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No specific group will || either be opposed or supported in election: **Caretaker PM**

Delimitation of constituencies is a constitutional demand, and we should abide by this regulation if we believe in supremacy of the constitution; Says slashed government expense, high revenue tops his agenda

ISLAMABAD/LONDON should abide by this regu-(Online): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said he assures election process will be fully fair, transparent and free and no specific group will either be supported or opposed in the election.

In an exclusive interview with foreign media, he said we are entering into the electoral process and the time span, which has been given to the interim government, is according to the law and the constitution.

The Prime Minister said delimitation of constituencies is a constitutional demand, and we

lation if we believe in supremacy of the constitu-

To a question about 9th May incidents, he said people have the right to express their sentiments under prescribed law, but we can't allow vandalism in the name of protest or if people are going violent then that kind of situation is not acceptable under any democratic system.

Regarding alleged US involvement in PTI Chief's ousting from the power, he said PTI members have re

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Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Gwadar port to be made operational as transit port soon, says caretaker CM

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the Gwadar port would be made operational as the transit port soon.
The caretaker Chief

Minister was speaking to the media persons in Gwadar on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were caretaker Provincial Minister for Information. Jan Muhammad Achakzai besides other concerned high ups.

The Chief Minister said that vessel monitoring system is going to be made effective for support of the coast guard and Navy.

He said that we are fully trying to prevent the illegal trawling.

Although, it is responsibility of the provincial government to resolve the issue of illegal trawling, however, in this regard, the assistance of federal government would also be taken, he maintained.

The Chief Minister also said that the work is continued with full determination for completion of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) so as carry on the economic activities there.

To a question, he mentioned that the Election Commission has announced to hold general elections in the last week of January, however, the final date or schedule has not been an-



GWADAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki talking with mediamen at China Business Center

Every person is bound to provide information based on facts regarding one's tax payment which needs no scrutiny: SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Justice Athar Minallah has remarked it is settled law with reference to taxable assets that any person is bound to provide information based on facts regarding his tax payment which needs not to be scrutinized. He further remarked if

the need arises to scrutinize the matters of any person then we should understand that the matter is not according to law.

A 3-member bench of Supreme Court (SC) presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up tax related case for hearing Tuesday.

The petitioner told the court which record was sought by the court is not

with me completely. The CJP inquired no income tax officer has come

with you.

The counsel said no one has come with me. The CJP remarked we have said income tax case can run as long as the man of respective department is with you. Assistance is not provided to the court and then say there is stay of SC

in the case valuing million

and billion of rupees. The court remarked we are issuing notice on it to respective authorities that they should present record of all the case in the court. Secondly we are warning other authorities that they should ensure in income tax and other tax matters that we will not hear any case without proper assistance. If any such case comes it

will stand dismissed. We Continued on page 2



GWADAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a high level meeting regarding development projects

Imran Khan moved to Adiala jail

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: A day after the Islamabad High Court's (IHC) order, authorities on Tuesday shifted incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan to Rawalpindi's Adiala jail from Attock prison followng high drama.

The PTI chief was shifted to Adiala jail amid ight security. An 18-venicle convoy — including 15 vehicles of Islamabad police — two armoured vehicles and an ambulance escorted Khan from Attock to Adiala prison via motorway.

A day earlier, IHC CJ Aamer Faroog expressed his annoyance over keeping an 'under-trial prisoner in Attock jail instead of Adiala jail and directed the concerned authorities to move Khan — who is currently serving a three-year sentence in the Toshakhana corruption case. — to the

Confusion arose as officials of Adiala jail denied reports of the former prime minister's shifting to the prison after his lawyers made such claims.

ECP to release preliminary constituency list today

(SLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is set to unveil the preliminary roser of new electoral constituencies derived from the digital Census 2023 on Wednesday. Despite the initial release date set for October 10, the commission wrapped up its work

15 days ahead of schedule. Consequently, the preliminary lists have been handed over to the ECP for publication on Tuesday Objections will be accepted until October 26, followed by hearings on objections until November 25. The fi-nal lists are slated for release on November 30, after which the Election Commission has confirmed the elections will take place in the last week of January

Three ANF jawans injured in encounter with drug smugglers

QUETTA (APP): Three Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) jawans have been injured in an encounter with drug smugglers in Quetta, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Tuesday.

He informed that a raid vas conducted at a hotel near Western Bypass Quetta on a complaint gainst drug selling by local drug suppliers.

He said, the accused used to sell drugs under the guise of a hotel. During the operation, the accused pened fire on the ANF raiding party and three awans were injured during the exchange of fire with the accused. A truck driver was also injured in the firng by the accused, he informed.

The accused managed o escape from the scene eaving behind a bag, he said adding, on checking, 4 cg hashish was recovered from the bag.

Illegal trawling not to be allowed at Balochistan coast: **Domki directs to ensure timely** completion of ongoing dev.

projects of CPEC in Makran **Independent Report** sion, Chief Minister said

QUETTA: The caretaker

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has directed the concerned authorities to ensure timely completion of the ongoing development projects in Makran division including Gwadar. The Chief Minister as-

serted that every possible steps are being taken for de-velopment of the fisheries industry

He said that illegal trawling would not be allowed at the coast of Balochistan

The Chief Minister was speaking on occasion of the briefing conducted by the Commissioner Makran, Saeed Ahmed Umrani at Gwadar on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occa-

that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the projects associated with it for economic development of the country are very important. Mr. Domki also di-

rected to ensure timely completion of the ongoing development projects of CPEC maintaining good quality of work. He said that our gov-

ernment is serious in reaching benefits of the development of Gwadar to the com-Earlier, the Commis-

sioner briefed the Chief Minister about the pace of work on ongoing development projects and administrative structure.

He informed that source of income of 70 per-

pends on the fishing while other 30 percent depend on other sectors and government jobs for livelihood. He said that Gwadar is

the focus of attention of the world because of 600 kilometer long coastal belt and unique strategic location.

He also told that new prospects and opportunities of development of the area are appearing in Gwadar and federal and provincial governments are taking extra ordinary steps for overall development of

Moreover, the Secre-tary Fisheries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir briefed the Chief Minister about the progress of welfare projects of fisheries and industries sectors.



OUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar presiding over 1st meeting of Senate of University of Gwadar

Balochistan's development depends on utilizing its mineral resource : Sarfaraz

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Tuesday said that full utilization of mineral resources was needed for the development of Balochistan and situation in the province could be improved by increasing politi-cal commitment and capac-

Addressing a concludng ceremony of a seminar titled "Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment," the minister thanked European contributors on behalf of people of Pakistan for holding the event.

He asked the European finger at anyone.

union to continue its efforts for holding such informative seminars which could help to sensitize people of the province living in remote areas

The minister said said that non- Balanced development was the problem of all developing countries and politics over this issue was not the solution to the problem.

He said that the country would have to focus on plan for development of our new generation. The minister said that everyone should hold themselves accountable before pointing a

"I belong to a rural area When the state gave me an opportunity, I reached this position through hard work." he said adding that every individual could got opportunities and success through hard work.

Later, the minister also participated in the High Achievers Awards ceremony organized by Roots International Schools and

Addressing the function, he congratulated the best performing students, adding the high performing students had achieved the success through their hard

All parties including Sanjrani, Chinese envoy PTI are free to join discuss polls: Caretaker Govt bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The caretaker government on Tuesday said under the constitution and prevalent electoral laws, all political parties had the equal right to participate in the general elections and categorically stated that the remarks of the caretaker prime minister during a recent interview to the foreign wire service Associated Press had been 'misunderstood

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in its official statement issued the original text from the Associated Press to clarify that Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was plain speaking to suggest that whereas participating in the elections was a right, but retribution for crimes was legally warranted. The ministry lamented

that the interview had been Continued on page 2

ISLAMABAD (APP) Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zeidang discussed various matters of mutual interest, encompassing bilateral relations, economic collaboration, and coordina-The determination to

enhance bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors was reaffirmed, underlining

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ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong calling on Chairman Senate of Pakistan Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at the Parliament House.

Development of blue economy can put an end to economic status-quo of whole region: Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the development of economy Balochistan can put an end to the economic status-quo of the whole region.

He believed that utilization of the marine re-sources in the long coastal belt and promotion of the associated economic activities would prove to be a new economic revolution in the province. In this context, the University of Gwadar and other public sector universities of the Makran belt should make the economic revenue generation part of its strategic plan.

The Governor was presiding over the first meeting of senate of Gwadar University on Tuesday. Those who were

present on the occasion were the senior judge of high court, Mr Justice Hashim

kakar, vice chancellor university of Gwadar. Professor Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir, secretary, Dostain Jamaldini, besides other concerned high ups.

The Governor on the occasion appreciated the vice chancellor of university and his team for making the university effective and playing important role for higher education in the area.

He said that the basic purpose of a university is to promote modern education based on the research.

He said that we can make the province developed and self sufficient by decorating our new genera-tion with ornament of modern scientific education.

He urged the vice chancellor to improve further performance of syndicate and university. Meanwhile, certain important decisions were made in light of the recommendations of the



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan, Major General (r) Muhammad Ajmal Iqbal, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President for enhancing trade, economic, cultural cooperation with Jordan

ISLAMABAD (APP): further improve bilateral Tuesday asked Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan to work for further enhancing bilateral cooperation with the brotherly country in the areas of trade, economy, culture, and people-to-people contacts.

He said that Pakistan cherished its close, friendly and fraternal relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which were rooted in shared religion, culture and history. Congratulating the Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Jordan, Major General Muhammad Ajmal Iqbal, the president said that Pakistân highly valued its ties and cultural relations for the mutual interest of the two countries

He expressed satisfaction over the current relations between the two countries, which were marked by warmth and commonality of views on both sides, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The president emphasized the need for regular high-level exchanges, including the exchange of parliamentary delegations, holding of Bilateral Political Consultations and Joint Ministerial Commissions to improve socio-political with Jordan and wanted to and economic ties.

Solangi for starting joint ventures with Russia in mass media

NANJING (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister of Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday



programmes with Russia in the field of mass media. During a meeting with Russian Deputy Minister for Information Bela Cherkesova both reiterated to promote cooperation in the fields of mass media. Murtaza Solangi invited the Russian Deputy Information Minister to visit Pakistan which he accepted. The Russian Deputy Minister of Information also wished to extend cooperation with Pakistan in other spheres of life besides media. She said that Pakistani television dramas were very popular

IB files petition in SC for withdrawing review petition in Faizabad Dharna case

(SLAMABAD (Online): Intelligence Bureau (IB) has filed miscellaneous petition in Supreme Court (SC) for withdrawing review peti-tion in Faizabad Dharna

SC will take up Faizabad review case on Thursday.

The one page miscellaneous petition has been filed by deputy director Asad Ullah Khan.

Two points have been discussed in the petition. It in this regard has been said that IB wants

to withdraw review petition against the decision. The miscellaneous petition be accepted and permission be accorded to withdraw review petition.

The petition has been filed through advocate on the record Ahmad Nawaz Chaudhry.

It is pertinent to mention here SC has fixed Faizabad Dharna review case on Thursday September 28. Notices have been issued to the respondents

Glimpses of Caretaker CM's visit of Gwadar



LONDON: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar interacted with the

Babar Azam eyes ICC Men's ODI World Cup glory for Pakistan

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Cricket Captain Babar Azam on Tuesday said that no less than a victory in the ICC ODI World Cup 2023 in India was his ambition and he was not satisfied with less than that.

Responding to the former South African batting great Hashim Amla's comment in which he had included Pakistan among the four likely semi-finalists at the mega event in India, Babar said it was too low a expectation from the Pakistan team at the ICC ODI World Cup and the Men in Green will lift the trophy.

At a pre-departure press conference at the Gaddafi Stadium here, the ODI top-ranked batsman

win laurels for the country despite below-par performances during the last two games of the Asia Cup 2023

Pakistan Cricket team was due to leave for Hyderabad (India) via Dubai in the wee hours of Wednesday morning to take part in the ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 which starts from October 5, 2023. Pakistan team was scheduled to play two warm-up matches against New Zealand and Australia before it faces-off Netherlands to kick-start their

On the team-selection for the World Cup in India, Babar said he believed in consistency and continuity, adding that, after all, it was the same team which cataDirector Mickey Arthur had also reposed confidence in the team.

On Naseem Shah, he said Naseem Shah would be missed as he made up a formidable bowling duo with Shaheen Shah Afridi and gave Pakistan team an edge, adding it was not easy to pick his replacement. He said Hasan Ali's experience made him an ultimate choice of the team management for the world cup, adding, Hasan had already played a world cup and was a good exponent of the old and new ball.

On the below-par bowling performances in the middle overs during the Asia Cup 2023, Babar Azam said,"The issue has been taken up during the team meetings and we will come up with new plans during the ICC Men's ODI World Cup in

PM Kakar interacts with students at Oxford Union; visits Islamic Studies centre

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday interacted with the students at the prestigious Oxford Union, engaging with an enthusiastic audience of academics and students.

The Oxford Union, known for hosting influential leaders and thinkers, warmly welcomed the prime minister.

Oxford Union President Disha Hegde moderated an interactive Q&A session with the prime minister, providing valuable insights into his vision on important national, re- ship.

Following this engaging discussion, Prime Minister Kakar took questions from Oxford University students, connecting with the

During the interaction, the prime minister spoke in detail on Pakistan's economy, politics, security, and relations with neighbours.

and scholars.

At the Oxford Union office, the prime minister signed the Visitors' Book, recognizing the institution's pivotal role in shaping global discourse and leader-

Kakar also visited the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, where he was received by Dr. Farhan Ahmad Nizami, the Centre's Director.

next generation of leaders Dr. Nizami gave the prime minister a tour of the Centre and briefed him on its efforts to promote intercultural understanding and the study of Islamic civilization. The event marked a significant moment of intellectual exchange and dialogue, high-

lighting the prime minister's commitment to fostering global partnerships and intellectual growth. Pakistan outplay Bangladesh in

hockey competition of Asian Games ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan downed Bangladesh by 5-2 in the hockey competition of the ongoing 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou,

Pakistan hockey team showcased their mettle with yet another triumph and emerged victorious in their second pool match against Bangladesh, triumphing with a decisive score line of five goals to two. Despite a momentary setback when Bangladesh seized the lead in the 19th minute through a penalty corner, Pakistan rallied valiantly. Afraz came to the fore, leveling the score with a field goal in the 30th minute, setting the stage for Pakistan's eventual tri-

umph. In the 40th minute of the game, Pakistan's youthful right striker Shahzeb Khan fortified Pakistan's advantage by notching a field goal. Shortly after, in the 43rd minute, Pakistan's left striker Mohammad Imad extended the lead by slotting the third goal for the team. Bangladesh managed to narrow the gap, striking a field goal in the 46th minute. However, Pakistan remained relentless, as drag flick maestro Sufvan Khan thundered a rapid flick from a penalty corner, securing Pakistan's fourth goal in the 48th minute. In the 57th minute of the game, Pakistan's tal-

ented drag flick specialist,

who didn't engage in unlawful activities, "will be run-

ning the political process,

they will be participating in

istry reiterated in its state-

ment that Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and

its leaders are free to par-

ticipate in the elections like

any other party. It has

been clarified that there is

no impediment to contest-

ing elections by any leader

of PTI or the party as a

added that every citizen is

equal before law and the law

will take its course with re-

spect to any person cur-

rently facing legal charges.

