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

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

Kakar attends 78th UNGA opening session; Calls for adequate financing, actions in key areas to achieve SDGs

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

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

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

to work for the betterment of the two peoples.

Noting that President Raisi's policy of 'Neighborhood First' was fully aligned with Pakistan's vision for regional development and connectivity, he emphasised the importance for both countries to leverage their unique geographical location to promote shared objectives of regional peace and prosperity, through greater trade and enhanced regional connectivity.

Pakistan-Iran relations are characterized by regular high-level exchanges, commonality of views on important regional and global issues and strengthened cooperation in all areas of mutual interest.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday, expressed his appreciation for the

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Maternal mortality rate highest in Balochistan than other provinces: Domki

Mir Ali Mardan Domki emphasizes on controlling critical situation with mutual cooperation; vows to make effort to achieve targets of routine immunization; says it's a challenge to provide health facilities to scattered population

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed his concern over the highest maternal mortality ratio during delivery process in the province than other provinces.

He noted with concern that the ratio of maternal mortality is highest in the province than other provinces of the country.

He said that it is no less

than a big challenge to provide healthcare facilities to the population, which is otherwise scattered in the vast area of province.

The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the representative of World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Palitha Mahila who called on him here at the Chief Minister's secretariat on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, caretaker Chief Minister appreciated cooperation

of the WHO in health sector in the province saying that it (WHO) has always cooperated to the provincial government in health sector, which is appreciable.

He said that the facts and figures show that ratio of maternal mortality is highest in Balochistan as compared to other provinces.

He stressed that we have to control the situation with mutual cooperation.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting a shield to WHO country head in Pakistan Dr. Palitha Mahipala

IMF seeks report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products

ISLAMABAD (Online): IMF has sought report from Pakistan on smuggling of petroleum products.

According to media reports IMF has expressed concern over smuggling of 120000 tons petroleum products monthly.

According to FBR sources IMF has sought report from ministry of finance and FBR on smuggling of petroleum products. Report on the steps taken so far to curb this smuggling has also been summoned.

Sources said smuggling is causing loss of over Rs 10 billion under head of custom and levy.

IMF has demanded that smuggling of 143 million liters petroleum products per month be stopped. There will be a revenue short fall due to decrease in imports bill in the face of rise in smuggling of petroleum products. IMF has directed FBR and ministry of finance to take steps to enhance revenue.

Earlier IMF had sought written agreement from ministry of finance on tough conditionalities to provide relief in electricity bills.

30 students to be included in first phase of training.

Digital Media training arranged for youth of Balochistan: Jan Achakzai

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the digital media training has been arranged by Information department for youth of the province in collaboration with the private sector.

In first phase of the training programme, 30 male and female students would be included. Jan Achakzai mentioned adding that the selected students

would be imparted training in IT, E-commerce, amazon, digital marketing and social media marketing.

The Information Minister said that the basic objective behind the training programme is to impart training and skills to the youth in sector of information technology, he training programme is also aimed at enabling the talented youth of Balochistan through respectable livelihood, he added.



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai and others addressing participants of a ceremony organized by Aurat Foundation

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

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

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

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

Pakistan's electoral roll swells to 127 Million, ECP releases latest figures

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) unveiled voter data spanning from 2018 to 2023 on Tuesday, indicating a notable rise in the total count of registered voters across the nation, growing from approximately 105.95 million (105,955,409) in 2018 to nearly 127 million

(126,980,272) as of July this year.

The count of male voters has exceeded 68.50 million (68,508,258), while female voters will reach 58.47 million (58,472,014) in 2023. When considering the voter statistics in the country's major urban areas, Islamabad has seen a

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QUETTA: Inspector General National Highways, Motorway Police Sultan Ali Khawaja meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

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

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

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

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

She urged Pakistan to

continue implement reforms proposed by IMF because it is the only way of solidifying its weak economy.

She clarified US troops pull out from Afghanistan gave opportunity to US to look at bilateral ties with Pakistan. The important aspects like economic security and political situation have been encompassed in these relations.

Addressing the political aspect of this relationship, she said US is supporter of democracy in Pakistan but it does not support any specific person or party.



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

ANP's leader Arbab Ghulam M. Kasi dead in Kuchlak

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QUETTA: The leader of Awami National Party (ANP), Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi Advocate was found dead in Kuchlak on Tuesday.

The police said that the body of deceased ANP leader was found from the jurisdiction of New Kuchlak police station.

The killer (s) threw body of Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi in an abandoned area in Kuchlak and fled from the scene.

The body was removed to the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital for legal formalities including postmortem. In the meantime, the hunt has been started for the accused in the murder of ANP leader.

World must accept India is rogue Hindutva terrorist state: Bilawal

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

He said this after Canada revealed India's involvement in the killing of a Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, on its soil.

The 45-year-old Hardeep Singh Nijjar was shot dead outside a Sikh temple on June 18 in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb with a large Sikh population. Nijjar supported Khalistan state, an independent homeland for the Sikhs, by separating Punjab from India.

Shahbaz reaches Lahore

LAHORE (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shahbaz Sharif has reached Lahore from London. President PML-N has returned to Lahore after his one month stay in London.

Shahbaz Sharif held several important meetings with PML-N Quaid during his stay in London besides making announcement of Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan. Shahbaz Sharif participated in several party meetings in London.

According to sources Shahbaz Sharif will now review the preparations in connection with reference to Nawaz Sharif return to Pakistan.

Arrangements to be finalized to launch health card programme soon: CM

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QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki on Tuesday said that all arrangements should be finalized to launch the health card programme soon.

He directed all the stakeholders to ensure transparency and expedite the process to finalize the panel hospitals across the country.

The chief minister while presiding a meeting regarding the issuance of health cards in the province, directed the State Life Insurance Corporation and NADRA to finalize their respective affairs.

He said out-of-pocket health spending led to increased poverty as expensive treatments are beyond the reach of poor people, so it is important to immediately provide free-of-cost treatment facilities to the masses.

Importance of Civil defence volunteers' increased further, says Zubair Jamali

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali has stated that the importance of civil defence volunteers has been increased further in the present circumstances.

The caretaker Provincial Minister Home was visiting the Directorate of Civil Defence here on Tuesday.

During the visit, the Minister was briefed about the overall functioning and performance of the Civil defence.

He assured that every possible cooperation would be extended to make the civil defence directorate more effective.

He recalled that the civil defence was formed in Britain after the first world war. He said that the civil defence can't be ignored anyway.

However, he stressed the need to take more steps to review the civil defence directorate afresh. He said that the civil defence force would be emerged as the emerging professional force in time to come.

The caretaker Minister appreciated the martyrs of civil defence including Shaheed Abdul Razzaq, who embraced martyrdom during the duty.

He on the occasion also emphasized that every citizen should attain training of civil defence in the present circumstances, and a contingent of volunteers can be prepared by imparting training of civil defence to the students.



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

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

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

During a meeting with the visiting Press Corps from the Balochistan, he said China and Pakistan, as "ironclad friends", had always supported each other and stood together in times of difficulty.

He said, "China attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and is willing to deepen industrial cooperation with Pakistan

and accelerate the implementation of livelihood projects."

In recent years, Nong Rong said, the Gwadar Port had witnessed rapid development, and its achievements had benefited the local people.

"The media are welcome to report more on these developments," he added. Both sides needed to jointly create a secure and predictable business environment to achieve a benign cycle of development and security, he added.

The press corps said that friendship with China was a consensus among various sectors in Pakistan. Gwadar Port, roads, hospitals, schools, and others had

greatly promoted regional connectivity and generated employment opportunities. They looked forward to China's continued strong support for the development of Balochistan province, bringing greater benefits to the people, the visitors said. "The press corps is willing to bridge the 'information gap' between the people of Balochistan province and the Chinese people, and contribute to the development of China-Pakistan relations," they added.

Meanwhile Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry of China, Liu Jingsong met with a visiting delegation from

Pakistan's Gwadar region, headed by Vice Chancellor of the University of Gwadar Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir.

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

According to the communiqué issued here on Tuesday by the Chinese Consulate, Liu emphasized that over the past decade since the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with the joint efforts of both China and Pakistan, significant infrastructure projects in Gwadar, including ports, airports, roads, bridges, hospitals, and desalination

plant have been completed and put into operation, bringing tangible benefits to the local people.

Liu pointed out that China attaches great importance to the well-being and economic development of Balochistan and Gwadar region in Pakistan and continues to invest, demonstrating that China's friendly policy towards Pakistan is oriented towards all ethnic groups in Pakistan, that the CPEC projects have benefited all regions, tribes and social strata of the country, and that the China-Pakistan Friendship and Cooperation has a very strong inclusiveness and universally beneficial nature.

Domki lauds PARC's role for bringing innovation in agricultural technology

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki on Tuesday stressed the need for implementing measures to improve agricultural productivity, especially for marginalized farmers across the country and specifically in Balochistan.

He underscored the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council's significant contribution in shaping the landscape of the agricultural economy of the country.

He stated this while talking to Chairman PARC Dr Ghulam Muhammad Ali who called on him, said a press release.

He was briefed about the research and development activities of the council across the country with

a particular focus on Balochistan and food and nutritional security in the context of the growing population of the country.

Caretaker Chief Minister applauded the research endeavors of the Council and acknowledged the overall performance.

To achieve this, sustainable utilization of natural resources should be ensured by adopting modern agricultural techniques, he added.

The chief minister stressed that PARC should continue in leading capacity-building programs for individuals engaged in agriculture across various regions of the province, with a focus on modern agricultural techniques.

In this context, he as-

sured the complete and unwavering support and cooperation of the provincial government.

Chairman, PARC reiterated the commitment of the Council, as the apex national agricultural research organization, to disseminate innovative agricultural research findings throughout Balochistan.

Dr. Ali further said that the council has played a pioneering role in the introduction and promotion of olive, saffron, pistachio and other high-value fruits plants in Balochistan.

In recent years, PARC has planted approximately one million olive trees across eighteen districts of Balochistan and drip irrigation system on two thousand acres.

SC orders to implement law regarding prisoners' release on probation

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

The Supreme Court, in a five-page written decision authored by Justice Athar Minallah, also ordered the federal and provincial governments to ensure the release of prisoners eligible for release on probation.

It observed that serious violations of human rights were taking place in prisons across the country.

The provision of constitutional rights to the prisoners in jail had become impossible due to overcrowding in prisons, it added, observing that the majority of the people who

suffered from lack of facilities in prisons were poor, while the state was also not playing a role in providing cheap and quick justice to them.

It further said that the criminal system allowed the exploitation of the weaker sections of society by the powerful.

The court said that such a condition of prisons was intolerable in a constitutional society. It was the responsibility of the state to protect the fundamental rights of every prisoner. The prisoners were entitled to enjoy all constitutional rights except freedom of movement, it added. A division bench of the apex court led by former Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial had heard the matter.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki and Inspector General National Highways, Motorway Police Sultan Ali Khawaja exchanging shields during a meeting

PkMAP demands LEAs halt harassing Afghan refugees, Pakistani Pashtuns in name of Afghan refugees crackdown

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KARACHI - Showing their concerns over the increasing incidents of Pashtun harassment amid the ongoing crackdown on Afghan refugees in Karachi, Sindh leaders of the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), on Tuesday urged the caretaker federal and provincial governments to immediately halt this inhumane, unconstitutional, and unjust practice.

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

Tareen stressed that in

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

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

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

ing bribes after facing threats of arrest under the guise of being illegal refugees," the PkMAP leader said.

Furthermore, he expressed concern over the mass arrests of Afghan refugees who possess Proof of Registration (PoR) cards and Afghan Citizen Cards (ACCs) in Karachi, highlighting that they are living under the international refugee framework within the country.

PkMAP leaders also called upon democratic and humanitarian forces in Sindh to raise their voices against the ongoing injustices faced by the Pashtun community, including racial profiling.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani representing Balochistan Police at All Pakistan Chief Minister Balochistan Football Championship

06 dead, 1196 injured in 1174 road traffic crashes in Punjab

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LAHORE: The Emergency Services Department (ESD) responded to 1174 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs, 06 people died, whereas 1196 were injured. Out of these, 559 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 637 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (74%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce the increasing number of road traffic crashes.

Furthermore, the analysis showed that 598 drivers, 36 under-age drivers, 161 pedestrians, and 443 passengers were among the

victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 304 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 317 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 88 in Faisalabad with 82 victims and at third Multan with 76 RTCs and 79 victims.

