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(APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

Kakar Friday called on the

UN Security Council

(UNSC) to secure the implementation of its reso-

lutions on Kashmir, which,

he said, was the key to

peace between Pakistan and

"India has evaded implementation of the Se-

curity Council's resolutions

which call for the 'final disposition' of Jammu and

Kashmir to be decided by

its people through UN-su-

pervised plebiscite," he told

the UN General Assembly

in its iconic hall with sev-

eral world leaders, top dip-

lomats and officials in the

Assembly's high-level ses-

sion, PM Kakar also fo-

cused on a range of issues,

including the cross-border

terrorist attacks against Pa-

kistan by Afghanistan-

In his maiden address

193-member

audience

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OUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a meeting to review affairs regarding Provincial Disaster

Caretaker CM stresses need to utilize resources to manage emergencies, natural disasters

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan

Domki has stated that there is a key role Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) in any emergent situation including the natural disasters, what's needed is to utilize the resources in better and organized manner and ensure advance arrangements well before any emergent situation. The caretaker Chief Minister was addressing a and ware houses present in review meeting about the departmental matters of

PDMA here on Friday. Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that any relief activity is quite difficult task in the prov- operation carried out then.

Independent Report

Wali Khan Kakar has

greeted the whole Pashtoon

nation on the Pashtoon cul-

ture day being observed to-

In a felicitation state-

ment issued here on Friday,

the Governor Balochistan

said that strong relationship

exists between the

Pashtoon and their culture.

He said that the culture is

specific geography.

day (Saturday).

ince which has vast area with scattered population.

We have to form such a mechanism for using the limited and available resources effectively under which PDMA may continue the relief and rehabilitation operation, search, rescue and risk management process in quite better way, adding he stressed.

The caretaker Chief Minister was briefed about the PDMA's mandate, administrative affairs, storage different areas of the province, process of purchasing necessary goods, losses caused due to the flood in year 2022 and 2023 besides the relief and rehabilitation

Governor greets Pashtoon

nation on Pashtoon Culture

day being observed today

was also informed about the progress of project of disaster management vil lages in the district headquarters. programme of the PDMA and future course of action to tackle the challenges.

tendance at the meeting were included caretaker Provincial Minister for Home and PDMA, Zubair Jamali, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, senior Member Board of Revenue, tor General PDMA, Jahanzaib Khan, Additional

cerned high ups Caretaker CM meets general public, issues orders on certain

The culture is also a QUETTA: The Governor historic continuity with Independent Report Balochistan, Malik Abdul which our past and present is associated and on the basis of which, we determine the direction of our future,

He said that brotherhood, progressiveness and human friendliness are the strong combined values of the national culture, and we direly need to maintain and strengthen them mooulding according to the require ments of modern era.

the Governor maintained.

the name of colourful and beauty of the social life in a The Governor was of the strong view that the He also said that the spirit of every national culculture is actually is the ture is its mother language, name of leading collective so there is also a need to way of life, and it is a colpromote harmony and lection of longstanding traunity among different lan-



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer PPAF Nadir Gul Bareech meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Sami asks ministries, divisions to expedite work on CPEC projects

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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): in different sectors like Energy, Infrastructure, Information Technology, Gwadar International Airport, Special Economic Zone (SEZs) and other key areas. In the early harvest

projects of CPEČ, as many as six mega infrastructure projects were completed including the Havelian-Thakot section of KKH Multan-Sukkur (M-5) Motorway, Hakla-D.I.Khan Motorway, Optical Fiber Cable, Eastbay Expressway and Orange Line Metro Train. Furthermore, on the western alignment of CPEC, work on different sections is under implementation which would be completed by 2024. Since most of these highways pass through the far-flung areas of Pakistan, it has opened those areas for business which would bring prosperity. During the meeting, it was further informed that the meeting of Joint Working Groups (JWGs) on (Infrastructure) will be held next week to review the projects.

Similarly, the meeting

Those who were in at Abdul Saboor Kakar, Direc-Secretary Finance, Habibur Rehman and other con-

applications

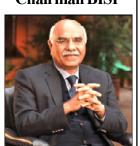
QUETTA: The caretaker Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan met a large number of people coming from different areas of the province here at the CM's secretariat on Fri

The people belonging to different walks of live apprised the Chief Minister about their issues and requested him to resolve them.

The Chief Minister gave patient hearing to the issues raised by the people. He also issued on the spot directives on certain applications submitted on the occasion.

He also ordered the concerned authorities and departments to resolve the collective nature problems being confronted by the people.

President appoints Dr Amjad Saqib as Chairman BISP



ISLAMABAD (APP) President Dr. Arif Alvi has approved the appointment of Dr. Amjad Saqib as the Chairman of Benazir In come Support Program.

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

Hindutva-inspired extremists; Islamopĥobia; global economic crises stemming from Covid, conflict and climate change; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Pakistan's efforts to recover from its economic challenges, and the UNSC reform.

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

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



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

COAS, Saudi Chief of General Staff discuss bilateral ties

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

During the meeting, both sides deliberated upon various areas of mutual interest, bilateral cooperation inding defence and security matters.

Earlier, the Saudi military delegation also called on Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza at Joint Staff Headquarters.

Anti-polio drive due to begin from October 2: Govt committed to eradicate polio from Balochistan, says Chief Secretary

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has categorically stated that it is firm commitment and resolve of the provincial government

to eradicate polio virus from the province and country. However, ulemas, civil society, media and every individual of the society would have to play their wholehearted for eradication

of polio virus. He said that responsibility of the safe future of our children rests with all of

The Chief Secretary was chairing a high level meeting on the endeavours of government for eradication of polio in the province, here on Friday.

The Coordinator of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for polio eradication briefed the Chief Secretary about the measures being taken for eradication of

coming anti-polio campaign in the province.

He informed that the anti-polio campaign is being launched in the province from October 2, 2023. During the campaign, over 2.6 million children below five years of age would be administered anti-polio vaccine in the province.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Secretary said that it is national obligation to eradicate the polio virus from the province and country. He stressed that we have to implement the steps for eradication of polio with sincerity. He also stressed that all concerned institutions and district administration would have to play their effective role for com-

plete eradication of polio. The Chief Secretary said that although we are endeavouring to save the children from the disease in an organized manner, still we need to expedite these the crippling disease from endeavours so that no kid



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a high level meeting regarding anti polio campaign



ments, destroying entire

PM Kakar calls for countering all terrorists

including Hindutva inspired extremists

Says Kashmir key to India-Pakistan peace, urges UN resolutions' implementation; underscores preservation of UN Charter of equality for global peace; Vows to ensure rapid economic recovery by mobilizing FDI,

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

> minister called for the reinforcement of the UN Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), stressing

> > Solangi says

Govt. to create

conducive

environment

for elections

ARACHI (APP): Care-

taker Federal Minister for

Information and Broadcast-

ing Murtaza Solangi said on

Friday that the government

will create a conducive en-

vironment for general elec-

ties to the media during the

Farooq released

after 4-year

house arrest

Monitoring Desk

Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz

Umar Farooq has been re-leased from his four-year-

long house arrest in Indian

Illegally Occupied Jammu

opment follows his deten-

tion in 2019 when India re-

voked Kashmir's special status, plunging the region

Mirwaiz was allowed to lead Friday prayers in

Srinagar, the principal city

of the disputed territory.

visibly emotional as he ad-

dressed the congregation

from the pulpit of a historic

mosque in Srinagar. His re-

turn to public life was met

with tears of joy from nu-

merous supporters who had awaited his release.

Police constable

injured in

grenade attack

OUETTA (INP): A police

constable was injured in a

firing and grenade attack on

a police vehicle in Kuchlak

town on Friday, police said.

attacked the patrolling ve-

hicle as it was passing

through the area. A crossfire

took place between the two

sides, and the constable was

The injured cop, identified as Constable Ali

Khan, was taken to Civil

Hospital where his condi-

Police have launched an

investigation into the at-

tack, but no arrests have

been made so far.

tion is said to be stable.

shot in the leg.

Unidentified assailants

This significant devel-

After his release,

Mirwaiz, aged 50, was

and Kashmir (IIOJK).

into political turmoil.

DELHI: Top

election process.

nated.

gic and conventional weap-Pakistan, he said, shared the concerns of in-

that global powers should

In this regard, the prime

convince New Delhi to acsistance to a destitute Afcept Pakistan's offer of ghan population in which mutual restraint on strate-Afghan girls and women are the most vulnerable; as well as revival of the Afghan economy and implementa-

ternational community with respect to Afghanistan, its first priority being to prevent and counter all terrorism from and within

the TTP, Da'esh and other that neighbouring country. groups operating from Af-"Yet," the prime min-ister said, "we advocate Continued on page 2 **Int'l financial institutions** optimistic about Pakistan's

Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar says the International Monetary Fund has appreciated Pakistan's crackdown against illegal currency trade, which helped address artificial instability of currency.

During a meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Maqbool Baqir, he said the creasing tax net, privatization caretaker dispensation will as well as power sector reperform its duties according to the constitution and He said this has devel-

no one will be discrimioped confidence in international financial institu-In the meeting, they tions and they are now discussed important issues optimistic about Pakistan's including conducting free, economic stability. fair, and transparent elec-The Prime Minister tions and providing facili-

said Pakistan and the IMF are on the same page vis à vis grant of subsidies to the The minister said that underprivileged segments of the society.

conducting free, fair, and transparent elections was To a question regarding the common responsibility aid pledges to Pakistan, of the relevant institutions. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said Mirwaiz Umar

pledges of almost ten bil- spheres.

economic stability: PM NEW YORK (INP): Prime lion dollars were made in the aftermath of floods in the country. It will be ensured that these are converted into tangible resources to be used for rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood af-

continued humanitarian as-

tion of the connectivity

projects with Central Asia.

the cross- border terrorist

attacks against Pakistan by

'Pakistan condemns

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar In an interview with said Pakistan has deep PTV News in New York, rooted relations with he said government's re-form agenda includes inwith the United States and other western countries. He said the West should know that India which sits in its strategic lap to leverage against China, has trade ties with Beijing as well so it will

> country at the cost of the The Prime Minister categorically stated that Pakistan will develop, design and exhibit its foreign rela-

tions in independent

be very unrealistic expec-

tation from Pakistan to

have its relations with one



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai talking with Dr. Tahir Rasheed during his visit to Balochistan Rural Support Programme

Jan Achakzai rejects propaganda against Prime Minister Kakar's UNGA visit

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai, has rejected the propaganda against Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar's recent visit to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), terming it a conspiracy against the interests of Pakistan by India and its proxies.

In a statement issued on Friday, Jan Achakzai said that Prime Minister Kakar's visit to the UNGA was a success, and that it helped to improve Pakistan's image on the international stage. He said that the negative propaganda against Pakistan at international events is a joint effort by Indian intelligence agencies and misguided political groups in Pakistan

Achakzai said that India has been exposed in every international forum, including the G20, for its state terrorism and its in-

volvement in the killings of Canadian citizens in Canada. He said that the misguided political elements in Pakistan are committing treason by playing into the hands of RAW.

Achakzai said that Prime Minister Kakar's meetings with world leaders at the UNGA are proof of the success of his visit. He said that the Prime Minister's engagements with world leaders helped to strengthen Pakistan's ties with other countries and to promote Pakistan's interests on the global 'The propaganda

against Prime Minister Kakar's UNGA visit is baseless and unfounded," Achakzai said. "It is an attempt by India and its proxies to undermine Pakistan's standing in the world. The people of Pakistan should reject this propaganda and support the Prime Minister in his efforts to build a better Pakistan.'

Hasan Ali replaces Naseem Shah in Pakistan's World Cup 2023 squad

Sports Desk

LAHORE: In a muchawaited announcement, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has finally called in to replace revealed the 15-member squad for the up-coming ICC World Cup

The announcement of Pakistan's squad faced unexpected delays as the team management held consultations following a humiliating exit from the Asia Cup and the inju-ries faced by major bowlers during the tournament.

selector Chief Inzamam-ul-Haq unveiled the squad at Lahore's Gaddafi Sta-

captain the team, while Shadab Khan remains the team's vice-captain. Hasan Ali has been pacer Naseem Shah who has been ruled out from the tournament due to his shoulder injury. Ali, however, will be returning to one-day international (ODI) cricket after a year-long hiatus following his last appearance against West Indies in Multan in

"We were forced to make one change because of an unfortunate injury to Naseem Shah. We had a few injury scares in the recent Asia

QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

issuing orders on applications of people came from different areas of the

Director of IBLC, Dr. Tahir

Hakeem expressed pro-

found gratitude to the par-

ticipants in the condolence

etry and social life of

Mubarak Oazi, he said that

Mubarak Oazi's commit-

ment to the promotion of

the Balochi language and

literature is being widely

lauded by media and

people from all walks of

Shad and Tariq Rahim

Baloch, Madam Gul Jan,

Principal Girls College

Turbat, and Madam Shams

Elahi Bakhsh, Assistant

Professor, Girls College

Turbat also paid rich trib-

utes to the literary contri-

butions of the eminent

of various departments.

people from diverse back-

grounds and disciplines,

and students attended the

faculty

Deans, directors, heads

members.

Other faculty mem-

Highlighting the po-

IBLC pays tributes

to Mubarak Qazi

Speaking on the occabers, including Dr. Ghafoor

Independent Report

TURBAT: A condolence

reference was held at the

University of Turbat here

on Friday by the Institute

of Balochi Language &

Culture (IBLC) to pay

tributes to Mubarak Qazi,

the literary luminary, and

great poet of Balochi lit-

The reference was pre-

Hakeem, a senior faculty life.

on the chief guest of the

event, Yusaf Aziz Gichki,

a literary scholar and a close

friend of Mubarak Qazi,

shed light on Oazi's per-

sonal anecdotes and com-

mitment to Balochi litera-

left an enduring mark on

Balochi literature and cul-

ture, and his poetry is

deeply rooted in the

He said that his poetry

sided over by Dr. Tahir

member of the IBLC.

erature.

