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Directs to take effective steps for prevention:

Caretaker CM expresses deep concern on smuggling of sugar from Balochistan



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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed deep concern over the smuggling of sugar from the province. In a statement issued here on Friday, the caretaker Chief Minister said that the increase in smuggling of sugar is not only an additional burden on the masses but it is also harmful for the country's economy.

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki directed the concerned authorities to take effective steps for prevention of the smuggling from the province.

He also directed that all concerned institutions should evolve a coordinated course of action for prevention of the smuggling.

Moreover, he also issued standing directives to the concerned law enforcement agencies and district administration to take wholehearted action against those elements involved in smuggling of sugar.

He also directed to set up an anti-sugar smuggling cell in the Home Department. He said that he is fully aware of the issues being faced by the masses, and as such it would be ensured to resolve them.

Meanwhile, the caretaker Chief Minister appreciated performance of the Frontier Corps Balochistan on taking four trucks load of sugar in custody.



KARACHI: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti distributing awards during the passing out ceremony of Basic Recruit Course of Pakistan Coast Guard.

Interior Minister reiterates resolve for elimination of terrorism from country

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister Senator Sarfaraz Bugti Friday while reiterating the resolve for the elimination of terrorism from the country said that all possible measures would be taken for maintaining peace to achieve the goals of development and prosperity of the nation.

The minister, while addressing the passing out ceremony of Pakistan Coast Guard's 43rd Basic Recruit Training Course

here, said that valiant nations face difficult situations gallantly and Pakistani nation's unwavering resolve against violence and terrorism could not be shattered.

"Terrorists wanted to impose their extremist ideology on 240 million people of Pakistan by violence and acts of intimidation but we will not surrender and encounter all forms and manifestations of violence with courage and unity," he vowed.



Major reshuffle in Balochistan police force: 10 DIGs of six different police ranges and SPs and SSPs of 35 districts transferred

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QUETTA: As many as 10 Deputy Inspector Generals of Police of six different police ranges and divisions of Balochistan were transferred after the major reshuffle in the provincial police force with immediate effect and until further orders.

In addition to this, Superintendents of Police (SPs) and Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) of 35 districts of the province were also reshuffled until next orders.

According to an official notification issued here by the Central Police Office the other day, DIG Police, Quetta, Aitezaz Ahmed Goraya has been posted as DIG Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Balochistan.

The DIG Police Kalat Range, Pervaiz Umran has been transferred and directed to report in the CPO.

Naseerabad, Munir Ahmed Sheikh has been transferred as DIG Police Kalat Range while DIG Telecommunication, Sahibzada Bilal Umar has been transferred and posted as the DIG Naseerabad, and DIG Zhob Range has been transferred as DIG Highways and patrolling. Similarly, the PSP officer, Muhammad Maroof Masood, awaiting posting order, has been posted as the DUG Police Zhob while DIG Police Rakshan, Nazir Ahmed Kurd has been transferred and posted as the DIG Loralai.

Moreover, DIG Wazir Khan Nasar has been posted as DIG Rakshan in place of Nazir Kurd and DIG Loralai, Saleem Lehri has been transferred and posted as DIG Telecommunication in place of Sahibzada Bilal.

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Chief of the Army Staff, General Asim Munir addressing participant of a meeting held to review the preparations regarding the ministerial meeting of the United Nations peacekeeping mission.

PM Kakar says:

SIFC to attract around \$70b foreign investment in 3-5 years

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Friday said that an estimated foreign investment of US\$60 to \$70 billion was expected in the next three to five years under the government's new initiative of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

Besides, he said the government had also received pledges and promises of another similar amount of investment.

"Now, we have to design and submit our projects as there is a huge appetite to invest in the country," he said while talking to senior journalists and news anchors here.

Replying to a ques-

tion, the prime minister said the government was considering various options to provide relief to the people.

Citing the example of the \$700 billion worth of Reko Dik gold and copper reserves, the prime minister said the country had huge potential of natural resources that would change fate of the people of Pakistan.

"We took the initiative of SIFC to realize this potential and we are going towards the right direction so far as the scientific methods and financial models are concerned," he remarked.

He said the SIFC was the whole of the govern-

ment project and there was no hidden in it.

"This is a transparent intervention that has already been initiated and has the overall potential of \$5 to \$6 trillion."

The prime minister highlighted that Pakistan had huge land that could be used for agriculture purpose and could serve half of the Asian population's food requirements.

He added that the country had also enough water to irrigate the barren land across the country. Likewise, he said IT, tourism and defence production had also huge potential that would be tapped for socio-economic development of the country.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi exchanging views with Secretary Defence, Lieutenant General (R) Hamood uz Zaman Khan at Naval Headquarter.

President approves reconstitution of NEC

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday approved reconstitution of the National Economic Council (NEC)-a constitutional entity responsible for evaluating the country's economic condition and devising strategies to promote equitable development and regional balance.

The president approved the reconstitution of the 13-member body by exercising Article 156 of the Constitution.

The Council would be led by Prime Minister with chief ministers of all the provinces and representatives of caretaker governments of the federal government and the provincial governments as its members. According to a statement issued by the President House press wing,

Similalry minister for finance, excise taxation and narcotics Ahmed Rasool Bangash would be member of the Council from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and minister for planning, development and Muhmmad Yunus Dhagha would be member of NEC from Sindh province.

