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President urges world to play role for world peace

Israeli occupying forces should immediately stop violence, oppression: FM

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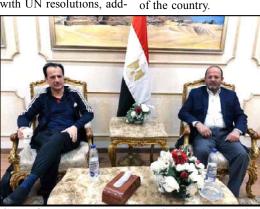
rockets being launched into Israel from Gaza, followed

ISLAMABAD (APP): ing "International commu-President Dr Arif Alvi on Sunday called upon the international community to play its active role for peaceful resolution of the İsrael-Palestine dispute in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions and international law.

In a post on X, he said progress towards peace could not materialise without condemnation of usurpation and brutalisation of Palestinian rights and people by Israel.

'Continuous annexation of land, illegal settlements, disproportionate reactions and killings. The result is no hope and no progress towards peace," the president added.

He said time had come to move forward in line with UN resolutions, add-



CAIRO: Egypt Ambassador Sajid Bilal receives Federal Minister for National Health services Dr. Nadeem Jan upon arrival at Cairo airport.

Giving date of elections not mandate of caretaker regime, says Solangi must be pursued.



CHAMAN: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a meeting regarding deportation of illegal immigrants

OIC voices concern at **Israeli escalation** in Palestinian territory

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Organiza-tion of Islamic Corporation by gunmen infiltrating areas in the southern region has expressed deep concern on dangerous Israeli escalation in Occupied Palestinian territory.

The General Secretariat in a statement said that Israel's impunity has encouraged it to persist in its policy which in their entirety amount to war crime against humanity. The statement stressed

for providing international protection for Palestinian people and sponsoring a credible political process to establish an independence sovereign Palestinian State with East Al-Oudus as its

capital on the line of 1967 borders OIC said achieving a just and comprehensive peace based on vision of two state solutions as per international legitimacy

JUI-F standing

with Palestinian

brothers in this

possible support for return of illegal immigrants Mir Ali Mardan Domki says additional staff deputed at Passport office Chaman; passport office to be made operational at Killa Saifullah soon

Decision of expulsion of illegal immigrants final:

Caretaker CM assures every

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has categorically stated that the decision of expulsion of illegal immigrants is final, and as such the interim government

would provide every possible assistance to them in repatriation to their respective countries He said that the addi-

tional staff has been deputed in the Passport office of Chaman to serve the people round the clock.

Moreover, a focal point has also been set up in the Deputy Commissioner office Chaman while the passport office would be made functional in Killa Saifullah

Jirga, Mir Ali Mardan soon. This was announced by the caretaker Chief Domki said that the it has Minister while addressing been decided by the governa tribal Jirga at Chaman. ment to repatriate the illegal immigrants to their re-

Also present on the spective countries. occasion were the promi-He made it clear that the nent tribal elders besides the senior officials from the illegal immigrants don't becivil bureaucracy, Frontier long to a particular tribe or Corps (FC) and other connationality. He said that the policy

cerned high ups. about expulsion of Afghan Prominent among them were the Chief Secretary refugees is not only for the Shakeel Qadir Khan, Addi-Afghan nationals, rather it tional Chief Secretary would apply on all illegal Home, Saleh Muhammad Nasar, Inspector General FC North, Major General province and country. The caretaker Chief Muhammad Amir Ajmal, Inspector General of police, Minister said that the pa-

Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Comper Tazkara would be over missioner Quetta, Hamza in couple of days, and in-Shafqaat, besides others. stead of it, the passport and E-Tazkara would be valid. Addressing the tribal

Joint meeting chaired by caretaker CM

in border town informed: **Around 150 families** repatriated respectfully to homeland from **Chaman border**

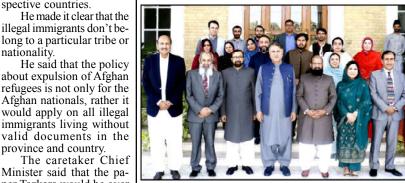
Independent Report

OUETTA: Around 150 Afghan refugee families have so far been repatriated respectfully along with all necessary facilities to their homeland from the Pak-Afghan border, Chaman.

tion to be taken after the This was informed to a joint meeting of the high ups and representatives of given date would be kept in the camps before their the Frontier Corps, police, district administration and handing over to the respective country. law enforcement agencies held with the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki in the chair in Chaman on Sunday.

The meeting was briefed about the implementation on the decisions of Apex committee and steps taken for expulsion of the aliens.

It was informed that an effective monitoring mechanism has been formulated for continuous review of the repatriation process. In this regard, a moni-



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in a group photo with members of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan

have been provided at the camps, the number of which would be increased in view of the number of immigrants, it was further informed The meeting was also

agencies

informed that the strength of police and levies is being increased owing to the arrival of large number of immigrants in Chaman.

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formed that comprises

Deputy Commissioner and

representatives of police

and other law enforcement

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Chaman following the ac-

It was told that the im-

The basic facilities

In addition to this, it has been proposed to set up Afghan sub-consulate in

Nawaz did not flee country illegally; No ban on PTI for upcoming elections, says info minister

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added.

QUETTA: Chairman Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami

Party Mahmood Khan Achakzai addressing dur-

ing award distributing ceremony organized by

Baluchistan International Think Tank and friends

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REPATRIATION OF

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

of universe Society Pakistan, at Press club

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has said that it was not the mandate and responsibility of caretaker government to give date for general election in the country.

Talking to WE News on Sunday, the minister said Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was an autonomous constitutional institution, and since the day, he took oath as minister, he was in constant contact with the ECP.

The minister said he had full faith and confidence in the capability and leadership of the ECP, and the elections would be held on the date announced by the Election Commission.

To a question he said that Pakistan People's Party was one of the major political parties of the coun-

try. "We are going through

difficult time: the phase of election and during the environment of Maulana Fazal election, any party and its ISLAMABAD (APP) leadership had the freedom Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI to give their stand on any F) Chief Maulana Fazl-ur important issue", he main-Rehman Sunday said that tained

his political party was Murtaza Solangi said standing with our Palestin that media in Pakistan enian brothers in this difficul joyed freedom and the time and urged the United courts were also free, add-Nations to fulfill and imple ing all registered political ment its resolutions of 1967 parties had equal opportuto settle down the conflict

Rehman in a statement The Election Commissaid, Palestinian freedom sion of Pakistan and carefighter's attacks on Israel taker government would were a historic success, addensure equal opportunities ing that they have freed for all political parties in the their territories from Israeli upcoming elections, he occupation. "I congratulate the Palestinian people on The minister stated this landmark achieve

that there was no ban on ment," he said. as a political party. He said that JUI-F has Replying to a question,

always stood by Palestinhe said that the process of ian and the recent incident privatization was not initihas destroyed Israel's deated by caretaker governfense system and their arment, previous parliament rogance, and asked that Pal and its elected government estinian brothers respect decided to privatize various human rights and not

harm children, women and citizens. Palestinians should prove how Islam and Muslims protect human rights. He said that a meeting of the OIC should be called and all Islamic countries should determine their position keeping in view the current critical

situation **Security forces** kill one terrorist in North

Waziristan RAWALPINDI (APP)

One terrorist was killed in an exchange of fire with se curity forces in Razmak a of North Waziristan. According to Inter Ser-

vices Public Relations (ISPR), weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terror-

Known as Azeem Ullah alias 'Ghazi', the killed terrorist remained actively involved in various terror activities against security forces and killing of inno cent civilians. The ISPR said sanitiza-

tion has been carried out to eliminate any other terrorist in the area. Locals of the area have appreciated the operation.