Babar Azam will ers are fully fit and are support that they need." btain the team, while eager to perform for Babar Azam's side eager to perform for their country in the allimportant tournament. I have received encouraging reports from our medical panel about Haris Rauf. He has started to (shadow) bowl at the National Cricket Academy and will be available for selection," said Inzamam while speaking during a press conference to-

day.
"I have a firm belief that this squad can bring the World Cup trophy to Pakistan and make the whole nation proud with their incredible performances. It is time to get behind our Cup, but I am glad to share that all the play- with the backing and

M. Hafeez

announces

to quit PCB

committee

membership

ISLAMABAD (INP):

The former captain of the

national cricket team

Muhammad Hafeez re-

signed from the Pakistan

Cricket Technical Commit-

tee Friday, just before the

announcement of the ICC

According to the de-

tails, the former captain

Muhammad Hafeez an-

nounced his resignation as

a member of the cricket

committee on social net-

working site X – formerly

pressed gratitude to Zaka

Ashraf for giving him the

opportunity in the cricket

committee, he wished luck

to the Pakistan cricket

team for the upcoming

Zaka Ashraf sb for giving

me this opportunity. I am

always available when-

ever Zaka Ashraf sb need

"I would like to thank

world cup in India.

In his tweet, he ex-

known as Twitter.

World Cup 2023 squad.

enters the mega-event as the number one ranked side and enjoys the best win/loss ratio of 2.4 in this World Cup cycle for any side that has played the ODI for-

The ICC World Cup 2023 will take place in India with 10 teams fighting for the elusive title across 10 venues from October 5 to November 19, with the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad hosting the tournament opener and the final. The Cricket World

Cup will be played in a round-robin format, with all teams playing against each other for a Zaman Khan, Abrar total of 45 league Ahmed.

The top four teams will qualify for the semifinals, which will be held in Mumbai on November 15 and in Kolkata on November 16. The semi-finals and

the final will have re-

serve days.

Squad Babar Azam ©, Shadab Khan, Abdullah Shafiq, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed, Imamul-Haq, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), M Wasim Jnr, Saud Shakeel, Salman Ali Agha, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Usama Mir.

Reserves

No change in Nawaz's return plan: Shehbaz

LONDON (INP): Former Nawaz, Ishaq Dar, Abid prime minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday claimed that there was 'no change' in the return plan of his brother and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif as the latter is set to land in Pakistan on October 21.

Shehbaz Sharif rushed back to London merely hours after he returned to the country from the UK, a development that gave way to rumours regarding a possible change in travel plans of Nawaz Sharif.

The former premier left London earlier in the week after spending several weeks here, but upon reaching Lahore, made a sudden plan to return in order to meet with his elder brother, party supremo Nawaz Sharif.

Media reports said that a consultation meeting was held in London which was attended by PML-N bigwigs including Maryam not hold a meeting

Sher Ali, Mian Javed Latif, Talal Chaudhry, Burjees Tahir, and Sheikh Rohail

Speaking on the occasion, the PML-N supremo said that Pakistan – a prospering nation – was brought to the brink of destruction under a conspiracy in 2017.

"Qamar Bajwa, Faiz Hameed, Saqib Nisar and Azmat Saeed are criminals of 22-crore people", he alleged. "The country will not be able to move forward until the characters involved in the conspiracy are brought to justice," he said.

Meanwhile, Shehbaz Sharif – while talking to journalists – said that he returned to London on directions of Nawaz Sharif. "No change was made in return plan of PML-N supremo," he added.

In response to a question, Shehbaz said he never visited Gujranwala and did

Ashrafi advocates Islamic unity for resolving Palestine, Kashmir issues, combating Islamophobia

Chairman, Muhammad

day emphasized that unity among Islamic countries was the key to addressing issues such as Palestine, Kashmir, Islamophobia and other challenging concerns.

Speaking to the media, he said leaders of Turkey, Qatar, and Iran raised their voices against the desecration of the Holy Quran during the United Nations General Assembly, highlighting the need to protect global peace, considering the emotions of over two billion

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Prince Mohammed bin kistan Ulema Council Salman's recent interview Hafiz had made it clear that the Tahir Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mahmood Ashrafi, on Fri- had not been oblivious to the Palestine issue in the past, and it remained committed to playing a role in resolving both the Kashmir and Palestine issues as the head of the Organization of

Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He further stated that the leaders of these three Islamic nations - Turkey, Oatar, and Iran - had criticized the West strongly for attempting to desecrate copies of the Holy Quran pointing out that Islamophobia, including racism, was spreading like a plague in Western countries

forward to the early implementation of the 'connec tivity' projects with Central Asia," he added.

He said Pakistan was situated in one of the least economically integrated regions in the world. "Pakistan believes that regions develop together, therefore, Pakistan desires peaceful and productive relations with all our neighbours, including India. Kashmir is the key to peace between Pakistan and India," he

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said that Pakistan shared the world community's concerns about the rights of girls and women in Afghanistan but also advocated continued humanitarian assistance to a destitute Afghan popula-

The prime minister, in his address at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, said among the destitute Afghan population, Afghan girls and women were the most

Calling Afghan peace a strategic imperative for Pakistan, he emphasised the revival of the Afghan economy and implementation of the connectivity projects with Central Asia.

Prime Minister Kakar some 28 projects had been said Pakistan's first prioridentified in priority secity was to prevent and tors, including agriculture, counter all terrorism from and within Afghanistan. mining, energy and IT, for

'Pakistan condemns the cross-border terrorist attacks against Pakistan by the TTP, Daesh and other groups operating from Afghanistan. We have sought Kabul's support and cooperation to prevent these attacks. However, we are also taking necessary measures to end this externally encouraged terrorism," he



of North America called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Asian Games most prestigious sporting event: President POA

BEIJING (INP): 19th Games Hangzhou Organiz-Asian Games, more than games to promote socioculture ties, said Lt. Gen ® Syed Arif Hasan, President, Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) in an interview with China Economic Net

The Asian Games, one of the most prestigious sporting events in the world, is set to be held from September 23 to October 8, 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

As one of the most famous games on the world's largest continent, it is not only a platform for athletes to compete but also a massive economic opportunity for the host country.

According to research, previous editions of the Asian Games have generated significant economic benefits, including increased tourism, infrastructure development, and job creation. China, with its extensive infrastructure and thriving tourism industry, is well-positioned to capitalize on these benefits.

First, hosting the Asian Games requires extensive investment in sports infrastructure. China has been consistently investing in state-of-the-art sports facilities, stadiums, and training centers to support its athletes and promote sports participation among its citi-

As per the 19th Asian

It attracted a total of ing Committee, all competition venues for the Games participate. have been built or renovated to meet the requirements of both the games and the daily recreational and sporting needs of local residents, with

by high-tech. Also, the Asian Games attracts thousands of athletes, officials, and spectators from all over the world. This influx of visitors creates a significant boost to the local economy, particularly in the hospitality, transportation, and retail sectors.

a focus on green and sustain-

able principles supported

On September 6, the Asian Flower Theme Park was unveiled in Hangzhou, aiming to provide a friendly atmosphere for visitors from across Asia.

Hangzhou, known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage, can leverage the Asian Games to enhance its reputation as a tourist destination, attracting more visitors in the long run.

Last, the Asian Games not only stimulates the overall sports economy but also accelerates the development of China's sports industry. For example, from August 6 to 12, the 2023 Zhejiang Provincial "National Fitness Day" and "Sports Promotion Week" themed activities are held at the Huanglong Sports Centre, Hangzhou.

880 yoga enthusiasts to

In addition, the First Women's Half Marathon Hangzhou 2023 kicked off in the city on May 7, driving traffic, catering, accommodation and other passenger consumption outside the event.

It goes without saying that the Asian Games serves as a catalyst for sports-related businesses, including sports equipment manufacturers, sports media and broadcasting, sports marketing agencies, and sports tourism operators.

The Asian Games can help these industries gain momentum, leading to increased employment opportunities and revenue growth. As the world eagerly awaits the event, all eyes will be on China as it showcases its sporting prowess and lays the foundation for a thriving sports economy in the years to come. "Our experience of the Games in China has always been very good.

And because the games and events that take place in China are of a very high standard - starting with the Beijing Olympics and now in Hangzhou - I am sure it will be a great experience not only for us but for all the athletes and the entire contingent," Syed Arif Hasan noted.



QUETTA: Caretaker Sports Minister Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani distributing cash prizes among the players for their performance in Special Olympics World Summer Games Germany

Stefan Dercon along with Jane Marriott called on Dr Shamshad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Stefan Dercon, Professor of Economic Policy at Economics Department of Oxford University and former Chief Economist DFID along with the British High Commissioner to Pakistan Jane Marriott called on Minister for Finance. Revenue and Economic Affairs Dr Shamshad Akhtar.

During the meeting, the Finance Minister shared policy actions to enhance Pakistan's economic resilience in the face of global challenges, with a focus on sustainable development and inclusive growth, according to a press release issued here Friday. Dercon affirmed its continued commitment to support Pakistan's economic development and applauded the country's efforts in actively pursuing a reform agenda to enhance economic stability. The British High Commissioner Jane Marriott commended the longstanding relationship between the United Kingdom and Pakistan and pledged to explore avenues for increased economic cooperation and investment between the two countries. The Finance Minister appreciated the collaboration and expressed gratitude for the support provided by the World Bank and the United Kingdom.



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Baloch society, values, and traditions. On behalf of Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, the Continued from page 1 ghanistan," the prime minister said, adding, "We have

sought Kabul's support and cooperation to prevent these attacks. However, we are also taking necessary measures to end this externally encouraged terror-He told the international community that Pakistan's government was committed to rapid eco-

nomic recovery -- stabilize

its foreign exchange re-

serves and currency; expand domestic revenues and mobilize significant domestic and external investment. To that end, he said, Pakistan had established a Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to expedite investment decisions, with 28 projects identified in priority sectors - agriculture, mining, energy and IT - for implementation in collaboration with the country's partners. The second phase of the China-Pakistan Eco-

nomic Corridor (CPEC), he

said, had been initiated cov-

ering railway, infrastructure and manufacturing projects. Noting the far-reaching commitments made at the SDG summit to implement the 17 anti-poverty goals, he called for ensuing implementation of the "SDG Stimulus"; the rechannelling of unused Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) for development; expansion concessional lending by the multilateral development banks; and the resolution of the debt problems of the 59 countries in debt

distress. Pakistan, he added, also looked forward to the fulfillment of the climate change commitments made at COP28 by the developed world: to provide over \$100 billion in annual

my honest suggestions for Muslims worldwide. reference in large num-Pakistan cricket," he added. Ashrafi said Saudi Crown

climate finance; allocate at least half of such finance for adaptation in developcountries; operationalize the Fund

and funding arrangements for Loss and Damage; and accelerate their carbon emission mitigation targets to "keep alive" the goal of restricting global warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade.

Pointing out that Pakistan is one of the countries worst affected by climate change, the prime minister said that the epic last summer's floods submerged a third of the country, killed 1700 and displaced over 8 million people, destroyed vital infrastructure and caused over \$30 billion in damage to its economy.

Gratified by the commitments of over \$10.5 billion for Pakistan's comprehensive plan for recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction with resilience

- the 4RF Plan - at the Geneva Conference last January, he said that specific projects were being submitted to ensure it timely funding and execution. "I hope our development partners will accord priority to release of funds for our 'resilient' recovery plan which has been costed

at \$13 billion. The prime minister welcomed the normalization of Saudi-Iranian ties, but expressed dismay over the continuing tragedy of Palestine, with Israeli military raids, airstrikes, expansion of settlements and evictions of Palestinians.

"Durable peace can be established only through a two-state solution and the establishment of a viable and contiguous Palestinian State within the pre-June 1967 borders, with Al-Ouds

PM Kakar calls for countering all terrorists.... Al-Sharif as its capital."

He called for countering all terrorists without discrimination, including the rising threat posed by far-right extremist and fascist groups, such as Hindutva-inspired extremists threatening genocide against India's Muslims and Christians.

pose 'state terrorism'; address the root causes of terrorism, such as poverty, injustice and foreign occupation; and distinguish genuine freedom struggles from terrorism."

the Pakistani leader said, "it is a latent threat that undermines millennia of progress. We need to cherish and celebrate our diversity and different ways of life. Mutual respect, sanctity of religious symbols, scriptures and personages should be ensured."

In this regard, he added, "While Islamophobia is an age-old phenomenon; however, after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it has assumed epidemic proportions, as manifested in the negative profiling of Muslims; and attacks on Islamic sites and symbols, such as the recent public burnings of the Holy

Kakar said Pakistan did not believe in elitism within the comity of nations. Pakistan, he said, believed that adding additional permaof the aspirants—to the Security Council would further erode its credibility and legitimacy.

'The widest possible pansion of the Council only

in the non-permanent category with provision for a limited number of longerterm seats," he said.

eignty and territorial integ-

the prime minister said

implementation in collabo-

ration with Pakistan's part-

term shift to geoeconomics

was well underway. The

second phase of the China-

Pakistan Economic Corri-

dor (CPEC) had also been

initiated covering railway,

infrastructure, and manu-

facturing projects.
"Pakistan also looks

He said Pakistan's long-

'Pakistan believes that to build, preserve and promote peace and prosperity today, and in the future, it is vital to reduce great power rivalry and tensions; ensure strict adherence to 'We also need to opthe UN Charter; consistently implement Security Council resolutions; eliminate the root causes of conflicts; and respect the principles of non-use of force; self-determination; sover-

'Make no mistake," rity; non-interference in the internal affairs of states and peaceful co-existence. Caretaker Prime Minister said that the Pakistan government was committed to ensure rapid economic recovery by stabilizing foreign exchange reserves and currency; expanding domestic revenues, and mobilizing significant domestic

and external investment in the country To that end, he said, we have established a Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to expedite investment deci-Addressing the United Nations General Assembly,

On UNSC reform, PM nent members—India is one

agreement can be best achieved on the basis of the Uniting for Consensus Group's proposal for ex-



Federal Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad held a meeting with Regional Director of International Finance Corporation (IFC) for Middle East, Afghanistan & Pakistan Khawaja Aftab Ahmed.