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justice, excise taxation and narcotics Ahmed Rasool Bangash would be member of the Council from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and minister for planning, development and Muhmmad Yunus Dhagha would be member of NEC from Sindh province.

According to the sources, Sajid Tareen has sent his resignation to the provincial government. In his written resignation, Mr. Tareen has resigned from his position on account of the existing circumstances arising from multiple origins.

Evidence collected through int'l legal help remained not acceptable after NAB amendment: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial has remarked evidence collected through international legal help remained not acceptable after NAB amendment.

CJP gave these remarks while presiding over 3-member bench of Supreme Court (SC) during

hearing of Chairman PTI petition against NAB amendment Friday.

Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Mansoor Ali Shah are the part of this bench.

During the hearing of

the case CJP asked Haris that he wanted to ask Makhdum Ali Khan a question

ISLAMABAD: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan and his team attending a meeting chaired by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar regarding stopping smuggling of sugar, petroleum products, urea, agricultural products and other items.

COAS urges peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute aligned with UNSC resolutions

Gen Munir says Pakistan aspires to create region where peace prevails

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chief of the Army Staff General Asim Munir has urged the United Nations to enable Peacekeeping Missions to be more effective in addressing the complex threats while assuring the safety and security of the Peacekeepers.

He was addressing a preparatory meet as the chief guest, held as a precursor to the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Meet here from August 30-31.

Co-hosted by Pakistan and Japan on the theme of the Safety and Security of Peacekeepers the meet was attended by delegates from different countries, senior officials from UN and

members of the diplomatic community in Islamabad.

In his remarks, the army chief commended the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and highlighted increasing challenges and unprecedented levels of threats being faced by Peacekeepers.

The army chief further highlighted that Pakistan aspired to create a region where peace prevailed and trade, transit and investment generated prosperity for all the states of south, West and Central Asia.

He also called on Security Council and the UN Secretary General for peaceful resolution of the

Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the Security Council Resolutions and the wishes of Kashmiri people.

Earlier, Under Secretary General for Department of Peace Operations thanked Pakistan for hosting the conference and making invaluable contributions for global peace.

Addressing the participants, Interim Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani recalled Pakistan's longstanding commitment to UN peacekeeping, spanning over six decades, as a tangible manifestation of its contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security.



Caretaker CM Ali Mardan Domki proceeds for Dubai on private trip

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has proceeded for Dubai on a private tour.

During the visit, the caretaker Chief Minister would be inquiring health of his close friend in Dubai.

This was announced by the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai in an official handout issued here on Friday.

According to Jan Achakzai, the caretaker Chief Minister would not meet any exile group in Dubai.

It may be mentioned here that a private news agency has claimed that caretaker Chief Minister has gone to Dubai for negotiations with exiled Baloch leaders.

Parvez Elahi rearrested under 3-MPO Monitoring Desk

LAHORE/ISLAMABAD:

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf President and former Punjab chief minister Parvez Elahi was rearrested under 3-MPO (Maintenance of Public Order) by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police shortly after being released by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), according to sources.

The seasoned politician would be put under house arrest in Adiala jail for the next 15 days, the sources privy to the matter added.

Earlier on Friday the Lahore High Court (LHC) ordered the anti-graft watchdog to release Elahi. The former provincial chief executive had filed a petition against NAB's move to arrest him in a corruption case. LHC Justice Amjad Rafiq announced the verdict after Elahi was presented before the court.

Federal minister for planning, development and special initiatives, minister for communication, railway and maritime affairs, and federal minister for power and petroleum would also be part of the NEC.

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Caretaker govt bound to respect law & judiciary, Murtaza Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said the caretaker government was duty-bound to respect the law and the judiciary, which functioned freely in the country.

"As a responsible government, it is our duty to respect the judiciary and the law. The matter of Pervez Elahi's arrest falls within the jurisdiction of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and the judiciary," the minister said while talking to a private channel.

The LEAs obeyed the law, he said, adding the media and the judiciary worked independently in the country.

He said every citizen had freedom of speech and a right to criticize that could not be taken away, but at the same time "we also have the right to present the facts without any fear".

The Election Commission of Pakistan had expedited the process of delimitation of constituencies, he said while responding to another query.

The caretaker government would own and stand by its decisions, he added.

Solangi said his interview with the BBC was presented out of context. "I am in contact with them and in my view, it will be appropriate for them to clarify."

