identified as Muhammad Abbas, The arrest of hardcore criminal Abbas is a signifiwas apprehended by a team of Koral Police Station on cant development in the fight against crime in Friday Islamabad.

He is alleged to be in-



ISLAMABAD: Extension work of Park Road is in process during development work in the Federal Capital.

categorically started a crackout that despite facing In-dian brutalities for the last down against criminal elements in order to save the over seven decades, the Kashmiri people were determined to continue their freedom struggle till it

precious lives and property of citizens. Following these directions the Islamabad Capital Police intensified crackdown against the Sheesha cen-

Action against

Sheesha cafés

continues

Islamabad Capital Police

Shalimar and Bhara Kahu

police teams arrested eight

accused during the crack-

down against illegal Sheesha

cafes and recovered

Sheesha, hookah and fla-

vors from their possession,

a public relations officer

said. He said that. Follow-

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Akbar Nasir Khan, the

Islamabad Capital Police had

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ters in order to eliminate this menace from the city and special efforts were also taken against the accused.

thoughts, Mr Siddiqui said, ready for the polls. The "There is a dire need to hold PPP will win the next elecelections on time as the census in the country has been completed." The assemblies had also completed

ensure transparent polls.

(PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif to the country. "We welcome the announcement by Nawaz Sharif regarding his return to the country he added.

"Nawaz went abroad for his treatment from jail."He should consult the legal experts ahead of his

return to the country" Mr Kundi was of the On the other side, Pa- the electic kistan Peoples Party (PPP) the party.

ICCPO Dr. Akbar



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Monetary policy

Defying market expectations of a 100-300 bps hike in the interest rates, the State Bank has again left its key policy rate unchanged at 22pc.

In support of its decision, the bank cites a declining trend in that we teach our children inflation from its peak of 38pc each subject we have too in May to 27.4pc last month, many learning objectives in our curriculum for each despite the recent surge in global oil prices that are being does not make for happy passed on to consumers. studying or for happy

Therefore, it maintains that the "real interest rates continue to remain in positive territory on a forward-looking basis" The bank is also hopeful that "expected ease in supply constraints owing to improved agriculture output" and the pickup in high-frequency indicators like the sale of petroleum products, cement and fertilisers, as well as recent administrative actions against speculative activity in the forex and commodity markets will support the outlook.

The SBP dispels concerns over the recent resurgence of the current account deficit of over \$800m in July, after posting a surplus for the previous four months, saying it is largely in line with the earlier full-year projection that took into account import growth. It underscores continued monitoring of the risks to the inflation out- to the larger good of the look, and taking appropriate people and the country they inhabit. actions to achieve the objective of price stability if required.

At the same time, it urges the government to maintain a prudent fiscal stance to keep aggregate demand in check, "to turn, hands over the levers bring inflation down on a sus- of power to the latter cattainable basis and to attain the majority as they get down medium-term target of 5-7pc by end of fiscal 2025". Why is the chances that come their way, be they right or wrong, legal rate to remain unchanged after it was increased in June to meet a key goal for securing IMF funds? Any other central bank would have raised the interest rates in view of the consistently elevated inflation, continuous exchange rate depreciation, and falling forex reserves over huge debt payments and weakening capital inflows. But the bank's reluctance is understandable. Previous hikes in rates to a multi-decade high of 22pc haven't helped increase savings, or check consumer spending and inflation. The ist Egyptian scholar, Muhammed Abduh, during price rise is faster than rate the late 19th century. hikes; the national savings rate is falling; and the government even though Muslims poscontinues to accumulate debt sess innumerable mosques and madressahs, all supto meet its inelastic expendi- posedly imparting religious ture. Monetary policy as an in-



How does this make sense?

tests, and finals. The result added, instead, are art, muis a rather poor schooling system where there is just too much academic pressure and students employ rote learning and do not care about understanding the material or enjoying the experience of learning. So we end up defeating the purpose of education and do not even get good learning **Faisal Bari** out of it.

You must have seen Why do we put so much the heavy bags children lug academic pressure on our around. They often weigh children? Why can we not more than 10 kilograms. lighten up a bit? We have How does this make sense? too many academic subjects How can students take so much and do justice to all right from grade one, and for of it?

Why do we have to teach more than English, Urdu and mathematics in the first two to three grades? This is what children need in the initial early. We can use English years. They need to learn numeracy and literacy: to read, speak, listen, and write. We should focus on singing to open up new tems resort to excessive testthat. ASER and other surveys and tests tell us that we are doing a poor job of imparting literacy and numeracy

studies, general knowledge

this still needs to be a selective process and what we sic, play and other social/ teach in each subject should interactive activities. These will result in a much better also be curated carefully. This tendency of just addand more wholesome development of our children and ing things because 'children their mental and physical should know all this' does faculties than by what we not make for good education. And even in English,

It does not matter whether it is 21st-century Urdu and mathematics, we should go slowly. How do skills or computer science children learn languages? or even the translation of They learn by listening religious texts. If we need to add something, some-thing else needs to be taken (usually to parents in the initial years), speaking, reading and then writing. out and there has to be good reasons for addition and Our schooling system privileges writing far too deletion, it should not be on much and far too early in the whim of a school or a the day. The first two to curriculum council or even three grades should be far a prime minister. Sadly, evmore oral than written than ery revision of the curriculum adds more subjects And we do not need and more material.

much?

A website of a schooling system in Pakitopics that need repetition, stan mentions that for etc, as they have a sylla-Grade 6 it teaches eight subjects: English, Urdu, son plans to stay abreast mathematics, science, history, geography, computer issue. Is completion of the science and religious transimportant or student lation. This seems to be quite a lot. There is no mention of arts, music or anything else. And there is not. Finishing the curricuno mention of extracurricular activities either. What do we want our grade 6 schools and at all levels.

Universities admit The details of books within each subject menstudents with three A-levtion five books for English, els all over the world but we require students in Pathree books for Urdu, two for science and then one kistan to also sit for examinations in Urdu, Islamiat book for each of the other and Pakistan Studies. In infive subjects. This is just too much. No wonder stutermediate, we require student bags are so heavy and dents to complete seven students prefer rote learnsubjects (English, Urdu, ing to understanding. Do students really need this Islamiat, Pakistan Studies and three major subjects). The same challenge of

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A number of educaheavy content confronts tion experts have written us here too. There have on this issue of too much been, numerous times, sugand too fast, creating probgestions to add Quran and lems with learning and un-Seerat studies as additional compulsory subjects. Can derstanding. Teaching is not the same thing as learnthese subjects not be ing or understanding. taught as part of Islamiat? Teachers often complain

It must be kept in that they cannot slow mind that the growing burdown teaching, help those den of subjects on our who take a bit longer to young people can hamper learn, spend more time on their development.

The situation reminds me of the Pink Floyd song: 'We don't need no

education/ We don't need no thought control/ No dark sarcasm in the classroom/ Teacher leave them kids alone'

Elders, please lighten ing? The answer should be obvious. But it is, sadly, up and give our children a real chance at learning and enjoying the process of learning as well. -- Courlum takes precedence over learning in almost all tesy Dawn

ing and examinations to dren. Children should love keep the pressure on and their school and their education. They should not be Children are always afraid of the material, teacheither preparing for or tak-Should we not focus ers or the pressure they are ing tests and examinations: on that rather than adding put under pre-pre-mocks, pre-mocks, other subjects like religious As children move up mocks, exams, weekly

are doing right now.

what they are currently.

the other subjects this

and Urdu to tell stories and

give values if needed. We

can also use art, music and

opportunities for our chil-

to higher grades we can inand so on? What should be troduce other subjects, but children to become?

The echoes getting closer and louder

Some among us are sensitive to even the slightest deviation from the course of truth and justice while others show a penchant to gel with the way currents flow, irrespective of whether such a course would be beneficial

For the two to try to bustering is neither supfind common ground to ported by any quantum of work together without an inhibiting level of consterlogic and reason nor can this modus operandi craft a crednation may spell the diffiible and sustainable way of culty that continues to augmoving into the future with ment divisions within the hope of harvesting healthier societal framework. This, in dividends. Simultaneously, the desperation of the ordinary, gory who are always in a to making the most of the or illegal, just or unjust.

the Quaid from the floor of of sustaining their lives, even the constituent assembly, on the margins, diminish. no genuine effort ever went But no one is showing

even the slightest sensitivinto implementing his vision of the kind of Pakistan he ity to their sufferings as bilhad envisaged. In fact, with lions are doled out to outgoing legislators in the name the passage of time, we drifted away from that cherof development funds which ished goal of a liberal, prowill fatten their coffers with gressive, tolerant, and egalisome of the loot invested in tarian Pakistan as our jourwinning the next elections to ney since has been marked return to skin the state all by plunging deeper into the over again. Further billions pit of regression and darkare invested each month to ness with not a trace of light ensure that the beneficiary showing through now to elite continues to enjoy their luxurious living standards at guide us into the future.

As the gap between the the cost of the state. vision and reality continues As the slide continues. to grow wider, we seem to we have been reduced to a be lost in an endless retinue skeleton of what we used to be when we were referred of polemics with each party trying to assert that they to as the rising star of Asia. were in the right and the oth-Today, we go around with a trademark begging bowlaskers in the wrong. Such filiing for support to survive another day, and then another. Worst of all, we are completely denuded of even a shred of shame to look inward to evaluate why we have reached this low point and whether there is a way to extricate ourselves from

could still bring some good to the country.