The courts are free and in-

dependent and the caretaker

overnment has neither au-

thority nor intention to in-

fluence the courts at any

level. It was further clari-

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grieved by any order or

ruling of a statutory or

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next forum in judicial hier-

archy for relief. .

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tention to the following text

of Prime Minister's inter-

view: "We are not pursuing

anyone on a personal ven-

detta," Kakar said. "But

yes, we will ensure that the

law is appropriate. Any-

one, be it Imran Khan or any

other politician who vio-

lates, in terms of their po-

litical behavior, the laws of

the country, then the resto-

ration of the law has to be

ensured. We cannot equate

that with ... political dis-

can take place without

Khan or hundreds of mem-

bers of his party who are

jailed because they engaged

in unlawful activities in-

cluding vandalism and ar-

son, a reference to the vio-

lence that rocked the coun-

try following Khan's initial

arrest in May. The care-

taker prime minister added

that the thousands of

people in Khan's party

Kakar said fair elections

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The ministry drew at-

general elections.

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Tokham Border during his visit, in Landikotal.

Arbaaz Ahmed, show cased his exceptional skills by executing a precise and swift drag flick during a critical penalty corner, resulting in Pakistan's fifth goal of the match. Set to embark on their

third match at 6am Paki-

stan time on September 28, the Pakistan hockey team was ready to face Uzbekistan in the Asian Games. The tournament boasts twelve teams, divided into two pools. In Pool A, Pakistan was placed alongside India, Ja-Bangladesh, Singapore, and Uzbekistan, while Pool B includes Ko-

Every person.... Continued from page 1 will not give any relief

in it. it is beyond comprehension that we have said repeatedly that proper assistance be provided to us. Despite it assistance is not being provided.

We are imposing fine on you so that authorities could come to know full assistance is not being provided in their cases.

This court will not go to hearsay now. All will have to come with solid facts. No adjournment will be given now. The officers should ensure that competent persons are sent for court³s assistance in income tax matters. They should have all information and all record. Otherwise the cases will be dismissed.

The court remarked there is matter of Rs 850 million. We cannot leave it this way Your unnecessary arguments will afford no benefit to you. This will only waste the time of court. And we will not allow you to waste the time of court SC issued notice to in-

land revenue and sought reply from them. The court has directed

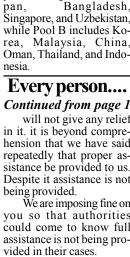
them to come with full preparations.

The counsel for petitioner said we will try that vour orders are complied with. The CJP expressed annovance remarking you try and if no compliance is made then you will see what happens. Don't say such thing which means you have option that you don't comply with it.

You should tell how much fine be imposed on you. We slap fine as per vour will.

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Costing Approximately Rs. 35.415 Million





Sanjrani, Chinese envoy...

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the mutual benefits for both nations during the meeting, said a news release. Furthermore, the meeting underscored the imperative for joint endeavors aimed at promoting peace, prosperity, and development in the region.

While extending his congratulations to Ambassador Jiang Zeidang on his new role, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani expressed optimism that the ambassador's substantial skills would contribute to stabilizing and fortifying the Pakistan-China re-

lationship. commended China's commitment to regional peace and high-

bolstering cooperation in multilateral domains. The discussions also

encompassed the advancement of collaboration in agriculture and mining sectors.

Chairman Senate expressed his intent to draw inspiration from China's experiences in the realms of agriculture and mining, culminating in the potential strengthening of a 'Strategic Cooperation Partnership" that would further enhance Pakistan-China relations.

He underscored the historical solidarity between the two nations, where they have consistently supported each other on various international platforms. ighted the necessity of

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said he had more confidence pulted the team to World in his team than himself, No. 1 ICC rankings. He adding that he was confisaid Chief Selector Men's Inzimamul Haq and team India.' dent the men in green would

Administrative Federalism rejects

PMS induction into PAS

Independent Report PESHAWAR: In a fervent statement, the Association of Administrative Federalism, Pakistan, led by President Noman Wazir, has vehemently opposed the induction of Provincial Management Services (PMS) into the Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS). The organization is resolute in its position that PAS (Pakistan Administrative Service) and Police Service of ments, promotions, and

jects are unconstitutional. The Association views the recent notification of newly inducted PMS/PCS officers into PAS Grade 19 as an attempt to legitimize an unconstitutional service through Statutory Regulatory Orders (SROs), circumventing parliamentary and provincial assembly procedures.

postings on provincial sub-

The federal government, through SRO 1046(1)2020 dated 14-10-

2020, and a subsequent notification on 12 March 2021, amended the Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP) rules, altering the definition of "Federal government" and "provincial govern-ment" to "Prime Minister and the person authorized by him" and "Chief Minister and the person authorized by him," respectively.

Subsequently, the Secretary of the Establishment Division, under this SRO, Pakistan(PSP) recruit- assumed the role of "the government" and modified the Intra-Provincial Cadre Change (IPCC) formula from percentage-based to fixed numbers. This confidential formula, used since 1993, reserves provincial posts for PAS during caretaker governments, a fact revealed only in 2020.

The induction of Provincial Management Services (PMS) and Provincial Civil Services (PCS) into Pakistan Administrative Service Rules, 2020, via SRO 274(I)/2021, as notified by the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), is considered a transgression by the Association. Article 242(1) of the Constitution, which governs the establishment of Public Service Commis sions, is cited as the basis for their argument.

The Association further asserts that FPSC has exceeded its jurisdiction, leading to a distortion of the constitution.

To address these concerns, the Sindh government established a committee chaired by Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister of Local Government, Forest, and Information. PAS officers were part of this committee. Minutes from May 4, 2021, reveal that SRO-1046 encroaches upon provincial government authority by reserving and appropriating posts related to provincial affairs without prior consultation, as required by CSP rules of



BRUSSELS: The Embassy of Pakistan in Brussels hosted the launch of the book titled The Security Imperative-Pakistan's Nuclear Deterrence and Diplomacy authored by Ambassador Zamir Akram at the Brussels Press Club.

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trieved from that allegation. He said in some Asian states, political leaders sometimes do such acts for populist reasons. He said as a responsible caretaker government, we ensure that no one can meddle with our domestic affairs. He further said the PTI chief was ousted constitutionally and there was no military coup against him.

Shedding light on the civil-military relations in Pakistan, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said Pakistani political leaders had political alliance with military for their own political interests and once they are out of the power they start criticizing the institution to shift the onus of their own failure.

He said the only institution that has the organizational capability left with us is military and anyone who is dealing with governance has to rely on it to meet the challenges.

Talking about terrorist attacks and relations with Afghanistan, the Prime Minister said we have been facing such attacks almost for fifteen years and we are trying to counter it by kinetic and non-kinetic measures and we have been Haq Kakar on Tuesday successful to manage that to a certain level.

He said we are dealing with different layers of authorities in Afghanistan and some are spoiling the peace. He said some banned organizations like TTP have training camps in Afghanistan, which is a point of concern for us. He expressed hope that we will engage with Afghans despite some challenges in our relationships as it is in common interest of both

the nations. On domestic politics, the Prime Minister said political differences shouldn't be converted into enmities as this practices leads to the death of the democracy.

Replying to a query about Pakistan-India relations, he said we are quite open for a meaningful dialogue with all our neighbors. The Prime Minister said we do want peace with India but only peace with justice. Anwaar-ul-Haq said being the so called champion of world's biggest democracy, India should resolve the issue of Kashmir on the basis of UN Resolu-

APP adds: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ulsaid that his foremost priority to fix the problems of the country during his tenure in office would be to cut the government's expenditure and increase revenue.

'The economy is extremely pressing right now and these are the problems which are hitting a common man very hard," he told TRT World when asked about his vision during the last four months of the caretaker setup., Kakar said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) deal was an opportunity for the country to focus on how the economic behaviour was influencing the life of the common man in Pakistan. "I am quite positive that this current stint of ours no matter how short it is, we will try our level best to

On the transparency of the upcoming general elec-tion, he termed Pakistan as a transitional democracy and assured that the electoral process would be neu-

course, and deliver on the

economic front to the

people of Pakistan," he

provide a blueprint for the future mandated government who can take some benefit of it, stay the

tral, fair, and free.

PID (I) No. 1907/23

NOTICE OF TENDER DW&CE/6002-ADVT/24/E-6 22 Sep 2023 MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES NOTICE OF TENDER

01. The office of DW&CE (PAF) Chaklala invites sealed tenders for the following Emergency Work in light of PPRA Rule 42-c (v) of 2004:-Costing Approximately Rs. 22.845 Million

| 02 | (a) | Rehabilitation of Certain Facilities | (NN) |
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| | (b) | Rehabilitation of Certain Facilities | (NN) |
| | (c) | Rehabilitation of Certain Facilities | (NN) |

The contractors are required to submit their applications for issuance of tender documents alongwith their complete credentials as shown at (Serial 9). The applications shall be scrutinized and the tender documents will only be issued to the firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field and satisfy other special conditions required for the job and area. Tenders will only be issued to the scrutinized contractors. The tender must be received in the office of Accepting Officer by 1130 Hrs on 12 OCT 2023 and will be opened at 1200 Hrs on the same date.

NOTE:- Contractors shall provide certificate that they are not involved in any type of litigation with Government Department in the Court of Law and that no special report of Directorate of Inspection and Evaluation (E-in-C's Branch GHQ) is outstanding against

All contractors will certify in writing that they are registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), and will submit a copy of their registration. Contractors not registered with PEC are ineligible to apply.

Contractor born on approved List of MES in categories 'A' and 'B' and also having experience of this type should only apply.

Contractors who desire may be present at the time of opening of tenders. The Accepting Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the tender. Rejected

tenders will be dealt with as per Para 33(1) of PPRA Rules. 08. The interested parties can contact CMES (PAF) SAMUNGLI / authorized

| representative for further details from 0715 to 1335 hours on all working days. | | | | | | | | | | |
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cilities which work with the

IAEA to support and pro-

vide relevant expertise in

of the IAEA's Rays of

Hope (RoH) initiative,

which aims to assist Mem-

ber States in establishing or

expanding their capacities

in radiotherapy and multimodality medical im-

nated Anchor Centres will

train fellows, organise train-

ing courses for healthcare

providers, participate in

IAEA Coordinated Re-

search Projects, promote

networking, and provide

experts and mentorship to

other radiotherapy and

Moreover, the desig-

These centres are part

the respective region.

PAEC Hospital

NORI designated as IAEA"Anchor Centre"

ISLAMABAD (APP): PAEC Hospital NORI,

Islamabad is designated as

IAEA "Anchor Centre" to

Capabilities in Cancer Re-

search which is a significant

held in Vienna, organized on

the sidelines of the 67th

Session of the General Con-

ference of the IAEA,

Pakistan's Nuclear Medi-

cine, Oncology and Radio-

therapy Institute (NORI)

has been designated as an

Anchor Centre under the

IAEA's "Rays of Hope ini-

the Anchor Centre Agree-

ment was signed by Dr. Raja

On behalf of Pakistan,

At a signing ceremony

Enhance Member States'

Bugti inaugurates Pak first female driving & testing center

Independent Report eral Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Bugti visited the Police Lines Headquarters Islamabad and was warmly welcomed by Secretary Interior, Aftab Akbar Durrani, and Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, a public relations

officer said. He said that, Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Bugti paid tribute to the martyrs, recited the fatiha and acknowledged their invaluable sacrifices. A smartly contingent of police presented a guard of honor to the Interior Minister. He emphasized that the privilege of martyrdom is bestowed upon the chosen few and commended their selfless dedi-

During his visit, the Federal Minister of Interior Sarfraz Bugti met with the Islamabad Capital City Po-

BHU Bahara Kahus.

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: The Senate

Standing Committee on

Housing and Works, under

the chairmanship of Sena-

tor Hidayatullah Khan,

convened at the Parliament

were senators, including

Bahramand Khan Tangi,

Saif Ullah Sarwar Khan

Muhammad, Khalida

Ateeb, Falak Naz, Afnan

Ullah Khan, and Saifullah

Abro Also in attendance

were key officials includ-

ing Secretary of the Min-

istry of Housing and

Works, Shehzad Bangash,

Additional Secretary of

the Ministry of Housing

and Works, the Director

General of FGEHA (Fed-

eral Government Employ-

ees Housing Authority),

and other pertinent

sion, the committee raised

the issue regarding the

Qasr-e-Naz guest house in

Karachi, urging the restora-

tion of electricity to the

guest house. The members

echoed these concerns,

Commencing the ses-

stakeholders.

Present at the meeting

House on Tuesday.

Nyazee,

Akbar Nasir Khan and other senior police officers and inaugurated the Pakistan first female driving and testing center. ICCPO thanked the Interior Minister for his cooperation with Islamabad Capital Po-

ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan also briefed the Interior Minister on the accomplishments and initiatives taken by the Islamabad Capital Police, which have significantly contributed to reducing crime rates in the city.

He further said that, the Islamabad Capital Police has been actively engaged in combating drug-related issues, cracking down on illegal foreign residents, and taking measures to address illegal housing in the federal capital.

The Federal Interior Minister also received a detailed briefing on the Safe City Islamabad project,

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan visited

house's deteriorating condi-

tion due to inadequate main-

try of Housing and Works

informed that the electric-

ity had been disconnected

due to an outstanding

amount of Rs. 80 lakh, fur-

ther noting that K-electric

demands full payment of

the meeting, the committee

extensively deliberated on

the plight of affectees in

Sector G-14/1-2-3. The DG

FGEHA, in his compre-

hensive briefing, reported

substantial progress with

90% clearance of encroach-

ments in G-14/2 and 99%

in G-14/3. In G-14/1, approximately 50% of the

area has been successfully

ongoing operations against

encroachers in G-14/1 and

informed about the initia-

tion of tendering processes,

paving the way for immi-

nent development work.

Additionally, 2000 plots

have already been handed

The DG highlighted

During the course of

the outstanding sum.

The Secretary Minis-

Senate Body on Housing

and Works reviews vital

housing project matters

technological capabilities being employed to enhance security and surveillance.

In his address to the officers, Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Bugti emphasized the importance of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and dedication to pub-

He underscored the need for officers to uphold the rule of law and engage with the citizens courteously while actively addressing their concerns.

The Islamabad Capi tal Police is continually upgrading its technical expertise and remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the capital city, he added.

The Interior Minister also praised the police force for tĥeir efforts în maintaining a peaceful environment in Islamabad and encouraged them to persist in their endeavors

Health minister

visits Bhara

Kahu BHU

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Caretaker Federal Minister

for Health Dr Nadeem Jan

on Tuesday visited Bhara Kahu Basic Health Center

to examine the services be-

ing provided to patients.

The purpose of the visit

was to take stock of the

health facilities being pro-

vided by the BHU. The

minister met the patients

and inquired about the

treatment facilities. He also

inspected the immuniza-

tion facilities. Speaking on

the occasion, the minister

said that improvement in

the health sector cannot be

made without strengthening

the primary healthcare sys-

tem. All Rural Health Cen-

tres and Basic Health Units

operationalized, he said.