The details further reveal that 1202 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 987 males & 215 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 152 were under 18 years of age, 627 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 423 victims were reported above 40 years of age. According to the data 1008 motorbikes, 72 auto-rickshaws, 112 motorcars, 22 vans, 08 passenger buses, 30 trucks and 95 other types of auto vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in aforesaid road traffic accidents.



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

Govt govt to launch heritage channel

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Minister for Culture and Heritage Jamal Shah has announced to launch dedicated heritage channel for the promotion of regional literature of Pakistan.

He made the announcement while addressing the inaugural session of a two-day conference titled 'Hum Jugnu Taaray Dharti Ke' at Pakistan Academy of Letters in Islamabad.

Jamal Shah said the channel will include translated versions of different genres of regional literature

including parables, adages, poetry and music so that youth in every part of the country, speaking any language can understand the essence of folk wisdom of our culturally diverse country.

H said the literature will also be published in the form of books and magazines and services of musicians and linguists of the relevant languages will be hired for this purpose. The minister said the caretaker government has a limited tenure, but we will try to complete this project at the earliest.

Pakistan's electoral roll...

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rise from 765,447 in 2018 to over 1.04 million (1,041,554) this year, as per the data provided by the electoral commission.

This year, the total count of voters in Punjab has reached 72.3 million (72,310,582), a notable increase from 60.6 million (60,672,771) in 2018. In Sindh, the number has risen from 22.3 million (22,391,244) in 2018 to 26.6 million (26,651,161) in 2023.

Back in 2018, the count of voters in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the former Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) stood at 10.53 million (15,314,659) and 2.5 million (2,512,284), respectively. These numbers have now surged to 20.169 million (21,692,381) in 2023.

In Balochistan, the voter count has grown to 5.28 million (5,284,594) in 2023, compared to 4.29 million (4,299,494) voters in 2018. In the country, there are 57 million voters aged 18 to 35, 27.79 million voters aged 36 to 45, and 18.12 million voters aged 46 to 55. There are 11.8 million voters between the ages of 56 and 65, and there are 12 million voters aged above 66 in the country.

PM reaffirms Pakistan's...

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pressing Pakistan's support for the Global Development Initiative (GDI), highlighted the need for adequate financing and called for action in key areas to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The prime minister, addressing the High Level Meeting on Global Development Initiative (GDI) Cooperation Outcomes, urged for action in five key areas including food production, infrastructure investment, industrialization, resilient healthcare systems and the bridging digital divide.

He highlighted the necessity of adequate and appropriate finance at all levels of the development process and welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping's announcement of setting up another fund of \$10 billion dedicated to the implementation of the GDI.

The prime minister highlighted that progress towards achieving the SDGs had suffered a serious setback due to the poly crises of COVID-19, conflict and climate change.

He expressed Pakistan's support for the GDI and commended the milestones achieved in its implementation, the most recent being the successful launch of the Inter-Agency Task Force on GDI.

Prime Minister Kakar stressed that China's Belt and Road Initiative and the

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor were vital vehicles for achieving the SDGs.

He stated that Pakistan looked forward to enhancing its cooperation with China and other members of the Group of Friends of GDI to realize their collective aspiration for the implementation of SDGs.

The event also featured the opening remarks by Vice President of China Han Zheng, President of the General Assembly Dennis Francis, and other high-level dignitaries, as well as a video briefing and presentation on GDI cooperation.

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

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

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

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

The prime minister will also attend a reception hosted by US President Joe Biden in the honour of the global leaders.

Seminar on 'Development of Islamic Banking in Pakistan' held

PESHAWAR (APP): A one-day seminar on the "Development of Islamic Banking in Pakistan" was held at Women University, Swabi on Tuesday.

The event was organized by the State Bank of Pakistan in collaboration with the Department of Economics at Women University Swabi, and brought together experts and scholars in the field of Islamic finance to discuss its growth and significance in Pakistan's banking sector.

The seminar featured esteemed speakers who shared their insights and expertise on various aspects of Islamic banking.

Manzoor Ahmad, Joint Director, NIBAF Islamabad delivered the opening remarks and provided a brief introduction.

Mufti Syed Umer Amaduddin, Manager Product Development and Shariah Scholar (In-Charge Product Development Unit), Silk Bank enlightened attendees on the intricacies of Islamic finance, particularly focusing on product development within the industry.

Fariq Khan, Senior Joint Director, Islamic Finance Development Department, State Bank of Pakistan shared valuable insights into the regulatory framework and the role of the central bank in nurturing Islamic banking in the country.

The seminar provided a platform for fruitful discussions, where participants delved into the challenges and opportunities for Islamic banking in Pakistan's evolving financial landscape.

ICC World Cup 2023: Pakistan, New Zealand warm-up match to be held without spectators

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan's warm-up match against New Zealand ahead of the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup 2023 will take place behind closed doors over "security concerns" in Hyderabad, India.

The decision to hold the warm-up match between the Green Shirts and the Kiwis will be held without spectators after the Hyderabad city police — citing two major religious festivals, Gajesh Visarjan and Eid Milad-un-Nabi in the city — expressed their inability to provide adequate security for the match scheduled to be held on September 29, Indian media reported.

According to an official of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), "The processions will go on late into the night and the local police would not be able to provide adequate security for a match of this scale. There will continue to be full security for both the teams during their stay and transit to the stadium."

The BCCI, in collaboration with the hosting association and ticketing partners, will arrange for ticket refunds for the affected spectators. Previously, the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) had requested a change in the schedule for back-to-back matches scheduled for October 9 and 10, involving New Zealand-Netherlands and Pakistan-Sri Lanka, respectively, in the city due to security con-

cerns raised by local police. Although a late change in dates was not feasible, security authorities have accommodated this request.

It must be noted that Pakistan is set to play a total of eleven matches in the World Cup, with four of them, including two warm-up matches and two group games, scheduled to take place in Hyderabad. The Men in Green are expected to arrive in Hyderabad via Dubai on September 27.

Pakistan's schedule for the ICC World Cup 2023:

- October 6 - vs Netherlands in Hyderabad
- October 10 - vs Sri Lanka in Hyderabad
- October 14 - vs India in Ahmedabad
- October 20 - vs Australia in Bengaluru
- October 23 - vs Afghanistan in Chennai
- October 27 - vs South Africa in Chennai
- October 31 - vs Bangladesh in Kolkata
- November 4 - vs New Zealand Bengaluru (Day match)
- November 11 - vs England in Kolkata

The day matches will start at 10:00 am Pakistan Standard Time (PST) while all other matches will be day-night fixtures starting at 01:30 pm (PST).

If Pakistan qualify for the semi-finals, they will play in Kolkata. If India qualifies for the semi-finals, they will play in Mumbai unless playing against Pakistan, in which case they will play in Kolkata.



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

PJN, British Council collaborate for Punjab's social cohesion

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Peace & Justice Network (PJN), in conjunction with the British Council, hosted a dialogue session called "Awaz II" the other day to discuss ways to strengthen interfaith harmony and social cohesion among local communities in Punjab. Around 77 provincial-level stakeholders, including representatives from the Department of Human Rights and Minority Affairs, National Commission for Human Rights, Punjab Women Protection Authority, Auqaf and Religious Affairs Department, IT University Punjab, Social Welfare & Bait-ul-Maal Department Punjab relevant institutions participated on this occasion.

The provincial dialogue aimed to create a platform to highlight the issue of minorities and also to promote tolerance in society.

In her welcome remarks Dr Yasmin Zaidi, Team Lead British Council, Aawaz also said that "Part of Aawaz II" project to address

discrimination, exclusion, and exploitation faced by vulnerable segments of society. She explained that the Aawaz II project is currently active in 37 districts within Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The initiative's objectives include establishing community forums, implementing community-driven early warning systems and early response mechanisms (EWS-ERM), promoting connections among individuals from different faiths, and strengthening their relationships with relevant government institutions. On this occasion, Dr. Ahmed Afnan, Additional Secretary, Auqaf and Religious Affairs Department Punjab, has said that "there is a dire need to improve interaction and undertake awareness campaigns to promote tolerance and strengthen social cohesion in the society".

He went on to mention that the Pakistan Bait Ul Mall is working to improve social cohesion and elevate the status of religious minorities throughout Punjab.

Participants representing religious minorities from different districts of Punjab provided case examples of the best practices from Aawaz II's experiences in various districts, sharing testimonies of case studies such as conflict over burial places, incidents of societal intolerance, and disputes over water sources which were successfully preempted with the help of EWS-ERM that Aawaz II established across its communities.

During the process, participants, especially members from religious minorities shared several recommendations to promote interfaith harmony and safeguard the rights of religious minorities. These recommendations included organizing capacity-building sessions for district human rights and interfaith harmony committees, addressing behavior change in schools to prevent false blasphemy allegations against children.

The Indus Delta Community Dialogue was held at Sindh University Thatta Campus in partnership with Water Environment Forum Pakistan (WEForum) with a mission to "Save the Indus Delta with UN Support". It was presided over by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Rafique Memon with former Senator Nisar Memon as chief guest, a news release said.



ISLAMABAD: Commerce Minister Dr. Gohar Ejaz and Malaysian Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Azhar Mazlan cutting the cake at the celebration of 66th National Day and 90th Armed Force Day of Malaysia.

Indus River's per capita water availability decline below 1000 cubic meters alarming: Speakers

ISLAMABAD (APP): The speakers at the Indus Delta Community Dialogue on Tuesday warned that the Indus River's per capita water availability decline below 1000 cubic meters was alarming for the country's future and water security.

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Welcoming the participants, Prof. Mukhtar Mahar, DG Coastal & Deltaic Studies said, "Today's objectives are to unite all delta stakeholders to identify issues, challenges and opportunities towards evolving local, provincial, national, regional and global programs under a proposed new United Nations Convention for the Conservation of River Delta (UNCCRD)".

Dr Engr. Syed Raghob Abbas Shah, former WAPDA chairman and founding senior executive committee member of WEForum shared detailed status of Indus River water in Pakistan with its per capita water availability going dangerously below 1000 cubic meters. Thus, the need to conserve and develop water for drinking, industrial and agricultural use.

In addition, "Pakistan must improve its water governance to ensure timely water distribution to all, release needed water flow from upstream to downstream Indus and discharge fresh water to sea for preserving ecology of delta for livelihood of deltaic people."

Pro Altif Siyal, dean of Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam explained at length the historic perspective of depleting Indus delta with all scientific studies carried on so far.

Govt to expedite efficiency of immunization program

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Ministry of National Health Services to expedite the national immunization program has decided to take immediate steps.

The decision to take three major steps in this regard was taken on the direction of Caretaker Minister for Health, Dr. Nadeem Jan.

It was decided to incorporate the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine into the immunization program to prevent cervical cancer.

An integrated strategy has been developed to make the HPV vaccine part of the immunization program. In the first phase, 400 health centers in high-risk areas are being shifted to solar energy, Dr. Nadeem Jan said. Later, other centers will also shift to solar energy.

He said that the National Electronic Immunization Registry is being launched, which will help

in improving the performance of the program. Under the National Electronic Registry, each child's immunization data will be recorded in the system. He said that parents will receive an alert about their child's vaccination date.

He added that parents can also find out which vaccine their child should get. Under this system, the institution can also monitor the attendance and performance of its vaccinators. Dr. Nadeem Jan said that practical steps are being taken to ensure 100% coverage of the immunization program.

He said that the immunization program is rapidly moving towards universal health coverage. The minister said that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure universal health coverage. The aim of the initiative is that no child or girl should be deprived of vaccination across the country, Nadeem Jan added.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Mr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan called on Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Mr. Khalil George at his office.

Senate delegation concludes successful visit to Geneva

ISLAMABAD (APP): A distinguished delegation from the Senate of Pakistan, led by Senator Ishaq Dar, concluded a productive visit to Geneva recently. The delegation, comprised of Senators Ishaq Dar, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah, and Kamran Murtaza, was invited by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to attend the World Trade Organization's Public Forum.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), World Trade Organization (WTO), and International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters. The delegation's focus was on advancing Pakistan's stance on the global economic agenda and promoting equitable international economic cooperation. Leader of the House, Senator Ishaq Dar, emphasized the importance of a fair international economic order and showcased Pakistan's commitment to addressing global development challenges.

