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

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

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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 emergency 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 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-

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 and ware houses present in 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 operation carried out then,

etc. Similarly, the meeting was also informed about the progress of project of disaster management villages in the district headquarters, training programme of the PDMA and future course of action to tackle the challenges.

Those who were in attendance at the meeting were included caretaker Provincial Minister for Home and PDMA, Zubair Jamali, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, senior Member Board of Revenue, Abdul Saboor Kakar, Director General PDMA, Jahanzaib Khan, Additional Secretary Finance, Habibur Rehman and other concerned high ups.

Governor greets Pashtoon nation on Pashtoon Culture day being observed today

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has greeted the whole Pashtoon nation on the Pashtoon culture day being observed today (Saturday).

In a felicitation statement issued here on Friday, the Governor Balochistan said that strong relationship exists between the Pashtoon and their culture. He said that the culture is the name of colourful and beauty of the social life in a specific geography.

He also said that the culture is actually is the name of leading collective way of life, and it is a collection of longstanding traditions and brilliant values,

the Governor maintained. The culture is also a historic continuity with which our past and present is associated and on the basis of which, we determine the direction of our future, he added.

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 moulding according to the requirements of modern era.

The Governor was of the strong view that the spirit of every national culture is its mother language, so there is also a need to promote harmony and unity among different languages and civilizations.



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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special 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 divisions.

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

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 CPEC, 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.

Caretaker CM meets general public, issues orders on certain applications

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

The people belonging to different walks of life 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 Income Support Program.

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



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

PM Kakar calls for countering all terrorists including Hindutva inspired extremists

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

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

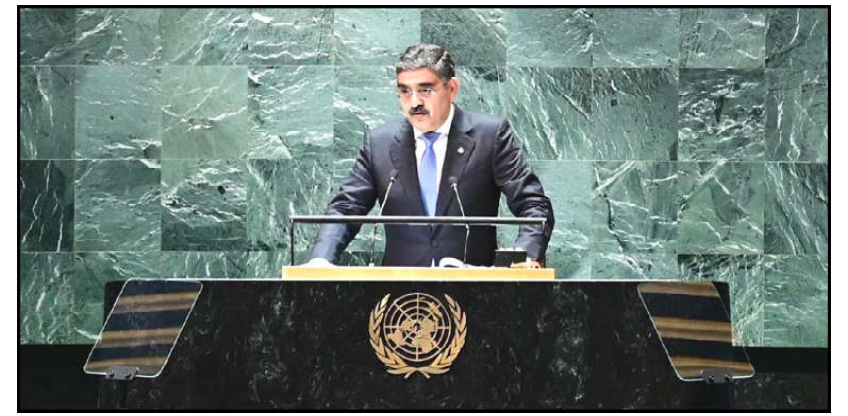
"India has evaded implementation of the Security Council's resolutions which call for the 'final disposition' of Jammu and Kashmir to be decided by its people through UN-supervised plebiscite," he told the UN General Assembly in its iconic hall with several world leaders, top diplomats and officials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

In his maiden address to the 193-member Assembly's high-level session, PM Kakar also focused on a range of issues, including the cross-border terrorist attacks against Pakistan by Afghanistan-based TTP; the Palestine

tragedy; the threat posed by far-right groups like Hindutva-inspired extremists; Islamophobia; global economic crises stemming from Covid, conflict and climate change; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Pakistan's efforts to recover from its economic challenges, and the UNSC reform.

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

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



ments, destroying entire villages.

"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.

In this regard, the prime minister called for the reinforcement of the UN Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), stressing

that global powers should convince New Delhi to accept Pakistan's offer of mutual restraint on strategic and conventional weapons.

Pakistan, he said, shared the concerns of international community with respect to Afghanistan, its first priority being to prevent and counter all terrorism from and within that neighbouring country.

"Yet," the prime minister said, "we advocate

continued humanitarian assistance to a destitute Afghan population in which Afghan girls and women are the most vulnerable; as well as revival of the Afghan economy and implementation of the connectivity projects with Central Asia.

"Pakistan condemns the cross-border terrorist attacks against Pakistan by the TTP, Da'esh and other groups operating from Afghanistan," he said.

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Solangi says Govt. to create conducive environment for elections

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Friday that the government will create a conducive environment for general elections.