The burden of patients in

federal hospitals is very

high. "We have created an

integrated strategy for pro-

viding the best medical fa-

cilities to the people of ru-

ral areas," he said. The min-

ister directed the DHO to

share details of staff short-

age and take practical mea-

sures to address the issue.

individuals

being



inaugurating the First Police Driving School for Women.

Climate related data stressed Strengthening stakeholder collaboration, inclusiveness and digitalized access

ISLAMABAD (Online): 'We have failed at the federal level to develop a comprehensive coordination mechanism needed for effective and efficient mobilization of sub-national disaster management authorities" said Ahmed Kamal, Chairman, Federal Flood Commission. He was speaking at a seminar titled Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Policy Implementation in Pakistan in line with the Sendai Framework" jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Oxfam and partners here today.

and plans serving as the weak and undermines the welfare and resilience of already vulnerable communities. He further stressed on the need for skilled human resource to build the institutional capacity and develop a sense of competition that can lead to better organizational performance. "There is pressing ners here today.

The district level rezations performing in the

sponse is the most crucial and integral component in action under the umbrella to reinforce and converge efforts and prevent effort duplication and fiscal efficiency", he added. Elucidating the financing gap, he informed that the financial need for structural onground interventions required over Rs 125Billion while only about 25Billion rupees have so far been allocated, which again serves as a roadblock in effective implementation. Shedding light on DRR initiatives, he informed that under the Integrated flood risk management approach nature-based solutions for structural interventions.

AIOU to celebrate World **Teachers Day** on Oct 5

Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood said that the nations who respect and Teachers' Day in collaboration with UNESCO and Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) on November 5, 2023, to pay tribute to teachers and Federal Minister for Education, Madad Ali Sindhi will grace the event as chief guest.

ISLAMABAD (APP): honor their teachers always progress and flourish. AIOU is organizing a mega event on account of World



Ali Raza Anwar, Chairman, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) alongside the Director General of the IAEA, Rafael Mariano Grossi, said a news release. Anchor Centres are designated cancer treatment fa-

medical imaging centres in their region. Along with Pakistan, Anchor Centre Agreements with cancer institutes from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Turkiye were also

Madad orders FDE to resolve its issues on war footing

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi Tuesday directed FDE to resolve its issues on war footing as education is the towards way

progress. During his visit to Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), he said that there are countries that were decades behind us but now due to better education are miles ahead of us.

He said that Pakistan is our home and we should try to resolve its problems like we resolve our personal

Minister said that there are challenges faced by every institution but we should try to resolve them with complete dedication and hardwork.

The government institutions hold immense importance for the employees as they not only provide salaries but also pensions after retirement, he said adding that in today's age such facility is a blessing.

He said that every employee should keep this into consideration and try

as it is responsible for the maintenance of several hundred employees.

Madad said that teachers should not hold administrative positions and should solely focus on their duties as teachers. He said that teachers have the most important responsibility of all and should give their hundred percent to this

Minister was briefed DG FDE Amjad Ahmed. Minister was told that FDE faces a regular budget deficit. He was informed that the current year deficit is almost PKR

Minister was told that a biometric system has been placed in all institutions of FDE to ensure attendance of teaching and non-teaching staff. Minister was told that almost 24k students are enrolled in all of the FDE institutions. He was told that 2839 teachers were trained in the last year as well. Furthermore, indoor sports facilities have been established in 391 schools

and colleges of FDE in addition with enrolment of 17k out of school children to benefit the organization, in the last year.

ISLAMABAD: Workers are cutting the trees stems along the Margala road, in the name of tree shaping, which needs the strict action and inquiry to prevent the natural beauty of Federal Capital.

Annual all Pakistan Naat competition held at Z.A. Bukhari auditorium

ISLAMABAD (APP): In connection with Eid Mildun-Nabi (SAWW), the annual All Pakistan Naat competition was held at National Broadcasting House here on Tuesday. Top po-sition holders of Naat competitions in four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan, Azad Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory participated in the national level competition. The competition was held in four categories including Boys under 15, girls under 15, Boys above 15 and girls above 15.

In the Boys under 15 category, Syed Muhammad Siraaj from Gilgit Baltistan grabbed first position, Muhammad Afhaam from Sindh stood second while Muhmmad Ibrahim from Punjab remained third. In the Girls under 15 category, Madiha Naseer from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stood first, Ayesha Rasheed from Sindh second and Zara Safdar from Punjab remained third.

In the Boys above 15, Muhammad Fahad from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

stood first, Muhammad Mannan from Sindh grabbed second position while Muhammad Usman from Punjab remained third. In the Girls above 15 category, Sehrish Saeed from Punjab grabbed first position, Aleesha Nisar from Sindh stood second while Syeda Zahra from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remained third. Winners and participants were given certificates and cash prizes.

First position winners were awarded Rs. 100,000 cash prize, second position got 75,000 rupees while third position holders got Rs. 50,000 cash prize each. All other participants were awarded Rs. 25,000 cash prize each. Caretaker Minister

terfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed on the occasion he urged the people especially young children to truly follow the teachings of holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWW). He quoted several verses of

for Religious Affairs and in-

Holy Quran for the understanding of children.

the implementation of disaster related policies and efforts. However, the bureaucratic design hinders implementation of policies

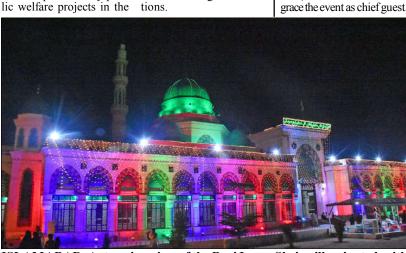
Senator says: PML-N to show development record to voters before polls

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Rafique Rajwana on Tuesday said that Paki-stan Muslim League-N will show the development record to voters before next elections. The political parties' leaders should show performance records to the people during election campaigns, he said while talking to a private television

channel. The PML-N, he said, had completed many pub-

past. "We will try to convince voters through our performance and to avoid snubbing rival party candidates. We are against politi-cal victimization," he

added To a question about the role of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) in the next elections, he said those PTI members who were found involved in May 9 vandalism, should not be allowed to contest the general elec-



ISLAMABAD: A stunning view of the Bari Imam Shrine illuminated with colorful lights during the celebrations of 12 Rabi-ul-Awal in Federal Capital.

47 suspicious shifted to PS during search

combat the rising dengue

fever cases, has ordered

anti-dengue teams to carry

out dengue spraying and

fogging key areas of the city,

including the buildings of

Supreme Court, Election

Commission, PM Secretariat and NADRA Head-

quarters.
DC Memon also di-

rected officials to improve

sanitation arrangements in

different areas of the city

to prevent dengue and to

launch an awareness cam-

paign among the people

about anti-dengue mea-

sures. He further empha-

sized the need to spray

dengue in schools and col-

ICT spokesman Dr Abdullah Tabasum said

that the Deputy Commis-

sioner has assured that all

possible resources will be

used to control the deadly

ral area of Islamabad is

He added that the ru-

In a statement, the

leges of Islamabad.

virus in Islamabad.

operation ISLAMABAD (NNI): Islamabad Capital Police Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) conducted a search and combing operation at Shalimar and Khanna police station jurisdiction, a public relations officer

He said that, following the special directives of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the search and combing operations are being conducted in different areas of the city, to ensure the safety and security of the Islamabad

Following these directives, a search and combing operation was conducted in different areas of Shalimar and Khanna police stations by CTD, FC and local police teams. During the search and combing operation 90 suspicious individuals, 30 motorcycles, 27 vehicles and 133 Houses were thoroughly checked, while 06 suspicious individuals and 41 foreigners were shifted to the police station for verification purposes.

ISLAMABAD (APP): among the top priorities of Deputy Commissioner the administration and ev-Irfan Nawaz Memon, to ery possible step will be taken to protect the lives

of the citizens. Deputy Commissioner Islamabad's timely action is a welcome step in the fight against dengue fever. It is important for the public to cooperate with the authorities and take all necessary precautions to protect themselves from this deadly disease.

Talking to APP, medi-cal expert Doctor Attiya Karim Khan said that the dengue fever is a mosquitoborne viral infection that can cause flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, and nausea. In severe cases dengue fever can lead to lifethreatening complications, such as hemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome, she added.

Dr Attiya further said that there is no specific treatment for dengue fever. but early diagnosis and supportive care can help to improve the prognosis.

DC orders dengue KSA Majlis-e-Shura official spray, fogging key buildings visit NA ISLAMABAD (APP): A

group of high-ranking officials from the Mailis-e-Shura of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) here on Tuesday visited National Assembly of Pakistan. The visit was in line with the roadmap agreed upon by Speaker of the National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf, and, Chairman of Majlis-e-Shura, Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al Sheikh during their meeting, aimed at further strengthening cooperation and collaboration between the National Assembly of Pakistan and the Majlis-e- Shura. The Saudi delegation consisting of official of Majlis-e- Shura was briefed about important initiatives undertaken taken by the national assembly for its complete and comprehensive digitalization. The delegation expressed appreciation about progress of different projects undertaken by National Assembly of Pakistan. Later, the delegates

also toured the Parliament

House including National

Assembly Hall.

and stand on the sides of the pickup vehicle without any safety at the mountaineer area of the Margala Hills, which may cause any incident any time, needs the attention of concern authority. Traffic violation fines surge in Islamabad to enhance road safety

ISLAMABAD: A view of the passengers hanging

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Ministry of Interior has recently enacted a substantial increase in penalties for traffic violations within the capital city of Islamabad with the main objective of maintaining traffic discipline and ensuring a safe road envi-

ronment in the city. This significant change in policy has been officially communicated to the public, and its primary objective is to reinforce the enforcement of traffic laws, ultimately leading to safer roads for all citizens, as stated by a spokesperson.

As per the newly issued notification by the Ministry of Interior, the minimum fine for traffic violations has been raised to Rs 500. This adjustment represents part of a broader initiative aimed at ensuring rigorous adherence to traffic regulations, which play a crucial role in preventing

accidents and maintaining

The updated notification provides specific fines for various violations. Motorcyclists who exceed the speed limit will be charged Rs 1,000, while motor car drivers will face fines of Rs 1,500. Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) and Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) will incur penalties of Rs 2,000 and Rs 2,500, respectively, for the same violation. Signal violations will result in a fine of Rs 2,000, and one-way violations will cost Rs 1,000 for motorcycles, Rs 2,000 for cars, and a substantial Rs 8,000

Other violations such as illegal parking will now carry a fine of Rs 1,000, while the use of tinted glasses will result in a penalty of Rs 1,500. Reckless driving will incur a Rs 2,000 fine, while underage driving will cost Rs 2,500

ISLAMABAD: Senator Taj Haider Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House

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Free and fair?

Is it possible to hold 'free and fair'elections with a widely popular political leader facing disqualification by the courts? Should such an election be morally acceptable? And can a government formed through such those who grew up in the an election ever make a legitimate claim on the public's mandate?

In a country as full of internal contradictions as Pakistan. there are no easy answers to these questions.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar recently made a statement suggesting that 'free and fair' elections are possible even if former prime had already spent years minister Imran Khan and other PTI leaders are not allowed to participate.

He argued that all politicians who violate the law must pay for their transgressions. In technical terms, he is correct, and if Pakistan were a country where institutions abided by the law, no one would disagree, since the continuity of the democratic process can never be dependent on the legal status of a handful of its leaders.

However, we are clearly not such a country, and, therefore, the PM's position needs greater

In recent months, the state has applied overwhelming force against Mr Khan, his party, its loyalist leaders, their supporters, and even some supporters' families.

From refusing to obey release orders, to outright disappearing people; from breaking short-sightedness is ininto suspects' homes, to kid- grained in nearly every napping their family members single aspect of national life. Khurram Husain has to forcing them to surrender — explained the 'there isn't the authorities have ridden detail over the last several roughshod over fundamental rights and legal norms in their weeks. I want to try to build on his important work to elaborate on the challenge to elaborate on the challenge to run its power plants, the gasoline and diesel it needs to run cars and buses, the but there is a massive imeffort to cut the PTI to size.

Even the ECP has repeatedly violated the Constitution to deny the party the advantage of having public opinion on its side. This excessive action against the PTI has placed it at a considerable disadvantage compared to other parties.

It is therefore disingenuous, given this context, to suggest that the freeness and fairness of any eventual polling exercise sus of India, 1941 report, should be considered without regard to all that has preceded the census exercise to "a 10it. The lesson that the establishment should have learnt by attempts by certain secnow from the suppression of the tions to label the census an anthropological exercise, PPP in the Zia era, and PML-N's persecution in the Musharraf ongoing and not interspersed by 10-year interand Bajwa eras, is that thwart- | vals. ing the public will by artificial means only creates long-term 1931 with that of 1941, instability in return for shortlived gains.

Banning parties, disqualifying key leaders, forcing politicians to switch allegiances, repants. As the independence
movement gained momenstricting candidates from cam- tum, a division based on paigning, and queering the pitch religion was evident, hence the 'zeal' to be counted and in other ways just to secure an the inclination to question electoral outcome that is the veracity of the other s numbers. After more than favourable to a handful of powerful individuals has caused in Pakistan nas caused similar tensions, only this time demonstrable and lasting harm it is rural-urban and someto Pakistan's political structure. wnat etnnic, instead of a gious, at least in Sindh.

One should, therefore, reasonably expect that removing not had censuses need regularly turns the counting ex-Mr Khan from the political equation now will do as much good as removing Nawaz Sharif did Planning Commission has for the country in 2017-18. Pakistan's precarious present increase for long periods. condition should be warning of Pakistan (ECP) has carenough against repeating these ried out the delimitation of failed past experiments. If this cycle is not broken, we will be appear and disappear at the doomed to repeat it.

Forever technocrats



Arifa Noor

Finance ministers in Pakistan are familiar faces, as familiar as SRK was to those who were young in the 1990s, and Bachchan to

However, the reason

that the men and the occasional woman who lord it over Q Block are wellknown is not because they are Bollywood hero material but because, like Dev Anand, they have just been around forever. finance minister, Shamshad

Consider our current Akhtar. She first joined government service back in the Musharraf years, when she became part of the State Bank, by which time she working. She has also served as caretaker finance minister earlier.

Hafeez Shaikh was no different. He, too, joined the Musharraf regime to serve in more than one position before returning later once the general/chief executive/ president had ceded to democracy and the government led by the PPP. Having returned to O Block during the time of the PTI government, he remained there until he was unceremoniously removed. However, each time there have been rumours of a

caretaker or technocratic setup being put together, he has topped the list, if gossip is to be believed. As a point of reference, Musharraf took over 24 years ago and was removed from government 15 years ago Ishaq Dar first headed

this ministry during Nawaz Sharif's second term, but according to some news reports, he had served as head of the Board of Investment during the first term of the Noonie quaid. And while opinions can vary about how successful he was in his various stints, no one would disagree he is PML-N's only choice for finance minister a quarter century later. Shaukat Tarin, too, has been part of

Indeed, other than a few short stints in recent times, it appears that political and technocratic choices for running the finance ministry have been limited to a handful of people who have made appearances in one position or another since the 1990s. This also appears true for those who get appointed as advisers or special assistants: consider Wagar Masood, who is said to be the longest-serving finance secretary in Pakistan. And even that hasn't convinced him of the need for change. He has also 'advised' the finance ministry more than

only the finance ministry which instils such singleminded devotion in those who work there. Less highprofile ministries or government departments also have similar aficionados. Attaur-Rahman's sustained interest in the Higher Education Commission is well known, while the retired general who heads the Pakistan Olympic Association has already become a bit of a myth in Islamabad. Even 'institutions' are now

once and continues to do so

during the caretaker set-up.