MUZAFFRABAD: Prime Minister of AJK Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq addressing during a ceremony to mark the 18th anniversary of the devastating 2005 earthquake

Anniversary of the 8th Oct devastating earthquake observed in Balakot

BALAKOT (APP): People and also observed a minute of Balakot and adjoining arof silence. 18 years ago, on October 8, 2005, at 8:52 eas Sunday observed the 18th anniversary of the a.m., some 80000 people devastating earthquake that died and houses were de took thousands of lives and destroyed Balakot City, where hospitals and schools are still waiting for reconstruction.

At 8:52, a memorial cerquake left more than 17,000 emony was held at Balakot, people dead in Balakot where the survivors of the alone. Collective prayers earthquake, members of for the victims will be of civil society, and other orfered at different places in ganizations were present Balakot.

Project Manager of PMDC killed in Sorenj road blast

Independent Report just close to his vehicle. QUETTA: The Project As a result the explo

Manager of Pakistan Minsive device hitting his vehicle exploded, the Project Manager PDMC died on eral Development Corpora-tion (PMDC), Shabbar the spot while his driver go Mirza was killed and his driver injured in the roadinjured. The area police and



KARACHI: Palestine Foundation Pakistan activists chant slogans against Israel at a protest rally outside Karachi Press Club.

Pakistan grieved over devastating earthquake in Afghanistan

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Pakistan the death toll of Israeli citizens has increased to more on Sunday expressed than 600 and dozens of deep sadness and condobeople, including soldiers, lence over loss of prenave been taken hostage. cious lives and properties in devastating earth-quake that hit Western estinian officials, at least 370 Palestinians have been regions of Afghanistan killed and nearly 2,000 injured in Israeli airstrikes in on Saturday.

"The Government the Gaza Strip. and people of Pakistan are deeply saddened by the devastating earth-quake in Western regions of Afghanistan 2 days. yesterday, resulting in tragic loss of life and fighting is ongoing in eight widespread damage to ocations in its territory. property," a statement issued by the foreign ofports, the current tension fice spokesperson said.

"We extend our sinstroyed when an earthcerest condolences to the quake of 7.6 magnitudes hit families of those who lost Âzad Kashmir and Khyber their loved ones and pray Pakhtunkhwa. According to for the early and comthe statistics, the earth plete recovery of the injured."

The statement added that Pakistan stood in complete solidarity with the brothers and sisters in Afghanistan during this difficult time.

"We are in contact with the Afghan authorities to get a first-hand assessment of the urgent needs of those affected by the earthquake. Pakistan will extend all possible support to the recovery effort," it added.

Hamas, Israel war, total casualties exceed 900 AVIV/GAZA TEL

The death toll of Israe-(Online): After the unexlis in various clashes has exbected attack by Hamas, ceeded 600, including more than 100 military commanders and officials.

On the other hand, the Israeli army, in a cowardly operation, bombarded the While according to Palhouses of Hamas commanders in Gaza throughout the night. Everywhere there are scenes of destruction.

According to the Min-istry of Health in the Gaza In this way, the total number of casualties has ex-Strip, more than 313 Palesceeded 900 in the clashes tinians, including children, between Hamas and Israel were martyred in these athat have been going on for tacks

According to local me-dia reports, fierce clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants are ongoing in many parts of southern Israel.

between Israel and Pales-The Israeli army said it tine has now completed 24 had regained control of most of the south, but After the sudden attack heavy fighting was still onby Hamas, the Israeli army going in Israeli areas near could not recover even for the Gaza border, including Be'eri and Sderot.



People inspect a building destroyed in Israeli strikes in Gaza City

Nawaz's return to end 'days of sadness', says Maryam

The Israeli army said

According to media re-

ours

PML-N leader says her father preferred 'suffering days of hardship' instead of remaining in power

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan former prime minister's Muslim League-Nawaz commitment to the nation's (PML-N) Senior Vice Presiwell-being Maryam highlighted dent Maryam Nawaz exthe PML-N's economic pressed optimism on Sunday about the return of her achievements under Nawaz father, Nawaz Sharif, to Sharif's leadership and chal-Pakistan on October 21, lenged the audience to reaiming to bring an end to call any other prime miniswhat she referred to as a ter who had successfully 'seven-year period of proreduced the prices of essenlonged sorrow" tial commodities.

Addressing a public crowd displaying placards bearing Nawaz Sharif's imgathering in Lahore, Maryam remarked that Nawaz Sharif had suffered ages, Maryam expressed more days of hardship inher anticipation of the joystead of remaining in power ous reception her father corridors, emphasising would receive upon his re-

turn on October 21.

Taking a swipe at the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government, Maryam accused the previous administration of appointing individuals who resorted to using offensive language against the then opposition.

Branding them as "jokers," Maryam claimed that Amidst an enthusiastic the health card initiative was started by her father which was hijacked later by the PTI government, adding that the former ruling party wrongfully took credit for its success.



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Palestine at war

Fifty years since the last Arab-Israeli war, hostilities have once again broken out in Palestine. Hamas, the Palestinian group which rules Gaza, launched a Saturday morning surprise blitz targeting Israel, sending fighters into the state and initiating what will likely be a lengthy armed confrontation between the Palestinians and Israelis.

Tel Aviv has already said Israel is "at war" According to Hamas, 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' was started in response to "atrocities in Gaza, against Palestinian people [and] our holy sites" Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, meanwhile, has said his people have the right to defend themselves against the "terror of settlers and occupation troops"

Many Western states have issued typically sanctimonious statements criticising Hamas, and reiterating Israel's right to defend itself. Yet they choose to ignore what has led to the current conflagration: the far-right government that runs Israel has unleashed a reign of terror upon the Palestinians. According to the UN, over 200 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces and settlers (before yesterday's declaration of war) the highest number in 18 years. At the time of writing, another 200 Palestinians in Gaza had been killed in a single day's bombardment, a bloodsoaked tally that is bound to rise. Moreover, rabid extremists have been staging increasingly provocative marches in the occupied city of Jerusalem, taunting Palestinians on grounds of Al Aqsa. They have also been involved in desecrating churches in the holy city, and attacks on Christian pilgrims and residents, emboldened by a racist government that seeks to ethnically cleanse Palestine of all non-Jews. The situation had been simmering for months, and Saturday's events were the reaction to a sustained cycle of violence and humiliation. All sides need to exercise restraint, and to avoid civilian targets. Yet knowing Israel's historical desire for bloodlust, it is the Palestinian people, particularly in Gaza, who will pay a heavy price as women, children and the elderly are decimated by Tel Aviv's war machine, even as Israel's foreign friends trumpet its right to 'self-defence'.

The latest escalation also raises a question mark over the efforts of various Muslim states to normalise ties with Israel. The Palestine question cannot be resolved unless a just solution is found. one where the Palestinians have a viable state that is secure and financially self-sufficient, where those ethnically cleansed over the decades by the Zionists have the right to return to the land of their forefathers, and where illegal settlements are permanently dismantled. Unless the Palestinians receive justice, the cycle of violence will continue, with Israel periodically beating them into submission. No fanciful deal sidestepping the core issue of Palestinian nationhood will ever deliver, no matter what slick PR is employed. The Israeli occupation needs to end, and the Palestinian people need justice.