During their stay, the delegation engaged in substantive discussions with high-ranking officials and visited key international organizations including the

Intl workshop on 'Advances in Nuclear Medicine' kicks off

ISLAMABAD (APP): COMSTECH in collaboration with the Pakistan Nuclear Society (PNS) and Pakistan Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) has inaugurated a two-day international workshop on 'Advances in Nuclear Medicine and its Applications' here on Tuesday.

Prof. Dr. Naseem Irfan, Rector, Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS) was the chief guest at the opening session of the workshop being held at the COMSTECH Secretariat.

In his address, Prof. Naseem briefed the audience about the evolution of human resource development in the fields of nuclear medicine research and development in Pakistan.

He said that PIEAS and PAEC train doctors and medical professionals in the fields of nuclear medicine and diagnostics.



ISLAMABAD: Sanitation Workers of CDA are collecting the garbage to clean the Kernal Sher Khan road as massive garbage fall down from speedy Sanitation truck, in Federal Capital.

US Embassy working to reduce visa appointment wait time

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Embassy of the United States on Tuesday said steps were being taken to reduce visa appointment wait time for the people of Pakistan. "Demand for US visas is the highest it has ever been. We are processing more visa applications than ever before and are working hard to bring down visa appointment wait times," said a US Embassy news release.

It said thousands of non-immigrant visa appointments had been expedited.

"More than 10,000 Pakistani visa applicants originally scheduled for 2024 at the US Consulate General in Karachi are receiving notice that their appointments have been rescheduled in 2023, some as early as next week," the embassy added.

"If you have a visa appointment in the next few months at the US Consulate General in Karachi, please check your e-mail and log-in to your account at our website, ustraveldocs.com/pk, to confirm your expedited appointment time."

To create added flexibility for Pakistani travelers, it said, visa applicants could rebook appointments at either the Consulate General in Karachi or US Embassy in Islamabad — whichever works best for them.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister of National Heritage and Culture of Pakistan, Jamal Shah addressing to the Participants during two days Literature Conference for kids entitled "Hum Jugnoo Tary Dharti Ky" Organized by Pakistan Academy of Literature in Federal Capital.

AC conducts price checks, inspects dengue SOPs

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a crackdown on violators, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Secretariat Aneel Saeed Tuesday conducted price checks, inspected dengue SOPs, arrested beggars, sealed faulty petrol pumps, and removed encroachments in different areas. The assistant commissioner on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, visited different areas of the Secretariat Sub-division and conducted price checks in various shops and markets.

Against begging with the help of Civil Defence volunteers and six beggars were arrested and shifted to police stations and Edhi centers. The AC inspected the exact weight and measurement of the petrol pumps, cleaning and fire extinguishing equipment, and the faulty machines were sealed. An anti-encroachment operation was also carried out at Bhara Kaho in coordination with the Magistrate, CDA, DMA and police and several illegal fruit, vegetable stalls were removed, while goods were seized. Aneel Saeed warned the shopkeepers and other businesses to comply with the law and avoid any violations. He also urged the citizens to report any violations to the authorities. The residents appreciated such operations and demanded the authorities to continue such operations on a regular basis to deter violators and maintain law and order in the city.

The violators were fined and warned as per the law.

The AC with the dengue monitoring teams ensured adherence of dengue SOPs at various sites i.e. marble factories, workshops, tyre shops, nurseries, dump-sites etc. and inspected the doorstep households where patients were found as per the SOPs. Action was also taken



ISLAMABAD: Gypsy girls busy in gossips after searching valuables from garbage container at Mera Abadi Road, F-11.

Minor maid violence case: Court directs amici curiae to file written reply

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed amici curiae to file their written reply on the petition seeking proceedings against Judge Asim Hafeez in minor maid violence case.

court can not take suo motu notice. Investigation is underway. We will not interfere in it. This proceedings is not in favor of the applicant or to award punishment to others. Court will not such thing which affects right of any one. It is not my objective to touch criminal trial or investigation. We want to give only observation that law is there but it is not being implemented. I will avoid to issue a writ because it will become a suo motu. I will dispose of case that the work is done and is not done. We can call legal bodies and say them that it is your job and do it. Investigation has reached where.

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC justice Amir Farooq remarked this court cannot take suo motu notice. Investigation is underway and we will not interfere in it too. He gave these remarks while hearing the case Tuesday.

On being inquired by the CJ IHC Aamir Farooq the state counsel told the court the challan of case has been filed.

The amici curiae Faisal Siddiqui, Zainab Janjua and Maryam Sultan appeared in the court.

Amicus curiae Faisal Siddiqui said notice should be issued to accused too.

398 candidates pass CSS competitive exams 2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) announced the annual results of the CSS Competitive Examination 2023 yesterday in which 398 students remained successful.

petition to remove her name from the Exit Control List (ECL), also directed the Islamabad Police to maintain the court decorum. He warned said that the court would impose a fine of Rs 50,000 if its order was not complied with next time.

The petitioner lawyer apprised the court that the report given by the police to him was no longer available in file.

According to the details, around 28024 candidates applied for the CSS Competitive Exams 2023.

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FPSC informed that a total of 13008 candidates appeared in the exams, out of which 398 candidates passed the exams with a pass percentage w.r.t appeared candidates 3.06 percent.

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724 power pilferers nabbed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Tuesday caught 724 power pilferers and imposed a fine of over Rs 4.97 million for stealing electricity in various areas of the company during the ongoing special anti-power theft drive. The IESCO spokesperson said that over 1.08 million units were charged to the power pilferers. A sum of over Rs 7.92 million was also recovered from the defaulters. He said that not only FIRs were registered against the power thieves but also some of them were arrested. He also requested the consumers to inform the focal person of anti-power theft.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary Information and Broadcasting Zahoor Ahmed chairs first meeting of the Fund Management Committee of the Film and Drama Finance Fund at Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications.

Film & Drama Finance Fund to help revive local film industry: Sec Info

ISLAMABAD (APP): Secretary Information and Broadcasting Zahoor Ahmed on Tuesday reiterated that the Film and Drama Finance Fund as envisaged in the Film and Broadcasting Policy 2018, was aimed at the revival of Pakistani cinema and will reap favorable results for the filmmakers who can now access the multiple financial sources, grants and loans. He expressed these views while chairing the inaugural meeting of the Fund Management Committee of the Film and Drama Finance Fund at Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications. At the start of the meeting, the Secretary Information and Broadcasting welcomed the participants. Film and Drama Finance Fund was established on August 5, 2023 after the Rules for the Fund were notified. A seed money of Rs. 1 billion was initially allocated as Technical Supplementary Grant to establish the Fund. A Fund Management Committee, comprising ex-officio members and members of film fraternity, was later notified by the Ministry to manage the Fund.

The participants of the meeting appreciated the Ministry's efforts for the inclusion of the Fund in the Thirteenth Schedule of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 that will enable the contributors to the fund, tax exemptions in similar manner as those granted to companies in the ambit of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

3-day national climate transparency forum kicks off

ISLAMABAD (Online): A 3-day National Climate Transparency Forum started in Islamabad on Tuesday, continue till 21 September 2023. The forum has been organized by Global Climate-Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) and CITEPA France with the financial support of GIZ Pakistan.

representatives of federal and provincial planning, Research, development, implementation, academia and civil society organizations are participating in the forum. Arif Goheer appreciated the overwhelming response of provinces in climate transparency related activities and hoped that the data sharing on climate action is streamlined and continues to foster collaboration among all stakeholders involved in mitigating the effects of climate change.

The purpose of day 1 of training was to give brief overview of transparency platform called RISQ and to know how to link the platform with national communications like TNC, NDC, NAP etc. Moving on to Day 2, which focuses on the mitigation component of the RISQ tool with specific attention on the assessment of GHG impacts and tracking of mitigation actions, policies and measures. The mitigation component aims at developing a framework for compiling GHG inventories, data collection, data sharing, data reporting and institutional arrangements.

Three days' workshop aims to get a detailed understanding of achievements and next steps of the transparency project, ensuring visibility of GCISC and GIZ, commitments to transparency/MRV, enabling engagement of stakeholders and promote interactions and synergy with other initiatives in the country at national / sectoral / local scales. The 3-day forum also introduces the launch of Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) for Mitigation and Adaptation tracking in Pakistan. In this context, a tool called as Climate Transparency Platform for Pakistan has been developed by the joint efforts of CITEPA France and GCISC. Representatives of federal and provincial planning, Research, development, implementation, academia and civil society organizations are participating in the forum. Arif Goheer appreciated the overwhelming response of provinces in climate transparency related activities and hoped that the data sharing on climate action is streamlined and continues to foster collaboration among all stakeholders involved in mitigating the effects of climate change.

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Senator Hilal Ur Rehman, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on States and Frontier regions presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House Islamabad.

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The Isa epoch

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

The optics of the event were rich with irony, with the president, who had previously filed a reference against the Supreme Court judge over alleged misconduct and non-disclosure of assets, himself administering the oath.

With the new chief justice's spouse standing by his side, it was a symbolic moment that sent "a clear message of steadfastness", as put by one participant.

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

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

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

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

Moreover, there is the ever-looming test of safeguarding the judiciary's independence in the face of executive incursions.

Some of the more pressing concerns, however, include the delay in general elections, the trial of civilians in military court, and pending references against the chief justice's colleague Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi. It is precisely these challenges that lend the new chief justice the opportunity to carve out a legacy of robust judicial leadership, guided by a moral compass that remains unswayed by the tempestuous winds of political expedience. As he embarks on this pivotal journey, we hold out measured, but optimistic hope that under his leadership, the top court will not only adjudicate, but guide the nation towards a path paved with justice, equality and the rule of law.



Arifa Noor

There is a new chief justice in town. And as with any transition at the big white building of justice, much is usually written about the old and new 'sheriffs', for in countries such as ours, it is hard to assess the performance of those in power when they are present.

Only in their retirement do many of us find the courage to write about their tenure, except for those who are elected; they are generally least likely to take offence or are too powerless to do so.

But I digress. As the transition took place, much has been written about the one who left and the one who has now taken over. Some of the commentary has been rather detailed and full of legalese — about judgements and what they

wrote and didn't and how legal it was. These details are for the more legally literate.

For the rest of us who view the world more simplistically, our adjudicators' behaviour is easier to understand in the larger context of politics.

For politics in our pure land is played out through the legal and constitutional framework, even though rules and laws have little to do with it. But to say all too often this is not deemed acceptable, debating legalese is far more time-consuming and complex. Indeed, what would television discussions be without two lawyers with opposing views who can argue at length and fill air time?

However, behind it all, there is one reality: a power struggle called politics. In this, the constant are the politicians and the establishment. The third player, post-2008, is the judiciary.

The establishment's power is the reality but it lacks legitimacy or legal power, as long as we are playing at being a democracy. And this handicap becomes a little less relevant when the judiciary can play an 'effective' role. From

Ifthikhar Chaudhry to Saqib Nisar, the law conveniently led to results which made politics possible.

The twice-resurrected chief may have led to Musharraf's downfall but his relationship with the powers that be was far more complicated, though little of it has been documented, as history rarely is in Pakistan.

His court played an important role in keeping the PPP in check and at times in disarray, i.e. a prime minister's disqualification, as well as suo motu actions on rental power projects and the LNG deal. There was also Memogate, which when it erupted was feared to lead to the then president's indictment if not more. And despite much bluster from the PPP, there was little chance of it defying any order of the court.

Just as an aside, that period was also marked by many cases in which the plight of the disappeared were discussed, but the judgements given in those cases, like other legal documents, require a legal brain. What would an ordinary journalist know about those who were recovered and

those held accountable? But the commission of the missing, headed by a retired judge, Javed Iqbal, was formed in those heady days.

Saqib Nisar played a similar role when the PML-N government was ruling the roost. But this role shaped up once the power battle between the other two had begun and decisions taken. The disqualification of another prime minister followed.

Perhaps, one can venture so far as to say that as with the power of Article 58-(2)(b), the powers were exercised and implemented because of the player that put its weight behind the president in the 1990s. The equation which emerged post-2008 was similar.

In other words, Pakistan's troika usually sees two of the three stakeholders tilt the balance against the third. And in this power game, rarely has the political side joined hands with the judiciary against the third.