WB launches new programme to foster debate on Pak development-policy issues

The World Bank here on Friday launched a new programme titled "Reforms for a Brighter Future: Time to Decide" aimed at fostering a productive debate on the critical development policy issues being faced by Pakistan.

The programme is intended to engage in discussions with a broad range of stakeholders that what 'fundamental policy shifts' are most needed to durably steer the economy towards stronger, more climate-resilient and sustainable growth and development.
This consultation consultation

publication of a series of draft discussion notes that would be progressively enriched by feedback received from the stakeholders. The Notes, which draw on international experience as well as a large body of evidence on Pakistan, propose fundamental policy shifts that are needed to move away from the current lowgrowth, anti-development status quo. In the draft notes, the WB suggested a policy shift "From underfunded, inefficient, and fragmented service delivery and social protection systems towards coordi-

programme includes the nated, efficient and adequately financed service delivery, targeting the most vulnerable, particularly to reduce abnormally high child stunting rates and increase learning outcomes for all children, especially for girls." Besides it asked for moving "From wasteful and rigid public expenditures benefiting a few, towards tightly prioritized spending on public services, infrastructure, and investments in climate adaptation, benefiting populations most in need. The international lender emphasized switchbroad-based, efficient, pro- productivity farming.

generating sufficient revenues to significantly increase public investment in human development, infrastructure, and climate adaptation from a narrow, distortive and inequitable tax system. The WB also proposed a policy shift 'From a protected, stagnant, and unproductive economy with a large state presence towards a dynamic open economy driven by private investment and exports." It suggested shunning such agriculture sector policies that locked farming over to a system that is ers into low-value, low-

IIOJK people thank Erdogan for raising Kashmir dispute at UNGA

ISLAMABAD (Online): Tehreek-e-Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir Convener Ghulam Muhammad Safi has said that the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir sincerely thanks the President of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, for his full support and interpretation of the fundamental right of the Kashmiris, the right to selfdetermination, at the United Nations General Assembly.

According to Kashmir Media Service, Ghulam Muhammad Safi in a statement issued in Islamabad said Pakistan and Türkiye have always raised their voices in favour of the oppressed. He said Pakistan and Türkiye are Islamic states that have always ences and cooperate with every front. **CPO Safe City/Traffic holds a meeting**

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Following

the special instructions of

the Islamabad Capital

City Police Officer

(ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir

Khan, the CPO Safe City/

Traffic held a meeting with

senior officers of the Na-

tional Radio Telecommuni-

cation Corporation (NRTC) at Safe City

Islamabad, a public rela-

He said that that meet-

ing was held regarding the

award of the upgrade and

expansion of Islamabad

Safe City to NRTC on a

G2G basis. Furthermore,

all the components of Safe

City Islamabad, including

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Committed to be a force for

good, Nestlé Pakistan inau-

gurated a facility to provide

clean and safe drinking water to more than 12,000

people in Islamabad's Sec-

tor I-10/4 in partnership

with the Capital Develop-

ment Authority (CDA).

During the inauguration,

Jason Avanceña, Chief Ex-

ecutive Officer, Nestlé Pa-

kistan said, "We are com-

mitted to Creating Shared

Value (CSV) throughout our

tions officer said.

based on justice on the burning issues of the Muslim Ummah and stood on it. "We hope that other Islamic countries will also support the Kashmiris' birthright to self-determination," he added.

He said the unity of the Muslim Ummah can bring back the glory of the Muslim countries as the spirit of sacrifice is present in the Muslims to the highest degree. The success of Afghanistan is the result of this sacrifice, spirit of jihad and passion for martyrdom, he said, adding if there is any fault, it is in the leadership of the Muslim Ummah. Muslim leaders should forget mutual differ- oppressed Kashmiris at

with National Radio and TCOs

ber, infrastructure, surveil-

lance software, and

analytics software, were

a detailed survey and POC

deployment we may be able to sign an MOU for up-gra-

dation/revamping of Safe

City Islamabad on a G2G

basis. He said that the del-

egation visits the command

and control center, the data

hub unit, modern technol-

ogy-equipped cameras, and

the Police operations cen-

ter hall. They were fully

briefed about the proce-

tion was informed that Safe

City Islamabad is playing a

significant role in various

Nestlé Pakistan inaugurates 7th clean,

safe drinking water facility in Islamabad

seventh clean safe drinking

water facility is a testament

to our commitment to mak-

ing a positive impact for

families, communities and

is only possible because of

the efforts of our employ-

ees, partners, and stake-

holders across our value

chain. I want to take this

opportunity to express my

gratitude to CDA for their

Nestlé Pakistan has

The impact we make

the planet.'

support.'

Moreover, the delega-

dures and benefits.

Compassion, Empathy, Active Listening

They stated that after

discussed at length.

openly adopted a position each other in resolving re gional and international issues to save the Ummah from being dishonored.

Ghulam Muhammad Safi said Tehreek-e-Hurriyat believes that the diligence with which the President of Türkiye discussed the Kashmir dispute at the world's largest forum and emphasized the need for its solution is worthy of praise but all these ef forts can be beneficial only if they are continued on all

departments through mod-

ern techniques, including

the Police Operations Cen-

ter, Emergency Control

Center, Data Hub Unit

Dispatch Control Center

Pucar-15" helpline.

E-Challan System, and the

the delegation was also ap-

prised of the functionality

and benefits of the Safe

City cameras in the city

The modern cameras of Safe

City are playing a crucial

role in ensuring the safety

of the city and preventing

crimes and safeguarding the

lives and property of citi-

zens. 42% of crimes are re-

solved through the Safe

City Command and Control

and safe drinking water fa-

cilities around its manufac-

turing sites in Sheikhupura

and Kabirwala, he said and

added, with the inaugura-

tion of this facility in

Islamabad, approximately

72,000 people will have

access to clean and safe

drinking water daily around

the company's manufactur-

sion, Sheikh Waqar Ahmad,

Head of Corporate Affairs

and Sustainability, Nestle

Speaking on the occa-

He emphasized that

fronts and continuously. He said Tehreek-e-Hurriyat understands that continuous efforts are needed for a just solution of the Kashmir dispute and the right to represent the

Elahi advises politicians to secure protective bails before elections

for two days

ISLAMABAD (INP): A Jamil, which was strongly district and sessions court opposed by the journalist's

During the hearing, the Bhatti granted a two-day

FIA demanded a 10-day physical remand of Khalid ist Khalid Jamil.

Heavy rains

expected across

Pakistan till Sept. 24

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- coming inundated, along

kistan Meteorological De- with potential damage

partment (PMD) Friday to vulnerable infrastruc-

lawvers.

ISLAMABAD (INP): PTI president Parvez Elahi on Friday advised all politicians to seek profective bails before general elections keeping in view the current political situa-

Talking to reporters on the occasion of his appearance in the anti-terrorism court (ATC), he complained that he was sick because of jail's meal and the medical facilities was also not up to the mark.

The former Punjab chief minister said high inflation in the country had almost shattered the man in the street, adding PML-N top leaders Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif were responsible for exorbitant

district and sessions court

in Islamabad on Friday re-

manded journalist Muhammad Khalid Jamil in

the custody of the Federal

Investigation Agency (FIA)

for two days following his

arrest over a 'controversial

presented in an Islamabad

district and sessions court

after he was arrested last

night in Cyber Crime Act.

predicted heavy rainfall

across various regions of

September 22, until Sep-

have penetrated the upper

regions of the country and

are poised to bring strong

winds and heavy precipi-

tation to various areas, in-

cluding Karachi and

cities, the Meteorological

Department forecasts

heavy rain in Sibi, Kalat,

Lasbela, Kashmir, Gilgit-

Baltistan, and Islamabad

There is a significant

risk of low-lying areas be- rainfall.

ISLAMABAD: A view of the fallen tree after speedy

during these three days.

In addition to these

Hyderabad in Sindh.

tember 24

the country from today, rain.

The Western winds

The journalist was

He said as the entire system of the country was at a standstill owing to nonholding of general elections, all the politicians should secure protective bails before the general elections. When asked if would be released from jail before the polls, the PTI leader told a reporter that only Allah Almighty knows best about his release.

He further said he was unable to comment over any backdoor talks with the PTI chairman, adding he [Elahi] met Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain again. To a question, Elahi said he heard the new date of Nawaz Sharif's return to the country was being set.

Jamil's lawyer Naveed

Malik said that every citi-

zen has the right to freedom

of expression in Pakistan,

noting that the agency has

violated the decision of the

Islamabad High Court

After hearing argu-

(IHC) by arresting the jour-

dicial Magistrate Shabbii

ture due to the strong

winds accompanying the

Department has also issued

instructions to all relevant

organizations to remain on high alert. It has specifically

warned about the likelihood

of flooding in certain low-

lying areas, including

Sajawal, Umarkot, and

teorological Department

has cautioned residents

and authorities in the

Murree, Guliyat, Kash-

mir, and Hazara divisions

about the elevated risk of

landslides due to the heavy

Furthermore, the Me-

Tharparkar.

The Meteorological

lawyer Latif Khosa's party membership ISLAMABAD (INP)

PPP suspends

The PPP on Friday suspended the party membership of disgruntled leader Sardar Latif Khosa and also ousted him from its central executive committee

eral Nayyar Bukhari confirmed the development to a private TV channel. He said the decision was taken after lawyer Khosa failed to reply to the show-cause notice issued to him by the party last

Imran Khan who was arrested last month in the Toshakhana case. Khosa has been representing the PTI chief in several cases

3 member bike lifter gang held; six motorbikes,

cash recovered ISLAMABAD (INP): Tarnol police here on Friday arrested three wanted members of a bike lifter gang involved in motorbike lifting activities and recovered six motorbikes and spare parts from their possession.

A police spokesperson said, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police officer (ICCPO) Dr.

Akbar Nasir Khan, the police had started a crackdown against criminal elements in order to save precious lives and property of citizens. Tarnol police team used technical and human resources and succeeded in apprehending three wanted members of a bike lifter gang.

The accused were identified as Gul khan, Muhammad Hassan and Nasir Khan. The police team also recovered six stolen motorbikes and spare parts from their possession. Cases had been registered against the nabbed accused and further investigation is

Minister Aneeq ex-

pressed his gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammad bin Salman for their unwavering support in providing the best facilities to pilgrims. He appreciated the Saudi government's efforts to continuously enhance services for pilgrims from Pakistan. Saudi Minister for Hajj and Umrah, Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, assured of Saudi Arabia's commitment to further cooperation with Pakistan. He highlighted that the Saudi government was continuously working

fort and convenience. He informed that Saudi Arabia had limited the number of private tour operators from around the world adding that each private tour operator was redate Pakistani pilgrims quired to serve a minimum closer to the holy sites in of 2,000 pilgrims.

to improve services for Pa-

kistani pilgrims, and several

new initiatives had been

taken to ensure their com-

Canada exposes India's ugly face of extremist, racist India: Muhsaal

NANKANA SAHIB (APP):Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights, Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Friday said Canada has exposed the ugly face of extremist and racist India targetting Sikh community across the world. The interim minister on the directions of the Prime Minister visited Nankana Sahib to express solidarity with the Sikh community. Mullick said, "Baba Guru Nanak always taught peace, love and brotherhood. I have come to Gurdwara Janam Asthan to express solidarity with the Sikhs." She added that the killing of Sardar Hardeep Singh in Canada was condemnable, whereas there were many freedom movements going on in India including Khalistan. The Minister also mentioned that the Jarranwala tragedy

Indian spy agency RAW, adding, the RAW agents burnt 23 churches in Jarranwala. She termed the Jarranwala tragedy as regrettable incident and said after the tragedy of Jarranwala, the entire state got moved. "The houses of 94 affected Christian families have been restored in Jarranwala," Mushaal Mullick said. The Minister said India wanted to destroy the peace of the entire world and had made the lives of Kashmiris miserable. "No minority is safe in India. The places of worship of all religions are destroyed in India and no place of worship of any religion is safe in India," she added. The worst violations of human rights were happening in India, and Hurriyet leader Yasin Malik

Saudi govt to enhance facilities for Pak pilgrims during Hajj 2024: Aneeq ISLAMABAD (APP): Makkah and Madinah. He proposed to expand 'Road to Makkah' project at various airports în Pakistan including Karachi and Lahore, in addition to Islamabad.

Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed on Friday said Pakistani pilgrims would be provided additional facilities and improved services during the Hajj 2024. He announced this af-

ter a comprehensive meet-ing with Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, in Riyadh, which was also attended by Pakistan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Ahmed Farooq and Deputy Chief of Mission, Moazam Khan, said a statement received here.

According to details, Minister Aneeq held dis-cussions to finalize arrangements for Pakistani pilgrims adding that they would be provided further enhanced facilities during the upcoming Hajj season.

He said accommodation, meals, and transportation for pilgrims would be improved with a more comfortable and convenient experience. He urged his Saudi counterpart to finalize the flight schedule for Pakistani pilgrims promptly besides making arrangements to accommo-

that the Jarranwala tragedy was kept in death cell, was orchestrated by the Mushaal Mullick said.



Exhibition "Beyond the Classroom" as the chief guest at ICG F-6/2, in

Controversial tweet: Journalist Khalid Jamil in FIA custody

PPP Secretary Gen-

On September 14, Khosa was issued a show-cause notice for "defending/pleading and representing [the] head of another political party without prior approval of [party] leader-

ments from both side, Ju-Although the letter did not mention anyone by name, it was a clear reference to PTI Chairman

registered against him.

already developed and cur-Pakistan said, "Nestlé Pavalue chain for communities winds storm during rain early in the morning in rently managing six clean kistan has an active. and the inauguration of this Federal Capital. Key indicators point to country's economic revival: report

ing sites.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan seems to be on the road to economic stability keeping in view the economic indicators of the past few days.