This is not to say it is

tended tenures. But for obvious reasons, all these other examples are less known or generate less interest than those in the finance sector, who have become house-

There are, however, larger and multiple issues with this trend of men hanging on to their positions.

gility of the economy.

hold names due to the fra-

As with an ageing political leadership, which at times appears disconnected with the average voter of Pakistan, who is much vounger, it is not just a question of senior people clinging to positions instead of allowing younger ones to rise. I also wonder how possible it is for those who perhaps feel they ran the economy well during the 1990s to make the shift to current times, when the world has changed consid-

It's a thought that continues to recur as, soon after Ishaq Dar and his efforts to control the dollar, there is yet another administrative effort to control the market through a crackdown on money changers. It appears as if some of those in charge on the civilthis power circle for long. acquiring habits of ex- ian side also believe in these

ideas of administrative measures to fix the economy rather than addressing the fundamentals. Is it just a matter of age? Sometimes, it does appear so to people such as myself, who are watching the show from the sidelines.

Nonetheless, I would hasten to add, the issue is far more complex than just a question of age. For it is important to ask if the presence of the same faces for so long is a reason for the continuation of the bad old policies, or whether their presence is due to a desire to ensure that policies are not changed. Âfter all, the never-changing elite capture that we are obsessed with is, perhaps, not just about status quo.

Perhaps it also means that only those who offer comfortable solutions solutions which do not threaten any entrenched interest — are allowed to hold critical positions. For they have come to terms with the 'ground realities'.

Consider a recent story in a local daily, which reported the suggestions of the commerce ministry to offer a lower electricity tariff, no sales tax scheme and other benefits to enhance exports. According to the story, the "proposals are aimed at continuing the status quo where a handful of industrialists have benefited from state resources for the past three decades without providing any real benefit to the country" And who can forget,

as the story says, that the commerce ministry is being led by someone who has been closely associated with Aptma, synonymous with 'exports' in Pakistan? Indeed, since I oined this profession, Pakistan's exports and Aptma are like the Shahrukh-Kajol hit pair; no other industry has been able to break this pairing, which in itself is part of the same story of Pakistan's economy stuck in the past. Perhaps, what I am trying to say in my muddled way is that I may not be sure of the cause and effect here, but it seems as if the familiar faces in themselves are an indication that little will change, and the reform being promised may not be all that different from the past. Sometimes, a change of face matters. --

There isn't enough money



Mosharraf Zaidi

Pakistan has witnessed a steep decline over the last two years, maybe the steepest in its post-partition (1971) history. If there is one overarching trigger or issue that is at the heart of these symptoms of national decline, it is that 'there isn't enough money'. There seems to be broad consensus about how serious a problem this is. But even now, at every step of the way, the Pakistani elite is consistently seeking to fix the problem by doing the easier (and more unsustainable) thing. Escapism and

and demonstrate that the solutions being devised and deployed will be neither durable nor sustainable.

There isn't enough money. Period. But there are two kinds of money Pakistan and especially the Pakistani government needs: rupees and dollars.

The government needs rupees to pay its bills here at home – the biggest component of these bills are the debt servicing on loans the government takes from banks here at home, in Pakistan, and the salaries and pensions that the government pays to teachers, soldiers, doctors, nurses and the spectrum of public-sector employees (including at many totally dysfunctional organizations)

government needs dollars to pay its bills both here at home and abroad – the biggest component of these bills are the debt servicing on loans the government takes from other countries, from mulbanks, and from investors But Pakistan also has other kinds of dollar denominated bills – like the fuel it needs

weapons it needs to keep itself safe from bullies near and far, the machinery and electronics that it needs to buy to keep factories and power plants functional. and the raw materials and value added inputs that help those factories manufacture what Pakistanis

consume every day Since the Pakistani elite has the power to magically make more rupees (by ordering the printing of more rupees), and it has no power at all to magically make more dollars, this elite is understandably more interested in solving the dollar problem than it is in solving the rupee problem. In the elite's minds, the rupee problem is no problem at all: just keep printing

This is a classic example of how the elite's biases end up ruining the very foundation of the elite's understanding of the key problem and as a result end up manufacturing half-sotilateral organizations, from lutions or solutions to second order problems. We see that buy Pakistani bonds. this problem at every step of the diagnosis.

The focus on the dollar problem is fine, if it were

balance in the problem identification process and so the solutions themselves are completely imbalanced. It isn't that the wrong problems are being identified or that the wrong solutions to those problems are being pursued – whether it is putting the foreign exchange smugglers on notice and rationalizing the rupee to dollar rate, or trying to establish bodies like the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to create transactions in which Pakistan receives dollars from buyers of its assets. These are fine solutions, for the time being, to real problems. But they are not the most urgent or even the most cancerous problems within

money' crisis. The most urgent and cancerous problem of 'there isn't enough money' is that little magic trick at the disposal of the Pakistani elite: just keep printing more rupees. The power to print more rupees allows the Pakistani elite to avoid the real world. In the real world, when you run out of money, you either find more money, or you stop spending money, or a little bit of

the 'there isn't enough

most countries try to avoid this math. But in most countries elites also understand that the most important means of solving the 'there isn't enough money' problem is to increase government revenue. And the heart of government revenue for most normal countries is a robust system of taxation in which rich people pay more taxes than poor people. This is how countries survive and sustain their systems.

Very few countries do this in the most just or egalitarian way, but most stable and prosperous countries have done enough and keep doing enough to keep their systems from falling apart. The elites of these countries don't believe in magic: they just use math to solve math problems. Pakistan's system is falling apart because its elites know that there is no such thing as magic, but they keep using magic tricks to try to solve math problems.

ued printing of rupees is a cancer. At stage one and two and three, this cancer ate away at the vitality of Truth be told, elites in sector, destroyed the ca-

pacity for government to think and plan, and disemboweled institutions like the FBR. But this is now a stage four cancer. It is now eating away at the basic functioning of the economy-the printing of rupees fuels the persistently high rupee to dollar exchange rate and it is the cause of explosive infla-

Courtesy Dawn

The temporary halt on the rupee's slide is a welcome development and perhaps even stricter measures to prevent smuggling and hoarding may be merited. But these measures are broadly in the category of magic – not math. They cannot prevent the rupee from eventually falling even further. If you keep printing rupees, nothing can. It's just math. Magicians and jesters like some of the rent seekers that hold caretaker cabinet positions, can keep yelling abracadabra, but they cannot alter mathematics. Khurram Even magic has limits. Husain's warnings about Those limits have now the growing gap between been breached. The contin- net foreign assets (NFAs) and net domestic assets (NDAs) can be heeded now or they can be heeded later - but there is no escaping the banking and finance math. Even magic has limits. -- Courtesy TheNews

Consensual census



Shahzad Sharjeel

In his foreword to the Cencommissioner M.W.M Yeatts likened the nature of year convulsion". He was, of course, referring to the tions to label the census an which he thought should be

Comparing the challenges of the census of Yeatts notes that while a boycott marred the former due to the countrywide Civil Disobedience Movement, the latter was tested by the 'zeal' of the particithe veracity of the 'other's' 80 years, the 2023 census in Pakistan has caused simiwhat ethnic, instead of reli-

The fact that we have not had censuses held reguercise into more of a sudden, national seizure than a 10-year convulsion. The planned on the basis of guesstimates of population The Election Commission constituencies based on outdated numbers. Districts whim of the political party

pretence of bringing the district headquarters closer to a newly created district's population, but actually for gerrymandering. The anomalies in the average size of constituencies can be gauged from the fact that an average constituency will likely consist of nearly a million people in the upcoming elections. At the same time, some in Balochistan will have less than half the population but

be spread over 60,000

square kilometres in some

The current controversy over the census is caused by the delay in holding elections within 90 days of the dissolution of a provincial or national assembly. The Council of Common Interests approved the results of census 2023 on the PDM's watch, making it incumbent on the ECP to undertake a new delimitation exercise. The ECP has sought time to fulfil this constitutional

Some segments, including the PTI and, lately, a fast-forward 'bloke' in the PPP, believe it to be a ruse by the PML-N and its supporters in constituencies and cantonments to delay polls. The motive cited is to put some distance between the harsh economic measures initiated by Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N's nominee to head the PDM government, whose continuation by the caretaker set-up is causing extreme hardship and anger among low-income segments; ie, most of the registered vot-

polling day. Those adamant about following the 90-day condition are no constitutionalists; they want to capitalise on the public anger against inflation to rout the PDM's component parties in the next elections and exact revenge on those who ditched the 'kaptaan' project to send the PTI government packing. Short of in power, usually under the a landslide victory at the

ers who come out on the

polls in the current polarised environment, nothing can save the PTI from the consequences of the May 9 attacks on military property and monu-The right royal mess

was made messier by the division on the bench of the country's highest court, the final arbiter on matters of constitutional interpretation. Not a day would pass without the superior judiciary commenting on the election date. The president, a legacy nominee, also wanted the elections to be announced forthwith and often huddled with the law minister to goad, coax, and cajole the ECP to announce the election schedule. The minister heard without liste-ning; the ECP mai-ntained arms-len-g--th communication through let-

Returning to the cen-

sus, the new numbers must inform the delimitation in the run-up to fresh elections, but it must be kept in mind that this exercise only demarcates the geographical limits of the constituencies. In other words, it will redraw the geographical make-up of constituencies — more may now straddle multiple districts, or a particular area in a province may gain or lose the number of constituencies falling within it. It will not change the overall make-up of parliament. Punjab will still determine who rules the roost The British Raj con-

ducted seven population censuses between 1871 and per cent to 31pc by 2030. 1941, covering the entire country, including the 562 princely states and other autonomous regions. Since independence, Pakistan has held seven; the last, in 2023, was the country's first digital enumeration. Once India's seventh census was postponed due to Covid-19 in 2021, it decided to hold it after the 2024 elections, presciently avoiding the delimitation imbroglio we face. -- Courtesy Dawn

Carbon markets sphere and convert them



Maha Qasim

As COP28, the annual global climate conference, approaches, the demand for carbon offsets has surged, particularly from this year's host, the United Arab Emirates, and its neighbour Saudi Arabia. With relatively small populations but with large emissionsintensive industries, such as those producing oil and gas, petrochemicals and fertilisers, both nations are among the top 10 globally in terms of per capita emissions (2021), and are gearing up to decarbonise their

respective economies. governments can use voluncarbon markets (VČM), where they trade carbon offset credits representing the avoidance or removal of greenhouse gas emissions, to mitigate any greenhouse gases they generate. The UAE recently updated its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) — the GHG reduction commitment to the United Nations Framework on the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) — increasing its emissions reduction target from 23.5

Saudi Arabia is also investing in the green economic transition through the Middle East Green Initiative and significant purchases of carbon offsets from voluntary markets, signing agreements with African governments to protect and preserve large tracts of forests. These dense forests serve as natural carbon sinks, which absorb GHGs such as carbon dioxide from the atmo-

into biomass through the process known as photosynthesis. Nature-based solu-

removal from the atmo-

sphere. Each metric tonne

tions both reduce and remove harmful emissions from the atmosphere, either through the protection of forested landscapes to prevent deforestation, or the restoration of degraded ecosystems to enhance GHG

of carbon dioxide or equivalent emissions reduced or removed is equal to one carbon offset. These carbon offsets can be traded in international VCMs. Owing to a combination of factors, it is easier and cheaper to reduce and remove GHGs in some locations than in others. These include a country's existing emissions profile, the availability of feasible, low-cost solutions to reduce or remove atmospheric GHG emissions, the availability of significant natu-Private entities or ral resources and access to cheap labour. However, in

> mate finance that could have provided a vital boost to its ailing economy. Nature-based carbon sequestration projects can generate revenue over many years. Governments and project developers can earn revenue by establishing nature-based carbon offset projects either through avoiding deforestation, or through reforestation and restoration of degraded land. Typically, such projects have low capital costs and additional environmental and social cobenefits through job creation, enhanced environmental quality, etc.

the absence of a robust car-

bon market policy, Pakistan

will lose out on a critical

source of international cli-

The Paris Agreement allows private entities to offset their emissions using carbon offset credits purchased from the VCMs. However, to avoid doublecounting, these cannot count towards the NDCs of the country generating these offsets. Private entities need an undertaking from the national government that it will make 'corresponding adjustments' in its NDC targets by excluding those private carbon credits. To make corresponding adjustments, a government needs a carbon market policy to regulate the trade of carbon credits so that NDC commitments are not compromised.

The absence of a car-

bon markets policy increases investor risk, as there are no clear guidelines for potential carbon offset project developers to invest in Pakistan. There is a lack of clarity regarding revenue distribution from carbon offset projects between the federal and provincial governments. The Delta Blue Carbon Project, a mangrove restoration project in Sindh, has been generating revenues from carbon offsets since 2015. The Sindh Forest Department, one of the project developers, sought a no-objection certificate from the federal climate change ministry to continue selling the carbon offsets generated from the project in international VCMs. However, the ministry tried to convince the Sindh government to allow the carbon offsets to count towards Pakistan's NDCs to the UNFCCC. In addition, these carbon offsets cannot be sold to entities within Pakistan, as there is no national carbon market policy to govern such transactions. Jordan has successfully developed a robust institutional and regulatory framework to participate in international carbon markets backed by digital infrastructure to transparently track and transact GHG emission reductions. Pakistan can develop similar infrastructure to encourage the development of high-quality carbon offset projects which can generate essential funds and protect the country's vast nature reserves for its

future generations. -- Cour-

Punjab Governor says:

PEC is playing an important role in national development

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended the STEM Ambassador Program under the auspices of Pakistan Engineering Council at Lahore College for Women University as a special guest. Vice Chancellor Lahore College for Women University Dr. Shagufta Naz, Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council Najeeb Haroon,

Engineer Mir Masood Provincial Assembly Sania Kamran, Deans, academicians and a large number of students were

Addressing the emony, Punjab ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan Engineering Council is playing an important role in national

Council's Rashid, Former Member Internship Program is providing students with quality work experience, which is not only an investment in the future but also a valuable contribution to the development of the engineering sector. The Punjab Governor said that the importance of science

Engineering Council development. He said that the STEM initiative of Development Committee the Pakistan Engineering PEC, he said that arranging Graduate activities in various educational institutions for the promotion of scientific studies among the youth under STEM is commendable. He said that this program will help universities and schools to work together and impart science education to the children. It will definitely and technology is a vital factor in modern the world.

While appreciating wednesd trend of STEM education, he added.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with Vice Chancellor and others during a ceremony of Stem Ambassador Program at Lahore College for Women University.