Any residual self-respect of the people has been badly badgered through a display of open and blatant affront to the constitution and the laws that flow from it, be they about the freedom of expression, or the right to protest peacefully, or about independence of judiciary and other state institutions which are entrusted with the task of managing the affairs. Today, they operate at the whims of individuals rather than as per the articles contained in the statute book. Anyone who brooks disapproval is packed to the dungeons with the fate of some remaining unknown for pro-

longed periods of time. In such a vitiating environment, what are the options one can exercise to carve a way forward without bringing down the state edifice which, through decades of merciless misuse and exploitation, has rusted and become wobbly. Only a the harrowing clutches of slight push can bring the structure down with a bang,

but no one to mourn its self-

inflicted fate. It is as if we

have been scripting such a

denouement with malevo-

lent determination. So.

should one give up the chal-

lenge saying that an indi-vidual can do little when pitted against the collective will of the corrupt beneficiary elite which always manages to hold sway using its tried

bus to cover and have les-

of. But this is exactly the

course and syllabus more

learning and understand-

and tested tricks? But the state is a mother to those millions whose fates have been sacrificed at the altar of the benefit of a few. It is their only asset, and their existence is dependent upon its survival and progress. While the bulk of the beneficiary elite have their palatial abodes elsewhere in the world built with the money they laundered from Pakistan, the impoverished millions have nowhere else to turn to. Their desperation is reflected in an ever-larger number of people deciding to leave the country even at the risk of their lives. They see no survival here and their children no hope or future. So, they are forfeiting motherly protection simply to earn their livelihood to survive the exigen-

cies of life.

exercise. Their homes and hearths, their families and businesses, their self-respect and honour-nothing is safe from the excesses being perpetrated upon them. In fact, this whole thing is conveniently falling into a standardized pattern to force people away from a political party. If at all, where will this come to

rest? The mindset at work believes in keeping the powerless subjugated and allowing the ruling elite to continue plundering the stock. They have a surfeit of opportunities. They operate with abandon and with no fear and are cruelly unmindful of who is suffering as an aftermath of their abominable indulgences. They saunter merrily as if tomorrow shall not dawn, as if the poor don't exist who they are inflicting pain upon, as if there is no law enforcer to stop them from depriving others of their constitutionally guaranteed rights. It is a kind of illicit

This is the paradox the freedom with no bounds.



Too much pressure

schooling. Children are al-

ways under pressure.

Teachers and school sys-

to make students 'learn'.

tests, monthly tests, term

hike has lost its effectiveness in the current economic structure and existing political uncertainty.

For the last several years, headline prices in Pakistan are and Haj dominate Muslim being influenced primarily by cost-pushed administered adjustments of domestic fuel and power prices, with the demand pull coming from the government that remains the largest interactions with each other bank borrower.

Expecting a tighter monetary lies, greed, financial corruppolicy to tame soaring prices is useless without a drastic change in the reckless fiscal behaviour of the government.

Only fiscally responsible behaviour by the rulers can make it easier for the SBP to hurts them and their kin. effectively apply monetary policy tools and check other inflation-producing factors for the Muslim aspires to be price stability.

impoverished mortals who this sick mindset. The only have suffered the excesses substantive investment that of the state and those who shows through has been have come to rule it from made in making the state time to time, garbed in mili- more brutal and barbarous After the August 11 tary and civilian apparels, and driving the justice sysgroundbreaking address of increases as the prospects tem out of the equation that

'Desirable' Muslims



"I went to the West and saw Islam, but no Muslims; I got back to the East and saw Muslims, but not Islam." Thus said the great reform-

more than 150 years later, education. Men wear skullcaps and sport long flowstrument to check the price ing beards, with above-theankle trousers and long shirts. Women, even girls while still toddlers, don long abayas, hijabs and burqas.

Religion overwhelms every aspect of life, quotations from ahadith abound, charity, prayers, fasts, Umrah lives. Religious processions are frequent. Shrines are thronged with devotees. One would then expect religion to be manifest in their habits, attitudes, professional and social dealings, relationships and

and the rest of the world. Unfortunately, dishonesty, tion, violence and a lack of concern for God's creations pervades Muslim popula-

If Muslims strive to be close to God, what does God expect from Muslims? A Muslim is honest and by the same virtue, truthful, even if the truth Honesty with oneself means assessing one's mistakes truthfully and since loved by God, they strive to improve their character.

A Muslim is trustworthy and reliable, keeping promises once made and ensuring all commitments is the ruler. are met in letter and spirit.

This ranges from being punctual for even the smallest of tasks, to meeting financial, social, legal and other obligations. With trust and reliability a characteristic of people, courts would dispense justice in time, transport systems of would run punctually, national and international agreements would be implemented in their true spirit and a massive wastage of time and money prevented. Muslims are merciful,

kind, thoughtful of others' needs, and avoid harming anyone or anything. They seek peace and harmonious living with others and actively engage in resolving any conflicts that may arise. They possess empathy, good manners, never share another's secrets and never make false accusations. A violence-free, supportive environment would be ensured for all citizens; false cases and false witnesses would not exist, nor would any sort of road rage. People would be free to practise any religion, faith or belief without fear and there would be openness and freedom in society. Everyone would be educated and intellect, creativity and innovation would reign. Humans, animals and the environment would be protected as far as possible.

A Muslim is fair and just. They hone their Godgiven ability to distinguish right from wrong and choose the right path as much as they can. When endowed with power and governance, they provide succour to the wronged and dispense justice without consideration of anyone's -- Courtesy Dawn status or social standing.

Honesty with others cov- In such a society, if a person is oppressed, whether for their wealth, personal matters or in freedom of speech, the Muslim would always provide quick redress and atonement for any harm endured as well as punishment to the oppressor, even if the latter

> A Muslim would make efforts towards en-Aasim Sajjad Akhtar hancing their taqwa (piety). They are humble and The 'caretaker' government always think the better of (read: the security estabothers. This humility crelishment and its lackeys) ates a continuous urge to has embarked on yet another ideological offensive improve one's own spiritual self, avo-iding the love about the incredible benostentation, efits of privatisation under show---manship, bragging and living a life of simplicity, al--w-a--ys trying to do good and repelling evil, in tho-ught and deed. They both love and fear God; love because He is the Creator and fear lest they incur His displeasure. They strive to lead a life with

guidance from God and keep a constant watch over their tongue, mind and body. There are over 200 places in the Quran that mention taqwa and its importance. A taqwa-oriented society fears no one but God and is free from display of wealth and pomp. Muslims keep their soul, body and environment clean, are chaste and shun any immoral behaviour. They are decent in attire, simple and softspoken and avoid the company of loud and aggressive people. They discour-

age immodesty and immorality. Sexual harassment would be minimum and dealt with immediately and harshly, and women and children would enjoy freedom of movement. Garbage produced would be recycled by such Muslims and towns, cities and villages would be clean. A Muslim would also be prompt and focused in prayers, fasting, giving alms, performing Umrah and Haj. Are we Muslims in any way, except the last?

the guise of the Special experience Invest-ment Facilitation Council. Foreign donors, the mainstream intelligentsia and bourgeois parties are faithfully toeing the line. This is happening even as the painful effects of takeover of numerous pripower-sector privatisation vate industries by the play out in the homes of postcolonial bureaucracy every working-class family. There are certainly other working class. But the reasons for the astronomical electricity bills that trigdecried purely as an abomigered recent bill-burning nation that must never be protests, including the repeated. state's unwillingness to tax the rich. But our rulers' will-

ingness to hand over wholesale power production to the so-called Independent Power Producers (IPPs) at the behest of the World Bank and IMF back in the 1990s is as big a cause of the current crisis as any other single factor. In short, the state

agreed to retain only the power to distribute electricity while allowing private companies - initially foreign and later domestic to produce it, whilst also guaranteeing to pay these companies in dollars ad infinitum. There is now more power capacity in Pakistan than actual demand but loadshedding still takes place because the government cannot make payments to IPPs. It does not have enough dollars to pay them without becoming insolvent. Most IPPs run coal-fired thermal plants,

country is caught up in with no easy solution in sight. The ones in control are inflexible to change their approach and those undergoing frequent trials and tribu- defies description. -- Courlations have few options to tesy TheNews

and they have an insatiable appetite. They don't even forget to scratch the skeletons to scrape some meat off it. Their naked hunger

For nationalisation which not only contribute directly to our already serious climate crisis but also requ-i--re inordinate amounts of imported oil. Who pays for this oil? Not the IPPs but the government, which conveniently passes on this burden to the

masses. Where does this

leave us? Intellectually and

politically, it sho--uld com-

pel us to once again imag-

ine big structural policy

Like

changes.

nationalisation.

More generally, investments in manufacturing industry such as those undertaken in the 1970s do not produce demonstrable effects in the very short term. Indeed, Zia's dictatorship benefited greatly from a number of policies introduced by the previous regime, including public investment in heavy industry and labour migration to the Gulf, which started in 1974 but only bore fruit in the form of remittances by the end of the decade.

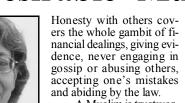
It is a measure of the successes of neoliberal ide-The specific impact of nationalisation per se ology in the world, and that of the Zia military junta in mostly of rice, ghee and sugar mills - was mixed. Pakistan especially, that the The economic impact on of nationalisation in the 1970s growth was actually not very substantial and the has become accepted as a most significant, long-lastdisaster. The Bhutto-led ing outcome was political; PPP regime that enfor-ced the nationalisation policy trader-merchant segments had many failures, and the reacted furiously, funding and peopling the Pakistan National Alliance's Nizami-Mustafa movement which led to Bhutto's overwas not beneficial to the throw by Gen Zia. Industrialist families like the story is too complex to be Sharifs developed a visceral hatred for left and workingclass politics, not to men-The Pakistani state tion the Bhutto family. The result was a mandate for the invested more in manufac-

Zia regime to not only deturing industry during the nationalise, but also block 1970s than at any other land reform and crush left time. Yes, the Ayub dictatorship presided over progressives, including trade and student unions. industrialisation, but this was accompanied by enor-The alliance between trader-merchants and the mous inequality, encapsureligious right under the lated by the regime's own chief economist, Mahbub military establishment's ul Haq who said that 22 patronage was permanently inked. And the rest is history. Denationalisation was globally in vogue throughout the 1980s, led by Thatcher-Rea-gan with lieutenants like generals Zia and

Pinochet in the Third World. Today, countries like France are overturning neoliberal orthodoxy and nationalising comm-a-n-ding heights of the economy — most no-tably electricity. It is high time we stop treating the privatisation -

nationalisation debate as a taboo that cannot be questioned. -- Courtesy Dawn

families controlled virtually all of Pakistan's wealth. In contrast, the 1970s featured the Pakistan Steel Mills' establishment, as well as publicly owned heavy industrial complexes in a few locations across the country. Some experts point to stuttering economic growth rates through that period, attributing them to nationalisation and related policies. But they neglect to mention the enormous impact of the secession of East Pakistan, which was a major driver of economic growth in the 1960s.



Nikhat Sattar This holds so true,

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Governor invites foreign businessmen to invest in KP, tap natural resources potential

foreign investors.