The elections in KP and Punjab saw a split among the traditional allies, when it seemed the chief justice and some of his colleagues felt the Supreme

Court should push for elections in the two provinces within the constitutional limit of 90 days. However, this was not acceptable to many. No wonder then, parliament, overnight, found the strength to rein in the judiciary. Political parties which had earlier capitulated to the judiciary and made changes to the 18th Amendment once the then Supreme Court had pronounced on it, now took a stand and changed the law to dilute the chief justice's power to form benches. Neither were the elections held because the executive found reasons enough to avoid the exercise.

Indeed, there is no doubt the former chief justice was unable to manage the differences among his colleagues but it is worth considering how public these differences became. There was a history to this; the case against the recently sworn-in Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa was perhaps the beginning of it. However, previous Supreme Court chief justices had also been guilty of similarly bad habits when only their blue-eyed colleagues were seen to make it to bench after bench.

The Ifthikhar Chaudhry court would rarely have dissenting judgements but none of this made it past hushed gossip. Was the silence simply due to the populist chief justice's charismatic personality? Or because those left out knew the chief justice had too many powerful allies and couldn't be challenged? And, what was the advantage of Ifthikhar Chaudhry was the disadvantage of the last chief justice, once he and his 'likeminded' colleagues took a position on the issue of elections within 90 days. The point here is that the judiciary's independence perhaps may not be simply linked to the inhabitants of the Supreme Court and the ability of the man or woman heading them. It is also linked to the larger politics in Islamabad. Perhaps this is why there are many who are already predicting the new incumbent can once again get into trouble. As with those who passed before him, the powers he enjoys are sometimes linked to the politics playing out in the building beside the Supreme Court on the Constitution Avenue. -- Courtesy Dawn

The balance of the troika

The Age of The Qazi



Mosharraf Zaidi

The ascension of Justice Qazi Faez Isa to the office of chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan is no ordinary moment in Pakistani judicial and institutional history.

As recently as within the last twelve months, we didn't know whether the new chief justice would ever, in fact, become chief justice. Frivolous cases were pursued to tar and feather the judge for years prior to his eventual ascension to the role. Now that he has taken the sacred oath, everything changes. Two changes are especially important.

First, the new chief justice must elevate himself above himself — as a judge. This is a tall order. Why? Because Qazi Faez Isa — the man — was aggrieved by the manner in which charges were framed and pursued

against his family, but Chief Justice Isa — the CJP — has no room to nurse those wounds.

The CJP is the eldest among the elder wisemen of the republic. There is no room for vengeance, for keeping score or even for having a robust hard drive with a deep memory. The challenges facing the republic, its constitution and the overarching relationship between the people and the concept of rule of law are too many, too deep, too wide and too serious.

Now that he has taken oath, he must essentially operate as though there had never been any effort to undermine him or his family. If this is a tall order, the CJP is a high chair — its stature cannot be dictated by the last man (or last few men) to occupy it. Its stature must be dictated by the highest aspirations of Pakistan's founders and its guardians — our lawyers, constitutionalists, and jurists. To do this, CJP Isa will need to establish and maintain peace within the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Given the acerbic nature of genuine disagreements within the court, this will be a huge undertaking.

Second, the chief justice must elevate the judiciary above itself — as an institution. This will sound whimsical, but it is not. It is grounded in some foundational truths about today's institutional landscape. First, the current composition, and means of elevation to the position of CJP, and the protections afforded to the judiciary writ large, are products of the same 'moment' in Pakistani institutional history as the 18th Amendment, the 7th NFC Award, a robust and raucous free press, and the democratic credentials of mainstream political parties led by the PML-N and PPP. This 'moment' — let's call it the post March 2007 Pakistani governance consensus — began in March 2007 and continued through 2011, claiming not only unprecedented democratic and federal consolidation, but also the scalp of Pakistan's last explicit military dictator.

What is left of this special moment? Mostly smitherens. The true wreckage of the PDM government's fifteen months in power isn't the economy, or even the state of civil rights (both crises have precedent, and neither was invented by the con-

stituent parties of the PDM). The real wreckage of the PDM government's fifteen months in power is the PDM itself — its standing on the issues that supposedly distinguished it from the PTL. The most profound long-term damage done by the PDM is to the idea and notion of parliament as the sacred ground it should be.

The institutional wreckage that CJP Isa must consider is not just composed of the formal political landscape, but also of the reputation and standing of the military in the mainstream. The confrontation between Imran Khan and the establishment that nursed him from the political wilderness in 2011 to the 'Azadi dharna' in 2014, to the office of prime minister in 2018 and back onto the streets in 2022, has had profound implications for the way the security establishment is perceived.

Through all this institutional wreckage — unbelievably — the judiciary has survived. Barely (but unmistakably) the judiciary is the only macro institutional framework where there has been procedural consistency; every single new chief justice (nine in total)

has taken the oath of office as planned by the rules of the game set by the post March 2007 Pakistani governance consensus. Ironic that one of the supposedly least functional of all of Pakistan's systems — the system of delivering justice — is the only one that has managed to maintain consistency and predictability. Miraculously, the Pakistani superior judiciary has managed to evade and avoid the kind of crises that stir prior to changes of guard in Rawalpindi or at the PM Office. Is this a mere accident or does it portend something more profound, and dare-one-say, something positive?

To answer this, we will need to examine how the next thirteen months and one week go. CJP Isa's Supreme Court is one reeling from fractures that exploded into public feuds during former CJP Umar Ata Bandial's tenure. Little good can come of an 8-7 divide at the Supreme Court. CJP Isa must preside over a healing of fractures in his court, if he is to have any chance of healing the wounds inflicted upon Pakistan's institutional landscape over the last fourteen, twelve, nine, six, five, or

two years (take your cherry pick from among those vastly different, and partisan, chronological start or end points).

The fact that the judiciary has survived all of the factors that have undermined Pakistan's formal political system as well as the standing of the military in the public eye does not mean that the justice system is in good health. In fact, it may mean the exact opposite. Perhaps the most urgent thing that should keep CJP Isa and his fellow judges on the Supreme Court up at night is the degree to which the judiciary — as a national institution — actually matters at all.

One interpretation of the resilience of the post March 2007 Pakistani judiciary is that chief justices can come and go on schedule because other than peripheral differences of personality, the judicial system at large is so eminently 'manageable' that no one ever needs to break anything to get their way. This of course being theoretically quite unlike the elected (and even allegedly selected) men that occupy the office of the PM, who tend not to go without a fight. -- Courtesy TheNews

Three Pakistans



Dr Niaz Murtaza

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

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

Extremist Pakistan (1972-98): This era started with the 1971 trauma and

ended with huge economic, political and external crises due to the nuclear tests and another army coup. The four 'E's' soon led to other 'E' issues. To deal with enmity and ethnicity, the establishment stoked extremism, this era's lasting legacy. The economy, which earlier at least had efficiency if not equity, lacked both now to become another major 'E' issue. Finally, the nuclear tests and coup triggered external exclusion and isolation.

Excluded Pakistan (1999-2023): This era started and ended with huge economic and political crises and external exclusion. But the two ends hide eras of progress based on deep ties with the US and China, which were weakened due to the legacies of several 'E's' — elitism, establishment and extremism. Other 'E's' rose soon. Educationally, we have the world's second highest number of illiterate children. Globally, we have had three mega emergencies since the 2005 earthquake and the 2010 and 2022 floods, plus many smaller ones.

Electoral, the establishment is again ignoring the Constitution and is seen to delay the polls. Ecologically, we are one of the states most vulnerable to climate change, which is forcing evictions and emigration. Exclusion globally is back as we shun the world socially due to extremist xenophobia, while it shuns us politically and economically, as in the case of the new meandering India-Europe corridor that the G20 chose over the straight India-Pakistan-Iran-Turkey-Europe route due to our tense ties with India and the US. To this long list of existential 'E' threats, one can add some 'D's' — demography, despotism and despondency.

Today, we face pos-

sible collapse in almost all realms — institutional, constitutional, judicial, political, economic, social, security, ecological and external — all deeper variants of the original pre-1947 gaps in state, nation, polity and economy that persist even after 75 years. The new post-poll regime will face the huge task of rebuilding a collapsed country — much like the post-partition 1947 and 1971 set-ups — and work for a better fourth 25-year era, which may, sadly, prove worse than the previous eras. The past two set-ups largely failed. The run-up to this one looks worse. Polls will surely be rigged and the old root causes of our pains — elitism and the establishment — remain at a time we badly need a legitimate, pro-poor and able regime. The teary activist heart yearns for it now while the cold analyst head says bluntly that it is a dream.

Can society push back to at least cut the risk of doom from a grim mix of demography, ecology, emergencies, evictions, emigration, economic collapse, extremism, external exclusion, nuclear calamity, political instability and ethnic strife? The key challenge for society is to push against enmity with India as it is the one 'E' that can have a big domino effect on all 'D's' and 'E's'. It may cut external exclusion, despotism, the establishment's sway, and its use of extremism, and election rigging, and generate money to better manage the economy, education, epidemics, emergencies, the ecology, ethnic gripes, evictions and emigration. This raises the teasing query of how better our history may have been without this enmity. The extent to which society can push the elites may decide which E-word history assigns to our next 25-year centennial era: emerging, entropic or even extinct. -- Courtesy Dawn

Political culture



Arif Hasan

There have been many political movements in Pakistan; some of them have also been between two opposing ideologies, such as the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy and the Pakistan National Alliance in the 1970s. All these movements have been about restoring Pakistan's Constitution and re-establishing parliamentary democracy. However, none of these movements sought to change Pakistan's political culture, and as such, left behind no legacy. Perhaps the only movement that did this was the women's movement and the establishment of the Women's Action Forum in 1981. On the other hand, Zia's Islamisation has left behind a powerful legacy, despite the fact that there is a huge anti-Zia sentiment in the country.

It is interesting to see how Zia managed to create this legacy and how it has managed to survive after his death. There are two aspects of this: one is the introduction of behavioural patterns in the day-to-day life of the citizens of Pakistan, and the other has been the introduction of an education system that has brought about fundamental changes in the behaviour of Pakistani society, especially among the youth.

To begin with, he introduced the compulsory covering of the head for women TV anchors and the only person who refused to follow this was Mehtab Rashdi. He also banned classical music and dance and the presence and work of prominent poets and writ-

ers on television. Society as a whole accepted this, with the result that Karachi's famous dancing and music schools closed down. But Sheema Kermani continued to dance fearlessly.

In addition, compulsory Zuh prayers were introduced not only in all government institutions but also in colleges and universities and the private sector followed this to seek support from the government.

Meanwhile, urinals were removed from all public and academic buildings because Muslims are not supposed to urinate while standing. This created an acute shortage of toilets.

With the direct support of the government, the local mosque and the neighbouring madrasah (if it existed) came together to support the nizam-i-salat.

An individual, who at Fajr, roamed the neighbourhood asking the people to come to prayers, and those who did not were visited by the mosque's mauvis and asked if they had a quarrel with God. In their khutbas, the mauvis also preached against the working and schooling of women and of their driving cars.

All this changed society, even the elite, who were not affected by the introduction of these behavioural rules. They isolated themselves in their ghettos, and they had very little to do with the new divided society that emerged, especially in the urban areas.

Most of what has been described above was done away with in the post-Zia period, but its influences remain. One does not have to cover one's head or avoid urinals and progressive writers and poets can appear on TV. But among a very large number of people and institutions, there is an unease about this and other elements introduced in the Zia period, which are considered questionable.

However, the real

legacy of Zia is something that has lasted and has become unchangeable. These are the blasphemous law and Hudood ordinances. The former can accuse anyone of blasphemy, leading to a death sentence. The latter make it almost impossible to convict anyone of rape. These laws are unchangeable and are protected informally by a link between the mosque and madrasah, who have the means to create violence and challenge the writ of the government. Since they are seen as the product of religion, questioning them is next to impossible. So Pakistan remains divided between a weak progressive left and liberal elements and the powerful though unrepresented right.

The other powerful legacy of Zia is the changes he brought about in the educational curricula of schools and colleges. International geography and history were removed and Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat (both misrepresented) were considered sufficient to replace them. These changes are still protected successfully by the politicians and academics produced by the Zia era.

