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Audio leaks commission case: Govt objections on bench tantamount to attack on judiciary independence: SC

Throws out PDM govt's plea challenging bench

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) while rejecting PDM government objection to bench hearing audio leaks commission case has termed it an attack on independence of judiciary.

The former government had constituted a commission into the alleged audio leaks of Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial's mother in law, wife of Khawaja Tariq Rahim, son of former chief justice Saqib Nisar, Justice Mazahir Naqvi, Abid Zuberi and Parvez Elahi.

The chief justices of Balochistan and Islamabad high courts were included in this commission.

However Abid Zubairi challenged this commission.

Upon it the SC constituted a 5-member bench under the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial and comprising Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Hasan Azhar and Justice Shahid Waheed.

SC bench held two hearings of this case and restrained the audio leaks

inquiry commission from functioning.

However the former government filed a miscellaneous petition for removal of three judges from this bench on the basis of clash of interests.

The government raised objections on three judges of this bench including CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan and Justice Muneeb Akhtar.

The court had reserved judgment on June 06 after hearing government petition whereby objection was raised on bench.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs the 5th Apex Committee Meeting of Special Investment Facilitation Council.

SIFC Apex Committee focuses on ways to improve business environment

Ministers brief media over steps discussed in 5th meeting of SIFC's apex committee presided over by PM Kakar; Caretaker govt continues to implement int'l agreements, Consultation with IMF underway for relief in electricity bills - Solangi: Caretaker govt adopts holistic approach to revive economy - Shamshad; -Solangi; IMF will give response on relief plan in a day or two - Power Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): The fifth meeting of the Special Investment Facilitation Council's (SIFC) Apex Committee held here on Friday with a special focus to improve the overall business and investment environment in the country being imperative for 'economic revival'.

The meeting was chaired by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and attended by Chief of Army Staff, Federal Cabinet members, provincial chief ministers and high-level government officials.

The ministries con-

cerned presented their plans/roadmaps to overcome the macroeconomic challenges, governance related impediments and voids in regulatory mechanisms in a bid to attract both foreign and domestic investment, and stimulate economic growth.

The committee deliberated upon various measures to be taken in short, medium and long terms to reap the envisaged dividends. Various practical steps were approved by the prime minister that will be operationalized as soon as possible.

The prime minister

asked the ministries to deliver optimal results irrespective of the time that was available with the caretaker government and emphasized to lay a strong foundation for the future government.

Meanwhile Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said the caretaker government respected the international financial agreements and would continue to implement them in true letter and spirit. Addressing a news conference here after the first session of two-day meeting of Special Invest-



ment Facilitation Council (SIFC), the minister said deliberations were held on the measures which were essential for reducing the government's expenditures and circular debt.

He was flanked by

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ISLAMABAD: President, Dr. Arif Alvi exchanging views with Nawaf Bin Said Al-Malki, Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan and Saad Bin Masoud Al-Harthi, Muslim World League Regional Director in Pakistan during meeting held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad.

Governor lays stress on paying heed to means of formal and non-formal education to increase literacy rate

Kakar regretfully points out lakhs of our children aged between 5-15 deprived of education having no access to the schools in Balochistan; stresses need to know how many schools out of total 12,000 functional

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stressed the need to pay attention to all means of formal and non-formal education in order to increase the literacy ratio in the province, and in this regard, the importance and benefits of the mother languages can't be denied.

The Governor said that no doubt, there are over 12,000 schools in the province, but it is necessary to ascertain that how many are functional out of them.

He also stressed that it is quite better to educate the people and learn modern skills instead of giving some aims and charity.

The Governor expressed these and similar

other views while addressing a seminar on the International Literacy Day here at a local hotel on Friday morning.

The seminar was arranged by the Literacy and Non-Formal Education directorate in collaboration with different national and international organizations.

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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar addressing a seminar on the International Literacy Day at a local hotel

Pak expresses concern over availability of modern military equipment in Afghanistan

Asks India to stop human rights violations in HIOJK

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has expressed concern over availability of modern military equipment in Afghanistan saying left-over military equipment has come into the hands of terrorists.

"Pakistan and its security institutions are being attacked with this state of the art military equipment, this was said by Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch in weekly press briefing here Friday.

Responding to the queries of media persons in Islamabad today regarding the recent terrorist attack on military posts in Chitral, Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan has communicated its concerns about the latest incident to the interim Afghan authorities.

The spokesperson said Pakistan and the United States have a robust dialogue on multiple areas in-

cluding on security and counter terrorism matters.

She said we have been communicating with the US and other partners both inside and outside the region about Pakistan's security concerns. She hoped our friends and partners will understand the security compulsions that Pakistan has in this region including the threat of terrorism and the security situation because of the difficult and aggressive posture from our eastern neighbor.

She reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to eradicate the menace of terrorism.

Responding to a question, the spokesperson said we have invited our partners especially in the Gulf to come and invest in Pakistan. She said we are in touch with them in this regard.

Reacting to Indian for-

Pervaiz Elahi sends to Adiala jail on judicial remand

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC), Islamabad, on Friday sent former Punjab chief minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi to Adiala jail on judicial remand.

The PTI president was produced before ATC judge Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain's court after completion of his two-day physical remand in the judicial complex attack case. During the hearing, the police sought another 10-day physical remand of former Punjab chief minister which was rejected by the ATC judge. The court rejected the police request and sent PTI President Elahi to Adiala jail on 14-day judicial remand.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki chairing a meeting held to review performance of the Balochistan Anti-Corruption Establishment

PPP reiterates demand for general elections within 90 days

Bilawal hopes ECP will hold free and fair elections within 90 days; Says PPP does people-friendly politics and governance;

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday reiterated his demand to hold general elections in the country within the constitutionally mandated period of 90 days.

Bilawal repeated his party's firm stance on polls days after reports emerged in a section of mainstream media claiming that the PPP would "adjust" its position on elections in 90 days.

On March 5, the PPP chairman's statement was shared on its official handle X, formerly known as Twit-

ter: "Chairman [of the] Pakistan Peoples Party @BBhuttoZardari has urged that the general elections should be held according to the Constitution, so that the democratic government can solve the problems of the people."

Referring to the tweet, a local publication claimed that it was the first time in recent weeks that the PPP called for adhering to the Constitution, without referring to the 90-day deadline.

During an interaction

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Constitutional term of President Alvi completed

ISLAMABAD (INP): The five-year constitutional term of President Dr Arif Alvi has completed.

Dr Alvi assumed the presidency on September 9, 2018.

He will not vacate the office and will continue to perform his duties until the election of a new president.

Under the 1973 Constitution, a president is elected by the National Assembly, provincial assemblies and the senate jointly. At present, the electoral college does not exist in the country as the assemblies ceased to exist after completing their constitutional term last month.

It may be recalled that he held "consultative meetings" last week and agreed to continue until a new president is elected.

NEPRA notifies surge in electricity tariff

ISLAMABAD (INP): National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday approved the increase in tariff for electricity consumers by Rs 1.46 per unit.

As per the issued notification, the power regulatory authority approved the increase in power tariff under fuel adjustment charges (FAC) for the month of July.

The notification stated that the surge in power tariff would be applied to the bills of September, meanwhile, the hike will not be applicable to Lifeline and K Electric customers.

Caretaker CM directs to expand circle of investigations against corruption in govt. departments

Mir Ali Mardan Domki says Balochistan can't afford wastage of official resources and corruption

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has categorically stated that the province can't afford wastage and corruption in the official resources and as such, adding he directed to expand the circle of investigations in the government departments.

The caretaker Chief Minister was chairing a meeting held to review performance of the Balochistan Anti-Corruption Establishment here on Friday.

The Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan was also present in the meeting.

Secretary Services and General Administration Department, Babar Khan and Director General Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sohail Anwar Hashmi

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briefed the meeting about the related issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Domki made it clear that there would be zero tolerance for corruption in the era of caretaker government.

He stressed that the impression of financial corruption would also have to be removed about Balochistan. He issued standing directives to the departments correct the irregularities by improving their financial matters.

He also asserted that the concept of punishment and reward would be ensured in the province. He said that while the good officers would be encouraged, stern action would be taken against those involved in the corruption and corrupt practices.



QUETTA: Provincial Caretaker Ministers Jan Achakzai, Dr Ameer Muhammad Jogzai and Qadir Bakhsh addressing a press conference.

4,500 bags of sugar, 1,200 of Urea recovered as crackdown against hoarders continues

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QUETTA: The crackdown against the profiteers and hoarders of sugar and Urea fertilizer remained continued in different parts of the provincial metropolis on Friday.

During the crackdown, a total of 4,500 bags of sugar and 1,200 bags of Urea were recovered from different godowns located in the Link Badini road, Sariab.

During the raid, a total of 65 solar panels and 1,000 plastic bags were also seized. The godowns of hoarders were also sealed after the recovery of sugar,

Urea and other items.

Needless to mention here that the crackdown was started on directives of the Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafiqat.

Meanwhile, the resolve has been expressed by the district administration to continue action against the hoarders and smuggling of sugar and Urea.

The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair has appreciated the performance of district administration on successful action taken against the hoarders.



Amid washout scare Pakistan-India Asia Cup match in Colombo gets 'reserve day'

COLOMBO (INP): A reserve day has been introduced for the Asia Cup Super Four contest between Pakistan and India in the Asia Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Sunday (September 10) amid the possibility of rains interrupting the match.

Rain washed out the Pakistan-India ODI at the Pallekele Stadium in Sri Lanka on Sep 2 and brought about an anticlimactic end as the Green Shirts were left waiting for their chance to bat.

The Indian side were bowled out for 266 in the 49th over against a superior display of Pakistani pace bowling.

Multiple weather forecasts predicted a high probability of rain on Sunday, particularly during match hours.

Resolving masses problems at their doorstep govt's top priority: AJK PM

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that resolving people's problems at their doorstep was the top priority of the incumbent government.

While talking to a public delegation led by noted social and business personality Haji Mohammad Arshad Ghazi from Bimbar at Jammu Kashmir House in the federal metropolis on Friday, the PM said that the doors of the Prime Minister's House were open to everyone.

The basic aim of the government, he said, was to provide basic amenities of life for the people across the state. The PM said that he was fully aware of the problems being faced by

ICC WC broadcaster releases promo featuring Babar in Fab 5

LAHORE: The inclusion of Babar Azam in the Fab 5 not only underscores his stellar performances but also reflects his growing influence and impact on the game.

International Cricket Council's official World Cup broadcaster, Star Sports, unveiled a promotional video, showcasing Pakistan's captain, Babar Azam, as part of the prestigious 'Fab 5' on Friday.

This term, originally coined by the late New Zealand cricket legend Martin Crowe.



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy conducts boat rally at Karachi harbour to commemorate 58th Navy Day.