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area

Meanwhile,

PESHAWAR **K**hyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali on Friday foreign invited businessmen to invest in Pakistan and utilize its abundant natural resources that are still untapped due to lack of modern machinery.

He was talking to the famous businessman of the United Arab Emirates, Suhail Muhammad Alzaruni here at Governor House. He said that utilizing KP's potential for natural resources would not only benefit foreign investors but also generate new opportunities for locals.

He said that the lack of modern equipment and needed facilities are reasons is not oblivious to the

(APP): proper exploration and use in KP and steps have been Khyber of these hidden natural taken to resolve them. He taken to resolve them. He also urged the masses to resources. Governor

collectively work for the and Alzaruni also discussed development of their area and said that available matters of mutual interests and bringing foreign investment into the country. Alzaruni also resources would be utilized to address the problems of Upper Dir. lauded the Governor for his keen interest in developing

He stressed avoiding negative thinking and changing of mindset to the province and inviting counter the narrative being propagated by certain delegation of Upper Dir elements against the country.

elders led by Paindamand Khan called on Governor A delegation of Bajaur led by former Senato: Haji Ghulam Ali and Abdul Rasheed also met issues confronted by people in his with KP Governor and apprised him problems of

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor the people. A five-member delegation led by Sheikh ul assured cooperation to the Hadees, Moulana Ata-urdelegation and said that he Rehman also called on the Governor and discussed behind the slow pace of problems of people living matters of mutual interest BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE AGAINST NATURA



FAISALABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Khalil George, distributing non food items to the Christian community in Jaranwala.

optimism that the Pakistan

People's Party could lead

constitutional province

status. He also announced

the PPP's intentions to

participate in Punjab

elections, recognizing

Punjab's pivotal role in

Despite challenges

GB governor demands region's constitutional status, MUZAFFARGARH representation in parliament (APP): The infant who was

LAHORE (APP): Gilgit- of PPP Co-Chairman Asif Baltistan Governor Mehdi Shah called for the region's constitutional status and representation in the National Assembly and Senate.

During a press conference outside Bilawal governor emphasized the historical significance of Mehdi Shah took pride in

born last week with his heart out of his thorax died on Friday despite the Ali Zardari and the progress made in Gilgitprovision of intensive care at the direction of Baltistan but highlighted the disparity in development compared to Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi. other provinces. Recalling Mohtarma

Vice Chancellor Children Hospital Lahore conference outside Bilawal Benazir Bhutto Shaheed's Dr Masood Sadiq House here on Friday, the efforts to conduct smallscale elections in the region, infant, Abdullah. According to the VC.

Baby with

heart out of

chest dies

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coverage of the breastbone.

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age. The child was brought

to the hospital and

admitted to the ICU ward

where he suffered from

Sepsis disease which

caused his death following

the intensity of the

D,Commissioner

Sukkur reviews

He said it was not

PESHAWAR: Businessman of UAE Sohail Muhammad Al-Zorani meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali .

Tackling the issue of climate change is the need of hour: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation led by Dr. Samuel Rizk, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program met Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman here today at the Governor House Lahore. During the meeting, other important issues including climate change were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that tackling the issue of climate change the United Nation's

is the need of the hour. He immediate assistance and services to the flood victims during the 2022 said that Pakistan had faced the worst flood last year due to climate change. flood are commendable. Governor Punjab further Governor Punjab said that climate change is also said that there are many having adverse impact on challenges in the field of agriculture. education and health for He said that as the which the government is

chancellor, he has formed a working. On this occasion, the consortium environment. Governor Resident Representative of Punjab while appreciating the United Nation UNDP expressed interest in the possibility of Development Program's collaboration with the commitment to eradicating Punjab Government in poverty and its role in change.

PDWP approves seven developmental schemes

LAHORE (APP): Punjab the cost of Rs 1197.407 Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP), in renovation of hospitals under Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education its 16th meeting of the current financial year 2023-24, approved seven developmental schemes of Education (SH&ME) Department through health Agriculture and Special Healthcare and Medical council traditional mode in Lahore and Faisalabad at the cost of Rs 5033.372 million; Program for strategic transformation/ revamping of old blocks of Education sector with an estimated cost of Rs 22026.816 million.

Planning and Development Board ex-DHQs (Rahim Yar Chairman Iftikhar Ali Khan, Sahoo chaired the meeting Sargodha, Rawalpindi) at the cost of Rs 1264.132 here on Friday. Secretary

Program for strategic

transformation/revamping

in tertiary hospitals in

various projects to tackle the challenge of climate **Baqar takes** notice of

inoperative forensic software

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Caretaker Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar on Friday took notice of inoperative forancic software of the forensic software of the forensic division.

Federal Ömbudsman Abdul Ghafoor Beg Abbottabad, played a vital role in The Caretaker Chief Minister had sought a report from IGP. ensuring compensation for

He asked how bullet shells could be tested if Gujranwala, forensic software remained operational.

P&D Board Nadir Chattha were present. Approved schemes are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing are: Privatization of colleges of nursing in P&D Board Nadir Chattha Million; Program for provision of missing the forensic machine and the forensic machine and

Caretaker CM reviews anti-narcotics measures

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further and called for

The CM ordered to

have arrested 7,500 individuals along with Independent Report LAHORE: In compliance with the direction of the caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, an organized crackdown has been initiated against the comprehensive planning to drug peddlers to save the

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establish rehabilitation people from this menace. The CM chaired a centers across Punjab. He expressed the desire to meeting about drug rehabilitate addicts as peddling and its eradication at his office in useful citizens of society, adding that the number of which it was agreed to collaborate with the NGOs for rehabilitating the beds in these centers will also be increased.

addicts. IG Police Usman Anwar briefed that 18 kilograms of ice, 180 kilograms of heroin and 7,100 kilograms of charas Provincial Information Minister Amir Mir, chief secretary, Addl IG (Special Branch), CCPO, commissioner, secretaries of health, have been seized during the last three weeks, leading to information, HED & SED departments attended the



LAHORE: Resident representative of United Nation Development Program (UNDP) Dr. Samuel **Rizk meeting with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balilghur Rehman**

Federal Ombudsman Regional office ensures justice for government employees

ABBOTTABAD (APP): bringing relief to the retired The Federal Ombudsman army officer.Expressing his army officer.Expressing his gratitude, Sohail Khan commended the Federal Office Friday resolved the pension issues Ombudsman's institution of federal government employees of Pak Army and (National Engineering Services Pakistan) NESPAK who were facing for its unwavering commitment to ensuring justice for ordinary citizens, an appreciation rarely witnessed.

In another case Regional Head of the through the intervention and decisions of Federal Ombudsman Iiaz Ahmed Qureshi, he facilitated the timely payment of salaries retired army personnel. According to the details Sohail Khan, a retired army employee, had to main the subscription of sataries for employees of NESPAK. Faraz Mustafa, filed a complaint regarding unwarranted delays and

According to the VC, the child fell prey to the accession to Pakistan, Minister of Gilgit-underlining the need for Baltistan. He expressed in which the balt equal representation in the country's legislative People's Party could lead bodies akin to the four the way in achieving provinces. He expressed concerns that the region's citizens remain uncertain about their parliamentary seats, stressing the importance of representation.

national politics and the formation of a caretaker government for the Shah disclosed that the PPP's Central Executive Committee upcoming elections. (CEC) meeting had focused and external pressures, on conducting elections Shah reaffirmed his 45under the Constitution, with unanimous support year-long association with for elections to be held the PPP and unwavering within 90 days. He commitment to maintaining acknowledged the support strong ties with Pakistan.



LAHORE: Acting Consul General of China Mr. Cao Ke meeting with caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi

Dr Javed for ensuring health, well-being of children

Caretaker Health Minister nation globally by 2048. Javed Akram emphasized the critical role parents play in ensuring the health and well-being of children in his significant address at the 8th PPA Pediatric (Pakistan Association) Punjab Annual Symposium as well as the 13th National Child Rights Conference where experts and professionals were gathered at a local hotel on Friday.

Highlighting the pressing issue of child minister also called for a tangible reduction in cases development in Pakistan, of Dr. Akram commended the children, citing recent organizers for tackling this steps taken to rehabilitate vital topic. He extended a individuals like Rizwana and Ayman. The event warm welcome to educators, colleagues, and concluded with the guests, reflecting on his distribution commemorative shields to experiences serving humanity across five esteemed guests. countries. different Punjab, Dr. Naeem Zafar, Notably, he projected Pakistan's trajectory as it elucidated inches towards becoming symposium's aims.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab's the third most populous Dr. Akram expressed a visionary goal of conducting health screenings for every ninthgrade student in Punjab. He stressed the significance of nurturing the mental health of children and cited his extensive work and research during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences, aimed at eliminating prevalent

diseases from society. The

violence against

Earlier, President PPA

the

arrangements for Eid Milad SAW SUKKUR (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sukkur, Fayyaz Hussain Mahesar on Friday chaired a meeting to review the

infection.

arrangements for the celebrations of Jashn-e-Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW). The meeting was attended by scholars and

religious leaders from various schools of thought who discussed the matters relevant to the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. The

Deputy Commissioner assured the

scholars that every matter would be addressed and resolved. He emphasized that no effort would be spared to find solutions to legal their concerns.He directed the relevant authorities to ensure uninterrupted water

supply, minimize gas load shedding, clean routes of Milad - un - Nab processions and install streetlights on time.

Man shoots dead wife over domestic

dispute HYDERABAD (APP): A man allegedly shot dead his wife at her father's residence in the Babbur Chowk area near Kotri SITE, Jamshoro district, on Friday. According to police, Sajid Solangi barged into the residence of his father-in-law and killed his 25-year-old wife Shabnum Solangi.Quoting her mother Noor Bano, the police said that Sajid used to beat his wife owing to

which she often stayed revealed that Punjab Chief with her parents.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab had greenlit the recruitment of WMOs. Minister for Primary and

Secondary Healthcare Dr. Jamal Nasir announced the commencement of the recruitment process for 374 Women Medical Officers (WMO) through the Punjab Public Service quality health care services, Commission. The move especially to women in aims to bolster healthcare marginalized areas. Aspiring female candidates with the services in remote and underdeveloped regions of

required qualifications can the province.During a recent meeting held here on submit their applications Friday, Minister Nasir online through the Punjab Public Minister Mohsin Naqvi Commission.