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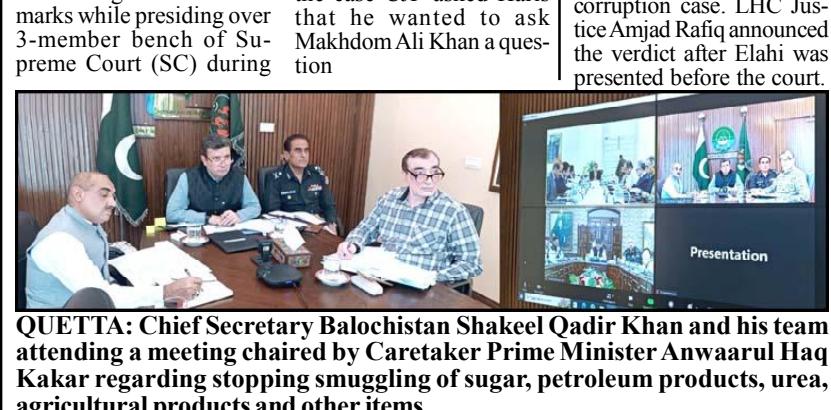
Geelani's anniversary: Pakistan reaffirms support to people of Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistan on Friday, while paying rich tribute to the life-long dedication of great Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani for justice and freedom, reaffirmed its support to the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJK). Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, in her weekly press briefing, told the media that Syed Ali Shah Geelani was a true voice and face of the Kashmiris' struggle for their rights and freedom.

"Today is the second death anniversary of the iconic Kashmiri leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani. He breathed his last in a long-drawn house arrest on 01 September 2021. In a horrific act, his dead body was snatched by the Indian occupation forces from his family, and hurriedly buried in a graveyard in the absence of his family and friends. His family and friends were not allowed to pay their final respects or bury him in a graveyard of his choice," the spokesperson recalled.

She said the late Geelani's unflinching commitment to the Kashmiris' right to self-determination, in the face of persistent persecution and tremendous personal hardship, had inspired generations of Kashmiris in resisting the occupation and tyranny.





Continuous decline

The bloodbath at the stock market on Thursday is just another grim reminder of all that is wrong with the economy. The fundamentals continue to worsen — faster than before — as the country hurtles towards yet another financial disaster amid political uncertainty.

The fresh losses suffered by the stock market over the last few days are just one symptom of declining economic conditions exacerbated by electoral uncertainty. The KSE-100 Index is said by market watchers to have lost almost 1,250 points over concerns of another potential hike in interest rates because of changing expectations regarding inflation as the rupee depreciates and power rates surge.

The already 'fragile' investor sentiment also took a hit after the caretaker finance minister warned of a further hike in electricity and fuel rates, and asserted that the government did not have the fiscal space for subsidies.

During her appearance before a Senate panel on Wednesday, she said there was little choice but to adhere to the IMF programme. Could the stock market bloodbath have been avoided had she not spoken the truth? Experts familiar with the state of the economy are not convinced.

Likewise, the exchange rate is again sliding after a brief respite following the approval of the new \$3bn short-term bailout loan from the IMF. The rupee is under pressure due to the surging import bill, the international rise of the dollar, and the interbank market endlessly chasing the open market rate of the latter currency to keep the gap below 1.25pc to meet a key IMF goal.

The rupee has lost nearly 26pc of its value since the start of 2023. Again, could turbulence in the foreign exchange market have been prevented had the IMF not imposed its condition to narrow the gap between the interbank and open markets? Not without letting the gap between the two markets widen to an unsustainable level.

Investors have been closely monitoring the country's balance-of-payments position because the next review by the IMF will not happen for a few months, and there is not much clarity over the planned investments from the Gulf nations. That means foreign capital inflows will remain subdued, at least over the next several months, which would prolong the pressure on the rupee.

The main question is: can the caretakers stop the economic decline? With their limited mandate and powers, it looks unlikely. The current state of the economy demands tough decisions that a temporary set-up is not capable of making.

The rupee will keep shedding value, inflation will remain elevated, and stocks will continue to suffer mounting losses unless the prevailing election uncertainty ends, and a stable new elected government takes over with the mandate to take difficult decisions. Meanwhile, we continue our journey towards a bigger economic disaster.



Faisal Bari

While the debate on whether or not inflation and foreign currency and debt pressure will continue, and what effect they will have on aggregates like exchange rates, growth and solvency, is important, the real impact will be felt by the people of this country. Most of the impact is being felt by the lower- middle-income groups. We really have to start thinking about what can be done by the state and society to help address their issues.

Over the last couple of years, of people, working in the organisations I am, or have been associated with, and who have started asking for help, has increased manifold. Where previously this was usually restricted to the lowest rung

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Inflation and desperation

of the salary scales, now people even with mid-level salaries have started asking for help to pay school fees, electricity bills (especially when the amount increases unexpectedly and significantly, as of late), health-related emergency bills, and sometimes even to cover regular gaps between salaries and household expenses.

know the person, it is impossible to know whose need is higher, so this just leads to a lot of embarrassment for both sides.

The issue is not restricted to riders. You take a ride on a rickshaw or other transport service, and many drivers ask for help. You park your car at a parking area, the attendant asks for help. You go to a grocery store, the sales staff asks for help.

This is different from people asking for help at traffic signals. We are talking of people who are employed full-time and are working hard. But they may no longer make ends meet. Inflation has made it impossible for them to live within the salaries they are getting.

One wonders what kind of social and psychological impact this will have. Clearly, it is not easy for people to ask for financial help from those they hardly know. Many feel quite visibly embarrassed, and find it demeaning. But they are forced to ask as they do not have other options. How can this not create trauma?

It is hard for the people being asked as

well. It is hard to say no.