Rabbani accuses outgoing president of unconstitutional actions

ISLAMABAD (INP): Mian Raza Rabbani, the former Chairman of the Senate, on Friday issued a scathing press statement, highlighting a series of alleged unconstitutional actions taken by President Dr Arif Alvi as his term comes to an end.

In his press release, Rabbani accused the outgoing president of failing to uphold the Constitution, 1973, and violating its provisions on multiple occasions.

Rabbani's statement outlined the following key allegations against President Arif Alvi:

The former Senate chairman accused the president of promulgating ordinances with-

'Navy Day' celebrated with traditional fervour

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Navy Friday celebrated 58th anniversary of 'Navy Day' to honour heroic achievements of Ghazis and Shuhadas who fought gallantly against a much bigger adversary with absolute courage and profound faith in Allah SWT.

Navy Day is a glorious reminiscence of daring operation 'SOMNATH', when Pakistan Navy's Warships destroyed important shore installations and inflicted irreparable damage to the Indian pride, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

Pakistan Navy lone Submarine GHAZI reigned and remained unchallenged at sea throughout the war, because of which the complete Indian Navy did not dare to come out in the open sea and challenge the Pakistan Navy Fleet. In his message on the occasion, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi said that 8th September marks act of bravery of Pakistan Navy's officers and men who demonstrated invincible

courage and absolute audacity during successful bombardment at Dwarka. On this day, we acknowledge the sacrifices of our Shuhadas and Ghazis and honour their valiant spirit which vanquished the devious enemy during the 1965 War.

The Naval Chief highlighted that Pakistan Navy besides ensuring own maritime defence also maintains round the clock presence in international waters and engages with regional navies to foster interoperability and promote maritime security at high seas. For this purpose, Pakistan Navy is acquiring state of the art technologies to meet the emerging security challenges at sea while enhancing indigenous capabilities. Admiral underlined that Pakistan Navy had also embarked on nation building initiatives particularly to uplift coastal communities and was making vigorous efforts to invigorate Blue Economy for economic prosperity of the country.



QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George talking to media person on his arrival.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

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Foreign affairs minister statement she said Indian leadership should stop giving statements. The human rights violations are underway in occupied Kashmir under illegal occupation of India.

The international organizations of human rights have diverted attention of G-20 countries towards ongoing human rights violations in occupied Kashmir.

International human rights organizations have informed G-20 countries by writing their letter.

APP adds: Pakistan on Friday asked India to honour its obligations under international human rights and humanitarian laws, and bring an end to the egregious human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK).

Addressing the weekly press briefing here, the Foreign Office spokesperson said, "Grave and systematic violations of human rights in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) continue to alarm the world conscience. Several international human rights organizations including Amnesty International

have addressed a joint open letter to invite the attention of the representatives of G-20 member states, specially invited countries and international organizations, towards the serious human rights violations being committed in IOJK."

She said, "The letter notes the ongoing repressive policies in IOJK, including restrictions on freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, and intensification of crackdown on independent media and civil society groups. Indian occupation forces are systematically using abusive counter terrorism and state security laws, such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act to incapacitate and persecute human rights defenders and dissenters in IOJK."

"As India hosts the G-20 Summit and presents itself as an important player on the global stage, it should honour its obligations under international human rights and humanitarian laws and bring an end to the egregious human rights violations in IOJK," she added.

She told that Foreign Minister Jilani Abbas Jilani

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with journalists in Karachi today, Bilawal said: "The PPP demands that the elections be held within 90 days."

The PPP — which had been the most vocal among all parties in calling for elections within three months — demands that elections should be held at the earliest and as per the Constitution, he added.

Bilawal says that the PPP does people-friendly politics and governance. "Our contest is with inflation, unemployment and poverty." Without taking the name of the establishment, the PPP's top leader said that he wanted to give a message to the "puppet makers" that they should stop experimenting on the people of Pakistan.

"Let the people make their decisions," he added.

Responding to a question about the drive against the PPP, the former foreign minister said that his party responded to the propaganda and character assassinations with "performance".

Lauding the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), Bilawal said the electoral watchdog proved its "standard and credibility" before the people by its "performance" during the past four years.

"The ECP proved its performance in Daska [by catching rigging]," he added.

According to an investigation report prepared by Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Saeed Gul, the election officials and other government functionaries "did not play their designated role in a requisite manner [and] they were found puppets in the hands of their unlawful masters".

The NA-75 Sialkot-IV by-election held in Daska on February 19 was not held in a fair, free, and transparent manner, read the inquiry report. Later, the ECP declared the Daska by-polls null and void and ordered re-election.

He hoped that the ECP would hold free and fair elections within the Constitutional timeframe of 90 days.

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"We would like the Afghan refugees to return to their homeland in honour and dignity for which it is important that conditions are created for their early return. We remain in contact with Afghan authorities as well as with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to work towards that end."

To a question, she said, "Pakistan, as you know, has invited its friends and partners, including the Gulf countries, to come and invest in Pakistan. In the context of SIFC, which has recently been established, we are in contact with all our friends and partners for future investment projects."



QUETTA: Activates of BDA employees union hold protest in favor of their demands.

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S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1	Medicine & related items (Total Item(s) Count: 63)	2%

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said discussions were also held on working out a schedule for implementing the decisions already taken to carry out privatization of some departments.

He said measures to stop misuse of international agreements, if there is any, also came under discussion. Restructuring of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), measures for removing bottlenecks in foreign direct investment, including visa policy reforms, and steps to improve performance of different departments were also part of extensive discussion held on the first day of the SIFC meeting. He said an issue of smuggling of commodities, petroleum products and dollars were discussed at length. At the outset of the press conference, the minister said traditionally, a press release was issued to highlight the decisions and discussions of the SIFC, but from now on-

ward, the public would be informed by the caretaker government through briefings by the relevant ministers. The main objectives of SIFC were to boost foreign direct investment in different sectors including mining, information technology and agriculture, the minister remarked.

Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatisation Dr Shamsad Akhtar Friday said the caretaker government had adopted a holistic approach to address the pressing issues being faced by the economy and develop a roadmap with an aim to augment the macroeconomic management.

"We will operate really holistically and consistently as a team. This will be an important change that incharges of all segments will work together," she said while addressing a press conference.

A principle had been adopted to look at the gov-

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PUC urges Saudi Crown Prince to champion minorities' rights, Kashmir resolution at G20 Summit

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Ulama Council (PUC) on Friday appealed to the leaders of G20 nations, with a particular focus on Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammad bin Salman imploring to play a role in addressing the injustices against India's Muslims and minority populations, as well as the long-standing issue of Kashmir, during the upcoming G20 summit in India, emphasizing the importance of self-determination.

The PUC central figures, including Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Allama Abdul Haq Mujahid, Maulana Muhammad Rafiq Jami, Maulana Asad Zikria Qasmi, Maulana Nauman Hashir, Maulana Muhammad Shafiq Qasmi, Maulana Asadullah Farooq, Maulana Zubair Abid, Maulana Mohammad Ashfaq Pitafi, Maulana Tahir Aqil Awan, Maulana

Abu Bakr Hameed Sabri, Maulana Aziz Akbar Qasmi, Maulana Muhammad Aslam Siddiqui, among others, in a joint statement, called upon G20 member states, particularly Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, to engage in discussions with Indian leadership during the G20 summit to end the injustices against minorities and seek a resolution for the disputed Kashmir, in accordance with United Nations agreements.

The scholars asserted that the issues of Kashmir and Palestine were fundamental to the Islamic world, and their resolution could contribute significantly to global peace.

As Saudi Arabia holds a central position in the Islamic world, they expressed hope that during his visit to India, Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman would demonstrate the

same commitment to global peace that he had shown previously.

They believed that his active role in addressing the plight of oppressed Muslims in India, specifically minorities, was of paramount importance.

Furthermore, the scholars underlined that there was no doubt that India had become a living hell for minorities, particularly Muslims. In this dire situation, Saudi Arabia's role was crucial in extricating them from this predicament, they added.

They commended Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman for his commendable efforts for world peace and stressed that Pakistan and Islamic scholars worldwide would always remember his contributions to peace and security. They expressed their admiration for his past and future endeavors as a leader of peace and security.



ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf witnessing the election process of Parliamentary Reporters Association (PRA) held at Parliament House in Islamabad.

Pakistan all set to organize world's first Global Health Security Summit, Shallwani

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan will be the first country in the world to host the Global Health Security Summit later this year. This was shared by Federal Secretary Health Itfikhhar Shallwani while chairing a meeting to launch the preparations for the global moot on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by senior health officials, leading public health experts and representatives of partner agencies. The Prime Minister has accorded approval to holding the summit later this year which will bring together 500 participants including around 70 country delegates.

Pakistan is the current chair of Global Health Security Agenda and hosting this conference will enable us to showcase our strong resolve and commitment to the cause of saving our people and the global community from the pandemics, said the Secretary Health while addressing the participants. We are a resilient nation and have together done formidably well in fighting the covid pandemic. There is a great deal that Pakistan can contribute to the knowledge and experience of the global community in the fight

against pandemics, he added. Pakistan has most recently faced the ravages of unprecedented floods and the resultant spread of disease, highlighting the urgent need to strengthen disease response and surveillance systems. The recent pandemic has shown that spread of infectious disease in any part of the world is a threat to the entire global community. Therefore it is a shared responsibility, the meeting was told.

The meeting agreed on the thematic areas to be discussed in the summit which will include several panel discussions.

Ministry of OP&HRD increases minimum pension to Rs10,000

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) recognizing the hardships of retired senior citizens in prevailing era of inflation has increased the minimum pension from Rs 8,500 to Rs10,000 per month.

The Overseas Pakistanis Ministry on Friday issued the directions in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (a) of Section-2 of the Employees Old Age Benefits Act, 1976, increased the minimum pension from Rs 8,500 per month to Rs10,000 per month along with 17 percent increase in formula pension to the existing pensioners that would be in effect from July 1.

It also issued the instructions to implement the order to process the increase in the rate of the existing pensioners and the pending pension.

All pensioners drawing minimum pension of Rs 8500 would be allowed minimum pension Rs 10,000, with effect from July, 2023.

Moreover, the pensioners drawing formula pension as on June 30

would be allowed 17 percent in their existing rate of pension with effect from July, 2023. It also underlined that the 17 percent increase in rate would be applied only on pensioners awarded pension till June 30, 2023.

The formula pension awarded with effect from July, 2023 would not be allowed increase in rate of pension. However, such pensioners would be allowed formula pension as per schedule. It also underlined that the pension allowed from July, 23 would be treated as normal with regards to minimum pension of Rs. 10,000 and formula pension 17 percent increase in rate would be applied only to pensioners who were awarded pension till 2023.