Mutual mistrust

distrusts it so deeply?

nying space to elements hostile to Pakistan could be a strategic asset. This expectation has remained largely unfulfilled, even during the past two years of a seemingly friendly government in Kabul led by the Taliban. How should Pakistan deal with a state which

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

The first option would be The seeds of mistrust beto start treating Afghanistan as a sovereign state tween Afghanistan and Pakistan were sown even whose people choose rulbefore independence in ers without outside influ-1947. By 1946, it had beence. Secondly, Pakistan come clear that British Inneeds a multipronged apdia would be partitioned. proach to deal with the The Afghan government difficult situation created saw an opportunity to reby Taliban rule.

vise the Durand Line of 1893 and lay claim to sevshould maintain regular eral territories that were to contact with the Taliban, become part of Pakistan. through formal and back When a referendum held in the then NWFP in July 1947 ruled decisively in favour of joining Pakistan, the Afghan government started championing the cause of independence for the Pakhtuns in a separate state ('Pashtunistan'). On Sept 30, 1947, Afghanistan's representative cast the only negative vote for admitting Pakistan to the UN. That vote was later withdrawn but the hostility it represented cast a long shadow of mistrust between the two countries. During the Pakistan-

India war of 1965, Afghanistan chose to stay neutral though public sympathy appeared to be with Pakistan, leading many Pakistani strategists to believe that Afghanistan could ensure strategic depth for Pakistan. After the Soviet and US invasions of Afghanistan in 1979 and 2001, Afghanistan plunged into a series of crises, causing enormous hardship to its people. Pakistan opened its doors to millions of Afghan refugees and even supported Afghan militants — referred to as mujahideen — who were resisting the occupiers. That built expectations in and

Afghan government de- community. Pakistan should also encourage the regional TAPI and CASA-1000 projects as economic prosperity will help counter militancy. The government has

decided to evict all foreign nationals residing in Pakistan illegally, including undocumented Afghan refu-

gees. Though a right decision in principle, its implementation carries serious implications, and would require meticulous. pragmatic and realistic planning, preferably in consultation with UNHCR and the Afghan govern-Diplomatically, be-

sides bilateral engage-Politically, Pakistan ment, we should coordinate closely with regi-onal countries on the following int-ernational expectations from the Taliban; an inclusive government, girls' right to education, effective counterterrorism measures.The recent Format Consulta-tions, which brought together special representatives from several regional states, including Pakistan, urged the Afghan authorities to pre-

vent their country from becoming a "terrorism and instability hotspot" These countries felt that non-regional players, particularly the US-led Western coalition, must shoulder the responsibility for post-conflict reconstruction of the country, unfreeze Afghan national assets and lift unilateral sanctions. There are reports that the Taliban leadership includes pragmatic elements as well as hardliners. Pakistan's top priority should be to stay engaged with all segments of the Taliban and persuade them that mutual mistrust is not serving the people of either



Muna Khan

I had the good fortune to travel up north recently with my family. The few days in a picturesque town, getting plenty of rest, laughter and good food along with limiting smartphone consumption impacted us all positively. cred philosophies.

Over breakfast I wondered whether we really need to be connected 24/ 7 if we knew it was not doing us any good?

The very morning of our departure, I read an article on BBC about people going into 'monk mode' — limiting social media and other screen time, in a bid to be more productive. Had we inadvertently done the same which is why we felt so much sukoon (calm)?

Monk mode gained popularity last year when it was reported as a productivity hack popular among CEO and entrepreneurs who use it to focus on one activity at a time. While the term has been around for at least two decades, it found its way to TikTok, and well, you know the rest — 68.8 million views at the time of writing themselves

TikTokers post their progress of doing the monk mode challenge ---wherein they eliminate distractions like social media, Netflix, apps, video games, dating and focus on one task at a time. They practise an iteration of the following schedule: wake up around 530, no checking of devices, cold shower, exercise, reading for half an hour, stretches for 15 minutes, focused work for X hours, a walk or more exercise, some phone time before putting vour bed before bedtime

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Monk à la mode

at 10pm. Some people also include healthy habits into the challenge like no junk food, sugar, alcohol and drugs. TikTokers also followed three beliefs that helped them during their monk mode challenge isolation, introspection and improvement. All of this, they said in their videos, improved their productivity, ie, they could manage one task at a time, having been inspired by an XYZ influencer (read rich person). Funny things hap-

the realm of self-development, instead of governance. He is clearly inspirational and has the makings of motivational gurus who appeal to folks struggling to find purpose or direction. Such influencers tap into someone's weakness and offer them goals - packaged through books, programmes, courses, videos, complete with hashtags — to help them attain confidence, security, riches, even love.

Khan helped disenpen when capitalism gets chanted, disconnected, its grubby hands on saapolitical people find some purpose; even if I don't The name monk is a understand it, I can't deny his appeal. He also did it nod to monks who have renounced worldly goods without a heavy reliance to pursue spiritual goals. on religion, compared to The popular self-help anyone with cleric ahead guru/ influencer and auof their names who are our thor Jay Shetty, who has version of motivational a massive social media speakers. But unlike those following, renounced shilling a product guised business school to join an in a philosophy, Khan's ashram, wrote about his 'goals' were unrealistic, in experience of adopting fact, all smoke and mirrors. monk habits in his best-Maybe, he'd fare better if selling Think Like a Monk. he 'sold' concepts suited "I want to help people find to our ancient culture and stillness, purpose, peace wisdom for collective perand clarity in their daily sonal betterment minus life, by adopting the empty sloganeering.

mindset monks have de-On the surface, monk veloped over thousands mode is an incredible idea. of years," Shetty told the It frees us from the terrible Guardian in 2020. While trappings of social media noble, I want to add that which, studies show, Shetty is worth between make users feel bad about themselves. But just like \$25m and \$30m and reportedly earns \$7m a year from being a monk isn't for evhis books, podcasts and eryone, neither is going speaking tours. Monks in into a mode. Given the ad-Ásia, meanwhile, do not vancements in technologiearn, certainly not for cal innovations vying for your attention, there's got Forbes wrote in 2022 to be a better way to manthat "the global personal age living in these times. I development market was don't have answers but I valued at \$41.81 billion in know healthy lifestyles 2021, with projected based on personal congrowth at a compound nections shouldn't be a mode. Our elders may annual growth rate of 5.5 per cent from 2022 to have the answers as they also lived in times of dis-I'm not against selfruptions in communicadevelopment. I believe all tion, albeit not at today's of us can benefit from indizzying speed. They adapted without losing trospection without relying on apps for long perisight of personal relationships and didn't compro-

I will get into trouble mise on simple sources of for saying this but Imran joy. We may want to turn it on silent and away from Khan would have done to them for their sage adwell had he ventured into vice. -- Courtesv Dawn

channels, to convey its concerns and also listen to their perspective. But this should not mean that and Pakistan extends formal recognition to the Taliban government. That ques-Moscow tion should be addressed in consultation with Afghanistan's neighbours. Ideologically, Pakistan should encourage our ulema, particularly those in whose madressahs the Taliban were trained, to engage with the Afghan ulema to persuade the TTP to refrain from carrying out terrorist acts against Pakistan's people.

ment.

Militarily, Pakistan should maintain its policy of not talking to the TTP but engage with the Afghan military leadership to persuade them to not provide safe havens to the TTP. We should also manage the border more humanely so that tribes across the border have a friendly attitude towards Pakistan and do not provide shelter to the TTP. Economically, Paki-

stan should do everything country. Overcoming that to boost bilateral trade and mistrust will take time. At facilitate Afghan transit trade through its ports. this point, establishing This is a positive leverage good-neighbourly ties is a realistic goal that can that must be used prudently to win the hearts serve the larger interest of of both countries and the reminds Pakistan that a friendly Afghanistan's trading gion. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Internet shutdowns cost Pakistan Rs 1.3 bln in direct loss: PIDE

services, it said.