During a meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir, he said the caretaker dispensation will perform its duties according to the constitution and no one will be discriminated.

In the meeting, they discussed important issues including conducting free, fair, and transparent elections and providing facilities to the media during the election process.

The minister said that conducting free, fair, and transparent elections was the common responsibility of the relevant institutions.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq released after 4-year house arrest

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: Top Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has been released from his four-year long house arrest in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

This significant development follows his detention in 2019 when India revoked Kashmir's special status, plunging the region into political turmoil.

After his release, Mirwaiz was allowed to lead Friday prayers in Srinagar, the principal city of the disputed territory.

Mirwaiz, aged 50, was visibly emotional as he addressed the congregation from the pulpit of a historic mosque in Srinagar. His return to public life was met with tears of joy from numerous supporters who had awaited his release.

Police constable injured in grenade attack

QUETTA (INP): A police constable was injured in a firing and grenade attack on a police vehicle in Kuchlak town on Friday, police said.

Unidentified assailants attacked the patrolling vehicle as it was passing through the area. A crossfire took place between the two sides, and the constable was shot in the leg.

The injured cop, identified as Constable Ali Khan, was taken to Civil Hospital where his condition is said to be stable.

Police have launched an investigation into the attack, but no arrests have been made so far.

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

NEW YORK (INP): Prime 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.

In an interview with PTV News in New York, he said government's reform agenda includes increasing tax net, privatization as well as power sector reforms.

He said this has developed confidence in international financial institutions and they are now optimistic about Pakistan's economic stability.

The Prime Minister said Pakistan and the IMF are on the same page vis a vis grant of subsidies to the underprivileged segments of the society.

To a question regarding aid pledges to Pakistan, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said pledges of almost ten billion dollars were made in the aftermath of floods in the country. It will be ensured that these are converted into tangible resources to be used for rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood affected areas.

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said Pakistan has deep rooted relations with China. He said Pakistan has also diversified its relations with 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 be very unrealistic expectation from Pakistan to have its relations with one country at the cost of the other.

The Prime Minister categorically stated that Pakistan will develop, design and exhibit its foreign relations in independent spheres.

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

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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 involvement 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.

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 stage.

"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."

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

KARTARPUR (Online): There is an urgent need to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Devji. Guru Nanak's life teaches us how to live with peace and prosperity. These views were expressed by the Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George during his visit to Kartarpur on the occasion of Guru Nanak Devji's death anniversary. The Federal Minister visited the shrine of 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 communities. Which he always taught in his teachings. We all have to work for peace in our personal and public life.

The Caretaker Federal Minister further said that today's leaders who are involved in petty power politics and self-interest 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.

He expressed appreciation for their efforts to enhance prisoners' rehabilitation. He noted that the prison was conducting various training programmes aimed at developing skills of inmates.



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

Govt taken steps including SIFC to boost the economy of the country: Governor

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LAHORE: A delegation of CEO Club Worldwide Pakistan & UAE Chapter 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-Zarooni, President Mohammad Ijaz, Chairman Akhuwat Foundation, Amjad Saqib, Senior Journalist Mujibur Rahman Shami and distinguished business personalities. In the meeting, issues of mutual interest, trade and opportunities for local entrepreneurs to start business ventures in the UAE were discussed in detail.

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, hopefully there will be more improvement in the future, he added.

He further stated that the government has taken steps including establishment of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) and Export Processing Zones to boost the economy of the country.

He said that there is a 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 business ventures in UAE is commendable.



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

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

RAWALPINDI (Online): Justice Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal of Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi bench has sent petition filed against sealing of Lal Haveli by 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 week. The court however issued notice to deputy administrator and deputy chairman of ETPB.

Sheikh Siddique, brother of Sheikh Rashid while making chairman ETPB as respondent through his counsel Sardar Abdul Razaq and Sardar Shahbaz has taken plea that one petition of the petitioner regarding Lal Haveli is already pending hearing in the court. Upon it the court has sought parawise reply from ETPB.

It was right of the petitioner that he would have been provided proper opportunity. But deputy administrator along with heavy contingent of police and other institutions sealed Lal Haveli without any notice at 6 a.m on Thursday. The court by stopping it from taking any step for the sake of transparent trial had ordered to hear the stance of petitioner.

MC issues notice to 107 institutions on violation of laws

SAHIWAL (INP): The 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 the building plan approved 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 briefing.