PESHAWAR: Ambassador of Poland in Pakistan Maciej Pisarski meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

be countered by deploying

additional resources. He

stressed the importance of

sustained hard work to

ensure the timely completion of the Shahdara

CM for timely completion of Shahdara flyovers project

Independent Report Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister

Mohsin Naqvi conducted a late-night inspection of the Shahdara flyovers project, which is currently at an impressive 88 percent

During his visit, he carefully examined the ongoing construction efforts and assessed the project's progress, said a handout issued here on Tuesday. The CM paid particular attention to the protective walls of the Shahdara flyovers and emphasized the need to accelerate construction to significantly ease the

Additionally, he approximately 300,000 vehicles desired provided guidance to the contractor overseeing the vehicles daily. During his visit, the CM received bridges' construction, urging them to adhere to the project's established

timeline. Expressing full support from the Punjab government, the chief minister conveyed a strong message that the project should be wrapped up by the middle of the upcoming month, and any delays

DC chairs meeting regarding facilities at polling stations attributable to adverse HYDERABAD (APP): In weather conditions should

order to review the facilities at polling stations during general elections, Deputy Commissioner Zahid Hussain Rind chaired a meeting on

flyovers project. Naqvi Addressing the meeting DC said that all underscored that once finished, the project would possible measures would be taken to facilitate voters bring a lasting solution to the traffic congestion and election duty staff issues plaguing the city's during the general elections primary entry and exit so that the election process could be completed without any difficulty. Furthermore, the successful conclusion of

DC instructed officials of the Education the Shahdara Chowk flyover project is expected Works Department to find an alternate building where the original polling station building is in dilapidating condition and submi report in this regard. All detailed briefings from Assistant Commissioners Chief Engineer LDA and were instructed to visit the the project contractor, polling station building, providing valuable insights inspect the availability of into the progress achieved required facilities, and submit a report in this Provincial ministers regard.

Amir Mir and Azfar Ali DC said that the Nasir, along with the Election Commissioner has Deputy Commissioner and pointed out 105 polling other relevant officers stations and has submitted were present. estimated expenses for Jamal calls for transparency proving required faculties after a comprehensive survey while a separate & accountability through survey report is compiled for arranging facilities at 48 buildings in damaged

access to information condition **Independent Report** Shah PESHAWAR: In an event acknowledged the hosted by the Khyber challenges facing the province and called for responsibility

thus far.

Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Commission, Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel, the instill confidence in the Caretaker Minister of Information, Culture, and Tourism in Khyber and transparency, asserting Pakhtunkhwa, stressed the importance of government transparency and public awareness through access to information. He emphasized that informed citizens are essential for holding governments accountable and cited Hazrat Umar's exemplary response to a question as a historical precedent. Furthermore.

underscored the relevance of the Holy Quran in guiding our lives and urged for proactive disclosure of information to evaluate government performance. Barrister Kakakhel also expressed concern over the recent MDCAT test incident, highlighting the need for merit-based rewards for the youth.

Provincial Minister including Barrister Feroze Jamal

corrective measures to vouth. He emphasized the importance of meritocracy that public access to information İS fundamental component of achieving this goal. He pointed out the

province's efforts, with 1146 public information officers working diligently provide timely information. The commissi on's performance, having resolved over 23,000 of the 25,000 requests promptly, indicates its effectiveness he said.Barrister Kakakhel informed the audience that Chief Commissioner Farah Hamid Khan and her team are making significant strides in their roles, with plans to appoint more commissioners shortly. The event was attended by various dignitaries. Secretary

Information and Public.

SHC rejects bail of Town **Committee** Ranipur's chairman HYDERABAD (APP)

The Sindh High Court here on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of Town Committee Ranipur's Chairman Syed Fayaz Shah who is booked in the alleged murder case of a minor maid who was working at his daughter's residence in Khairpur

district. The Khairpur police produced Shah before the Hyderabad Circuit Bench and apprised the court that he was arrested 2 days ago in a connected case of alleged issuance of threats to deceased maid Fatima Phuriro's family. The police said they required physical remand of Shah in the main FIR which was registered on the complaint of the deceased girl's mother Shabnum Phuriro at Ranipur police station.



Minister conveys condolences to **Sikh Community**

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Law and Human Rights, Auqaf, and Minority Affairs, Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, alongside Auqaf Secretary Dr. Asad Ali, paid a visit to Gurdwara Bhai Joga Singh Namak Mandi in Peshawar. During this solemn occasion, they expressed their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Sikh community in the wake of Hardeep Singh's tragic killing by India's RAW agency in Canada.

The leaders of the Sikh community expressed their gratitude to Justice Retired Syed Arshad Hussain Shah for his visit

to the media during this visit, the caretaker provincial minister extended his condolences to the Sikh community emphasizing that they share in the grief of the Sikh community. He personally visited

Bhai Joga Singh Gurdwara to offer his condolences sympathy. He strongly condemned the killing of Hardeep Singh by India's RAW agency and called upon the United Nations to take notice of India's actions. He reaffirmed that ensuring the safety of the lives and property of the minority community is their top



LAHORE: Caretaker Minister of Augaf Syed Azfar Ali Nasir taking interest in books on stall during exhibition regarding the "Seerat-e-Nabi Saw" at Al-Hamra Arts Council, in Provincial Capital.

Revenue Minister for launching of e-Services in Singh within one month

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister for Revenue, Muhammad Younus Dagha has directed the Board of Revenue authorities to launch e-Services within one month to minimize human interaction and eliminate corruption. malpractices inefficiencies from land records & revenue system

and ensure better service delivery to citizens.

According to an official statement issued here on Tuesday, the minister presided over a meeting at Revenue House, which was attended by Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Sindh, Zahid Ali Member Abbasi, (RS&EP), Dr. Waseem

Shamshad Ali; Member (R&S), Syed Ahmed Ali Naich; Secretary-cum-LARMIS, Director, Saifullah Abro, Secretary (Revenue), BOR, M.B. Dharejo and other officers.

Voicing deep concern over the poor performance of Mukhtiar and Sub-

Registrar offices, he said that citizens visiting these offices have to go through long ordeals and were forced to pay bribes for getting documents registered and obtaining mutation entries, sale certificates or other services.

emphasized He modernising the services to get rid of these inherent flaws of the system and directed to launch eservices mobile app and web application within one month.

During the meeting, he briefed about the various IT projects undertaken by the Board of Revenue. Sindh, past achievements. ongoing activities and future initiatives. He directed the concerned Shah; Chief Inspector of authorities to take Stamps, Ghulam Abbas advantage of digital technology and initiate facilitation projects for improving public service delivery by the Revenue Department.

After detailed discussion, it was decided



ABBOTTABAD: Teachers holds protest in the

Caretaker CM chairs meeting on Foreign Funded Projects

important meeting to discuss and review progress on Foreign Funded Development Projects in the province including newly merged areas was held here on Tuesday with the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in the chair. Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary Zubair Asghar Quraishi, administrative secretaries

the concerned departments and other high ups attended the meeting. The participants were given detailed briefing about the progress made so far on the foreign funded development projects and other related matters. It

PESHAWAR (Online): An was told that under the foreign funded development portfolio, a total of 66 development projects worth Rs. 849 billion were reflected in the Annual Development Program of the current financial year adding that Rs. 114 billion have been allocated for the aforementioned projects in the current fiscal year, out of which Rs. 10.9 billion have been released so far.

Briefing about the details of development projects in the various sectors, it was informed that five projects were reflected in Agriculture sector, three in Public Health Engineering, four projects in the Elementary and seven projects in the and to ensure their timely sector of Power & Energy, completion.

four projects in the Health, three projects in Local Government, five in Road Communication, two in Tourism, three projects in Irrigation, one project each in Forests, Industries and Labour whereas nineteen in multisectoral development sector. It was informed that as compared to other provinces, progress on the development projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was much better. The Chief Minister, while expressing his satisfaction over the overall progress on these projects, has directed the quarters concerned to take necessary steps in order to further expedite the pace & Secondary Education of work on these projects

Turkiye envoy, AJK **Shops built on** drains in Malir should be demolished

KARACHI (APP): Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad has said that the shops built on the drains in Malir should be demolished as soon as possible.

He was presiding over a meeting of the Estate Department of KMC in his office here on Tuesday.

He directed the Estate Department of KMC to immediately issue a challan to the tenants for the

payment of arrears. He also directed for cleaning in the KMC markets and for making better arrangements for water and electricity in the markets.Salman Abdullah Murad said that all these works should be completed on time.

Minister discuss bilateral ties MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Abdali to the Turkiye

Azad Jammu and Kashmir Minister Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali Tuesday called on Turkiye's Ambassador to Pakistan Mehmet Paçaci in the federal metropolis and discussed matters of mutual interests including the exchange of bilateral cooperation between Turkish Turkiye and Azad Jammu institutions. & Kashmir.

The First Secretary, opportunities for Trade Ambassador, and collaboration, Turkish government were also present on the occasion. congratulations to the new the envoy warmly development.

embassy. Among the key topics discussed, there was a shared desire to establish a Turkish language center in Kashmir, promoting the Turkish language and culture. Additionally, plans were made to facilitate admissions for students in Highlighting

Education Council companies were invited to Minister of the Turkiye engage in construction projects in Azad Kashmir. These projects The minister extended encompassed crucial areas such as hydraulic power

Turkiye government, while generation, infrastructure welcomed Dr. Nisar Ansar management.



LARKANA: Sindh Caretaker Local Government Minister, Muhammad Mubeen Jumani presides over the meeting with officers of the Local Government Department held at Deputy Commissioner Office in Larkana.

Jan chairs meeting on key infrastructure projects KP

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister Communication & Works and Irrigation Ahmad Jan Khan, recently led a meeting in Peshawar to significant infrastructure projects within the Communication & Works Department. During the meeting, progress on the province's flagship mega projects and their completion timelines assessed.The gathering included Chief Engineer C&W North Engineer Shakir Habib.

Murad presides over an online minerals cadastre portal review meeting

Independent Report
LAHORE: Under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Mines and Minerals, Ibrahim Murad, an online Minerals Cadastre Portal review meeting was convened. The meeting was also attended by the Director-General of Mines and Minerals and the Chief Executive Officer of Punjab Board Of Investment and Trade(PBIT). During the

regarding the design and data of the department's web portal . A suggestion from PBIT proposed further translation of the Mines and Minerals Department's website into additional two international languages.

On this occasion, Provincial Ibrahim Murad directed to update and enhance the portal to make it more user-friendly. Addressing meeting, the Mines and the participants of the Minerals Department meeting, he emphasized the provided a detailed briefing need to upload all to the Provincial Minister investment options.

Anti-corruption seminar at PINS Moral and professional Dis-honesty is also a form of corruption

Independent Report

AHORE: Executive of Punjab Director Institute of Neurosciences (PINS) and renowned Neurosurgeon Prof. Asif Bashir has said that collective efforts are required to eliminate corruption awareness corruption malpractices from the society and for this purpose all stakeholders should start sincere efforts and a concrete struggle to get rid of this menace. He further said that apart from

financial corruption, moral

decline and professional

negligence have also spread

in our society because not performing one's duties honestly and lack of interest in office hours is also corruption. These views were expressed by ED PINS Prof. Asif Bashir while addressing the seminar organized by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at Bashir Auditorium "PINS". A large number of Professors, young doctors, nurses and medical staff participated in the seminar. Addressing the seminar, Director NAB Imran Sohail said that the main reason for the economic and financial

problems that Pakistan is advancing this struggle facing today are hurdles like corruption, nepotism, bribery and favoritism, due to which a lot of national resources and income have been lost. A large portion is wasted, resulting in Governments looking to external aid and financial institutions to run the country, he added. Imran Sohail further said that Pakistan can move forward only if all the institutions and the people work together to eliminate corruption and make serious efforts. Director NAB said that the National Accountability Bureau is about it. They will be

according to its mandate and many seminars are being organized in various institutions Government Departments to raise awareness about corruption while this seminar organized in the Neuro Institute is part of this same struggle. ED PINS Prof. Asif Bashir while appreciating the efforts of NAB officials to eradicate corruption said that this campaign will help to raise awareness among people against

corruption and we all

should be mentally alert

affairs according to the rules and regulations, not to fall into any kind of temptation to give undue concessions to anyone, by which someone else's rights will be destroyed, the affairs of the offices will be deteriorating and our national resources are wasted. Prof. Asif Bashir expressed determination that Punjab Institute of Neurosciences will provide its platform for all the issues included in the national stream and such positive activities will

continue to be encouraged

willing to carry out their



HYDERABAD: Seminary students participate in Milad rally at Al Waheed Colony Hali Road in connection with 12 Rabi Ul Awal.

Jazz, NUST 5G innovation lab hosts Pak first 5G Hackathon

ISLAMABAD (APP): technology. By bringing Jazz, Pakistan's largest together bright minds, digital operator is bringing Pakistan's first Innovation Hackathon in close collaboration with the National University of Sciences and Technology National the Informational Technology Board (NITB), and Code for Pakistan (ĆfP).

The groundbreaking initiative which will be launched soon, aims to harness the immense potential of 5G technology and other cutting-edge innovations to address critical challenges in Pakistan's key sectors, including health, education, financial services, disaster management and climate change, agri-tech, and Industry 4.0, said a news release here on Tuesday.

The 5G Innovation Hackathon underscores the critical importance of fostering innovation and talent in the realm of 5G

developers, and entrepreneurs hackathon serves as a breeding ground for groundbreaking ideas and solutions that will shape

future

telecommunications in

Pakistan. The event not only empowers local talent but also ensures that Pakistan remains at the forefront of the digital revolution, paving the way for a more connected and innovative

Chief Regulatory Affairs Officer at Jazz Syed Fakhar Ahmed said solutions longstanding challenges that face developing countries like Pakistan lie in technology.

"We're proud to have developed the 5G lab innovation in collaboration with NUST, a tech hub that's now

hosting the country's first 5G hackathon to help create viable solutions to key challenges while putting Pakistan on the global map of 5G innovation," the press release quoted him as ČEO NITB Baber

Majid Bhatti said at NITB, they would see the 5G Innovation Hackathon as a catalyst Pakistan's for governance evolution.

This event will unite technology and governance paving the way for tailored solutions that will enhance citizen services. By harnessing 5G's potential he said, they would be nurturing a digitally connected Pakistan, building capacity, and

fostering innovation.

He expressed the confidence that the initiative would further redefine e-governance for a brighter future.

Footwear

as compared to the exports

of \$15.565 million during

varieties, the exports of

leather footwear increased

by 2.12 percent to \$13.961

million in August compared

to exports of \$13.672

million in August 2022

whereas the exports of

canvas footwear increased

from zero to \$0.290

million, showing cent

other footwear varieties

increased from \$1.893 last

August to \$2.519 million

in August 2023, showing

growth of 33.07 percent.

However, the exports of

the commodity during first

two months of the current

fiscal year witnessed a decrease of 12.75 percent

when compared to the

corresponding period or last year, PBS reported

The footwear exports

during July-August (2023-

24) were recorded at

\$28.261 million against the

exports of \$32.392 million

in July-August (2022-23).