The pensioners drawing reduced pension would be allowed pension reduced by one half per cent for each completed month by which age falls short of 60 years (55 years in case of woman) for minimum pension i.e. Rs.10,000.

All reduced formula pensions settled on June 30, 2023 would be allowed 17 percent increase in their existing rate of pension, it added.



Vice Chancellor Allama Iqbal Open University Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood presented a souvenir to Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi on "Literacy day" here in Islamabad.

Agriculture University of China recruiting talent from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The research group of Prof. Dr. He Cheng at China Agriculture University (CAU), Beijing is offering PhD and post-doctoral positions to Pakistani candidates in "Control of major livestock disease in Pakistan using China-aid technologies of key veterinary vaccines and diagnostic assay".

According to Gwadar Pro, the project aims to develop and promote key vaccines and diagnostic technologies by using cell fermentations and molecular biology techniques, in order to control major livestock diseases and contribute to animal products exported to international markets. A Chinese Professor at College of Veterinary Medicine, CAU told

Gwadar Pro that Pakistan and China are leading more than 50 collaborative projects in agriculture and animal husbandry. However, the livestock sector does not contribute to GDP with its full strength and still needs a lot of improvement. He said that this is basically due to the challenges of devastating diseases faced by Pakistan such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Avian Influenza, Salmonellosis and currently new emerging Lumpy skin disease (LSD).

The coordination in mutual trade can only be achieved to develop and implement a feasible technology-based project between the two countries.

NH&MP recovers stolen car from Swabi

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) recovered a car stolen from Rawalpindi near Swabi on Friday.

According to the details, Motorway Police was informed about a white Corolla stolen from Saddar Police Station Rawalpindi which started the search for it.

During search operation, the NH&MP found a vehicle abandoned near Karnel Sher Khan Interchange on Peshawar-Islamabad Motorway. After investigation, it was found that it was the same vehicle that was stolen from Rawalpindi and a fake number plate was installed on the vehicle. The vehicle was taken into possession and the search for the accused was started.

Heavy militarization, lingering Kashmir dispute badly impacting education in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): Today, when the world is marking the International Literacy Day, education, considered one of the basic human rights, has been badly affected in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir due to heavy militarization and decades-long unresolved Kashmir dispute.

A report released by Kashmir Media Service said how Kashmiri students can pay attention to education when they are witnessing

killings of their dear ones during violent military operations conducted by Indian troops on a daily basis.

The report said Kashmiri children are being harassed and humiliated by Indian troops instead of making it easy for them to achieve education, adding the situation has worsened since 5th August 2019 when the Modi-led Hindutva government of India abrogated the occupied territory's special status.

It maintained that the Kashmiri students had to bear the brunt of the military siege following the revocation of Article 370. It had been for months together that the Kashmiri children were forced to remain in homes as IIOJK was virtually cut off from the outside world, with phone and internet links shutdown and occupation troops enforcing a strict curfew.



ISLAMABAD: A woman along with children are collecting stems of trees on green belt along the Embassy road as due to the high prices of fuel gas and LPG, common people are using woods as fuel in their kitchen.

Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs convenes

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting commenced with a comprehensive briefing provided by the Caretaker Foreign Minister, Jilil Abbas Jilani, regarding Pakistan's efforts to secure full membership in BRICS. He delved into the historical context and objectives of BRICS, highlighting its recent expansion to include member states such as KSA, UAE, Argentina, Egypt, and Ethiopia. He emphasized that BRICS expansion relies on unanimous member consensus. Pakistan is actively exploring the possibility of joining this group due to its goals of reshaping the International Financial Architecture and reducing dependency on the US dollar. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) has initiated a consultation process with relevant stakeholders to streamline Pakistan's entry into BRICS.

During the session, concerns were raised by Senators about potential vetoes from India regarding Pakistan's inclusion in BRICS. Minister Jilani reassured that any member resorting to such a veto jeopardizes its own standing within the group. He also emphasized Pakistan's commitment to not engaging in regional power bloc

politics, aiming instead for positive relations with all nations. Responding to questions about Pakistan's relationship with the United States, the Foreign Minister highlighted the global ramifications of conflicts, such as the Russia-Ukraine situation. He underscored Pakistan's policy of maintaining positive relationships with all nations, given the interconnectedness of today's world.

The Committee Chairman inquired about the advantages and disadvantages of joining BRICS, to which the Foreign Minister explained that Pakistan's membership would grant it a voice on an important international forum and facilitate trade and economic relations with member countries.

Addressing a query regarding the recent TTP attack in Chitral and the resulting law and order situation, the Foreign Minister assured that the situation is under control. Pakistan is actively engaged with the Afghan interim government, with our ambassador meeting Afghan officials to address the matter. He expressed Pakistan's commitment to preventing such situations from recurring through continued dialogue with Afghan counterparts.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah chairing a meeting regarding revival plan of cultural and literary heritage.

APHC-AJK pays tributes to Sheikh Tajummal-ul-Islam

ISLAMABAD (INP): All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter has paid tributes to the renowned intellectual, leading leader of Kashmir freedom movement and former Executive Director of Kashmir Media Service, Islamabad, late Sheikh Tajummal-ul-Islam for his precious and unparalleled

services to the Kashmir cause.

The APHC-AJK chapter held a condolence reference Friday at its office in Islamabad to remember Sheikh Tajummal-ul-Islam on his second death anniversary.

The reference was presided over by Convener Mahmood Ahmed Saghar while Chairman of Jammu

Kashmir Self-Determination Movement International, Raja Najabat Hussain was chief guest on the occasion.

Mehmood Ahmad Saghar on this occasion said that Sheikh Tajummal-ul-Islam challenged India's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir, as a result of which he faced Indian anger.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Health Itfikhhar Ali Shallwani chaired high level meeting regarding Global Health Security Summit.

Inflow, outflow of rivers, reservoirs level report

ISLAMABAD (INP): The position of the river inflows and outflows at Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma along with the reservoirs levels and the barrages on Friday was recorded as under:

Rivers: Indus at Tarbela: Inflows 114000 cusecs and Outflows 113200 cusecs, Kabul at Nowshera: Inflows 23700 cusecs and Outflows 23700 cusecs, Khairabad Bridge: Inflows 95000 cusecs and Outflow 95000, Jhelum at Mangla: Inflows 13300 cusecs and Outflows 40000 cusecs, Chenab at Marala: Inflows 36800 cusecs and Outflows 5900 cusecs.

Barrages: Jinnah: Inflows 146800 cusecs and Outflows 138800 cusecs, Chashma: Inflows: 142200 cusecs and Outflows 150000 cusecs, Taunsa: Inflows 127100 cusecs and Outflows 107600 cusecs, Guddu: Inflows 139800 cusecs and Outflows 110800 cusecs Sukkur: In-

flows 98400 cusecs and Outflows 45900 cusecs Kotri: Inflows 134700 cusecs and Outflows 93400 cusecs Trimmu: Inflows 21500 cusecs and Outflow 5900 cusecs Panjnad: Inflows 67000 cusecs and Outflows 50400 cusecs.

Reservoirs (Level and Storage): Tarbela: Minimum operating level 1402 feet, present level 1550.00 feet, maximum conservation level 1550 feet, live storage today 5.809 MAF.

Mangla: Minimum operating level 1050 feet, present level 1241.10 feet, maximum conservation level 1242 feet, live storage today 7.283 MAF.

Chashma: Minimum operating level 638.15 feet, present level 648.00 feet, maximum conservation level 649 feet, live storage today 0.227 MAF. The inflows and outflows of River Indus at Tarbela, Jinnah and Chashma, River Kabul at Nowshera.

International literacy day observed

ISLAMABAD (INP): International Literacy Day is observed on September 8 every year to promote literacy and raise awareness of its importance in building more inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable societies. The day's theme for 2023 was "Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies."

Literacy is the ability to read and write. It is essential for communication, learning, and participating in society. People who are literate are better able to access information, improve their job prospects, and make informed decisions about their lives.

According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills. This means that they cannot read and write a simple sentence about their everyday life.

All emerging nicotine products must be banned!

ISLAMABAD (INP): Health activists are urgently advocating for a ban on emerging tobacco products in Pakistan due to their highly addictive nature.

The Society for the Protection of the Rights of Child (SPARC) issued a press release highlighting the critical need for a ban on these harmful tobacco and nicotine products, which are gaining popularity among children and young adults in the country.

Misinformation about the risks associated with these products, children and young people are openly

consuming them, under the false assumption that they are less harmful than traditional cigarettes. It is important to note that this misinformation is actively propagated by the large tobacco industry in an attempt to expand its consumer base across various age groups. Malik Imran Ahmed, Country Head of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (CTFK), emphasized that Pakistan currently lacks comprehensive legislation addressing the promotion, sale, and advertisement of e-cigarettes and similar products. He called upon the government to

take immediate and decisive action to address this issue.

Emerging tobacco products encompass a wide range, including nicotine pouches, heated tobacco products (HTPs), vapes, and various flavored options, all of which are readily available online and in markets. Ahmed highlighted that these products are deliberately designed to entice youth, making it imperative to ban them before they endanger our nation's children any further.

Dr. Ziauddin Islam, former Technical Head at the Tobacco Control Cell in the Ministry of Health and

focal person for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), presented alarming statistics on tobacco-related deaths in Pakistan. In 2018 alone, an estimated 160,100 lives were lost due to tobacco use, and this number has continued to rise since then.

Dr. Islam underscored that innovative tobacco products have inundated the online market through aggressive advertising, promotions, and sales. He urged the government to take strict measures to regulate online platforms and achieve effective tobacco

control goals in Pakistan.

Additionally, he noted that these harmful products are conspicuously displayed and easily accessible in local shops, major shopping centers, grocery stores, and malls—a deliberate tactic employed by the tobacco industry to lure children into purchasing them.

Khalil Ahmed, Program Manager SPARC, declared that the tobacco industry is waging a war on the health and well-being of Pakistan's youth and children. By introducing a plethora of enticing flavors for e-cigarettes and offering discounts on purchases,



ISLAMABAD: Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

Universities must allocate 5pc income for scholarships: Baligh

Urges teachers to play their role in developing students abilities as well as making best human beings

Independent Report
FAISALABAD: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that universities must allocate 5 percent of their income for scholarships, exclusively for the deserving students in order to utilize their talent for the expeditious growth of Pakistan. He expressed these views while presiding over the 50th meeting of the Senate of University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF). In the meeting, the budget of UAF for the financial year 2023-24 worth Rs 20 billion was approved.

Addressing the UAF Senate meeting, the Governor said the youth are valuable assets who have to take up the rein of the future of the country. He said the government was taking all possible

steps for ensuring quality education and knowledge-based economy. He said that atmosphere of intolerance in society was increasing for which "we have to promote an environment of tolerance, love and respect for differences of opinion."