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



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

MIRPUR (INP): Vice President Telenor Pakistan, Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi was called on AJK Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq at Jammu and Kashmir House here Friday and discussed the issues of mutual interest with special reference to the cellular phone services operated by the Telenor company in the State.

Speaking on the occasion, Chaudhry Anwaar ul Haq said that Telenor should improve its service quality to the satisfaction of its customers in AJK.

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 regard.

The PM said that the Easy Paisa facility offered by Telenor was also very important for the benefit of the people. He also stressed the need for 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 spend money on CSR projects for the citizens of Azad Kashmir.

Raza Zulfiqar Naqvi gave a detailed briefing to the prime minister regarding the service-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 customers.



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

Crackdown against counterfeit drugs leads to significant seizures

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PESHAWAR: The 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 Control Peshawar 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 services. The seized contraband includes a staggering 37,000 counterfeit tablets and medicines, supposedly procured by the Sindh government. Investigations are underway to trace the origin of these fake drugs within Peshawar.

In the Namak Mandi area, 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 personnel.

Railways to shut down Shalimar Express

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

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

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

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

Karachi University teachers announce complete boycott of classes from today

KARACHI (INP): The 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.

The association demanded that the Sindh chief minister take immediate notice of the administrative crisis at the KU and order investigations through a commission into non-approval of the university budget for six years.

The participants of the meeting expressed their anger over the appointment of part-time teachers at Rs600 per lecture and the non-payment of salaries to them for over six months 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. Penal hospitals should be restored without any delay," they added.

"MPhil/PhD fee waiver should be restored immediately. The restoration of the dilapidated infrastructure of the university is urgently needed," they demanded further.

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.

While 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 elections?

CM visits Ningxia Medical University

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited Ningxia Medical 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 on Friday.

The CM appreciated the innovative approach with regard to medical education, saying that innovation is need of the hour.

A wonderful work was being 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 said.

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



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

Minister vows action on human rights issues

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PESHAWAR: A meeting was convened at the office of Mr. Syed Arshad Husain Shah, the caretaker minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, and Human Rights in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the state of human rights in the province and the necessary measures needed to enhance and fortify the 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 the current human rights situation in the province and the difficulties faced by the Directorate General in carrying out its human rights related responsibilities. The team emphasized the urgent need to establish regional divisions within the Directorate 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, the Minister stated his intention to convene a meeting with the Police and Revenue departments 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 raise awareness about human rights issues. Additionally, he suggested that the Directorate General should engage with journalists to effectively communicate its performance.



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

DI KHAN (INP): Central 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 for general elections to put a permanent end to the uncertainty surrounding the electoral process in the country.

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 date was a part of the constitutional procedure, but the ECP had neither given any schedule for the election nor announced its 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 a principled position that elections should be held in accordance with 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 the wishes and consultation of the coalition parties, we agreed to hold the election within 90 days.

Dengue tally reaches 854 cases in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI (INP): The 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 hours in Rawalpindi, while 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 34 dengue patients are being treated at Benazir Hospital. Meanwhile, the district administration had registered 61 FIRs and 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 of the species Aedes aegypti and, to a lesser extent, Ae. albopictus.

SYMPTOMS
Dengue should be suspected when a high fever (40°C/104°F) is accompanied by 2 of the following symptoms during the febrile phase, severe headache.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of merge districts led by former MNA Maulana Jamal ud Din meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 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

LAHORE (APP): 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 could not provide gas on 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, and making efforts to provide

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 counties 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 development process counter.

APPA urges Governor State Bank to timely conduct biometrics

ISLAMABAD (APP): All Pakistan Pensioners Association (APPA) General Secretary 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 statement here, the Association General Secretary said it was not possible for pensioners to submit biometrics along with life and no marriage certificate together, which was against the policy. Tanuli said blocking the pension account of a pensioner on this basis was

illegal and this issue should be resolved immediately so 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 March and September every year. "And if for any reason, if the biometric is not obtained, then the pensioner will have to submit the life certificate. Similarly, if a widow is a pensioner, then she will also be required to undergo biometrics and submit a no marriage certificate.

Mutation deed of FBR land handed over to buyers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Privatization Fawad Hassan Fawad on Friday met Sohaib Ilaahi, 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 2020, on behalf of the Federal Board of Revenue (Custom Department), while the full payment was made in February 2021, said a press release. The transaction faced legal issues from Government of Punjab.