During the period under

review the exports of

leather footwear declined

The exports of all

percent growth.

August 2022

Among



Dr. Inayat Hussain, Deputy Governor State Bank, Aurangzeb Feroz, Director and Sponsor KT Bank of The City School Group, Riyan Labashar, Director KT Bank, Jameel Ahmed, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Ali Mukhtar, Sponsor KT Bank and Director Fatima Group, Senator Banker Munir Kamal and Toran Asif, Transaction Lead and nominated CEO KT Bank in a group photo on eve of getting State Bank approval to start digital banking service of KT Bank in Pakistan.

Senate body urges accountability of electricity crisis responsible

Dismayed over absence of Chairman NEPRA in meeting

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Official of Power Division told Senate Standing Committee on Energy that daily recovery reached 1 billion. If the campaign continues, 150 billion recovery will be made in three months. Electricity theft in Mardan and Mirpurkhas will be reduced to zero by the first week of October.

Chairman Committee said that there is a serious electricity crisis in the country and the concerned authorities must be held accountable. Meeting of Senate Standing Committee was held under Senator Saif Senate Standing Committee

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (ICCI) Ahsan

Zafar Bakhtawari has said

that G-9 Markaz Karachi

Company has grown into

one of the largest

commercial centres of the

federal capital, but due to

lack of better development,

its traders are facing

roads, construction of a

parking plaza, repair of

footpaths, construction of

He stressed that CDA

start

the

development works in G- Zafar Secretary General,

9 Markaz on priority basis Ch. Abdul Ghaffar Senior

including carpeting of Vice President and others

filtration plant & public President and Haji Zafar

multiple problems.

should

President,

Islamabad

CDA urged to resolve

problems of businessmen

of G-9 Markaz

Members Committee said that KEPCO has been granted the extension illegally.

Senator Bahraman Tangi

ullah Abro.

of an IPP resulted in a loss of Rs 151 billion. The Chairman of the Committee Standing suggested the Power Division to write a letter to the President of the World Bank raising objection to the World

Transmission Project Meanwhile,

Bank validating the Dasu

streetlights. He said that

the 40 years old sewerage system in G-9 Markaz has

deteriorated and is leaking

from various places. He

urged that the CDA should

replace the old sewerage

said this while addressing

a delegation of Traders

Welfare Association, G-9

Markaz Islamabad led by

its President Raja Javed

Iqbal that visited ICCI. Haji

occasion, Raja Javed Iqbal

Speaking on the

were in the delegation.

The ICCI President

system with a new one.

on Power met on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Senator Saifullah Abro here at Old Pips Parliament Lodges.

The meeting was attended by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, said that Illegal extension Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee, Senator Sana Jamali, Senator Dilawar Senator Haji Khan, Hidayatullah khan and Senator Fida Muhammad. At the outset of the

meeting, Senator Saifullah expressed reservations on the absence of Chairman NEPRA.

China-Pak **business**

RAWALPINDI (APP): A delegation of the China-Pakistan Business Development Council headed by Council President Chen Jian Lu along with Chairman Shafiqur Rehman visited

They were also accompanied by Wang Xiaosan, Ms. Li Xin and

Rafig briefed the delegation on the ongoing activities and future programs of the Chamber.

He said that there were friendly and deep

delegation visits RCCI

the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) here on Monday.

Ms Lee Wong. RCCI President Saqib

relations between Pakistan and China



President, Adeel Siddiqui presenting shield to Tariq Razzaq Dharejo, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Hyderabad during a ceremony held in HCCI in Hyderabad.

Over 7.886 mln tons wheat available for local consumption

grains in the country by September 25, 2023, were recorded at 1.610 million tons as compared to the stocks of the same period of last year, said Food Security Commissioner in the Ministry of National

ISLAMABAD (APP): on Tuesday he said that the government had also procured about 5.889 million metric tons of wheat during the wheat procurement campaign to fulfil the local requirements as well as keep the strategic reserves in the country.

Meanwhile, the government has also imported about 375,589 metric tons of wheat during 2022, he said adding that so far the government has released 830,046 metric tons to local millers for producing flour and other products to tackle the local requirements. The Food Security Commissioner further informed that besides the public sector.

CCP Chairman briefs Shamshad on performance ISLAMABAD (INP): Dr.

Kabir Ahmed Sidhu, Chairman of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), called upon the Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, & Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshau Gana Islamabad Tuesday.

briefed the Minister on the CCP's performance so far. He provided an overview of the CCP's strategic vision, specially focusing on curbing collusive practices of cartels, market abuse, manipulation, and advocacy. He also apprised the Minister about the status of outstanding penalties within the courts. The Chairman informed the Minister that the Competition Appellate Tribunal has become dysfunctional since 14 July 2023, due to the expiry of term of chairman Appellate Tribunal. Due to a lack of quorum, Tribunal cannot make decisions. This has left hundreds of cases pending against sugar, automobile, poultry, and cement undertakings. Lack of enforcement will only penefit the cartels and result in higher prices for consumers across the

country which will result in higher inflation.

Pakistan, Germany sign convention for eliminating double taxation

ISLAMABAD (APP): was signed in 1994 and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has initiated renegotiations on the eliminating double taxation with respect to taxes on income and the prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance between Pakistan and Germany. In this connection, tax

delegations of both the countries met here for the first round of negotiations from September 18-22, 2023, said a news release issued here. The first draft of the

agreement was initiated by

the respective heads of delegation on 22nd September, 2023 at here after detailed consultations and mutual agreement on key articles of the draft Agreement. It is pertinent to

mention here that the existing agreement for the avoidance of double taxation between Pakistan and Germany in practice

requires revision to cater to regulations as per international and domestic needs. The revised agreement once finalized will not only strengthen the existing safeguards against double taxation on the income of the residents of both the countries without creating opportunities for non-taxation or reduced taxation through abusive arrangements.

It will also promote economic cooperation, strengthen the existing bilateral economic relations and enhance investments in both countries while ensuring adequate certainty in respect of taxation rules applicable to cross-border business transactions.

Taxpayers of both countries will get relief from double taxation resulting in boosting up the trading activities in both the countries



KARACHI: An iron smiths are busy in their work at shop in Eid Gah area in Provincial Capital.

SIFC for resolving key impediments to investment environment

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Executive Committee of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Tuesday devised a practical option, by drawing consensus among stakeholders, to resolve key impediments to the investment environment in the country. The plans were also finalized to resolve issues related to four key sectors (agriculture, IT, minerals, and energy) besides adding new projects to the forum,

2023, and will continue for two days. The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives and attended by the National Coordinator for SIFC, Dr Jehanzeb Khan SAPM (Governance Effectiveness), concerned Federal and Provincial Ministers, and high-level government officials. The meeting was aimed at reviewing the measures being undertaken for said a press release issued - improving the investment here. The 5th meeting of the ecosystem, overcoming Executive Committee of macroeconomic challenges, the Special Investment and stimulating economic

FPCCI, KP Forest Dept join hands to accelerate forestation

PESHAWAR (APP): The (HR) Forest Development, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Region and Department of Forest have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for acceleration of tree plantation and joint efforts against deforestation. In this connection, a

MoU signing ceremony was held at the office of the Conservator (Forest), Fazal Elahi the other day, said a press release issued here on Tuesday.

Besides, Regional Coordinator FPCCI KP Region, Sartaj Ahmad Deputy Conservator (Forest), Amjad Samad, Director

Hazrat Mir, Director Business Facilitation KP Board of Investment & Trade (BoIT), Iqbal Wazir and other authorities of the Department of Forests also attended the ceremony.
On this occasion, the

officials of FPCCI KP Region and Department of Pakhtunkhwa expressed their resolve to jointly work for the eradication of growing pollution, massive cutting of trees and further strengthening of the tree plantation drive in the province. Speaking on the occasion, Regional Coordinator FPCCI, Sartaj Ahmad Khan said that

keeping in view the climate



ISLAMABAD: Customers are visiting the flea market section of Weekly Margala Bazaar, but nowadays the prices of such used stuff are also out of reach of common people in Federal Capital.

SECP amends (AML/CFT) Regulations, 2020 to ensure integrity of financial system

ISLAMABAD (INP): effectively The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) to ensure the integrity of its financial system has introduced important amendments to Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Regulations, 2020. The newly

financial crimes, control money laundering, and combat the financing of terrorism (CFT) while ensuring the integrity of its financial system. The amendments to the SECP AML/CFT Regulations 2020 are the outcome of the National Risk Assessment 2023, in which SECP introduced amendments were aimed to enhance the scope of regulations to CFT regulatory framework.



(APP):

President Karachi Chamber

of Commerce and Industry,

Mohammed Tariq Yousuf,

on Tuesday, suggested the

the negative list or placing

a complete ban on the item.

argued that there was no

its own massive volumes

of plastic waste and scrap

which is recycled by many

in buying other country's

Ejaz, also suggested

Audit of all recent imports

units operating in Pakistan

exports complete ban on import increase by of recycled plastic 7.74% in August ISLAMABAD (APP) months and the importers The export of footwear

products witnessed an should be asked to clarify increase of 7.74 percent how and through what during the Month of channel the payments have August 2023 as compare to been made to foreign the same month of last import of recycled plastic suppliers for import from fiscal year, Pakistan under any description in a neighbouring country. Bureau of Statistics (PBS) Moreover, a massive volume of smuggled reported. Pakistan exported footwear products worth \$16.770 million during August 2023

in a statement issued here, countries misdeclaration in terms of need or logic to import value and quantity have recycled plastic in caused losses of Rs10 to Pakistan because the 12 billion in just three country already generates months on account of Customs Duty, Sales Tax, WHT and other levies, he

added. "This will have a very positive impact on hence, there was no point remittances and the vast amounts diverted to grey Tariq Yousuf, in a channels to finance letter to Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries misdeclaration of imports

and Production Dr. Gohar from neighbouring countries will be redirected carrying out a Forensic to banking channels and will support the value of of Plastics (Polyethylene) during the last four to six market," he opined.

Work on 884-MW SK Hydropower project in full swing: Wang Huihua

Managing Director of China Energy International Group's Pakistan Wang Huihua on Tuesday said the construction work on the 884-megawatt Suki Kinari (SK) Hydropower Project was being carried out at a fast-track basis under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiatives.

run-of-the-The Kunhar-river hydropower project would create over 4,250 employment opportunities besides contributing significant electricity to the national grid, he said while talking

Wang Huihua expressed confidence the SK hydropower project was expected to complete by the end of the current year or mid of 2024 as its powerhouse and reservoir section were in the final phases of completion.

However, he said the 24-kilometer-long Hades Tunnel was the most challenging part of the project due to difficult terrain, harsh weather conditions during winter and water drainage

both

Under the Huihua said, around three electricity would be added to the national grid per

continuing day and night.

He said highly-skilled

Answering a question, he said the pace of the project faced delay due to the COVID-19 epidemic, however now the construction work was

manpower coupled with state-of-the-art machinery million this year. had been deployed at the tunnel sites, adding "excavation and lining work is currently underway upstream and downstream.

hydropower project, Wang billion units of affordable

million to \$0.165 million, a growth of 264 percent. The export of other footwear commodities

by 15.89 percent, from \$27.976 million to \$23.531 However, the exports canvas footwear increased from \$0.158

declined by 2.44 percent to \$4.154 million from to \$4.258 million last year. It is pertinent to mention here that the country' overall trade deficit contracted by 40.29 per cent during the first two months of the current fiscal year compared to the corresponding period of

Over 7.886 million metric tons of wheat stocks were available for local consumption as well as for keeping strategic reserves in order to maintain smooth demand and supply to ensure the supply of flour at affordable prices across the country. The carryforward stocks of the

Food Security and Research Imtiaz Ali Gopang.
Talking to APP here

ISLAMABAD: Senator Saifullah Abro, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Power presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament Lodges.

Independent

Turkey to ratify Sweden's NATO bid if US approves F-16 sales to Ankara

ANKARA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that the Turkish parliament would ratify Sweden's accession to NATO if the U.S. approves the sale of its F-16 fighter jets to Ankara, Reuters reported on Sept. 26.

Erdogan told reporters on his flight back from Azerbaijan that Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan discussed the issue of Sweden's NATO aspirations with U.S. State Secretary Antony Blinken in New York last week.

According to the Turkish president, the Biden administration is linking the F-16 sales to Ankara's approval of the Swedish NATO bid.

"If they (the U.S.) keep their promises, our parliament will keep its own promise as well. Turkish parliament will have the final say on Sweden's NATO membership," Erdogan

said. Both Sweden and Fin- a green light from Hungary, liance in May 2022 due to Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Turkey initially blocked both of their bids but gave the green light to Helsinki in March. Erdogan seemingly

conceded to back Sweden's bid and forward it to the Turkish parliament on July 10 after meeting NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. A day after the announcement, the Biden administration said that it would move forward with the sale of F-16s to Turkey. Ankara requested to buy \$20 billion of F-16 aircraft and nearly 80 modernization kits for its existing warplanes from the U.S. in October 2021.

Since then, neither the ratification of Sweden's NATO bid nor the sale of the jets have been finalized. Sweden also waits for

land applied to join the Alanother NATO member that has not approved Stockholm's accession to the alliance so far. Hungarian

Minister Viktor Orban said on Sept. 25 that Budapest is in "no rush" with the ratification, suggesting further delays before the Nordic country can join the mili-tary bloc. Turkey's par-liament will keep its promise to ratify Sweden's NATO bid if U.S. President Joe Biden's administration paves the way for F-16 jet sales to Ankara, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday, according to Turkish media.

Speaking to reporters on his flight back from Azerbaijan's exclave of Nakhchivan, Erdogan said that Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed Sweden's NATO membership bid last week in New York



KHANKENDI: In this videograb released by the Russian Defence Ministry, Russian peacekeepers help evacuate refugees from this town, also called

North Korea says cooperation with Russia 'natural' for neighbours

Monitoring Desk

SEOUL: North Korea on Monday slammed South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol for criticising its cooperation with Moscow following leader Kim Jong Un's Russia visit, saying it is "natural" and "normal" for neighbours to keep close

Yoon, speaking at the U.N. General Assembly last week, said that if Russia helped North Korea enhance its weapons programmes in return for assistance for its war in Ukraine, it would be "a direct provocation."

In a piece carried by KCNA news agency, the North denounced Yoon for "malignantly" slandering its friendly cooperation with Russia, and said Yoon was serving as a "loudspeaker" for the United States.