According to a report published recently, the economic indicators of Pakistan's economy are quite encouraging. An improvement has been seen in the value of Pakistani currency since the start of September, which has put the country on the path to economic stability. A strengthened rupee could boost the international trade.

According to the report, inflation has reached its lowest level since Au-

gust 2023 due to measures to control prices. Pakistan's trade deficit was reduced by 40 percent and the current account deficit by 85 percent in FY2023, which also reflects improvement in the balance of payments.

Pakistan's showed an extraordinary growth of 27.1% compared to last year, which is a positive sign for the country's

development. The IT industry has achieved a trade surplus of \$1.72 billion, which reflects exports and economic growth. Despite several challenges, the country's IT exports have grown by

While imports have declined significantly by 28.4%, which may have a positive impact on the trade balance and foreign exchange reserves.

Increased production of key minerals such as coal, dolomite, barytes, and others indicates increased mining activity that contributes to economic growth. China's interest in Pakistan's IT sector highlights the strength of the country's economic struc-

The significant contribution of the telecom sector has contributed significantly to the national exchequer, showing the ize it.

country's potential for further growth.

The banking sector

has reported a substantial increase in profits, reflecting overall economic stability and business activity.

The establishment of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in Pakistan and the assurance of investment by many foreign mining companies including Saudi Arabia is a clear indication of the strength of the country's economy

Reforms in the Land Information and Management System in the agricultural sector can revolution-

The interest in the privatization of the electric vehicle industry in Pakistan indicates sustainable industries and employment opportunities in the country.

The launch of the CPEC Bank of China in Islamabad is an important sign of the country's economic stability. The increasing oppor-

tunities for the export of rice in the country are an important component in the strength of the economy.

Joint efforts of the Pakistan Army and the current government herald the tides of sustainable peace and a strong Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: A family is buying bags from vendor in weekly Friday Market at Sector H-9 in Federal Capital.

Daily Soice of Masse. Independent

Saturday September 23, 2023

Lawless city

A grim milestone has just been passed in Karachi. The recent death of a teenage robbery victim brings the number of people killed in street crime incidents in the city between vestors through a 'Whole of January and September 2023 to 100. To put tal-vertical synergy and racilitation by the Pakistan things in perspective, the total number of ment Facilitation Council people to have died in sion. incidents of terrorism across Sindh during the first six months of the contract enforcement. The undeniable truth is that forcurrent year is 19. This eign investment is a vital driver of economic develonce again underscores the unsettling fact that Karachi is a deadly city for its people, where armed killers have complete freedom to take citizens' lives. From posh neighbourhoods to teeming slums, no area of this forsaken metropolis is safe. Muggers strike whenever they can and are ready to kill along with the 'Africa Climate summit (Sep 4-6) along tropolis is safe. Muggers their victims at the mate Week' recently concluded with the 'Nairobi slightest resistance. Fig- declaration'. This event was followed by the G20 moot, ures compiled by the which culminated in the Citizens-Police Liaison ration', which focused on Committee illustrate just action. Down the line is the how large the epidemic ongoing 78th United National General Assembly Session, the 2023 SDG of street crime is. According to the CPLC, over the ambition summit. Climate finance seems to be at the (September 15-16) in Hapast nine months, some heart of all that is going on globally at this point in mote a 'new economic modus operandi of MDBs 60,000 incidents of street time. output taken place in Karachi. The figure for in all of 2022 was 85,000. Police say between 50 to 60 gangs are active in this deadly business, while mobile-snatching and motorbike-lifting top the list of crimes.

Various factors are fuelling high street crime rates, including inflation, joblessness, and the lure The US-led West does not tire of telling the rest of the of easy money. People often resist parting with order. But while doing so, Western countries convetheir hard-earned cash or niently omit explaining that valuables, with the result in the aftermath of World that they end up paying legitimising and maintaining with their lives. However, addressing the underlying factors behind crime tablished under the UN or under the Bretton Woods is a long-term project; the system to regulate the immediate need is to tional security and ecoquell the deadly wave of ultimate analysis, aimed at killings. Here, the Sindh securing this overarching goal of the West. This is government has failed particularly true about the UN Security Council as miserably. The PPP, well as the IMF and World Bank where no decision which has been ruling can be taken without the voluntary export reapproval of the US and its straint." the province since 2008, Western allies. has much to answer for there were numerous exwhere law and order goes. | amples of Western countries blatantly flouting The caretaker govern- recognised principles of international law, or interment can only do so preting them to suit their convenience. This was much, and it is hoped particularly true during the that the next elected gov- nessed the cruel subjugaernment that takes cupied lands and the ruthpower in Sindh has solid resources. proposals to beat crime. Otherwise, precious lives War II global order did not prevent predatory Westwill continue to be ern nations from violating the recognised rules of insnuffed out by trigger- terstate conduct to imhappy criminals.

Barrier to foreign investment



Ammar Ather Saeed

The words "to attract investments from friendly countries in identified sectors through an empowered organisation that serves as a 'single-window' platform for facilitation, and to improve the ease of doing business for potential in-Government Approach' achieving optimal horizon-Army" of the mission statement of the Special Investdemonstrate a powerful vi-

However, if we navigate the SIFC's website, one significant aspect is absent substantial focus on

opment in any nation, ig-niting growth and job creation, as well as raising living standards. Yet, the lack of effective contract-enforcement mechanisms in the country stands as a large roadblock that deters foreign investors from channelling their capital into the country

When contracts are enforced fairly and reliably, businesses and consumers can enter into agreements with confidence, knowing they will be held accountable for their promises. This creates an environment conducive to economic growth and prosperity for all stakeholders involved. Yet, the harsh reality is that contract enforcement in Pakistan remains a challenging endeavour, and this presents significant repercussions for foreign invest-

For instance, consider the case of a multinational company that took the decision to file a suit for the appointment of an arbitrator before a high court in the country three years ago. This legal action was directed towards a government statutory authority, stemming from a dispute related to a construction nated in Pakistani rupees,

contract. Before initiating the lawsuit, according to the MNC, it had made numerous attempts to communicate with the statutory authority urging them to appoint an arbitrator.

Regrettably, these efforts yielded no results. It seemed that, for reasons known only to them, the concerned authority was hesitant to engage in a legal resolution of the matter and as of today, we find ourselves in a situation where a decisive verdict has vet to be delivered. Several urgent applications seeking an expedited hearing have been submitted by lawyers representing the MNC, but these efforts have yet to yield results. On many occasions,

the statutory authority's legal representation has been absent from court proceedings. Meanwhile, the court either appears to lack the time to address the matter due to a busy docket or, perhaps, for other reasons, may not be very interested in moving the case forward. In such a situation, it is understandable that the affected party's frustration would grow, especially if the claim amount, denomicontinues to decrease in value in terms of dollars due to the ongoing depreciation of our currency.

Contracts are the cornerstone of modern business transactions, providing a vital legal framework that ensures that parties fulfil their obligations and receive their agreed-upon benefits. In Pakistan, as in any other nation, contracts serve as the lifeblood of commerce, governing everything from international trade agreements to local partnerships. When contracts are honoured and enforced consistently, they foster trust, reduce business risks, and beckon foreign investors. Yet, enforcing contracts in Pakistan presents a multifaceted challenge

The legal system in Pakistan is notorious for its inefficiency and backlog of cases, often causing contract disputes to linger in the courts for years, resulting in substantial financial losses and discouraging potential investors. This sluggish pace of justice erodes trust in the legal system, making businesses hesitant to invest here. Investors demand a predictable and

steady legal environment to

commit their capital; the inability to enforce contracts simply erodes their confidence and ends up making Pakistan a less appealing destination for their

investments. Moreover, inconsistencies in how the laws here are interpreted and applied can create confusion and unpredictability, qualities that foreign investors abhor when seeking a stable and secure environment for their investments. Vague or ambiguous contract terms can lead to protracted legal battles, further deterring investment. This, coupled with corruption, that is pervasive in Pakistan's public and private sectors, frequently infiltrates contract enforcement, where bribery and undue influence can easily derail the legal proultimately ceedings. favouring the party with greater influence, and thus undermining the basic principle of equal protection

under the rule of law. The repercussions of this lack of effective contract enforcement are palpable in the realm of foreign investment. Investors demand a predictable legal environment to commit their capital, and the inability to enforce contracts erodes their confidence, making Pakistan a less appealing destination. Consequently, economic growth and job creation stagnate in the country.

To address this pressing issue and attract foreign investment, Pakistan must adopt a comprehensive strategy. The government, in collaboration with the judiciary, should invest in strengthening the legal system by increasing the number of judges, introducing specialised commercial courts, and implementing technology-driven measures to expedite case disposal. Streamlining legal processes will enhance investor confidence. In conclusion, the lack of effective contract-enforcement mechanisms in Pakistan stands as a major roadblock to attracting foreign investment. To unlock its true economic potential. Pakistan must create a business-friendly environment where contracts are consistently upheld, and make genuine efforts towards become a more attractive destination for foreign investors, ultimately driving economic growth and prosperity for its people. -- Cour-

The finance question



Raza Hussain Qazi

With COP28 only three 'New Delhi leaders declaclimate financing and summit and the climate

age caused by climate over a mosaic of the exist-

Domingo in the Dominican Republic concluded its third meeting (Aug 29-Sep 1) on the much-touted 'Loss and Damage (L&D) Fund'. The meeting has been critical in articulating the first draft of the recommendations

For now, the L&D fund is nowhere to be seen nearer a consensus and also marred with a rut of developed countries over where the money should come from, who will be eligible, and how the countries will access it. We are yet to see decisions at COP28 that need unanimous backing from nearly 200 countries, including the powerful wealthy nations that have so far failed to fulfil the pledge made in 2009 to provide \$100 billion per year from 2020 in climate finance to poorer nations. The G77+ China again

reiterated its commitment ing only accessible through during the two-day summit multilateral development world order'.

change, the transitional ing climate, development, committee (TC) in Santo and humanitarian finance options. This is because of the gigantic challenges being faced by humanity when climate change is feared to push some 132 million people into extreme poverty by 2030.

Add to this the factor wherein the crushing debts of low-income countries have made things worse and highlighted the urgency. This calls for 'better, bigger, and more effective' institutions with firm and efficient financial commitments by 'the haves' targeted for the have-nots.

The existing climate finance architecture includes a blend of bilateral. multilateral, and specialized institutions as well as regional forums. For instance. the climate investment fund with \$11.1 billion pledged is one of the largest active climate finance mechanisms in the world with its fundbanks (MDBs).

proves less compatible

Setting aside the asso-

ciated impedimental mechanics of instruments and the debate on grants or debts, their potential can be a point to deliberate over. The World Bank (WB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), all run several relevant progammes and respective emergency response considerations. Overall, MDBs' climate finance to low- and middleincome economies showed an upward trend in the past

few years which rose to

\$38 billion by 2022. The special drawing rights (SDRs), a reserve asset held by the IMF, is a possible source of finance for countries to address the climate crisis. It is vet to be channelled towards vulnerable countries. Like the IMF's climate goals, the WB's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) has specified targets to set aside \$25 billion on average in annual financing between FY21 and FY25 for initiatives that lower GHG emissions and foster adapta-

For this, the WB has announced a target for an average of 35 per cent of its financing to be climate fi-

nance over the period from 2021 to 2025. The Global Shield Financing facility is another initiative of the WB that is meant to support 'the Global Shield Against Climate Risks', a joint initiative launched by the G7 and V20. As the documents

show, the climate finance

from the ADB resources is likely to reach \$ 80 billion for the period 2019-30. For the period 2019-24, the ADB is to provide \$35 billion for climate finance from its resources. Similarly, the IsDB has mainstreamed climate finance by introducing a climate change policy and action plan. It also sets out modalities for achieving IsDB's climate finance target of 35 per cent by 2025, in line with the Paris Agreement and the MDB Paris Alignment Framework. Likewise, the African Development Bank (AfDB) has climate-specific finance options at

forefront of driving its climate finance through the Bank (EIB) and the Eurotion and Development.