The

ISLAMABAD (APP): A study conducted by the Pakistan Institute of **Development Economics** (PIDE) revealed that the closure of internet services for 24 hours results in a direct loss of Rs1.3 billion. which equates to 0.57% of the daily GDP average for the nation

According to a press release issued here Sunday, this study is part of PIDE's research infographic titled "The Economic Cost of Internet Closure" and highlights the consequences of internet shutdowns in the country

internet has become a rides on days when the fundamental necessity in modern times, however, the internet infrastructure of the country lags behind in terms of both quality and coverage

transportation, saw a 97% It said that the reduction in the number of internet has been closed down. This significant downturn equates to a loss of Rs 29 to 32 million for the industry per day.

The recent internet delivery services suffered closure in various parts of a 75% reduction in the the country has had an number of orders, impact on multiple sectors, translating into a leading to substantial substantial daily loss of Rs leading to substantial financial losses and 135 million. operational challenges.

Meanwhile, the freelance community, Online cab services, online food delivery which contributes significantly to Pakistan's services, freelancers, transport companies, and economy, has also felt the postal services have all of internet brunt been affected by the disruptions.

Denial of orders to disruption of internet Pakistan-based freelance PIDE workers resulted in over

Infographic showed that \$1.3 million loss of revenue, equaling Rs 390 online cab services, a cornerstone of modern million, impacting the livelihoods of many and the national economy as a whole too, it revealed. Besides, the suspension of 3G/4G services for a single day causes a loss of PKR 450 million to the telecommunication sector Similarly, online food alone.

> **Power theft** detected at

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected pilferage on a electricity connection of a nine-storey hotel, 'Relax Inn,' owned by Basharat Muhammad, in the area of CHINIOT: A farmer is checking vegetables before Davis Road Sub-Division. The LESCO spokesman

told media here Sunday that The World Bank withdrew under the supervision of Chief Executive Officer the proposal to impose tax complete rehabilitation on people earning 50,000 (CEO) Engineer Shahid monthly salary. The World Haider, the operation against electricity thieves is Bank retracted its proposal going on successfully. In saying that the proposal this regard, Basharat was issued based on 2019 Muhammad, the owner of data, which needs to be the 9-storey "Relax Inn" updated to reflect recent hotel, was caught stealing inflation and labor market electricity while checking by conditions. spokesperson of the World a LESCO inspection team in Bank said that the Bank is the area of Davis Road Subdivision. Accused Basharat not recommendations for the Mohammad was stealing electricity from LESCO's implementation of taxes. direct supply by hooking wires

and caused a loss of millions of Bank rupees to the power comprehensive reforms in distribution company Pakistan's tax system.



Afghan and Umar Tareen inaugurate food point at Sirki Road.

PBF welcomes EU Parliament's decision of extending GSP **Plus status to Pakistan**

for Pakistan to boost its prosperity

Atif Ikram said that exports and create jobs. GSP Plus status holds In a statement, PBF Chairman (Capital Area) paramount importance for Atif Ikram Sheikh said that Pakistan's economy as it PBF appreciates the has played an important unwavering efforts of the role in expansion of multilateral trade. Government of Pakistan in According to the trade statistics from ITC Pakistan for another four advocating for this

years till 2027, but has extension, further World Trademap, Pakistan's exports to EU, urged the government to strengthening trade remove regulatory relations and fostering obstacles to boost exports economic growth for our which were around 6.3 billion dollars in 2013, have nation He said that the GSP increased over the time to offers developing countries Plus status, which Pakistan

11.3 billion dollars in 2022, duty-free or reduced-tariff has enjoyed in the past, has primarily due to the deeper access to the EU market significantly contributed to market access provided by for over 6,000 products. It enhancing our export is a significant opportunity potential and economic European Union under GSP Plus.

Privatization World Bank takes Commission proposal to impose tax will take over the financial under 50,000 salary affairs of PIA ISLAMABAD (Online): reforms that would increase

the tax burden on the rich and ISLAMABAD (Online): provide relief to the Privatization Commission poor. According will take over the financial government data, the salaried affairs of Pakistan International Airlines from class has paid more tax than the total tax of rich exporters today (Monday). and real estate sector during According to sources, the last three months. While the Privatization the exporters and real estate Commission will take over sector have paid a total of Rs the financial affairs of 65 billion in taxes, there is no Pakistan International comparison of wealth Airlines from October 9

between the salaried class and while PIA will remain the real estate sector and administratively with the exporters. The salaried class Aviation Division. is the fourth largest tax payer will begin on a phased basis after contractors, bank after the Privatization depositors and importers, the majority of whom have a Commission takes over the very low standard of living. administrative affairs.

Privatization of PIA

First Pakistani company approved by GACC to export meat to China

BEIJING (APP): In a remarkable feat is "The Organic Meat Company groundbreaking development for Pakistan's meat industry, a local meat Pakistan's meat processing company named Pakistan's and export industry. This Organic Meat has achieved achievement comes after a historic milestone by years of rigorous quality becoming the first Pakistani entity to be control measures and compliance registered with the General Administration of Customs told China Economic Net of China (GACC).

This achievement not to secure registration on only opens up new avenues for Pakistan's meat exports Company Ltd underwent but also solidifies the country's position in the global meat market, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing. The company that

has

rigorous inspections and quality audits. This demonstrates their commitment to maintaining high-quality standards in meat production, processing,

Ltd," a leading player in

international standards, he

(CEN).He further said that

the GACC, Organic Meat

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achieved this and packaging.



KARACHI: Members of Azad Contractor Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Karachi press club.

Business leaders urge govt to consult with private sector for revival of economy

ISLAMABAD (APP): President, Markazi Tanzeem-e-Tajran Pakistan and President Pakistan Business Forum Islamabad Muhammad Kashif Chaudhry along with a delegation of presidents of various market associations visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI). He assured that he would work with ICCI for resolving the key issues of the business community, said a press release.

Addressing the delegation, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President,

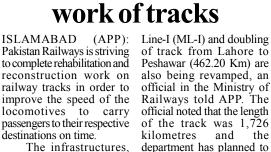
Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that ICCI being the apex trade body of the federal capital is working actively for the progress and development of the business community and cooperation of Markazi Anjuman-e-Tijaran and market associations would further strengthen its hands to achieve common goals of the welfare of business community more effectively. He said that the unity among traders and common stand of their issues would send a strong voice to the government

to promote ease of doing business in the country.

Pakistan Railways is striving to complete rehabilitation and railway tracks in order to improve the speed of the locomotives to carry passengers to their respective

plucking at Faisalabad Road.

destinations on time. The infrastructures, including the track and signalling system from kilometres per hour in the Karachi to Peshawar, Main project of up-gradation.



Railways strives to

official in the Ministry of Railways told APP. The official noted that the length of the track was 1,726 the department has planned to improve the speed up to 160

Rs 7m

Relax Inn hotel; owner fined

System of Preferences (GSP) Plus status to to the EU. The GSP Plus status

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Pakistan Business

welcomed the European

Parliament's decision of

extending the Generalized

Forum

(PBF) has

The

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making

He added that the World

recommends

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Naqvi visits PIC to make onground review of the up gradation plan

Independent Report direction of Caretaker plan and ordered to start Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi upgradation plan of the emergency block of Punjab Institute of Cardiology has been prepared.

Emergency block will be upgraded under the plan and new surgeons will be hired. New ICUs and operation theatres will be established.100 beds will be further increased. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to PIC

are treated at a hospital in Provincial Capital.

Construction work of

Dadocha Dam to be

resumed soon: Chatta

He informed that Chatta said.

supply

construction work of

Dadocha Dam would be

the construction work of

water

said that the patriotism

projects.

resumed soon.

so as to make onground that work on upgradation LAHORE: On the special review of the upgradation of the emergency block should be done in three upgradation work of the shifts.The construction of ground floor of emergency Sarai should also be block by the start of next week CM was informed

services of surgeons from installed for the facilitation abroad stated that surgeons of patients and their should be hired on contract attendants.

basis as well after seeking his approval of the Board of visit reviewed Management. Mohsin upgradation plan of the Naqvi directed to complete the upgradation project inspected within three months adding sections.