So what can society do, both politically and culturally, to deal with the Zia legacy? Individuals have proposed the coming together of 'progressive' NGOs to develop a common culture of women's emancipation, of dance, music and theatre, and of political education which, in the long run, bring about changes in society. But can this function in a system where individuals are made to disappear by the state, sometimes never to return? The media which has to be a major player in this process cannot function independently and is always under surveillance and controlled by intelligence agencies. Many who tried to fight for justice and truth have been gunned down. -- Courtesy Dawn

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

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

The CM on Tuesday morning paid a surprise visit to the Sindh government Qatar Hospital and went ward to ward, OPD, emergency, pharmacy, pediatric wards, and inspected ambulance. He expressed his displeasure over the unsanitary condition of various wards where stretchers had dirty stained bed sheets and a stench smell was felt everywhere. The CM noticed that

the patients from two wards were ousted to clean them. Baqar met with the patients and their attendants, and most complained about the non-availability of medicines. He visited the medicine store where he was told that an order to purchase medicines had been placed on August 25, 2023, but delivery was yet to be received.

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

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

directed the MS to arrange insulin for the woman and report him.

The insulin was arranged during his visit. He noticed that some private medical stores were functioning inside the government hospital.

On his inquiry, he was told that the hospital administration had issued them vacation orders, but they had got a stay from the court.

The chief minister ordered the health dept to pursue the case and vacate the stay so that their position could be taken over by the hospital.

He visited the fleet of ambulances but most of them were out-of-order and off-road. He expressed his displeasure and directed Secretary Health Dr. Mansoor to inquire into the matter and report him.



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

CM emphasizes unbreakable bond of friendship between Pakistan and China

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to the Communist Party Secretary Office in Yinchuan, the capital of China's Ningxia province.

Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun extended a warm welcome to CM Mohsin Naqvi and the accompanying delegation, said a handout issued here.

During their official meeting, the CM and Nangxia Communist Party Secretary Liang Yanshun discussed the development of Ningxia and the implementation of a streamlined one-window operation. They mutually agreed to leverage China's expertise in meat production, dairy development, Information Technology, and drip

irrigation systems.

Furthermore, It was decided in principle to declare Sahiwal and Bahawalpur as sister cities of Wuzheng and Zhang Wei in Nangxia.

Mohsin Naqvi extended a written invitation to Secretary Nangxia Communist Party, Liang Yanshun, to visit Punjab, which was graciously accepted. Additionally, both parties concurred on the revival of the 17-year-old sister province agreement between Nangxia and Punjab.

The CM emphasized the unbreakable bond of friendship between Pakistan and China and expressed admiration for the industrial and agricultural development model in Ningxia.

ANF seizes over 4166 kg drugs in 35 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has seized 4166.009 kg of drugs and 480 liters of imported alcohol worth US\$ 277.174 million internationally, arrested 32 accused, and impounded eight vehicles while conducting 35 counter-narcotics operations throughout the country last week, said its spokesman on Tuesday.

He informed that the seized drugs comprised 51.6 Kg Opium, 279.26 kg heroin, 3096.442 kg hashish, 541.68 kg methamphetamine (Ice), 10 kg morphine, 187 Kg

ketamine, 24 grams of weed, and 0.003 grams of ecstasy Tabs (5 Tablets).

ANF Balochistan recovered 2496.5 kg of drugs in seven operations arrested the accused involved in drug smuggling and impounded 2 vehicles. The seized drugs comprised 30 kg of Opium, 0.75 kg of Heroin, 2453 Kg of Hashish, 2.75 kg of Methamphetamine, and 10 kg of Morphine.

ANF Sindh recovered 1006.875 kg of drugs and 480 liters of Imported alcohol and arrested 12 accused besides impounding a vehicle.



LAHORE: A delegation of persons with special needs headed by Dr. Khalid Jameel in a group photo with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

KP Governor urges Business community to work for strengthening country's economy

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali here on Tuesday urged the business and traders community to work in liaison and strengthen the economic condition of the country.

He was talking to a 30-member delegation of the Hazara Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry that was led by its president and former MPA, Khurshid Azam Jadoon.

Talking to the delegation, the KP governor said that efforts and dedication of the business community are needed to make Pakistan a leading economy in the region. He said that the business community and stakeholders should adopt a common strategy to make the country prosperous and economically strong

adding they would be provided with needed facilities and help.

The delegation apprised the Governor about their problems and said that steps are needed to facilitate tourists to recreation places of Poona and Ambrilla waterfalls in Hazara Division. They also demanded a reduction in land transfer fees and restoration of agricultural land transfer to benefit the common man.

The Governor assured the delegation resolution of their problems and highlighted steps taken by the government for the facilitation and benefits of the business community.

Haji Ghulam Ali also urged the business community to work in unison and counter conspiracies being hatched against state institutions.

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

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): In Azad Jammu Kashmir, brisk preparations have started with great enthusiasm, religious zeal, and fervor to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him), the birth day of the last Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), on the sanctified day of Rabi ul Awwal, falling on September 29.

In all 10 districts of the liberated territory, the cities and towns' streets and roads, including bazars and shopping centers, are being beautifully decorated with lights and banners bearing writings about the celebration of the birth day of the last prophet, Muhammad (PBUH). Gates will be erected on all major roads and streets in all the small and major towns

in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) celebrations. At night, all private and public buildings will be beautifully illuminated with coloured lights on this occasion to express jubilation over the sacred birth day of the last Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The most sanctified day will dawn with special prayers at Fajr, in the mosques throughout Azad Jammu Kashmir, as well as in the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, for the upholding and flourishing of Islam and the Islamic teachings, unity, solidarity, progress, and welfare of the Muslim ummah, security and stability of Pakistan and Kashmir, and for the liberation of all the occupied Muslim.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-member bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday expressed resentment over the provincial government for not submitting a reply to the court order.

During a hearing in a case against the removal and appointment of new law officers, the bench comprising Justice Atiq Shah, Justice Waqar, and Justice Shakeel imposed a Rs 100,000 fine on each KP Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Law Secretary, and Advocate General.

The court adjourned the hearing while seeking a government reply on the next hearing.

CM orders line depts to remain alert during rain

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has ordered Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rescue 1122 and local administration, from China, to remain alert on reports of heavy rain in Lahore and other cities.

In his statement issued here, the CM directed the administration and other officers concerned to reach the field immediately.

The chief minister said that drainage of water from all the low-lying areas of Lahore should be ensured as soon as possible.

Man kills three, commits suicide in Jhelum

JHELUM (INP): A man gunned down three people including wife, stepson and committed suicide here on Tuesday.

According to details, the incident took place in jurisdiction of Saddar police station in Jhelum where a man shot dead, his wife, her cousin, stepson and committed suicide with the same weapon.



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

KP Election Commission for awareness regarding postal ballot facility

PESHAWAR (INP): Provincial Election Commission Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to formulate a strategy to run a special awareness campaign regarding the facility of postal ballot paper in the upcoming general elections for registered persons with disabilities in collaboration with the member's organization of the Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group.

It was decided by the Gender and Disability Working Group, said the spokesman for Provincial Election Commissioner Sohail Ahmed on Tuesday. Spokesman Sohail Ahmed, Assistant Director GSI

Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi, Assistant Director NADRA Shahid Ali, Pakistan Women's Zahid and Ibrahim, Arshad Peyman, Hamid Ali PEDO, Abid Khan URDO, Farid Gul, and Zafar Ali Shah participated.

The meeting was told that persons with disabilities are not aware of the facility of postal ballot paper and they face difficulties regarding the procedure of filling and submitting the relevant forms. NADRA has also started a window operation service for persons with disabilities, so for the awareness of this section, NADRA.

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

BUREWALA (INP): Former MPA among three party leaders on Tuesday condemning the May 09, violence announced to part ways with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Those who quit PTI included former MPA Chaudhry Irshad Arain, former Tehsil Nazim Usman Ahmed Warraich and District Senior Vice President Chaudhry Imran Irshad.

It should be mentioned here that dozens of PTI leaders denouncing the May 09, riots have already quitted the party. Chaudhry Irshad Arain said he will announce the future political strategy after consultation with his companions.

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Physically challenged people have extraordinary abilities: Governor Baligh

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that physically challenged people have extraordinary abilities who set an example for other people with their determination and courage.

He said this while talking to a delegation of persons with special needs headed by Dr. Khalid Jameel, which called on him at the Governor House, Lahore on Tuesday. The problems faced by physically challenged people were discussed in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Balighur Rehman said that there was a need to change social attitudes towards such people. He said that these people are sensitive people and have immense abilities. Social behaviors that hurt them need to be discouraged.

Governor Punjab said that he will also urge the Punjab government and the relevant departments to provide ramps and other necessary facilities for the access of wheelchairs in the buildings and public transport for the persons with special needs.

He said that it was important to give special attention and respect to special people so that these people can play a positive role in the development of the country by becoming useful citizens of the society.

On this occasion, Dr. Khalid Jameel, President of an NGO for special people, Senior Vice President Dr. Afaf Manzoor and Secretary General Mian Muhammad Azhar were present. Governor Punjab assured his full support for the participation of persons with special needs in sports and society.



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

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

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while ordering the respondents of Murtaza Bhutto murder case to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarked if the order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

The appeal pleas against the acquittal of accused involved in Murtaza Bhutto brother of former Prime Minister (PM) Benazir Bhutto came up for hearing before SHC Tuesday.

Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto took up the case for hearing. The court inquired from the state counsel the order for preparing the paper book of the case was given when.

The counsel told court had given order for preparing paper book of

appeals in 2011. The court while expressing annoyance remarked the order has not been implemented despite passage of such long period.

The court ordered the respondents to prepare paper book of the case within three days remarking if order is not implemented then strict order will be issued.

The state counsel told the court 18 accused were nominated in the case and some among them including Shahid Hayat have passed away.

The court adjourned the hearing of the case for three weeks. It is pertinent to mention here Noor Muhammad Goga, servant of Murtaza Bhutto had filed appeal against the acquittal of the accused in 2010.



HYDERABAD: Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) rally at Latifabad.

Qureshi for coordination among stakeholders to achieve SDGs

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Regional Director Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) Dr. Abd-ul-Aziz Qureshi, on Tuesday emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between government agencies, NGOs, and the private sectors to achieve sustainable development goals related to women's and child nutrition.

The Regional Director visited the Benazir Nashonuma Center at AIMS Hospital, Ambore, to analyze the commitment to advancing women's health care, empowerment, and nutrition initiatives in the federal metropolises.

The visit was part of ongoing efforts to support and promote the well-being of BISP women

beneficiaries of our community. Dr. Abd-ul-Aziz said the Benazir Nashonuma initiative, named after the iconic leader Benazir Bhutto, is a beacon of hope and progress for women and children in Pakistan including AJK. It serves as a comprehensive facility that provides a wide range of services aimed at improving the health and nutritional status of mothers and children to prevent stunting he said added.

During the visit, Dr. Abdul Aziz Qureshi had the opportunity to meet with the dedicated staff of WFP at the center, including healthcare professionals, community mobilizing teams, field supervisors, and management.



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

President for collective efforts to tackle socio-economic challenges

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

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

The president urged the business community to play a pivotal role in advancing social sectors and fulfilling their corporate social responsibility by helping those in need. The collaborative endeavours

by the public and private sectors could bring about a positive transformation in people's lives, particularly in the realm of social initiatives, he added.

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

President Alvi also emphasized the importance of human development and advised the business community to create more employment opportunities for women and persons with disabilities. He acknowledged the positive impact of information technology on facilitating bank account opening and financial transactions for women.



KARACHI: President, Dr. Arif Alvi in a meeting with a delegation of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industries held at Governor House in Karachi.



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

Renewable energy potential can offset expensive fossil fuel import: Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ambassador of Denmark, Jacob Lencolf on Tuesday said Pakistan's renewable energy potential amid the growing climate crisis was immense and could help the country offset its expensive fossil fuel imports and limit its carbon emissions alongside sustainable resource management.

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised a high-level policy dialogue on COP-28 and Beyond: Strengthening Climate Action through Public-Private Partnerships that convened the Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates and Denmark

alongside key civil society, government and private sector officials.

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

He said the Danish government was willing to roll out its technology on a larger scale, adding, "Pakistan will have to be more open for it to embrace foreign investments at the larger scale. Denmark is all behind Pakistan for its stance on loss and damage at COP-28 and ready to commit finances for that."

Ambassador of UAE, Hamad Obaid Alzaabi said COP-28 was one of the main subjects of UAE agenda and the SDPI dialogue was very apt. "I would commend Pakistan's commitment to address climate change and actively seek solutions to address the crisis," he added.