The dead was identified as Naveed son of Bashir Ahmad, 55, while Ayesha daughter of Naveed These medical officers will Ahmed, 25, and Ahsan son be assigned to Basic Health of Bashir Ahmed, 27, Units, Rural Health Centers, and Tehsil headquarters hospitals, with a focus on delivering

sustained injuries. They were resident of D-ground People's Colony No.1. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Abdullah Nayyer Sheikh reached the

spot immediately after the incident. Additional Deputy Commissioner Kashif Raza Awan, AC City Uzair Khan, Chief Municipal Service Officer Corporation.

pension since September a notice to NESPAK, 2022.

Taking immediate action, a notice was issued Subsequently, NESPAK to the Military Pension promptly released the due Controller Lahore, salaries compelling the prompt complainants. In a gesture release of Sohail Khan's of appreciation, the pension. Subsequently, an affected amount of 329,470/- expressed rupees was disbursed in towards the Federal

Regional Abbottabad

administrative issues.

ensuring the immediate disbursement of salaries. to the emplovee gratitude favor of Sohail Khan, Ombudsman's office.

MoU signed to protect cultural heritage, promotion of arts

SUKKUR (APP): A Memorandum of signed between Sindh Rural (SRSO) and Arore University of Arts, Architecture, Design and Heritage Sukkur, here on Friday to protect cultural heritage, promote arts and crafts, provide business support, offer capacity building initiatives, and empower rural women

artisans in the region. Officer (CEO), Mohammad Dital Kalhoro Officer and AUAADH Vice-Chancellor (VC), Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand formalized the partnership during a ceremony held at SRSO Complex.

The aim of this partnership was to have a positive impact on the cultural and economic development of the communities to alleviate. Speaking at the event, SRSO CEO, Muhammad Dital Kalhoro Financial Officer.

said that his organization has been working for two Understanding (MoU) was decades to promote the products made by rural Support Organization artisan women of Sindh to highlight and sell through which all the proceeds go directly to the skilled women, today not only in Pakistan but all over the world the sale of their handmade items is increasing and the demand continues to grow, he added.He said that the expert team of Arore SRSOChief Executive University and SRSO will

together take this work forward in a more modern as way per requirements of modern times. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Arore University Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand said

in his address that the students associated with Arore University will be given internships in this field and in a regular and whose organized manner, arts and poverty they are working design will be further expanded in collaboration with SRSO SRSO's Chief



SUKKUR: SRSO Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Dital Kalhoro and AUAADH Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand formalized a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Arore University of Arts Architecture, Design and Heritage Sukkur.



GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan chairing a cabinet meeting at CM Secretariat.

LHC dismisses plea for release of Mansha Bomb

LAHORE (APP): The had reserved the verdict Lahore High Court (LHC) after hearing detailed on Friday dismissed a petition challenging the earlier in the day. arrest of a land grabber.

The court dismissed the petition after declaring it meritless. The court held that the arrest of Mansha Ali Khokhar alias Mansha Bomb by the police was whereas investigations could not be stifled at this stage. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi announced the reserved verdict on a

petition filed by Aamir Mansha, son of Mansha accused was arrested on Ali Khokhar. The court September 14.

Punjab initiates recruitment of 374 female doctors

FAISALABAD (APP): A arguments of the parties double-storey building collapsed due to rain in D-In final arguments, the ground area which left a petitioner's counsel had person dead and two others pleaded with the court to injured, here on Friday. order the release of Mansha According to Rescue 1122, rescue team reached

Khokhar who was illegally arrested and confined by the spot and carried out a the police. He submitted search operation, pulled that the accused was not out the people trapped under the debris and required in any criminal case.However, the respondent, Capital City shifted them to the Civil Hospital. District Emergency Officer Engineer Ehtesham Wahla Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore, through a report, and Emergency Officer submitted that the Faisal Munir also reached the spot.Rescue team said

Agriculture Extension Punjab at the cost of Rs Services to enhance the 2716.824 million; whether the update of the forensic machine was service delivery at the cost Provision of missing reported to the government of Rs 804.470 million; specialties for or not.Bagar directed the up gradation of DHQ Hospital to Teaching IGP Sindh to conduct a detailed inquiry to report of emergency department Hospital, Sahiwal the matter to him and take (Revised) at the cost of Rs action against the officer's Bahawalpur and Sahiwal at 9311.161 million.

incompetence.

Building collapse:

One killed,

two injured

in D-ground

that the building collapsed

due to inundation of rain

water filled in under-

construction basement

adjacent to the building.

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Economy showing signs of recovery: Shamshad Akhtar

Revenue, Finance. Economic Affairs and Privatization Dr Shamshad Akhtar said on Friday that the country's economy was showing signs of

indicators, if you view them, you can find some betterment. There are some minister said the Consumer challenges, make efforts to signs of economic recovery. Price Index (CPI) has control expenditure and

ISLAMABAD (APP): Even if it is just starting," shortly declined from over Federal Minister for the minister said while 38 percent in May to 27.2 addressing a press conference.The minister percent now, adding this was an important indicator was flanked by Caretaker Minister for Information to show betterment. and Broadcasting Murtaza caretaker setup had Solangi and Caretaker inherited several

recovery, owing to efforts made by the caretaker government. "The macroeconomic between the solution of the so government's strategy was indicators showing positive development, the finance to prudently manage the

enhance revenues, which would help improve the situation

She said the country had come out of some difficulties and the The minister said the situation would improve further when 'we go Shamshad forward.' Akhtar said the productive sectors witnessed betterment, including agriculture, which was expected to yield good output in both minor and major crops.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Asian Development Bank ASB led by its Country Director Yong Ye called on Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Jehanzeb Khan at Planning Commission.



QUETTA: A delegation of Zamindar Action Committee led by former MPA Malik Naseer Ahmed Shahwani meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Minister issues directives to improve Railways performance, cut expenses

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LAHORE Railways Caretaker Minister Shahid Ashraf Tarar has issued a series of directives aimed at Furthermore, he urged enhancing the performance measures to improve of various departments of services in the railway's the Pakistan Railways in a health sector and expedite meeting held at the the shift to solar energy Pakistan Railways Headquarters here on network. Friday.

Among the key applauded administrative directives, Minister Tarar measures taken against emphasized the gradual transition of the entire railway network to an meters for electricity online fuel management supply companies in all system. The move aims to residential units in railway curtail fuel expenses and prevent fuel theft, a longin department. standing concern for the railwav network. Additionally, he stressed the need for digital monitoring of fuel usage and ensuring efficient fuel supply at storage depots. O p e r a t i o n a l

point, with the minister track repair on the Sibidirecting efforts to enhance Harnai section September 30. the overall efficiency of Pakistan Railways.

In a significant development, it was decided during the meeting to modernize Cairns Hospital and open outpatient services to the within the railway

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upgraded, electricity theft and called for the installation of colonies to reduce expenses

electrical Regarding infrastructure, Tarar was briefed on repair work related to tracks affected by floods and heavy rains. He instructed the Divisional Superintendent of Ouetta

Crackdown against power theft: Over 5,000 held, 1.74 bn dues recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): In an ongoing nationwide crackdown against power theft, the distribution companies have arrested over 5,000 persons, recovering Rs 1.74.80 billion in outstanding dues from defaulters in a single week

According to a Power Division spokesperson, the campaign was launched on September 7 this year, following the prime minister's directions to ensure strict enforcement anyone involved in these of laws against electricity theft and defaulters.

In the first week, an impressive Rs. 800 million was recovered from defaulters. However, in the past two days, this figure has surged to the Rs. 900 million mark. As part of this initiative, all distribution

a special task to crack down on elements involved in line losses, outstanding dues, and electricity theft day and night. "There will be no leniency shown to

LESCO charges Rs 30,205,018 detection bill from 304 power pilferers

LAHORE (APP): Lahore electricity theft and Electric Supply Company (LESCO) charged 304 against all electricity Electric Supply Company (LESCO) charged 304 power pilferers with detection bill of 711,109 units worth Rs 30,205,018 during ninth day of grand anti-power theft operation FIRs had been registered, while 20 suspects had also anti-power theft operation in all its circles on Friday. LESCO Chief

Executive Officer (CEO) Engineer Shahid Haider termed the electricity thieves as enemies of national exchequer and

deserved no mercy. F o l l o w i n g instructions of the Prime Minister and Ministry of 30,205,018. Energy, a grand anti-power theft operation was ongoing in LESCO region Ghulam Mustafa was Energy, a grand anti-power

joint shops nationwide to Digital Lifestyle Experience Shops, aimed at delivering an end-to-end digital lifestyle experience companies have been given to its customers. The joint shops are being equipped to provide a comprehensive suite of

illegal activities," the spokesman remarked.

diverse digital needs conveniently under one roof.

He said that among with detection bill of 711,109 units worth Rs

ISLAMABAD (APP): digital products and services within close Pakistani mobile operator, service providers to bring Ufone 4G has started about the single-window facility. Notable partners include Generation Next; transforming its flagship the official distributor of Samsung products in Pakistan, electronics giant TCL, top-rated digital marketplace PriceOye, prominent distribution company Yellowstone and gaming powerhouse Game

Ufone 4G launches end-to-end

digital lifestyle experience shops

to boost customer satisfaction

world-class services, including a wide range of Store. Chief Retail Sales Officer, Ufone 4G, Nauman Fakhar, handsets, internet devices, repair & maintenance, inaugurated the first exclusive discount & valueflagship Digital Lifestyle Experience Shop in Islamabad in the presence added offers, and more to help customers fulfill their of officials from the partnering companies and Ufone 4G joined PTCL Group.

hands with multiple partners with leading bring these products and

Tractor production

increase 6.52% in Jul-Aug ISLAMABAD (APP) The production of farm

tractors in the country witnessed an increase of 6.52 percent to 6,189 units during the first two months of the financial year 2023-24, against the production of 5,810 units during the same months last year 2022-23

During July-August, the production of trucks witnessed a decreasing trend as it went down from 619 units as compared to

234, showing a decline of

crackdowns

against sugar,

dollar mafia

was highly laudable.

distributors were being

continuously monitored,

but sugar mills were not

In a statement issued on Friday, Dr. Hanif Mughal said that the

beginning of the sugar crisis was from the sugar

mills, so they should not be spared; otherwise,

questions will arise in the

been the richest country.