CM Mohsin Naqvi during the briefing that while directing to hire the LED screens will be Mohsin Naqvi during

> emergency block and relevan Couple killed

in m/c-tractor trolley collision in DI Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): A couple died when the motorcycle they were riding on was collided with a tractor-trolley here on Chashma road last night. LAHORE: Patients suffering from dengue fever

According to Rescue 1122, the accident occurred near Segri-Bangla on Chashma road when a motorcycle was collided with a tractorwas

trolley which was wrongly parked in the center of road. There was no reflective tape on the trolley which

RAWALPINDI (APP): commendable. "We value Commissioner Rawalpindi the sacrifices of the local caused the accident in Division Liaquat Ali population and would the darkness. Chatta has said that the make every effort to After receiving provide them with the full information about the benefit of these sacrifices," Liaquat Ali incident, the rescue team reached the site

and shifted the bodies In the light of the the Dam would be Supreme Court's decision Headquarters (THQ) completed within the and the directives of the Hospital paharpur stipulated period as caretaker government of where the deceased Punjab government was Punjab, the local paying special attention population would be given were identified as Muhammad Zulfiqar, the prices of their land son of Muhammad according to the current Zareef, a resident of The Commissioner market rates, that the patriotism Commissioner added. Pipplan area of Mianwali district, and the

said that the patriotism and sacrifices of the local population, especially the including Azari Sehal, Mianwali district, and by the construction of the dam Malikpur, Azizal and Khanpur areas are compensation, he said. Mianwali district, and his wife. The deceased couple was reportedly coming to Dera Ismail Khan to inquire about the health of the woman's ailing father. Mianwali district, and his wife. The deceased couple was reportedly coming to Dera Ismail Khan to inquire about the health of the along with SHO Atta

Independent Report Chief Hayatabad and Rigi to Khyber monitor Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary has directed authorities to Chief vaccinate every eligible child against the crippling

Chief Secretary stresses

joint efforts to wipe out

polio virus. He stressed the need for meticulous monitoring of anti-polio drives to ensure complete eradication of the virus from the region The Chief Secretary,

University (SBBWU) in Peshawar.

gave the instructions on Sunday during his visit to them from several parts of the disability.

PESHAWAR:

Secretary

Smuggling bid foiled, NCP items worth over Rs 23.6 mln recovered DERA ISMAIL KHAN Ullah Khan inspected

(APP): The district police several vehicles. have foiled a smuggling attempt and seized noncustom paid (NCP) items worth over Rs 23.6 million during the checking of several vehicles here in the limits of Daraban police

stations According to the sheets, six rolls of plastic

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polio virus from region Benazirabad, Tariq Ali provincial capital including Solangi here on Sunday paid a surprise visit of different anti-polio schools of Nawabshah and campaign, along with Deputy Commissioner Peshawar Afaq Wazir. Secretary

PESHAWAR: Visitors take keen interest in art during Art Exhibition

organized by Ramina Foundation held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women

during the campaign. He appealed to parents, urging ticed that 12 teachers were them to cooperate with absent from without subpolio teams and vaccinate mitting any leave application their children to protect while two teachers were abthem from permanent

be organized

During checking, the police recovered NCP (Wednesday). items including 15 rolls of cloth, 33 tyres of different sizes, 20 sacks of plastic bags, 70 sacks of China nity

Salt, eight Iranian blankets, eight blankets with bedProject Director met with the Caretaker Provincial Advisor Dr Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah at his office Civil Secretariat Peshawar Advisor to the Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah has said that the Corona epidemic has

essential

challenges.

in Punjab.

digital transformation **Independent Report** PESHAWAR: KPRMP Shehzad project director of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Khyber Revenue Mobilization and Public Resource Management in Civil Secretariat Peshawar yesterday. Senior Manager EY Azeem Sani and Program Manager NETSOL Zahid

Mushtaq were also present in the meeting. On this occasion, the caretaker provincial adviser was given a detailed briefing about the steps highlighted the need for a strong and organized digital taken, ongoing projects, infrastructure at the global level. Digital transformation is challenges and suggestions for e-governance and digital transformation in for faster connectivity, better efficiency Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. and adapting to new

Dr. Syed Faraz says: Economic growth, paperless

governance assured with

Caretaker Advisor Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah expressed interest in the These views were expressed by the Caretaker Provincial Adviser for Mineral subject of reforms and digitization of institutions Development, Planning & Development and Energy & and said that this will ensure faster service Power Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah in a meeting with Faisal delivery.



KARACHI: Members of Azad Contractors Association hold a protest in favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Another 143 dengue cases reported in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): The and Faisalabad with 245 battle against dengue virus cases

continues in Punjab as 143 As many as 52 new new cases were reported dengue cases were on Sunday, according to the latest data from the Health reported in Lahore, 47 in Rawalpindi, 10 in Multan, 11 in Gujranwala, 10 in Department. This year, a total of 5,469 confirmed dengue cases have been Faisalabad, Sheikhupura reported across 36 districts recorded 3 new dengue cases, 2 cases reported Lahore leads the from Kasur, Gujrat,

unfortunate tally with a staggering 2,130 cases, closely followed by Rawalpindi with 1,561 Chakwal, Okara, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur and Rajanpur each confirmed one new cases, Multan with dengue case during the 620,Gujranwala with 268 same period.

sent for a long period. Free camp for hearing loss to on 11 October HYDERABAD (APP): Islamabad Hearing center (Pvt) Ltd would organize a free camp for hearing loss patients on 11th October

CMO visits

different schools

NAWABSHAH (APP):

Chief Monitoring Officer (CMO) Shaheed

from 10 am to 7 pm at Ghazi Medicare and Materhome Hirabad, Hyderabad. Eminent Specialists from Islamabad would examine patients suffering from Hearing loss, Tinnitus-Management, Baby Hearing Deficiency, Hearing Aid and test will be conducted through computerized machines.

The camp will be held

checked the attendance of teachers and staff members. The CMO visited 13 schools and checked the at-Chaudhry personally met tendance register and faciliwith polio workers and appreciated them for their ties available at schools. During detail check, he excellent performance found 14 teachers absent from duty. The CMO no-

58 Kurdish 'militants' killed by Turkiye in Syria

tackers came from Svria.

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkish forces have killed 58 Kurdish militants in northern Syria in overnight attacks on militant targets, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday, as conflict in the region escalated nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara.

Turkiye this week said all targets belonging to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militia and the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia were "legitimate targets" for its forces, after the PKK claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing in Ankara which wounded two police officers and killed the two attackers. Turkiye said the at-

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: United

States President Joe Biden

said on Saturday the US

will always have Israel's

back and warned that no

enemy of Israel should ex-

Netanyahu, he offered "all

appropriate means of sup-

port" to the government

and people of Israel in their

unequivocally condemns

this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas ter-

rorists from Gaza, and I

made clear to Prime Minis-

ter Netanyahu that we

stand ready to offer all ap-

The United States

fight against Hamas.

Talking to Israeli Prime

Benjamin

ploit the attacks.

Minister

Unionist supporters protest against amnesty of separat-

ist leaders and activists involved in the failed indepen-

dence drive at Passeig de Gracia in Barcelona, Spain.