"It is quite natural and normal for neighbouring countries to keep close relations with each other, and there is no reason to call such

practice to account," it said. Kim returned home last week from a week-long trip to Russia in which he and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to boost military and economic cooperation. U.S. and South Korean officials have expressed concern that Russia could be trying to acquire ammunition from the North to supplement its dwindling stocks for the war in Ukraine while Pyongyang seeks technological help for its nuclear and missile programmes. Any activities assisting North Korea's weapons programmes are banned under U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Taiwan expects to deploy two new submarines by 2027, security adviser says

Monitoring Desk

TAIPEI: Taiwan hopes to deploy at least two new, domestically developed submarines by 2027, and possibly equip later models with missiles, to strengthen deterrence against the Chinese navy and protect key supply lines, the head of the pro-

Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has made the indigenous sub program a key part of an ambitious project to modernise its armed forces as Beijing stages almost daily military exercises to assert its sover-

President Tsai Ingwen, who initiated the programme when she took office in 2016, is expected to launch the first of eight new submarines on Thursday under a plan that has drawn on expertise and

technology from several countries - a breakthrough for diplomatically isolated

Admiral Huang Shukuang, Tsai's security adviser, who is leading the program, said a fleet of 10 submarines - which includes two Dutch-made submarines commissioned in the 1980s – will make it harder for the Chinese navy to project power into the

"If we can build up this combat capacity, I don't think we will lose a war," Huang this month told an internal briefing on the project, which was attended by Reuters.

Huang said the first submarine, with a price tag of T\$49.36 billion (\$1.54 billion), will use a combat system by Lockheed Martin Corp and carry USmade MK-48 heavyweight

case after mosque fire Monitoring Desk WEDEN: Swedish police

Swedish police

open arson

said on Tuesday that they were investigating whether a fire that reduced a mosque to rubble the previous day in central Sweden was arson. "The investigation into the fire is continuing. Police will question witnesses and verify whether there were security cameras in the area," the police said in a statement on their website. The fire broke out on Monday around noon in Eskilstuna, a town of 108,000 people 150 kilometres (93 miles) west of Stockholm, causing no injuries, a police spokesman told AFP. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made.

'The mosque is almost completely destroyed, nothing can be saved," mosque spokesman Anas Deneche told AFP.

Deneche said the mosque had been the target of several acts of violence in the past year and his family had been threatened.

Egypt to hold presidential election Dec. 10-12

Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: Egypt will hold a presidential vote on Dec. 10-12, the elections authority said on Monday, with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi widely expected to win reelection despite an economic crisis including record inflation and chronic

foreign currency shortages. Sisi, 68, can stand for a third term due to constitutional amendments in 2019 that also extended the length of presidential terms to six years from four, opening the way for him to stay

in office until at least 2030 Election results are expected to be announced on Dec. 23 and, in the event of a run-off round, final results should be announced on Jan. 16 at the latest, the election authority said



A view of weapons and military equipment displayed by Kosovo police. The weapons were seized during the police operation in Banjska village.

Belarus Foreign Minister Sergei Aleinik addresses the 78th session of the

Belarus' top diplomat says he can't imagine his nation entering the war in Ukraine alongside Russia

Monitoring Desk JNITED NATIONS: The foreign minister of Belarus, which has a strategic partnership with Russia, says he cannot envision a situation where his country would enter the war in Ukraine alongside Russian

Sergei Aleinik said in an interview with The Associated Press that he also can't imagine a situation where Russia would order his country to use the tactical nuclear weapons it recently deployed in Belarus.

Monitoring Desk

BELGRADE: Serbia's

president demanded Tues-

day to have a NATO-led

peacekeeping force take

over for the national law

enforcement agency in

northern Kosovo after a

daylong shootout between

armed Serbs and Kosovar

police left one officer and

confrontations since

Kosovo declared inde-

pendence from Serbia in

2008, about 30 masked

men opened fire on a po-

lice patrol near the vil-

lage of Banjska early

Sunday then broke down

In one of the worst

three gunmen dead.

option because it is an instrument of defense primarily," he said of the missiles.

But if Belarus was invaded, "I will not exclude any instruments to be used to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country," he

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has relied on Russian subsidies and political support to rule the ex-Soviet nation with an iron hand for nearly three decades, allowed the Krem-'I don't see such an lin to use Belarusian terri-

thodox monastery and

barricaded themselves

with the priests and vis-

raised tensions in the

Balkan region at a time

when European Union and

U.S. mediators have been

pushing for a deal that

would normalize ties be-

tween former wartime foes

in Kosovo led to the end of

A NATO bombing

Serbia and Kosovo.

the 1998-99 war.

The violence further

iting pilgrims.

Serbia demands that NATO

take over policing of northern

Kosovo after a deadly shootout

tory to send troops into Ukraine in February 2022 at the start of the invasion. But Lukashenko has opposed joining the fighting.

Aleinik said the stationing of tactical nuclear missiles in Belarus is a response to "the very big militarization" along its western border. The Polish military, for example, is planning to double its armed forces and bring more heavy weapons to the border, backed by a growing presence of U.S. and other NATO forces, he said.

Saudi Arabia

on Monday it has decided to end light-touch oversight of its nuclear activities by the UN atomic watchdog and switch to full-blown safeguards, a change the agency has been demanding for years.

nascent programme that it wants to expand to eventually include activities like proliferation-sensitive uranium enrichment.

campaign on Serb positions It is unclear where its ambitions end, since Crown Prince Mohammed Serbian President bin Salman has said for Aleksandar Vucic met with years it will develop ambassadors from five nuclear weapons if re-Western countries and the gional rival Iran does.

plans tougher IAEA checks **Monitoring Desk** VIENNA: Saudi Arabia said

Saudi Arabia has a

nuclear



Kosovo police members of Special Intervention Unit escort one of the arrested Serb gunmen out of the court after the Kosovo shootout in capital

Taliban weigh using US mass surveillance plan, met with China's Huawei

Monitoring Desk

KABUL: The Taliban are creating a large-scale camera surveillance network for Afghan cities that could involve repurposing a plan crafted by the Americans before their 2021 pull-out, an interior ministry spokesman told Reuters, as authorities seek to supplement thousands of cameras already across the capital, Kabul. The Taliban administration which has publicly said it is focused on restoring security and clamping down on Islamic State, which has claimed many major attacks in Afghan cities, has also

equipment maker Huawei about potential cooperation, the spokesman said. Preventing attacks by international militant groups - inprominent

cluding organisations such as Islamic State – is at the heart of the interaction between the Taliban and many foreign nations, including the US and China, according to readouts from those meetings. But some analysts question the cash-strapped regime's ability to fund the program, and rights groups have expressed concern that any resources will be used to crack down on pro-

consulted Chinese telecom Chinese tourists get VIP welcome as Thai visa waiver programme begins

Monitoring Desk BANGKOK: Chinese tourists landing in Bangkok got a VIP wel-

come on Monday, as Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin personally greeted the first batch of visitors to arrive in Thailand after it waived visas for Chinese nationals to boost the key tourism industry.

Dancers in traditional costumes and puppeteers put on performances for the bemused visitors, who came in on a flight from Shanghai. Many stopped to take selfies with Srettha. Tourism is a crucial

driver of Southeast Asia's second-largest economy, known for its picturesque beaches and vibrant nightlife, and reviving an industry that was hard hit by the pandemic is one of the priorities of newly elected Srettha, who inherited an underperforming

China's own postpandemic economic woes, however, have meant fewer tourists from what was once Thailand's biggest market are flying in, a situation Srettha hopes the visa waiver can help fix.

Cuban embassy in US attacked with Molotov cocktails

Monitoring Desk

HAVANA: Cuba's embassy in Washington was attacked by a man using two Molotov cocktails on Sunday night, the country's foreign minister said, describing the incident as a "terrorist at-

"The Cuban embassy in the US was the target of a terrorist attack by an individual who launched 2 Molotov cocktails. The staff suffered no harm,' said Bruno Rodriguez in a post on social media platform X. This was the second attack against the Cuban mission in Washington in recent years, after a man opened fire on the building in April 2020. There were no injuries from that attack.

Anti-Covid drug may have led to virus mutations: study **Monitoring Desk**

PARIS: An anti-Covid drug widely used across the world may have caused mutations in the virus, researchers said on Monday, but there was no evidence that the changes had led to more dangerous variants. Pharmaceutical giant Merck's antiviral pill molnupiravir was one of the earliest treatments rolled out during the pandemic to prevent Covid becoming more severe in vulnerable people.

EU commissioner calls for more balanced trade with China & warns that Ukraine could divide them

Monitoring Desk

BEIJING: The European Union's trade commissioner called for a more balanced economic relationship with China on Monday, noting an EU trade deficit of nearly 400 billion euros (\$425 billion), while also warning that China's position on the war in Ukraine could endanger its relationship with Europe. Valdis Dombrovskis,

n a speech at China's prestigious Tsinghua University, said that the EU and China face significant political and economic headwinds that could cause them to drift apart. The strongest, yet

not the only, headwind is Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and how China positions itself on this issue," he said.

Dombrovskis spoke before high-level economic and trade talks with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng. EU leaders have expressed concern about the bloc's growing trade deficit with China, which reached 396 billion euros last year. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen recently announced an investigation into Chinese subsidies to electric vehicle makers, saying a flood of cheaper Chinese cars is distorting the European market. The Chinese government has called the investigation a protectionist act aimed at distorting the supply chain. Dombrovskis, in his Tsinghua address, said the probe would follow well-established rules and be done in consultation with Chinese authorities and stakeholders.

China urges countries to **boycott Hong Kong** media freedom event⁴

Monitoring Desk GENEVA: China is press-

ing countries to boycott a British-organised event at the United Nations in Geneva on media freedom in Hong Kong with the son of a jailed media tycoon, a letter showed and four diplomats confirmed on Tuesday.

The event on Wednesday titled 'Media Freedom in Hong Kong' is being held on the sidelines of the five-week meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Council. Among the speakers is Sebastien Lai, the son of Jimmy Lai who this week marked his 1,000th day in a Hong Kong prison on charges related to the former British colony's national security law and sedition.

In a letter circulated widely among diplomats at the U.N. in Geneva, matic mission in Geneva did not respond to Reuters' re-China's mission asked quest for comment.

countries "to refrain from participating in this event in any way". Kong-related issues are China's internal affairs that brook no external interference," said the dip-lomatic note reviewed by Reuters.

Four diplomats confirmed having received it and three of them said that Chinese diplomats had also been contacting some countries individually to not attend or support the event in

The diplomats declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter. Still, so far, at least 22 countries have cosponsored the event, a document showed, including the United States, France and Germany. China's diplomatic mission in Geneva did

Kosovo calls upon Serbia to hand over escaped gunmen after shootout

Monitoring Desk

Serb gunmen it said had escaped after a shootout with Kosovar police that killed four people in the restive north of the country, aggravating tensions between Pristina and Belgrade.

The gunmen stormed the village of Banjska on Sunday, battling police and barricading themselves into a Serbian Orthodox monastery. Police retook the monastery late on Sunday, after three attackers and one police officer were killed.

The United States condemned attacks on police and urged the governments of Kosovo, an ex-Serbian province with a 90 per cent ethnic Albanian majority, and Serbia to defuse decades of antagonism.

Armed police on Monday searched houses in Banjska for any of the estimated 30 gunmen who might not have fled, a police source said. The village remained sealed off to journalists. Kosovar authorities said later in the day that some of the gunmen were believed to have escaped to nearby Serbia.

ister Xhelal Svecla said six guerrilla uprising.

wounded members of the MITROVICA: Kosovo armed group had been called on Serbia on Mon- hospitalised in the southern day to hand over ethnic Serbian city of Novi Pazar, near Kosovo's northern border. "We are demanding from Serbia to hand these men over to Kosovo authorities as soon as possible, to face justice for their terrorist acts," in addition to any oth-

ers who had escaped to Serbia, Svecla told reporters. In the northern town of Mitrovica, Kosovar police showed reporters around 20 SUVs and an armoured truck they said were used by the gunmen. Three of the vehicles were painted with the KFOR logo — the Nato peace-

keeping mission in Kosovo. Police also displayed an array of weapons and ammunition they said had been seized, including former Yugoslav army assault rifles, machine guns, sniper rifles, mortars, antitank rocket launchers, hand grenades, land mines and drones. While ethnic Albanians comprise the great majority of Kosovo's 1.8 million people, 50,000 Serbs in its north reject Kosovo statehood and see Belgrade as their capital, 15 years after Kosovo declared

Kosovo Interior Minindependence following a

US calls on Azerbaijan to safeguard Armenians as thousands flee Karabakh

Monitoring Desk

NEAR KORŇIDZOR: Hungry and exhausted Armenian families jammed roads to flee homes in the defeated breakaway enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, while the United States called on Azerbaijan to protect civilians and let in aid.

The Armenians of food. Karabakh - part of Azerbaijan that had been beyond Baku's control since the dissolution of the Soviet Union - began fleeing this week after their forces were routed in a lightning operation by Azerbaijan's military. At least 19,000 of the

120,000 ethnic Armenians who call Nagorno-Karabakh home have already crossed into Armenia, Deputy Prime Minister Tigran Khachatryan was quoted by Russia's TASS news agency as saying, with hundreds of cars and buses crammed with belongings snaking down the mountain road out of Monday.

Azerbaijan. Some fled packed into the back of open-topped trucks, others on tractors. Grandmother-of-four Narine Shakaryan arrived in her son-in-law's old car with six people packed inside. The 77 km (48-mile) drive had taken 24 hours, she said. They had no

"The whole way the children were crying, they were hungry," Shakaryan told Reuters at the border, carrying her three-year-old granddaughter, who she said had become ill during the journey. "We left so we would stay alive, not to live." As Armenians rushed to leave the Karabakh capital, known as Stepanakert

Armenia Khankendi by Azerbaijan, fuel stations were overwhelmed by panic buying. The authorities there said at least 20 people were killed and 290 injured in a massive blaze when a fuel

storage facility blew up on

Sustainable development of **Balochistan linked with education** & modern skills training: CM

Visits Indus Hospital Gwadar; says no negligence to be tolerated in availability of medicines, facilities in hospitals

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan,

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the sustainable development of the province is linked with the education and training of modern skills.

He said that we have started implementation on the 100-day short term action plan for promotion of educational development and increasing literacy ratio in the province. This plan would yield positive results, maintained the caretaker Chief Minister while speaking on occasion of his visit to the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) school on Tuesday.

Also present on the occasion were the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai, Director General GDA, Muieebur Rehman Qambrani, Commissioner Makran Division, Saeed Ahmed Umrani and other concerned high ups.

Minister visited different sections of the GDA school partment, out patient de-

and witnessed the academic process in the classrooms. He also inspected the facilities made available at

the GDA school. Mir Ali Mardan Domki also inaugurated the new building of primary schools of the school.

On the occasion, Chief Engineer, Syed Muhammad briefed the caretaker Chief Minister in

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the overall academic environment in the GDA school. He also assured wholehearted cooperation

provincial government. Meanwhile. Domki planted a sapling in the GDA school.

Meanwhile The caretaker Chief Minister. Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visited the Indus Hospital established in Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) on Tuesday.

rerned high ups.

The caretaker Chief visit, the Chief Minister

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammd Amjad Khan Niazi presenting sou-

venir to Former First Sea Lord Admiral Alan west of Royal Navy during trans-

a UK based firm Falls of

Clyde International (FOCI)

ship into a floating mu-

static display at Clyde

navies. Speaking on the oc-

casion, Admiral Lord Alan

West said that the close re-

lationship between the

navies and nations of Paki-

stan and UK are clearly

shown by the historic

agreement focused on one

ship that served both each

countries over many years.

the ceremony, Chief of the

Naval Staff Admiral

Muhammad Amjad Khan

Niazi acknowledged the

meritorious services of

PNS TARIQ for the de-

OUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat presiding over a

Ali Akbar Zehri and other

officials of People's Party

District Hub were also

present. Meanwhile, in an-

other function, Mir Ali

Haasan Zehri congratulated

all the youth of the area in-

cluding Ms. Dur Bibi

Bizenjo who joined the party and hoisted the party

flag. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

welcomed the guests of this event held at Zehri House

Hub. Speaking on this occasion, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

said that People's Party has

always worked to serve the

people and solve problems.