It is harder to say no when you know the needs of the people are very genuine and inflation has made life very hard for most of them. But it is also not possible to help all who ask. This will impact us socially and psychologically as well.

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The minimum wage in Punjab is Rs32,000 per month. Many people, especially in the private sector, work below this level. Even though Rs32,000 might not be a livable wage, it could still be a threshold for providing support to the working poor.

Given the government's financial constraints, the immediate question in such discussions is: where will the money for additional support come from? And the mostly likely answer is that the government does not have the money, and so programmes for the needy will not be expanded and/or increased in number.

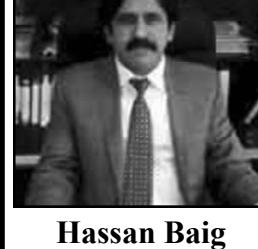
At the state level, we need to increase the amount that is allocated for social protection programmes substantially. Every recipient should get a lot more, given inflation. But, and equally importantly, if not more, we need to expand the programmes and the net as well. We need to expand programmes for schooling and health coverage, as people have a tendency to cut down on educational and health expenses when times get tough; we need to add unemployment benefits to protect people who are losing jobs in these times, or are entering the workforce and are not able to find jobs; and we need to add income supplement programmes for those who might be working full-time and more, but whose income is still below some thresh-

old level.

the need for personalised appeals, which is hard for both sides to bear, are not required? Individually, people give a lot. But this effort is unorganised, and many remain in need. Could we do better? We need organisations, from local to the national level, that people can trust before any such thing can be organised. We are far from that, and it is not possible to create these quickly.

These are hard times, indeed. Too many people are hurting too much. This will not only leave economic scars, it will leave social and psychological scars as well. The state is still not giving help to the people. It is not a high enough priority. Short of general unrest, there seems nothing that will move this state in the right direction. But general unrest and its high cost are difficult to predict. Society is not organised enough to manage help and relief well. The situation does not look good. Economic conditions will not improve quickly, so the pressure will keep mounting for some time to come. -- Courtesy Dawn

Are we moving away from the dollar?



Hassan Baig

The dollar got the status of a reserve currency after the aftermath of World War II by the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference. World War II brought fortunes for some countries, especially the US as it ascended to the world throne as a superpower and its currency got the status of a reserve currency. The international financial system orchestrated soon after the formation of the powerful UN, a system that runs through the IMF and the World Bank, revolves around the dollar as an international currency.

Pakistan, facing a dollar shortage, recently entered into a cost-effective oil deal with Russia to import crude oil by paying in a third currency like the Chinese yuan. The BRICS countries have already agreed to promote trade by using their national currencies. Barter trade is also taking place in sanctions-hit countries like Iran to bypass the process of payment in dollars.

Significantly, China has become the lender of last resort after the IMF and the World Bank, and is extending loans to developing countries like Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Pakistan or African countries in yuan instead of dollar. Russia is also replicating the Chinese model, espe-

cially after the boycott of Russian products by America and the EU countries in the backdrop of the Ukraine war.

The importance of China's role in conflict resolution in the long drawn case of Iran and Saudi Arabia cannot be understated. That will pave the way to a successful launch of the BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) project in the Middle East, connecting it through CPEC/Gwadar. China's triumph or success means the promotion of trade in the yuan and not dollars in the future.

Global trade is taking new twists and turns, with China and India already starting currency-swap agreements with other countries to pay in their own currencies. BRICS too has member states promoting trade in their own national currencies. Bilateral, multilateral and preferential trade agreements are also promoting trade in their regional currencies. For example, the euro has become synonymous with the dollar in terms of its use and utility in the euro zone, as a lot of trade there is taking place in the euro instead of the dollar; that is significant.

After the yuan, the Indian rupee is also entering the market through currency-swap agreements by India with other countries.

In another significant development, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries – possessing almost 41 per cent share of international population and market – have agreed to expand their bloc by allowing other developing countries to become members. There are about 40 countries showing an interest in joining the bloc; 22 out of these 40 countries have formally applied for membership.

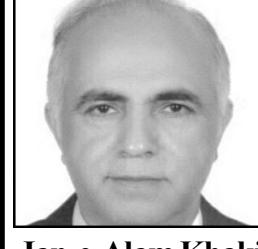
BRICS has allowed six countries to become full members by January 1 next year. These countries include Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia and Argentina. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who has long pushed for the expansion of the BRICS group, said: "The world is undergoing major shifts, division and regrouping... it has entered a new period of turbulence and transformation."

The BRICS countries are committed to promoting trade in their national currencies or by adopting major strong cur-

ties of economic power, as this century is considered the 'Asian Century' so far as economic prowess is concerned. It is enough to say that the dollar king may still have some time to rule over the world, but there are now problems that could put an end to its rule. The dollar flight is facing headwinds slowing down its pace and speed. The dollar's hegemony may erode with time, as new centres of economic powers are emerging on the world scene.