US will always have

defence rights, had "neutralised" 58 militants The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) a coalition of rebel in the region. Ankara typically uses the term "neutralised" to mean groups spearheaded by the YPG militia — denied this. Since the bomb attack, killed. Late on Friday, the Ankara has launched a bar-

ministry had said Turkiye's rage of air strikes and groundmilitary had conducted air based attacks against militant strikes in northern Syria, targets in northern Syria and destroying 15 militant tar-Iraq, while ramping up secugets where it said militants rity operations at home. "Tarwere believed to be. Interior gets belonging to PKK/YPG Minister Ali Yerlikaya said terrorists in northern Syria's that police in the eastern prov-Euphrates Shield, Ólive ince of Van had captured six Branch, and Peace Spring people suspected of PKK operation areas were hit links and in preparation of an strongly all night long," the attack

are carried out under self-

Following the bomb atministry said, referring to regions where Turkiye has pretack, authorities have carried out raids and operations viously mounted incursions. The ministry said the across the country, seizing operations, which it says dozens of people.

Indian flood toll up to 77 as

waters recede **Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: Åt least 7' people are confirmed dead in the floods that hit India's northeast, authorities said on Sunday, with destroyed roads and

bridges leaving thou-sands more still cut off despite waters receding. Violent torrents struck Sikkim state on

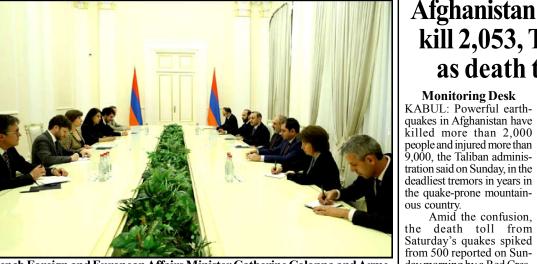
Wednesday after a highaltitude glacial lake sud denly burst.

similar disasters will become an increasing danger across the Himalayas as global temperatures rise and ice melts, spurred by climate

AFP by phone.

been recovered More than 100 people are still missing, according to official figures.

tracking this situation closely, and I will remain in close touch with Prime the floods hit. Minister Netanyahu.



French Foreign and European Affairs Minister Catherine Colonna and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan attend a meeting in Yerevan, Armenia.

Dozen injured, including baby, in Russian attack on Ukraine's Kherson, governor says

Monitoring Desk KYIV: A dozen people were wounded, including a 27-year-old woman and

her 9-month-old baby, in a Russian attack on the southern Ukrainian region of Kherson, its governor said on Sunday.

"The Kherson region experienced another terrible night," Governor Oleksandr Prokudin wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

The woman and the infant were hospitalised with moderate wounds, he said, adding that a 33-

year-old Red Cross medic from Russia. was also wounded.

Russia has fre-Several houses and

quently carried out air strikes and shelling on gas pipelines were dam-Ukraine since the start aged in the attack. Over the past 24 of its full-scale invasion hours, Russian forces in February 2022. carried out 59 attacks on Ukraine says its coun-Kherson, the region's teroffensive in the south administration said on and east is gradually Telegram, including 19 making progress.

instances of shelling of Kherson city, the region's administrative Both sides deny targeting civilians, but thousands of civilians in Ukraine have been killed

Reuters could not in attacks that have hit independently verify the residential areas as well as energy, defence, port, grain and other facilities. reports. There was no immediate comment

Palestinian

Authority calls

for emergency

Arab League

meeting

Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: The Palestinian

Authority submitted a memorandum on Sunday

Disrupting Saudi-Israel ties may have motivated Hamas attack, Blinken says

centre.

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said part of the motivation for Hamas' latest attack on Israel could have been disrupting a potential normalizing of Is-

rael-Saudi Arabia ties, adding Washington will announce new aid for Israel

Hamas fighters rampaged through Israeli towns as the country suffered its bloodiest day in decades on Saturday and subsequently battered Sunday.

Palestinians with air strikes in Gaza on Sunday, with hundreds killed on both sides and spiralling violence threatening a major new Middle East war.

calling for an emergency "It wouldn't be a surprise that part of the motivation may have been to disrupt efforts to bring Saudi Arabia and Israel together, along with other countries that may be interested in normalizing relations with Israel," Blinken told CNN in an interview on

Arab League meeting at the foreign ministerial level, ac-cording to WAFA, the Palestinian news agency. The request for the meeting comes in light of the "brutal and ongoing Israeli aggression against the Pales-

tinian people, including the escalation of the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of settlers.

Afghanistan earthquakes kill 2,053, Taliban say, as death toll spikes **Monitoring Desk**

US Geological Survey (USGS) said. KABUL: Powerful earth-

Mullah Janan Sayeeq, spokesman for the Ministry of Disasters, told Reuters that 2,053 people were dead, 9,240 injured and 1,329 houses damaged or destroyed.

More than 200 dead Amid the confusion, had been brought to differthe death toll from ent hospitals, a Herat Saturday's quakes spiked health department official who identified himself as from 500 reported on Sunday morning by a Red Cres-Dr Danish told Reuters, cent spokesperson and 16 adding most of them were women and children.

The quakes hit 35 km Bodies had been (20 miles) northwest of the "taken to several places — military bases, hospitals," city of Herat, with one measuring 6.3 magnitude, the Danish said.



from Saturday night.

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South Caucasus after a light-

ening Azerbaijani military

operation last month.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham

Aliyev last week pulled out

of an EU-brokered meeting

with Armenian Prime Minis-

ter Nikol Pashinyan at which

Brussels said it was standing

sued late on Saturday.

by Armenia.

People injured in the earthquake are being treated by doctors in Afghanistan.

Azerbaijan's president says France will be to blame if new conflict starts with Armenia

President Aliyev said MOSCOW: Azerbaijan's 'that due to the wellknown position of France, president scolded the European Union and warned that Azerbaijan did not partici-France's decision to send milipate in the meeting in Granada," the Azerbaijani presidential office said. tary aid to Armenia could trigger a new conflict in the

'The head of state emphasized that the provision of weapons by France to Armenia was an approach that was not serving peace, but one intended to inflate a new conflict, and if any new conflict occurs in the region, France would be responsible for causing it."

France has agreed on But Aliyev criticised future contracts with Armethe EU's approach - and nia to supply it with miliparticularly France's position - when European Countary equipment to help encil, Charles Michel, telesure its defences, Foreign Minister phoned him, according to an Catherine Colonna said Oct. 3 during Azerbaijani statement isa visit to Yerevan.

Israel's back, says Biden propriate means of support to the government and people of Israel," President Biden said in a statement issued after he spoke with Mr Netanyahu. "My administration's support for Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering. "Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend

itself and its people," he said "We are heartbroken by the lives that have been tragically cut short and hope for a swift recovery for all

those who have been wounded," President Biden said. "My team and I are Water levels along the Teesta River "returned to

normal" four days after

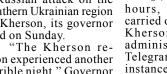
change. "A total of 29 bod-ies have been retrieved

from different parts of Sikkim," state relief commissioner Anilraj Rai told

In neighbouring West Bengal state, Jalpaiguri district police told AFP that another 48 bodies had

on Sunday.

Scientists warn that



Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

Ashrafi says Pak-Afghan improved relations crucial for regional peace, stability

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- rorism in the neighbouring kistan Ulema Council Chairman, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Sunday emphasized that the relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan must be strengthened, and no one should be allowed to undermine the pursuit of peace between the two neighbouring countries.

Talking to media, accompanying prominent religious leaders, he stressed the need for improved relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan and the importance of maintaining peace in the region.

Ashrafi clarified Pakistan's stance on Afghan nationals residing within its borders, stating, "There is not a single illegal student or teacher in any of the seminaries in Pakistan. If the police have any information, they should consult the concerned seminary and its administration."