He said in addition to

being raided.

access to a broader user base, including female consumers, who often face challenges in purchasing and maintaining mobile phones and other digital products due to access issues or concerns related to device and data security. they Now, can conveniently access reliable repair and maintenance services, a vast assortment of digital products and services, and exciting discounts and value-added offers, such as a 50% discount on screen replacement of flagship Samsung sets. The new facility will boost customer satisfaction in line with Ufone 4G's The joint shops will resolute commitment to

customer-centricity.



QUETTA; Director General Excise Balochistan Aurangzeb Kasi meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister for Industry, Trade, Excise & Taxation and Energy Prince Ahmed Ali.

Senate body on Industries and Production convenes

ISLAMABAD (Online): was the starred question The Senate Standing asked by Senator Syed Committee on Industries Waqar Mehdi concerning and Production convened the current list of

general public. All hospitals under railway supervision will be minister without involving public-private partnerships, with the Railways taking the initiative to innovate in the

healthcare facilities. Lastly, the Railway Minister tasked the administration with presenting a business model for revenue collection from railway

seed to benefit

made easier and fast.

According to official

sources here on Friday,

Caretaker Chief Minister

Mohsin Naqvi said that the

process had been expedited

hospitals by the upcoming Friday, highlighting a proactive approach to financial sustainability within the healthcare sector



thieves had been filed in the respective police stations, out of which 149

been arrested the connections seized were one industrial, five

agricultural, 12 commercial and 286 domestic and all the connections had been disconnected and charged

Pakistan confronting economic, political, environmental crises

KARACHI (INP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, Pakistan President Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the country is confronting serious economic, political, and environmental crises.

In a statement issued here on Friday, he said that the authorities were trying to manage problems temporarily with some success, but serious matters should not be taken lightly. Mian Zahid Hussain

the past crises.

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori

country," he said.

culture, he said.

had

billion.

is inaugurating City Property Expo 2023.

National Savings (CDNS)

has achieved target of Rs

250 billion in fresh bonds

in the current fiscal year,

from July 1 to September

the annual target and achieved target of Rs 1.6

trillion in fresh bonds in the

current fiscal year, the

senior official of CDNS

billion additional annual

targets than the target of Rs 1300 billion for

previous financial year 2021-22, he said.

reviewed saving target of Rs 1.4 trillion for current financial year (2021-22)

This was Rs 200

The CDNS has set a

told APP here on Friday.

The CDNS surpassed

said that lessons should be learned from the countries that have gone bankrupt recently, and negotiations should be started without delay for new loans from the IMF.

and improved during a special meeting of Punjab In addition to the IMF loan, efforts should Seed Council.

also be made to restructure The CM said that after getting approval from the domestic and foreign debt; otherwise, the IMF a special committee of the loan will not be able to help federal government now it much, he added. The would not be required to business leader said that get approval of seed and sloganeering against the new varieties from the IMF should be stopped and Punjab Seed Council. decisions should be taken

He said that the according to ground realities initiative would help the because the current crisis agriculture sector grow rapidly. "This step will ensure the availability of was more serious than all

new seed and varieties in the market ultimately benefiting farmers. The income of growers will increase when agricultural yield boosts," he added. The CM said that

prior to the initiative the approval procedure of seed was a lengthy procedure of almost two years. "Under the Chief Minister's Agriculture Reforms Programme, growers will not have to wait for years for approval of seed," he added. system.

Agri. based project underway to ease economic

In view of the current market trend in the country, the ambitious target had been set to further improve the savings He said that at

the help of agriculture is present, work was being being implemented. He said this while presiding over a meeting which reviewed proposals for setting up a Women Resource Centre in Layyah and providing economic opportunities to women e on Friday.

added. Replying to a question, he said the CDNS collected an investment of Rs 16 on agriculture

under the supervision of CEO Shahid Haider for the last nine days.

Sharing details of the ninth day operation, the farmers: CM LESCO spokesperson confirmed that 304 connections in all circles LAHORE (APP): The approval process of seed and new varieties has been were found involved in

stealing electricity from direct supply and using it for agricultural purposes, the accused had been charged 19,490 units, the (PAMA) value of which was Rs 487,250 in terms of detection bill. In the same (LCVs) and Jeeps also dipped by 39.09 percent. area of Ganda Singh.

⊙ptcl ufone 46 ISLAMABAD: Chief Retail Sales Officer Ufone 4G Noman Fakhar and Group

Chief Marketing Officer PTCL Ufone 4G Syed Atif Raza and others attending inaugural ceremony of Ufone 4G 1st Digital Life Style Experience Shop.

and

SCCI chief calls for simplification of tax system

system. RTO officials said PESHAWAR (APP):

Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry prosperity development of the (SCCI) acting president, Ijaz Khan Afridi urged the business community was a government and Federal guarantee of economic Board of Revenue (FBR) stability They added that the country could only run to take further steps to simplify the taxation

Addressing

He viewed traders are

backbone of the country's

economy so they should be

facilitated, especially by

simplifying the taxation

system for them, which

would help to achieve the

set revenue collection for the fiscal year.During the

training session, Deputy Commissioner, RTO

Peshawar Riaz Ahmad and IT expert Asif Ali Shah

informed the participants

regarding reforms in the

existing taxation system

that had been made by

FBR, particularly bringing

more ease in submission of

returns through the E-filing

through the support of the an business community, awareness seminar on 'Tax therefore, possible steps Management System and should taken to facilitate E-filing of Returns' jointly organised by SCCI and Regional Tax Office (RTO) them and bring simplification in the and

taxation system. Riaz Ahmad said FBR Peshawar, FBR here on Friday, he called for was an earning institute for broadening of existing tax the country, which has base and bringing more conducted actions for people under the net collection of taxes under instead of further burdening the tax payers. the relevant laws. He clarified that in

minds of the people. doesn't mean that FBR the weak, the powerful should also be held accountable, and all food took actions to add to the miseries of the taxpayers. The senior official said RTO Peshawar was businesses should be strictly monitored to providing services to protect the public and taxpayers under a onedispel the impression that window operation. no government can control Riaz Ahmad said the

relevant laws

the shopkeepers. country's economic prosperity depends on The SVP PEW said that, like in developed collection of revenue countries, all businesses through taxes. Therefore, he should be closed at sunset urged the participants that they should create awareness about FBR that to reduce the oil import bill by billions of dollars. If doing business until late at this institution only carried night brought prosperity, out actions for taxthen Pakistan would have collection according to

62.91 percent, according to Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association revealed. Production of pickups, Light Commercial Vehicles

todav at Parliament House. nonfunctional state-owned with Senator Khalida Ateeb enterprises in the country. The CEO of the presiding as the Chair .

The meeting Pakistan Industrial commenced with Development Corporation discussions on the (PIDC) gave a availability and pricing of comprehensive sugar within the country. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada presentation, revealing that there are currently eight raised concerns about the nonfunctional state-owned decision-making process enterprises, most of which for sugar exports, emphasizing the need for a are in a state of stagnation and awaiting either robust system to assess liquidation projected sugar demand. He noted that we

privatization. Some of these enterprises face often finds ourselves

often finds ourselves exporting sugar and subsequently importing it when shortages arise. The Secretary of the Ministry explained that the Sugar Advisory Board has recently been placed under the ministry's purview, expedite dispute resolution. The CFO of and a detailed presentation regarding this matter will Pakistan Steel Mills be provided to the provided a detailed breakdown of operational

Next on the agenda expenditures.

committee.



OUETTA: A woman is busy in buying clothes at a roadside stall in Quetta.

Microfinance company grant **Rs35** million to companies to support trade agriculture

HYDERABAD (APP): medium-scale enterprises The Sindh Agriculture and Forestry Workers Organization (SAFWCO) related to agriculture and livestock in rural areas with the support of the here on Friday disbursed a grant of Rs35 million for European Union, ICT and PPAF He added that the setting up cold storage, a mango pulp unit and a

fruits and vegetables.

company's objective was increase selfdehydration plant to dry to employment by promoting According to a press rural and industrial statement, a ceremony was development

held at SAFWCO's office According to him, during which Sindh conducting observation Agriculture University's Prof Dr Muhammad visits and initiating livelihood improvement Ismail Kumbhar handed projects were undertaken to help such enterprises.

over cheques to Rishad Mateen, KTC and Perfect Foods for setting Kumbhar said he looked forward to up those units. He said the funds providing more financial assistance to the recipients were being provided to promote small and of the funds in the second phase of the project.

(APP) LAHORE Caretaker Punjab Minister for Agriculture S.M Tanveer has said that a project aimed at reducing economic problems with

done on institutional reforms in CDNS and new reforms and innovations were being introduced."At this time Automated Teller Machine (ATM) has also been introduced in CDNS which will provide enough facilities to the users," he He said that women

would be provided with consultation regarding setting up industry based

CDNS achieves Rs 250b targets in fresh bonds ISLAMABAD (APP): which will promote The Central Directorate of savings culture in the problems:

Tanveer

ndependent

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Belarus leader proposes three-way cooperation with Russia's Putin and North Korea's Kim

Russia's

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted a meeting Friday with his Belarusian ally, who suggested that Minsk could could join Moscow's efforts to revive an old alliance with Pyongyang after this week's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko made the proposal as he met with Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, where the Russian leader said he would brief him about the talks with Kim on Wednesday at the Vostochny spaceport in

Russia's Far East. "I would like to inform you about the discussion on the situation in the region, which was quite important, and also to touch on the most acute issue, the situation in Ukraine." Putin

said at the start of the meet-Lukashenko

sponded by saying that "we could think about threeway cooperation," adding that "I think a bit of work could be found for Belarus to do there as well.