The international monetary system dominated by the dollar may lose its ground, especially if international conflicts like the Ukraine war, Taiwan and the South-China Sea, and the Middle East are not successfully resolved. The new cold war with China is already creating ripples in international relations, and may create a lot of supply chain issues affecting international trade in case such a huge future development takes place. Another Covid-19 like situation may create further ground for the dollar's replacement with crypto or international digital currency. - Courtesy TheNews

Torching churches



Jan-e-Alam Khaki

There is great anguish felt by many people in Pakistan regarding the ugly incident at Jaranwala. As was reported, a mob torched several Christian churches, ransacked Christian homes and vandalised a graveyard in this area. The apparent provocation was alleged blasphemy committed by a Christian. This provided an excuse to local preachers to incite people and unleash a reign of terror on churches and the homes of this particular faith community, whose contributions, particularly in the field of education, are immense. Many leaders in our country feel proud of graduating from schools run by the Christian community.

It may be noted that all such events often start with rumours. Somebody sees or pretends to have seen a person, even an illiterate person, desecrate a page or a few verses or made some reprehensible statement about Muslim holy personalities or beliefs. These rumours are spread to create a big fuss and then, religious leaders in the mohalla kindle the fire by making announcements on loudspeakers to invite people to 'punish' the guilty.

One may ask what advice the Quran gives about addressing rumours. "If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what ye have done" (49:6), says the Holy Book.

If someone leaves a couple of torn pages at

someone's door, and then raises a hue and cry that this person has abused the Quran, should Muslims punish this person or burn down his house?

Let us consider yet another verse, which again refers to rumour-spreading and gives a 'policy statement' — to use a modern term — or a set of 'SOPs' when it comes to news (or fake news) relating to public safety. It says: "When there comes to them some matter concerning (public) safety or fear, they divulge it. If they had only referred it to the Messenger [PBUH], or to those charged with authority among them, the proper investigators would have tested it from them (direct). Were it not for the Grace and Mercy of Allah unto you, all but a few of you would have followed Satan" (4:14).

See how the Quran deals with a major problem in the context of pre-modern Arabia! Mischief-mongering has long been part and parcel of human society, and the revelation rightly addresses it in the most common-sense way.

The government can insist on making such Quranic verses key policy guidelines while tackling such events. Today, fake news has become such a nuisance that many, unfortunately, even profit from deliberately spreading it. First, the Quran advises not to create fasaad (corruption) in the world with excuses. Second, even if news or a rumour reaches someone, they should not jump to conclusions, but investigate the allegations through those who are responsible for such things.

Just imagine if a rumour like the one in Jaranwala proves to be false, what benefit would the alleged perpetrator get by doing such a senseless thing, unless there is an agenda behind it? Some people do such things to make a statement in a cer-

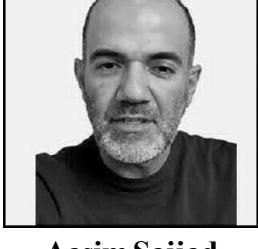
tain sensational way because they have an agenda, such as promoting Islamophobia. But we now have a new twist to the story. The Punjab police chief says that a 'network of hostile intelligence agencies' was allegedly involved in the recent incidents of blasphemy across the country. Does it change the consequences we have already faced in terms of loss — both material loss, and more importantly, the loss of trust between communities? Even if the news is correct, does it change the substance of the event?

Reflecting on these human instincts, the Quran says: "Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure" (22:40).

Other than what many learned authors have proposed while long-term suggestions go, I, for one, argue that these things cannot be dealt with by only post-facto actions, but through sustained pre-emptive actions; through civic engagement that teaches humanism, pluralism and cosmopolitanism. We need to treat all as equal citizens, worthy of respect. This may be done through re-education, both public and formal, apart from legal measures. Re-education, because our current approach to education — both secular and religious — encourages an exclusive rather than inclusive approach. Let us show practically that 'Islam is a peaceful religion'. In a Muslim-majority society like ours, let us demonstrate people are safe from the harm of our hands and tongues, as our Prophet (PBUH) expected from his faithful followers. Let us say "Assalam Alaikum" (peace be upon you) to all with the heart, not from the lips as a mere ritual!

— Courtesy Dawn

Who runs Pakistan?



Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

When caretaker finance minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar said that the 'interim' government wasn't empowered to provide meaningful relief to the working masses ravaged by exorbitant electricity bills,

she inadvertently acknowledged some truths about who runs Pakistan.

Ours is one of the most

opaquely governed countries in the world. But present circumstances have clarified there is no democratic 'transition' happening here.

Only by clearly naming the hydra-headed monster that rules us do we provide ourselves an opportunity to turn popular rage into something resembling a mass movement for change.

The establishment: It can be argued that more ordinary Pakistanis than ever are now clear that the military establishment is the ultimate arbiter of power in Pakistan.

The way in which the PDM regime was dropped up, Imran Khan and PTI cut to size, the continuing impunity over enforced disappearances,

the criminalisation of independent dissenting voices (like Ali Wazir and Imaan Mazari) and the mockery made of the Constitution during and after the formation of the caretaker government illuminates who pulls the strings.

But the establishment is not a monolith. There is substantial factional struggle for power and resources within it, and this includes elements in the media, judiciary and mainstream political parties. Fi-

nally, and arguably most importantly, the establishment's corporate footprint is now so large that millions are consciously or otherwise part of its economic empire, which include border trade, land/resource grabs, and business ventures in sectors as diverse as real estate and fertiliser. IMF and bilateral donors: Dr Akhtar let the proverbial cat out of the bag when she said that the caretakers' primary task is to ensure that the IMF's most recent list of conditionalities is implemented. Unfortunately, too many 'experts' insist that the IMF and other donors are wise and the brown sahibs who directly occupy formal seats of government are exclusively responsible for our economic crisis.