He said that in 2008, the then government allocated a budget of Rs13 billion for education, which was increased to Rs120 billion by 2018. However, in 2019, it was reduced to only Rs61 billion.

He said that the Technology Transfer Fund had been established in 2013-14 to provide indigenous solutions to the industry as well as promote innovation, which was essential towards knowledge-based economy.

UAF Vice Chancellor

Prof Dr Iqbal Ahmad Khan said that the university was providing scholarships to more than 7,000 students while teaching assistants, on-hour working and other facilities are also available for those students who were facing financial difficulties.

He said that in UAF, no student leaves education due to financial constraint, as ample educational scholarships are available. He said that the UAF was taking all possible measures to find a local solution to the problems of agriculture. He said that the University of Agriculture is working not only at the national level but also with international institutions on education and research issues and running international projects like Center for Advanced Studies.



FAISALABAD: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman presiding over the 50th meeting of the Senate of University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF).

Dollar to gradually come down during next few day: Governor

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Friday said that the economic situation was improving due to the caretaker government's decisions in the country.

He said, "The value of the dollar will gradually come down in the next few days."

While addressing a press conference at Goernor House here, he said that efforts were being made to resolve the issues of the business community and measures were being taken to provide relief to the people.

Chief Executive of the

Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Zubair Motiwala was also present on the occasion.

The governor said that if the confidence of the industrialists and traders was restored, the economic activities would improve.

Karachi had been ignored for the last several decades, he said, adding that the armed forces were ready to fight economic terrorism along with border terrorism.

The governor said, "I will stand by the business community."

Tessori said that that PIA was in loss and

keeping in view that thing preparations had been completed for its privatization.

He said that if the investment came to the country, the economy would improve.

The governor said that he had requested the Caretaker Prime Minister to focus on Karachi and he would go to Islamabad for follow-up of assurances on Monday.

He said that diplomats could be taken into confidence to resolve the problem of IPPs. He hoped that the caretaker Prime Minister would give relief up to 300 units.

Govt making efforts to facilitate tourists: Feroze Jamal

PESHAWAR (APP): A meeting of Galiyat Development Authority (GDA) was held under the chairmanship of Caretaker Provincial Minister for Tourism, Culture, Archaeology and Information & Public Relations Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel here on Friday. During the meeting, the Director General (DG) GDA Wasif Saeed briefed the minister about the performance of the authority and its functions. Speaking on this occasion, the minister said

that the tourism department was making all-out efforts to provide the best facilities to the tourists. He said that the department should provide various opportunities to the public so that tourists could enjoy the facilities of the northern region. He said that good governance should be followed and proper sanitation campaigns should be made a priority for a clean and green Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He directed the elimination of the culture of nepotism.

Sadiqabad police arrest two robbers, street criminals

RAWALPINDI (INP): In an operation against criminal elements, Rawalpindi Police have busted a gang and arrested two robbers and street criminals besides recovering Rs 520,000 cash, a motorcycle, and other items from their possession.

According to a police spokesman, Sadiqabad Police arrested two accused namely Hamdan and Aqib Rasheed, who were allegedly involved in various robberies, and street crime cases.



KARACHI: Commander JNB Cdre Misnah Ul Amin interact with students of Bahria College during their visit to Jinnah Naval Base Omara on Commemoration of 58th anniversary of 'Navy Day'

LHC directs CS Punjab to decide within 15 days the application seeking constitution of JC

LAHORE (Online): On the plea seeking constitution of Judicial Commission (JC) to inquire into Jaranwala incident, Lahore High Court (LHC) has directed chief secretary Punjab to take decision within 15 days.

The petition came up for hearing before single bench of LHC led by Justice Sajid Mehmoob Sethi here Friday.

The learned judge inquired from the state counsel has any JC been constituted on the incident so far.

The state counsel replied no commission has been constituted so far.

The petitioner has taken plea in the court basic constitutional rights of the Christians were affected in Jaranwala incident.

The procedure adopted for investigation in this incident is slow paced. Christian community does not expect justice from the procedure in place.

It is requested that court should order to constitute JC for the sake of justice.

13 drug peddlers, bootleggers arrested

RAWALPINDI (INP): Rawalpindi police in an action against suspected drug peddlers, bootleggers and other lawbreakers here on Friday arrested 13 accused besides recovering 1620 grams heroin, over eight kg charras, 30 bottles of liquor, a pistol and other items from their possession.

According to a police spokesperson, during the crackdown launched against drug peddlers and bootleggers, Rawalpindi district police arrested 246 accused and recovered over 200 kg charras, 788 liters liquor, 470 grams heroin and 50 grams Ice drug during the last two weeks.



PESHAWAR: MOU signed between SBBWU and Dosti Welfare Organization during the launching ceremony of Dosti Peshawar's Women's Literature Festival 1st Edition at Governor House.

CM praises arrangements for urs, chehlum events

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi extended his commendation to the provincial ministers, administration, police and associated departments for their exceptional arrangements concerning the chehlum of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), urs of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakshsh (RA) and cricket matches.

He specifically lauded Provincial Minister Azfar Ali Nasir and his team for their remarkable efforts in facilitating devotees during Hazrat Data Ganj Bakshsh urs.

Acknowledging the relentless commitment of Inspector General of Police and his force in ensuring foolproof security, the chief minister also praised the commendable performance of the Cabinet Committee for Law and Order, Commissioner of Lahore Division, CCPO, DIG Operations, Deputy Commissioner of Lahore, and the dedicated staff

involved. He further highlighted the round-the-clock efforts of commissioners, RPOs, deputy commissioners, and DPOs throughout Punjab in maintaining a peaceful atmosphere.

Mohsin Naqvi noted a historic moment, emphasizing that Provincial Minister for Auqaf Azfar Ali Nasir stayed at Data Darbar for an uninterrupted three days, overseeing the urs arrangements. He attributed the peaceful conduct of chehlum processions, congregations, urs celebrations, matches, and Defence Day commemorations to the grace of Allah Almighty and the wholehearted endeavours of the Punjab government.

In reflection, Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed the belief that effective coordination and teamwork invariably yield positive outcomes.

AC approves physical remand of Bhatti

LAHORE (Online): Accountability Court approved the physical remand of Chaudhry Parvez Elahi's right-hand man Mohammad Khan Bhatti till September 13 in Rs100 billion corruption scandal.

Court has also sought investigation report of accused on next hearing.

Judge Naseem Ahmed Virk, Admin of Lahore Accountability Court heard the application of NAB for physical remand of Mohammad Khan Bhatti. NAB Lahore had requested for physical remand of Mohammad Khan Bhatti. Court approved physical remand of Mohammad Khan Bhatti till 13th September.

The court ordered accused to appear before court again on September 13 and also called investigation report of the accused. While talking to journalists informally in courtroom Mohammad Khan Bhatti said that I am innocent. I have told all facts to investigating officers and honorable court will also do justice to me.

LHC orders de-sealing of 10 theatres

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday ordered the de-sealing of ten commercial theatres of Lahore division.

The court ordered to de-seal theatres including Naz theatre, Mahfil theatre, Sitara theatre, Virsa theatre, Sangam theatre, Gulistan theatre, Ravi theatre and Nagina theatre. The court also ordered relevant authorities to decide the application of theatre owners within 7 days, while observing that theatres should be opened till decision of relevant authorities and if there were any complaints against them, then action should be taken in accordance with the law.

Justice Raheel Kamran passed the orders on a petition filed by theatre owners challenging the closure of theatres by the provincial government. It is pertinent to mention here that the Punjab government had sealed the theatres over violation of the Drama Act, in the last week of August. The government had initiated a crackdown against 'vulgarity' in commercial theatres and sealed them over hosting unethical dances.

Caretaker CM distributes financial assistance in tribesmen

PESHAWAR (APP): The caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan on Friday distributed financial assistance from his special funds amongst the deserving people of the newly merged districts.

It is pertinent to mention here that certain deserving people had requested the Chief Minister for financial assistance during his weekly meetings with the people of tribal districts, and he had decided to assist the needy people from special funds on compassionate grounds.

Talking on the occasion, the chief minister said that he was fully aware of the issues and difficulties being faced by the people of newly merged districts, and the caretaker provincial government was taking all possible steps to resolve

their problems on priority. He maintained that progress is being made on resolving the issues pointed out during the weekly meetings adding that all the genuine problems and issues would be resolved one by one.

The tribal people have faced a lot of hardships and multiple challenges for a long time, he remarked and assured that the provincial government is going all out to address the issues of merged areas.

He made it clear that the government is committed to continue to support the tribal people as well as to resolve their problems on a sustainable basis adding that no stone would be left unturned to this effect. The tribal people on this occasion thanked the Chief Minister for taking a keen interest in resolving the problems of the tribal districts.



HYDERABAD: A large number of Hindu community members are joyfully celebrating the Ramakrishna festival on the banks of the Indus River.

Health minister reveals successful completion of prisoners' screening

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Dr Jamal Nasir has revealed that the department had successfully completed the critical task of blood screening for AIDS, hepatitis, and other diseases for a substantial cohort of 52,000 inmates in 43 prisons throughout the province.

In an address during the inaugural ceremony of a seven-day training camp at the Health Services Academy here on Friday, he shared the remarkable achievement by the Punjab Health Department. This ambitious initiative reflected the commitment of the department to enhancing healthcare services being provided to incarcerated individuals

and to curbing the spread of infectious diseases within correctional institutions. Dr. Nasir also unveiled the upcoming training, which will equip field teams to collect vital data on the social profiles of individuals affected by hepatitis and AIDS. Furthermore, these teams will conduct essential blood tests in selected districts across Punjab and Balochistan. Dr. Nasir elaborated on a pioneering pilot project underway, aiming to completely eliminate hepatitis within four union councils in Rawalpindi. He emphasised that the survey results regarding AIDS and hepatitis patients would serve as a litmus test for the effectiveness of existing preventive measures.

KP IGP inaugurates Command & Control Center in DIKhan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Akhtar Hayat Khan Friday inaugurated the Command and Control Center established at District Police Officer in Dera Ismail Khan.

Regional Police Officer Dera Nasir Mehmood Satti gave a detailed briefing to Inspector General of Police KP Akhtar Hayat Khan

about the Command and control center.

RPO while giving the briefing said that with the help of 300 cameras equipped with modern technology in the command and control center. A wide network has been established, through which 24-hour sensitive places of Dera city, security of government offices, central jail, police lines, four bazaars in the center of the city, markets.



KARACHI: A view of traffic jam at Hasan square.

May 9 violence: ATC remands 8 accused in police custody

LAHORE (APP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Friday handed over eight accused, involved in the Askari Tower attack case, to police on 6-day physical remand.