Kim on Friday continued his trip by visiting an aircraft factory in Komsomolsk-on-Amur to late anything," he told resee the latest Russian porters. "But we certainly fighter jets. On Saturday, he will look for opportunities is scheduled to arrive in Russia's port of Vladivostok where he is expected to see Russian Pacific Fleet warships and

visit a university. The U.S. and its allies believe that Kim will likely supply ammunition to Russia for use in Ukraine in exchange for receiving advanced weapons or technol-Belarusian territory to send ogy from Moscow, a deal troops into Ukraine in Febthat would violate the U.N. ruary 2022.

sanctions against Pyongyang that ban any re- arms trade with North Ko-Putin said after meet-

> Friday. "We never violate anything, and in this case we have no intention to vio-

for developing Russian-North Korean relations." Putin's meeting with Lukashenko was their sev-

enth this year. Lukashenko, who has relied on Russian subsidies and political support to rule the ex-Soviet nation with an iron hand for nearly three decades, allowed the Kremlin to use

Taiwanese

presidential

candidate

actress as

After months of

speculation, the billionaire

Gou announced his run as

an independent candidate

last month, though he has

continued to run at the bot-

tom of most opinion polls

and well behind the

favourite, the ruling Demo-

cratic Progressive Party's



TAIPEI: Terry Gou founder and former chairman of Foxconn and independent Taiwanese presidential candidate, joins his hand with running mate Lai Pei-hsia during a press conference.

Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline ready to resume operations soon, Turkish minister says

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Iraq's northern oil export route through Turkey will soon be ready to resume operation after checks on pipeline maintenance and repairs to flood damage, the Turkish energy minister said.

ready for operation, Alparslan Bayraktar said. Turkey halted flows on Iraq's northern oil export route on March 25 after an arbitration ruling by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) ordered Ankara to pay Baghdad damages for unauthorised exports by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) between 2014 and 2018.

picks Netflix through a seismically active zone and which it says has running mate been damaged by floods.

Monitoring Desk As of today, the independent surveyor com-TAIPEI: Terry Gou, the pleted their survey and founder of major Apple now they're preparing their supplier Foxconn, on report," Bayraktar said without mentioning a date Thursday said his running mate in Taiwan's presiden-A survey of the oil pipeline is complete and it will soon be "technically" ready for operation, Thursday. file Netflix drama.

ing Kim that Russia will abide by the U.N. sanctions and he reaffirmed the pledge

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko talk during their meeting in Sochi, Russia. Lockheed's new F-16 training center **Romania could train Ukrainians Monitoring Desk** The Romanians "need deal with Norway in November to buy 32 used F-16s, which would allow to train their pilots, and there NATIONAL HARBOR:

Lockheed Martin expects to close a contract with Romania to open up its first F-16 flight training center in Europe, which could eventually train pilots from Ukraine. The planned European Flight Training Cen-ter would be the U.S. company's first in the continent, and in the future could expand to teach pilots from nations other than Romania, OJ Sanchez, Lockheed's integrated fighter group vice president and general manager, told Defense News in a Sept. 13

was no good place to do that, as well as their maintainers,' he said. Lockheed announced late last month that it had signed a letter of intent with era MiG-21 fighters. At Romania and the Netherlands to establish the European F-16 Training Center. Sanchez said the company is confident its contract with Romania will be signed by the end of the year. As part of this arrangement, the Netherlands will loan F-16s to Romania for training. Sanchez said the number of aircraft is still being negotiated as part of the larger contract. Romania also struck a

Chinese defence minister under investigation for corrupt procurement

Monitoring Desk

led from 2017 to 2022, are BEIJING: Defence Minister also under investigation, ac-Li Shangfu, who has been cording to two of the people missing from public view for in direct contact with the more than two weeks, has military. The probe into Li, been placed under investigawho was appointed as detion by Chinese authorities, fence minister in March, and according to 10 people familthe eight officials is being cariar with the matter. The inried out by the military's vestigation into Li relates to powerful disciplinary inprocurement of military spection commission, those equipment, according to a retwo people said. gional security official and three people in direct conamination of the allegations tact with the Chinese miliagainst Li and the timing of the probe is based on inter-

tary. Reuters was unable to obtain details on which views with sources who equipment purchases were interact regularly with seunder scrutiny Eight senior officials nior Chinese political and

defence leaders. from the Chinese military's

Lockheed hopes more nations could start sending their airmen there—includ-ing Ukraine. "The Euro-pean Flight Training Center may be a good option for countries like Ukraine, or others who may need that support as they build out their air force needs." Kim Jong Un's

Romania to expand its fledg-

ling F-16 fleet and retire the

last of its outdated Soviet-

first, this training center will

focus on teaching Romanian

pilots to fly F-16s, Sanchez

said. But over time,

chair at summit disinfected **Monitoring Desk**

MOSCOW: North Korean procurement unit, which Li leader Kim Jong Un's security detail spent several minutes disinfecting the chair that Kim sat on during a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Kommersant newspaper reported on Thursday. Video footage published by the newspaper showed a North Korean security official in white gloves scrupulously wiping down

Reuters' detailed ex-Kim's black chair and spraying around an unidentified substance. The North Korean sprayed and wiped down the seat, the hands, the legs and even the area around the chair as a Kremlin bodyguard looked.

Biden announces more Iran sanctions on the anniversary of Mahsa Amini's death

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden announced new U.S. sanctions Friday on "some of Iran's most egregious human rights abusers" as he marked the anniversary of the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who died while being held by the country's morality police. Amini had been detained for allegedly wearing her hijab too loosely in violation of laws that require women in public to wear the Islamic headscarf. She died three days later in police custody.

across the country of 80 million people, with young women marching in the streets and publicly exposing and cutting off their hair. The government responded with a fierce crackdown. blaming the protests on foreign interference. Amini remains a potent symbol in protests that have posed one of the most serious challenges to the Islamic Republic since the 2009 Green Movement protests drew millions to the streets. Biden said Friday that the U.S. reaffirms its "commitment to the courageous people of Iran who are car-

Her death set off protests in dozens of cities rying on her mission."

Iraq steps up repatriations from Islamic State camp in Syria, hoping to reduce militant threats

Monitoring Desk

BAGHDAD: Iraq is stepping up repatriation of its citizens from a camp in northeastern Syria housing tens of thousands of people, mostly wives and children of Islamic State fighters but also supporters of the militant group.

It's a move that Baghdad hopes will reduce cross-border militant threats and eventually lead to shutting down the facility. After U.S.-backed and Kurdishled fighters defeated the Islamic State group in Syria in March 2019 — ending its self-proclaimed Islamic "caliphate" that had ruled over a large swath of territory straddling Iraq and Syriathousands of IS fighters and their families were taken to the camp known as al-Hol. Many of them were Iraqi nationals. Today, Iraqi officials see the facility, close to the Iraq-Syria border, as a major threat to their country's security, a hotbed of the militants' radical ideology and a place where their hometowns or villages.

thousands of children have been growing up into future militants.

It's "a time bomb that can explode at any mo-ment," warned Ali Jahangir, a spokesman for Iraq's Ministry of Migration and Displaced. Since January, more than 5,000 Iraqis have been repatriated, from al-Hol, with more expected in

the coming weeks, he said. It is mainly women and children who are sent home. Iraqi men who have committed crimes as IS members rarely ask to go back for fear of being put on trial. Those who express readiness to return, have camp authorities send their names to Baghdad, where the government does a security crosscheck and grants final approval. Once in Iraq, the detainees are usually taken to the Jadaa camp near the northern city of Mosul, where they undergo rehabilitation programs with the help of U.N. agencies before they are allowed back to

China promotes economic 'integration' with Taiwan while militarily threatening the island

entire area of Fujian prov-TAIPEI: China is promot- ince to fully show the efing new economic oppor- fect of Fujian as the firstunities for Taiwanese choice destination for Tai-

fice of the State Council,

said at a news conference

ture comes at a time of in-

creased Chinese military

activity around Taiwan. On

Thursday, Taiwan's de-

fense ministry said it spot-

ted 68 Chinese warplanes

and 10 warships near the

island over the previous 24

hours. It said 40 of the air-

craft entered Taiwan's air

defense zone, in the latest

of near-daily incursions

meant to threaten Taiwan's

government, which Beijing

China sailed an aircraft car-

rier 70 miles (110 kilome-

ters) to Taiwan's southeast.

centives with military co-

ercion of Taiwan "is a very

old playbook on China's

part," said Drew Thomp-

son, a research fellow at the

Earlier this week,

Pairing economic in-

deems "separatist."

The economic over-

Thursday.

Turkey then started maintenance work on the pipeline, which goes to pay Iraq.

Australia to toughen restrictions on ex-service personnel who would train foreign militaries

United States.

under the agreement.

The bill "reflects

Australia's commitment to

enhance our security stan-

dards to safeguard sensitive

technology and informa-

tion, particularly as we

embark on work through

Monitoring Desk CANBERRA: The Australian government has proposed tougher restrictions on former defense military personnel who want to train foreign militaries as the nation prepares to share nuclear secrets with the United States and Britain.

Defense Minister Richard Marles introduced legislation into the Parliament on Thursday aimed at safeguarding military secrets. Last year, he ordered the Defense Department to review standards after reports that China had approached former Australian military personnel to become trainers.

Australia's allies the United States, Britain and Canada share concerns that China is attempting to poach Western military expertise.

The review recommended strengthening of already-robust legislation as Australia deepens technology-sharing with the added.

Iraq and Turkey previously agreed to wait until maintenance works were complete before resuming the pipeline that contributes about 0.5% of global oil supply. Sources said oil flows are not expected to start before October, with KRG losing roughly \$4 billion in lost exports

(DPP) William Lai, cur-Turkey also calculates rently Taiwan's vice presi-Iraq owes \$950 million as a dent. At a news conference result of ICC arbitration, in Taipei, Gou introduced net of damages Turkey has the veteran actress, author and singer Lai as his running mate.

Mexican journalist in US wins asylum appeal

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Mexican United States and Britain journalist Emilio Gutierrez under the so-called Soto has won his asylum AUKUS agreement, an acappeal to remain in the ronym for Australia, the United States, 15 years af-United Kingdom and the ter seeking refuge amid fear of persecution in Mexico Under the agreement,

and deportation efforts by the United States and Brit-U.S. officials, a media orga ain will provide Australia a nization said on Thursday fleet of at least eight The Board of Immi nuclear-powered submagration Appeals this week ruled Gutierrez, who came Australian sailors are to the United States legally already training on U.S. and 15 years ago and now re-British nuclear submarines

sides in Michigan, was elitrolled several key border points since 2014 but the gible for asylum, the National Press Club said in a statement. "I hope that my case

the AUKUS partnership,³ risking their lives, to tell the Marles told Parliament. truth," Gutierrez said in the While the bill does statement from the U.S. not represent the entirety based group, which repre-sents journalists and advocates for press freedom. Gutierrez is one of several journalists whose cases have drawn attention

will shine a light on the need to protect those journalists in Mexico and around the world who are working and

of our legislative ambition in this respect, it is an important step towards establishing more seamless technological transfers with our AUKUS partners," he

frontier has become more porous since the Kremlin annexed four Ukrainian territories last year, encouraging residents to take up new citizenship. 'It's become more

in recent years. SIDON:



Ukraine troops capture village south of Bakhmut, military says.