People's Party has always

done principled politics and

has not hesitated to make

any sacrifice for the protec-

tion of public interests.

Under the leadership of

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari and President Asif

Ali Zardari, the People's

Party will achieve historic

success in the entire country

including Balochistan. In his

address, he said that the way

the people of Hub have

trusted we, the opponents

have lost their sleep and they

are using dirty tactics to save

their remaining politics

He said that the

fence of Pakistan.

While addressing at

The ship will be on

Maritime Heritage Centre in said his statement has been

Glasgow as a symbol of given political color out of

he added.

fer agreement signing ceremony of Ex Pakistan Navy Ship TARIQ to UK.

Pakistan Navy Ship

TARIQ gifted to UK

as goodwill

ISLAMABAD (APP): and has been gifted by the

The Pakistan Navy have Government of Pakistan to

goodwill gesture that will that plans to convert the

TARIQ to Falls of Clyde common naval heritage of

International (FOCI) of the Royal and Pakistan

gifted its PNS TARIQ to

the United Kingdom as a

serve as a symbol of mari-

time heritage for navies of

both countries in the future.

ment Signing Ceremony for the ex-Pakistan Navy Ship

United Kingdom was orga-

nized at Pakistan High

Commission in London, said Pakistan Navy news

Staff Admiral Muhammad

Amjad Khan Niazi was the

Chief Guest at the cer-

emony. Former First Sea

Lord and Chief of the Na-

val Staff Royal British

Navy, Admiral Lord Alan

West attended the cer-

emony as Guest of Honour.

Ex PNS TARIQ was for-

merly decommissioned by

Pakistan Navy on 4 Aug 23

of Pakistan People's Party

and President of Hub dis-

trict, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

has said that Pakistan

People's Party is the stron-

gest political party in Hub

district and the credit of

this success goes to the zeal-ous people here. He said

that we are grateful to the people of Hub for trusting

us. He said that the victory

of the People's Party is cer-

tain due to the votes of con-

fidence of the people in the

upcoming elections. While

he addressing in the party a

given by Engineer Saeed

Ahmed Mengl. On this

occasion, there was a de-

tailed discussion on the plan

of action regarding the up-

coming elections including

political and social issues. On this occasion, Amir Saeed

Ahmed Mengal, Mir Ghauram Khan Mengal, Mir

Masood Khan Mengal,

Muhammad Arif Mengal,

Master Shah Nazar Mengal.

Muhammad Amir Khan

Mengal Salim Mengal, Yaqub

Zahri, Dost Muhammad

Mengal Sharif Palari,

Muhammad Usman Koh

Baloch, Haji Anwar Ronjhu, Sardarzada Naeem Buledi

meeting regarding gas pressure in the city.

PPP's victory in the

upcoming elections is

certain: Hassan Zehri

HUB (APP): Senior leader Muhammad Jan Marri Mir

Chief of the Naval

release on Tuesday.

The Transfer Agree-

partment, laboratory and other sections of the Indus Hospital.

He also reviewed the situation of cleanliness and facilities being provided to the patients at the Hospi-

Speaking on the occasion, caretaker Chief Minister directed the concerned authorities to provide every possible healthcare facilities to the patients at the Hospital. He said that the government is providing substantial funds to the hospital for free medical treat-

ment of the patients.

He said that the trust of people has been inon behalf of the interim creased on the public sector hospitals after increase in the healthcare facilities

> He asserted that no negligence would be tolerated in availability of the medicines and other facilities in the hospitals. Earlier, HOC of Indus

Hospital Brigadier Dr. Aftab briefed the caretaker Chief Minister about the services and overall functioning of the Hospital.

Bugti says:

My statement

about Nawaz

given political

color out of

context

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Care taker interior minister

Sarfraz Bugti while clarify-

ing his statement with ref-

erence to arrest of PML-N

supremo Nawaz Sharif has

context. "Caretaker govern

ment has no political

agenda. It is good omen that

Nawaz Sharif wants to re-

turn to politics of Pakistan.,

of people of Pakistan is

engaged in preparations for

welcoming Nawaz Sharif.

Nawaz Sharif will be treated

as per law on his return to

Pakistan. The matters wil

have to be seen through

mirror of reality with com-

ing out of presumptions

taker government will work

Cipher missing case

Judicial remand

of Imran, Shah

extended till

Oct 10

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Official Secret Act Court

has extended judicial re-

Imran Khan and vice chair-

man Shah Mehmood

Qureshi till October 10 in

hearing before the court

Tuesday. Shah Mehmood

Qureshid was presented in

the court on completion of

his judicial remand. The

Earlier it was said in a

court staff marked his at-

notification issued by law

ministry that the ministry

has no objection over hold-

ing hearing of this case in

Attock Jail due to security

concerns. A day before

Chief Justice (CJ) İslamabad

High Court (IHC) Aamir

Farooq had ordered to shift

chairman PTI from Attock

counsel for Imran Khan had

tweeted that Imran Khan

has been shifted to Adiala

jail. He has been kept in

such a room where the fa-

cility of wash room and

other amenities are avail-

Sher Afzal Marwat

jail to Adiala jail.

The case came up for

cipher missing case.

He underlined care

and whispers.

as per its mandate.

He held a major part



QUETTA: Members of Milad Committee hold rally in concetion with 12 Rabi

PM lauds British Pakistani diaspora for their contributions

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday commended the dynamic British Pakistani diaspora for their significant contributions to both countries' development and urged them to consider the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a valuable platform for investments in key sectors.

The prime minister attended a dinner reception hosted in his honour by Lord Zameer Choudrey at the House of Lords, PM Office Media Wing said in

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP):

Azad Kashmir President

Barrister Sultan Mehmood

Chaudhry has said that In-

dia was not only involved

in terrorist activities in the

Indian-occupied Jammu &

Kashmir but also in other

countries. The AJK presi-

dent said this while speak-

ing to a delegation of Brit-

ish Members of Parliament

at Jammu Kashmir House

in the federal metropolis on

Tuesday. The delegation

was comprised of British

MP and Chairman of La-

bor Friends of Kashmir UK

Andrew Gwynne, Naz Shah, Sam Terry, and oth-

of Sikh leader Hardeep

Singh Nijjar in Canada by

the agents of Indian spy

agency RAW, he said, "The

Referring to the killing

number of British parliamentarians from various parties and a select group of prominent members from the Pakistani commu-

In his address, the caretaker prime minister assured the audience of Pakistan's resilience in the face of economic and political challenges, emphasizing the nation's strategic importance and youthful population.

Regarding Pakistan's democratic process, he reaffirmed the nation's commitment to democratic idea press release. The event als, emphasizing the impor-

incident has proved beyond

any reasonable doubt that

India is a terrorist state that

uses terrorism as a tool to

blooded murder of the Sikh

leader evoked widespread

condemnations. He said

that many countries of the

world, including the United

States, Britain, and Europe

have voiced their anguish

over the killing and de-

manded an independent in-

vestigation into the inci-

dent. Referring to the pre-

carious situation in the Indian-

held territory of Jammu and

Kashmir, the president said

that it was high time the United

Kingdom took a tough stand

against the systematic human

rights violations being commit-

ted by the Indian forces

against the Kashmiris.

He said that the cold-

achieve its objectives.

India involved in state

sponsored terrorist activities

in various countries: Sultan

LONDON (APP): Care- was attended by a large tance of an inclusive, free, and transparent election process. The caretaker prime minister expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and underscored the enduring Pakistan-UK relationship grounded in shared values and aspira-

> The reception ended with a Q&A session, during which Prime Minister Kakar gave insightful replies to the questions from the British parliamentar-

> The event offered a great opportunity for a constructive dialogue on issues of shared interests.

Zubair Jamali pays tributes to martyrs of Harnai

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali paid rich tributes to six awans of the security forces who were martyred in a helicopter crash occurred in Harnai last year.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, the caretaker Provincial Minister said that Pak army is guarantor of the national stability and security.

army soldiers have rendered sacrifice of their lives for the sake of peace, and their sacrifices would not go wasted. Mir Muhammad

Zubair Jamali said that the sacrifices of martyrs would be written in golden words.

helicopter crash

He said that the Pak



Domki inspecting different sections of ship Dasht at Gwadar Port.

Senate parliamentary body calls for holding election within 90 days

ISLAMABAD (Online): Senate Parliamentary Committee while calling for holding general election within constitutional period of 90 days has recommended Election Commission (EC) to shorten process of delimitation of constituen-

Secretary Election Commission (ÉC) has said next general election will take place in last week of January. No political party is favorite of EC at present. We will discharge our constitutional obligations for

holding transparent election in the country. Committee met here

under chairman Senator Taj Muhammad in Parliament house Tuesday. The meeting was at-

tended by members of committee, secretary parliamentary affairs, secretary EC. Special secretary, DG IT and other officers.

Chairman committee said as per constitution it is must that general election should be held within 90 days of dissolution of as-

CM Domki condoles death of **Abdullah Jan** in Gwadar

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki visited the residence of Mir Sajid Ishaq Dashti in Gwadar. Durin the visit, the Chief Minister condoled death of Abdullah Jan with Mir Sajid Ishaq and offered fateha for the departed soul. Also accompanied with Mr. Domki were the caretaker Chief Minister, Jan Achakzai, Commissioner Makran, Saeed Ahmed

Water Commission formed on SC directives meets: WAPDA high ups to be approached to increase sharing of water for supply from Hub dam

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Water Commission formed on the directives of Supreme Court was met with its chairman and caretaker Provincial Minister for Law and Prosecution, Amanullah Kanrani in the chair at Hub on Tuesday. The concerned authorities and members of the Water Commission participated in the meeting. It was also attended by the Managing Director Lasbela In-

dustrial Estate Develop-

ment Authority, industrialists and other concerned officials were also in attendance. The meeting decided to approach the WAPDA high ups for increase in the sharing of water for supply from Hub dam. The Deputy Project Director of Winder dam, Abdul Jabbar Zehri informed the meeting that feasibility of water supply from Windar dam to Tehsil

Windar. The Irrigation department is providing water to

Public Health Engineering and Irrigation industrial zone from Hub dam. However, there is no

capacity of storage of water due to silting issue, it was informed further. Moreover, some in-

dustrial units located in urban areas are getting water from the Irrigation while the feasibility study of maintenance and expansion project of Lasbela canal is in final stages of completion.



former Federal Minister Sardar Sikandar Hayat Jogezai meeting with Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai

Info Minister calls for strengthening cooperation among SCO countries

eration Organization, Pakistan is committed to pro-

moting media cooperation.

collaboration in mainstream

media and social media is

very important to foster

people to people contacts.

clad friendship between Pa-

kistan and China, the Infor-

mation Minister said cul-

tural links between the two

countries are centuries old

and these have been further

strengthened by China Pa-

kistan Economic Coopera-

Minister said China and

Pakistan have declared

2023 as the year of tourism

exchange to promote ex-

changes at the public level

as well as to create a vibrant

tourism and cultural eco-

system for the mutual ben-

The Information

tion (CPEC) framework.

Murtaza Solangi said

Alluding to the iron

ISLAMABAD (APP): ber of the Shanghai Coop-Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has invited the media organizations of SCO countries to partner with Pakistan in joint production and other projects.

Addressing Shanghai Cooperation Organization TV Festival in Nanjing, China, he said the SCO member countries can benefit from each other's experiences and advanced tech-

He noted that joint productions will help promote culture and tourism in the member countries.

The Information Minister said the media organizations of SCO need to increase cooperation in various fields including joint production and documentaries to promote cultural af-

He said being a mem-



GWADAR: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information Jan Achakzai visiting different sections of Gwadar university during his visit.

Works of flood damaged dams with cost of 387mn continue: Danish Lango

QUETTA (APP): Interim Minister for Irrigation, Mir Danish Jan Longo on Tuesday was briefed that National Disaster & Risk Management (NDRMF) has started work for restoration of flood damaged dams at a cost of 387 million to re-

duce losses during natural He was briefed about the progress works of flood damaged dams when he was inspecting works of the restoration of Spinkariz Dam and Hanna Flood Irrigation Scheme. The Adviser also expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing work of

work. The department should monitor the ongoing work on the irrigation dams and maintain the quality at all times, he said. On this occasion, Xen Irrigation Nadeem Dehwar gave a detailed briefing about the projects to Provincial Adviser Mir Danish Jan Longove and said that Spinkariz Dam was built in 1945 while the length of which was 2500 feet and the height was 50 feet.

He said that in the year 2022, the body of the dam was damaged and the spillway was completely destroyed due to heavy rains and floods in the dam. After which the NDRMF has the restoration of Spinkariz started work for the resto-Dam and Hanna Flood Irri- ration of the dam at a cost gation Scheme saying that of 387 million to reduce the there would be no compro- losses during natural ca-

Court rejects plea for de-sealing Lal Haveli

RAWALPINDI (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi bench has rejected the plea for desealing Lal Haveli immediately.

Haveli was sealed by the Evacuee Trust Property

The case came up for hearing before LHC Rawalpindi bench led by Justice Jawad Hassan Tues-

The court while summoning deputy administrator ETPB along with record adjourned the hearing of the case till October2.

the petition deputy administrator and legal advisor of ETPB appeared in the court while Sardar Abdul Razzaq Khan and his junior lawyer Sardar Shahbaz Khan represented the petitioner Sheikh Siddique. The counsel for ETPB told the court several chances were given to Sheikh Rashid, his brother Sheikh Siddique to file documents but they and their counsel kept on seeking adjournment repeatedly instead of presenting the



QUETTA: Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) Former President, Shahzad Zulfiqar addresses the participants during the workshop on the rights of minorities organized by Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), held at Quetta press club.

DC Chaman forms 3-memeber investigation committee

Independent Report

CHAMAN: Deputy Commissioner Chaman Captain Retired Raja Athar Abbas has formed an investigation committee consisting of three officers the cluster, which will prepare a report on the actual situation and present it District Educaion chaman

District Education Group Committee meeting was held in DC Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Chaman Captain Retired Raja Athar Abbas

The Deputy Commissioner further said that a proactive role is needed to keep the morale of education high. He said that the education officers should take all possible steps to

meeting was held in DC Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Chaman Captain Retired Raja Athar Abbas. In the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner Chaman Muhammad Arif Kakar, all the officers of the Education Department, Mehmood Khan Achakzai, Taj Muhammad Watan Dost, Abdul Qudous Khan Achakzai, District Accounts Officer Aquel Ahmed, Abida Rahmat, ESP Manager Jameel Kakar, RTSM Coordinator Jahanzeb Khan, Pit Manager Syed Shafaat Agha, Farid Gohar and Ajmal Rudi

were also present at the

Group Committee

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