Groundnut promotion important to meet edible oil demand locally: Saqib

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

Speaking from a lush groundnut field sprawling over 25 acres in Chak No. 379/WB Duniyapur, Ateel highlighted a path to economic prosperity that could help save an astounding Rs 350 billion annually incurred upon the import of edible oil.

Traditionally, Pakistan has been heavily reliant on edible oil imports to meet its demand. However, Saqib pointed out an alternative solution that could not only make

Pakistan self-sufficient but also reduce its dependence on costly imports. He emphasized the crucial role played by high-quality groundnut seeds in boosting production.

During the visit, progressive farmer Asif Awan provided a comprehensive overview of various groundnut varieties. With optimism, Awan projected a remarkable production yield of 30 maunds per acre, a testament to the tremendous potential of groundnut farming.

Secretary Ateel lauded Asif Awan's dedication to innovative agriculture and issued clear directives to field formations for every possible assistance to the farmer.

Commerce minister lauds Malaysian economic growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production Dr. Gohar Ejaz on Tuesday commended Malaysia's outstanding economic growth, noting its impressive 6.5 percent annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth over the past half-century, which led to the establishment of a robust \$400 billion economy.

He expressed these views as a chief guest at a ceremony held to mark Malaysia's 66th national day and 90th Armed Forces day here, hosted by Malaysian Ambassador to Pakistan Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, a news release said.

Among others, the event was attended by diplomats, government

officials, and representatives from both countries.

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

Their remarks shed light on the impressive progress Malaysia achieved over the years, emphasizing the importance of strengthening economic and diplomatic ties between the two nations.

The both leaders highlighted their shared commitment and cooperation on international issues.

They expressed their dedication to boosting bilateral trade volume, thereby strengthening economic ties for the mutual benefit of both countries. Both countries look forward to a future of closer collaboration, which will undoubtedly contribute to the shared prosperity and development of both nations.

The commerce minister said Pakistan should have been the fifth biggest economy but it was the fifth most populous country in the world.

Now with a prudent strategy, the minister said Pakistan's economy had reached \$330 billion, highlighting the \$1.6 billion trade volume between Pakistan and Malaysia.

Energy minister directs to redress grievances of PBC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali held a comprehensive meeting with a delegation of Pakistan Business Council here Tuesday and issues related to the industrial tariff and green energy options came under discussion.

The minister acknowledged the fact that the industry is the backbone of the country and to enhance its potential, the issues need to be addressed on a war footing, said a press release.

The minister issued directions to the concerned quarters to take the business community on board and give priority to their issues.

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

Monitoring Desk
GENEVA: Ukraine is filing a complaint at the World Trade Organization against Hungary, Poland and Slovakia after they banned grain and other food products coming from the war-torn country, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Tuesday.

It lays bare a widening rift with the three members of the European Union, which has been a pivotal backer of Kyiv as it works to fight off Russia's invasion. In a break with the wider EU, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia have announced bans on grain and other food from Ukraine, a major agricultural supplier to parts of the world where

people are going hungry. The 27-nation bloc last week lifted restrictions on Ukraine's exports to five member states, also including Romania and Bulgaria.

Farmers in eastern Europe have rallied against the imports from Ukraine, saying grain has gotten stuck inside their borders and driven down prices for local growers. Farmers in Bulgaria protested Monday after their government cited higher food costs in lifting the ban on Ukrainian products.

The WTO confirmed that it received a Ukrainian request for talks with Hungary, Poland and Slovakia over the dispute, a first step toward a possible showdown.

LESCO recovers Rs 159.34m from 6,246 defaulters in a week

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has recovered a total of Rs 159.34 million from 6,246 dead defaulters in all its circles during the last seven days of its recovery campaign in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery).

LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that for the recovery campaign started on September 13, the Lahore Division's Commissioner had assigned additional charge of Tehsildar Recovery (from LESCO defaulters) to relevant Tehsildars, while LESCO Chief Executive Officer Engineer Shahid Haidar has

OECD increases global GDP growth forecast for 2023

ANKARA (APP): The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday raised its world economic growth forecast for 2023, but lowered it for 2024.

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

The global gross domestic product (GDP) growth is foreseen to come in at 2.7% next year, revised downward by 0.2 points.

Gold imports increase by 44.13% in two months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of gold witnessed an increase of 44.13 percent during the first two months of current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

Pakistan imported gold worth \$4.971 million during July-August (2023-23) as compared to \$3.449 million during July-August (2022-23), a positive growth of 44.13 percent, according to PBS data.

In terms of quantity, the gold imports increased by 56.33 percent during the period under review by going up from 65 kilogram last year to 102 kilogram this year.

Meanwhile, on year-on-year basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 23.02 percent to \$2.985 million as compared to the imports

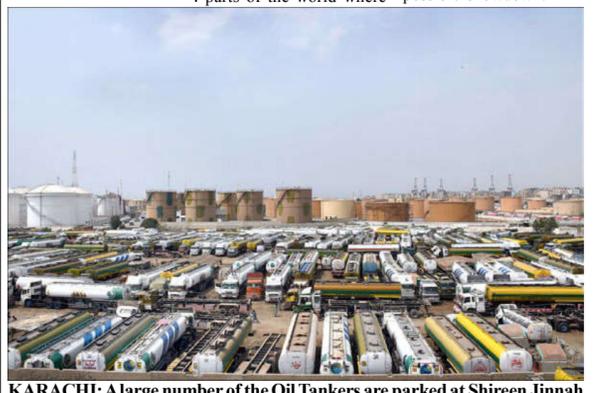
of \$2.426 million in August 2022.

In terms of quantity, Pakistan imported 52 kilograms of gold during the month under review as compared to the imports of 49 kilograms in August last year, showing growth of 6.12 percent.

On month-on-month basis, the gold imports during August 2023 increased by 50.30 percent when compared to the imports of \$1.986 million in July 2023.

In terms of quantity, the gold imports increased by 4 percent when compared to the imports of 50 kilogram during July 2023.

It is pertinent to mention here that the trade deficit contracted by 40.29 percent during the first two months of the current fiscal year compared to the corresponding period of last year.



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

FESCO imposes Rs.145.1m fine on 1205 electricity thieves in 13 days

FAISALABAD (APP): Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) claimed to have imposed a fine of Rs.145.1 million on 1205 electricity thieves caught during 13 days of anti-power-theft campaign in FESCO region. FESCO spokesman Tahir Sheikh said here on Tuesday that FESCO had launched a vigorous anti-theft drive 13 days ago on special direction of Minister of Energy (Power Division)

and during this campaign the anti-theft teams of the company caught 1205 power pilferers from its six circles. The company had imposed a total fine of Rs.145.1 million on the pilferers under the head of detection units of 3.336 million in addition to getting Rs.33.5 million recovered from them. The FESCO had also got cases registered against 1002 accused whereas the police had arrested 112.

WB delegation visits SCCI

SIALKOT (APP): A World Bank delegation on Tuesday visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI). The delegation included Mathew A. Verghis (Regional Director), Tobias Akhtar Haque (Lead Economist), Adnan Ashraf Ghumman (Senior Economist Pakistan) and Rafay Khan (Economist Pakistan). President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Abdul Ghafoor Malik and Senior Vice President (SVP).



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

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

HONG KONG (APP): Asian stocks sank on Tuesday following a sedate performance on Wall Street as investors nervously await the Federal Reserve's policy decision later in the week, while inflation worries were exacerbated by oil's push towards \$100.

The meeting comes during a crucial week for markets, with the Bank of England, expected to unveil what could be its last interest rate hike of this cycle, while the Bank of

Japan will be closely followed for hints at a change from its ultra-loose stance.

While the Fed is seen keeping borrowing costs on hold Wednesday, debate continues to swirl over its plans for the months to come, with some policymakers saying more hikes would be needed to contain inflation while others want to stop at the current level.

However, while more than a year of tightening is close to an end.

Rupee gains Rs1.04 against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Tuesday witnessed the 11th consecutive recovery session as it gained Rs1.04 against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 294.90 against the previous day's closing of Rs 295.94.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 295.6 and Rs 298.5 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 34 paisa to close at Rs 1.99, whereas the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 315.28 against the last day's closing of Rs 315.62, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese Yen came down by 01 paisa to close at Rs 1.99, whereas a decrease of Rs 1.09 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 365.32 as compared to the last closing of Rs 366.41.

The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal declined by 28 and 27 paisa to close at Rs 80.29 and Rs 78.62 respectively.

Pakistan's earns \$214m from IT services' export during July 2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan earned US \$214 million by providing different Information Technology (IT) services in various countries during the first month of the current fiscal year 2023-24.

This shows a growth of 7.51 per cent as compared with the US \$ 199.050 million earned through the provision of services during the corresponding period of the last fiscal year 2022-23, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

During the month under review, the computer services grew by 7.98 per cent as it surged from US \$159.940 million last year to US \$172.700 million during July 2023.

Among the computer services, the exports of software consultancy services witnessed an increase of 176.73 per cent, from US \$0.159 million to US \$0.440 million this year while the export of hardware consultancy services, however, decreased by 0.22 per cent,

from US \$58.551 million to US \$58.425 million.

The export of repair and maintenance services surged by 400 per cent from US \$0.007 million to US \$0.035 million whereas the export and imports of computer software services witnessed an increase of 9.30 per cent, from \$46.044 million to \$50.327 million.

In addition, the exports of other computer services also witnessed a growth of 15.03 per cent from US \$55.179 million to US \$63.473 million.

Meanwhile, the export of information services during the month under review also increased by 3.45 per cent growing from US \$0.290 million to US \$0.300 million. Among the information services, the exports of information-related services decreased by 8.82 per cent, from US \$0.204 million to US \$0.186 million whereas the exports of other information services rose by 32.56 per cent, from US \$0.086 million to US \$0.114 million.



KARACHI: People are buying fancy lights and other stuff from vendor at sadr area to celebrates 12 Rab-ul-Awal with great zeal in Provincial Capital.

UN General Assembly, climate moots kick off in NYC today

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: The high-level debate of the 78th UN General Assembly begins in New York on Tuesday, with the schedule of speakers indicating that caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar, who arrived here in New York on Monday, will deliver his speech on Friday.

Coinciding with the start of the UNGA, the annual UN's Climate Action Summit will set the stage for countries to reverse backsliding on Paris climate agreement goals and to encourage governments to adopt serious new actions to combat climate change.

According to the schedule for UNGA, the "General Debate" (as it is formally known) will kick off today (Tuesday) with an address from UN Secretary-General Antonio

Guterres, followed by the address by UNGA President Dennis Francis, a diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, who will preside from the General Assembly dais for the entire week.

As per longstanding tradition, Brazil will deliver the first address from a national delegation and the second one will be by the host country of the United Nations, i.e. the United States.

But, in a departure from tradition, four out of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council have chosen to skip the 78th General Assembly.

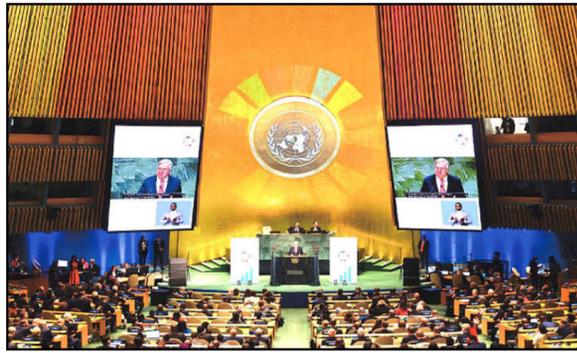
French President Emmanuel Macron will be busy in Paris, welcoming Britain's King Charles III on his inaugural visit to France as monarch on Sept. 20. And on Sept. 22, he is

meeting Pope Francis.

London also announced that Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will skip his inaugural UNGA session. Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden will represent Britain at the global forum. Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping will also be absent this year. India too has decided not to send its prime minister this year.

The absence of key world leaders from this year's session was so noticeable that Mr Guterres had to explain the situation in a special interview with UN News.

He said that he "cares less about who comes to New York and more about what gets done, especially to revive the lagging SDGs," a UN News report said.



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

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

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NEW YORK: U.S. President Joe Biden appealed to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday to stand with Ukraine against Russian invaders, hoping Republicans in Congress will also take notice.

"Russia believes that the world will grow weary and allow it to brutalize Ukraine without consequence," Biden said in his speech to UNGA. "If we allow Ukraine to be carved up, is the independence of any nation secure?"