But even in the power sector's case, the evidence is clear: the IMF and World Bank foisted the same IPPs on the country in the 1990s which suck dollars from the exchequer to this day. And, of course, the IMF has no qualms about jacking up electricity prices on the masses.

Our own rich and powerful are certainly part of the problem because they refuse to pay direct tax on their incomes, but donors are far from blameless for the trials and tribulations of Pakistanis.



Punjab Governor says: VCs should take strict measures to prevent the use of drugs in universities

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LAHORE: Chancellor Governor Punjab; Muhammad Balighur Rehman chaired a meeting regarding Consortium on Drugs and Narcotics here at Governor House Lahore today. The proceedings of the previous meetings of the consortium and recommendations for the future were finalized in the meeting. He directed vice-chancellors/rectors of public and private sector universities to take steps in light of the decisions taken in the meeting and implement the final recommendations of the consortium in letter and spirit for prevention of drug abuse in the premises of the universities.

Talking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman said that youth is

the most valuable asset and future of the country. He said that it is very important to provide a favourable educational environment to the young generation. He said that vice-chancellors should take strict measures to prevent the use of drugs in universities. He said that the Vice Chancellors should strive to create an environment for their students, staff, and faculty that is free from drug use. He said that the Vice Chancellors should take measures to provide a safe, healthy and conducive academic environment to the students, teachers and other employees of the University. Governor Punjab directed that vice chancellors should ensure the establishment of anti-drug and tobacco committee under Drug and



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GDA urges suspension of Sindh LGs for transparent elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) delegation, during their meeting with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday, pressed for the suspension of Sindh Local Governments (LG) and the installation of administrators to ensure transparency in the upcoming general elections.

During a consultative meeting chaired by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja, the delegation urged the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to suspend Sindh Local Governments (LG) and appoint administrators to ensure transparency in the upcoming general elections.

The GDA delegation emphasized the importance of adhering to the Election Commission's directives for transferring and appointing provincial officers. They noted that despite the Chief Election



GILGIT: Famous Cyclist and traveler Saqib Rehman presenting National flag and shield to Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah at Governor House.

Lady Reading hospital stands with KP people in all testing times

PESHAWAR (APP): Standing with the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in all testing times, Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) Peshawar is a unique healthcare facility providing best healthcare services to all patients despite limited financial resources, laboratories and manpower.

From Chitral to DI Khan and Kohistan to Waziristan districts, LRH has accommodated all kinds of patients of the 39 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including seven merged districts by providing the much needed healthcare services to them irrespective of their financial status, colour and caste.

Whether it was 2005

ANF recovers 45 kg drugs in six operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting six operations managed to recover 45 kg of drugs and arrested five accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. He informed that in an operation, 500 ecstasy tablets were recovered from the possession of an accused arrested near Abbasian University Peshawar. The accused, a resident of Nowshera confessed to supplying drugs to the university students.

In another operation, 7 kg hashish and 5 kg crystal were recovered from the vehicle intercepted near Motorway Toll Plaza Peshawar. Two suspects who were trying to smuggle drugs from Peshawar to Punjab were arrested during the operation.

10 each schools for boys, girls to be made model schools

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Abdullah Nayer Sheikh has ordered for transforming 10 government schools each for boys and girls as model schools in the district.

He also directed for maintaining the best cleanliness atmosphere, educational and administrative matters in other schools.

He was presiding over a meeting of officers of the District Education Authority and school heads here on Friday.

He strictly directed for making the school model by renovation, paints, cleanliness of wash rooms, repair of doors and windows, upgradation of labs, purchase of furniture

Transgender wounded in armed attack

PESHAWAR (APP): Some unknown assailants on Friday injured a transgender with a gun shot in jurisdiction of Fazirabad police station, said the police. As soon as the information was received, the local police immediately arrived at the scene, collected important evidence and rushed the injured transgender identified as Lahir alias Kalraj resident of Mardan to Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) where his condition was stated stable. In order to track down the accused involved in the incident, the CCTV footage installed in the surrounding area was obtained.

Besides treating patients of many ailments including kidney, liver, chest, heart, acute medical and surgical diseases, the colonial era hospital had entertained an influx of coronavirus patients while several of its doctors, nurses and paramedics laid down lives in line of duty. Named after wife of British Viceroy Lord Reading in 1927, the hospital has a golden history visited by former Presidents.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali chairs meeting on various aspects including commercialization of universities, making links with industries and imparting education to students equipped with modern technology.

KP educational institutions increases fee to meet their expenses

PESHAWAR (APP): The educational institutions across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have increased the fees to meet the expenses of universities, documents reveal here on Friday.

Looking at the documents of the several universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, they have increased their fees. The fees of Islamia College University Peshawar, Jamia Peshawar, KMU and Agricultural University have been increased.