Iranian women, some without wearing their mandatory Islamic headscarves, walk in downtown Tehran, Iran.

Russia seeks to erase border with occupied Ukraine

Monitoring Desk AVILO-USPENKA: To enter Russia from occupied

Taganrog - a town in southern Russia once home to writer Anton Chekhov - to

become Russians," the 37- taking out insurance Libya's flood-ravaged Derna in grisly hunt for thousands still missing

Monitoring Desk pher Emergency teams on Friday kept up their search for the thousands still posted as missing from the tsunamisized flash flood that swept the Libyan port city of Derna, killing at least 4,000 people.

The enormous surge of water burst two upstream dams late on Sunday and reduced Derna to an apocalyptic wasteland where entire city blocks and untold numbers of people were washed into the Mediterranean. An AFP photograstream

said central neighbourhoods on either side of the river, which normally dries up at this time of year, looked as if a steam roller had passed through, uprooting trees and buildings and hurling vehicles onto the port's breakwaters.

silt in the Alpefjord Na-"Within seconds the tional Park, some 1,400 km water level suddenly (870 miles) northeast of rose," recounted one in-Greenland's capital Nuuk. jured survivor who said he was swept away with his cessfully become free now. mother in the late-night ordeal before they both elated," Gina Hill, an Ausmanaged to scramble into tralian passenger on board an empty building downthe ship.

beople while at the same wanese people and enterprises to pursue developtime ramping up military activity around the island ment on the mainland," Pan it claims as its own. Xianzhang, deputy director Experts say the "carof the Taiwan Affairs Of-

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rots and sticks" approach, which Beijing has employed for years, signals a choice between peaceful "reunification" and military aggression ahead of a Taiwanese presidential election next vear

This week, China unveiled a plan for an "integrated development demonstration zone" in its southeastern Fujian province, the closest to self-governed, democratic Taiwan. Taipei strongly rejects China's sovereignty claims.

As part of the plan, Beijing is encouraging Taiwanese companies to list on Chinese stock exchanges and is promising better conditions for Taiwanese investors and a more "relaxed" environment for travel, according to a statement Tuesday by the Communist Party's Central Committee and the State Council, China's Cabinet.

Lee Kuan Yew School of "The goal is to build Public Policy at the Naan integrated development tional University of demonstration zone in the Singapore.

UK police pay damages & express regret to protesters arrested at London vigil for murdered woman

Monitoring Desk LONDON: British police have paid damages to two protesters who were arrested while attending a vigil for a woman murdered by a serving police officer. Thursday's announcement comes as the London force tries to rebuild trust after a series of incidents that exposed racism and sexism within its ranks. Patsy Stevenson and Dania Al-Obeid were de-

tained at the March 2021 protest vigil in London, which police said violated pandemic lockdown rules in place at the time. The gathering was

called after Sarah Everard, a 33-year-old London woman, was abducted and murdered by an off-duty Metropolitan Police officer as she walked home at night.

The crime shocked the country, angered many women and raised questions about a police force that unknowingly harbored a murderer in its ranks. Popandemic.

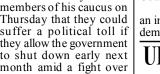
lice officer Wayne Couzens later pleaded guilty to Everard's murder and was sentenced to life in prison. A planned vigil was

canceled after police told organizers it would violate coronavirus restrictions, but hundreds of people attended a spontaneous gathering including catherine, the wife of Prince William, who laid flowers. Police later moved in to disperse participants, arresting some. Images of

women being restrained and especially a picture of Stevenson being pinned down by officers sparked wide criticism.

The High Court later ruled police had acted unlawfully in using coronavirus rules to block the vigil, and Stevenson and Al-Obeid sued the police force. The Metropolitan Police said Thursday that the protest had taken place

in the "extraordinary circumstances" of a global



'Nobody wins

spending. "Nobody wins in a government shutdown. Nobody wins in a governshutdown,' ment

Cruise ship

pulled free

after running

aground in

Greenland

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COPENHAGEN: A luxury

cruise ship that ran aground

this week in a remote part

of Greenland with 206

people on board was pulled

free by a fishing trawler on

cruise vessel had been stuck

since Monday in mud and

The Ocean Explorer

"We have just suc-

We are absolutely

Thursday.

McCarthy told reporters following a closed-door party meeting.

year-old from a Russianoccupied town near the frontline told AFP. Tatiana used to have to go through a more arduous procedure to enter Russia – a check run by

'We had two borders cross, which meant long, long traffic queues,'

the frontier. She was heading for

in a government shutdown': **McCarthy** Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Repub-

lican U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy warned

she said near a motel on

comfortable because we've do some errands, including

Ukraine, all Tatiana has to do is arrive at the edge of the war-battered Donetsk region, show guards her Russian passport, say "thank you" and cross. Moscow-sponsored separatists, then through Rus-Moscow has consian customs.

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

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Top court's ruling on NAB amendments draws mixed reactions

ISLAMABAD (INP): The justice who is about to remajor Supreme Court veramendments made to the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) laws cre-

ated a stir in political circles as it restored the corruption cases against political bigwigs. A three-member bench — headed by outgoing Chief Justice of Paki-stan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, and comprising Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Ijazul Ahsan in a majority 2-1 verdict approved Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan's petition challenging the passage of NAB amendments by the previous Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led government.

While reacting to the development, former interior minister Rana Sanaullah said that he hasn't read the SC's written verdict yet.

'The Supreme Court's controversial bench gave a controversial verdict," he said, adding that the chief

tire has caused the most dict on Friday on the harm to the institution of judiciary

Sanaullah said that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leaders have faced the inquires in their respec tive cases.

"Nearly 13 cases are registered against the PTI chairman. He should face the inquiries and have a taste of it. Let's see how he [Imran Khan] gets scores of bails," he added.

The politician said that he was of the view that the "unkind" law of NAB should not be abolished because PML-N leaders have borne the brunt of it.

Now the PTI and its chief may celebrate the old NAB law," he said, adding that the deposed prime minister would have to undergo 90 days remands and won't even get bail in the cases he is facing. to task.

He said that the PTI would not be able to say that they are being "politically victimised' caretaker Chief Minister



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti and Federal Minister for Communication and Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar during meeting of Cabinet Sub-Committee on ECL

Domki condemns attack on security forces: **Breach in peace intolerable at all;** elements involved in terrorism to be taken to task: caretaker CM

Independent Report condemned the attack on security forces in the Wali QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Tangi area of Balochistan. He said that the secu-Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has categorically rity forces foiled the attack stated that the breach in

terrorists bravely. Ali Mardan Domki peace is not tolerable at all and the elements involved said that the sacrifices of in terrorism would be taken security forces for restoration of peace in Balochistan

This, he stated in a are great and we pay rich condemnation statement tributes to them. The Chief Minister issued here on Friday. The

asserted that the endeavours being made by the security forces for restoration of peace can't be breached.

He said that the statement issued here on breach in the peace is just Friday, the caretaker Min-

Wali Tangi.

intolerable and as such addister Information mentioned ing he directed to take those that three terrorists were killed due to the timely reinvolved in it must be taken to task taliation by the security

He said that the moral forces of institutions deputed for restoration of peace s high, there are great sacrifices of and the people of the security forces for es-Balochistan are standing by tablishing peace in the provtheir forces.

Crush plants to be shifted to far away

from Urban area of Quetta city

Independent Report QUETTA: The Quetta district administration has decided to shift the crush plants to far away from the urban area of Quetta city. The decision has been made in light of the

judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan during a meeting held here on Friday. Chaired

by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Muhammad Riaz, the meeting was attended by the officers of different concerned departments besides Assistant Commissioner Kuchlak, Assistant Commissioner Sariab and Assistant Commissioner Quetta

city. The Assistant Commissioners presented report about sealed crush plants in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner said that all the

crush plants would be sealed. He said that the Ziarat cross and Digari have been

Meanwhile the caretaker Provincial Minister government's resolve to for Information, Jan bring the elements involved Achakzai has strongly conin terrorism incident to jusdemned the attack of tertice

The Minister Inforrorists on security forces at mation also said that the In a condemnation

moral of security forces are high and the people are standing with them

Jan Achakzai said that

He reiterated the

Traders observe shutter down against attack on Hafiz Hamdullah

QUETTA (INP): A shutter- torcycle rider attempted to down strike was observed in Ouetta on Friday against the Mastung blast which left Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam leader Hafiz (JUI) Hamdullah and several others with critical injuries.

ported the strike.

was targeted.

to the vehicle, it would have Commercial centres caused greater damage, were closed due to the shutthey stated. ter-down strike against the Later, in his video bomb blast. Anjuman-e-

message from the hospital, Tajiran and Awami National Hafiz Hamdullah said that Party (ANP) had supthe blasts and attack could not shatter his resolve.

attach a bomb to it.

They added that the

"Had it been attached

bomb could not be attached

to the vehicle of Hafiz

Hamdullah and exploded.

It is to be noted here 'The saver is more that Hafiz Hamdullah was powerful than the slayer, the JUI leader had said injured in a bomb blast in the Mastung district of while talking to media.

Balochistan on Thursday. The bomb explosion "Life and death are in the hands of Allah. The one targeted the vehicle in who saves is more powerful than the one who which Hamdullah was travslays," he had added. "The blast was so elling. He was travelling to

Mangochar town when he powerful that the vehicle Eyewitnesses said that the vehicle of Hafiz Hamdullah slowed at a was severely damaged. There were four companions in the car and all are speed-breaker when a mosafe," he had stated



ISLAMABAD: Director General of Islamic Organization for Food Security Yerlan Baidaulet called on caretaker PM Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Custom House Quetta solarized; 50 KV solar system installed

and other officers and solar engineers.