Biden drew applause when saying that the United States and its allies

would stand with Ukraine's fight for freedom. "Russia alone bears responsibility for this war," the president said. "Russia alone has the power to end this war immediately."

Biden's address at the annual gathering was the centerpiece event of his three-day visit to New York, which will include meetings with the heads of five Central Asian nations, and the leaders of Israel and Brazil.

Biden, a Democrat, has made rallying U.S. allies to support Ukraine a leading component of U.S. foreign policy, arguing the world must send a clear signal to

Russian President Vladimir Putin that he will not be able to outlast the West. Biden has faced criticism from some Republicans who want the United States to spend less money on the war effort.

Former President Donald Trump, the front-runner for the Republican nomination in the 2024 presidential election, has vowed to seek a quick end to the war if returned to power.

Trump has voiced skepticism about Washington's engagement with traditional allies, including NATO, and has been complimentary of Putin.



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

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

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: World leaders met on Monday at the United Nations in a bid to salvage ambitious promises to lift the planet's poorest, at a time when vulnerable nations are facing a volley of crises.

But the development summit, on the eve of the annual UN General Assembly that opens on Tuesday, threatens to be eclipsed by growing geopolitical tensions — which will be symbolised by the presence at the meeting in New York of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In 2015, UN member states adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, 17 targets to transform the world by 2030 including by completely ending extreme poverty and making sure not a single of the planet's eight billion people goes

hungry. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the summit will seek a "global rescue plan" on the targets, as he acknowledged that only about 15 per cent were on track to be met and that metrics on some were heading in reverse.

The goals are "about the hopes, dreams, rights and expectations of people and the health of our natural environment," Guterres said.

"They're about righting historic wrongs, healing global divisions and putting our world on a path to lasting peace," he said.

Efforts to devote money and attention to the goals have been repeatedly set back, including by the Covid-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and other tumult, worsening climate catastrophes and sharp increases in the cost of living.

Four killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russia carried out new air strikes and shelling in Ukraine overnight and early on Monday, killing at least four people, Ukrainian officials said.

A man aged 72 and an elderly woman were killed, and three others were wounded, in an overnight attack on the southern region of Kherson, regional governor Oleksandr Prokudin said. The general prosecutor's office said a man riding a bicycle had been killed in Russian shelling near the eastern town of Toretsk, and that a woman had been killed in an air strike at around noon in the eastern city of Avdiivka.

Odesa region governor Oleh Kiper said the Izmail district, home to Danube River ports that are used to export grain, had been targeted in a drone attack but reported no damage to port or grain infrastructure.

Ronaldo gets warm welcome on arrival in Tehran

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Al-Nassr captain Cristiano Ronaldo received a warm reception in Iran on Monday, in the first visit of a Saudi team to Iran since 2016 ahead of the beginning of the group stage of the Asian Champions League.

Al-Nassr face Iranian side Persepolis in Group E on Tuesday, while Qatari side Al-Duhail play Istiklol Dushanbe of Tajikistan.

The streets were crowded with fans who raised welcome banners and pictures of Ronaldo upon the arrival of the Saudi Arabian team in Iran after the restoration of relations between the two countries.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that matches between Saudi and Iranian teams would be held on a home-and-away basis after the agreement of the two local federations.

Supporters invaded the team's hotel, despite attempts by security personnel to prevent them. The fans chanted Ronaldo's name, with children and women carrying pictures of the Portugal captain. Al-Nassr posted several photos of Ronaldo receiving a luxurious handmade Iranian carpet from Persepolis supporters.

Taiwan alleges over 100 Chinese planes flew near its airspace

Monitoring Desk
TAIPEI: Taiwan's defence ministry urged China on Monday to stop "destructive, unilateral action" after reporting a sharp rise in Chinese military activities near the island.

The ministry said that since Sunday it had spotted 103 Chinese military aircraft over the sea, a number it called a "recent high". Its map of Chinese activities over the past 24 hours showed fighter jets crossing the median line of the strait which serves as an unofficial barrier between the two sides. Other aircraft flew south of Taiwan through the Bashi Channel, which separates the island from the Philippines.

China's military hierarchy under spotlight after defence minister disappears

Monitoring Desk
HONG KONG: The disappearance of Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu highlights the opaque and complex nature of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), diplomats and analysts say. Reuters reported on Friday that Li is under investigation over the corrupt procurement of military equipment during his previous role. Eight other senior officials are also being investigated. His fate has not been officially explained.

In the Chinese system, the Minister of National Defence is seen as significantly less powerful than the U.S. defence secretary and many international equivalents.

The position is essentially a diplomatic and ceremonial role without a direct command function.

Even so, Li is among

the six military officials under Commander-in-Chief and President Xi Jinping on the core Central Military Commission (CMC) and is one of five State Councilors, a post outranking a regular cabinet minister.

An aerospace engineer who worked in China's satellite program, Li was seen as a technocrat who helped implement Xi's

modernisation vision for the PLA, military attaches and analysts say. The PLA is the armed wing of the ruling Communist Party and, according to the Pentagon's annual report on China's military, "does not directly serve the state but is rather under the direct control of the party". As Li rose through his career to this point, he would have been vetted to ensure he was absolutely loyal to the party and to Xi.

US issues more sanctions over Iran drone program after nation's president denies supplying Russia

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: The U.S. on Tuesday imposed sanctions on seven people and four companies in China, Russia and Turkey who officials allege are connected with the development of Iran's drone program.

The U.S. accuses Iran of supplying Russia with drones used to bomb Ukrainian civilians as the Kremlin continues its invasion of Ukraine. The latest development comes after Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi denied his country had sent drones to Russia for use in the war in Ukraine. "We are against the war in Ukraine," President Raisi said Monday as he met with media executives on the sidelines of the world's premier global conference.

Former top US diplomat sentenced in Qatar lobbying scheme

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: A former top U.S. ambassador was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay a \$93,350 fine Friday for improperly helping a wealthy Persian Gulf country influence U.S. policy and for not disclosing gifts he received from a disgraced political fundraiser.

Richard G. Olson, the State Department's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the end of the Obama administration, pleaded guilty last year to illegally providing aid and advice to Qatar while working for Imaad Zuberi, a once pro-

lific political donor who is serving a 12-year prison sentence for tax evasion, campaign finance violations and failing to register as a foreign agent. Olson is one of the most high-profile former government officials to face prosecution amid the Justice Department's push in recent years to crack down on unreported or illegal influence campaigns funded by foreign governments seeking to alter U.S. policy. U.S. Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey said at the sentencing hearing that while a hefty fine was appropriate for Olson's misconduct, he did not believe it warranted jail time.

Spanish court throws out Rubiales' pre-kiss defamation lawsuit

Monitoring Desk
MADRID: A Spanish court has dismissed a lawsuit by disgraced ex-soccer federation chief Luis Rubiales against coach Javier Clemente who had called Rubiales a "dangerous and ambitious guy" seeking "to get rich", qualifying his comments as free speech.

In its ruling seen by Reuters on Monday and dated Sept. 1 - amid an unrelated scandal over Rubiales' behaviour at the Women's World Cup last month - the Madrid court said that "we are dealing with a pure exercise of the right to freely express an opinion about a person who, moreover, is a public figure".

Germany bans neo-Nazi group with links to US, conducts raids in 10 German states

Monitoring Desk
BERLIN: The German government on Tuesday banned the neo-Nazi group Hammerskins Germany and raided homes of dozens of its members. The group is an offshoot of an American ring-wing extremist group and plays a prominent role across Europe.

The Hammerskins Germany is a hard blow against organized right-wing extremism. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said, adding that the ban included the association's regional chapters and its sub-organization Crew 38.

Worldwide, members of this association refer to themselves as "brothers" practicing their subcultural way of life. The group also sees itself as the elite of the right-wing extremist skinhead scene, according to the ministry.

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

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UNITED NATIONS: Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva warned world leaders at the United Nations on Tuesday of the prospect of a coup in Guatemala, echoing U.S. concerns about risks to democracy in the Central American country after last month's election.

"In Guatemala, there is a risk of a coup, which would impede the inauguration of the winner of democratic elections," Lula told the U.N. General Assembly.

Last week, the top prosecutor's office in Gua-

temala raided electoral facilities and opened sealed ballots from the election, in which anti-graft President-elect Bernardo Arévalo and his Semilla Party overwhelmingly came out on top. Prosecutors allege irregularities in the registration of Semilla members ahead of the vote, which the party has denied.

The U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, Francisco Mora, urged Guatemalan authorities on Monday to end their "intimidation efforts" targeting election officials and members of Arévalo's party.

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

Monitoring Desk
JAKARTA: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations began its first joint naval exercise on Tuesday at a time when several member countries are responding more strongly to increasing Chinese assertiveness in the area.

The non-combat drills, named ASEAN Solidarity Exercise, include joint maritime patrol operations, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian and disaster relief. Indonesian military chief Adm. Yudo Margono said.

He said the five-day exercise in Indonesia's Natuna waters aims to boost military ties among the ASEAN nations and enhance interoperability. The drills also involve civilian groups involved in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention.

ASEAN nations have taken part in naval exercises before with other countries — including both the United States and China —

but this week's drills are the first involving just the bloc and are being read by many as a signal to China.

The line also overlaps with a section of Indonesia's exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna Islands. Margono initially said the exercises would take place in the North Natuna Sea at the edge of the South China Sea, a fault line in the rivalry between the U.S. and China, following meetings of ASEAN defense officials in Bali in June. However, Indonesia, which holds the rotating chair of ASEAN this year, decided to move the drills to the South Natuna Islands, away from the disputed area, apparently to avoid any reaction from Beijing. China and ASEAN signed a nonbinding 2002 accord that called on rival claimant nations to avoid aggressive actions that could spark armed conflicts, including the occupation of barren islets and reefs, but violations have persisted.

Georgia accuses ex-official of plotting from Ukraine to oust Tbilisi government

Monitoring Desk
TBILISI: Georgia on Monday accused a former deputy interior minister now working for Ukrainian intelligence of plotting to encourage civil unrest to try to overthrow the Tbilisi government, testing ties with Ukraine as Georgia deepens relations with Russia.

The State Security Service said it had been monitoring a group led by Giorgi Lortkipanidze, now deputy head of Ukrainian military intelligence but previously deputy minister in a strongly pro-Western Georgian government.

"According to confirmed and verified information, the implementation of the plan - developed by Giorgi Lortkipanidze - would involve a rather large group of Georgian fighters in Ukraine and a part of Georgian youth, influenced by interested parties, whose training is taking place near the Polish-Ukrainian state border," the service said in a statement.

It did not provide corroborating evidence and no comment was immediately available from Kyiv or Lortkipanidze.

The statement said the alleged plotters planned

to channel likely frustration among young Georgians if the European Union failed to grant their country candidate status after a process culminating at an EU summit in mid-December.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Wednesday said the future of Ukraine, Moldova and Western Balkan countries was "in our union", but was more cautious on Georgia, which EU officials say has slid back on its path to membership. The Caucasus Republic, which says it is committed to joining the EU, was denied candidate status last year even as Ukraine and Moldova received it.

At the time, Brussels said Tbilisi must reduce political polarisation and improve the functioning of state institutions. Relations with Europe have also suffered since the beginning of the war in Ukraine as the Georgian government has avoided blaming Moscow, even though Georgia's population is heavily pro-Kyiv. Many Georgians resent Russia's backing for the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, and Georgians are well-represented among foreigners fighting for Kyiv.

Almost 50 children from occupied Ukrainian regions arrive in Belarus, sparking outrage

Monitoring Desk
TALLINN: Belarusian state media reported that 48 children from Ukraine arrived in Belarus on Tuesday from Ukrainian regions which Moscow claims it has annexed.

The group of children came from the occupied Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions. They include children from towns which were captured by the Russian army in July 2022. Those regions were illegally annexed by Moscow in December last year, but Russia doesn't have full control over them.

In photos published by the Belarus state news agency Belta, the children were pictured holding the red and green state flag of Belarus and reportedly thanked the Belarusian authorities, while being flanked by police and riot police. The removal of the children from Ukraine was organized by a Belarusian charity, supported by President Alexander

Lukashenko, which has previously organized health recuperation programs for Ukrainian children in Belarus.

"The president, despite external pressure, said this important humanitarian project should continue," Alexei Talai, the charity's head, said in an interview with the Belarus state news agency Belta.