Earlier, the police produced the accused, Irfan Ahmad, Yar Gul, Raja Samiullah, Muhammad Ahmad, Altaf Hussain, Tayyab Ansari, Muhammad Umar and Mirza Arslan Baig, before ATC Judge Abher Gul Khan on completion of their identification process.

The investigation officer submitted that the accused were involved in the case but they had gone into hiding to avoid arrest.

He submitted that after arrest, the accused were sent to jail for identification, wherein they had been identified. He pleaded with the court to grant physical remand of the accused for investigations.

At this, the court allowed the plea and handed over the accused to police on 6-day physical remand. The court directed the police for producing the accused on the expiry of the remand term, September 14.

The Gulberg police had registered a case against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leaders and workers over attacking Askari Tower during the May 9 violence.



LAHORE: Members Kisan Rabta Committee holds protest in the favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Relief cheque for Jaranwala incident victims handed over to George Ghulam

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Executive of Paraplegic Center Peshawar, Dr. Syed Muhammad Ilyas, during a simple but impressive ceremony at Hayatabad Peshawar on Friday, handed over a donation cheque to George Ghulam, priest of the Diocese of Peshawar, for the victims of the Jaranwala tragedy.

These donations were collected by the employees and volunteers of the Center during a campaign for helping out the affected Christian brethren. A large number of Christian community leaders and center employees participated in the event.

On this occasion, Dr. Ilyas clarified that the purpose of the ceremony was to express solidarity and brotherhood with the

Christian community over the tragic incident of Jaranwala, because, he said, as humanity, the hearts of people of both religions beat the same.

He said that the officers, doctors, junior staff and volunteers of the Paraplegic Center collected donations beyond their means to heal the wounds of their Christian sisters and brothers in today's era of extreme inflation, which was a bright example of sacrifice.

Dr. Ilyas said that the homes and properties of many Christian people were damaged in this incident and the entire Muslim Ummah in general and the Muslims of Pakistan in particular were deeply grieved on it.



HYDERABAD: Workers PPP Release Committee hold a protest against officials of Highways Division, in City.

Collective efforts vital to put country in right direction: Aneeq

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmad, during a visit to Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), said here on Friday that as a nation, collective efforts were required to put the country in the right direction.

He said, "Pakistanis are peace-loving people and we welcome people with open heart." He said all segments of society felt pain of the Jaranwala incident. He said the Pakistan flag was incomplete if white part was missing in it. Aneeq Ahmad said, "Our religious scholars open doors of mosques for their Christian brothers just to tell that Islam is a progressive religion, it welcomes people and tells them that Islam provides

everyone with help in times of distress." The caretaker minister said that the country was passing through difficult times, and added that nations did face crises and challenges in their lives. There was need to help people get rid of distress, the minister said adding that strategies were being evolved which would yield good results. He said that sincerity and capability were present in society, and just a little bit patience was required to overcome challenges.

To a question, he said that people should love each other, which was a message of Pakistan for India and its people. To another query, he said that strengthening of religious tourism would yield positive impact on country's economy.

He said at present there were 901 Hajj

operators in Pakistan, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wanted to reduce the number to 200 for proper management.

Regarding question about hoarding of dollars, Aneeq Ahmad said that country's interest was above personal interests and hoarding was not a good practice at all. He said that 52 topics of different subjects had been prepared which would be discussed during the Juma prayers across country.

Aneeq Ahmad said that he was happy to visit the LCCI and good facilities were being offered here to the members and their families. He said, "We all are brother and there should be no differences based on sects."

LCCI President Kashif Anwar also presented souvenir to the caretaker minister.



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmed posing for group photo along with others after visits Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) in Provincial Capital.

Tarar, Donald discuss matters of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Communications, Railways and Maritime Affairs Shahid Ashraf Tarar and United States (US) Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome on Friday discussed matters of mutual interest.

In a meeting, the minister said that Pak-US bilateral relations had evolved from security to other fields such as trade and investment, science and technology, climate change and sustainable development, health and education.

He expressed his profound desire to strengthen the relations based on development cooperation. He affirmed

that the Pakistan Railways had been benefiting from General Electric locomotives provided by the US, and based on their vitality, another order had been placed recently.

Similarly, Tarar mentioned, Tarbela and Mangla dams were also symbols of Pakistan-US cooperation. He further stated that the Karachi-Peshawar railway line had been affected by floods at certain vulnerable points and the US could cooperate with the Pakistan Railways to reclaim the tracks and secure them from future devastation.

He further apprised that Pakistan had entered into

international agreements in Gwadar and the country was attracting foreign investments from global partners.

Tarar said Pakistan had played a vital role in COP-27, and was striving to comply with the environmental standards issued by the Climate Conference, in all sectors.

The US ambassador said the focus had shifted from Pakistan's bordering and tribal areas to flood-affected areas of Northern Sindh and South Punjab.

Further more, possibilities were being explored for providing clean drinking water and rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure in those areas, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Rezhan Kistafin addressing during the conference entitled "Political and Economic Transformation" at local hotel on 07-08-2023 in Federal Capital.

Indonesian productivity experts appreciates Pak productivity drive

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indonesian productivity experts on Friday declared the industrial and economic productivity drive in Pakistan as important for good and economic sustainable development. The potential of industrial and economic development in Pakistan is high, in which industrial productivity is extremely important, and Pakistan can become economically strong through this, senior official from Ministry of Manpower from Indonesia and Productivity master trainer Abdul Hafid told APP here.

Productivity master trainers Abdul Hafid, Arif Fianto and Yohan Petmata, who came to Pakistan on

the invitation of the National Productivity Organization said that Productivity training in Pakistan was a good step which should be continued.

Productivity master trainer Abdul Hafid said that Association of SouthEast Asian Nation (ASEAN) countries had achieved economic miracles only by working on industrial productivity.

Abdul Hafid said that modern transformation of Indonesia was possible only with the productivity drive from the government. Indonesia is a \$1 trillion economy today and in 100 years of its independence, by 1945, Indonesia will be among the 10 largest economies in the world, he said.

Pak, Egypt reiterate resolve to boost bilateral coop. in diverse sectors

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan and Egypt have reiterated their resolve for further expanding trade ties and boosting cooperation in various sectors between the two countries.

The speakers expressed the resolve at a conference organized by Embassy of Pakistan in Egypt, in collaboration with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Cairo.

Addressing the conference as chief guest, Minister for Public Business Sector of Egypt, Mahmoud Esmat expressed desire to boost cooperation in various sectors including agriculture, energy, housing, tourism, textile and food. He also stressed the need to create new avenues for investments.

Ambassador of Pakistan to Egypt Sajid Bilal highlighted the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to attract foreign investment especially from the brotherly countries through the formation of Special Investment Facilitation Council.

Gold price in drops for fifth consecutive day

KARACHI (INP): Gold price in Pakistan continued its downward spiral for the fifth consecutive day on Friday as rupee maintained its recovery against the US dollar. According to All-Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association (APSGJA), the domestic price of the yellow metal (24 karat) lost Rs4,000 per tola and Rs3,430 per 10 grams to settle at Rs212,500 and Rs182,184, respectively.

In five days, gold price in Pakistan has plummeted by Rs26,600 per tola. In the international market, the price of the precious metal increased by \$2 to \$1,923 per ounce. It is pertinent to mention here that the Pakistani rupee continued its upward trajectory against the US dollar.

Russia seeks more productive energy talks with Pakistan

MOSCOW (INP): Russia has expressed its keen interest in strengthening cooperation with Pakistan in the energy sector.

The Russian Energy Minister Nikolai Shulginov held a meeting with Pakistan's outgoing envoy Shafiqat Ali Khan in connection with his completion of tenure in Russia.

The Russian minister thanked Shafiqat Ali Khan for fruitful cooperation in the field of energy, as well as for the work carried out within the framework of the Russian-Pakistani Intergovernmental Commission, co-chaired by Nikolai Shulginov.

"Over the years of our joint work, much has been done, including thanks to your deep understanding of the specifics of Russian-

Pakistani cooperation. We look forward to a further productive energy dialogue between Russia and Pakistan," Nikolai Shulginov was quoted as saying. The two sides also discussed key issues of the current bilateral energy cooperation. In particular, the Russian minister noted that it was necessary to accelerate the creation of a working group for the preparation and further implementation of a comprehensive plan for the development of the gas industry in Pakistan.

Nikolay Shulginov further stressed that Russia was interested in holding multilateral negotiations with the participation of the Pakistani side to work out issues on the international transport corridor.

SBP suspends authorization of Usman Intl Exchange Co

KARACHI (APP): State Bank of Pakistan, on Friday, suspended authorization of Usman International Exchange Company-B (Pvt) Limited on charges of serious violations of regulations and instructions of the central bank.

According to a statement issued here, authorization of an Exchange Company-B, namely M/s Usman International Exchange Company-B (Pvt) Limited, has been suspended with immediate effect. The B category exchange company, its head office, and all branches have been debarred from undertaking any kind of business activity during the suspension period, it added.

APO's role in driving inclusive, innovation-led productivity growth lauded

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior Vice President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Faad Waheed here on Friday praised the Asian Productivity Organization's (APO) role in Asia-Pacific's development while emphasizing the need to renew our commitment to inclusive, innovation-led productivity growth. He said while addressing the closing ceremony of a five-day training program on "Assessor of the Productivity Specialist Certification Program", and welcomed international delegates and expressed gratitude to APO and the National Productivity Organization (NPO) for addressing this crucial topic.

The National Productivity Organization (NPO), in collaboration with the Asian Productivity Organization

(APO), in Tokyo, Japan has organized the training program. Faad Waheed highlighted the potential of working together with APO to find solutions to long-standing productivity challenges in Pakistan. The program would help in promoting the cause of producing Certified Productivity Professionals in Pakistan to support and propagate the agenda of creating a productivity improvement culture in Pakistan. He further said that to meet the current productivity challenges of Pakistan and to achieve sustainable productivity and economic growth, NPO Pakistan is closely working with APO Tokyo.

Program Officer, APO Japan Zafarullah Khan expressed his gratitude to the government of Pakistan for their sincere efforts to continue the Productivity Movement.



SIALKOT: Chairman PGMEA Muhammad Ejaz Ch. presenting a shield to Jeremy Wang-China Country Manager Pakistan Alibaba.com from China.

PCJCCI proposes growing disease-free varieties of Chinese potatoes

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has proposed to grow Chinese varieties of potatoes to enhance disease free production.

PCJCCI leaders - during a think-tank session at the PCJCCI Secretariat -Lahore mentioned that Chinese potato varieties were known for their resistance to pests and diseases, making them a valuable resource for Pakistan to enhance its potato germ plasma.

They suggested the establishment and promotion of Tissue-Culture Laboratories,

highlighting that Pakistan is a significant potato exporter and self-sufficient in domestic potato consumption, Gwadar Pro reported.