Clearly defined roles and responsibility within state institutions is another critical concern, especially in Pakistan - the consistent bickering among the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Develop-ment, and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination needs to end. It is highly important for Pakistan to become part of regional and global forums such as 'the Vulnerable-20 (V20) or the 'Climate Vulnerable Forum' (CVF). We also need to explore innovative options internally – emissions tax, green bonds, urban resilience tax on realestate, industry and oth-

It is also pertinent that MDBs and other financial institutions are aligned UNFCCC, which needs to find a way to control their climate funds to be available as grants for the LDCs, SIDS, and the most vulner-With the introduction able nations. It is also sigof the European Green Deal, the EU is also at the UNFCCC to take steps to operationalize the Santiago Network for Loss and European Investment Damage so that technical assistance can be provided pean Bank of Reconstruction and Development. to developing countries. - Courtesy TheNews

Double standards



Javid Husain

The US-led West does not world to abide by the socalled rules-based world this order was established War II primarily for

their own global hegemony. The architecture of the political, security and economic institutions espost-World War II interna-

Before World War II, amples of Western counconvenience. This was colonial era, which wittion of the people of ocless exploitation of their

Even the establishment of the post-World pose their will on the cesses against the national weaker nations. The inva-

sion of Egypt by Great Britain and France in 1956 in league with Israel, and the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 were clear examples of the violation of the UN applies to the treatment of the UN-recognised right

In the sphere of international economic, commercial, and financial exchanges, the US-led West has exploited its powerful positions in such institutions as the impose its own choices and preferences on economically weaker nations. It is also ironic that

the US, which used to champion the cause of free trade, has now started imposing economic and technological sanctions against China to slow down the latter's economic and technological progress, especially in such fields as semiconductors, AI, and quantum computing. But this is nothing new. As pointed out by Kishore Mahbubani in his book, Has China won?, in the face of the tough competition given by the Japanese automakers to their American counterparts, "President Ronald Reagan had to twist the arms of the Japanese to agree to a

The double standards of the Western cou-ntries are also exposed by their positions on such subjects as the situation in Hong Kong, Palestine, occupied Kashmir and Taiwan. When Hong Kong was being governed by the UK, Western concerns about democratic values in the territory were non-existent even though colonial rule is the very anti-thesis of a truly representative form of government. But Global South need to navithis issue became a major source of concern for the West once Hong Kong reverted to Chi-n-ese sov-

ereignty. Since Israel is a

the Middle East, its ex-

rights of the Palestinian

people in violation of UN resolutions are generally ignored by the US-led The same conclusion

of self-determination of the Kashmiri people by the Western countries because of their desire to cultivate India as an emerging Great Power and build it up as a bulwark IMF and World Bank to against China. Taiwan is recognised by the international community, including even the US, as part of China. But that has not prevented Washington from offering political and military support to Taiwan's adm-inistration to encourage separatist tendencies in the territory, even though it is internationally recognised as an integral part of China. Repeated calls by the US-led West on China and others to abide by the rules of the global order established by it in the aftermath of World War II are aimed at protecting its own security and economic interests. Therefore, whenever these rules come into conflict with the Western countries' own narrow national interests, they have no hesitation in ignoring them. Logically, China and other emerging major powers can be expected to insist on rewriting these rules to make them equitable for global security and economic progress, rather than solely promot-

ing Western interests. In light of the foregoing, the coming decades will witness growing tensions between the established and the emerging major powers. Pakistan and other countries of the gate carefully in the unfolding turbulent global scenario. This scenario is marked by multipolarity and by the primacy of navirtual Western outpost in tional power over recognised principles of interstate conduct. --



Zubeida Mustafa

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

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

stone Italian architecture and its playgrounds stretching over a vast expanse made a profound impression on my mind when I came here first as a child, an institution needs more than brick and mortar to establish its greatness. It needs teachers of substance who impart knowledge, moral strength and integrity to their students. For SJC, this came from the nuns clad in their white habit. They were the builders of

the SJC value system. Times have changed, as has the apparel of the nuns, the academic envi-

political status of the country where the founders a batch of five Belgian nuns from the Daughters of the Cross Institute, Liege landed. It was Kurrachee that played host to them and where the SJC was founded in 1862. What has remained unchanged is the tradition of "relentless service to humanity", "sus-tained educational pursuits", "arduous struggles", 'modest courtesy" and a "sense of duty". Above all, the aim of education as spelt out by the founders has been further strengthened. In a nutshell, it seeks to develop the full potential of every student while inculcating in them the judgement to distinguish between right and wrong and fostering the desire to become lifelong learners.

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

were 10. and staff at St Joseph's. I admire their dedication to the cause of education — a thankless task in a country where neither state nor society really values a child's education or considers it important for human development and the country's own progress. Had this been the case, the largest non-Muslim community, that is, the Christians, would have received more appreciation for its services not just in the education

but also the health sector. Worse is the failure of the state to give protection

Going strong at 160 rons of the school and the to Christians, and also other non-Muslim communities, when they have the same right to life and liberty as anyone else under the Constitution. In fact, Islam, which we claim underpins Pakistan's political-legal structure, enjoins treating non-Muslims with compassion and giving due respect to their beliefs. Had that principle been followed, would Jaranwala have taken place? It is shameful that the Pakistani state could not, in spite of its military might, prevent this heinous incident from More importantly, this

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

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

KARTARPUR (Online): work for peace in our There is an urgent need to personal and public life. follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Devji. Guru Federal Minister further Nanak's life teaches us how to live with peace and prosperity. These views were expressed by the Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George during his visit to Kartarpur on the occasion of Guru Nanak Devji's death anniversary. The Federal Minister visited the shrine of Guru Nanak Devji.Guru Nanak Ji, the founder of Sikhism, always taught peace and harmony to the world. In today's violent society, there is an urgent need to create relationships of mutual respect and love among all

said that today's leaders who are involved in petty power politics and selfinterest need to pay attention to the message of peace. We need leaders who can be role models for our youth.

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

appreciation for their prisoners' rehabilitation. He noted that the prison was conducting various communities. Which he always taught in his teachings. We all have to of inmates.

Govt taken steps including

SIFC to boost the economy

of the country: Governor

business ventures in the

UAE were discussed in

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor

Muhammad Balighur

Rehman said that

continuity of policies is

very important for

economic development. He

said that after 2018, the

economic conditions of the

country suffered due to the

change of policies, but now

the situation is on the way

to improvement again,



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

LAHORE: A delegation of CEO Club Worldwide Pakistan & UAE Chapter Pakistan & UAE Chapter

Independent Report

called on Punjab Governor, Muhammad Balighur

Rehman, here at Governor

House Lahore today. The

delegation comprised CEO

Club Worldwide Pakistan

and UAE Chapter, Patron-in-Chief, Sohail Al-

Foundation, Amjad Saqib,

Senior Journalist Mujibur

Rahman Shami and

distinguished business

Zarooni.

Mohammad

Chairman

President

Akhuwat

Ijaz,

LAHORE: A delegation of CEO Club Worldwide Pakistan & UAE Chapter in a group photo with Punjab

Governor, Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

AJK PM for quality cell phone service, improved network coverage in remote areas

Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi was called on AJK Prime Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq at Jammu and Kashmir House here Friday and discussed the ssues of mutual interest with special reference to the cellular phone services operated by the Telenor company in the State.

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

He further stated that the government has taken

establishment of Special

Investment Facilitation

Council (SIFC) and Export

Processing Zones to boost

the economy of the

lot of scope for corporate

farming in the country

Governor Punjab said that

the initiative of CEO Club

Worldwide Pakistan and

UAE Chapter to provide

an international forum for

local entrepreneurs to start

He said that there is a

He said that the

company should take

immediate measures to

improve the network coverage in remote areas. He said that the world had now become a global village and cellular companies had played an important role in this

The PM said that the Easy Paisa facility offered

MIRPUR (INP): Vice service quality to the important for the benefit of the President Telenor Pakistan, Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi was customers in AJK. important for the benefit of the the people. He also regardless tressed the need for qual providing the Easy Paisa facility to get the Zakat money delivered to the people of Azad Kashmir. The PM said that the cellular companies, which have been earning huge revenue from Azad Kashmir, should also

> Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi gave a detailed briefing to

> spend money on CSR

Azad Kashmir.

projects for the citizens of

quality of Telenor network in Azad Kashmir and the provision of facilities offered to the customers by the company.

He said that Telenor.

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





Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Mr Khalil George addressing public gathering on the occasion of the Death Anniversary of Guru Nanak at

Crackdown against counterfeit drugs leads to significant seizures

Independent Report PESHĀWAR: Director General of Drugs

and Pharmacy Services, Dr. Abbas, has announced a significant crackdown on counterfeit and fraudulent medicines in the province. This operation has led to substantial seizures and actions taken against those responsible.

Dr. Abbas disclosed that, based on confidential information, the Drug Peshawar Control successfully intercepted a large quantity of counterfeit drugs being transported via Daewoo Cargo. These illegal medications were enroute from Karachi to Peshawar through Daewoo cargo

contraband includes a The staggering 37,000 Drugs counterfeit tablets and medicines, supposedly procured by the Sindh government. Investigations are underway to trace the origin of these fake drugs within Peshawar. In the Namak Mandi

area, numerous drug supplier stores underwent rigorous inspections.
During these checks, samples of suspected fraudulent drugs were collected and sent to the drug lab for thorough analysis. Furthermore, Dr. Abbas highlighted the swift closure of an

illegal medical store in Mian Village Colony by Drug Control Kohat

services. The seized personnel. Karachi University teachers announce complete boycott of classes from today

KARACHI (INP): The them for over six months teachers' association of Karachi University (KU) has announced a complete boycott of classes from today in protest of their demands on Friday.

The decision to boycott classes was taken in the general body meeting of the teachers' association yesterday.

association demanded that the Sindh chief minister take immediate notice of the administrative crisis at the and investigations through a commission into nonapproval of the university budget for six years.

and a year.
"All the issues are still there as they were in the

beginning. We got nothing but promises and promises only. From the payment of salaries to the closure of selection boards is a big issue," they said.

'The salaries of the evening shift teachers should be paid in full and immediately. The selection boards should be held immediately. hospitals should be restored without any delay," they added.
"MPhil/PhD

waiver should be restored dilapidated infrastructure the university is urgently needed," they

Railways to shut down Shalimar

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

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

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

Previously, the train used to travel from Karachi to Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Rohri, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur, Multan via Toba Tek Singh, Faisalabad, and Lahore.

I do not feel good due to Jail food, Parvez Elahi

LAHORE (Online): Former Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhary Parvez Elahi said that Jail food is being given which is not good for health. Earlier there was a doctor's facility but now they have created problems in it too.

Wĥile talking informally to journalists in Anti-terrorism Court (ATC), former Chief Minister said that Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif are both brothers who are responsible for high cost of electricity. Today, middle class has also affected due to inflation. The system has stopped due to not holding general elections. A journalist asked him, do you think you will be released before the

CM visits Ningxia Medical University

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited University in Yangchuan capital of Ningxia province of China where he was briefed about the education and research facilities by the vice chancellor at senior faculty members.

During the visit, the CM visited different sections including research and development facilities and held meetings with faculty members as well as the Pakistani students enrolled in the university, said a handout issued here

The CM appreciated the innovative approach with regard to medical also present

A wonderful work

was been done with regard to medical research and the Punjab government would also raise the standard of medical education in the province in partnership with Ningxia Medical University, he added. Visiting China is not a routine visit but the bilateral cooperation would be exploited to better serve the people, he

Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Pakistan embassy officials and senior officials of the Ningxia government were



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

Minister vows action on human rights issues

Shah, the caretaker minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, and Human Rights in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The purpose of the meeting was

to discuss the state of human rights in the province and the necessary human rights framework within the region. Present at the meeting were representatives from the Directorate General of Law and Human Rights.

During the meeting, the Minister was given a detailed presentation on responsibilities. The team communicate emphasized the urgent need performance.

to establish regional divisions within the Directorate General to ensure the protection of fundamental rights at the local level. The Minister assured that this matter would be promptly addressed with the relevant authorities.

Furthermore, Minister stated his intention to convene a measures needed to meeting with the Police enhance and fortify the and Revenue departments meeting with the Police as soon as possible to enhance coordination between departments when investigating human rights violations. He also instructed the team to regularly update the Directorate General's social media accounts to the current human rights raise awareness about situation in the province human rights issues. and the difficulties faced by the Directorate General in carrying out its human r i g h t s - r e l a t e d journalists to effectively



RAWALPINDI: People travelling in Metro Bus to reach their destination as administration increase the fares about Rs. 20 per head, which affect the Citizens especially daily wagers in the twin cities.

PPP for specific date for general elections in country

Information Secretary of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Faisal Karim Kundi has underlined the need for the Election Commission to announce a cut-off date

He expressed these views while talking to the media at Kundi Model Farm here Friday. He said that the

formal announcement of election schedule and its but the ECP had neither election nor announced its 90 days.

DI KHAN (INP): Central date. Merely announcing the month of January for the election is not enough.

he added Faisal Karim Kundi said that the People's Party had always adopted for general elections to put a principled position that a permanent end to the elections should be held in uncertainty surrounding accordance with the the electoral process in the Constitution and this crucial requirement should be fulfilled by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). He said that the party had also expressed its willingness about the election to be held in 60 days and while respecting date was a part of the the wishes and constitutional procedure, consultation of the coalition parties, we agreed given any schedule for the to hold the election within

Dengue tally reaches 854 cases in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI (INP): The registered 61 FIRs and Rawalpindi's dengue total tally has reached 854 positive cases on Friday with the arrival of 53 more patients during the last 24 hours. Punjab Health Department said that 53 fresh cases of dengue were detected in the last 24 9 patients are in serious condition at the hospital.

Health authorities said 53 patients are being treated at Holy Family Hospital, 32 in DHQ and 4 dengue patients are being treated at Benazir Hospital.Meanwhile, the district administration had

sealed three premises during last 24 hours. Dengue virus is a

mosquito-borne viral disease that has rapidly spread in recent years around the world. Dengue virus is transmitted by female mosquitoes mainly hours in Rawalpindi, while of the species Aedes aegypti and, to a lesser extent, Ae. albopictus. SYMPTOMS

Dengue should be suspected when a high fever $(40^{\circ}\text{C}/104^{\circ}\text{F})$ is accompanied by 2 of the following symptoms during the febrile phase,



personalities. In the hopefully there will be

PESHAWAR: Patients are being examine by doctor during the free medical camp organized by Al-Khidmat Foundation held at Shaheen Muslim

Sealing of Lal Haveli by ETPB: Case sent to court of Jawad Hassan

RAWALPINDI (Online): Abdul Razzaq and Sardar Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal of Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi bench has sent petition filed against Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) to the court of Justice Jawad Hassan.

The court remarked as Justice Jawad Hassan has already heard this case, possibility is there he will hear the petition in next heavy contingent of police week. The court however and other institutions issued notice to deputy sealed Lal Haveli without administrator and deputy chairman of ETPB.

Sheikh Siddique, through his counsel Sardar of petitioner.