"All the Belarusian people," he said want to help "children from dilapidated cities and towns in the new territories of Russia." Belarusian officials have previously denied allegations that Belarus has helped to illegally remove children from Ukraine. In June, Belarusian opposition figures gave the International Criminal Court materials which they said showed more than 2,100 Ukrainian children from at least 15 Russian-occupied Ukrainian cities who were forcibly removed to Belarus with Lukashenko's approval.



A sign outside the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara temple is seen after the killing on its grounds in June 2023 of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

PBF urges authorities to open transit trade via 250 boarder Iran being shortest route

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) President Turbat, Maqbool Alam Noori, said on Tuesday that it is the right time to open transit trade via the 250 Border Iran, as it is the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia.

He expressed these views in a statement issued here, saying that opening the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would be a beneficial move. It would provide a number of benefits and the shortest route from Karachi to Central Asia, which would reduce time and costs for businesses and consumers in both regions.

He said Gwadar is a deep-sea port located in Balochistan, Pakistan. It is the deepest port in the Arabian Sea and is strategically located at the mouth of the Strait of Hormuz, a major shipping choke point. Gwadar is also the westernmost port in Pakistan and is close to the borders of Iran and Afghanistan.

Central Asia is a landlocked region that is bordered by Pakistan to the south, Russia to the north, China to the east, and the Caspian Sea to the west. The region is home to a number of countries, including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. Central Asia is a rich region in terms of natural resources, but it is also underdeveloped, he said.

A PBF official said the 250-border connection to Gwadar for transit trade would provide a number of benefits for both Pakistan and Central Asia. For Pakistan, it would increase trade revenue and economic activity. It would also create jobs and boost development in Balochistan, which is one of the poorest provinces in Pakistan. For Central Asia, it would provide a shorter and more efficient route to access world markets. It would also reduce dependence on Russia and China for trade.



QUETTA: Representative of Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Muhammad bin Zaid Al Nahyan Ahmed Atta Baloch, Mir Dawood Shahwani, Malik Shehryar and Mir Bebagh Shahwani meeting with Caretaker Provincial Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

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

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

The system will be an information technology-based solution that will help collate scientific evidence from across the country on its carbon emissions causing environmental degradation for informed policy making and course setting to achieve internationally pledged commitments and targets. The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination's Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) organized a three-day forum titled 'Transparency Platform for Pakistan (RISQ): A Climate Transparency: Knowledge Sharing, the Climate Trans-

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

"Scientific evidence clearly indicates that climate action should be effective and robust which is known as transparency in the jargon of climate science. In Paris Agreement, Enhanced Transparency Framework was conceived to clearly monitor GHG emissions and measures taken to cope with it and resources deployed for climate action," he added. Goheer said in Pakistan MRV concept was started late whereas the former Director General Environment of Climate Change Ministry, Irfan Tariq and German International Development Organisation (GIZ) supported the Centre.

CM directs to prepare plan for permanent operationalization of Traffic Bureau

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has directed the concerned authorities to prepare comprehensive plan for permanent operationalization of the Traffic Engineering Bureau. Mr. Domki was chairing the meeting of board of Balochistan Traffic Engineering Bureau held here on Tuesday.

Those who attended the meeting were included Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary Finance, Secretary Transport, Commissioner Quetta, DIG Police, Director General Traffic Engineering Bureau, Administrator Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and other concerned high ups.

The board meeting formed sub-committee of Finance department for review of the administrative and financial matters of Traffic Engineering Bureau. The caretaker Chief Minister on the occasion directed to present the proposed service rules of the Traffic Bureau officers and staff in the next board meeting after reviewing the same. He was of the view that the project of Traffic Bureau can be useful when proposals of all concerned departments would be included in it. He also stressed the need to ensure correct use of resources provided for the Traffic Bureau. The Chief Minister urged the Traffic Bureau to demonstrate remarkable performance so that the general public may realize good change.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Qadir Bakhsh Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

CM Domki directs secretaries to take steps to provide relief to masses

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki exhorted all the administrative secretaries of provincial government departments to ensure implementation on the rules and policies in departmental matters. In addition to this, they (secretaries) should also take practical steps for provision of maximum facilities to the masses resolving their issues at the district level.

The caretaker Chief Minister was addressing the meeting of different departments here on Tuesday. The secretaries of Livestock, communications and Forests briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments. Mir Ali Mardan Domki on the occasion stressed that the rules and regulations and policies should be followed in running the departmental matters. He urged the secretaries to utilize their capabilities to resolve the public issues at the district level.

The Secretary Livestock, Arshad Ali Bugti, Secretary Agriculture, Muhammad Tayyab Lehri, Secretary Fisheries and Coastal Development, Hafiz Tahir Ali, Secretary Forests, Noor Muhammad Pirkanai and Secretary Communications, Ali Akbar Baloch briefed the Chief Minister about their respective departments.



QUETTA: Chief Collector Customs Balochistan Abdul Qadir Memon meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

PML-N to take part in general & local body elections of Quetta: Jafar

Independent Report

QUETTA (APP)- Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Balochistan President Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel on Tuesday said that the PML-N would participate in the general elections and local body elections of Quetta and achieve success. There are no groupings in the party and if anyone deviates from the party decisions the basic membership will be terminated, he added.

Addressing the meeting of the party, he said that Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan and Ashraf Javed Kurd were responsible for hosting and coordinating the meeting. Provincial General Secretary Jamal Shah Kakar, senior leaders Chaudhry Naeem Karim, Farid Afghan, Naseer Khan Achakzai, Zahir Khan

Ataullah Muhammad Zai, Naseem Rehman, Advocacy Tariq Butt, Jahangir Kharuti, In the meeting, the party leaders informed the provincial president of the party about their recommendations regarding the local body elections and assured that all party members will keep their differences aside and abide by the party's discipline for the upcoming local body elections. The party will work hard day and night for the success of the candidates whom the party will give tickets. Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandukhel said that the municipal elections in Quetta are of great importance for the party, the PML-N will field candidates at the level of 4 towns and UC, wards of Quetta.

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Action continues against illegal fishing trawlers, says DG Fisheries

Independent Report

QUETTA: The action is continued against the illegal fishing trawlers in the sea waters of Balochistan. This was stated by the Director General Fisheries Balochistan, Mir Saifullah Khetran while speaking to local media persons on Tuesday.

The DG Fisheries said that an illegal trawler was impounded from Pasi and seized the fish stored at the trawler. Moreover, the fishing staff was also arrested, he maintained. The DG said that the wholehearted action is continued by the fisheries patrolling team against the trawlers illegally engaged in the fishing. He said that the fisheries department is ever ready to take action against the illegal fishing. While steps are being taken to improve the exports of fish, the local fishermen would also have to join hands with us to stop illegal fishing, he informed.



QUETTA: Provincial Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali inspecting equipment of BD van

Govt committed to promote sports activities: Solangi

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said the caretaker government was committed to promoting sports activities in order to bring about positive change in the society. The minister expressed the resolve during a meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Zaka Ashraf. Different matters including cooperation between Pakistan Television (PTV) Sports and PCB

were discussed in the meeting. Solangi said the PTV Sports had been playing a pivotal role to promote the sports culture and it had gained huge popularity among the viewers across the country. He reaffirmed the caretaker government's resolve and support for promoting the sports, especially cricket. The minister acknowledged the role of PCB in promoting cricket in the country.

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LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi in a group photo with Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Zaka Ashraf and other officials

Netting corrupt: AJK PM announces to execute accountability in State soon

Independent Report

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister (PM) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has announced to execute indiscriminate accountability all across the state soon. Addressing the members of the District Bar Association Mirpur and Mirpur Protection Forum at the Jammu and Kashmir House in the federal metropolis late Monday the PM said that across-the-board accountability would

be ensured and no one would be exempted from accountability. Referring to the ongoing AJK-wide heated issue of the inflated electricity bills, the PM said, "Since the government has decided to suspend all additional charges on electricity, the billing will be made on the old tariff rates".

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Senate body on delegated legislation meets

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation was held here at the Parliament House under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani. The Senate Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on June 15, 2023 and the committee also approved the reports for September to December 2022, January to March 2023 and April to June 2023.

Officer Engineering Development Board briefed the committee about the establishment of the institution, working procedures and said that the institution was established in 1995 under a resolution approved by the Federal Cabinet. Chairman Committee Senator Mian Raza Rabbani said that despite the passage of so many years, this institution has not yet been enacted. It is working under the Chief Executive Order of 2002. What is its legal status and where are the rules and regulations.

The Committee meeting discussed the issue sent by the Chairman Senate regarding the establishment of Engineering Development Board through SRO in detail. The Chief Executive

In reply to that, the committee was told that the Board of this institution has approved its rules but the approval has not been taken from the government.

Opportunities of livelihood can be provided to youth by conducting free IT, AI courses, says Governor

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is clear that the government can't provide government jobs to thousands of unemployed youngsters, however, it can surely create opportunities of livelihood for millions of people by conducting free Information technology and artificial intelligence courses for youth and ensuring invest-

ment and public-private partnership. In this context, the students graduated from the universities can earn better livelihood in the IT sector after benefitting from the modern technology and learning modern skills. The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of Dean and Director of NUST Balochistan campus, Brigadier Dr. Waseem Khaliq here at the Govern-

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Pervaiz Elahi sent to jail on 14-day judicial remand

Independent Report

LAHORE (INP): A judicial magistrate's court in Lahore has sent PTI president Pervaiz Elahi to jail on a 14-day judicial remand. As per details, the court heard two cases against former chief minister Punjab and PTI president.

The court rejected the plea seeking physical remand of the PTI president and sent him to jail on a 14-day judicial remand. Pervaiz Elahi's counsel urged the court to shift the PTI leader back to Adiala Jail. The court accepted the request and sent him to Adiala Jail. Earlier, Lahore High Court (LHC) sought replies from Punjab police and Superintendent Jail regarding the re-arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Pervaiz Elahi.

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Cases against Sheikh: Court issues arrest warrants of IO

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued arrest warrants of investigation officer (IO) on the petition seeking dismissal of cases registered in Karachi against Sheikh Rashid in the case of using filthy and inappropriate language against Bilawal Bhutto. The court has sought assistance from Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP). While hearing the case on Tuesday, Justice Tariq Jahangir remarked how can the case of an incident be registered in other provinces which has occurred in Islamabad.

According to the PPP sources, a meeting of the PPP Central Executive Committee (CEC) was held on the matter of timely elections where the participants reached a consensus to adopt Bilawal Bhutto's policy. As per reports, during the CEC meeting, the participants consulted the policies of PPP co-chairman Asif Zardari and his son Bilawal. The senior members of the committee recommended to adopt Asif Zardari's conciliatory policy, as Asif Ali Zardari was tended to save the economy through his policy.

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All Pak CM Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament begins

Independent Report

QUETTA: The 4th All Pakistan Chief Minister Balochistan Gold Cup Football Tournament got underway in Quetta on Tuesday. The caretaker Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports and Culture, Jamal Raisani inaugurated the tournament with formal kick at the football ground of Ayub Stadium. Also present on the occasion were Secretary Sports, Ishaq Jamali, Director General Sports, Durra Baloch, Director Sports, Asif Langove and others. It may be mentioned

here that 52 teams from different provinces and departments are taking part in the tournament, which would remain continued for two weeks. Speaking at the inauguration, Jamal Raisani said that we are giving message to the peace enemies through sports that people of Balochistan are peace and sports loving and hospitable. He said that although six footballers were kidnapped from Dera Bugti, but still our moral are high. We would not be sparing the kidnapers at all, adding he asserted.

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Oil tanker owners end strike after govt's assurance

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Oil Tankers Contractors Association has announced to end its strike after receiving an invitation for talks from the government. According to details, the oil tanker owners and delegations of incumbent government and Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) will meet tomorrow in Islamabad to "find a way out". In a statement, the Spokesperson Oil Tankers Association said that they were calling off the strike after receiving assurances from the government. "The association was restoring fuel supply keeping in mind the issues being faced by the public," he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) conducted two successful raids in Gojra City, in collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). The raids against illegal internet service providers were conducted at Adeb Plaza Main Bazaar and Mehdi Shah Bazar. One person was arrested and illegal ISPs equipment was also confiscated said a news release issued here on Tuesday. The successful raids against illegal ISPs were made possible through PTA's continuous monitoring, commitment, and persistent efforts to combat the menace of illegal internet services, thus reducing losses to the national exchequer resulting from tax evasion and misreporting of revenues.

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