The Islamia College administration has also increased the hostel fees by Rs. 3000, the document revealed. The pre-medical fee has been increased from Rs. 45000 to Rs. 49465 on open merit in Islamia College.

Pre-medical fee has been increased by Rs. 13000 on self-finance, the fee has been increased from Rs. 98000 to Rs. 1,10000. After the increase of Rs. 5000 in pre-engineering, the fee has become Rs. 47000, the increase of Rs. 5000 per semester in the 4-year BS program also, says the document available to this agency.

The fee for MPhil has been increased by Rs. 5,000 and the fee for Ph.D. has been increased by Rs. 7,000 per semester.

University of Peshawar has also increased the fees of BS, Masters, MPhil and PhD by 10 to 13 percent.

A 10% additional fee was also charged from the students admitted to the University of Agriculture and Khyber Medical University has also issued a declaration by increasing the examination fees as well.

The Vice-Chancellor should try to include the

Ending financial problems of universities my first priority: Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): The meeting under the Chairmanship of the Governor regarding the financial resources of the universities of the province, research commercialization and getting the universities out of financial deficit was held here on Friday.

University will have to pay special attention to modern and market-based research to face future challenges, the Governor said.

Universities of the province in the global ranking, most of the responsibility falls on the vice chancellors and management of the university to minimize the costs and increase the resources," he added.

Find alternative ways to create links with industries

and commercialize research so that universities can stand on their own feet, the Governor said, while addressing a meeting held regarding financial resources of universities, research commercialization and bringing universities out of financial deficit.

In the meeting, Caretaker Provincial Education Minister Dr. Muhammad Qasim Jan,

Vice Chancellor of the University of Engineering and Technology Peshawar.



KARACHI: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naem-ul-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference held at Idara-e-Noor-ul-Haq in Karachi.

KP Minister presides over introductory meeting of Excise Department

PESHAWAR (Online): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Finance and Excise Taxation and Narcotics Control Ahmed Rasool Bangash has said that the Excise Department is playing a key role in the revenue of the province. Special measures will be taken to further improve the performance of the Excise Department. He expressed these views while presiding over an introductory meeting of the department at Directorate General Excise on Friday. It should be noted that this was Ahmed Rasool Bangash's first meeting of Excise Department after assuming the portfolio of minister excise.

Excise Akmal Khan Khattak and other excise officers participated in the meeting.

The meeting was given a detailed briefing about the administrative affairs of the Excise Department, revenue recovery and ongoing reforms in the department. On this occasion, the caretaker minister for Finance and Excise said that the excise department has a key position in the revenue of the province, special measures will be taken to improve the efficiency of excise in all districts, while all the officers to meet the revenue target by June. Work with honesty and diligence, the process of reward and punishment will be strictly enforced.



HYDERABAD: Members of Sindh Awami Forum are holding protest demonstration for demanding justice for 10-year-old housemaid Fatima Farooq, at Hyderabad press club.

CS inaugurates Roberts Club building

LAHORE (APP): Chief Secretary (CS) Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman on Friday visited the Punjab Police Special Branch Headquarters (Roberts Club) and unveiled the plaque of the Cannon Block restored to its original historic form.

Inspector General (IG) of Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar and Additional IG Special Branch Zulfiqar Hameed welcomed the Chief Secretary.

Stressing the need to further improve the service delivery through use of Information Technology, the Chief Secretary said that the government institutions must keep pace with the modern era.

He said that all possible resources are being provided to enhance the efficiency of departments. He remarked that the IG Punjab and Additional IG Special Branch deserve accolades for the restoration and conservation of the historic building of Roberts Club.

The Chief Secretary mentioned that the Special Branch is the eyes and ears of the Punjab government and the police for ensuring good governance and reining in organized crime.

He further said that the role of the Special Branch is very important in maintaining law and order.



RATODERO: Students of Government Boys Primary School are studying under open sky, as the only one classroom built for 200 more students, which is in the worst condition in the school, they are demanding to build more classrooms in the school, they also demanded basic facilities including furniture, fans, electricity, and cold water, at Pir Bahar Shah village in Ratodero.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Iran, Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of the European Union Dr. Riina Kionka and British High Commissioner Jane Marriott separately meeting with caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

NPMC Reviews Prices of Essential Commodities

ISLAMABAD (Online): The National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) reviewed the prices of essential commodities on Friday and directed the relevant stakeholders to maintain food prices to provide relief to the common man.

The NPMC meeting was chaired by the Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed. Chief Economist, Dr Nadeem Javaid moderated the meeting. Meeting was attended by



Chief of the Army Staff, General Asim Munir visiting CMH Bannu to inquire about the health and well-being of the injured soldiers.

COAS visits CMH Bannu, ISPR

RAWALPINDI (Online): General Syed Asim Munir, COAS visited CMH Bannu to inquire about the health and well-being of the injured soldiers on Friday.

Where nine brave soldiers embraced Shahadat yesterday when a suicide bomber blasted himself near military convoy in Jami Khel area.

Chief of Army Staff was briefed on the ongoing operations and overall security situation.

COAS appreciated the high morale and unflinching resolve of the troops. "Pakistan Army will continue to act as a bulwark against terrorism to safeguard the nation from this scourge" COAS emphasized.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights, Mashaal Hussein Mullick addressing a seminar on 2nd Martyrdom Anniversary Syed Ali Shah Gillani at Kashmir House.