He underscored the distinction between Afghan refugees and illegal migrants and expressed Pakistan's commitment to ensuring that Afghan nationals living legally in Pakistan face no issues. Addressing the issue of terrorism, he stressed that both countries should cooperate in preventing individuals from either side from engaging in acts of ter-

OUETTA: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq

Sanjrani condoling with former MNA Mir

UN, OIC urged to craft

meaningful strategy for

settlement of Palestine issue

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- manent and durable solution

United Nations and the made it clear that the people

OIC to realize the gravity of Palestine have full right to get their own land and

PTI spokesperson

state with Al-Quds Al-

Sharif as its capital was in-

evitable for the regional se-

curity and stability. He recalled that PTI

Chairman Imran Khan's

principled stance on the

Palestine issue was the key

for the perpetual solution

to the conflict and the last-

ing peace in the region, who

has consistently main-

tained his stance that op-

pression, occupation, and

peace cannot go hand in

underlined that the Israel's

occupation on Palestinian's

territories and its policy of

expansion through use of

force, inhuman coercion

and fascism was the basis

of the conflict.

PTI spokesperson

hand.

kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to the Palestinian issue.

Ehsanullah Reki over death of his father

country.

He called for a direct channel of communication between the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan to address concerns and resolve issues. Ashrafi highlighted the sacrifices made by Pakistan for the cause of peace in the region, including hosting almost four

million Afghan refugees. He also reminded the audience that Pakistan had Football supported Afghanistan against the Soviet Union and suffered significant losses during the war on terror, with over 80,000

Pakistanis martyred. Regarding the current situation in Afghanistan, he expressed hope in the inpeace

terim government and Pakistan's ongoing efforts to bring stability to the region. He urged cooperation between both nations in facilitating the return of illegal Afghan migrants while ensuring the protection of those living legally in Pakistan. In conclusion, Ashrafi stressed the importance of collaboration between religious scholars and political leaders from both Pakistan and Afghanistan to promote regional peace. He called for open channels of communication and the removal of misunderstandings that could be exploited by outsiders to create divisions

All Pak CM Gold Cup Football Tournament ends: Wholehearted opportunities of healthy activities being provided to youth, in Balochistan: Domki

He also assured that

He said the event re-

Independent Report none in potential. They just QUETTA: The caretaker need opportunities and Chief Minister Balochistan, proper patronage to excel Mir Ali Mardan Khan in the sports and other sec-Domki has stated that tors, he added. The Chief Minister

wholehearted opportunities of healthy activities are on the occasion appreciated being provided to the youth the Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, in the province. The Chief Minister Nawabzada Jamal Raisani was addressing the closing and all the organizers for

ceremony of All Pakistan holding the national level Chief Minister Gold Cup football event in Quetta Tournament successfully. played at the football ground in Ayub Stadium on the provincial government Sunday afternoon. would fully encourage the He said that the comtalented players for promopetitions of different tion of the sports in prov-

sports including football in Quetta are proof of that this land is ambassador of the mained continued despite the terrorism act in He said that the youth Mastung and loss of so

of province are second to many precious lives in it.

DUKI: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai beng briefed by DHO Dr. Muhammad Rafiq during his visit to civil hospital

Pakistan faces unpredictable events caused by climatic condition: Chairman NDMA

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik HI(M) has said that Pakistan was facing changing climatic condition and frequent recurrence of unpredictable and extreme events.

In his message on "Na-tional Resilience Day", he said that we commemorate the occasion with a mission and commitment to advance national preparedness by tional resilience against poimproving and increasing immediately hammer out a independent state, adding the nation's resilience to dition for resilience is conmeaningful and result-ori- that the establishment of an natural and human induced

caused by climatic chal-

proactively working at re-

ducing the vulnerability to

disasters, and also provid-

ing coping mechanisms and

framework for effective di-

saster management. The di-

saster management system

in Pakistan has traveled a

long way in the recent time

PDM parties

doing drama

over election

date: Khattak

ISLAMABAD (INP)

Terming the recent trade of

verbal blows and appar-

ently escalating feud among

ernment over the poll tim-ing a "drama", Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf Parliamen-

tarians (PTI-P) Chief

Pervez Khattak has said

that the former ruling alli-

ance is "misleading" the

Allama Muhammad Shoaib

Addressing a cer-

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NDMA was

threats

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with formulation of Na-

made considerable progress in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in development processes, which will no doubt lead to greater natential disasters. Our expesistent and we need to make

gencies after they had already occurred, often resulting in substantial loss of life and property. However, due to advancements in technology and a deeper understanding of natural disasters, Pakistan is now moving towards taking pro-

agement NEOC is now capacitated

He said this event of national level gives message that we are peace and sports In the end, Chief Minister gave away cash prizes

and trophies to the top three position holders of the event. The cash prize of Rs.

1.5 million along with the winning trophy to KRL team The cash prize of Rs. 1 million was awarded with runner-up trophy to the

WAPDA team Similarly, Rs. 0.5 mil lion cash was given to the Madho Muhammadan

Karachi. It may be men-tioned here that KRL defeated WAPDA by 1-0 to win the CM Gold Cup Tournament.



stan Chief Minister Gold Cup Tournament. Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports Mir Jamal Raisani is also present

Pak, China agreed to invite third parties' participation in **CPEC:** Ambassador Haque

BEIJING (APP): The vite third parties to partici-China-Pakistan Economic pate in this project," he told China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a game changer and very important for socio-economic development of Pakistan and he added. now, both Pakistan and China have agreed to invite third parties to participate in this project, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said on Sun-

day 'This project has been a game changer and very important for socio-economic development of the country. Now, our two countries have agreed to in-

Sultan says:

Role of Pak

Army during

earthquakes

would never

be forgotten

MUZAFFĂRABAD

(INP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President

Barrister Sultan Mahmood

Chaudhry has said that un-

paralleled help provided by

the Pakistan armed forces

to the earthquake victims

would never be forgotten by

the people of Azad Jammu Kashmir.

Digital Corridor, Green CCTV in an interview We are now working Corridor and Health Corrito extend it to Afghanistan, dor have been launched to the neighboring country of both China and Pakistan," benefit on the emerging opportunities in the area science and technology and

Ambassador Haque said that China is a global Information Technology (IT) fields. Responding to a ques-tion about the transporta-tion projects, he said that leader in terms of many technologies like artificial intelligence, e-commerce, Lahore Örange Metro Train was one of the first early green technologies.

"So, it has been identified as one of the most harvest projects under the CPEC framework. important areas for the sec-"It was built in the second largest city of Lahore, a city of over 10 million people. ond phase, and we have established Joint Working Groups for cooperation," he added.

Aneeq aims to provide better facilities for Hajj pilgrims

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed expressed his commitment to continuously strive to provide top-notch travel facili-

efforts soon.

ties for Hajj pilgrims. Speaking in a recent meeting with Caretaker Advisor to the Prime Minister on Aviation, Air Marshal ® Farhat Hussain Malik, he

The meeting was atgrims would receive encourtended by Aviation Secretary, Saif Anjum, Pakistan aging news regarding these International Airlines The minister empha- Chairman, Managing Direcsized the responsibility of tor and Ministry of Reli-

polices and plan in their true letter and spirit, he added He said, "We have also

tional Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and National Disaster Management Plan but still we have to go very far by implementing these

active measures, he main-

tained. He said, "This transformation involves the establishment of a modern National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) at the National Disaster Man-Authority (NDMA). The disaster

In a statement, he said that compensation for the loss of human lives caused by the earthquake was not possible, but the governnent trie

He said that new cor-

ridors like China-Pakistan

was to enhance the services offered to pilgrims without increasing the cost of Hajj tickets In the meeting, Farhat said, "We have already ini-

tiated our work, and soon we will have good news for the pilgrims." He shared his dedication to the welfare of the pilgrims and their comfort during this sacred journey expressed hope that pil-

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independent Palestinian ented strategy to find out lasting and perpetual solution to the Palestinian issue, insisting that enduring peace in the region lies only in a two-state solution.