Shahbaz has taken plea that one petition of the petitioner regarding Lal Haveli is already pending hearing in the court. Upon sealing of Lal Haveli by it the court has sought parawise reply from It was right of the

petitioner that he would have been provided proper opportunity. But deputy administrator along with any notice at 6 a.m on Thursday. The court by stopping it from taking brother of Sheikh Rashid any step for the sake of while making chairman transparent trial had ETPB as respondent ordered to hear the stance

MC issues notice to 107 institutions on violation of laws

SAHIWAL (INP): The the building plan approved Municipal Corporation (MC) of Sahiwal has issued notices to 107 institutions, including 61 schools and 46 banks, for encroachment, non-approval of building plans and non-payment of conversion fees. The notices were issued on the direction of Commissioner Sahiwal Division Shoaib

Iqbal Syed. According to the notifications, the institutions have been directed to remove the encroachments within seven days and pay the conversion fee after getting

or else they will be sealed. A review meeting of the action taken against the

mentioned institutions was held in the commissioner's office under the chairmanship of Additional Commissioner Coordination Shafiq Ahmed Dogar, in which Chief Officer Ashfaq Ahmed gave a detailed

Additional Commissioner expressed displeasure over the occupation of the rickshaw pullers on the Arifwala Chowk and Pak Patan.

Pillion riding banned across Sindh

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh government imposed on Friday a ban on pillion riding in the province as part of security arrangements for Rabiul Awal 12. According to a notification issued by the home department, a ban has been imposed on pillion riding in all cities on the 11th and 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal.The department further added that the ban won't apply to women, children below the age of 12 years, senior

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

The government has announced a public holiday on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12th Rabi ul Awwal). The notification was issued by the cabinet division which stated that the government has announced a nationwide public holiday on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12th Rabi ul Awwal) on September 29.

Rangers arrests two

street criminals KARACHI (INP): The Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police, in a joint intelligence-based

operation in the Orangi Town area, arrested two alleged street criminals and recovered arms used in the crimes from their possession. According to a Rangers spokesman on Friday, the arrested were identified as Noor Hayat and Zakariya.

The participants of immediately. the meeting expressed their restoration anger over the appointment of part-time teachers at Rs600 per lecture and the non-payment of salaries to demanded further.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of merge districts led by former MNA Maulana Jamal ud Din meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.



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

Minister says: **Work on Pak-Iran** gas pipeline initiated

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

Pakistan Pensioners

Aurangzeb Tanuli Friday

appealed to the Governor

State Bank of Pakistan to

oblige the management of

all banks to conduct timely

biometrics of all pensioners

in March and September as

per the policy. In a

Association General

with life and no marriage

Association

cheaper rates, after purchasing at higher rates. People would have to use the natural fuel wisely, he added. Muhammad Ali, responding to a query about Russian oil, said that only one cargo had arrived on trial basis, but the problem was to refine it.

Only the Pakistan Oil Refinery was refining 46,000 tons of oil monthly, while demand was many times higher. The government was trying to engage private refineries to meet the demand, he added.

The government is working on importing more Russian oil, resolving the could not provide gas on efforts to provide

APPA urges Governor

State Bank to timely

conduct biometrics

ISLAMABAD (APP): All illegal and this issue should

(APPA) Secretary

maximum relief to people. The minister said that taxpayers are feeding only 9 per cent to GDP of Pakistan, which is one of the lowest in the world: people would get relief only if tax collection improves.

As many as 14 counters have been set up at the Model Customer Service Centre, which included applications for new connection, change of ownership, re-connection. business development counter, billing counter, violation checking counter, billing office counter accounts/treasury counter, business developmen

Mutation deed of FBR land handed over to buyers

process counter.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Minister for Privatization Hassan Fawad on Friday met Sohail Ilahi, CEO Kiran Builders & Developers (Pvt) Limited and handed over the mutation deed of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) land situated in Faisalabad.

The land measuring 15 Kanals was auctioned by Privatization Commission in September Privatization 2020, on behalf of the while the full payment was made in February 2021 said a press release. The transaction faced legal issues from Government of

that the problems of the pensioners could be resolved. The general secretary pointed out the important issue and said that there were clear orders from the State Bank and the Finance Minister that all pensioners were required to get their biometrics done in statement here, the March and September every year. "And if for any Secretary said it was not reason, if the biometric is possible for pensioners to not obtained, then the Federal Board of Revenue submit biometrics along pensioner will have to (Custom Department), submit the life certificate. certificate together, which Similarly, if a widow is a was against the policy. pensioner, then she will Tanuli said blocking the also be required to undergo pension account of a biometrics and submit a no

be resolved immediately so



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

TMB receives IPA to establish digital retail bank

ISLAMABAD (APP): Telenor Microfinance Bank (TMB), the operator of Pakistan's leading digital financial services platform, easypaisa, has received In-Principle Approval (IPA) for Digital Retail Bank (DRB) license from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) under the Licensing Regulatory Framework for Digital

This remarkable achievement has positioned TMB as a digital bank poised to offer a wide array of exciting financial services primarily through channels, revolutionizing the digital banking experience for millions of Pakistanis, said a press release issued here on Friday. The SBP hosted a ceremony in Karachi to officially grant In-Principle Approval to five banks, including TMB.

The event saw the presence of sponsors of other DRBs, incumbent bank CEOs, financial institutions, fintechs, SBP's top management, as well as TMB's senior management shareholders, including Kashif Ahmed, Acting

CEO, Amna Abbas, CLO, Solomon Jamin, Vice President, Investment Management, Telenor Asia, and Douglas Feagin, Senior Vice President, Global Strategic Partnerships and Investments, Ant Group. In January 2022, SBP introduced a Licensing and Regulatory Framework for Digital Banks and planned to issue up to five digital banks' licenses. Earlier this year, 5 applicants including TMB were selected after a rigorous assessment process as per the requirements of the framework and were awarded a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to set up a digital bank. Commenting on the development, Irfan Wahab Khan, Chairman, Telenor Microfinance Bank, said "This is a great milestone for us and a testament of our efforts towards enabling financial inclusion in Pakistan.

TMB & easypaisa has emerged as one of the most trusted financial platforms during the last 13 years. On behalf of the Board and Management, I would like to thank the State Bank of Pakistan for believing in us.

with bullish trend, gains 219 points ISLAMABAD (APP):

46,421.15 points against 46,202.13 points the previous day. A total of 172,894,248 shares valuing traded during the day as compared to 172,158,686 companies remained unchanged. The three toptrading companies were Cnergyico PK with 10,563,972 shares at Rs3.09 per share, WorldCall Telecom with 10,059,097 shares at

PSX continues

The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish trend on Friday and gained 219.02 points, showing a positive change of 0.47 per cent, closing at Rs.6.269 billion were shares valuing Rs.5.345 billion the previous day. As many as 323 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 197 of them recorded gains and 99 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 27 Rs.1.14 per share, and Unity Food Ltd with 8,137,436 shares at Rs.25.41 per share. Sapphire Textile witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.64.93 per share price, closing at Rs.1,192.93

whereas the runner-up was

Sapphire Fiber.

capital market to bolster economy: Gohar Ejaz (APP): integrated measures in KARACHI Caretaker Federal Minister

Govt focused on strengthening

for Commerce, Industries and Production, Dr Gohar Ejaz, on Friday, said that government was focused and keen to strengthen the capital markets with the aim of bolstering the economy. The minister reiterated the commitment while chairing a meeting of board of directors of Pakistan Stock Exchange during his visit to the PSX Karachi. PSX directors including Javed Kureishi, Ahmed Chinoy and Nadeem Naqvi; securities brokers and capital market representatives were

present at the occasion. Dr Gohar Ejaz said that the caretaker government was taking comprehensive and

different sectors of the economy which would lead to stabilise and strengthen the national economy.

MD and CEO PSX, Farrukh Khan, gave an overview of the capital market through the digital online platform and briefed about the potential for growth of the capital market, capitalization to GDP ratio

and other relevant matters and also presented suggestions for enhancing its role to benefit the economy. He said that at present PSX capitalization to GDP ratio was one of the lowest in the region and that the market needed the support of the government along with the able guidance of the SECP.



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar presides over the meeting at Railways Headquarters.

PASSCO declared public body under RTI Act, 2017

Commission (PIC) has ruled that Pakistan Federal Government, Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation (PASSCO) is a public body under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 to Information Act, 2017.

According to the over press release, this decision emphasizes the dedication to transparency and the In accordance with Section fundamental right of citizens to access essential information.

The ruling comes in response to an appeal titled 'Naeem Sadiq Vs Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation,' which led to the Commission issuing a comprehensive judgment"

The Commission's order clarifies that PASSCO, even though it holds the status of a entity as a Public Limited certain purposes.

SLAMABAD (APP): Company with 75% of it The Pakistan Information capital held by commercial banks and 25% by the

> administrative authority PASSCO, as established by Rule of Business (Entry No. 31). 2 (ix) (d), (g), and (h) of the RTI Act, 2017, this unequivocally categorizes PASSCO as a public entity.

> The Commission also discussed the reference (2002 PLC (C.S) 1650) mentioned by PASSCO in its written statement, underscoring that this case pertained to an employee dispute rather than the organizational status of PASSCO.

The Supreme Court corporate commercial of Pakistan ruled that, for



a meeting with National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) wherein MD NTDC highlighted company profile, future expansion plan, major recent achievements and issues being faced by them in Lahore.

SBP launches 'Diamond' category of Sohni Dharti Remittance Program

KARACHI (APP): In a bid remitters accumulate to further encourage remittances through formal channels, the State Bank of Pakistan, Friday, launched a new 'Diamond' category of the Sohni Dharti Remittance Program budget speech for FY24 (SDRP) that offers enhanced points and additional benefits to enhanced reward points remitters.

The category will be existing three- Green, Gold and Platinum- categories of SDRP that is a point-based loyalty program in which

reward points by sending remittances through formal channels of SBP regulated entities, said a statement issued here. Former Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in his and provision of other benefits like arms license of effective from September non-prohibited bore, 22, 2023, in addition to preferential treatment at Pakistan embassies and airports and gratis passport to the Diamond Category holders.

Finance Minister suggests listing of govt debt securities at PSX

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr. reforms. Shamshad Akhtar, the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue on Friday said that the securities market can play a vital role in the development of debt market through the listing of Government debt securities on Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

Speaking at the

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

Minister formally inaugurated the Centralized Gateway Portal, a unique financial initiative simultaneously onboard investors and customers in the securities market, the NBFC sector, and the insurance industry.

The CGP also offers

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

one of the key issues undermining the growth of capital markets is the lack of liquidity which is directly attributable to the small number of investors. Centralized Gateway Portal can provide the impetus for the much-

needed growth of our investor base.

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

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

However, Shamshad said the successful launch of the CGP should not be deemed the end of this project. Having developed this promising digital She believes that the platform, we are now faced with the critical part of realizing the potential it offers.



Chairmanship of Minister Fawad Hasan Fawad, Advisor to PM on Aviation is

Rupee gains Rs1.01 against **US Dollar** ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Friday witnessed the 14th consecutive recovery session as it gained Rs 1.01 against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs291.76 against the previous day's closing of Rs292.77. However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 292.1 and Rs 295 respectively. The price of the Euro decreased by Rs1.37 to close at Rs 310.61 against the last day's closing of Rs 311.98, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese Yen came down by 01 paisa to close at Rs1.96, whereas a decrease of Rs2.31 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 357.92 as compared to the last closing of Rs 360.23. The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal declined by 28 and 27 paisa to close at Rs79.43 and Rs77.78

SECP notifies amendments to **NBFC Rules** 2003

ISLAMABAD (APP):

respectively.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), with the approval of the federal government, has notified amendments to the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulations) Rules, 2003. The amendments, which have been introduced after a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process, aiming to revitalize growth in the non-banking finance sector and facilitate establishing a contemporary contemporary and conducive regulatory framework, said a press release issued here Friday. Ease of doing business has been provided by eliminating redundancies.

LESCO receives Rs 61.31m on 10th day of recovery campaign LAHORE (APP): The Cantt Sajjad Qureshi,

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), has recovered Rs 61.31 million

recovery campaign. City Mujahid Zia and Humayun, recovered outstanding dues of Rs 4.29 million from 129 Circle and Rs 35.62 million from 117 defaulters in Eastern Circle, respectively. Similarly, LESCO Manager (Material Disposal) Engineer Anwar

recovered Rs 3.75 million from 129 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 1.64 million from 68 defaulters in South Circle, while from 1,126 chronic Manager (Technical) defaulters in all its circles Engineer Muhammad on the tenth day of its Farooq, with the assistance of Tehsildar Nankana Sahib A spokesman told the Muhammad Iqbal Rasheed media here on Friday that and Tehsildar Sheikhupura Chief Engineer O&M Muhammad Aslam Gujjar, (T&G) Zafar Iqbal, with recovered Rs 2.14 million the support of Tehsildar from 78 defaulters in Nankana Circle and Rs 2.86 Tehsildar Shalimar Noreez million from 79 defaulters in Sheikhupura Circle. He added that LESCO Manager E&S (PMU) defaulters in Northern Engineer Abbas Ali, in collaboration with Naib Tehsildar Kasur and Okara Mirza Zahid Baig, recovered outstanding dues of Rs 1.89 million from 127 defaulters in Okara Circle Wattoo, along with and Rs 9.12 million Tehsildar Model Town from 399 defaulters in Rana Arsal and Tehsildar Kasur Circle

Kazakhstan delegation keen to explore business, investment prospects in Pak

business delegation of organized to Pakistan and Kazakhstan led by its hoped that the visit of Ambassador, Yerzhan Kistafin, Friday visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry and showed interest to explore business and investment opportunities in Pakistan.

The delegation was representing food & beverages, oil & gas, minerals, precious stones, fertilizers, chemicals, textiles, autoparts, wholesale and retail sectors, said a press release issued here. Speaking on the occasion, the ambassador said that his country wanted to further strengthen trade relations with Pakistan as the two countries had good potential to do trade in last year, a trade delegation

ISLAMABAD (APP): A of Kazakhstan was another Kazakh delegation would contribute to promote business relations between the two countries.