Moazzam Ghurki, President of the joint chamber, noted that recent floods had caused extensive damage to various crops in Pakistan, but potato production had risen to 7.937 million tonnes in the fiscal year 2022-23, a 35 percent increase from 5.873 million tonnes in the previous fiscal year.

This growth was attributed to the fact that Punjab, a major potato-producing region, was unaffected by the floods.

Politicians engaged in blame game on sugar crisis: President PEW

LAHORE (INP): President of Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) Dr. Murtaza Mughal said on Friday that leading politicians from different political parties are trading accusations on the sugar crisis which has engulfed the whole country.

In a statement issued here, he said, "This blame game is a fixed match as all the stakeholders have benefited from the crisis in which the poor masses lost billions of rupees."

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that now the rhetoric was being used to deceive the public, which was

insufficient to convince the masses struggling amid runaway inflation.

Like all the mafias in the country, the sugar mafia also enjoys influence in the corridors of power, he added. He further stated that they have agents in political, bureaucratic, and all other important circles, and if any action was ever taken against them, they get immediate relief.

For many decades, the statements of controlling the sugar mafia have been made frequently, but these rhetorical politicians give them an opportunity.



RAWALPINDI: People are buying used stuff from street vendors at weekly Friday Flea Market in Ganjmandi area of the City.

Ambassador Haque says: Pakistan to attract tech companies to set up manufacturing units

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan is committed to its "Digital Pakistan" vision, tapping into its young and enterprising population and have established the Special Technology Zone Authority to attract tech companies to set up research and development centers and manufacturing units in Pakistan, said Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque.

Under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework, we have launched China-Pakistan Digital, Green, and Health Corridors to harness the potential of our two countries in these fields, he

said while speaking at an International conference titled "China-Pakistan Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation-Shared Journey to a Digital Era".

The conference was held on the sidelines of 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) at China National Convention Center in Beijing.

"We are establishing linkages between our academic institutions, research organizations and IT companies for practical implementation of our vision and for going forward on a shared journey of digital era."

NTDC endeavour to ensure smooth power supply in winter

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) head Engr. Dr. Rana Abdul Jabbar Khan has issued directives to the engineers of Asset Management (North) to develop a maintenance plan for transmission lines and grid stations.

"The aim is to enhance the reliability of the system and ensure a smooth power supply during winter and adverse weather conditions", the media wing of NTDC told APP Friday evening.

Managing Director of the organisation Engr. Dr. Rana Abdul Jabbar Khan emphasized that washing, replacement of insulators, and other maintenance work must be completed before the foggy / winter season. The NTDC Chief was addressing a large gathering of engineers from Asset Management North at WAPDA House. In addition, MD NTDC inaugurated the Transmission Line Monitoring System.



SIALKOT: A vendor arranging and displaying fruits to seek attention of customers at his roadside setup.

Weekly inflation in Pak soars to 26.32 pc: PBS

ISLAMABAD (INP): The report issued by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Friday stated that weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of 0.96 percent during the week ended on September 7.

The SPI for the week under review in the above-mentioned group was recorded at 279.87 points as compared to 277.21 points during the past week.

During the week, out of 51 items, the prices of 32 items increased, 05 items decreased and 14 items remained stable.

As per details, the items, which recorded a decrease in their average prices on a week-on-week (WoW) included chicken (3.20%), cooking oil 5 liters (1.03%), vegetable ghee 2.5 kg (0.47%), tea packet (0.43%) and vegetable ghee 1 kg (0.14%). The items which recorded an increase in their average prices on a week-on-week.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan, Convener Senate Special Committee/Working Group to Streamline Holding of Mango Festival in Urumqi, Xinjiang, China, presiding over a meeting of the Senate Special Committee at Parliament House.

G20 gathers in India with China's President Xi absent

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: G20 leaders descended on New Delhi on Friday, with deep divisions between heavyweight members and Chinese President Xi Jinping's no-show calling the bloc's relevance into question.

The G20 was conceived in the throes of the 2008 financial crisis as a way of managing the global economy.

However, finding consensus among members has been increasingly difficult in recent years.

With several leaders already in New Delhi — spruced up and partly emptied of people for the occasion — hosts India were scrambling for agreement on pressing issues like the Ukraine war, climate and global governance.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has painted the summit as his country's diplomatic coming of age —

evidence of New Delhi's clout and prestige on the global stage.

But that notion was called into question by rival leader Xi, who pointedly decided to skip the meeting and send his number two, Premier Li Qiang, instead.

No official reason was given for the absence, but Xi has chastised Modi about a deadly China-India border dispute and been open about making US-led groupings like the G20 more amenable to Beijing's interests. As the summit takes place, Xi will host the leaders of Venezuela and Zambia in Beijing.

Modi — sensing an opportunity to burnish his credentials as a statesman ahead of a re-election tilt early next year — has thrust himself front and centre of proceedings. His image adorns countless G20 billboards and posters plastered around Delhi.

A failure of G20 leaders to agree on a joint summit statement, a usually routine diplomatic affair, could be seen as an embarrassment for India and for Modi's claim of uniting developing and richer members.

Modi looks set to secure at least one concrete step in that direction — with several leaders expressing support for expanding the bloc into the "G21" and including the African Union as a permanent member.

But elsewhere, Ukraine appears to be a key sticking point, and who pays for efforts to heal the world's rapidly heating climate.

"Have a little bit of patience," senior Indian diplomat Amitabh Kant said today, insisting that a text would be put to leaders for them to decide.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends what state media report was a launching ceremony for a new tactical nuclear attack submarine in North Korea, in this picture released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

G20 leaders can stop climate breakdown, but rules must change, U.N. chief says

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said G20 leaders have the power to reset a climate crisis that is "spinning out of control" and urged them to reshape global financial rules which he described as outdated and unfair.

"The climate crisis is worsening dramatically — but the collective response is lacking in ambition, credibility, and urgency," Guterres said in a

speech in the Indian capital New Delhi, which is chairing the G20 this weekend.

Guterres asked the G20 to commit to keeping the "1.5 degree goal alive" — referring to the 2015 Paris Agreement goal of limiting the global average temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and aiming for 1.5°C.

"I have put forward a Climate Solidarity Pact — in which big emitters make extra efforts to cut emis-

sions; and wealthier countries support emerging economies to achieve this," Guterres said.

The plan urges developed countries to reach net-zero as close as possible to 2040, and emerging economies as close as possible to 2050, proposing a phase out of coal by 2030 in OECD countries and 2040 in all others.

"The climate crisis is spiralling out of control. But G20 countries are in control," he said.



Republican presidential candidate and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley speaks during a campaign town hall meeting in Claremont, New Hampshire, U.S.

North Korea says new sub has nuclear attack capabilities

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: North Korea launched its first "tactical nuclear attack submarine" Friday, according to state media.

The diesel-powered submarine, dubbed "Hero Kim Kun Ok" and based on the Soviet Romeo class, can carry nuclear-tipped missiles, crucial to counter the U.S. Navy in the region, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said.

"The submarine-launching ceremony heralded the beginning of a new chapter for bolstering up the naval force of the DPRK," state media said Friday. It is believed to have 10 missile tubes, four larger than the others, which North Korean media said are capable of firing missiles from underwater.

Defense analysts

shared doubts that the new submarine would significantly bolster North Korea's naval threat, saying the Soviet design the submarine is based on is poor and outdated.

"This submarine, though heavily modified, is based on 1950s Soviet-origin technology and will have inherent limitations. Nevertheless, in terms of complicating the targeting challenges that the U.S. and its allies will face, the submarine will serve North Korea's purposes," Ankit Panda, an expert with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, told The Associated Press.

Kim outlined a need to modify the country's existing naval forces to handle nuclear weapons, describing a nuclear-armed navy as an "urgent task."

White House to Reduce Aviation Close Calls

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: The White House will announce on Friday \$26 million in new funding to improve U.S. aviation safety after a series of potentially catastrophic near-miss incidents this year, officials told Reuters.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will spend \$10 million to improve controller situational awareness and reduce runway close-calls by deploying surface surveillance systems to additional airports.

Last month, there was a near collision in August between a Southwest Airlines (LUV) Boeing 737 and a Cessna Citation 560X business jet in San Diego. The National Transportation Safety Board has been investigating seven runway incursion events since January. Officials said the FAA will also spend \$8 million to expand its terminal automation system to prevent incorrect runway landings.

UNICEF says: A record numbers of children are on the move through Latin America and the Caribbean

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: Record numbers of children are making perilous journeys through Latin America and the Caribbean, often alone, and from countries as far away as Asia and Africa, the U.N. children's agency said Thursday. UNICEF said in a Child Alert that in the past three years the proportion of children moving along the major migration routes in Latin America and the Caribbean has climbed to a record high of 25%, up from 19% in 2019. Globally, children make up 13% of people on the move and the numbers in Latin America and the Caribbean, and rivaled only by Sub-Saharan

Africa where children also account for 25% of the migrant population, it said.

"The driving forces behind child migration are numerous and complex, encompassing factors such as rampant gang violence, the escalating effects of climate change, and exacerbated inequalities and poverty, magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns," Gary Conille, UNICEF's Latin America and Caribbean director, told a news conference. Conille said children in the region are migrating at an increasingly young age, and UNICEF said those under 11 years old now account for up to 91% of youngsters.

Ukraine's Zelenskiy says Putin killed mercenary boss Prigozhin

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Friday Russian leader Vladimir Putin was behind the death of mercenary boss Prigozhin, who died in a plane crash with his top lieutenants last month.

Zelenskiy, who provided no evidence to back up his assertion, made the comment in passing at a conference in Kyiv as he was asked a question about the Russian president.

"The fact that he killed Prigozhin - at least that's the information we all have, not any other kind - that also speaks to his rationality, and about the fact that he is weak," Zelenskiy said.



People walk on a flooded road in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong flooded by heaviest rainfall in 140 years

Monitoring Desk
HONG KONG: Hong Kong was flooded by the heaviest rainfall in nearly 140 years on Friday, leaving the city's streets and some subway stations underwater and forcing its schools to close.

Just across the border, authorities in China's tech hub Shenzhen recorded the heaviest rains since records began in 1952.

Climate change has increased the intensity of tropical storms, experts say, with more rain and stronger gusts leading to flash floods and coastal damage.

The heavy rainfall in Hong Kong started on Thursday and in the hour leading up to midnight, the city's weather observatory recorded hourly rainfall of 158.1 millimetres at its headquarters, the highest since records began in 1884.

"It's absolutely shocking," said Jacky, 52, who lives in the Wong Tai Sin district with his elderly parents. "I don't remember floods ever being this bad in our district," he said. "The bottom floor of the mall is completely flooded, the water level is higher than the storefronts ... It's turned our day into chaos."