(PTI) called upon the

Reacting to the fierce armed clashes between Palestine and Israel and the escalating tension in the region, PTI spokesperson demanded that the international nations should protect the basic and fundamental rights of the people of Palestine and make the oppressor and illegitimate state of Israel bound by international law and ethics.

He emphasized that the key countries of the Muslim Ummah, including the OIC, should take special measures on war-footing basis to ensure a per-



GWADAR: Commissioner Mekran Saeed Ahmed Umrani presiding over a high level meeting regarding arrangements of Gwadar jeep rally

CPSP's newly built Hall & Library inaugurated: **Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course conducted** at CPSP's Regional Office

Independent Report

QUETTA: The President College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP), Professor Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz) inaugurated the newly built Hall and Library in the Regional Of-fice of CPSP here on Sunday.

Also present at the inauguration were senior Vice President of CPSP, Professor Dr. Shoaib Shafi. Vice President, CPSP, Professor Dr. Ayesha Siddiga (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), DG International Relations, Professor Dr. Asghar Butt, DG Medical Education, Professor Umar Zaman, General Dr. Shehla Baqai and other members of the CPSP council besides the senior medical educationists, gynecologists and physicians from all over the country including Balochistan

empowered the Election The President CPSP Commission of Pakistan also inaugurated the first-(ECP) [to fix a date for the ever Advanced Life Support general elections in the counin Obstetrics course at the try] but now they are do CPSP Regional Office. ing a drama."

ternational recognition.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Khalid NDMA to Masud Gondal said that the dispatch postgraduate training and education is being prorelief items moted in the province so as to improve the healthcare to quake-hit services in Balochistan.

He said that it is our Afghanistan endeavour to provide bet-ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster ter medical treatment opportunities and facilities for people in the province.

Management Authority has arranged relief items includ-Professor Gondal also ing food, medicines, tents and blankets as well as mentioned that CPSP is the only institution that has in-Search and Rescue Teams to be dispatched on imme-He said that it is our

diate basis to quake-hit desire to establish the re-Herat Afghanistan gional offices of CPSP in This was briefed at a Loralai, Turbat and special session of the Na-Khuzdar so that the doctional Emergency Operators may get the postgradutions Centre held in

ate training in remote areas Islamabad today of the province as well.

our utmost efforts to real-Lt Gen Imam Haider ize the ideals.' said that to meet disasters

The chairman NDMA said that the Disaster Management System in Pakistan was currently undergoing a transformation, shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach. This represents a significant change in how we collectively address unexpected crises. In the past, the primary focus was on responding to emer-

ing picture enabled by multiple satellite feeds softwares, Artificial intelligence tools that is expected to strengthen digital risk assessment, early warning systems, and preparedness strategies." Imam Haider said that National Resilience Day prompts us to embrace best practices and implement policies and strategies aimed

to create common operatbilitate the victims, rebuild and reconstruct the damaged infrastructure. He thanked the international community for its generous support for rescue.

128 illegal foreigners held in Quetta operations

QUETTA (INP): As many as 128 illegal foreign nationals were arrested during ongoing operation in different areas of Ouetta.

Meanwhile, cases were registered against 38 people under Foreign Act. According to de-

tails, as part of mass deportation of illegal Afghan nationals, police continues operations in Quetta.

During separate actions, 128 illegal foreigners were detained and cases were registered against 38 under Foreign Act.

Police officials said that data of 33,000 foreigners have been collected line and transmission losses so far.

ensuring travel amenities without compromising on quality. He underlined that their collective objective cials from the Hajj wing.

gious Affairs Additional Secretary, Syed Atta-ur-Rehman, among other offi-



QUETTA: Senior Mines Inspector Muhammad Atif addressing participants of Round Table on Safe Mining

Economic team led by finance minister leaves to Morocco

ISLAMABAD (Online): ings of the World Bank and The economic team headed the IMF. Finance Secretary, by caretaker finance minis-Governor State Bank is acter Shamshad Akhtar left companied by the caretaker for Morocco today (Sun-Finance Minister, the ecoday). The caretaker Finance nomic team is scheduled to Minister and State Bank meet with MDIMF, World Governor departed from Bank President, Asian De-Karachi while the Finance velopment Bank officials. Secretary left for Morocco Sources further said from Islamabad.

that the caretaker finance According to sources minister will discuss the in the Ministry of Finance, sale of bonds in the interthe economic team will parnational market along with ticipate in the annual meet- the economic team.

13blns money laundering discloses under the guise of solar panels

KARACHI (Online): Directorate of Post Clearance Audit FBR (Federal Board of Revenue) has exposed the money laundering of Rs.13billion in the name of solar panel import and over invoicing.

crore rupees, TESCO'S line and transmission losses are According to media more than 83 crore rupees. reports, the Directorate of Post Clearance Audit FBR Karachi has identified 6 more fake companies of solar panels during the customs clearance audit, and money worth 13 billion rupees has been transferred abroad under the guise of

solar panels on behalf of these fake companies. Sources said that out

Asadullah Enterprises. .

goods declarations to the customs department for the of these 6 fictitious comclearance of imported solar panies, 3 are related to panels, out of which 443 Karachi and the other 3 are goods declarations contain related to Quetta, 6 fictitious excess prices of imported companies include Messrs. solar panels. Over-invoic-SH Traders, Messrs. Sahar ing was revealed and International, Messrs. Delta money laundering of 3 bil-Trading, Messrs. Smart lion was done. Impex, Messrs. Ehsanullah

submitted a total of 687

Sources said that the said 6 fictitious solar import Import Export and companies showed the After the customs value of solar panels worth clearance audit, it has been 9 billion rupees in the pointed out that the above goods declaration at 13 bil-6 fictitious companies have lion.



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component parties of the Pakistan Democratic QUETTA: Activists of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek hold Movement (PDM) and key a protest in favour of their demands at Quetta Press partner of the former gov-Club.

NTDC, DISCOs' negligence: 141 billion rupees line and transmission losses burdens consumers

emony held on Sunday to ISLAMABAD (Online): mark the formal induction The negligence and incomof Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid's (PML-Q) petence of NTDC and DISCOs, the burden of line losses and transmission and his colleagues into the losses of more than 141 bilnewly-formed party, Khattak — once the close aide of PTI Chairman Imran lion rupees has also been put on the consumers. have incurred losses in excess of Khan — said: "The PDM

leading in terms of losses of more than Rs.53.5billion.

Supply Corporation's line have sought details of feederwise power line and transmission losses

the prescribed limit. According to the audit documents, various DISCOs and NTDs have suffered losses in excess of the prescribed limit of line and transmission losses from NEPRA, which have been more than 141 billion 76 crore rupees during the financial year 2021/22. PESCO has been

While GEPCO'S transmission and line losses have been more than 67 crore ru-According to the pees. According to the docudocuments, Lahore Electric ments, the audit authorities

and transmission losses are more than 24 billion 42

are more than 22 billion 85 crore rupees. HESCO has the losses more than 13 billion 5 crore rupees, and SEPCO line and 24 billion 78 crore rupees, FESCO'S line and transmission losses are 16 billion 82 crore rupees, NTDC's line and transmission losses are 5 billion 71 crore rupees, LESCO's line and transmission losses are 16 billion 6

crore rupees, Multan Elec-

tric Supply Corporation's