He said that the President of Kazakhstan was scheduled to visit Pakistan in the near future that would further strengthen trade and economic relations between the two countries.

President, ICCI, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that both countries should set at least US\$ 1 billion bilateral trade target as the current level of trade was not matching with their actual potential.

He said that Kazakhstan was a big landlocked country and Pakistani ports provided it many items. He said that the shortest route through



LAHORE: A large number of the people are gathers surround the Patrol Pump to refill bikes tanks free of cost, under the banner of prominent Pakistan's Welfare Organization, in Provincial Capital.

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

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

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

Assad's visit parallels in some ways that of Russian President Vladimir

Putin last year for the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics. Both leaders are virtual pariahs in the West but welcomed by China as it tries to expand its global influence and promote an alternative to the U.S.-led international order.

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

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

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

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

Assad, who is making a rare trip abroad, is look ing for ways to emerge from the international isolation brought on by a brutal war at home that shows no sign of ending after 12 years. He was expected to discuss economic assistance from China, which could play a major role in Syria's future



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his wife Olena Zelenska, left, meet with Governor General Mary Simon and her husband Whit

Sudan's military leader warns the war in his country could spread beyond its borders

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

as a terrorist group. "The nature of t war is now a threat to regional and international peace and security. ... This is like the spark of war, a war that will spill over to other countries in the region," Sudan army chief Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan told world leaders late Thursday.

Sudan plunged into conflict in April when longsimmering tensions escalated between the military, led by Burhan, and the rival Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Mohamed

Hamdan Dagalo. They had joined forces in 2021 to seize power in a coup that cast aside Sudan's pro-de-

mocracy movement.

The conflict has killed at least 5,000 people and wounded 12,000 others, according to Volker Perthes, the U.N. envoy in the country, who announced his resignation last week. Burhan said the Sudanese military has "knocked (on) all doors to stop this war" and asked the U.N. to designate the RSF as a terrorist group. He said the RSF has committed "all sorts of crimes that give grounds for such a designation," including receiving the help of "outlaws and terrorist groups" from other countries. "Those who have supported killing, burning, raping, forced displacement, looting, stealing, torture, trafficking of arms and

South Korea's Yoon rails against domestic critics as 'communists'

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's branding of critics as "communist totalitarian and antistate forces" may rally his conservative base and distract from unease about some of his policies but risk fuelling division and alienating some voters. In South Korea, the label of communist carries higher stakes than in many Western democracies with the ongoing threat from ostensibly communist North Korea and Cold Warera laws that effectively ban activities deemed related to

Yoon's remarks and the renewed public debate over communism come with his approval ratings slipping and political tensions rising ahead of a general election in April.

time of a noticeable shift in Seoul's foreign policy as Yoon pushes for trilateral cooperation with the U.S. and Japan despite lingering public unease with Tokyo over historical issues, said Kevin Gray, a professor at University of Sussex.

There is a legitimacy problem for Yoon in the sense that the gap between popular opinion in South Korea and what is being pursued internationally is increasing," Gray said.

"He has decided to take an approach not of trying to convince people but to label the opposition as being somehow an anti-state, communist totalitarian force." In a speech earlier this month, Yoon said South Korea's freedom is "under constant threat" from "communist totalitarian and anti-state

US pledges new aid for Haiti **Monitoring Desk**

NEW YORK: The United States on Friday unveiled \$65 million more in help for Haiti's police and urged the U.N. Security Council to formally back the deployment of a multinational security mission to help the Caribbean country battle

crippling gang violence.

Speaking at a meeting in New York to address the security situation in Haiti, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the mission, led by Kenya, could deploy "within months.

'We really have no time to lose," Blinken said. Haiti last year asked for help to combat violent gangs that have largely overrun the capital Port-au-

The council could vote as soon as next week, diplomats said, on a U.S.drafted resolution supporting a multinational police deployment.

Sheriff says 9 deputies charged in death of man beaten in Memphis iail **Monitoring Desk**

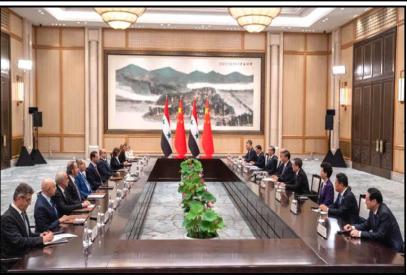
MEMPHIS: Nine Memphis jail deputies have been indicted in the death of a Black man who was having a psychotic episode and died in custody last fall after jailers punched, kicked and kneeled on his back during a confrontation, a sheriff said Wednesday.

Shelby County Sheriff Floyd Bonner, who oversees the jail where 33year-old Gershun Freeman was beaten, disclosed the existence of the indictments during a news conference Wednesday but declined to offer more details, including the names of the county jail deputies and the charges they face.

The Associated Press was unable to obtain the indictments late Wednesday.



Palau-flagged bulk carrier Aroyat is pictured at sea.



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

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

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Thursday made his second visit to Capitol Hill in another pitch to U.S. lawmakers to continue supporting his embattled nation's war effort against Russia's inva-

But on the surface, his appearance looks to have done little to change the hearts and minds of lawmakers skeptical of providing additional assistance to

Zelenskyy's stop in Washington, which included a bipartisan meeting with a

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MOSCOW: At least one

headquarters of Russia's

Black Sea navy in the

Crimean port of Sevastopol

on Friday, and a major

cyberattack interrupted

internet services on the pen-

insula, Russian-installed of-

ficials said. Russia's defence

ministry said one serviceman

was missing after the attack,

revising its earlier statement

that the serviceman had been

killed. Air defences had

downed a total of five mis-

governor of Sevastopol,

siles, the ministry said.

missile hits Black

Sea navy HQ

Ukrainian missile struck the and people were being urged

The Russian-installed war that began when Mos-

group of House lawmakers and an all-senators meeting, noticeably lacked the fanfare he saw when he addressed a joint meeting of Congress last December.

August requested lawmakers to approve another \$24 billion in additional aid related to Ukraine.

has expressed reluctance to include Ukraine aid in a spending package to fund the government, declined to commit to putting Biden's ask on the House floor on

"I think a lot of this

Mikhail Razvozhayev, said

the attack had caused a fire

to avoid the city centre

where the navy building is

located, with firefighters

working and some roads

closed. Razvozhayev said

there were no civilian casu-

alties or damage to civilian

infrastructure in his report

on the incident on the Tele-

gram messaging app. Crimea,

which Russia seized and an-

nexed from Ukraine in 2014.

has been a frequent target

of Ukrainian attacks in the

course of the 19-month-old

He hasn't made the case to the American public, what is victory? What does it take to be able to President Joe Biden in win?" McCarthy said. "But

I believe when we're looking at where we're going right now, Zelenskky has answered a lot of questions Ahead of Zelenskyy's

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who visit, a coalition of 28 ĞŎP lawmakers from the Senate and House signed a letter opposing Biden's request, arguing the White House has not done enough to persuade Congress on the war's

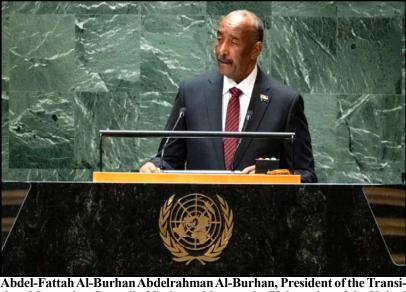
Russia says Ukraine

More than 50 arrested in latest Italy raid

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

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

Police said 38 people have been jailed, six put under house arrest and eight given orders not to leave their hometowns. Investigators have identified various criminal activities tied to the 'Ndrangheta.



tional Sovereign Council of Sudan, addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Israel on cusp of region reshaping peace with Saudi Arabia, Netanyahu says

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK CĬTY: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Friday he believed his country was on the cusp of peace with Saudi Arabia, predicting it could be clinched by US President Joe Biden and reshape the Middle East.

Yet, amid urging by Riyadh and Washington that the Palestinians be included in the diplomacy, Netanyahu told the United Nations General Assembly in New York that Palestinians should not be allowed to veto the regional

Expectations that Is-

rael might normalise relations with Saudi Arabia, the home of Islam's two holiest shrines, have been ratcheted up this week. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said a deal was getting closer by the day and Netanyahu and Biden held a longawaited meeting to discuss

Netanyahu described as a precursor the 2020 normalisation accords between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. known as the Abraham Accords and sponsored by then-US President Donald Trump

the prospects.

Kenya pledges security boost as it commemorates lomatic cables. ICC war 2013 mall massacre

Monitoring Desk

NAIROBI: Kenya pledged on Thursday to reinforce security measures against Somali militants as it commemorated a deadly mall attack which security analysts say led to improvements in the country's readiness to counter threats.

A decade after 67 people were killed during an attack by gunmen from Somalia's al Shabaab group at the upscale Westgate Mall in Nairobi and a subsequent four-day siege by security forces, militants from the group are still

launching sporadic attacks

on Kenyan soil. "Our end goal is to sustain the highest level of surveillance along our borders and covert/overt security operations across the country, and neutralise the enemy before he strikes, Raymond Omollo, a senior interior ministry official, said in a statement marking the anniversary.

Government officials laid white and red roses outside the main entrance to the mall, where affluent Kenyans and expatriates can find the latest fashion, electronics and fine dining.

Australian lawmakers call for release of **Julian Assange** during talks in Washington **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON: A crossparty delegation of Australian lawmakers that traveled to the United States seeking the release of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said they had a productive discussion in Washington with the U.S. Justice Depart-

The group of Australian lawmakers urged U.S. officials to drop their attempts to extradite Assange from a British prison to the United States, where he is wanted on charges over WikiLeaks' release of confidential U.S. military records and dip-

crimes tribunal hobbled by hacking incident

Monitoring Desk THE HAGUE: The International Criminal Court is operating under strong limitations on its digital systems after a hacking incident, sources and lawyers who work at the war crimes court said on Thursday. Two lawvers at the court, and a source close to it who asked not to be identified, said it had disconnected most of its systems that can access the internet, that employees cannot access e-mail.

Saudi ties with Israel will betray Palestinians, fears Raisi

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

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

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

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

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

SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered unspecified steps to further develop relations with Russia after his recent visit to the country as his foreign rivals warn that any cooperation on military weapons would be dangerous and bring con-sequences. Experts specu-lated North Korea and Rus-sia likely discussed banned arms transfer deals and other cooperation measures during Kim's six-day trip last week. They say the two countries are serious about sharply boosting their ties while they are engaged in separate confrontations with the West.

During a Politburo meeting on Wednesday, Kim arranged for work to be done on further developing bilateral ties at "a new high level at the practical stage" to consolidate "the success" of his Russia trip, the official Korean Central News Agency said

need to expand bilateral co-

operation in every field, making a substantial contribution to the promotion of the well-being of the people of the two countries,

KCNA said. Observers say Kim could ship ammunitions to refill Putin's exhausted arms stores to back his war efforts in Ukraine in return for receiving sophisticated weapons technologies and economic aid. The U.S., South Korea and their partners have warned that Russia and North Korea would pay a price if they proceed with such deals in breach of U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban any weapons trade with North Korea. Russia, a permanent member of the J.N. Security Council, voted

for those U.N. resolutions. Speaking before the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said any action by a permanent U.N. Security Council member to circum-Kim underscored the vent international norms would be dangerous.

911 call shows bizarre circumstances of F-35 ejection

Monitoring Desk NORTH CHARLESTON: where the airplane is. It A military pilot whose ad- would have crash landed vanced fighter jet went tem- somewhere. I ejected porarily missing over the weekend is heard repeatedly requesting an ambulance in a perplexing 911 call from the South Carolina home where he had parachuted to safety, according to an audio recording released Thursday to The

Associated Press. The four-minute recording captures the bizarre circumstances for the three unidentified people involved: a North Charleston resident calmly explaining that a pilot just parachuted into his backyard, the pilot who doesn't know what became of his F-35 jet, and a puzzled dispatcher trying to make sense of it all.

"We got a pilot in the house, and I guess he landed in my backyard, and we're trying to see if we could get an ambulance to the house, please," the resident said. The pilot, who said he

was 47, reported feeling "OK" after falling what he estimated was 2,000 feet. Only his back hurt, he said. The resident said the pilot looked fine.

"Ma'am, a military jet crashed. I'm the pilot. We need to get rescue rolling,"

the pilot said. "I'm not sure

Later in the call, he made another plea for medi-

"Ma'am, I'm a pilot in a military aircraft, and I ejected. So I just rode a parachute down to the ground. Can you please send an ambulance?" the pilot said.

The Marines have described the pilot as an experienced aviator with decades of experience in the cockpit. The F-35 crashed on Sunday after a malfunction prompted the pilot to eject over Charleston and land in the residential backyard not far from Charleston International Airport. The fighter jet, which the Marine Corps said was at an altitude of only about 1,000 feet (300 meters), kept flying for 60 miles (100 kilometers) until it crashed in a rural area near Indiantown. It took more than a day to locate the wreckage. In a separate eightminute dispatch call released Thursday to the AP, an unidentified official tried explaining that they had "a pilot with his parachute" but

Somalia seeks 90-day 'pause' in AU force drawdown: letter

Monitoring Desk NAIROBI: Violencewracked Somalia is seeking a three-month delay in the planned reduction of African Union troops after suffering "several significant setbacks" in its fight against Al-Shabaab militants, according to a government let-

Somalia's national security adviser wrote to the United Nations requesting a 90-day delay in the second phase of a pullout that provides for the departure of 3,000 troops by the end of September, according to

ter seen by AFP.

"The Federal Government of Somalia formally requests a technical pause in the drawdown of the 3,000 African Union Transition in Somalia (ATMIS) uniformed personnel by three months," it said.

A diplomatic source confirmed the authenticity of the letter and another source close to the issue also told AFP that such a request had been made.