Rains flood tourist site in Turkey

Monitoring Desk
ISTANBUL: Rescuers on Thursday recovered the body of the last man reported missing in floods that hit Istanbul and northwestern Turkey this week, bringing the death toll to eight, officials said.

Torrential rains hit the northern stretches of Istanbul and parts of Kizilirmaci province on Tuesday, sweeping away shops and tourist bungalows.

Two people died in Istanbul. The toll in Kizilirmaci reached six when rescuers reached the body of the last person reported missing in the disaster.

Former Trump adviser convicted of contempt of Congress

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: Former US President Donald Trump's trade adviser Peter Navarro was found guilty of contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena from the House of Representatives committee that investigated the 2021 attack on the Capitol.

Separately, a lawyer for Mr Trump said in a court filing that he may seek to move the Georgia criminal case — in which he is accused of conspiring to overturn his 2020 US election loss — from state to federal court, which could potentially be a more favorable venue for the former president.

As deadly Greek rainstorm ebbs, trail of devastation emerges

Monitoring Desk
LARISSA: Hundreds of people were stranded without food or water for a third day in Greece after a devastating rainstorm killed at least seven people and caused billions of euros of damage.

Storm Daniel, which meteorologists said was the worst to hit the country since records began in 1930, has left a trail of ruin across Thessaly in central Greece, and followed a record summer heat wave that touched off huge wildfires.

Homes were swept

away by torrents, bridges collapsed, roads were made impassable, power lines fell and crops in one of Greece's main breadbasket regions wiped out.

"I don't think we have realized the magnitude of this disaster yet," Professor Eftymios Lekkas, a disaster management expert, told state broadcaster ERT on Friday.

On Friday, authorities issued evacuation orders for three areas around the central city of Larissa amid concern the river Pineios, the third-longest in Greece, could burst its banks.



Palestinian fishermen unload their catch from their nighttime fishing trip at the seaport in Gaza City.

Russian attack on Ukrainian port damages grain storage

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russia carried out its fourth drone attack in five days on Ukrainian port facilities on the Danube River on Thursday, damaging grain silos and other infrastructure on a vital export route for Kyiv, Ukrainian officials said.

The attack on Izmil district in southern Odessa region lasted three hours, governor Oleh Kiper said on Telegram messenger. Two truck drivers were hurt and a blast wave damaged several people's homes, the general prosecutor's office said.

Agricultural companies were also damaged, the military said, without specifying which.

The Ukrainian military reported shooting down 25 of 33 drones it said were launched by Russia

overnight. Most were aimed at the Odessa region but some targeted the northern city of Sumy, it added.

One drone hit a residential area in Sumy, damaging a private house, 20 apartments in a high-rise building and two shops, the regional administration said on Telegram. It reported no casualties.

Russia has stepped up its attacks on Ukraine's grain export infrastructure on the Danube and on the Black Sea port hub of Odessa since July 17, when it quit the UN-brokered deal that had allowed safe exports of Ukrainian grain via the Black Sea.

On Thursday morning, Russia also shelled the village of Odradokamyanka in southern Kherson region, governor Oleh-sandr Prokudin said.

US says it disrupts illicit oil shipment by Iran's IRGC, seizes contraband crude

Monitoring Desk
HOUSTON: The U.S. on Friday divulged it disrupted in April a multimillion-dollar shipment of crude oil by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, seizing more than 980,000 barrels of contraband crude oil that violated U.S. sanctions.

In April, Reuters reported that the U.S. confiscated cargo onboard tanker Suez Rajan, which was carrying Iranian oil at sea. The U.S. statement on Friday confirmed and fleshed out details of the story which cited sources.

The "illicit sale and transport of Iranian oil" violated sanctions targeting Iran, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a statement that for the first time acknowledged its role. A plea agreement between the parties was made public this week.

The vessel was unloaded last month after waiting 2-1/2 months off the coast of Texas to discharge.

The Suez Rajan Ltd company pleaded guilty in April and was sentenced by to three years of corporate probation and a fine of almost \$2.5 million, according to legal documents.

Empire Navigation, the operating company of the vessel carrying the contraband cargo, agreed to cooperate and transport the Iranian oil to the United States, the DOJ added, calling it the first criminal resolution to such a sanctions-violating sale.

Empire Navigation, which also incurred the significant expenses associated with the vessel's voyage to the U.S., did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Nikki Haley's 2024 White House bid charts hazardous path in isolationist Republican Party

Monitoring Desk
MANCHESTER: U.S. 2024 Republican presidential contender Nikki Haley wants to send special forces to Mexico to wipe out drug cartels, double down on sending weapons to Ukraine and make sure China understands "there will be hell to pay" if it attacks Taiwan.

The former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations is stubbornly bucking traditional political wisdom that foreign policy does not influence American voters in elections.

Despite opinion polls for the Republican nomination putting Haley in single digits, she is still singularly focused on winning over voters, in large part by pushing her foreign policy vision in a party where isolationism has increasingly taken hold.

This is where Haley differs from many of the other nine contestants for the party's presidential nomination. Her vision for a much more assertive U.S. foreign policy is not just a plank in her campaign, but a huge part of her pitch to voters to elect

her the nominee.

Haley acknowledged in an interview with Reuters this week that she is preaching to a divided party, but said she sees her role as educating voters, rather than showing them that she al-ready shared their views. "If you go to my town halls, you hear me talk about it, and the reason I talk about it is because I want Americans to have all the facts," said Haley, who is running fourth among Republicans in most opinion polls.

"When the Americans are given the truth, when they're given all of those facts, then they understand why I'm passionate about it, and why they should care about it as well," said Haley, who served two years as U.N. ambassador under former President Donald Trump. Haley's stance on military aid to Ukraine after Russia's 2022 invasion in particular puts her at odds with much of her party's rank-and-file. Some 52% of Republicans said in a Reuters/Ipsos poll in July that they were less likely to support a candidate who favors increased military aid to Ukraine.

Australia, Philippines upgrade ties to strategic partnership

Monitoring Desk
MANILA: Australia and the Philippines on Friday agreed to hold annual defence ministers' meetings as the two nations upgraded bilateral ties to a strategic partnership amid rising security challenges in the region, including in the South China Sea.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese signed a strategic partnership agreement with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during his trip to Manila, the first visit by an Australian leader in 20 years. "Australia is working with our partners including the Philippines to shape a region where sovereignty is upheld," Albanese said in a joint press conference with Marcos after holding bilateral talks.

Marcos said their countries' close ties were "terribly important". The Philippines last month held military exercises near the South China Sea with Australia, its second-largest partner in de-

fence security. It is also one of only two bilateral partners with whom the Philippines has a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement, which allows two countries to undertake joint exercises, high-level visits, dialogues and exchanges.

Australia has discussed pursuing joint navy patrols in the resource-rich waterway.

Albanese threw his support behind a 2016 arbitral ruling on the South China Sea that invalidated China's expansive claims in the strategic waterway where about \$3 trillion worth of ship-borne trade passes annually.

"Australia supports the 2016 South China Sea arbitral award. That is final and binding. And it is important that it be upheld going forward," Albanese said. The Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei and Taiwan have claims to certain areas of the South China Sea. Most of Australia's trade also goes through the South China Sea.

Ali Mardan Domki calls for more efforts to improve literacy rate

QUETTA (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Ali Mardan Khan Domki on Friday called for more efforts to improve the literacy rate and to enrol a maximum number of out-of-school children to promote education for a better and prosperous future of the country.

In a statement on the occasion of International Literacy Day, the chief minister said the nation which wanted to develop, focused on the promotion of education.

He said the purpose of celebrating this day at the global level was to enlighten the world with the benefits

of education and create awareness to promote literacy.

Ali Mardan stressed that optimum resources and efforts should be utilized to introduce the modern modes of education besides imparting the best digital training to the students.

He said millions of children are deprived of education every year due to economic, social and other reasons in the country.

He called for collective efforts by all the stakeholders to strengthen non-formal education besides formal one to impart technical education and skills among the youth to overcome the difficulties as many of them

were unable to get education to matric level.

He said the role of the non-formal education department is also important to reduce the illiteracy ratio and ensure education for all in the province.

The literacy rate in Balochistan has increased over the past two decades due to educational awareness among the people.

Ali Mardan said efforts should be taken to reduce the dropout rate from schools and ensure a suitable environment for learning.

He added that according to an estimate, 2.5 million children are deprived of education in the country.



QUETTA: A representative delegation of Sibi, Babur, Khach led by Mir Hamza Marri meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

PML-N ready to enter in Sindh politics

ISLAMABAD (Online): PML-N is ready to enter in politics. Many important personalities of Sindh can also join PML-N.

According to media reports, PML-N vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz Sharif also expected to visit Sindh this month. The schedule of visit to Karachi and Hyderabad is also being prepared. According to PML-N, the announcement of new officials of PML-N Sindh is expected during visit of Maryam Nawaz while PML-N Sindh has started to activate workers before expected visit of Maryam Nawaz.

According to sources, The PML-N leadership is also communicating with like-minded political parties regarding Sindh.

Maryam Nawaz is likely to visit Karachi before leaving for London.

Maryam Nawaz will

also hold important political meetings during visit to Sindh.

On the other hand, it is being told that PML-N supreme and former Prime Minister (PM) Mian Nawaz Sharif will reach Pakistan on October 15 from London by normal flight and he will land at Lahore Airport.

According to PML-N sources, supreme Mian Nawaz Sharif has decided to reach Lahore from London by normal flight and his daughter and Chief Organizer of party Maryam Nawaz is busy in preparations to welcome him.

Party sources said that Nawaz Sharif has decided to come to Lahore instead of Islamabad, and his return home will be on a normal flight.

Party sources said that Nawaz Sharif has given task to central leadership for reception.

President pays tribute to martyrs of Bannu attack

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr. Arif Alvi has paid rich tribute to the martyrs of Bannu terrorist attack who laid down their lives for the sake of the motherland.

The President on Friday telephoned the heirs of Naib Subedar Sanoobar Ali, Havaldar Aftab Ahmed, Havaldar Muhammad Arif, Havaldar Muhammad Imran, Sepoy Ahmed Ali, Sepoy Muhammad Haseeb Akbar, Sepoy Zeeshan Nazakat, Abdul Rasheed and Waris Ali, who were martyred in Jani Khel, Bannu terrorist attack on 31st of August. Dr. Arif Alvi paid homage to Shuhada and prayed that Almighty Allah may grant higher ranks to the martyrs in heaven. He also prayed for the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss with equanimity.



QUETTA: Inspector General Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh presiding over a meeting regarding prevention of smuggling in the province.

PTI demands Alvi to announce poll date

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) core committee has demanded President Dr Arif Alvi to announce election date without a delay and unanimously passed a resolution during a session.