Govt focused on strengthening capital market to bolster economy: Gohar Ejaz

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production, Dr Gohar Ejaz, on Friday, said that the 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 integrated measures in 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, 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

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) has ruled that Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Service Corporation (PASSCO) is a public body under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. According to the press release, this decision emphasizes the dedication to transparency and the 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 corporate commercial entity as a Public Limited

Company with 75% of its capital held by commercial banks and 25% by the Federal Government, performs a substantial public role. The Government holds administrative authority over PASSCO, as established by Rule of Business (Entry No. 31). In accordance with Section 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 of Pakistan ruled that, for certain purposes. The Japanese Yen came down by 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 respectively.

Finance Minister suggests listing of govt debt securities at PSX

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr. 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 enable efficient implementation of these

reforms. The 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. She believes that the Centralized Gateway Portal can provide the impetus for the much-needed growth of our investor base.

Dr. Shamshad appreciated that the CGP provide immense opportunities to investors and great convenience to market intermediaries by removing duplications and streamlining the customer onboarding process. She appreciated SECP for its efforts and constructive reforms for facilitating investors' onboarding, with having the potential 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 platform, we are now faced with the critical part of realizing the potential it offers.



Meeting on PIA's restructuring leading to Privatisation held under the Chairmanship of Minister Fawad Hasan Fawad, Advisor to PM on Aviation is also present.

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 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 respectively.

LESCO receives Rs 61.31m on 10th day of recovery campaign

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), has recovered Rs 61.31 million from 1,126 chronic defaulters in all its circles on the tenth day of its recovery campaign. A spokesman told the media here on Friday that Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafar Iqbal, with the support of Tehsildar City Mujahid Zia and Tehsildar Shalimar Noreez Humayun, recovered outstanding dues of Rs 4.29 million from 129 defaulters in Northern Circle and Rs 35.62 million from 117 defaulters in Eastern Circle, respectively. Similarly, LESCO Manager (Material Disposal) Engineer Anwar Wattoo, along with Tehsildar Model Town Rana Arsal and Tehsildar

Cannt Sajjad Qureshi, recovered Rs 3.75 million from 129 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 1.64 million from 68 defaulters in South Circle, while Manager (Technical) Engineer Muhammad Farooq, with the assistance of Tehsildar Nankana Sahib Muhammad Iqbal Rasheed and Tehsildar Sheikhupura Muhammad Aslam Gujjar, recovered Rs 2.14 million from 78 defaulters in Nankana Circle and Rs 2.86 million from 79 defaulters in Sheikhupura Circle. He added that LESCO Manager E&S (PMU) 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 and Rs 9.12 million from 399 defaulters in Kasur Circle.

Kazakhstan delegation keen to explore business, investment prospects in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): A business delegation of Kazakhstan led by its 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 many items. He said that last year, a trade delegation

of Kazakhstan was organized to Pakistan and hoped that the visit of 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 the shortest route through Arabian Sea.



LAHORE: Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Mghammad 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 and Regulatory Framework for Digital Banks. This remarkable achievement has positioned TMB as a digital bank poised to offer a wide array of exciting financial services primarily through digital 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 and 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.

PSX continues with bullish trend, gains 219 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): 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 46,421.15 points against 46,202.13 points the previous day. A total of 172,894,248 shares valuing Rs. 6.269 billion were traded during the day as compared to 172,158,686 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 companies remained unchanged. The three top-trading companies were Cnergyco PK with 10,563,972 shares at Rs3.09 per share, WorldCall Telecom with 10,059,097 shares at 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.



Interim Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali held 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 SBP in Lahore.

SBP launches 'Diamond' category of Sohni Dharti Remittance Program

KARACHI (APP): In a bid to further encourage remittances through formal channels, the State Bank of Pakistan, Friday, launched a new 'Diamond' category of the Sohni Dharti Remittance Program (SDRP) that offers enhanced points and additional benefits to remitters. The category will be effective from September 22, 2023, in addition to existing three - Green, Gold and Platinum - categories of SDRP that is a point-based loyalty program in which

remitters accumulate reward points by sending remittances through formal channels of SBP regulated entities, said a statement issued here. Former Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in his budget speech for FY24 had announced the addition of Diamond category with enhanced reward points and provision of other benefits like arms license of non-prohibited bore, preferential treatment at Pakistan embassies and airports and gratis passport to the Diamond Category holders.