Faryal becomes first female SSP: Husband & wife PSP officers get posting as SSP in border districts of Balochistan

Independent Report
QUETTA: Balochistan province got first Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) female officer posted as the senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) in a district.

According to an official notification issued here by the Central Police Office, the PSP officer of Grade-18, Faryal Fareed has been posted as the SSP Jaffarabad district.

Moreover, her spouse, also a PSP officer, Dr. Muhammad Sami Malik, has been posted as

Mashaal Mullick says Geelani's thoughts will continue to serve as beacon of hope for Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mashaal Hussein Mullick on Friday paid glowing tributes to veteran Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Geelani, calling him a role model for the future generations. Addressing three different seminars in connection with the second death anniversary of great Hurriyat leader, Mullick said the late Geelani dedicated his entire life and sacrificed everything for the

the Chief Statistician from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), representatives from all provinces, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Ministry of Food Security & Industries, and other relevant stakeholders.

Since the interim government came into power, the Prime Minister has focused on providing maximum relief to the common man. In this regard, several steps are being taken. The meeting observed that the prices of a few commodities increased last week.

leading to the decision to hold NPMC meetings on a weekly basis to monitor prices and provide relief to the masses. "Immediate measures need to be taken to control abnormal gaps in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and wholesale price index (WPI)," remarked the Caretaker Planning Minister, Sami Saeed, during the NPMC meeting. During the meeting, PBS officials presented the price and inflation data, while representatives from Punjab, KP, Sindh, and Balochistan apprised the forum on the current production.

WHO Country head calls on Health Minister
ISLAMABAD (APP): World Health Organization's (WHO) Representative in Pakistan Dr. Palitha Gunaratna Mahipala called on caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Friday and discussed measures taken for the improvement of health sector.

WHO Chief congratulated the Minister for Health on assuming this important responsibility.

The appointment of a world-renowned public health expert is a welcome development for the health sector, Dr Palitha said.

Kakar pays tribute to Kashmiri leader Giani
ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday paid tribute to the Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Geelani for his life-long struggle for freedom and justice.

"My respects to iconic Kashmiri leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, on his second death anniversary, the prime minister said on his social media account on X (formerly known as Twitter).

In the face of persecution and hardship, his commitment to the Kashmir Cause was unparalleled.

Five killed over old enmity in Attock

ATTOCK (APP): Five persons were gunned down over old enmity in Jatiyal village in Hazro town of Attock district on Friday, police and hospital sources said.

Police while quoting the family of the victims said that the victims were coming back to their native town after watching a cricket match. The deceased were identified as 28-year-old Afraz Khan, 32-year-old Afzal Sheraz, 26-year-old Liaquat and 28-year-old Ishfaq Sultan.

They said that any other step other than the timely free and fair elections would cost the country too much, therefore, it is necessary to conduct the elections within the stipulated time and thus give de-

Senate body expresses serious concerns over hike in electricity prices

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad on Friday taking the notice of the hike in electricity prices said that this a National crisis and many cases of suicide on it has been reported lately in the country.

While addressing the chairman NEPRA, the Senate Committee submitted a proposal to withdraw all taxes on electricity bills, in particular of the underprivileged class.

The committee chair also sought briefing by the Chairman NEPRA on the mechanisms through which rapid increase in electricity rates are applied and send recommendations for its reconsideration. The committee also sought details on the owners of the IPP. The committee was of the view that it is National dilemma and the people of Pakistan are critically suffering due

to severe economic crisis therefore relief should be given to the people.

The committee sought details on the recent cases of casualties and injuries caused by electrocution and domestic substandard electrical wiring in the country and measures adopted to avoid the fatal incident.

The committee lamented that scores of cases are pending in the tribunal and no compensation are being made to the effectees. It was

briefed that total 164 fatalities in DISCOs have occurred during FY 2022-23 whereas 106 non-fatal injuries took place. The committee chair gave recommendations to expedite disposal of pending cases.

Earlier in the meeting, the committee discussed at length the details of achievement of each awardee of National Awards 2023 as per their citation. Joint Secretary Awards Cabinet Division informed the committee.

President Arif Alvi had requested the federal government that federal secretary Humaira Ahmad be appointed as principal secretary in place of Waqar Ahmad. But she had refused to serve as principal secretary in Aiwan-e-Sadr.

According to media report later federal secretaries were asked to perform duty in Aiwan-e-Sadr but no federal secretary nodded yes to work as principal secretary to president.

GDA assures full support to ECP's delimitation plan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) has assured of extending full support to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in its new delimitation plan and highlighted that delimitation is the foundation of transparent elections.

The assurance was made during a consultation meeting of GDA delegation with the Election Commission chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja.

Members Election Commission, Secretary ECP and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

From the Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), Ms. Fehmida Marza, Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi.

Around 3,000 cases of the employees of different departments were presented in the Board meeting having amount of around 1.25 billion. Addressing the meeting, Chief Secretary said that Group Insurance is right of the employees, and there should be no delay in it. He directed to ensure transparent use of the Group Insurance so that no employee is deprived of one's due right.

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