The PTI core committee members said that the country is facing constitutional, political, democratic, administrative and economic crises as the state infrastructure was shaken after the 'unconstitutional move' of April 2022.

The committee said that the Punjab and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) assemblies had been dissolved on January 14 and 18 respectively but the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government did not fulfil its constitutional duty to organise polls in 90 days besides violating the Supreme Court's April 4 order. The political party urged for concrete steps to establish a democratic government to resolve the crisis. The PTI core committee said that Article 48 bounds the president to finalise the election date in 90 days.

NAB summons Gandapur in £190m corruption prove against Imran Khan

RAWALPINDI (INP): The National Accountability Bureau on Friday summoned former federal minister Ali Amin Gandapur to be involved in the investigation of corruption of 190 million pounds against former prime minister and PTI Chairman Imran Khan.

Through the office of Dera Ismail Khan DPO, the Rawalpindi NAB sent a call-up notice to Gandapur to appear before the bureau's Central Investigation Team on September 13.

Jirga of notables, elders in Chitral vows to fight along Pakistan security forces

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Jirga of notables and elders of Chitral and Swat held on Friday at Darosh fort vowed that the people of Chitral particularly youth were ready to fight along the Pakistan army and security forces. They condemned the terrorism of Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan and expressed solidarity with Pakistan army.

The participants paid tribute to the Shuhada of

Chitral Scouts. They assured that the local community will stand by security forces.

They also assured zero tolerance against the social media activists floating negative sentiments. The local population of Chitral had come out in support of Pakistan army and was helping in transporting weapons, ammunition and food to the forward posts of the army.



QUETTA: Director General Public Relations Kamran Asad inaugurating newly constructed Conference Room at DGPR

Tax, electricity, gas thieves declared 'terrorists': Asif

SIALKOT (INP): Former Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has stated that the country is under debt and bankrupt, and demanded that tax, electricity and gas thieves should be declared terrorists.

Taking to X (formerly known as Twitter), the Pakistan Muslim League (N) leader said currently only tax cases worth of Rs2.670 billion were pending with courts. Every year billions of rupees tax evasion and theft of electricity and gas was being committed and the common man bore the brunt of this theft.

He said Pakistan was under debt and bankrupt and theft of all types of state resources should be considered economic terrorism. Tax evaders and thieves of electricity and gas should be declared terrorists, however, such pilferers were now part of the privileged class.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani witnessing the election process of Parliamentary Reporters Association (PRA) held at Parliament House in Islamabad.

Energy Minister stresses oil & gas exploration to reduce import bill

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali on Friday stressed the need of exploring oil and gas reserves in order to reduce the import bill. Addressing a news conference along with Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Minister for Commerce and Industry Dr Gohar Ejaz and Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatization Dr Shamsad Akhtar, he said matters related to power generation and petroleum were also discussed in the meeting of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

The minister said since 2013 work on the ex-

ploration of gas and oil had been lessened while annual import bill to meet their shortage persistently increased with rising circular debt. "We have to focus on exploration of oil and gas so that we can reduce our dependence on the imported fuel," he added.

Muhammad Ali said the SIFC discussed ways and means to control the cost of electricity generation and it theft, and save capacity charges payment (to independent power producers) in the winter.

"We want to give industries such a tariff in incremental supply so that we don't face losses in capacity charges payment even if they use more electricity as compared to previous years," the minister

added. He said matters related to governance and functioning of distribution companies (discos) and their privatization also came under discussion in the meeting. "We have to strengthen their governing boards and management, which will in turn help stop power theft and start recoveries," he said.

The SIFC reviewed the possibility of evolving a mechanism under which the power plants could supply electricity directly to the industry after paying the wheeling charges, he added. The minister said the gas sector was also facing alarmingly high losses. "We have to improve the gas pricing structure in order to save the government from losses."



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai talking with participants of Social Media Training held at Department of Public Relations

AC for implementing control price lists of edible items in Gwadar

QUETTA (APP): In light of the instructions of the provincial government, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Gwadar Muhammad Naveed Alam chaired a price control committee meeting to ensure the implementation of the control price lists of edible items on Friday.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of Anjuman-e-Tajiran and other relevant officers.

In the meeting, the Price Control Committee reviewed the prices of essential commodities in detail and instructions were also issued to ensure the implementation of the official price list.

Addressing the meeting, the AC said that the measures taken fre-

quently to ensure the availability and quality of essential commodities in the city at fixed rates are providing relief to the people. The price Magistrate should continue the ongoing action against the wholesalers and ensure the sale of grocery items as well as fruits and vegetables as per the rate lists issued by the Market Committee, he said.

AC said that to save people from the current wave of inflation and to ensure the sale of essential items at fixed prices, the Tehsil administration and related institutions should coordinate and manage measures so that people could get relief in this regard.

Chairman Senate commends PRA election process

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani along with the members of the Senate visited the polling area set up at Parliament House to observe the election process being held to elect the office bearers of Parliamentary Reporters Association (PRA).

During his visit, Chairman Senate was impressed by the organized and efficient manner in which the PRA elections were conducted. He commended the democratic values and principles upheld during the election, affirming his belief in the importance of fair and open processes in all aspects. Furthermore, Chairman Senate acknowledged the invaluable role played by the PRA in providing comprehensive and accurate coverage of Parliamentary proceedings. He praised their commitment to keeping the public informed and promoting transparency in government affairs.



QUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali checking quality of different items

Awareness raising & sensitization sessions on women rights and gender-based violence held

Independent Report QUETTA: The Ministry of Human Rights organized an awareness-raising and sensitization sessions on women rights & Gender-Based Violence (GBV) for the local communities of Quetta. The objective of the event was to enhance the understanding of communities regarding the rights of women and GBV, its negative impact on society and ways in which it can be addressed through community-based measures and the role of Ministry of Human Rights in addressing these issues.

The event focused on areas like women's rights, pro-women laws, institutional, rehabilitation, referral & other protective measures in place for the survi-

vors of GBV. More than 145 participants from various communities including women, students, transgender, civil society representatives, lawyers, education officers, health officials, district administration officers and media participated in the session.

Ms. Ambreen Gul and Ms. Rubina Zehri from Women Development Department, Quetta said that violence isn't only physical, there are other kinds of Violence as well, like Economic and Psychological violence.

Mr Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Director-IC, Ministry of Human Rights explained in detail the laws for protection against GBV, their sections, offences and punishments. He said that

women constitute more than half of the population of Pakistan. Economic, physical and psychological violence prevents them from joining the formal or informal economy which not only causes harm to the victims and their families but it also hinders the economic progress of the nation as a whole. Ms. Fauzia Shaheen, Balochistan Commission on the Status of Women and Ms. Farkhanda Aurangzeb NCHR, Member Balochistan explained various laws in the province related to women's rights and GBV. Mr Alahuddin Khilji, Resident Director Aurat Foundation explained in detail the facilities/remedies available for women survivors, punishment for perpetrators and other GBV related issues.

Apex Court says: It is responsibility of govt to respect guarantees given to minorities in constitution

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has remarked it is responsibility of state to respect the guarantees given in the constitution to minorities.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan took up for hearing the incident of torching church in Jaranwala here Friday.

The petition was filed by minority leader Samuel PYARE requesting the court to take notice of Jaranwala incident.

Sardar Bushna Singh chairman Baba Gurunank welfare society appeared in the court.

The court inquired one issue of target killing was raised in your application. The OTHER issue you raised that decoration work and repair work in Gurudwaras are not being done.

Bushna Singh said Qabza group sees nothing

may it be mosque, temple or Gurudwara. Auqaf department should construct four walls of Gurudwaras and save them from illegal occupations.

The court remarked we are seeking report from all departments. You should give us list of affected gurudwaras.

The court issued notice to secretary religious affairs, chairman Auqaf, attorney and advocate general.

The court remarked the state needs to take practical steps to ensure security of Sikh community.

The court sought detailed report from IG KP on recent incidents of target killings.

The court summoned report from advocate general and IG Punjab regarding Jaranwala incident besides seeking report from home department Punjab on the steps taken after the incident.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar meeting with Secretary Finance Zahid Saleem

Pak and China sign MoU for addressing climate change

BEIJING (INP): In a major step to jointly work towards environment protection, Pakistan and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled "Provision of Goods Under South-South Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change".

Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Moin-ul-Haque, and Zhao Yingmin, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China signed the MoU at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) recently.

Under the MoU, according to Gwadar Pro on Friday, China would support Pakistan through the provision of 5,000 sets of Solar Home Systems; a set of Integrated Meteorological Observation Station; and a set of Integrated Cloud-based Early Warning Systems.

In addition, China would offer capacity-building programs for the officials of the Government of

Pakistan.

The MoU would complement Pakistan's efforts to promote renewable energy and enhance its disaster management capabilities, especially in the areas of early warning, forecasting, monitoring, and disaster preparedness response systems.

While signing the MoU, Ambassador Moin-ul-Haque thanked the Chinese side and commended the ongoing collaboration between China and Pakistan to tackle the common challenge of climate change.

In this regard, he highly appreciated the Global Development Initiative (GDI), which aimed to strengthen partnerships between developing countries for the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the efforts to promote climate action.

He also recalled the "timely" Chinese support to Pakistan following the climate-induced floods of 2021.



QUETTA: Nawabzada Mir Ziaullah Khan Zehri meeting with Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports and Culture Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani

Operation started against narcotics production and factories in K. Abdullah

Independent Report QUETTA: The grand operation has been started against production of narcotics and factories in the Killa Abdullah district of Balochistan on Friday.

According to official sources, the Pak army, Frontier Corps, Anti-Narcotics Force, Levies and other law enforcement agencies are taking part in the operation, on directives of the Corps Commander Balochistan.

During the operation, a total of 15 factories having 938 kilogram charas

were destroyed in the district.

It may be mentioned here that the plan of operation had been given final shape in a meeting held in the 12 Corps Headquarter on August 28, 2023.

Afterwards, a Jirga was also held under the anti-narcotics campaign in Killa Abdullah on August 30, 2023.

The local elders had demanded action against the narcotics factories and stop its production in the Killa Abdullah and Gulistan.

Special task force formed for crackdown against illegal tubewells

Independent Report QUETTA: A special task force has been formed to launch crackdown against the illegal tube wells and defaulters of WASA in Quetta city.

The task force would comprise the officers of WASA in light of the decision made in the meeting held under the chair of caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki.

According to an offi-

cial communique issued here by the WASA on Friday, the task force would assist the district administration in the action not be taken against the illegal tube wells and defaulters.

It would be comprised Director Revenue, Sohail Anjum, Deputy Director Coordination, Muhammad Nabi, Assistant Director Coordination, Humayun Khan and Land Acquisition Assistant, Dad Muhammad.