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.

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 agricul-

ture, 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 investment.

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 Mohammed 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 relations 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 Mohammed 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.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of General Staff of the Saudi armed forces, General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili along with 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.

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

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker 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 caretaker 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 51 (5) of the Constitution, stating that elections would be held in line with the recently approved census after delimitation of the constituencies.

The minister 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

Election Act, he said the ECP would have to give 54 days to political parties for their election campaign.

Solangi welcomed the announcement by the ECP that elections would take place in the first week of January, which ended propaganda against the caretaker government.

As regards the criticisms of Fawad Hassan Fawad, who served in the civil service for over 35 years, the minister highlighted that Fawad had worked with various governments.

He stressed that civil servants had no power over choosing their assignments, and that unfounded criticism of someone who had been unjustly imprisoned was unfair.

Solangi also clarified that Fawad Hassan Fawad had no political affiliations.

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

Solangi said the caretaker government had nothing to do with Nawaz Sharif's matter.

Caretaker CM visits PTV Quetta center

Independent Report
 QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visited the Pakistan Television Quetta center on Friday.

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 the PTV.



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

Ali Hassan Zehri says ECP should have announced the final date of elections

Independent Report
 HUB: Senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party and president Hub district, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri has expressed his reaction to the Election Commission's decision to hold the upcoming elections in the last week of January, calling the announcement unconstitutional and undemocratic. He expressed his regret for not announcing the final date on behalf of the Election Commission and said that Chairman Bilawal Bhattto Zardari had demanded the final date of the elections before and he still stands by this demand.

He said that The People's Party rejects any such unconstitutional action that may harm democracy. Bilawal Bhattto Zardari has also expressed his reservations on the Election Commission's announcement and the future action plan with the party's consultation on his return

to Pakistan. He said that no one will be allowed to steal the mandate of the People's Party and the party workers of Pakistan People's Party are fully prepared for the elections. He further said that we have always demanded timely, transparent and fair elections. In our view, fair and impartial elections are the cause of political and economic stability in the country.

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri made it clear that if the elections are delayed or the action of 2018 election is repeated, then strong resistance will have to be faced due to which the country has to face an irreparable economic and political crisis. He demanded that the final date of the upcoming elections 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 is not questioned.

Kashmir issue should be resolved as per UN resolutions

NEW YORK (Online): Caretaker Foreign Minister (FM) Jilil Abbas Jillani has said Kashmir is very vital issue and it should be resolved as per UN resolutions.

"All the outstanding 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 important.

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

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

Palestine issue should also be addressed on priority 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 disease 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

UNITED NATIONS (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 finance.

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

and funding arrangements 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 countries.

Amjad visits Turkish Aerospace Industries

Independent Report
 QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Finance, Amjad 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 interests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Finance said that the Turkish Aerospace Industries is the biggest defense production industry

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 he has 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 forward by adopting the collective approach.



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 challenges discussed were

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 put forth by the Selection 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 Kasi.

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 Pashtoonkhalaw 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 lawyer.

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 Pakistan, Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa to ensure implementation of 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 provincial General Secretary of ANP, Mabat Kakar, Salahuddin

New Urology Block inaugurated at BINUQ: 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

Independent Report
 QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, 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 Jogteza, 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 Balochistan.

He said that 60 operations of kidney transplants have been conducted at BINUQ successfully.

The caretaker Chief Minister on the occasion announced to establish dialysis units in all districts

of the province.

He said that the training of local technicians has been started at BINUQ to run the dialysis units at the district level.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki also referred to the commitment made by the President of Isteekam-e-

Pakistan Party and former senior Minister Punjab, Aleem Khan and said that he has already made commitment to establish a modern dialysis unit in Quetta.

He said that we would also request him (Aleem Khan) for the dialysis units at the district level.



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 cooperation.

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

During ISS, Naval Chief Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi held bi-

lateral meetings and interactions with senior International 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 Navy's initiative of Regional Maritime Security Patrol, which is aimed to shoulder international obligations for safe and secure maritime environment in the region.

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 interest.

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 businessmen.

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

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

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides expressing their commitment to strengthening the bilateral ties between Pakistan and Ethiopia.



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