The basic objective behind installation of the solar energy system is to save energy and long elec-tricity break down. As the The Chief Collector Customs Balochistan, Abdul Qadir Memon for-Quetta remain connected all the time with FBR and mally inaugurated the solar system at the Customs House. other concerned departments, and the routine work is affected due to the dis-

Also present on the occasion were the Collecconnection of electricity. However, there would tor Appraisement Quetta, be no issue with installation Agha Saeed, Collector Enof solar system at the Cusforcement, Irfanur Rehman Khan, Additional Collector, toms House, it was in-Shahzad Khan, Imran Afzal formed ion the occasion.

Attock jail authorities refuse to arrange telephonic talks



QUETTA: Members of Pakistan Muttahida Mahaz are holding rally to expressing their solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces, at Quetta press club.

AJK cabinet decides to reinforce accountability law in true spirit

ner.

M U Z A F F A R A B A D (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) cabinet has decided to amend the ineffective accountability law to resume across the board free, fair and strict accountability of the public office holders aimed to curb the rising menace of corruption by the government functionaries, said Minister.

Senior Minister Col (retid) Waqar Noor accom- headed by former Prime panied with two other min- Minister Raja Farooq isters Abdul Majid Khan Haider Khan leaving the

Col Waqar Noor to propose amendments in the accountability law in order to enable the accountability Bureau to proceed against cor-

ruption in an effective man-The accountability process was made ineffective by amendments in the accountability act during the last Pakistan Muslim League (N) government besides austerity measures taken to overcome the wastage of public money. The cabinet also lifted

government in order to initiate across-the-board free, fair and strict accountabil-

Khan said that Prime Minister Anwar Ul Haq had earlier also activated the defunct anti-corruption department which shows his determination towards fairness and corruption-free governance in the region

spotted for shifting of the crush plants in due course of time.

QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer QESCO Abdul Karim Jamali meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Dr. Kamalan says Emergency Services,

Smart classrooms initiated under **CPEC** growing in Pakistan

SLAMABAD (INP): The Smart Classrooms project was initiated under CPEC in September 2021 and is now grooming in the country.

Around 100 smart classrooms are being built in 50 universities across Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday.

Meanwhile, a smart classroom was inaugurated at Karakoram International niversity (KIU) in Giigi Baltistan, aiming to empower teachers with the essential skills needed to effectively utilize technology in the classroom.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Customs House Quetta was solarized with installation of 50 KV solar system on Friday.

and Ch. Abdul Rasheed an- accountability body to ex- the ban on transfer postings cabinet taken last night at a to proceed against corruppress conference here on tion Friday

Khan while initiating the press conference said that a cabinet committee was constituted under the chair-

nounced the decisions of the ist but with limited powers besides extending the upper age limit for government jobs up to 40 years for a Majid Khan claimed further 3 years, the minis-The Minister without that his government was

ter added saying the ban on portfolio Abdul Majid committed towards fairness contract and ad hoc appointments was also lifted and accountability process and rules for appointments and would reinstate the teeth of accountability on discretionary posts watchdog that had been were also approved in the manship of senior minister pulled out by the previous meeting.



ISLAMABAD: Interim Minister for Energy Mr. Muhammad Ali held a meeting with a team representing Asian Development Bank at Power Division. The bilateral cooperation, energy efficiency and resource management for reforms in the power sector were discussed.

Good to see you all my **Pak-Japanese** delegations friends: CJP Umar Ata discuss multi

ISLAMABAD (Online): obligation to hear every one "Good to see you all my friends". This was said by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial while talking to the lawyers in his last case in Supreme

Court (SC). The lawyer Mian Bilal said to the CJP When you heard your first case in high court then it was I who appeared before you. Today there is last case of yours in SC and I am appearing before you here too.

The CJP said to the counsel your case has become in-fructuous. But if you give arguments then "dil ko khush rakhne ka laye Ghalib ye khial acha ha

The lawyer Mian Bilal said you heard us with patience always.

The CJP Umar Ata Bandial remarked it is our on falsehood



lateral issues with patience. Bar has al-ISLAMABAD (INP): The ways extended cooperation Pakistanis and Japanese to us and we have got much delegations discussed a from Bar to learn.

wide range of bilateral is-He further remarked by wearing black coat we sues at the outset of the 9th Round of Pakistan-Japan consider ourselves part of Security Dialogue held in bar. Justice Sahir Ali used Tokyo on Friday. to say bar is our mother. We The delegation of Pawill meet in bar room by

grace of Allah. kistan was led by Mr. He remarked I am Ameer Khurram Rathore, thankful to media friends Additional Foreign Secwho kept me active. We retary (Asia-Pacific) while the Japanese side welcome media criticism.

Media must criticize the decisions but it should not criticize the judges.

He observed the judges cannot defend them Department. in response to media criticism. Before criticizing judge, it should be seen eilateral, regional and multither it is based on truth or lateral issues of mutual inspeculations. Criticism on terest judges should not be based The cordial Pakistan-

Japan ties and the potential for greater cooperation in the field of defence were underscored During the exchange of

views on regional situation, lems and difficulties of this the Additional Foreign Seccountry retary briefed the Japanese He said that the PPP

is delegation on Pakistan's policy of peaceful neighbourhood including people's hearts and under the leadership of Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari Afghanistan, India and the and senior colleagues gross violations of human Bilawal Bhutto Zardari rights in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashwould be the next Prime Minister by the votes of mir (IIOJK)

people.

Accident & Emergency **Dept launches at BMCH**

QUETTA (APP)-Emergency Services, Accident and Emergency Department at Bolan Medical Complex Hospital (BMĈH) was started by the efforts of Principal Bolan Medical College Quetta Prof. Dr. Raz Muhammad Kakar and MS, BMC Dr. Kamalan Gachki. MS, BMC Dr. Kamalan Gachki said that in the first phase post graduate students of medicine and surgery department, medical officers and house officers started working in emergency services, accident and emergency department. He said that soon post graduate students of

officers will start working

in emergency services, ac-

He said that the Head of Departments Medicine, Surgery, Young Doctors Association and Paramedical Staff played an important role in starting Emergency Services, Accident and Emergency Depart-ment. MS,BMC Dr. Kamalan Gachki said that the doctors working in emergency services, accident and emergency department will perform their duties according to the duty roster. Post graduate students working in Emergency Services, Accident and Emergency Department, Medical Officers will perform their duties under rotation, he said. He said other departments, medical that with the start of emer-

gency services in BMC

hospital, immediate health

cident and emergency defacilities will be available to the patients.



QUETTA: Cantonment Executive Officer Muhammad Hayat Baloch meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister Sheikh Mehmoodul Hassan Mandokhail

PPP is voice of four provinces: Ali Hassan

QUETTA (APP): Presi-dent of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) district Hub, the people. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

said that the solution to the Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said critical juncture the counthat the opponents of PPP try is currently passing are getting confused due to through and the economic the increasing popularity situation of the country lies with the Pakistan People's of the party among the Party alone.

He said that, in the In his statement issued here on Friday, he said past, especially during the that the reception of Chair-PTI regime, due to the man Bilawal Bhutto proves wrong policies, the that the people consider the people have gone below People's Party as the savthe poverty line and the iour to get rid of the probcommon people do not even have the money to eat poison, the inflation has broken the back of the

the voice of the people The caretaker government should take all possible measures to solve problems of the people and take measures on an emergency basis to control in-flation, he said.

This initiative seeks to enhance the learning experience for students through comprehensive training programs.

Vice-Chancellor of KIU, Engineer Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, inaugurated the smart classroom in the presence of senior administrative and teaching staff of the university.

ECP throws out petition against registration of Tareen's party

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Election Commission of Pakistan has dismissed the petition filed by the Istehkam-i-Pakistan Tehreek (IPT) against the registration of Jehangir Khan Tareen's Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party (IPP) on

Friday. The IPT has decided to challenge the ECP's decision in the superior court.

Istehkam-i-Pakistan Tehreek's leader Ahmad Kaleem had filed an application in the Election Commission complaining that the two political parties have similar names and it would create confusion. beseeching the commission eral election in 90 days. to not register the IPP.

The Election Commission had reserved its titions verdict after hearing arguments. According to the verdict, the process of registration of the Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party should be carried out in accordance with the constitution and law.

b/w Imran and his sons

Khan and his sons.

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ISLAMABAD (Online): Attock jail superinten-Attock Jail Authorities dent has said in his reply have refused to arrange telejail laws don't allow. Telephonic conversation bephonic talk cannot be artween PTI chairman Imran ranged

Jail superintendent said telephone facility is not Attock jail superintendent has filed reply to conavailable to the those actempt of court plea in specused in secret act. The court's order regarding telecial court Islamabad established under official secret phone has not been violated



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Information Minister of Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi

Election in 90 days: SC registrar office returns the petition with objections filed by JI, others

ISLAMABAD (Online): (3) of the constitution. And Supreme Court (SC) Reghow can they file petition istrar Office has returned directly under this constiwith objections petitions tutional jurisdiction of the filed by JI, Supreme Court court. Secondly how they Bar Association (SCBA) hold the authority to come and Ibadul Rehman seeking in the court by exercising court order for holding genthis extraordinary ambit of court. Thirdly How the pe-The same objections titioners have made presihave been raised on all pedent of Pakistan respondent in this case while he cannot

It has been said in the be made necessary responobjections what petitions dent under article 248 of the have been filed by petitionconstitution. The forth is this ers they have not clarified the notices for the responit therein do their petitions dents have not been prepared fulfill the norms set for pub-lic interest under article 184 as per law which are used constitutional petition. as per law which are used for

Role of BRSP in development of rural areas equally important along with govt.: Ejaz Jaffar Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial \hat{M} inister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Population Welfare, Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar has stated that there is a basic role of Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) in development of rural areas and provision of basic amenities of life there is along with the government. He noted with pleasure that the head of BRSP is a very hard working and honest,

who would continue to play his wholehearted role in development of the rural areas and welfare of people by demonstrating his best capabilities.

The caretaker Provincial Minister was speaking to the Chief Executive of BRSP, Tahir Rasheed, who called on him here at his office on Friday.

The BRSP chief congratulated Sardar Ejaz Jaffar on assuming the office of Minis-The Minister PHE and Population Welfare on the occasion applauded the role of BRSP in development of the rural areas of province. During the course of meeting, different related matters were also discussed.

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was led by Mr. Ryo Nakamura, Director General, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs The two sides discussed a wide range of bi-