AFP reached out to several Somali government officials, who did not com-UN resolutions call

for the ATMIS force to be

no information about what

happened to his plane or

word of a crash.

reduced to zero by the end of next year, putting security fully in the hands of the national army and po-That has proven difficult in the troubled Horn of Africa nation, where AU

troops first deployed in

2007 with a six-month mandate, but remain on the ground today. Somali launched a major offensive against the Al-Qaeda affiliated Al-Shabaab in central Somalia in August last year, joining forces with local clan

militias in an operation backed by the AU force and US air strikes. The Islamist militant group has been waging a bloody insurgency to try to overthrow the fragile internationally backed govern-

ment in Mogadishu for more than 15 years.

Alvi for enhanced Pak-Saudi coop. in economic, defence sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday said Pakistan highly valued its relations with Saudi Arabia and was committed to enhancing bilateral economic, investment and defence ties.

Talking to the visiting Chief of General Staff of the Saudi Armed Forces General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili, who led a delegation here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, he said Pakistan was looking for investment from Saudi Arabia and other countries in diverse fields.

President Alvi mentioned that Pakistan had huge potential in four key sectors including agriculture, information technology, energy and mining.

In this regard, a Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has been set up to serve as a one-window platform to fast-track decision-making and facilitate foreign direct invest-

Expressing satisfaction at the existing level of Pak-Saudi bilateral cooperation, the president said that the high-level exchanges of military leadership of the two countries would further boost defence cooperation. Alvi said he was highly impressed by the vision of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman that led to the

normalisation of relations between the Kingdom and Iran, which he said, was essential to bring peace and prosperity to the region.

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

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

The president lauded the role of Saudi Arabia on the platform of the Organization of the Islamic Coop-

eration (OIC) in highlighting the plight of the Muslims in Palestine, Kashmir and Afghanistan. He asked General Fayyadh bin Hamed to convey his warm regards to Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman. General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoyed close ties in various fields since the beginning and called for further improvement in their bilateral ties. He said the Kingdom's vision 2030 would bring prosperity to the neighbouring countries and to the Islamic world. Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf Bin Saeed Al-Malki attended the meeting.



Ruwaili alongwith members of his delegation meeting with President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki talking with a patient during his visit to BINUQ.

ECP would have to give 54

days to political parties for

announcement by the ECP

that elections would take

place in the first week of

January, which ended pro-

paganda against the care-

cisms of Fawad Hassan

Fawad, who served in the

civil service for over 35

vears, the minister high-

lighted that Fawad had

worked with various gov-

servants had no power over

choosing their assignments,

and that unfounded criti-

been unjustly imprisoned

He stressed that civil

Responding to a

query, the minister ex-

pressed his commitment to

As regards the criti-

taker government.

ernments.

was unfair.

ister of Sindh.

Sharif's matter.

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information &

Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi addressing the

Press Conference at Governor House Karachi. Gov-

Ali Hassan Zehri says

ECP should have

announced the final

date of elections

to Pakistan. He said that no

one will be allowed to steal

the mandate of the People's

Party and the party work-

ers of Pakistan People's

Party are fully prepared for

the elections. He further

said that we have always

demanded timely, transpar-

ent and fair elections. In our

view, fair and impartial elec-

tions are the cause of po-

litical and economic stabil-

made it clear that if the elec-

tions are delayed or the ac-

tion of 2018 election is re-

peated, then strong resis-

tance will have to be faced

due to which the country

has to face an irreparable

economic and political cri-

sis. He demanded that the

final date of the upcoming elec-

tions should be announced

and the election commission

officer of each district should

be given the powers of the

returning officer so that the

transparency of the election

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

ity in the country.

Independent Report

HUB: Senior leader of Pa-

kistan Peoples Party and

president Hub district, Mir

Ali Hassan Zehri has ex-

pressed his reaction to the

Election Commission's de-

cision to hold the upcom-

ing elections in the last

week of January, calling the

announcement unconstitu-

tional and undemocratic. He

expressed his regret for not

announcing the final date on

behalf of the Election Com-

mission and said that Chair-

man Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari had demanded the

final date of the elections

before and he still stands by

People's Party rejects any

such unconstitutional ac-

tion that may harm democ-

racy. Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari has also expressed

his reservations on the

Election Commission's an-

nouncement and the future

action plan with the party's

He said that The

this demand.

ernor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori also present.

Solangi welcomed the

their election campaign.

All political parties to be provided level-playing field for elections: Solangi

KARACHI (APP): Care- Election Act, he said the taker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi Friday reiterated the caretaker government's commitment for providing a level-playing field to all registered political parties during the general elections.

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

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

He pointed to Article cism of someone who had 51 (5) of the Constitution, stating that elections would be held in line with the re-Solangi also clarified that Fawad Hassan Fawad had no political affiliations. cently approved census after delimitation of the constituencies.

The minister disclosed that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was actively engaged in the delimitation process and announced that preliminary results of the process would be announced on November 27, with the final results set for release on November 30.

In accordance with the

Caretaker **CM visits PTV Ouetta center** Independent Report

OUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visited the Pakistan Television Quetta center on

On reaching PTV Quetta center, the caretaker Chief Minister was welcomed by the General Manager, Syed Fahim Shah and his team.

Mr. Domki visited different sections of the PTV and assured that the caretaker Federal Minister Information would be invited to resolve the issues being faced by the PTV Quetta center.

Meanwhile, the caretaker Chief Minister also recorded his interview for a programme to be telecast at

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

pursuing justice in the Jan NEW YORK (Online) Muhammad Mahar murder Caretaker Foreign Minister case, noting that he had per-(FM) Jalil Abbas Jillani has sonally raised the matter said Kashmir is very vital with the interim chief minissue and it should be resolved as per UN resolu-Solangi said the caretaker government had noth-

"All the outstanding ing to do with Nawaz issues between Pakistan and India can come to end only if Kashmir issue is resolved, he said in an interview to Al-Jazeera TV here.

He went on to say resolving Kashmir issue as per UN resolutions is very

Over 7 lac Indian armed troops are there in Occupied Kashmir. While Indian security forces are involved in brazen violations of human rights

He reiterated Pakistan will continue to support Kashmiris at every forum. Palestine issue should

also be addressed on prior ity basis for establishment of peace in Middle East.

Emergency nor martial law can be imposed, Khursheed

ISLAMABAD (Online) Senior Leader of PPP Syed Khursheed Shah said that Election Commission (EC) should have given only a date for elections. Neither Emergency nor martial law can be imposed in current situation.

While talking to media PPP Leader Syed Khursheed Shah said that when the last week of January was given then one of the 6 days of last week should have been given. This is constitutional matter where constitution is being violated. The responsibility of judiciary is there.

PPP Leader further said that it does not matter how many years the caretaker governments plan. We have become affiliated with a decease which can only be cured in a democratic and parliamentary system. If they don't hold elections then what will they do when senate is over?

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

(APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said that Pakistan looked forward to the fulfillment of the climate change commitments made at COP28 by the developed world including the provision of over \$100 billion in annual climate fi-

The prime minister, in his address at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, said the developed countries had committed to allocate at least half of climate finance for adaptation in developing countries, besides operationalising the Fund tries.

for Loss and Damage.

He said the developed world had also pledged to

accelerate their carbon emission mitigation targets to 'keep alive" the goal of restricting global warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade. The prime minister

called for resisting the attempts to selectively provide such funds on the basis of geo-political considerations. He told the world leaders that Pakistan's triple food, fuel and finance challenge was a prime illustration of the impacts of COVID-19, conflicts and climate on developing coun-

Amjad visits Turkish Aerospace Industries

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Finance. Amiad Rasheed visited the Turkish Aerospace Industries Pakistan office in Islamabad on Friday.

During the visit, Amjad Rasheed discussed with the representative of Turkish Aerospace industries in Pakistan, Sohail Sajid the matters of mutual Speaking on the occa-

sion, Minister Finance said that the Turkish Aerospace Industries is the biggest defense production industry collective approach

of Turkey, which has shown interest in working in the related sectors with mutual partnership. He described the process of initial talks with the concerned people in Turkish Aerospace Industries Islamabad office as pleasant, saying that we can do a lot for Pakistan and Balochistan. Amjad Rasheed also said that we have to move ahead together with the world in the progress based on the innovation. In addition to this, we also have to make struggle for moving

Balochistan He said that 60 opera-

BINUQ successfully.
The caretaker Chief Minister on the occasion forward by adopting the announced to establish di-



QUETTA: A view of rally in connection with Eid Milad un Nabi (SAWW). CJ Qazi Faez participates in QAU syndicate meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Quaid-e-Azam University convened its Syndicate meeting yesterday, bringing together all members, including the distinguished presence of Chief

Justice of Pakistan, Qazi Faez Isa. The meeting, chaired by University's Vice Chancellor, Dr. Niaz Akhtar, said a press release on Friday. During the meeting, Vice Chancellor Dr. Niaz Akhtar presented a detailed overview of the university's key achievements and ongoing challenges. Among the chal-

pending issues related to land grabbing, which have been a source of concern for the university. Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa showed deep concern for the longstanding land issues plaguing Quaid-i-Azam University. Recognizing the gravity of the situation he has instructed to prioritize and expedite the resolution of these land-related challenges.

The agenda also encompassed deliberations on the recommendations

Buleda's talented artist prepares portrait of caretaker CM, presents him

Independent Report
QUETTA: The talented artist belonging to Buleda area of Kech prepared the hand made portrait of the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki and presented the same to him here on Friday.

The artist Sharif Qazi came all the way from Buleda to present the gift

of portrait to the Chief Minister put forth by the Selection lenges discussed were Board. ANP leaders reiterate demand of forming judicial commission to probe into killing of Arbab Kasi

Independent Report QUETTA: The provincial

President of Awami National Party (ANP), Asghar Khan Achakzai and other leaders of different parties have reiterated the demand for forming a judicial commission to probe into what it termed targeted killing of ANP's leader, Arbab Ghulam Muhammad

While addressing a public meeting in Chaman on Friday, the ANP provincial president and other leaders said that the target killing of Arbab Ghulam Advocate is the outcome of ongoing wave of terrorism and extremism imposed on

the Pashtoonkhaw land. They said that Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi was not only a senior ideological leader of the party, but he was also a thorough

gentleman and a passionate

They termed his martyrdom an irreparable loss to the national movement of the ANP. They also said that the services of late Arbab Ghulam Muhammad Kasi would always be remembered The ANP leaders on

the occasion appealed to the Chief Justice of Paki-stan, Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa to ensure implementation on the inquiry report of the 8th August's civil hospital tragedy They said the ANP

would continue to raise forceful voice for resolving the issues of Pashtoons and other oppressed people.

Others who addressed the meeting were included the provincial General Secretary of ANP, Mabat Salahuddin Kakar,

Watanyar, Asghar Ali Tareen, leader Pashtoonkhaw Awami Party, Hayat Khan Achakzai, leader of National Democratic Party, Javed Afgha, ANP's Abdul Khaliq Haqmal and others. They strongly con-

demned the assassination of ANP's leader and demanded that the characters behind it should be exposed. They also condemned the insulting behavior meted out with the Pashtoons in different cities of the country. Moreover, they criticized the economic policies of the rulers terming it the economic massacre of Baloch and Pashtoons. They said that the economic life of the labourers and other people is being made miserable under the garb of anti-smug-

gling activities

International standard kidney transplant started at local level, says caretaker Chief Minister

Ali Mardan Domki says dialysis units to be established at district level to facilitate patients

He said that the train-

ing of local technicians has

of the province.

New Urology Block inaugurated at BINUQ:

Independent Report

OUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, been started at BINUQ to Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki inaugurated the newly built Urology Block in the Balochistan Institute of Nephro-Urology Quetta (BINUQ) here on Friday.

Also present on the occasion were the caretaker Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogtezai, Secretary Health, Asfandyar Khan Kakar, Chief Executive of BINUQ, Professor Dr. Karim Zarkoon besides other senior doctors, experts and staff of the BINUQ.

Speaking on the occasion, the caretaker Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the functioning of BINUQ and noted with contentment that the international standard kidney transplant has been started at local level in

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alysis units in all districts

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Pakistan Party and former

senior Minister Puniab.

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

Naval Chief attends Int'l Seapower Symposium in USA

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

The event involved panel discussions on issues related to common maritime challenges and opportunities to enhance international maritime security coopera-

Heads of World Navies or their senior representatives attended ISS-25.

Chief Admiral Muhammad

During ISS, Naval Amjad Khan Niaz held bi- the region.

lateral meetings and intertional Naval dignitaries from Spain, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Netherlands, and Saudi Arabia.

Amjad Khan Niazi briefed the participants on Maritime Perspective of Pakistan with special focus on its contributions to regional maritime security.

He said Pakistan A Large number of Navy's initiative of Regional Maritime Security Patrol, which is aimed to shoulder international obligations for safe and secure maritime environment in

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan, Jemal Beker Abdula called on Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani here at the Parliament House today.

The meeting focused on reinforcing the longstanding and friendly relationship between Pakistan and Ethiopia, concentrating on enhancing trade, parliamentary cooperation, and matters of mutual in-

Chairman Sanjrani emphasized the importance of the existing strong bond between the two nations, rooted in shared history, common interests, and mutual support at international platforms. He stressed the need to foster trade and economic ties, highlighting the facilitation and improvement of contacts between Pakistani and Ethiopian mentation of bilateral trade volume and applauded the resumption of flights between Pakistan and Ethiopia. Chairman Sanjrani Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani lauded the initiative, stating that it would enhance connectivity not only within Africa but also with Pakistan. He further stressed the significance of increasing cooperation and public relations in the field of education and addressing global challenges such as Islamophobia through interfaith harmony and mutual respect.

Ambassador Jemal Beker Abdula reaffirmed Ethiopia's importance under Pakistan's Engage Africa policy and invited Chairman Šanjrani to visit Ethiopia on behalf of the Ethiopian Parliament's



QUETTA: Chief of National Party Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch addressing a protest against inflation and increase in electricity and gas prices.

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